

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC
JUNE 21, 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. Glen Dixon, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent
Major Johnnie Deas, Georgetown Police Department
Mrs. Katrina Lawrimore, Director of Kaminski House Museum
Mr. Alan Loveless, Electric Utility Director
Mrs. Jessica Miller, Director of Finance
Mr. Lane Mixon, Manager of Water/Wastewater/Stormwater
Mrs. Sabrina Morris, Director of Development
Assistant Chief Bill Johnson, 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.

Call to Order

Councilmember Wayne rendered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation and Pledge

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

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Comment Section at 5:33 PM.

Public Comments

Mr. James Muns of Belle Isle addressed Council concerning the proposed water rates for customers outside the city limits and asked that they consider changing the water rates to what the customers consider being affordable and to treat them fairly.

Mrs. Nancy Corrigan of Belle Isle addressed Council and expressed her opposition to the proposed water rates for customers outside the city limits being raised 100%. She asked that the percentage be lowered to a reasonable rate.

Mr. Steve Reardon of Belle Isle addressed Council and expressed his opposition to the proposed water rates for customers outside the city limits.

Mr. Jim Ralston of Belle Isle addressed Council and asked them to think about the proposed water rate increase to customers outside the city limits and consider if this is the right thing to do.

Mr. Steve Thomas indicated he had spoken with Kim Lambert and Randy Shaw who expressed their concerns regarding the proposed water rate increase.

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

Public Comments Closed

Mayor Wilson said the Knuckle boom truck was outside in the parking lot for anyone who may be interested.

Mr. Alan Loveless recognized James Cribb and Brian Bone, two employees from the Electric Department, who recently completed a four-year municipal lineman training program and presented each with a certificate.

Employee Recognition

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NAMING JUNE AS SAFETY MONTH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mrs. Cindi Howard recognized three members of the Safety Committee, Cindy Kinder, Will Cook and Daniella Howard and thanked them for their hard work in assisting the City with all the safety incentive programs. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Resolution – June Safety Month

Mr. Keith Wilson introduced Dr. Stephen McBride an archaeologist with Wilbur Smith Associates. Dr. McBride reviewed a power point presentation that included findings from the archaeological report of Morgan Park... 'Looking for Fort Winyah.' The archaeological investigations were directed towards locating Fort Winyah built in 1809 and garrisoned during the War of 1812. In order to meet these goals, a variety of methods were used, including metal detecting, shovel test probes, test units and trenches. Excavation of shovel test probes and test units resulted in the identification of several layers of fill, midden from a twentieth-century building and brick rubble near the water table that is believed to be associated with Fort Winyah. Additional architectural features were identified in the trenches that are associated with Fort Winyah. Intact brick was located in one trench and wood pilings and boards were identified in another trench. Based on archival material, particularly maps and drawings of the Fort and the identification of archaeological remains associated with Fort Winyah, it is concluded that the Fort is located in Morgan Park. The identification of intact subsurface remains of Fort Winyah indicates the site has integrity and is potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Additional research is required to determine the eligibility of the site.

Morgan Park Archaeological Report

Mr. Keith Wilson presented a final report on the Great American Cleanup which was held March 1, 2007 through May 31, 2007. The goal was to have 500 volunteers to cleanup and beautify all areas of the City of Georgetown and support efforts in the county. KGB held 32 events with over 880 volunteers. Over 12,680 pounds of litter was collected in the City and 15,660 pounds was collected in the county. Mr. Wilson thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support.

KGB Update

Mayor Wilson said he was handed a note indicating citizens may be present who planned to speak in public comments about the sign ordinance. He asked if anyone present desired to address Council. There was no response.

Mrs. Morris presented a combination second reading to amend (1) Zoning Ordinance to rezone approximately 9.41 acres owned by Fred Majors located on Highway 17 (Charleston Highway) from low density residential to General Commercial and (2) Future Land Use Map to allow for the designation of General Commercial on the parcels requesting rezoning. The Planning Commission reviewed the request for the rezoning on April 24, 2007 and unanimously recommended the rezoning and updating the future land use map.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING TO AMEND (1) ZONING ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 9.41 ACRES OWNED BY FRED MAJORS LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 17 (CHARLESTON HIGHWAY) FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND (2) FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO ALLOW FOR THE DESIGNATION OF GENERAL COMMERCIAL ON THE PARCELS REQUESTING REZONING, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**2ND Reading –
Rezone 9.41 Acres
on US 17 S from
Low Density
Residential to GC
& Update Future
Land Use Map**

Mrs. Morris presented a combination second reading to amend (1) Zoning Ordinance to rezone approximately 1.35 acres owned by Eric Supina located on Highway 17 (Charleston Highway) from low density residential to General Commercial and (2) Future Land Use Map to allow for the designation of General Commercial on the parcels requesting rezoning. This property is just below Fred Majors property and also fronts on US 17. The Planning Commission reviewed the request for the rezoning on April 24, 2007 and unanimously recommended the rezoning and updating the future land use map.

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**2ND Reading –
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Land Use Map**

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for second reading to establish fees for the Geographical Information Systems mapping functions in the City of Georgetown.

