

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC
AUGUST 16, 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 Rudolph A. Bradley		Councilmember Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Councilmember Paige B. Sawyer, III		Councilmember Clarence C. Smalls

Mayor Pro Tem Brendon M. Barber, Sr. and Councilmember Peggy P. Wayne were absent from the meeting.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Captain Nelson Brown, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent
Assistant Chief Bill Johnson, Georgetown Fire 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
Mr. Keith Wilson, Keep Georgetown Beautiful Executive Director

NEWS MEDIA

Georgetown Times – Scott Harper
Sun News – Kelly Fuller

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Mayor Wilson opened the Regular Meeting of City Council at 5:30 PM.

Call to Order

Councilmember Sawyer rendered the invocation and Mayor Wilson 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 5:37 PM.

Public Comments

Ms. Jeanette Ard addressed City Council with concerns she has with the Building and Planning Department staff and asked Council to look into the matter. She said they are not being helpful to business people and her privacy is being invaded.

Mr. Jeepy Ford expressed his opposition to removing the parallel parking in front of his business, Parrish Motor Company, on US Highway 17. This space serves as a barrier for his business during flooding. He is very much in favor of a left turn lane at Front and Fraser Streets.

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

Character Trait Video

Captain Nelson Brown, GPD introduced a new employee, Mr. Chris White, to City Council.

New Employees

Assistant Fire Chief Bill Johnson introduced two new employees to City Council. Mr. Phillip Johnson and Mr. Chris Miranda.

Mayor Wilson recognized team member Joanna Powell and coach Nelson Brown of the Georgetown County Dixie Debs 2007 World Series Champions. Coach Brown said Joanna closed the last game for the team and led them to a victory. Coach Brown noted coaches Rick Klees and Miranda Klees could not be present tonight. Unfortunately team members Ashley Czechner, Mary Ellen Morris, Tiffany Gamble, Brook Brown, Nicole Legg, Amber Mahaffey, Cea Knox, Taffeny Hall, Kayla Munnerlyn, Jamie Johnson and Evan Childs were either at work, college, playing ball or on vacation and could not attend tonight's meeting. Coach Brown said they are deeply proud of each member and their accomplishment. Mayor Wilson read and presented proclamations for each coach and team member.

Proclamation – Georgetown County Dixie Debs 2007 World Series Champions

WHEREAS, the Georgetown County Dixie Debs are one of the 11-team All Star fast pitch softball teams; and

WHEREAS, the twelve dedicated members of the Georgetown County Dixie Debs include Brook Brown, Evan Childs, Ashley Czechner, Tiffany Gamble, Taffeny Hall, Jamie Johnson, Cea Knox, Nicole Legg, Amber Mahaffey, Mary Ellen Morris, Kayla Munnerlyn and Joanna Powell; and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown County Dixie Debs are coached by Nelson Brown, Miranda Klees, Rick Klees and Pat Wilds; and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown County Dixie Debs won the District tournament in Georgetown, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown County Dixie Debs continued on to Hartsville, South Carolina where they won and became the South Carolina State Champions of Dixie Debs Softball; and

WHEREAS, the Georgetown County Dixie Debs earned the right to represent South Carolina in the World Series in Marianna, Florida; and

WHEREAS, through their character and determination, the Georgetown County Dixie Debs won South Carolina's first ever World Series Championship title.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, and on behalf of our City Council, I hereby proclaim Georgetown, South Carolina to be the home of the

**GEORGETOWN COUNTY DIXIE DEBS
2007 WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS**

and encourage all citizens of the City and County to show their support and pride for these exceptional young ladies.

SIGNED AND DATED this 16TH day of August 2007.

Mayor Wilson presented a plaque to the City on behalf of The South Carolina American Legion Baseball 2007, in appreciation for hosting

**Plaque Presented
to City from SC
American Legion
Baseball 2007**

the State Tournament.

Mr. Ernie Nance presented the Morgan Park Task Force final report with a series of recommendations. The Task Force talked with residents and experts and conducted a great deal of research. A list of sources for financing the project has been prepared. This should be a prioritized, phased program. The Task Force recommends Council's approval of the Plan in order to move forward. Mr. Nance emphasized the fact that the Task Force is not saying they are finished. They're willing to stay and help the City implement the Plan. They want to help put the Friends group in place, create the memorial tree and bench program, coordinate the Morgan Park Plan with the development of the ongoing County master plan, develop a partnership with Francis Marion Trail Commission and seek historical status for the Fort Winyah site. The Francis Marion Trail Commission was appointed by the State one or two year ago. They have determined four interpretative centers will be created in a ten-county area. After hearing of our work on Fort Winyah they are willing to establish one of the centers here. We were rated number one of all the four centers they have identified because of the interest expressed by the Task Force. In closing, Mr. Nance thanked City Council for their continued support of the project, Mr. Jason Luquire and Cravens Grant for the donation that matched the OCRM Grant, members of the Morgan Park Task Force and City staff. Mr. Thomas thanked Mr. Nance, Keith Wilson and the entire Task Force as well as Mrs. Ellen Nespeca, former KGB Director.

Mrs. Sabrina Morris presented an ordinance for first reading to amend the Land Development Regulations to include Section 700: Traffic Impact Study Requirements.

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING TO AMEND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE SECTION 700: TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY REQUIREMENTS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 5-0.**

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for second reading to amend City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance for the creation of Article XVII: the Community Appearance Board and adopt guidelines for said Board.

Morgan Park Task Force Final Report

1ST Reading – Land Development Regs re. Traffic Impact Study

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING TO AMEND CITY OF GEORGETOWN ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CREATION OF ARTICLE XVII: THE COMMUNITY APPEARANCE BOARD AND ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR SAID BOARD, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. For reasons of clarity, Councilmember Bradley requested that in Article XVII Section 1700 the words 'architectural review board' be removed.

