



**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
APRIL 24, 2014 – 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Council Member Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Edward S. Kimbrough, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls
Mayor Pro Tempore Peggy P. Wayne

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Chris Carter, City Administrator
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Finance Director
Chief Paul Gardner, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Jonathan Heald, Public Services Director
Mr. Tee Miller, Economic Development Director
Chief Joey Tanner, Georgetown Fire Department

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Ms. Eileen Keithly
WGTV/WLMC - Mr. Rod Stalvey

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

3. LS3P PRESENTATION OF REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 700 BLOCK OF FRONT STREET

Prior to the presentation, Council Member Jayroe recommended a do-over on the proposals to design the reconstruction of the 700 block of Front Street. The proposal from LS3P was received after the deadline. Council Member Bradley stated he had nothing to substantiate the claim and suggested Council allow LS3P to proceed with their presentation since they were at the workshop. Mayor Scoville agreed with Mr. Bradley and said some responses were late because of inclement weather. He stated the problems at the very worst were well-intentioned and

everybody acted in good faith. Former South Carolina House of Representatives member Ms. Vida Miller was hired as a consultant in November 2013 to serve as a liaison with property owners, state regulatory agencies and City staff on the rebuilding.

The City issued a Request for Qualifications on January 10, 2014, due on February 14, 2014. The objective of the project was to prepare preliminary schematics, conceptual designs and cost estimates for rebuilding the 700 block of Front Street destroyed by fire. A project review committee examined the proposals and narrowed the responses down to three. These three made presentations to the committee and LS3P was selected as the best qualified firm.

Representatives from LS3P delivered a presentation to Council which included a number of past projects, a summary of the process, permitting and technical issues. The firm would meet with property owners individually and hold public meetings as well. Mr. David Burt, LS3P architect and project manager, said the City essentially would be giving property owners free design services. Council Member Kimbrough said ultimately what happens at the sight will be decided by the property owners. Council Member Jayroe stated at the end of the day it's private property.

If Council authorizes negotiations with a consultant, a cost of the design work on the reconstruction project will be established.

4. EAST BAY PARK PLAN UPDATE - JONATHAN HEALD

Mr. Jonathan Heald updated Council on the East Bay Park conceptual design and layout which included eight tennis courts. Discussions followed.

5. ANIMAL CONTROL - PAUL GARDNER

Chief Paul Gardner reviewed proposed changes to the animal control ordinance. Mr. Brad Floyd, attorney for St. Frances Animal Center, was present to answer any questions. After lengthy discussions Mayor Scoville asked Chief Gardner to prepare the ordinance for first reading at the next Council Meeting.

6. GOAT ISLAND - CHRIS CARTER

Chris Carter reported on the status of Goat Island and said the question now is, 'is this no longer a priority or does Council want to pursue?' Council Member Jayroe said in light of where we are on the East Bay Park plan her recommendation is to table Goat Island until progress is made on the Park. Mr. Kimbrough expressed concern about the mooring field. Discussions followed. The consensus was to approach the owner again over the next few months concerning any conditions attached to the donation of the property.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scoville adjourned the Workshop at 5:54 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 06/19/14