



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**AUGUST 22, 2024 – 5:00 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
AND LIVESTREAM:**

<https://www.facebook.com/cityoftown/>

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

Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Mr. Scott Whittier, City Administrator
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician
Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer
Ms. Amy Skidmore, Georgetown Fire Department Office Manager
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, City Engineer
Ms. Kara Hamilton, Human Resources Manager
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Finance Director
Mrs. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Manager
Mr. Ryan Courtemanche, Electric Utility Manager
Mr. Al Joseph, Main Street Director

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Carol Jayroe 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. T2 Systems presentation on parking solutions

Mayor Jayroe introduced Mr. Clint Sparks from T2 Systems. Mr. Sparks provided an overview of municipal parking problems and concerns in the community. He stated there are different solutions to overcome parking problems. He described different solutions for paid parking that included time limited parking, permits and enforcement, and parking kiosks. He explained how the permits and enforcement software is easy to manage. Mr. Sparks reviewed parking kiosks and mobile payments for parking solutions. He explained the steps needed for a paid parking plan for the city. He presented a recommended solution with estimated pricing for the city and gave an overview of different pricing examples. Mayor Pro Tempore Clements stated a paid parking solution should be thought of as a long-term solution and suggested a fee for parking after the two-hour limit. Council Member Angner asked about clarification on the estimated ROI for the city on \$7,256. for annual recurring fees for parking management software. Mr. Sparks stated the fee includes the software licenses and hardware. Council Member Angner stated for the record "I want to point out, that's exorbitant. Maybe by year two, it's \$4200, but by year five that should be a small fraction of the original price." Mr. Sparks said the quote presented is generalized and he can provide a further detailed quote. Council Member Obeng asked about the maintenance of the parking kiosks. Mr. Sparks said they are relatively low maintenance.

4. MAIN STREET UPDATE

Mr. Joseph stated many people only see him attend high level events but do not know what his role is on a day-to-day basis. He stated he attends five Main Street meetings annually. He said he is the city liaison for the GBA, the Arts & Cultural Commission, the Growers Farmers Market, and the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Joseph said he attends many meetings involving these groups. He said he also serves on the board for the Smith Clinic and Teach My People. He stated he has done over 20 interviews with media to boost tourism in the city and has attended many ribbon cutting ceremonies for local businesses. Mr. Joseph said when he attended the Governor's Conference on Travel and Tourism, he made a connection with an international marketing group called Tourism Exchange USA to assist the city's museums, tour guides, and lodging opportunities. He said it has been very successful. He said he facilitated an episode on American Dream Television for Georgetown and it will be a recurring event. Mr. Joseph said he has collaborated with a national travel magazine and the city's designated marketing organization to assist with opportunities for the historic business district. Mr. Joseph said he has had numerous meetings with the Decorative Arts Trust. He said this is an international arts group and 50-60 members will be coming to Georgetown in November for a meeting. He said he has arranged for them to tour the city's major landmarks. Mr. Joseph jokingly said he brought Chick-Fila to the city. He said Bethel AME is hosting a conference and bringing approximately 1,000 visitors to the city on

September 11-14th. He stated he put together discount packages for the attendees to tour the Kaminski House, the Gullah Museum, and the Maritime Museum. Mr. Joseph said he has been working with CORA and they have a sailboat race from Charleston to Georgetown this week. He said the race consists of 16-35 sailboats and they have reservations at our local restaurants. Mr. Joseph shared a handout of different banner styles he is working for the city with the Arts & Cultural Commission. He said he is working with the GBA on planning the Christmas parade and he will be assisting with the parade for Melissa Jefferson in October.

5. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to amend rates and fees for the city of Georgetown's raw water services.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice related to the defense of threatened or potential legal claims or the position of the city in other adversary situations involving assertion of a claim.

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, Morris, Obeng, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe

Special Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Special Meeting.

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, Morris, Obeng, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe

Executive Session adjourned and Special Meeting reconvened at 6:20pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Morris moved, seconded by Council Member Obeng.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tamika Williams Obeng, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Ethridge, Carl, Jayroe

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 09/19/24