

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 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 Jonathan Angner
Council Member Bruce Carl
Council Member Jimmy Morris
Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Erin Ethridge

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Scott Whittier, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer
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
Mr. Ryan Courtemanche, Electric Utilities Director
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, City Engineer
Mrs. Pam Gaddy, Water Utilities Director

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Jayroe called the Regular Meeting of City Council to order at 5:00pm 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Jayroe recognized Ms. Barbie Jones. Ms. Jones questioned why the ordinance that is being amended on the agenda item 4.A. being done now.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Ms. Connie Bull. Ms. Bull stated she has concerns regarding the MOU between the city and the Tarbox properties. She said the plans have been approved, but they have not been shared with the public. She said she also had concerns about the liability of a new bulkhead if the surrounding properties are damaged.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Sheldon Butts. Mr. Butts stated he is concerned with the ordinance that is on agenda item 4.A. He stated there are more important things to worry about than changing the wording that removes Council's approval to hire and fire department heads. He requested to let the new administration handle these changes.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Robbie O'Donnell. Mr. O'Donnell said he is concerned about parking for his office and clients as well as the neighboring businesses due to the lease up for approval tonight between the city and Winyah Hospitality. He said, as far as he understood, SCDOT put up reserved parking signs beside his business in the 1970s and they were replaced with new reserved parking signs when the hotel construction began. He said he was never informed of anything changing.

4. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article III, Division 3, Section 2-85 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.

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, Jimmy Morris, Tamika Williams-Obeng

B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing a lease between the City of Georgetown and Winyah Hospitality, LLC for a portion of Queen Street and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the lease.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

C. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing ratifying and amending the city's memorandum of understanding regarding potential future public access to the Cannon Street Waterfront.

Council Member Bruce Carl moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements
Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng made a motion to table this item for the future administration because of the feedback from the Planning Commission and the public. No one seconded the motion.

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, Jimmy Morris
NAYS:	Tamika Williams-Obeng

5. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion to Adjourn the Special 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, Jimmy Morris, Tamika Williams-Obeng

The Special Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 01/15/2026