



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

JULY 18, 2024 – 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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Jimmy Morris

Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney

Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk

Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician

Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer

Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department

Deputy Chief Nelson Brown, Georgetown Police Department

Mr. Ryan Call, Building Inspector

Mr. Peter Gaytan, Planning & Community Development

Mr. Orlando Arteaga, City Engineer

Mr. Ryan Courtemanche, Electric Utility Manager

Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Finance Director

Mrs. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Manager

Mr. Al Joseph, Main Street Director

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Carol 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 Carl introduced Mrs. Marcy Carl to render the invocation and Mr. Laverne Rush to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Sheldon Butts. Mr. Butts stated he is concerned with the approval of a contract to Saint Frances Animal Shelter for \$85,000. He stated he is an animal lover, but he is more concerned with people that don't have shelter or means to get out of the hot or cold weather. He said that he has visited neighboring communities and some of them are able to provide shelter and air conditioning during the hottest hours of the day.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Courtemanche introduced Carl Grantham as the new Tree Supervisor for the Electric department. Mrs. Vermeland introduced Ms. Jennie Weaver and Ms. Mahalia Gethers- for the Finance department.

6. PRESENTATION

A. Lions Club Presentation to City Council

Members of the Lions Club presented a check for \$500.00 to the City of Georgetown to purchase shovels and sandbags to assist residents during the hurricane and storm season.

7. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve an ordinance approving a lease agreement for the use of public property for a food truck vendor.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements. Mr. Joseph pointed out a correction from the first reading last month. He said the first reading last month stated the lease agreement would begin at the time of approval but the six-month lease agreement has been revised to start on the first day of operation.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

8. BUILDING

A. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending the City of Georgetown's Ordinance Chapter 5, Article I, Section 5-3, Expiration of Building Permits

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Carl.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Bruce Carl, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

9. POLICE

A. Motion to approve by resolution a Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office and to authorize the Chief of Police to execute it.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Ethridge.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Erin Ethridge, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

B. Motion to approve a contract with Saint Francis Animal Shelter in the amount of \$85,000.00 using fiscal year 2024 / 2025 budgeted funds.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Mayor Jayroe.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Mayor
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

10. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Motion to approve two quarterly payments to SCMIT in the amount of \$230,563.00 for Workers Compensation Insurance.

Council Member Ethridge moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Erin Ethridge, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

B. Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$631,886.00 to SCMIRF Semiannual billing for liability Insurance.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Carl.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Bruce Carl, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

11. ENGINEERING

A. Motion to approve an ordinance for road closing of 17-Foot Alley and Easement located behind existing Front Street parking lot between Cleland and Dozier Streets.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Ethridge.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 8/15/2024 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Erin Ethridge, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

12. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Motion to approve an annual contract for commercial dumpster collections for Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of \$95,000 and make payments to Wrangler Holdco Corp. d/b/a GFL Environmental Company.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Mayor Jayroe.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Mayor
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

13. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. Motion to approve a contract in the amount of \$134,500.00 for the GIS Electric System Mapping work scope and award the contract to UTEC Engineering Corp.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Carl.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Bruce Carl, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

- B. Motion to approve purchasing a Terex TC55 Optima 4x2 bucket truck for the Electric Dept in the amount of \$240,000 with FY25 funds.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Carl.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Bruce Carl, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

- C. Motion to approve a contract in the amount of \$125,000.00 for Tree Clearance Contractor services and award contract to Xylem 1 LLC.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Ethridge.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Erin Ethridge, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

D. Motion to approve a contract in the amount of \$590,000.00 to Sumter Utilities for distribution line contractor services.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Carl.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Bruce Carl, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

14. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of June 20, 2024 Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Carl.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Bruce Carl, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

15. OLD BUSINESS

None

16. NEW BUSINESS

None

17. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- A. Electric Department Monthly Report
- B. Engineering Department Monthly Report
- C. Fire Department Monthly Report
- D. Fleet Service June Report
- E. Municipal Court Monthly Report
- F. Planning & Community Development Monthly Report
- G. Police Department Monthly Report
- H. Public Works Monthly Report
- I. Risk Management Monthly Report
- J. Water Utilities Monthly Report
- K. Finance and IT Department Monthly Report

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

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Sheldon Butts. Mr. Butts stated he visited neighboring communities and he found out some of them are able to provide cooling or heating stations for people in need through Red Cross and the Salvation Army. He said that extreme heat and cold are considered disasters and that is why the Red Cross and the Salvation Army are able to get involved to assist. Mr. Butts requested the City work with the County and School District to come up with a plan for the Red Cross and the Salvation Army to assist people in need of shelter during the extreme heat and cold temperatures throughout the year.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (1)(2) to discuss appointments/reappointments to the City Boards/Commissions and the Georgetown Housing Authority and to receive quarterly legal update from the city attorney on pending cases and cases adjudicated since last update.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Angner moved. seconded by Council Member Carl.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Bruce Carl, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:30pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

20. APPOINTMENT

Motion to reappoint Lynn Robb and appoint Ede Graves (contingent on her resignation to the BZA) to the Architectural Review Board.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Jayroe.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

Mayor Pro Tempore recused himself from voting pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Section 8-13-750 that states "No public official, public member, or public employee may cause the employment, appointment, promotion, transfer, or advancement of a family member to a state or local office or position in which the public official, public member, or public employee supervises or manages."

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Mayor
AYES:	Angner, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng
RECUSED:	Clements

Motion to reappoint Ginger Gray, Laura Hutto, and Cary Farrow to the A-Tax/H-Tax Committee.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Jayroe.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Mayor
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

Motion to reappoint Madden Freiberg and Nick Robinson to the Community Appearance Board.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Carl.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Bruce Carl, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

Motion to appoint Andrew Friedman to the Arts & Cultural Commission.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Ethridge.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Erin Ethridge, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

Motion to reappoint Tomas Langley and allow Betty Wilson to continue to serve until a replacement for her is found on the Georgetown Housing Authority Board of Directors.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Carl.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Bruce Carl, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe
ABSENT:	Morris, Obeng

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 08/15/24