

**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2024 — 5:00 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
AND LIVESTREAM:**



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

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
Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements
Council Member Jonathan Angner
Council Member Bruce Carl
Council Member Erin Ethridge
Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng
Council Member Jimmy Morris

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Scott Whittier, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician
Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer
Deputy Chief Nelson Brown, Georgetown Police Department
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Ms. Amy Skidmore, Georgetown Fire Department Office Manager
Mr. Peter Gaytan, Planning & Community Development Director
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, City Engineer
Mr. Chris Mullis, Water Utilities Manager
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Finance Director
Mrs. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Manager
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Jayroe called the Special Meeting of City Council to order at 5:00 pm 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. ENGINEERING

A. Pump Station #11 and Force Main Project Updates (SCIIP grant) by WK Dickson

Mr. Arteaga introduced Ms. Yesmin Yazgan and Mr. Jay Reigart from WK Dickson. Ms. Yazgan stated the first part of the project is to demolish pump stations that are no longer efficient. She said the first one to replace is at the intersection of Front and Dozier Streets. She reviewed the new components that the replacements would contain. Ms. Yazgan gave an overview of the project timeline and reviewed the map of the areas throughout the city that will be effected. She said the design is complete and they will be advertising for bids by early November. She said the construction will begin in January 2025 and it should be completed by July 2026. Ms. Yazgan stated the grant funds for this project need to be spent by June 2026.

4. ADMINISTRATION

A. Parade Ordinance Review

Mr. Whittier distributed handouts to Mayor Jayroe and Council members. He referred to the parade ordinance that is included in our City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article VIII, Section 20 (116-128). Mr. Whittier reviewed the parade permit conditions. He explained the city fees for parades and listed the events that the city sponsors or co-sponsors. He stated the Martin Luther King, Veterans, Homecoming, and Christmas parades are co-sponsored events and are approved in the budget. Mr. Whittier said July 4th and Trick or Treat on Front Street are fully sponsored events. He stated the city has paid for the costs associated with equipment and labor to hold these events in the past. Council Member Obeng asked for the cost to the city for a parade. Mayor Jayroe stated in 2023, the Christmas parade that routes down Front Street cost the city approximately \$2,066 and the Martin Luther King parade costs the city \$3,100. She said the Martin Luther King parade route runs from the Beck Administrative parking lot to the Howard Center. Mayor Pro Tempore stated the costs to the city should be reasonable and not an opportunity to profit. Council Member Angner suggested the Homecoming parade route be reconsidered to the High School parking lot and include Church and Anthuan Maybank Streets to reduce the costs for city resources. Council Member Angner suggested removing approval from SCDOT to cross a highway from the ordinance and not allowing the crossing of highways to reduce the costs and city resources needed. Council Member Carl suggested the city meet with the parade organizers prior to their events to discuss the costs and agree on a plan. Council Member Obeng requested to have a meeting with the Georgetown High School Alumni president and the school board to discuss rerouting the Homecoming parade for next year.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion to Adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Jonathan Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	
MOVER:	Council Member Jonathan Angner
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements
AYES:	Jim Clements, Carol Jayroe, Jonathan Angner, Bruce Carl, Erin Ethridge, Jimmy Morris, Tamika Williams-Obeng

The Special Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

Date Approved: 11/21/2024

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk