



**BUDGET WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
MAY 7, 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
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
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

ABSENT

Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Ms. Angela Rambeau, Director of Planning and Community Development

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. called the Budget Workshop/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. PROCLAMATION

A. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming May 17-23, 2020 as National Public Works Week.

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

5. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve an Emergency ordinance extending the State of Emergency due to COVID-19.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

6. REVIEW ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR FY2020/2021 BUDGET.

Mrs. Bivens stated the budget is balanced and being presented today at the second Budget Workshop as \$32,176,918. This is a 5.3% overall reduction from the original budgeted amount presented at the Budget Retreat in March, which was \$33,975,094. She said many efforts were made to remove any unnecessary expenses from the budget. If the economy improves, they may come back in January 2021 to ask for approval to put some items back into the budget. Some of the expenses that were removed from the budget are salary increases, new positions, and new vehicle purchases. Mrs. Bivens stated at this time the budget does not include a property tax increase because some of the data needed for calculation will not be available from the State until May 21. She said expenses were reduced in the General Fund by \$106,000. In the Capital Projects Fund, expenses were reduced by \$142,000. Expenses were reduced in the Water Fund by \$126,000, the Wastewater Fund by \$8,500, the Stormwater Fund by \$23,500, the Waste Management Fund by \$13,800, and the Local Hospitality Fund by \$59,500. Mrs. Bivens said we are able to transfer \$9,533 from the General Fund to our Fund Balance. Council Member Milton

requested a list of the budget changes be sent to Council. Mayor Barber stated the Municipal Association of South Carolina is approaching Governor McMaster and State Legislation in regards to flexibility in the Accommodation & Hospitality taxes for municipalities to be able to use that source of revenue to help with operation and maintenance expenses. Mayor Barber said a plan will need to be made on how the City will spend the COVID-19 Stimulus funding when we receive more information. Discussions followed. Dr. Yúdice thanked all Department Directors for understanding the current fiscal situation and working very hard with Mrs. Bivens and herself on making the necessary budget revisions. She expressed her appreciation and gratitude to all of them.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Budget Workshop/Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Budget Workshop/Special Meeting of City Council adjourned at 4:31pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: