



BUDGET WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MAY 4, 2023 – 4:00 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 Jonathan Angner

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements

Council Member Jimmy Morris

Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng

Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Hobson H. Milton

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator

Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk

Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer

Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician

Ms. Amy Skidmore, Georgetown Fire Department Office Manager

Deputy Chief Nelson Brown, Georgetown Police Department

Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department

Mr. Robert Cox, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development

Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance

Mrs. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Streets and Sanitation Manager

Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

Mr. Scott Whittier, Deputy City Administrator

MEDIA

Mr. Scott Harper, GAB News

Mr. Mike Woodel, Georgetown Times

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Carol Jayroe called the Budget Workshop/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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Budget Workshop/Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1) and (2) to discuss employment, compensation, promotion, demotion, or release of employees, and to discuss a potential claim and receive related advice.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Smalls
ABSENT:	Milton

The Budget Workshop/Special Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Budget Workshop/Special Meeting.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Smalls
ABSENT:	Milton

Executive Session adjourned and the Budget Workshop/Special Meeting reconvened at 4:50pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

City Council may take action on items discussed in Executive Session.

4. REVIEW ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR FY2023/2024 BUDGET

Dr. Yúdice introduced Mr. Thierry Boveri from Raftelis to present phase 2 from the waste management fund study. Mr. Boveri stated in January 2023, they recommended an 18% rate increase for FY2024. Mr. Boveri said this

recommendation was done without the FY2024 budget numbers. He stated with the proposed budget numbers included, the recommendation would increase to 28% but he will present information based on an 18% rate increase. Mr. Boveri explained the cost allocation for residential and commercial collection in the downtown district. Mayor Pro Tempore Clements requested the additional suggested 10% increase be considered in the presented cost analyzations. Mr. Boveri reviewed options for brown goods collections. Discussions followed.

Dr. Yúdice introduced Mr. Andrew Crowder from Enterprise Fleet Service to present a proposed plan for Fleet Service Management. Mr. Crowder gave an overview of the benefits for the City to consider a fleet service management program. He stated it would help ensure city vehicles are equipped with standard safety features. Mr. Crowder pointed out concerns for some of the city's vehicles. He reviewed the cost analysis for a one year and a ten year plan. Discussions followed.

Mrs. Vermeland gave Council a handout with budget updates since the April 20th budget workshop. She pointed out a \$37,000 increase for employee wellness services, a savings of approximately \$47,000 with the removal of a grant writing position, a reduction of \$50,000 by splitting the zoning ordinances with the county for FY2024 and FY2025, an increase in Public Works for salary increases, and a savings by removing a drafting table from the budget. Mrs. Vermeland stated the table will be purchased in the current budget. She pointed out there is a new increase added to the budget of \$10,000 for the Lincoln Street maintenance for any needed repairs. Dr. Yúdice explained the Low Country Veterans are making repairs in lieu of paying rent so these funds will be used only if needed. Mrs. Vermeland stated a savings of \$32,039 for the Electric Manager position per Council's recommendation to budget for nine months. Discussions followed. Mayor Jayroe stated another Budget Workshop/Special Meeting will be needed before first reading of the budget ordinance. The meeting will be held on Friday, May 12th at 4:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements. Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Smalls
ABSENT:	Milton

The Budget Workshop/Special Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 06/15/23