

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC
SEPTEMBER 21, 2006**

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The Regular Meeting of City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Brendon M. Barber, Sr. 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
Mr. Glenn Dixon, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent
Chief Dan Furr, Georgetown Police Department
Mrs. Katrina Lawrimore, Director of Kaminski House Museum
Mr. Alan Loveless, Electric Utility Director
Mrs. Jessica Miller, Finance Director
Mr. Lane Mixon, Manager of Water/Wastewater/Stormwater
Mrs. Sabrina Morris, Director of Development
Chief Joey Tanner, Georgetown Fire Department

NEWS MEDIA

Georgetown Times – Scott Harper
Sun News – Kelly Fuller

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Mayor Pro Tem Barber opened the Regular Meeting of City Council at 5:30 PM.

Call to Order

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

Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked that all non-emergency electronic devices be turned off during the Council Meeting.

Open Public Comment Section

Mayor Pro Tem Barber opened the Public Comment Section at 5:35 PM and recognized Ms. Caren Haas. She addressed City Council concerning comprehensive planning. She proposed that the notification process and the citizen participation phases in respect to annexation and rezoning affecting large blocks of land be extended. She proposed that new ordinances which carefully plan for and project for future change be enacted as the first order of business before any more planned developments or large parcels of land are rezoned for higher density and before any more land is annexed. She proposed that thorough requirements are placed on the developers to satisfy the impacts that their developments will have on the community at large in planning and in finance. She proposed that a multi-faceted plan for the future development of Georgetown be made before any more piecemeal rezonings and developments are approved. She proposed that the planning process be lengthy enough to allow the body of citizens to participate fully and that the end product deal with the many dimensions of change in the community as it changes through time.

Ms. Caren Haas

Mr. Steve Thomas told City Council there is a legal and valid Comprehensive Plan in place, according to State law. It is due to be updated and this process is now beginning. He also pointed out staff is in the process of working with consultants to develop water and sewer impact fees to help pay for future costs associated with expansion of these systems. This will be assessed on every new residential and commercial unit. In reference to the development Mr. Charlton is proposing tonight, he clarified that he told Ms. Haas there will be perhaps a five, ten even fifteen year build-out period, depending on the size of the development.

Mayor Pro Tem Barber recognized Mr. Jay Patidar. Mr. Patidar told City Council his problem concerning the right-of-way about the Willow Bank Condominiums has been resolved. He said he is in favor of this project.

Mr. Jay Patidar

Mayor Pro Tem Barber recognized Dr. Susan Matthews. Dr. Matthews expressed her concerns with the lack of ADA compliances regarding sidewalks, some buildings downtown as well as new buildings. She pointed out the Chamber of Commerce building is not presently handicapped accessible but understands there are plans to install an electric lift in the rear. She said there is a problem with the ladies restroom at City Hall as well. There is not sufficient room for a wheelchair to make the turn and the hook to hang a purse is too high for someone in a wheelchair. She said failure to consider these issues indicates a lack of comprehension on the powers that be and sooner or later someone with disabilities will use the ADA and sue.

**Dr. Susan
Matthews**

Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked Mr. Thomas to follow up with Dr. Matthews. Mr. Thomas thanked Dr. Matthews for pointing out these concerns and said the City is fully committed to enforcing all the ADA compliances to the fullest extent of the law. He said there are plans in place to install a lift at the Chamber of Commerce but they were waiting for the completion of the parking lot. He invited her to view the plans for the lift.

Mayor Pro Tem Barber recognized Ms. Millison Jordan. On behalf of the Georgetown Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, Ms. Jordan requested approval to place signs publicizing their banquet on October 27, 2006. The signs would be located at the base of the Maryville bridge, Tailwalker Marine and in front of Wal Mart.

**Ms. Millison
Jordan**

Mr. Thomas told Council if they do not have a problem with this request, staff will work with Ms. Jordan in the placement of the signs.

