

**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 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 Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Ms. Amy Skidmore, Georgetown Fire Department Office Manager
Deputy Chief Nelson Brown, Georgetown Police Department
Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Mrs. Clarissa Tindall, Zoning Administrator
Mr. Ryan Call, Building Inspector
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, City Engineer
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Finance Director
Mrs. Pam Gaddy, Interim Water Utilities Manager
Mr. Al Joseph, Main Street Director

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

Council Member Bruce Carl rendered the Invocation and Chief Cribb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow citizens to express their views regarding the enactment of an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 2025-009 TO IMPLEMENT MILLAGE ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM REASSESSMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.”**

1. Open the Public Hearing

Mayor Jayroe opened the Public Hearing and stated no one signed up to speak.

2. Close the Public Hearing

Mayor Jayroe closed the Public Hearing.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Robert Jackson. Mr. Jackson requested that council approve the second reading of agenda item 7.B. regarding accessory structures.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Vermeland introduced Shunda Castle and Rebecca Wade for the Finance department.

7. PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A. Motion to approve second reading for an ordinance rezoning approximately .21 acres, located at 1034 St. Martin St., owned by the City of Georgetown, from High Density Residential (R4) to Public Service (PS).**

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

- B. Motion to approve second reading for an ordinance amending the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance Article V: Application of Regulations Section 511, Article VIII: Provisions Governing Use Districts, and Article IX: Exceptions and Modifications regarding accessory structures, how they are classified, zoning districts in which they are allowed, setbacks, maximum square footage, and proper permitting.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	Adopted
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

- C. Motion to approve second reading for an ordinance amending the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance Article IV: General Provisions Section 428, and Article VIII: Provisions Governing Use Districts, regarding the required fall zone of Communications Towers and the zoning districts in which they are allowed.**

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

8. FINANCE

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article II, "Business License" of the Code of Ordinance for the City of Georgetown by updating the Standardized Business License Class Schedule.**

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

- B. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to supplement ordinance No. 2025-009 (the "Budget ordinance") to implement millage adjustments resulting from reassessment and other matters relating thereto.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	Adopted
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

- C. Motion to approve first reading an Ordinance authorizing the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, to enter into an installment purchase transaction to finance the costs relating to the acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipping of a city hall facility; authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents relating to such transaction including the base lease agreement and the installment purchase and use agreement; approving the issuance of not exceeding \$[4,250,000] aggregate principal amount of installment purchase revenue bonds by the Georgetown public facilities corporation; delegating authority to certain city officials to effect such transaction and determine certain matters; authorizing the assignment of certain contracts to the Georgetown public facilities corporation; and other matters relating thereto.

Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng moved, seconded by Council Member Bruce Carl

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

9. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve award of tank maintenance contract to USG Water (Utility Service Co. Inc.) for a period of ten (10) years to maintain all three city-owned tanks for an initial payment of \$44,738 in FY 2026. The work will include annual inspections, condition assessment reports, washouts and sanitizing, interior and exterior renovations.

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

- B. Motion to approve contract award to Ardurra Group Inc. to provide engineering services for the WTP- Hypochlorite Disinfection System Project No. 1610 for a total fee of \$205,200.**

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

- C. Motion to approve contract award to Ardurra Group Inc. to provide engineering services for the WTP- Rehabilitation of Old Basin Project No. 1611 for a total fee of \$137,000.**

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 approve bid and award a contract to Allcon of Greenville Inc. for roof replacement work of one building at the Water Treatment Plant and two buildings at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for a total amount of \$113,547.24.**

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

10. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to repeal and reserve the City of Georgetown's Code of Ordinance, Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-43 Two-Hour Parking and to eliminate reference of Section 14-43 from Chapter 14, Article II, Section 14-44 Penalties and Fines.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Bruce Carl. Council Member Angner stated concern for future employment for the primary officer that patrols the Front Street area. Chief Pierce stated there is still a need to retain all the patrol officers due to other parking violations on Front Street and throughout the city and confirmed that no one will be losing their job. Council Member Carl stated concern from several business owners on Front Street with regards to employees parking in these spaces due to lifting the 2-hour parking limit. Mayor Jayroe stated there was a meeting with the Front Street merchants and it was discussed as a concern and requested that they do not allow their employees to park on Front Street. She said Mr. Kossove has opened up his parking lot behind his business for Front Street employees to park.

