SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 20, 2020 – 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 Tupelo Humes
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

MEMBERS ABSENT
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe

ALSO PRESENT
Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
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
Ms. Angela Rambeau, Director of Planning and Community Development
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

MEDIA
Georgetown Times - Mr. Richard Caines
GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. called the 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. ADMINISTRATION

A. Discussion on the request from the Harbor Historical Association to lease docks on Goat Island.

Dr. Sandra Yúdice stated the Harbor Historical Association has requested to lease wooden docks on the east side of Goat Island, plus a 30 foot buffer along the shore for $1 a year for a term of fifty years. Dr. Yúdice said that Goat Island is subject to conveyances based on the donation from Mr. and Mr. Blackmon that the City must comply with along with some funds from the TIF district. After reviewing the information, staff recommends leasing the docks for a higher amount for fewer years. Their recommendation is $50 per month for a term of five years for the lease. The City would review the lease annually once they receive the TIF funds to begin making the improvements on Goat Island that are stated in the agreement with the City and Mr. and Mrs. Blackmon. Dr. Yúdice stated the Harbor Historical Association will provide a Certificate of Insurance indemnifying the City and not restrict the public to their leased portion of Goat Island. Dr. Yúdice said if there is a consensus with Council they will move forward with putting this on the agenda for March. Discussions followed. Mayor Barber requested this item be put on the March meeting agenda based on the consensus.

4. ENGINEERING

A. Stormwater ordinance and utility fee proposed revisions.

Dr. Yúdice introduced Mrs. Debra Bivens. Mrs. Bivens reviewed the recommendations for the Stormwater fees from WK Dickson that were presented to Council in August 2019. The first was to maintain the current rate structure but to increase the monthly fee to $8 for both residential and non-residential customers. The second was to move to an impervious surface structure. Mrs. Bivens reviewed a handout that listed several different scenarios with rate changes for both residential and non-residential customers and how much revenue the City would collect to pay for the consultant recommended Stormwater projects. Discussions followed. Mayor Barber stressed that we need to reach out to all resources for funding to help offset the costs to the City. Mr. Orlando Arteaga explained that all grants require a match in funds from the City. Mr. Arteaga said currently everything is based on revenue projections but if the approved new fees start on July 1, 2020 by December 31, 2020 the City would have a good understanding of how much revenue is coming into the City to cover the Stormwater projects. Each project will have at least a two year life span for planning and implementing and it is possible that multiple projects can be going on at the same time based on available funds. Mrs. Bivens asked for a consensus on which scenario Council would like staff to continue working on. She stated scenario #2 that increases monthly rates from $6 to $8 for both residential and non-residential customers and scenario #5 which increases monthly rates to $8 for residential and $12 for non-residential customers were recommended by the consultant, WK Dickson. In scenario #2, the City would collect approximately $15 million and in scenario #5, the City would collect approximately $17 million over the next twenty years. Mayor Barber confirmed with Mrs. Bivens in scenario #2, the tenant would be billed and in scenario #5 the property owner would be billed for

non-residential customers. The consensus is to move forward with scenario #2. Mr. Arteaga presented the draft Stormwater ordinance and said staff will move forward with bringing it in front of Council at next month's meeting for approval.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 04/16/20