



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2018 – 4:00 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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.
Mayor Pro Tempore Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Sheldon A. Butts
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Carey F. Smith, Interim City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Mrs. Suzanne Anderson, HR Manager
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
Mr. Will Cook, Water Utilities Director
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Mrs. Gloria Bromell-Tinubu, Economic Development Director
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

ABSENT

Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Ms. Eileen Keithly
GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. called the Special Meeting/Workshop of City Council to order at 4:00 pm 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. DHEC REPRESENTATIVES - REPORT ON AIR QUALITY IN THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN

Mr. Carey Smith introduced Mr. Tommy Flynn, Program Manager for DHEC's Bureau of Air Quality. The City had requested assistance in analyzing data from the air monitoring site at the Howard Center. He explained the Clean Air Act requires EPA to set standards for certain pollutants known to be hazardous to human health. One of those is the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for PM10. PM10 is a regulated pollutant and is the main pollutant of concern for this study. Mr. Flynn emphasized in the last 10 years there have been no exceedances of the NAAQS in Georgetown. In 2017 the City received data from DHEC for PM10 monitoring at the Howard Center site covering years 2014 through October 2017. In January 2018 the City requested assistance in analyzing data with the main question being if there were differences in PM10 ambient concentrations when the steel mill was in operation. For an analysis, the dates between August 2009 through January 2011 and June 2015 to present were used. This was the period of time the steel mill was closed. The monitoring network in Georgetown was reviewed for the last 10 years. The three sites include the Howard Center, a site near the Port and the Beck Administration Center. Mr. Flynn presented the trends. The concentrations of PM10 at the Port monitor are slightly higher when the mill is operating versus when it is not. Bottom line...the results show that PM10 concentrations were at least 1.34 micrograms higher when the steel mill was operating; the standard is 150 micrograms. It is important to note the concentrations measured were in compliance with the NAAQS. The small increase cannot be contributed entirely to the mill. Weather patterns, increased traffic or operations of nearby facilities could contribute. Discussions followed. When asked, Mr. Flynn said the monitor could pick up emissions from the paper mill. Each monitor extends out 4 kilometers. Professional judgement usually determines location of the monitors, taking into account the sources in the area. DHEC does not review self-monitoring results. Mr. Flynn recognized Rhonda and Reagan, two representatives from his office.

4. SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE - HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Mr. Smith introduced Mr. Allen Fountain with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division. Mr. Fountain explained the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to Council. It is authorized by Section 404 of the Stafford Act, as amended, and provides funding for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk to people and property from hazards after a Presidential Disaster Declaration. A pot of money is based on the impact of the disaster. Eligible applicants include state agencies, local governments, certain private non-profit organizations and federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations. The homeowner cannot apply directly for

the grant. The county or city government or state agency can sponsor and submit the application. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, acquisition/demolition/elevation of homes, community/individual safe rooms, flood control, infrastructure retrofits and mitigation planning. Individual projects are funded on a 75% federal/25% non-federal cost share basis. The non-federal share will be the responsibility of the sub-applicant (homeowner) and may be cash or 'in-kind' services. HMGP is a reimbursement-based program. The local government responsibility is to designate a point of contact, work with homeowners and public as necessary for project application/implementation, coordinate and manage proposed/approved project, request technical assistance from state as needed, account for appropriate use of grant funds, submit quarterly reports that provide detailed and up-to-date information to the state and ensure no work begins prior to project approval by FEMA. He provided the names of publications and websites that provide additional information about the grant.

