

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2025 — 5:00 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 Erin Ethridge
Council Member Jimmy Morris
Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Jonathan Angner
Council Member Bruce Carl

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Scott Whittier, City Administrator
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Braxton Walton, IT Technician
Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Ryan Call, Building Inspector
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, City Engineer
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Finance Director
Mr. Chris Mullis, Water Utilities Manager
Mr. Al Joseph, Main Street Director

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Jayroe called the Special Meeting of City Council to order at 5pm 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. PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve a Designated Marketing Organization agreement between the City of Georgetown and the Georgetown Business Association for three years, through June 30, 2028.

Council Member Jimmy Morris moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to approve the Georgetown Business Association FY 2026 budget for the activities as the Designated Marketing Organization.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Erin Ethridge

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

4. ENGINEERING

A. Water Treatment Plant Condition Assessment Report Presentation

Mr. Arteaga introduced Mr. Bill Young and Mr. Steve Gandy from Ardurra(formerly WK Dickson). Mr. Young stated they completed an assessment on the Water Treatment Plant condition. Dr. Gandy reviewed the raw water consumption and finished water production from 2022 through 2024 and pointed out the consistent increases over the last three years. He explained the water quality and then explained the PFAS. Dr. Gandy explained the process efficiency and condition assessment during raw water mixing; the flocculation-sedimentation at basin No. 1; the filters; the high service pump station and Clearwell; the chemical storage and feed pumps; residuals management and electrical. Mr. Young stated one of the recommendations is for the city to increase its number of wells and build a storage system for water to meet peak demands and to be prepared to recover from disasters. Mr. Young reviewed a list of nine recommended projects by priority and costs to consider over the next 10 years. He pointed out the five projects to start in FY2026 include valve exercise; electrical room air conditioning; label chemical and water lines; sedimentation basin sludge blanket level indication; and conversion to Sodium Hypochlorite disinfection. The cost of these five projects would be \$2.3M. Mr. Young shared information about applying for grants with the state based on the different projects.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Morris

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

The Special Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 07/16/25