



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 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 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

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. Paul Gardner 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. Will Cook, Water Utilities Director
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
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. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Mr. David Purtell
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 so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting and enter Executive Session pursuant to Sections 30-4-70(a)(1)&(2) to discuss employment in the Administration Department.

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

Scott Harper asked Mayor Barber if he could be more specific. Mayor Barber called on the City Attorney. Mrs. Crosby noted Point of Order, Council can be as specific as they would like to be. The motion is compliant with the FOIA.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Joseph, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe
ABSENT:	Humes

The Special Meeting/Workshop was adjourned at 4:02 pm.

Council Member Humes arrived at 4:07 pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the Special Meeting.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session was adjourned and the Special Meeting/Workshop was reconvened at 4:30 pm.

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

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

5. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to rezone approximately 5.66 acres, owned by Richmond Realty, LLC, located off Anthuan Maybank Drive, from General Commercial (GC) to Residential (R4).**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Rick Martin stated the anticipated start date could be between November and the first of

the year. This is a HUD project.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

6. POLICE

A. Discuss towing fees.

Mrs. Elise Crosby and Captain Nelson Brown addressed Council concerning towing fees. Mrs. Crosby was tasked to review the towing fee schedule in the City of Georgetown. These are the maximum fees for police directive tows in the City's ordinance. The Police Department would like to adopt the fee schedule as the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS) adopts theirs. The City fee schedule was last addressed in 2006. She referred Council to the 2018 DPS wrecker rotation fee schedule along with a redlined copy of the City's ordinance. The City of Georgetown, City of Charleston, City of Rock Hill, City of Myrtle Beach, City of North Myrtle Beach and City of Beaufort were compared with the DPS. No fees were as high as DPS or as low as the City of Georgetown. Staff asked for Council's guidance on how they would like to proceed. Discussions followed. Captain Brown said staff will prepare a draft ordinance for Council.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Sec. 30-4-70(a)(1)&(2) to discuss the release of the city administrator and negotiations incident to a related separation agreement, and negotiations incident to the appointment and compensation of an interim city administrator, Sec. 30-4-70(a)(5) to receive legal advice pertaining to creation of a Tax Increment Financing District, discuss Project Vista GAP analysis, and discuss economic development matters.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Special Meeting/Workshop was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Special Meeting.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session was adjourned and the Special Meeting/Workshop was reconvened at 6:12 pm.

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

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

Motion to approve resignation and release with Mr. Paul Gardner and authorize the execution of the agreement and its terms in the form presented tonight.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Council Member Jayroe said, "I'm not in agreement of asking a perfectly qualified and capable City Administrator who has served our community well for his resignation. It is wrong, in my opinion. However, in the interest of the City and in the interest of spirit to continue our City services, I will agree for the appointment of the new Interim City Administrator when that vote comes up."

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Humes, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe, Joseph

Motion to appoint Carey Smith as Interim City Administrator contingent on successfully negotiating an employment agreement with him in the City of Georgetown.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Council Member Joseph said, "I have known Carey Smith for years and I think he is an outstanding person who loves, loves the City of Georgetown. My comment is that I still at this point do not understand why we're attempting to replace an extremely qualified, capable City Administrator who has done so much for this City, with someone else, but I will say that I, I want to speak in favor of Carey as well because he does love this City and he has a wonderful background. I think it's unfortunate that it has to come to this where we have to move from one very successful and wonderful person to another."

Council Member Butts said, "I've never, never, never in any job that I've been in to civilian, federal government, state, local where new leadership does not bring about change. Change is evident, death is evident. We, as we sit here tonight, is evident

and we have to be able to accept and understand that people need people, other people, that have their vision when going, when we're going forward. And that's what leaders, that's what great leaders do. They don't surround themselves with individuals that don't have the same vision as they do, don't have the same drive. They surround themselves with individuals that they feel that would help do things that's for the betterment of the people. That's all that's happened here, it's nothing new. I love Paul Gardner to death, but it's nothing new. We have change, now Georgetown will embrace that and we will thrive and we will be successful and we will go forward. Prayerfully Paul is still a part of that as as as as (sic) a citizen of the City. So again, we have to be able to understand change is evident, some change is good, some change is bad, but it shall happen and it has, and we'll go forward as a City as such."

Council Member Smalls said, "He says he is at peace with it, so I can live with that."

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley said, "I would like to ask Council to bear in mind, piggyback on what Mr. Butts said, administrative differences do occur. It's a natural event in the change of leadership. It has nothing to do with anything negative toward Mr. Gardner, me and him (sic) have spoke, (sic) when I'm saying spoke, we spoke candidly and clearly, with nothing negative about him."

Mayor Barber said, "Paul has always demonstrated professionalism and respect and he continues that and, always (sic) respected him from the jobs that he's had."

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Special Meeting/Workshop was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 05/17/18