

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC
APRIL 19, 2007**

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The Regular Meeting of City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Lynn Wood Wilson presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

	Mayor Lynn Wood Wilson	
Councilmember Brendon M. Barber, Sr.		Councilmember Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Councilmember Rudolph A. Bradley		Councilmember Clarence C. Smalls
Councilmember Paige B. Sawyer, III		Councilmember Peggy P. Wayne

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Steven E. Thomas, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Mrs. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mr. Glenn Dixon, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent
Chief Dan Furr, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Sterling Geathers, Public Works Director
Mrs. Lynn Griffith, Information Technology Director
Mrs. Katrina Lawrimore, Director of Kaminski House Museum
Mr. Alan Loveless, Electric Utility Director
Mr. Lane Mixon, Manager of Water/Wastewater/Stormwater
Mrs. Sabrina Morris, Director of Development
Chief Joey Tanner, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Keith Wilson, Keep Georgetown Beautiful Executive Director

NEWS MEDIA

Georgetown Times – Scott Harper

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Mayor Wilson opened the Regular Meeting of City Council at 5:30 PM with a moment of silence for the victims at Virginia Tech.

Call to Order

Mayor Wilson read a prayer written by President George Washington and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Comment Section.

Public Comments

Mr. Reese Cox expressed his concerns about traffic/speeding on Martin Street, Place by the Bay, and asked about the possibility of a speed bump being installed. Mayor Wilson asked Chief Furr to talk with Mr. Cox.

Mayor Wilson asked that all non-emergency electronic devices and cell phones be turned off during the Council Meeting.

Mr. Phillip Lammonds of 502 Prince Street, expressed concerns about vehicles speeding and asked the City to take a look at the situation and consider a four-way stop sign at the corner of Prince and Cannon. Mayor Wilson asked Chief Furr to contact Mr. Lammonds.

Mr. Jeepy Ford stated his opposition to Georgetown County purchasing an historic home and converting it into county offices.

Mr. Dan Ray of 732 Prince Street, spoke against Georgetown County converting a home in the R-4 district to government offices.

Mayor Wilson closed the Public Comment section at 5:45 PM.

Public Comments Closed

City Council viewed the character trait of the month video on Cautiousness.

Character Trait Video

On behalf of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Mrs. Elizabeth Krauss presented the 2006 Silver Palmetto Award to the City of Georgetown and its citizens for exemplary support of people with disabilities and special needs.

2006 Silver Palmetto Award

Mrs. Sabrina Morris presented an ordinance for first reading to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the addition of Section XVI to establish a Design Overlay District for the corridors within the City.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE ADDITION OF SECTION XVI TO ESTABLISH A DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR THE CORRIDORS WITHIN THE CITY, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**1st Reading –
Overlay District**

Mrs. Sabrina Morris presented an ordinance for first reading to amend the Zoning Ordinance BY DELETING Section 713 PD District (Planned Development) in its entirety and replace with a newly revised Section 713 PD District (Planned Development).

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY DELETING SECTION 713 PD DISTRICT (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACE WITH A NEWLY REVISED SECTION 713 PD DISTRICT (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT), SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. Mayor Wilson and Councilmembers Barber, Bradley and Smalls voted in favor. Councilmembers Sawyer, Scoville and Wayne voted against. **THE MOTION CARRIED 4-3.**

**1st Reading – PD
District**

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON AN UPCOMING PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD REMOVE GOVERNMENT OFFICES FROM THE R-4 DISTRICT, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

Executive Session

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO REOPEN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

**Reopen Regular
Meeting**

The Regular Meeting was reopened at 6:10 PM.

Mrs. Sabrina Morris presented an ordinance for first reading to amend the Zoning Ordinance to remove government offices from the R-4 District and invoke pending ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REMOVE GOVERNMENT OFFICES FROM THE R-4 DISTRICT AND INVOKE PENDING ORDINANCE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**1st Reading –
Remove Govt.
Offices from R-4
and Invoke
Pending
Ordinance**

Mr. Scoville stated it would be a good idea to identify all the governmental offices in R-4 zones to date, that are going to be made non-conforming by the adoption of this ordinance. Mrs. Morris said this would be carried out by GIS mapping.

Presentation of the Distinguished Budget Award will be deferred until a later date.

Mr. Walt Ackerman requested Council approval for a lease to purchase two (2) knuckle boom trucks for the Waste Management Department in the amount of \$223,076.75 and the accompanying Resolution.

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE LEASE TO PURCHASE TWO (2) KNUCKLE BOOM TRUCKS FOR THE WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$223,076.75 AND THE ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Approve Lease
Purchase of two
(2) Knuckle Boom
Trucks**

Mr. Lane Mixon presented a contract with Am-Liner East, Inc. for Fraser Street wastewater rehabilitation in the amount of \$88,556.00. This is a budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH AM-LINER EAST, INC. FOR FRASER STREET WASTEWATER REHABILITATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,556.00, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Contract with Am-
Liner East for
Wastewater
Rehabilitation on
Fraser Street**

Mr. Keith Wilson provided an update on the river sweep and the Morgan Park Archaeological dig. He reported 1) river sweep a success and the Lion's club provided a hot dog lunch at noon and 2) the archaeology team located the site of Fort Winyah.

KGB

Mr. Steve Thomas asked Council to amend the agenda in order to consider a Resolution in Support of the Port of Georgetown.

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA AND TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PORT OF GEORGETOWN, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Resolution –
Support Port of
Georgetown**

Mr. Thomas told Council staff has had contact with two developers who have shown interest in two new affordable housing projects located by the High School on Church Street. Both Developers are involved in the SC State Housing Finance and Development Authority Tax Credit Program and seek hard support or financial concessions for their projects. The State deadline for applications in this funding cycle is early June. He said on November 17, 2005, Council approved a policy as well as the waiver of building permit fees and water and sewer tap fees for the Parent Eagle project (policy and portion of Council minutes included in agenda). Water and sewer impact fees were not in place at this time. Council has also previously considered and approved fee waivers for other comparable projects as well as Habitat for Humanity.

**Consideration of
Economic
Incentives**

Mr. Thomas wanted to give notice to Council that two developers will be coming before them in the near future requesting the waiver of all fees associated in the policy.

When questioned by Mayor Wilson, Mrs. Morris said the zoning on both sides of the road allows for this use. Councilmember Sawyer asked about the possibility of the developer building single family residences to fill the needs of affordable housing instead of housing projects of this nature. Mrs. Morris said she would ask both if they would consider this suggestion.

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DATED MARCH 15, 2007, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Approve Minutes –
Regular Mtg.
03/15/07**

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MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

Adjourn Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: 06-21-07
VERIFYING INITIALS: _____