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR THE GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS MAPPING FUNCTIONS IN THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

2ND Reading –
Establish GIS
Fees

Councilmember Wayne recused herself from any participation in the following item because she is director of the Harborwalk Festival and they are requesting funding.

**Mrs. Wayne
Recused**

On behalf of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, Mrs. Jessica Miller presented FY 2008 accommodations tax funding award totaling \$21,030 for approval. Recommendations were Downtown Business Association rack cards/distribution \$2,920; Harborwalk Inc. for Harborwalk Festival \$4,000; Indigo Choral Society Fourth of July Concert \$5,291 and Swamp Fox Players advertising \$8,819.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE FY 2008 ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUNDING AWARD TOTALING \$21,030, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **MAYOR WILSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS BARBER, BRADLEY, SAWYER, SCOVILLE AND SMALLS VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE WAS RECUSED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1.**

Approve FY 2008
A-tax Funding

Mrs. Miller presented first reading on an ordinance to amend the water utility rates contained in the City Clerk's Official Record of Utility Rates, Deposits and Miscellaneous Fees and Charges for the City of Georgetown, SC.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WATER UTILITY RATES CONTAINED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICIAL RECORD OF UTILITY RATES, DEPOSITS AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM

1ST Reading
Amend Water
Rates for Outside
City Customers

BARBER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Sawyer suggested that perhaps a letter could have been sent to the Belle Isle Homeowners Association notifying them of the City's intentions. He said maybe a 50 percent increase should be proposed instead of 100 percent. Mrs. Miller said based on discussions with Council as a group concerning annexation as well as 'cost to serve' and the desire for the enterprise funds to be self sufficient, an increase for outside customers was proposed. There is a cost to provide city services to those who live outside the city limits. Councilmember Bradley said you have to look at what the citizens of Georgetown are paying as opposed to what they are getting. In order to make sure they (residents outside the City) are paying their fair share of what it cost us to service them, he does not see how the increase can be avoided. The price can't stay there forever and expect the citizens of Georgetown to pay. Councilmember Smalls asked if the rated increase could be 50 percent. Mrs. Miller said Council will make that decision...some increase is better than none. It will affect the fund balance. Mayor Pro Tem Barber said the enterprise funds need to become self sufficient. Mr. Thomas stated he wants to meet with the folks at Belle Isle, whether or nor Council increases the rates, to talk with them about annexation. Mayor Wilson called for the question.

MAYOR WILSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS BARBER, BRADLEY, SCOVILLE, SMALLS AND WAYNE VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER VOTED NO. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

Mrs. Miller presented first reading on an ordinance to amend the wastewater utility rates contained in the City Clerk's Official Record of Utility Rates, Deposits and Miscellaneous Fees and Charges for the City of Georgetown, SC.

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WASTEWATER UTILITY RATES CONTAINED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICIAL RECORD OF UTILITY RATES, DEPOSITS AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **MAYOR WILSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS BARBER, BRADLEY, SCOVILLE, SMALLS AND WAYNE VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER VOTED NO. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1.**

1ST Reading
Amend
Wastewater Rates
for Outside City
Customers

Councilmember Wayne requested the meeting with Belle Isle be held as soon as possible.

Mrs. Miller presented first reading on an ordinance to amend the tax millage for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 for the City of Georgetown, SC, to the extent of the increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers. The CPI, 3.2%, equates to 2.62 mills.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TAX MILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008 FOR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC, TO THE EXTENT OF THE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **MAYOR WILSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS BARBER, BRADLEY, SCOVILLE, SMALLS AND WAYNE VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER VOTED NO. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1.**

**1ST Reading
Amend Tax
Millage by CPI**

Mrs. Miller presented first reading on an ordinance to adopt a budget and raise revenue for the City of Georgetown, SC for the FY ending June 30, 2008.

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET AND RAISE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC FOR THE FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2008, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Bradley asked the City Attorney about the wording in Section 6 dealing with the City Administrator duties and obligations. Mrs. Crosby said Council can pass this as written. Councilmember Wayne questioned why the Kaminski House and store and the Winyah Auditorium were placed in the Hospitality Tax Fund. Mrs. Miller reminded Mrs. Wayne this was done because the funds were being transferred from Hospitality and this will make it easier. Kaminski House will be a separate department of the Hospitality Fund. Councilmember Smalls asked if the \$5,000 for a flat screen TV for the Council Chamber was still in the budget. Mrs. Miller said it was in the budget; however, she understands Council wants a less expensive route and will certainly make sure that is done, unless Council chooses to remove the TV completely. Mr. Smalls questioned the funds proposed for

**1ST Reading Adopt
a Budget and
Raise Revenue**

sidewalks on Duke Street. Mr. Thomas answered this is just material costs. Mr. Geathers plans for his department to provide labor. Mr. Smalls also asked about the stump grinder. Mr. Loveless said it is not safe to continue using the grinder they currently have. Mrs. Wayne questioned the \$150,000 for boat landing, Riverside. Mr. Loveless said he does not have any firm plans from the developer. The amount would be for underground three phase primary and a piece of underground switch gear that will allow them to spread out and take some feeders in different directions. He said if the development does not occur this year, there will be no need to spend the money. Mrs. Miller said it is planned to fund the remaining capital items through a lease purchase agreement. Mr. Bradley said he is not comfortable voting on what he refers to as "if then" dollars for capital expenses. He is concerned whether this money will be spent. Discussions continued. Mayor Pro Tem Barber said with government agencies, it is best to leave the line items as they are dictated by the project. It helps to maintain some type of balance in managing the entire budget. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Mayor Wilson asked Council to meet with Mrs. Miller before the next meeting if they have any other concerns.