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO AMEND SECTION 1700 TO DELETE THE WORDS 'CREATED AS AN ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD AS' SO THE SENTENCE WOULD READ 'THE BOARD IS AUTHORIZED BY SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, SECTION 6-29-870', SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 5-0.**

Amend Wording

Mayor Wilson called for the question on the main motion. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 5-0.**

2nd Reading –
Creation of CAB

Councilmember Scoville asked Mrs. Morris if the workshop for the sign ordinance has been scheduled. Mrs. Morris said the plans are to set up a workshop with the business owners first, get their comments and then bring that to Council.

Mrs. Jessica Miller requested approval for the purchase of a new residential sanitation truck from Southern Truck Service in the amount of \$214,000, through a capital lease arrangement. She stated this is an urgent need and if Council approves the purchase it will probably be a year before delivery. This is not a budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A NEW RESIDENTIAL SANITATION TRUCK FROM SOUTHERN TRUCK SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$214,000, THROUGH A CAPITAL LEASE ARRANGEMENT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Scoville inquired about the maintenance cost breakdowns. Mrs. Miller received these figures from Glen Dixon; he maintains expenses for all city vehicles that are serviced. Mr. Scoville asked about the 2006 cost of \$25,237.79 for vehicle #1302. Mr. Dixon answered this includes labor and materials for tires, brakes, hydraulic lines, oil, body repairs and routine service checks. Discussions continued. Councilmember Smalls said he would like to see the vehicle inventory sheets during

Approve Purchase
of Residential
Sanitation Truck

the budget process. Mrs. Miller indicated staff is working to maintain the vehicle inventory and have the updated information available during every budget year. Mr. Thomas said this information will be discussed during the upcoming retreat. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 5-0.**

Mayor Wilson thanked Chief Bill Johnson, his family and staff for the wonderful breakfast with the DOT commissioners.

On behalf of Chief Joey Tanner, Assistant Chief Johnson requested permission for the Fire Department to apply for the SAFER grant, a product of Homeland Security and administered by the Federal Government. It is a program that helps growing communities ease into more personnel. The deadline to apply is August 31, 2007. If the City is awarded the grant, staff would come back before Council with a package as to how the program would be funded.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE PERMISSION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR SAFER GRANT FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING RESOURCES TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE TO NATIONALLY ACCEPTED AND MANDATED SAFETY STANDARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 5-0.**

Approve Request to Apply for SAFER Grant

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

Mr. Scoville Recused

Mr. Alan Loveless presented for approval an invoice in the amount of \$105,952.15 to Winyah Bay Holdings, LLC for the installation of underground electrical conduit in Phase II of South Island Plantation. This is in accordance with the Development Agreement and is a budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$105,952.15 TO WINYAH BAY HOLDINGS, LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONDUIT IN PHASE II OF SOUTH ISLAND PLANTATION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **MAYOR WILSON AND COUNCILMEMBERS BRADLEY, SAWYER AND SMALLS VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE WAS RECUSED. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED 4-0-1.**

Approve Payment to Winyah Bay Holdings, LLC

Mr. Lane Mixon presented a recommendation to eliminate parallel parking on US 17 from Highmarket Street to Winyah Street and proceed with the intersection improvement project.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO ELIMINATE PARALLEL PARKING ON US 17 FROM HIGHMARKET STREET TO WINYAH STREET AND PROCEED WITH PROJECT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mr. Mixon said the State is recommending the elimination of parallel parking from Prince Street to Winyah Street. Staff's recommendation from Highmarket Street to Winyah Street was due to better alignment of traffic flow. Mayor Wilson wanted to know if the State's recommendation was approved tonight and in six months it was determined the additional footage was needed, could it be adjusted. Mr. Mixon answered yes and added several other business owners objected to this project but are not present. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS CARRIED 4-1 WITH MAYOR WILSON VOTING AGAINST.** Clarification on the motion was requested by Councilmembers Smalls and Sawyer. Councilmember Sawyer stated he voted in error. Mayor Wilson, voting against the motion, stated he would reconsider.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED THE NEW DESIGN FOR THE TURN LANE EXTEND FROM PRINCE STREET TO WINYAH STREET INSTEAD OF HIGHMARKET STREET TO WINYAH STREET, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 5-0.**

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING AMENDING ARTICLE I, SECTION 16-1, ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; CONSUMPTION PROHIBITED, OF THE CODES OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 5-0.**

In his City Administrator Report, Mr. Thomas told Council Mr. Andrew King of Senator Graham's office has confirmed that he did receive the most recent information from the City on the proposed drainage project.

Eliminate Parallel Parking on US 17 for Prince to Winyah Sts. To Allow for Turn Lanes on to Front

2nd Reading Alcoholic Liquor on Public Property

City Administrator Report

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Mr. Thomas said the City is still pursuing the capacity purchase from the Town of Andrews and wants to be sure of any effects this would have on the general partnership agreement.

Mr. Thomas thanked the Fire Department staff for all the work in preparing the breakfast for DOT.

Councilmember Scoville inquired about the amended election ordinance and Mr. Thomas said it will be on the September agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL DATED JULY 19, 2007, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 5-0.

Minutes – Regular Meeting 7/19/07

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 30-4-70(a)(2) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON LAW SUIT MEDIATION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 5-0.

Enter Executive Session

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO REOPEN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 5-0.

Reopen Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was reopened at 6:51 PM.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 5-0.

Adjourn Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: 09/20/07
VERIFYING INITIALS: _____

