



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 23, 2022 – 5:00 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
AND 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 Carol Jayroe
Council Member Jonathan Angner
Council Member Jim Clements
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Council Member Jimmy Morris
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tempore Al Joseph

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Interim Human Resources Director
Deputy Chief Nelson Brown, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Scott Whittier, Utilities & Public Works Director

ABSENT

Mrs. Tammy Kinsley, Planning and Community Development Director
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Mr. Mike Woodel

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Carol Jayroe called the Special Meeting of City Council to order at 5:00pm 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) and (5) to receive legal advice related to the position of the City regarding potential claims and receive related legal advice on utility billing audit.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Joseph

The Special Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Special Meeting.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Joseph

Executive Session adjourned and Special Meeting reconvened at 6:05pm.

C. NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

4. POLICE

A. Motion to approve a contract with Saint Frances Animal Shelter in the amount of \$75,000.00 using Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budgeted funds.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Joseph

5. FIRE

A. Motion to Approve Training Center Live Fire burn facility construction and payment to Coastal Structures not to exceed \$41,960.00.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Milton. Council Member Angner asked if there is a hosting fee we can charge to area fire departments to recoup some of the costs. Chief Cribb said it is possible. Chief Cribb said this is phase 1 of the project. He confirmed this is budgeted for FY2022.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Joseph

6. ADMINISTRATION

A. For Discussion: Proposed Draft Employee Handbook - 2022

Mrs. Livingston stated the employee handbook is reviewed every five years. She said it was reviewed by a Municipal Association of South Carolina employee attorney. She reviewed the new flow of the handbook and the suggested changes. Mrs. Livingston said the attorney suggested removing teleworking and temporary teleworking policies from the handbook because of potential legal risk. She said the interim covid pay will be removed as it is no longer valid. She said currently there are quite a few employees that are at their 40% of their pay scale and they would be penalized on their longevity bonus. She said Council could either decide to go with moving it up to 60% of their pay scale or doing away with a longevity bonus and replacing it with a cost of living adjustment.

Mrs. Livingston asked for a consensus on what Council would like in the new handbook and they would like to see it moved up to 60% and the longevity bonus begin at 5 years of service. Discussions followed.

7. PRESENTATION

A. Inner Harbor Dredging Presentation Discussion

Dr. Yúdice reviewed the presentation that was presented by the County at the Howard Center recently. She said she spoke with the County Administrator today

and they would like to move forward with the survey. She said that cost is \$60,000 and the county is requesting financial assistance from the city for the costs. Council Member Clements confirmed the county is not asking for all of the \$60,000, they are just asking for a contribution from the city. Mayor Jayroe said there should be funds available in the A/H Tax funds. Council Member Angner said it is important to match the county so the city is taken seriously on this project. Council Member Milton said the city shouldn't have to pay anything because of the penny tax that is supposed to be used for the dredging. Mayor Jayroe said a call has been made to the county asking if the penny tax funds can be used for this survey. Council Member Clements reviewed a draft resolution that was created after a meeting with the county. He said this resolution would be presented to both city and county officials to work together and ask for support from the state's delegation on directing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and correcting mistakes that were made in the past as they move forward with this project.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Joseph

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 07/21/22