Mayor Pro Tem Barber recognized Ms. Julie Pope. On behalf of the First Baptist Church Upward Sports Ministry, Mrs. Pope requested to place one sign at the base of the Maryville bridge for four weeks.

Ms. Julie Pope

Mayor Pro Tem Barber referred Ms. Pope to the City Administrator and Planning Department for assistance.

Mayor Pro Tem Barber closed the Public Comment Section at 5:55 PM.

**Close Public
Comment Section**

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

**Character Trait of
the Month Video**

Chief Dan Furr recognized Ms. Wilhelmenia Winley, Ms. Yvonne

Winley and Ms. Constance Simmons, for being proactive to call and alert law enforcement when they observed suspicious activities and persons in their neighborhood. As a result, one perpetrator was arrested and charged with five burglaries and larcenies that occurred in the historic district, Hazard's Marina and Georgetown Landing Marina. Chief Furr thanked the ladies on behalf of the Georgetown Police Department and presented each with a Public Safety Recognition Award.

**Public Safety
Recognition
Awards**

Chief Furr presented Officer Samuel "Chuckie" Moultrie with a Certificate of Commendation for his exemplary performance on August 2, 2006 by removing a potentially dangerous felon off the streets of Georgetown. His action reflects positively on the Georgetown Police Department and himself. Officer Moultrie recognized his teammates, Sergeant Smalls, Corporal Tisdale and Officer Picard for their help in this situation and said this award may not have been possible without their quick action.

**Certificate of
Commendation**

Chief Furr recognized Mrs. Mary Barron who is retiring after twenty-six years of service to the City of Georgetown, effective the end of September. She assumed the duties as Clerk of Court in 1986 and has remained in that position for twenty years. Mrs. Barron said it has been a wonderful journey, wished all the citizens and employees well and thanked Council for allowing her to be a part of the City.

**Ms. Mary Barron
Retiring**

Mayor Pro Tem Barber thanked Mrs. Barron for her years of service to the City.

Mr. James Poch, Executive Director of PlugIn Hybrid Coalition made a presentation to City Council on hybrid vehicles. He said if this technology is widely deployed, it would virtually eliminate our need for foreign oil. On June 6, 2006 the US Mayors conference unanimously endorsed the PlugIn Partners national campaign and Mr. Poch is in hopes that Georgetown City Council will pass a resolution and seriously consider the next generation of hybrids.

**PlugIn Hybrid
Coalition**

Mr. Al Freeman presented a request on behalf of the Maryville Property Owners Association to place a permanent, one-sided, wooden sign in the median of Highway 17 at the foot of the Sylvan Rosen Bridge. The sign would read MARYVILLE COMMUNITY Est. 1939. From the standpoint of appearance, Councilmember Wayne suggested they consider a two-sided sign.

**Mr. Al Freeman –
Maryville Property
Owners Assoc.**

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE REQUEST

FROM MARYVILLE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION TO PLACE A PERMANENT, WOODEN, TWO-SIDED SIGN IN THE MEDIAN OF HIGHWAY 17 AT THE FOOT OF THE SYLVAN ROSEN BRIDGE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Barber called for question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Approve
Placement of
Maryville
Community Sign**

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2006 AS NATIONAL COLONIAL HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Barber called for question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Proclamation –
October 2006
National Colonial
Heritage Month**

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 8-14, 2006 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Barber called for question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Proclamation –
October 8-14, 2006
Fire Prevention
Week**

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2006 AS AMERICAN MUSIC MONTH IN THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Barber called for question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Proclamation –
November 2006
American Music
Month**