Mr. Smith said if Mayor and Council are committed to participating staff has a recommendation. Mr. Rick Martin stated information concerning the federal matching grant was provided to Council at a previous meeting. This was when staff realized the full impact on the City. After reviewing questions posed by Council at that meeting, Mr. Matt Millwood reported the City would incur administrative cost and attorney fees. Neither the 25% nor 75% is City money. After discussions among staff, it was suggested the homeowner pay 100% up front and the 75% federal funds would be reimbursed by the City once the project is complete. By doing this, the homeowner would be responsible for securing a contractor, having all work completed and paying the contractor. The City would inspect and permit the project and reimburse the homeowner once the project is complete. This would eliminate the City from most of the process, except for the administrative cost. It was also suggested the homeowner be charged an administrative fee for the grant to reimburse the City for time, attorney fees and administrative cost. This has been explained to the homeowner and she is in agreement. This is Council's decision. Mr. Martin stated only people who have repetitive losses qualify for HMGP. This reduces those eligible to apply from 1200 (reported at a previous meeting) to approximately 27 according to FEMA. City Attorney, Mrs. Elise Crosby, stated there would be two separate agreements, one with the EMD and the other with the homeowner. After conversations with EMD she has a better understanding of how the City can avoid any financial risks associated with the grant. Information will be prepared for Council to review prior to the next council meeting. The City will not be responsible for any cost overruns associated with the grant projects. Council Member Butts made a Point of Order and stated this should not be how we conduct the City's business openly in a workshop when we do not have a definitive plan going forward. Mr. Smith stated the City was drawn into this and staff felt this was an appropriate forum to submit the process which would apply to every applicant going forward. Mr. Butts said specifics were discussed, referring to 'this applicant.' He said when we do that, we are Out of Order as a City Council. Mr. Smith noted any action would be brought before Council at a regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley asked Mayor Barber to direct Mrs. Crosby to reiterate the issues or anything that mandates that we should have an Executive Session on this issue. Mrs. Crosby

stated she did not conclude or recommend the need for an Executive Session to discuss this matter. Currently there is only one applicant. Mr. Bradley asked for the reasons to have an Executive Session. Mrs. Crosby said Mayor and Council can close a meeting for the reasons outlined in the FOIA. One sub-section is to receive legal advice on pending, threatened, actual litigation; another section has contract provision, and another has some personnel matters. In her opinion, this is not a reason Council would be justified for closing the meeting. She pointed out the proposed recommendations presented during the meeting would be generic and apply to any future applicant. Council Member Butts clarified he was not directing any specifics to one individual and stated he now understands this is a generalization. Discussions continued. Mayor Barber thanked staff for their work in preparing the recommendation.

5. PROJECT UPDATE ON REPAIR OF STORMWATER PUMP AT CITY HALL RETENTION POND

Mr. Will Cook reported the first Stormwater pump was reinstalled last week and is working well. The second pump was removed yesterday and is at the repair company in Charleston. Once it is determined what work needs to be performed and the cost this would be presented to Council at the April meeting. In an effort not to delay the project, Mr. Cook asked for a consensus that Council wants to move forward with the repairs. The company said repairs would take 60 days. Discussions followed.

6. DISCUSS PROPOSED MEETING WITH CITY OF GEORGETOWN, COUNTY OF GEORGETOWN AND GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mayor Barber stated at the Council Retreat one of the priorities listed was establishing relationships with our government entities in Georgetown, especially the School Board and the County. To have a structured meeting sharing priorities and how we can collectively partner and utilize resources to reduce costs. Mr. Smith asked Council for guidance they may have for the meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley asked if the first meeting would be to 'bridge the gap' or discuss specific topics. Mr. Smith recommended 'bridging the gap', getting to know each other and perhaps talk about some topics to be discussed in the future. He suggested the City convening the meeting and Mayor Barber being the facilitator. Council would like to meet as soon as it can be coordinated, the first meeting being a breakfast meeting beginning at 8:00 am. Mayor Barber suggested meeting in the School District board room. Mr. Smith said he will begin work on finding a suitable time for all three agencies.

Mr. Smith provided a summary of priorities established by Council at the retreat.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting and enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1) to discuss appointment/reappointment to the Architectural Review Board.

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:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

The Special Meeting/Workshop was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Special Meeting.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session was adjourned and the Special Meeting/Workshop was reconvened at 5:36 pm.

Mayor Barber announced no formal action was taken in Executive Session.

Mayor Barber stated he received a letter from Mr. Jerry Miller resigning from the Architectural Review Board and announced the resignation was accepted.

8. COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion to reappoint Kevin Jayroe to the Architectural Review Board.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

Motion to appoint Mr. Lee Padgett to the Architectural Review Board.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Council Member Joseph moved to amend the previous motion to appoint Mr. Padgett to the Architectural Review Board to serve the remainder of Mr. (Jerry) Miller's term, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Barber called for the vote on the amended motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

Mayor Barber called for the vote on the main motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

Council Member Joseph stated the second annual Melting Pot March is this Saturday. Meet at Winyah Auditorium at 12 Noon, walk to Howard where Mayor Barber is the guest speaker. The Fire and Police Departments will serve chicken bog for lunch and the Lions Club is providing ice cream.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting/Workshop of City Council.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

The Special Meeting/Workshop was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 06/21/18