



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP

MAY 2, 2024 – 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

Council Member Bruce Carl

Council Member Erin Ethridge

Council Member Jimmy Morris

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements

Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney

Mr. Scott Whittier, City Administrator

Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk

Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician

Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer

Ms. Amy Skidmore, Georgetown Fire Department Office Manager

Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department

Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department

Mr. Orlando Arteaga, City Engineer

Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Finance Director

Mrs. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Manager

Mr. Chris Mullis, Water Utilities Manager

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Carol Jayroe 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. REVIEW ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR FY2024/2025 BUDGET

Mrs. Vermeland presented an update to the budget since it was last presented on April 18th, 2024. She handed out the updates to the Mayor and Council members. She pointed out a balanced budget of \$48, 572,440. was presented on April 18th and today the balanced budget is 48,695,298. Mrs. Vermeland reviewed the list of changes that were included in the handout. She stated some of the changes included payroll and fringe benefits that were added or deleted for Police and Fire. She said the General Fund was increased by \$2,000 to support Waste Management. She said there were other payroll and fringe benefits changes for other departments, including Enterprise Funds. She reviewed the changes to the General Funds being used for the General Fund Capital Reserve, Stormwater, and Waste Management is \$2,998,999. She said the updated unassigned available General Fund balance is \$1,073,773. Mrs. Vermeland stated the state has not yet released the calculation for the population increase. She said that may reflect a revenue increase of the budget in the General Fund. She stated the DMO has requested an increase to \$260,000 for FY2025 so that may be added to the budget from Hospitality before second reading. Council Member Anger asked about revenues from GovDeals. Mrs. Vermeland confirmed the revenues earned from selling city vehicles and equipment from GovDeals would be added to the budget and to the appropriate Funds that originally purchased the vehicles and equipment. Mr. Arteaga stated last fall the city applied for a grant through Congressman Fry's office for the Maryville water improvement project. He said the project costs are estimated to be approximately \$3M. He stated the city paid for some of the engineering projects, but the city will need to pay 20% if awarded the grant. He asked the Mayor and Council to think about ideas and resources to move forward. Mr. Whittier reviewed a list of events the city currently sponsors or co-sponsors and asked the Mayor and Council for any revisions to the list. Mayor Jayroe requested a breakdown of the expenses so we can be fair for each event. Mr. Gaytan reviewed revisions in schedule A of the budget ordinance that include mobile home permits, planning fees, and encroachment permits. Mr. Whittier reviewed the rate increases for utilities and waste management. He stated the changes are based on recommendations from Raftelis rate study. Mr. Whittier reviewed changes in FOIA charges.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.
Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Morris, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Clements, Obeng

The Special Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 06/20/24