



**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 17, 2020 – 5:30 PM
TELECONFERENCE**

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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 Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Mayor Pro Tempore Clarence C. Smalls
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Interim Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Human Resources/Risk Manager
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Ms. Angela Rambeau, Director of Planning and Community Development
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. 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. ROLL CALL

4. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barber rendered the invocation. Council Member Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. NOMINATIONS AND VOTE FOR MAYOR PRO TEMPORE TO SERVE THE REMAINING ONE YEAR OF A TWO YEAR PERIOD.

Mayor Barber opened the floor for nominations. Council Member Jayroe nominated Council Member Joseph and Council Member Milton nominated Council Member Smalls to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Council Member Joseph and Council Member Smalls accepted the nominations.

Motion to approve Council Member Al Joseph as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [2 TO 4]
AYES:	Jayroe, Joseph
NAYS:	Barber Sr., Humes, Milton, Smalls

Motion to approve Council Member Clarence C. Smalls as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 2]
AYES:	Barber Sr., Humes, Milton, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe, Joseph

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to receive citizen input concerning an ordinance authorizing Budget Amendments for FY 2020/2021 for a total of \$510,583 over multiple funds.

Mayor Barber opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting and announced no one submitted any input. The Public Hearing portion was closed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting and announced no one submitted any comments. The Public Comments portion was closed.

8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Chatman introduced Mr. Javon Jones, Mr. Aaron McGill, and Mr. Derek Drayton for the Public Works Department.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Chatman and congratulated him for his upcoming retirement at the end of the year.

9. PROCLAMATIONS

A. Motion to approve a Proclamation in honor of Joseph H. Rainey.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

10. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance Article XV, Section 1500, Establishment of Board of Zoning Appeals.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

- B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance rezoning approximately .5 acres of land, owned by Thomas & Stephanie McCall, located at 1012 Front Street, from Core Commercial (CC) to Residential (R4).**

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 1/21/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

11. FINANCE

- A. Motion to approve second reading of FY2021 Budget Amendments.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

12. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve the advancement of the Black River Road project planned by SCDOT. The project has significant utility (water, sewer, electrical) impacts and will also involve the removal of historic and non-historic Oak trees along this corridor.**

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

13. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Motion to approve an extension to an Emergency Ordinance requiring individuals to wear face coverings in certain establishments due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

- B. Motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance setting a Special Election in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Pro Tempore Rudolph A. Bradley.**

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 1/21/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

- C. Motion to approve first reading of revisions to Chapter 22 (Utilities), Article VI (Stormwater Utility) of the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances.**

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

D. Motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance to Amend Stormwater Utility Billing Structure and Adjust Rates.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Mayor Barber recommended to vote on first reading as it is tonight and then next month for second reading staff would come back with a solid rate.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

E. Motion to approve Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Policy.

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

F. Motion to approve Willis HR Consulting Services Agreement for a payment not to exceed \$38,000.00

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated the City has been approved for the full amount requested for reimbursement for sick leave and equipment purchased in the total of \$95,200 from the SC Cares Grant funding. She said the SC Department of Commerce approved our CDBG grant application for \$375,000 to demolish 25 vacant and dilapidated

structures in the West End. Dr. Yúdice confirmed we have 24 months from December 7, 2020 to complete the project. Dr. Yúdice stated there is a special condition for the grant and that is if demolition costs exceed \$10,000 per unit or property owner, a lien will be required. Dr. Yúdice thanked the Council of Governments and City staff for their hard work on this grant application. Dr. Yúdice stated over the last few weeks a clean sweep effort was completed on the West End. She said this area encompasses approximately 30 miles of streets. She reported the Public Works department collected 17 ½ tons of curbside debris and 1 ½ tons of litter, the Electric department chipped 7 ½ tons of cut vegetation, the Water department cleaned 40 catch basin grates, and the Police department collected 13 guns and 12.2 pounds of prescription medications. She said the Fire department did not receive any requests for smoke detectors, but they assisted with litter pick up. Dr. Yúdice said the next area for this project will be in Maryville in the spring of 2021. Dr. Yúdice stated in December 2019, Mayor and City Council approved an allocation of \$35,000 to Habitat for Humanity's Repair and Revitalization program. She said the funds assisted them in making repairs to homes of citizens in the West End. She reported they have repaired 13 houses, including 8 houses in the West End. These repairs include 80 windows, 2 ramps, 2 partial roofs, 4 new roofs, 5 doors, 80 gallons of paint, 320 linear feet of siding replaced, and 2 HVAC units. She confirmed the City's investment has made a successful impact on our community. Dr. Yúdice said DHEC has issued guidance for COVID-19 vaccine allocations that will include three phases. She said the first phase will focus efforts on healthcare personnel, people at high risk, and critical infrastructure workers. She said vaccination planning for first responders will be ongoing and blend with mission-critical healthcare workers in the short term. She said the Georgetown County Emergency Services is coordinating the logistics for the vaccine registration. She stated the vaccine will not be mandatory for City employees but we encourage getting it like we normally do with the annual flu vaccine. Dr. Yúdice congratulated Mr. Tim Chatman who has submitted his notification that he will retire on January 1, 2021. She said Mr. Chatman has been with the City for 4 ½ years as Streets and Sanitation Manager.

15. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of November 19, 2020 Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

16. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

17. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Humes stated concern in regards to contracting the demolition work for the CDBG grant. He recommended local contractors should be awarded the work and negotiations should be considered, especially if one contractor is awarded all 25 demolitions, to keep the cost under \$10,000 per job so no liens would have to be dispersed. Council Member Humes requested Dr. Yúdice and Mrs. Bivens discuss with Council the reimbursement funds for the Santee Cooper settlement. Dr. Yúdice said this topic will be brought to Council at the January workshop.

18. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Barber announced the department monthly reports are included in the agenda for Council's review.

- A. November 2020 Electric Utility Department Report**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report_November 2020**
- C. November 2020 Fire Report**
- D. November 2020 Fleet service Report**
- E. GPD - November 2020 Monthly Report**
- F. November 2020 Human Resources/Risk Management Report**
- G. November 2020 Municipal Court Report**
- H. November 2020 Planning & Community Development Report**
- I. November 2020 Public Works Department Report**
- J. November 2020 Water Utilities Report**
- K. November 2020 Finance and IT Monthly Reports**

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)(2) to discuss an addendum to an agreement for temporary services with Mrs. Debra Bivens as Interim Director of Finance; to present the recommended candidate to fill the Finance Director position; to review a performance evaluation for Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator, one year anniversary; and to discuss proposed contractual arrangements for the GBA to serve as the City's Designation Marketing Organization.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Joseph, Milton, Smalls
AWAY:	Jayroe, Humes

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:49pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

Motion to approve an addendum to an agreement for temporary services of Mrs. Debra L. Bivens as an Interim Director of Finance Consultant.

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Joseph, Milton, Smalls
AWAY:	Jayroe, Humes

Motion to approve the City Administrator to enter into negotiations with the Georgetown Business Association (GBA) to be the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for the City of Georgetown for the remainder of FY2021 and beyond.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Joseph, Milton, Smalls
AWAY:	Jayroe, Humes

20. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Joseph, Milton, Smalls
AWAY:	Jayroe, Humes

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 01/21/21