

**SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**MAY 28, 2026 — 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 Jay Doyle  
Mayor Pro Tempore Jessie M. Walker  
Council Member Bruce Carl  
Council Member Erin Ethridge  
Council Member Sharon Melton  
Council Member Hobson Milton  
Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mr. Scott Whittier, City Administrator  
Ms. Elizabeth Tucker, Deputy City Administrator  
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney  
Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer  
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk  
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician  
Mr. Braxton Walton, IT Technician  
Deputy Chief Nelson Brown, Georgetown Police Department  
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department  
Ms. Amy Skidmore, Georgetown Fire Department Office Manager  
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, City Engineer  
Mrs. Pam Gaddy, Water Utilities Director  
Mrs. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Director  
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Finance Director

## **2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Mayor Doyle called the Special 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. PRESENTATION**

### **A. Stormwater Pump Station Update**

Mr. Bill Young gave an overview of services that Ardurra offers for their clients. He said the city and Ardurra have been working together for the last ten years. Mr. Marc Horstman gave an overview of the current stormwater pump station systems and components in the city. He stated the pumps began malfunctioning in 2018 due to brackish water and harsh weather. He said the pump failures occurred during extreme rainfall in 2015, 2018, and 2023. Mr. Horstman said only one pump is operational despite many attempts to repair the other pump. He reviewed the five options available after their evaluation was completed. He said the first option is a vertical axial flow pump with a direct-drive motor. He stated this option is ideal for limited space environments and is well suited for municipal stormwater systems. He said the second option is a vertical axial flow pump with a right-angle gear drive. He said this option is suitable for a high capacity flow, but requires additional structural supports. He said this option also involves more maintenance. Mr. Horstman stated option 3 is a submersible axial flow vertical pump. He said this pump is compact and quiet, but the repairs and maintenance are high and the lifespan is shorter. He said option 4 is a vertical pump with a formed suction inlet (FSI). He said this option requires intensive intake modifications and the most expensive option. He said the final option is the rehabilitation of the existing system. He said they would have to remove and inspect the pumps and evaluate the condition of the hydraulic lines to conduct an intensive condition assessment to determine the condition of the existing pumps. Mr. Horstman reviewed the evaluation of power supply options that included: retain existing hydraulic system, add alternators to existing diesel engines, and full electrical conversion (grid-powered). He presented the cost estimate of pumping options with power options. He stated they recommended option 1 because of the low maintenance requirements and low hydraulic system risk.

## **4. POLICE**

### **A.**

**Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 3 “Animals and Fowl”, Article I “In General”, Section 3-1 “Definitions” and Article II “Dogs, Cats and Pets”, Section 3-23 “Restraint” and adding Section 3-23(c) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.**

Mayor Jay Doyle moved to postpone on taking action on this ordinance until more information is provided, seconded by Council Member Hobson Milton

Mayor Doyle called for the vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Postponed
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mayor Jay Doyle
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Hobson Milton
<b>AYES:</b>	Bruce Carl, Erin Ethridge, Tamika Williams-Obeng, Sharon Melton, Jay Doyle, Hobson Milton, Jessie Walker

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Motion to adjourn Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)(2) to discuss a release of an appointment for the City of Georgetown and the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.**

Council Member Hobson Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Sharon Melton  
Mayor Doyle called for the vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Hobson Milton
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Sharon Melton
<b>AYES:</b>	Bruce Carl, Erin Ethridge, Tamika Williams-Obeng, Sharon Melton, Jay Doyle, Hobson Milton, Jessie Walker

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

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

Council Member Hobson Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Sharon Melton

Mayor Doyle called for the vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Hobson Milton
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Sharon Melton
<b>AYES:</b>	Bruce Carl, Erin Ethridge, Tamika Williams-Obeng, Sharon Melton, Jay Doyle, Hobson Milton, Jessie Walker

The Executive Session adjourned and the Special Meeting reconvened at 6:45pm.

- C. NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**
- D. City Council may take action on items discussed in Executive Session.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Council Member Hobson Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Sharon Melton  
Mayor Doyle called for the vote.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Hobson Milton
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Sharon Melton
<b>AYES:</b>	Bruce Carl, Erin Ethridge, Tamika Williams-Obeng, Sharon Melton, Jay Doyle, Hobson Milton, Jessie Walker

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Stephanie Buccione  
City Clerk

Date Approved: 06/18/26