



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 28, 2021 – 4:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE**

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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
Mayor Pro Tempore Clarence C. Smalls

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, Interim Director of Finance
Mr. John Barfield, 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

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. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Review of Development Fees.

Ms. Rambeau said they would like to increase the permit and building fees and pointed out we are lower than other comparable municipalities. She said they brought in around \$200,000 in fees last year and their budget is \$620,000. She said the increase would not completely cover the gap but it would bring them closer. She stated there has not been an increase since 2007. Ms. Rambeau stated there would be minimal impact on homeowners and small contractors. She said planned development and large construction projects would be impacted. Discussions followed.

5. ADMINISTRATION

A. Employee Random Drug Testing Update.

Mrs. Livingston stated the briefing document in the agenda packet lists the reasons the City is not able to do some of the changes as requested. She said we are considered a public employer, therefore, our employees are covered under the fourth amendment right. She said private employers can implement their own policies. She said there are certain circumstances that allow government agencies to conduct drug screenings and the City has been following protocol with the program. Mrs. Livingston said Doctors Care is the City's medical provider and are available when needed. Discussions followed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Special Meeting adjourned at 4:29pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 02/18/21