



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 25, 2021 – 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 Hobson H. Milton
Mayor Pro Tempore Clarence C. Smalls

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mr. John Barfield, Director of Finance
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Interim 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
Ms. Angela Rambeau, Director of Planning and Community Development
Ms. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Office Manager
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. called the Special Meeting of City Council to order at 4:00pm 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. ROLL CALL

4. PRESENTATION

A. Boyd Living Shoreline Project Presentation - Ms. Joy Brown, Marine Program Manager, The Nature Conservancy - South Carolina Chapter.

Dr. Yúdice introduced The Nature Conservancy to present the Boyd Living Shoreline Project. Ms. Dale Threatt Taylor, Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy, thanked everyone for the opportunity to do this project in Georgetown, South Carolina. Ms. Taylor introduced Ms. Brown to review the Boyd Living Shoreline Project. Ms. Brown explained a living shoreline is a method of stabilizing a shoreline while maintaining a water and land connection. Ms. Brown reviewed the project goals and stated the final design has not been determined yet. She said input would be received from the community, city staff, members from Coastal Carolina University, and others. Ms. Brown said the timeline started in January 2021 and will be a three year project. Ms. Brown reviewed the listed goals for each year of the project. Ms. Brown said that Mr. Chris Williams, Marine Tech, from The Nature Conservancy has been working on different methods for moving forward with this project during the pandemic. Dr. Yúdice thanked Dr. Pamela Martin from Coastal Carolina University for putting the City and The Nature Conservancy together on this opportunity. Dr. Yúdice thanked the Darnall W. and Susan F. Boyd Foundation for fully funding this project.

5. WATER UTILITIES

A. Discussion of Stormwater Pumps #1 and #2 Repairs/Replacement.

Mr. Gunter said the Stormwater pump #2 is being repaired so it will be ready for the summer. He said they would like to replace Stormwater pump #1. Mr. Gunter said they are currently looking for vendors and reaching out to other municipalities for information on different options for replacing a Stormwater pump. Mr. Gunter said they purchased both of these pumps in 2010 and the manufacturer they purchased them from no longer makes Stormwater pumps. He said he estimates a new pump will cost approximately \$300,000. Discussions followed.

6. FINANCE

A. Santee Cooper Settlement Distribution to Electric Utility Customers Update

Mr. Loveless said he will address two of the four questions asked from citizens and the other two questions will be answered by Mr. Barfield. Mr. Loveless said the total amount the city was reimbursed by Santee Cooper was \$1,145,641.27. Mr. Loveless said the court recommended electric utility customers be refunded based on service from January 1, 2007 to January 31, 2020. He explained they divided the amount of electricity purchased by the city by the amount that was refunded by Santee Cooper, which was 1.8 billion kilowatts divided by \$1,145,641.27. The answer was .000639425 per kilowatt hour. Mr. Loveless explained 93.95% of the city's energy was purchased from Santee Cooper and the remaining percentage would not be subject to a refund during the 13 years and 1 month period. Mr. Loveless stated that is the formula that was used to determine the amount to be refunded to the city's electric utility customers during the time frame. Mr. Barfield said the full amount

refunded to the city from Santee Cooper was used to pay back customers. Mr. Barfield confirmed that the full amount refunded to the city was used to pay back customers. He said the city has issued 4,300 credits to active customers and they will begin issuing refund checks next week for approximately 11,000 inactive accounts. Mr. Barfield explained the city is considered a customer and has metered and unmetered accounts for street lights, public buildings, and facilities. Mr. Barfield stated the city's portion of the refund is approximately \$130,000 for the amount of electric the city purchased and consumed during the time frame. Discussions followed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Special Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 03/22/21