

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 16, 2025 — 5:30 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 Carol Jayroe
Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements
Council Member Jonathan Angner
Council Member Bruce Carl
Council Member Erin Ethridge
Council Member Jimmy Morris
Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Scott Whittier, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Braxton Walton, IT Technician
Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Ryan Call, Building Inspector
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, City Engineer
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Finance Director
Mr. Ryan Courtemanche, Electric Utility Manager
Mr. Chris Mullis, Water Utilities Manager
Mrs. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Manager

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Jayroe called the Regular Meeting of City Council to order at 5:30pm 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. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements introduced Jamel Smith, Sr., to render the invocation and Briar Long to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Sheldon Butts. Mr. Butts spoke to support the second reading of a hate-based-intimidation ordinance. Mr. Butts thanked Mayor Jayroe, City Council, and others for their support in bringing this ordinance to the city. Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Jack Scoville. Mr. Scoville spoke in support of bringing back the broadcasting of the Georgetown High School football games on the city's radio station. He suggested a journalism student may be interested in doing it.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Vermeland introduced Melissa Trappier for the Finance Department.

6. PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance Article X: Sign Regulations Section 1012 Core Commercial (CC) to Include a Provision for Perpendicular Signage Within the Core Commercial (CC) Zoning District.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

7. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Motion to approve a contract with Osmose Utility Services to conduct a system-wide inspection of our electric distribution utility poles for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

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, Jimmy Morris, Tamika Williams-Obeng

B. Motion to approve the purchase of a New Terex LT 40 Bucket Truck and make payment to Terex USA, LLC dba Terex Utilities in the amount of \$196,403.00.

Council Member Jonathan Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Erin Ethridge

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

8. ENGINEERING

- A. **Motion to accept a Quit-Claim deed from Diamond Shores, LLC, grantor, to City of Georgetown, grantee, for a piece of property described as "pump station, 0.21 acres", and known as the Maryville water well located at the corner of Waterfall Way and Saint Martin Street on the South Island Phase I subdivision project built by DR Horton.**

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, Jonathan Angner, Bruce Carl, Erin Ethridge, Jimmy Morris, Tamika Williams-Obeng

9. POLICE

- A. **Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article IX of the code of ordinances for the City of Georgetown by adding Section 16-167, Hate-Based Intimidation.**

Council Member Erin Ethridge moved, seconded by Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

10. PUBLIC WORKS

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend Articles II and III of Chapter 9, City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances, Garbage Trash and Weeds, by amending sections 9-17 and 9-23 of Article II, Collection Regulations and section 9-45 of Article III, Solid Waste Regulations in the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Bruce Carl

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

- B. Motion to approve remaining payment for fiscal year 2026 for janitorial services to Randolph Krazy Kleaning Services LLC in the amount of \$103,499, and to approve an annual agreement for janitorial services in the amount of \$112,908 for fiscal year 2027.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Bruce Carl

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

- C. Motion to approve payment to Wrangler Holdco Company DBA Waste Industries LLC, A GFL Environmental Company for the collection of commercial dumpsters, a remaining amount of \$78,133.33 for fiscal year 2026 and to approve services per five-year agreement terms ending fiscal year 2028 in the amount of \$85,236.36.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

11. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Motion to Approve payment in the amount of \$781,391.00 to SCMIRF Semi-Annual billing for Liability Insurance.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Bruce Carl

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to approve two quarterly payments to SCMIT in the amount of \$219,210.00 for Workers Compensation Insurance.