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

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Whittier said the Willowbank water main improvement project is underway and the construction of this project will be approximately \$2.4M. He said the city has applied for grants to go toward this cost. He said there are several stormwater projects that the city is currently working on in the historic district area. He said the city received funding from State Rep. Lee Hewitt for the stormwater pump station project next to the old city hall site and that is scheduled to kick off later this month. Mr. Whittier announced the city is working on an app that can be downloaded on apple and google devices. He said the app would provide important announcements and news to residents.

12. MINUTES

A. Motion to approve minutes of September 16 and September 23, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Bruce Carl. Council Member Angner stated he is abstaining from voting because he missed one of the meetings.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

13. OLD BUSINESS

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Obeng thanked city staff for responding quickly to a water main break on Palm Street over the weekend. She reminded everyone that this weekend is Georgetown High School homecoming and the wooden boat show and to welcome all visitors. Council Member Obeng recognized Miss May in the audience. Miss May is a local teenager and said she graduated from high school at 13 years old. She said Miss May is interested in politics and would like to become a future Senator.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements requested a chronological plan for the replacement and refurbishment of the current lift stations. He stated the budget will limit how much we can do at a time and we need to have a grant writer in place to start working on applying for grants to fund this project.

Council Member Angner requested Chief Pierce give an update on the National Night Out event at East Bay Park last week and to give an update on the recent shootings in the city. Chief Pierce stated they had approximately 800 attendees at the event. He said it was a joint event with the Sheriff's office, DNR, and the National Guard and it was a great success. Chief Pierce stated that since charges were made regarding the shootings, there have not been any further incidents.

Council Member Obeng asked Chief Cribb to speak about the upcoming Fire Department event that will be held at the new pavilion at East Bay Park next Tuesday, October 21st at 6pm.

15. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Jayroe stated the department monthly reports are available for review in the agenda packet.

A. Building Monthly Report

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

B. Electric Department Monthly Report

1. Electric Department September 2025 Report

C. Engineering Department Monthly Report

1. Engineering Department September 2025 Report

D. Finance Department Monthly Report

1. Finance Department Grant Summary September 2025 Report
2. Finance Department Open PO September 2025 Report
3. Finance Department Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Cost September 2025 Report

4. Finance Department Current Project September 2025 Report
5. Finance Department GovDeal September 2025 Report
6. Finance Department Budget Performance August 2025 Report
7. Finance Department HDL Active Businesses September 2025 Report
8. Finance and IT Department September 2025 Report

E. Fire Department Monthly Report

1. Fire Department September 2025 Monthly Report

F. Fleet Services Monthly Report

1. Fleet Services SEPTEMBER 2025 Report

G. Human Resources Monthly Report

1. Human Resources Department September 2025

H. Municipal Court Monthly Report

1. Municipal Court September 2025 Monthly Report

I. Planning & Community Development Monthly Report

1. Planning and Community Development September 2025 Monthly Report Statistics
2. Planning and Community Development September 2025 Monthly Report

J. Police Department Monthly Report

1. Police Department September 2025 Report
2. Police Department September 2025 Report Statistics

K. Public Works Monthly Report

1. Public Works September 2025 Monthly Report

L. Risk Management Monthly Report

1. Risk Management September 2025 Monthly Report

M. Water Utilities Monthly Report

1. Utility Report Monthly
2. September 3, 2025 thru September 23, 2025
3. September 23, 2025 thru September 26, 2025

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

None

17. 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(s) for the City's Boards and Commissions, to discuss an appointment of the Municipal Court Assistant Judge position, and the receipt of legal advice as it relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim involving municipal court and boards and commissions or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.**

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

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

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

Executive Session adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:45pm.

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

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

18. APPOINTMENT

- A. Motion to appoint Madison Harte as Associate Judge for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina effective October 17, 2025.**

Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng moved, seconded by Council Member Jimmy Morris

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to appoint John Kester to serve a full four-year term and D. Toby Avant to serve an unexpired term that expires in July 2028 on the Community Appearance Board.

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

19. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 11/20/2025