Mr. Lane Mixon presented a proposal from R. L. Morrison and Sons in the amount of \$57,835 for Abandoned Vessel Removal Project. This is a budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM R. L. MORRISON AND SONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,835 FOR ABANDONED VESSEL REMOVAL PROJECT, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Councilmember Scoville recused himself on any participation in the following item because he represents Winyah Bay Holdings, LLC.

Mr. Mixon requested approval for reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$238,150.00 to Winyah Bay Holdings for a wastewater pump station and force main at South Island Plantation, per development agreement. This is a budgeted item.

Approve Proposal from R.L. Morrison re. Abandoned Vessel Removal Project

Mr. Scoville Recused

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE REIMBURSE OF EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$238,150.00 TO WINYAH BAY HOLDINGS FOR A WASTEWATER PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAIN AT SOUTH ISLAND PLANTATION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **MAYOR WILSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS BARBER, BRADLEY, SAWYER, SMALLS AND WAYNE VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE WAS RECUSED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1.**

Approve Payment to Winyah Bay Holdings

Mr. Mixon requested approval of Change Order from FBI Construction in the amount of \$14,780 for Front Street Streetscape Phase II. This is budgeted.

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FROM FBI CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,780 FOR FRONT STREET STREETScape PHASE II, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Change Order from FBI re. Front St. Streetscape Phase II

Mr. Mixon updated Council on the US 17 drainage improvement project. He and Steve Thomas met with Thalle, the low bid contractor, on June 1, 2007. They were fairly receptive to extending their bid. DOT in Columbia is pretty confident that if we scale this project back, they will still commit their \$2.6 million dollars. We are supposed to hear from the Federal Highway Administration by Monday on their \$2 million dollars. Mr. Thomas said he attended two delegation meetings, one in March 2006 and one in January of 2007. He took packets about the drainage project to both meetings and disseminated to all the legislative folks that were there. After further discussions that included flooding issues, Councilmember Wayne said this is the low country and she doesn't think we need to do anything except pave the road.

Update on US 17 Drainage Project

Mrs. Katrina Lawrimore presented a request on behalf of the Downtown Business Association to change the date of the Georgetown Christmas Parade from Sunday, December 2, 2007 to Saturday, December 1, 2007.

Councilmember Wayne said she wanted to make some comments before the motion because she will have to recuse herself from any participation due to the fact she is director of the Christmas Parade.

Mrs. Wayne Recused

She stated she has directed the parade for the last ten years and it has been held on Friday, Saturday, Saturday night and is currently held on Sunday. If it is held on Saturday, there could be no parking on Front Street and she will not be able to direct the parade. There is a lot less static with the merchants when the parade is held on Sunday. Mayor Wilson said it sounds that DBA has given this some thought and it's worth a try.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE GEORGETOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE FROM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2007 TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2007, SECONDED BY MAYOR WILSON. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Bradley said, in theory activities, festivals and such generally attract people to businesses...and it is worth a try. Councilmember Sawyer said he would like to see it tried on Saturday; however, his concern is if people who were coming to Georgetown that did not know about the parade would get here, find the roads blocked and turn around and go some other place. Mayor Wilson pointed out the downtown merchants have requested this change and evidently think it is worth trying. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **MAYOR WILSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS BARBER, BRADLEY, SAWYER, SCOVILLE AND SMALLS VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE WAS RECUSED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1.**

Approve Request to Change Date of Christmas Parade

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING DATED APRIL 5, 2007, BUDGET WORKSHOPS DATED APRIL 17TH, APRIL 26TH AND MAY 10, 2007, AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL DATED APRIL 19TH AND MAY 17, 2007, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Minutes 4/5/07, 4/17/07, 4/19/07, 4/26/07, 5/10/07, 5/17/07

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 30-4-70(a)(1) TO DISCUSS POLICE CHIEF APPLICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT TO THE KEEP GEORGETOWN BEAUTIFUL BOARD AND 30-4-70(a)(2) TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSED SALE OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY CONCERNING ST. FRANCES

Enter Executive Session

HUMANE SOCIETY AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE CONCERNING CITY INMATE CHARGES, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

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

Reopen Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was reopened at 8:06 PM.

Mayor Wilson announced that no formal action was taken in Executive Session.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPOINT FOSTINA SHUBRICK AND IDELLA THOMPSON TO THE KGB BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Appointments to KGB Board of Directors

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

Adjourn Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: 07/19/07
VERIFYING INITIALS:_____