Mayor Pro Tem Barber recognized Mrs. Morris who presented an ordinance for second reading to rezone approximately 3.53 acres owned by Jasdip Properties, SC, LLC and Richard Stewart located on Church Street from General Commercial (GC) to Planned Development (PD). City Council approved first reading of this ordinance at their August meeting. Mr. Blackburn, the project manager, was asked to revise the plan prior to second reading. The developer has met with staff, members of the Architectural Review Board and individual citizens to discuss the concerns surrounding the project. He has resubmitted a revised site plan and narrative for the project that allows for additional open space, a height of 55 feet

compared to the original request of 65 feet on the rear residential condominiums, less density on the commercial condominium, a reduction in height on the commercial project from 45 feet to 35 feet and input from the Architectural Review Board on the design of the buildings. Mr. Blackburn said he met individually with members of the ARB, attended their meeting and tried to address their concerns. The height on the commercial and residential were both lowered, as specifically requested at the last City Council meeting. The density was decreased by eliminating about half of the commercial space, decreasing the number of parking spaces which will now be green space. Traffic impact in the revised plan is 680. He said the changes have been sent back to the Planning Commission for their review.

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO SEND THE REVISED PLAN BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL AND BRING BACK TO CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked for discussion. Councilmember Bradley explained when there are doubts of clarity it is appropriate to send issues back to the Planning Commission, to make sure there are no clouds. He told Mr. Blackburn it is not a question of his integrity or his intent to satisfy Council. Councilmember Smalls said if the Planning Commission denies the plan, he wants them to stipulate their reasons for disapproval. Mayor Pro Tem Barber stated this will have a huge economic impact on the City. Some projects that have been previously approved are costing much more than projected and we are going to need new development to offset this. From a business standpoint, it does not make good sense to turn down projects that are really not going to cost the City and the taxpayers. He referred to the EPA Smart Build recommendations for this type of project, build up...not out. He said he is for this project. Councilmember Scoville said he has very serious reservations about the density issue even with the changes. He feels more comfortable with the plan going back to the Planning Commission for review. Councilmember Bradley called for question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

Send Revised Willow Bank Plan back to Planning Commission

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for first reading to rezone approximately 78.09 acres owned by Ronald L. Charlton, Connie N. Charlton, James R. Charlton and Bayside Property, Inc. located on South Bay Street and South Island Road from low density Residential (R-1) to Planned Development (PD). The property is planned for a gated community consisting of a total of 163 custom

built single family residences, a clubhouse facility with pool, parking and gardens. The proposed building heights in The Plantation at Winyah Bay are 50 feet above finished grade. The developer would like for the homes to be elevated to allow for parking underneath the homes. The majority of the homes will be located within the AE and VE flood zones and will require elevations above flood requirements. Developers are requesting a minimum lot size of 6340 square feet with an average lot size of 8000 square feet and minimum lot width of 45 feet (measured at building line) and an average lot width of 65 feet. Developer proposed setbacks be front 20 feet; sides 10 feet (including corners); rear 20 feet from lots not on the 25 foot exterior buffer and 10 feet from lots on the 25 foot exterior buffer. Developers request approval to allow for accessory structures which would include spas, pools and storage buildings. All shall be prohibited within the front yard areas. The Planned Development will contain private streets. Maintenance will be the responsibility of the Homeowners Association. All utilities will be underground. The density is 2.7 lots per acre with no encroachments to the existing wetlands. There will be 15.6 acres dedicated as open space. Stormwater management controls will be provided within the development. The developer has requested a wavier in the City's stormwater requirements as defined in Article V of the City's Code of Ordinances. The meeting for the requested variance is scheduled for September 28, 2006. Council will be advised at second reading of the outcome of the request. The developer proposes two signs at each main entrance, located 10 feet from any adjoining property and 40 square feet per sign face with an 80 square foot aggregate. The property is located in food zones X, AE and VE with the majority being in AE and VE zones. Councilmember Smalls asked for an explanation concerning the request for a waiver in stormwater requirements. Mr. Mixon said the City's Stormwater Ordinance requires detention for a certain acreage. The developer has requested a wavier for no detention.

