

**SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF GEORGETOWN  
AUGUST 30, 2007**

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A Special 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	
Mayor Pro Tem Brendon 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  
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk  
Mr. Lane Mixon, Manager of Water/Wastewater/Stormwater

Mayor Lynn Wood Wilson called the Special Meeting of City Council to order at 4:30 PM.

Councilmember Bradley rendered the invocation.

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Thomas presented a Proclamation for consideration to declare the City in a moderate drought phase according to the City's Drought Ordinance. Information received on measurements taken at the intake of the IP canal at the Pee Dee River had dropped to a level of minus 3.5. In moving into a moderate drought phase, requirements include a series of voluntary conservation measures such as a reduction in residential water usage, 75 gallons per person per day to a maximum of 300 gallons per day, eliminate washing buildings, sidewalks, walkways, driveways, tennis courts, cars, motorbikes, boats, flushing gutters, reduce irrigation and watering of lawns. The City would not be flushing any fire hydrants. These are all voluntary measures to conserve water, nothing being mandatory in a moderate drought phase. Mr. Thomas received an update today from International Paper informing the City that IP was able to receive a dredging permit from DHEC, OCRM

**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

**Pledge**

**Discussion of  
Moderate  
Drought Phase**

and the Army Corp. Results from the dredging brought the level to minus 1, safely above the threshold for the moderate drought phase response. Facilities in North Carolina have increased their release of water into the system just since we have considered the moderate drought phase. After discussions with IP, staff recommends Council not issue the proclamation, but keep City residents informed of the situation. Council discussion followed. Staff can certainly keep the public informed through the media, the City's website and education. Mayor Wilson stated in the event the situation becomes critical, he would issue a proclamation and notify Council.

**COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 30-4-70(a)(1) TO DISCUSS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson called for the question. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Adjourn Special Meeting and Enter Executive Session**

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM.

**COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO REOPEN SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Reopen Special Meeting**

The Special Meeting was reopened at 5:25 PM.

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

**COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Adjourn Special Meeting of City Council**

The Special Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Ann U. Mercer  
City Clerk

**DATE APPROVED: 09/20/07**  
**VERIFYING INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_**