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, Jonathan Angner, Bruce Carl, Erin Ethridge, Jimmy Morris, Tamika Williams-Obeng

12. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve a Resolution to appoint Council Member Jonathan Angner as a replacement Committee Member for Mayor Carol Jayroe to the Grand Strand Area Transportation Study (GSATS) Policy Committee for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

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, Jimmy Morris, Tamika Williams-Obeng

B. Motion to approve funds to Georgetown County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission for the implementation of strategies approved by the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board in the amount of \$76,128.00.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Whittier stated the city joined with the county to provide a health clinic for all employees a few years ago, but they are terminating their current contract with the provider at the end of September. He said they will be starting a new contract with a new provider and the city will need to enter a new contract with the county at that time. Mr. Whittier stated the underground electrical work in Joseph Rainey Park has been completed and the sidewalk restoration project in the park should be completed by next week. He gave an update on the transformer relocation project. He said the purpose of relocating the transformers was to prevent them from being in flood-prone areas in the city. He said the last phase of this project will be done this year in Frances Marion Park.

14. MINUTES

A. Motion to approve minutes of June 18 and June 26, 2025 Council meetings.

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, Jonathan Angner, Bruce Carl, Erin Ethridge, Jimmy Morris, Tamika Williams-Obeng

15. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements requested an update on the status of short-term rentals since the ordinance was passed a year ago.

16. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Obeng stated a concern with residents on Church Street near the old ambulance station. She said due to the sidewalks, there is not anywhere for them to park. She said residents have lived there for decades and they are now being penalized for parking on the sidewalks. She requested staff to look at the situation and find a compromise solution that is safe for everyone.

17. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Building Monthly Report

1. Keep Georgetown Beautiful - June 2025 Monthly Report
2. Building Department - June 2025 Report Statistics

B. Electric Department Monthly Report

1. Electric Department June 2025 Report

C. Engineering Department Monthly Report

1. Engineering Department June 2025 Report

D. Finance Department Monthly Report

1. Finance Department GovDeal June 2025 Report
2. Finance Department Grant Summary June 2025 Report
3. Finance Department Open PO June 2025 Report
4. Finance Department Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Cost June 2025 Report
5. Finance Department Current ARPA Project Cost June 2025 Report
6. Finance Department Current Project June 2025 Report
7. Finance Department HDL Active Businesses June 2025 Report
8. Finance Department Budget Performance May 2025 Report
9. Finance and IT Department June 2025 Report

E. Fire Department Monthly Report

1. Fire Department June 2025 Monthly Report

F. Fleet Services Monthly Report

1. Fleet Services JUNE 2025 Report

G. Human Resources Monthly Report

1. Human Resources Department June 2025

H. Municipal Court Monthly Report

1. Municipal Court June 2025 Monthly Report

I. Planning & Community Development Monthly Report

1. Planning and Community Development - June 2025 Monthly Report
2. Planning and Community Development - June 2025 Report Statistics

J. Police Department Monthly Report

1. Police Department June 2025 Report Statistics
2. Police Department Monthly Letter June 2025
3. Letter_to_USCG_Anchoring_Issue_Georgetown

K. Public Works Monthly Report

1. Public Works June 2025 Monthly Report

L. Risk Management Monthly Report

1. Risk Management June 2025 Report

M. Water Utilities Monthly Report

1. Water Utilities Department June 2025

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CITY SERVICES, BUSINESS, OR OTHER CITY MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1)(2) to discuss appointment for the Chief Municipal Court Judge position; to discuss appointments and reappointments for the City's Boards and Commissions and to discuss proposed contractual arrangements regarding the new city hall.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

- B. Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.**

Council Member Bruce Carl moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

Executive Session adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:15pm.

- C. NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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

20. APPOINTMENT

A. Motion to reappoint Terri Britt, Norman "Keith" Wilcox, and Pooja Karnik to the Accommodations & Hospitality Tax Commission.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	Approved
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

B. Motion to appoint David Rice to the Architectural Review Board.

Council Member Jonathan Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Bruce Carl

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

C. Motion to reappoint Jerry Miller to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	Approved
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

D. Motion to appoint Ranny Stephens as Chief Municipal Court Judge and Robert O'Donnell as Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina effective August 1, 2025.

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, Jonathan Angner, Bruce Carl, Erin Ethridge, Jimmy Morris, Tamika Williams-Obeng

21. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Carol Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 08/21/25