Mr. Jeff Milligan with Landquest development and Ian Saunders, their engineer, addressed Council concerning the waiver. Mr. Milligan said one of the reasons for detention is to protect the downstream properties from being inundated with water. He said the development's downstream property is Winyah Bay and whatever rain water they put in will not raise the elevation of the Bay. He said they are focusing on water quality to make sure what is entering the Bay is clean and free of pollutants. Mr. Milligan said they have met with OCRM and received a verbal 'go ahead' that they can go this route. Mr. Saunders said there will be enhanced swales,

a sand filter used to remove pollutants and oil laden sediments. When asked, Mr. Mixon said the intent of the City's ordinance is to protect downstream properties. Discussions followed. Mrs. Morris said the Construction Board of Appeals would be the body who could grant the waiver and they meet next Thursday.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING TO AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 78.09 ACRES OWNED BY RONALD L. CHARLTON, CONNIE N. CHARLTON, JAMES R. CHARLTON AND BAYSIDE PROPERTY, INC. LOCATED ON SOUTH BAY STREET AND SOUTH ISLAND ROAD FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD), SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Barber questioned the economic impact this development would have on the City. Mrs. Morris said Council would have that information before second reading. Mayor Pro Tem Barber called for question. Mayor Pro Tem Barber and Councilmembers Sawyer, Scoville, Smalls and Wayne voted in favor. Councilmember Bradley voted against. **THE MOTION CARRIED 5-1.**

**1st Reading –
Rezone 78.09
Acres Owned by
Ron Charlton, etc.
Located on S Bay
St. & S. Island Rd.
from R-1 to PD**

Mrs. Jessica Miller presented an ordinance for first reading relating to the recovery of collection costs as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act for the City of Georgetown, SC.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING TO AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RECOVERY OF COLLECTION COSTS AS PART OF DELINQUENT DEBTS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THE SETOFF DEBT COLLECTION ACT FOR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Barber called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**1st Reading –
Recovery of
Collection Costs
Pursuant to Setoff
Debt Collection**

Mrs. Miller presented an ordinance for first reading to amend the Business License Ordinance by removing in its entirety Section 13-36. Classification; Rates from Chapter 13, Article II, Business Licenses from the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances and instead reference Section 13-36 under Appendix "A" of said ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING TO AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUSINESS

LICENSE ORDINANCE BY REMOVING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 13-36. CLASSIFICATION; RATES FROM CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE II, BUSINESS LICENSES FROM THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES AND INSTEAD REFERENCE SECTION 13-36 UNDER APPENDIX "A" OF SAID ORDINANCE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Barber called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**1st Reading –
Remove Business
License Ordinance
from City Code of
Ordinances and
Reference under
Appendix A**

Mrs. Miller asked for Council approval to proceed with the Morgan Park Improvements Project with funding provided by Coastal Access Improvement Grant and developer contributions.

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO APPROVE REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH THE MORGAN PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WITH FUNDING PROVIDED BY COASTAL ACCESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT AND DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Barber called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

**Proceed with
Morgan Park
Improvements
Project**

Mayor Wilson arrived at the meeting and Mayor Pro Tem Barber relinquished the chair to him at 7:07 PM.

**Mayor Wilson
Arrived at 7:07 PM**

Mrs. Miller asked for Council to approve budget amendment for revenue 0010-00-331-000 Federal Grants in the amount of \$22,500 to be provided from DHEC, Revenue 0010-00-367-001 contributions in the amount of \$25,000 to be provided by developers of Cravens Grant and expenditures 0010-20-685-187 Special Projects in the amount of \$47,500.

