

**SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP
OF CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**APRIL 17, 2025 — 4:00 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
AND LIVESTREAM:**



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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Jimmy Morris

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Scott Whittier, City Administrator
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician
Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Ryan Call, Building Inspector
Mr. Ryan Courtemanche, Electric Utility Manager
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Finance Director
Mr. Chris Mullis, Water Utilities Manager
Ms. Katie Badgett, Human Resources Manager

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Jayroe called the Special Meeting of City Council to order at 4pm 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
FY2025/2026 BUDGET**

Mrs. Vermeland handed out updated information regarding the budget since the last report at the City Council budget retreat on March 27th. She stated a balanced budget of \$55,061,685. was presented at the budget retreat. She said the changes that were made to the budget since the budget retreat total \$249,540. Mrs. Vermeland said the revised balanced budget amount is \$55,311,225. She reviewed the list of changes to the budget that included payroll & transfers for the Water, Wastewater, Electric, Stormwater, and Waste Management departments; GF capital projects, recalculation of TIF proceeds; and ATAX/HTAX changes. Mrs. Vermeland confirmed the payroll & transfers were needed from a recent comp & class study. Mrs. Vermeland stated the available Fund balance for FY26 is \$6,285,793. She said the funds being used are \$395,996. in the General Fund, \$2,519,243. in the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund, and \$98,750. in the Waste Management fund. She stated this leaves a remaining unsigned Fund balance of \$3,271,804. as of today. Mrs. Vermeland stated the budget also reflects committed funds of \$2,169,000. for the new city hall project.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

The Special Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 05/15/2025