



CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 5, 2022 – 5:00 PM

MUNICIPAL COURTROOM

2222 HIGHMARKET STREET

GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA

AND LIVESTREAM:

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofgtown/>

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 Carol Jayroe

Council Member Jim Clements

Mayor Pro Tempore Al Joseph

Council Member Jimmy Morris

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Jonathan Angner

Council Member Hobson H. Milton

Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator

Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician

Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk

Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer

Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Interim Director of Finance

Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director

Mrs. Tammy Kinsley, Planning and Community Development Director

Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Interim Human Resources Director

Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department

Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

Mr. Scott Whittier, Utilities & Public Works Director

ABSENT

Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Carol Jayroe called the Budget Workshop/Special Meeting of City Council to order at 5:00pm 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. REVIEW ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR FY2022/2023 BUDGET

Dr. Yúdice distributed a revised budget to Mayor and Council. She said several changes were made. She said Chief Pierce will be talking about a car take home policy that effects about 10 officers. She said it will affect about \$4,000 in the budget. She said the budget was not increased but the expense to purchase a pressure washer and to hire summer labor to pressure wash the sidewalks was split. She said the expense to rebuild the Public Works office was removed from the budget because they are trying to consolidate with other facilities. Dr. Yúdice said they are moving along with getting appraisals for the old fire station and old City Hall site.

Mrs. Kinsley stated according to our building code, Chapter 5 Article II, Section 5-16, it states the City shall adopt the international code as adopted by the state of South Carolina. She pointed out specifically R-0108, payment of fees. She reviewed the definition of payment of fees and explained how the City should be handling these fees. She reviewed proposed changes to our code and gave an example how the fees would be calculated. Council Member Clements asked if a substantial project came to the City if there would be an option to negotiate a fee. Mrs. Kinsley explained the City would have that option. Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph pointed out the incentive that was given to the hotel where they paid all the fees upfront and then the City would refund 50% back to them. Mrs. Kinsley reviewed early start and site improvement permits. Council Member Clements asked when the last time the Fire Department reviewed their fees and if they are getting a planned review fee. Dr. Yúdice said it has not been done while she has been with the City. Council Member Clements stated it should be done to make sure we are competitive. Discussions followed.

Dr. Yúdice stated Council Member Milton requested putting in portable bathrooms at Baruch Park. Mrs. Natrona Simmons confirmed this has been done annually during the summer months. Dr. Yúdice said if Council approves, funds from Hospitality tax could be included in the next fiscal year for a permanent bathroom to be put there.

Chief Pierce said he would like to be competitive with surrounding areas and offer a car take home policy. He said this would involve 11 officers. He said he would like to implement the transport of family members as well. He stated it is an industry standard and endorsed by the Municipal Association. Council Member Joseph requested more details of the policy to be included in the presentation at the June workshop.

Council Member Clements asked for clarification on the bottom line number of the budget due to removing the Public Works office rebuilding project funds of \$400,000. Mrs. Vermeland responded that Mr. Barfield stated the short falls

presented last time were covered by those funds. Mayor Jayroe requested a follow up to this information.

Dr. Yúdice said the budget ordinance will be written based on the numbers presented today. She confirmed funds for the permanent bathroom at Baruch Park will be included. Discussions followed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion to adjourn the Budget Workshop/Special Meeting of City Council.

Mayor Jayroe adjourned the Budget Workshop/Special Meeting at 5:38pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 06/16/22