



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 25, 2020 – 4:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE**

LIVESTREAM:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws as amended.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tempore Rudolph A. Bradley

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Human Resources/Risk Manager
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Ms. Angela Rambeau, Director of Planning and Community Development
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

ABSENT

Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. called the Special Meeting of City Council to order at 4:00p.m. and requested all cell phones or electronic devices be turned off or placed on mute, with the exception of first responders, so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. ROLL CALL

4. ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Barber announced he was on a call earlier with the Municipal Association's Executive Director, Mr. Todd Glover and Dr. Bell from SCDHEC. They gave an update to all the Mayors in South Carolina regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. He said Dr. Bell announced South Carolina is now considered a "hot spot" and if residents travel outside of the state they will need to quarantine. He said the Municipal Association created a draft face mask ordinance for municipalities to review. Mayor Barber said he has always encouraged citizens to wear a face mask due to the severity of COVID-19 and advises businesses to review the guidelines set forth from SCDHEC and the CDC. Mayor Barber requested the City Attorney share the draft face mask ordinance from the Municipal Association with all Council Members and City Administration for review.

5. PRESENTATION

A. East Bay Park Improvements - Bobby Alford Building Renovations and Sports Fields - Conceptual Design Presentation by Rosenblum Coe Architects, Inc.

Dr. Yúdice stated in February, Council approved the City to enter into a contract with Rosenblum Coe Architects, Inc. for the design of the Bobby Alford Building at East Bay Park. She said they have been working with Mr. Arteaga on the design and are ready to present to Council today. Mr. Arteaga reminded Council this project has been put on hold and will not move forward at this time due to COVID-19 but wanted to present the conceptual design. Mr. Arteaga introduced Mr. Steve Coe from Rosenblum Coe Architects, Inc. Mr. Coe said he understands the situation and reasons why the project has been put on hold. Council and Staff were provided a power point presentation through email prior to the meeting. Mr. Coe pointed out some of the improvements the building would make to East Bay Park would be adding basketball, volleyball, and bocce courts. He said there would be new parking and sidewalks to meet ADA requirements. Mr. Coe reviewed the structural issues the existing building has and what would need to be removed. Mr. Coe said the renovated structure would entail an open air pavilion that could be used as an event space and would include a fireplace and barbeque area. The renovated building would have a new standing seam roof. He said the bathrooms would be rebuilt to meet ADA requirements. Mr. Coe said the renovation costs for the building and landscaping is estimated at \$460,000 and does not include the sports fields. He said the total project would be estimated at \$570,000. Council Member Jayroe asked why the design only showed one ceiling fan for the entire building. Mr. Coe said it was a low velocity fan specifically designed for a building of that size but to lower costs it would be possible to remove it from the design and go with several traditional ceiling fans. Council Member Jayroe stated concern with the fireplace shown in the design and liability on the City. Council Member Joseph asked for clarification on the estimated costs. Mr. Coe said the basketball and volleyball fields would be built thick enough to avoid any water issues that are prone to that area. Council Member Milton asked for confirmation that the project is currently on hold. Mayor Barber and Mr. Arteaga confirmed it is on hold at this time. Dr. Yúdice confirmed there are not any funds in the budget for construction on this project. Mr.

Arteaga explained there are two phases to the design process. The conceptual design that was completed and presented is phase 1 and phase 2 is the complete design with construction documents. He said Council would need to give a consensus to move forward with phase 2 of the design process. Mr. Arteaga stated with the unknown time for construction, it would not be necessary to complete phase 2 of the design process at this time.

6. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve payment to Winyah Auditorium for an amount up to \$25,000.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Dr. Yúdice said at Dr. Lusardi's presentation to Council last week and from a letter sent in April, they requested a disbursement of \$10,000 to the Winyah Auditorium. Dr. Yúdice stated there are three options. The first is to release the entire amount of \$25,000 in the budget for the Winyah Auditorium, the second is for Council to decide on a different amount less than \$25,000 with the understanding the remaining funds would be inadmissible, and the third option is to not approve any funds to be dispersed and all funds would be forfeited. Dr. Yúdice stated the recommendation is to disperse \$10,000 to the Winyah Auditorium and the remaining \$15,000 would be forfeited. Discussions followed. Council Member Smalls asked if any other organization in the current budget was not given funds. Mrs. Bivens confirmed there were funds budgeted for the Main Street Design Committee but they were considered non-essential and not dispersed. Mayor Barber confirmed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all non-essential funds were froze in March. Council Member Joseph asked if any organization has been given funds from the current budget. Dr. Yúdice and Mayor Barber confirmed none were given. Mayor Barber stated there are three options given and asked for the motion to be amended.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

B. Motion to amend the agenda to not approve payment at this time to the Winyah Auditorium, Inc. due to the freezing of funds with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Joseph, Humes, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe
ABSENT:	Bradley

C. Motion to not approve payment at this time to the Winyah Auditorium, Inc. due to the freezing of funds with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Joseph, Humes, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe
ABSENT:	Bradley

7. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Motion to Approve Purchase Order and Payment in the Amount of \$250,000 to Sumter Utilities for Distribution Line Crew Contract Assistance (FY2021).

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Mr. Loveless stated this is in next fiscal year's budget and is necessary for assistance especially during storm season.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls
ABSENT:	Bradley

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(2) to discuss DMO contract with the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls
ABSENT:	Bradley

The Special Meeting adjourned at 4:52pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Special Meeting.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls
ABSENT:	Bradley

Executive Session adjourned and Special Meeting reconvened at 5:12pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

City Council may take action on items discussed in Executive Session.

Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding naming Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce as the City's Designated Marketing Organization for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls
ABSENT:	Bradley

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls
ABSENT:	Bradley

The Special Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 07/16/20