



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 26, 2015 – 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 Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Council Member Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Edward S. Kimbrough, Jr.
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls
Mayor Pro Tempore Peggy Wayne

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Chris Carter, City Administrator
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Miss Suzanne Abed-El-Latif, HR Manager
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Will Cook, Water Utilities Director
Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Superintendent
Chief Paul Gardner, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Jonathan Heald, City Engineer
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Mr. Tee Miller, Assistant to the City Administrator for Economic Development

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Ms. Taylor Griffith

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr. called the Special Meeting/Workshop of City Council to order at 4:01 PM and requested all cell phones or electronic devices be turned off or placed on mute so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to rezone the Georgetown Memorial Hospital campus from Medical Residential (MR) & Residential (R1) to a Planned Development (PD).

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne. Mayor Scoville asked for discussion.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Peggy P. Wayne, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne
AWAY:	Bradley

4. ENGINEERING

A. Presentation of proposed improvements to East Bay Park.

Mr. Jonathan Heald presented two different drawings of the project and said when he first laid out the design his first goal was to stay within the concept of drive-thru traffic. His second goal was to preserve as many oak trees as possible. The roundabouts location influences the number of parking stalls. One plan has 21 parking stalls and the other plan has 25 pull through parking stalls. He reviewed the pros and cons of the two plans and asked Council to review the options. He needs a decision on which layout Council wants to move forward with. Extended discussions followed. The consensus was to proceed with the roundabout, 21 parking stalls, and passenger cars and boat trailer parking located on the bayside. Mr. Heald will contact the nearby property owners and inform them of the plans and answer any questions they have. His goal is to have plans ready by the end of April to send to DOT for permitting. After that the timeline will depend on when DOT responds.

5. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to enroll City of Georgetown as a participant in the State of South Carolina Health Plan offered by the Public Employee Benefit Authority.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. After speaking with the State Plan provider Miss Suzanne Abed-El-Latif said as of January 1, 2014 with the Affordable Care Act laws, no subscriber or dependents are subjected to a pre-existing condition excluding period. Any pre-existing condition will be covered immediately upon joining the State Plan. She reviewed a summary of preventive benefits under the State Health Plan. The City's clinic can provide many services that may not be covered on the State Plan. Comparisons between the current BCBS Plan and the State Plan were discussed. Concerns were expressed about the effect this would have on the income of entry level employees. Mayor Scoville said by changing to the State Plan the City will save \$300,000. The intention is to move this savings over to the employee's salaries to boost their income. "We work for the taxpayers and the citizens, not the employees and this has gotten to a point where it's too expensive for us to keep carrying the same policy we have." He said employees performing the same job with the same seniority are being paid vastly different amounts (in benefits) because some have full family coverage and

some do not. Monthly, the City pays \$1,129.14 for full family coverage, \$918.24 for employee/spouse, \$789.28 for employee/children and \$437.13 for employee coverage. Discussions continued.

Mayor Scoville called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls
NAYS:	Barber Sr., Wayne
AWAY:	Bradley

B. Update on 2015/2016 budget process.

The initial budget meeting will be held next Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 4:00 PM. Staff is preparing the budget for distribution at that time. Mr. Carter provided the following numbers: 2014 budget was \$30,013,443; 2015 budget is \$31,445,184; 2016 department requests were \$31,917,805; 2016 administrator recommendation is \$30,843,461 and total revenue from all funds is \$27,999,995. These expenses represent salaries, wages, operation and maintenance, and capital costs.

C. Discuss offshore drilling issues.

Mayor Scoville said permit applications have been made to begin drilling for exploration of oil and gas off the coast of South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, etc. This has become very controversial. Charleston, Beaufort, Hilton Head and other municipalities and counties along the coast are in opposition. He said with the information he has reviewed the jobs created would probably be filled with people coming in from out of state. He stated he is personally against the entire project. Various individuals have approached the Mayor and requested that City Council pass a Resolution opposing seismic testing and offshore oil and gas development. Council Member Barber agreed, stating he is totally against it. He said the workforce from Texas and Louisiana would come here and he questioned the impact this would have on the environment. Council Members Kimbrough and Jayroe agreed with Mr. Barber. Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne said she wants to hear more from the professionals on both sides before she makes a decision. Mayor Scoville proposed to have a Resolution prepared to be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

Council Member Barber left the meeting at 5:19 PM.

6. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Discuss Peak Shaving Generation Project and update on customer programs.

Mr. Loveless discussed how the City is saving money now that both temporary peak shaving generators are in place and operational. The two major components of the

Santee Cooper monthly invoice for the wholesale power purchase are energy and demand. The energy is the cumulative total of all kilowatt hours that our customers use during the month. The demand is more of an instantaneous snapshot of how much power is on at any given time. For billing purposes, the City uses a 60 minute average demand during the same hour that Santee Cooper experiences its monthly system peak. Demand is billed at \$15.04/kw. The demand portion of our monthly invoice is typically in the range of \$300,000 to \$450,000. This is where we will realize savings through peak shaving generation. By operating the two generators running a total near 3,600 kw of generation during the hour of Santee Cooper's monthly system peak, we reduce our billing demand by \$54,144 per month. If we are successful at operating the generation during the correct hour every month it translates to an annual savings of \$649,728. The goals are to ensure operation during the hour of Santee Cooper's system peak every month and minimize operating hours to save fuel. During the winter months Santee Cooper will hit their system peak between 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM on a weekday. During the summer months they will peak between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM on a weekday. Utility Technology Engineers and Consultants has developed an elaborate spreadsheet for the City that uses historic load data, forecast temperatures and mathematical analysis to predict a load profile for the next day. The spreadsheet will predict a load curve for the next 24 hour period. During the day we can input actual 5-minute loads from Santee Cooper to update the predicted load profile during the day. As these loads are entered the spreadsheet updates the predicted curve for the remainder of the day. This will provide us with the information we need to gauge the likelihood of exceeding a previous peak. Mr. Loveless reviewed a load profile sheet for March 6 and March 26.

Mr. Loveless informed Council that Santee Cooper provided eight pallets of compact florescent light bulbs for us to give out to our customers. These bulbs help to use less energy and reduce demand. A notice was included with the utility bills for all residential customers to bring the notice in and redeem it for one box of six bulbs.

Fifty five customers have requested energy audits. Sixteen have been completed and staff has requested assistance from Santee Cooper in completing the rest.

Council Member Kimbrough referenced a meeting with ArcelorMittal last May where they indicated they would like to be better partners in regards to cleaning up Front and Fraser Streets. He requested staff develop an initial plan for improvements at the Front Street/Fraser Street corridor as well as the steel mill parking lot on Front Street and meet with ArcelorMittal to perhaps create a partnership. Council Member Bradley said Keep Georgetown Beautiful would be the ideal group to spearhead this.

Council Member Jayroe asked about the request to rename Sims Street. Mayor Scoville stated staff is examining this matter.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scoville adjourned the Special Meeting/Workshop at 5:25 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 05/21/15