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR REVENUE 00100-00-331-000 FEDERAL GRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,500 TO BE PROVIDED FROM DHEC, REVENUE 0010-00-367-001 CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 TO BE PROVIDED BY DEVELOPERS OF CRAVENS GRANT AND EXPENDITURES 0010-20-685-187 SPECIAL PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,500, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Approve Budget
Amendment Re.
Morgan Park
Improvements**

Mrs. Miller asked for Council to approve budget amendment for a non-recurring transfer of \$48,100 from the Wastewater Utility Fund to the General Fund for the purpose of hiring a GIS Technician. This is an approved budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR NON-RECURRING TRANSFER OF \$48,100 FROM THE WASTEWATER UTILITY FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING A GIS TECHNICIAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mrs. Morris said the County GIS has been helpful in providing information. The Building and Planning Department requires GIS on a daily basis which the County does not have the time to provide. Mrs. Miller said this position will be in the Building and Planning Department under Sabrina and be available to all departments. Mayor Pro Tem Barber spoke in favor of the technology. Councilmember Smalls was concerned that Jason Goude resigned as Building Inspector and Sabrina needs help in her department. Councilmember Bradley said he knows the need is there but stated his concern is the cash flow. Mayor Wilson said this is a budgeted item. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Budget Amendment Re. GIS Technician

Mrs. Miller asked for Council to approve budget amendment for a non-recurring transfer of \$35,000 from the Water Utility Fund to the General Fund for GIS equipment. This is an approved budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR NON-RECURRING TRANSFER OF \$35,000 FROM THE WATER UTILITY FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR GIS EQUIPMENT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Budget Amendment Re. GIS Equipment

Mrs. Miller presented a bid from Coastal Structures, as recommended by Tych & Walker Architects, to replace the current roof at Fire Station 1 and to construct an ADA compliant restroom at Fire Station #1 in the amount of \$276,000.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE BID FROM COASTAL STRUCTURES, AS RECOMMENDED BY TYCH &

WALKER ARCHITECTS, TO REPLACE THE CURRENT ROOF AT FIRE STATION #1 AND TO CONSTRUCT AN ADA COMPLIANT RESTROOM AT FIRE STATION #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$276,000, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Discussion and questions followed. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Bid from Coastal Structures to Replace Roof & Construct ADA Restroom at Fire Station #1

Mrs. Miller asked for Council to approve budget amendment for the replacement of the roof on Fire Station #1 for \$289,920.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF ON FIRE STATION #1 FOR \$289,920, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Budget Amendment Re. Replacement of Roof at Fire Station #1

Mrs. Miller presented a bid from Coastal Structures, as recommended by Tych Walker Architects, for a minor addition (240 square feet) to the Public Works Building in the amount of \$35,542.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE BID FROM COASTAL STRUCTURES, AS RECOMMENDED BY TYCH WALKER ARCHITECTS, FOR A MINOR ADDITION (240 SQUARE FEET) TO THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,542, 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 Bid from Coastal Structures Re. 240 Sq. Ft. Addition at Public Works Bldg.

Mrs. Miller asked for Council to approve budget amendment for a minor addition to the Public Works Building for \$38,542.00.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR A MINOR ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING FOR \$38,542.00, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Budget Amendment Re. 240 Sq. Ft. Addition at Public Works Bldg.

Mrs. Miller presented a bid from BB&T for lease purchase financing for three years with an interest rate of 3.98% and a total payout amount of \$125,353.68. This is an approved budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING WITH BB&T FOR THREE YEARS WITH AN INTEREST RATE OF 3.98% AND A TOTAL PAYOUT AMOUNT OF \$125,353.68, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Lease Purchase Finance with BB&T

Chief Furr presented an ordinance for second reading to amend Section 14-42 'Abandoned Vehicles, Impounding' of the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances to include language that allows for the enforcement of abandoned vessels within the City of Georgetown. He said the City Attorney wanted to comment. Mrs. Crosby said after talking with Mrs. Morris at length the DHEC definition of an abandoned vessel was added under Sec. 14-42 (a). She recommended adding South Carolina Code 50-21-30 Section (2) to the ordinance as well.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING TO AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 14-42 'ABANDONED VEHICLES, IMPOUNDING' OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE THAT ALLOWS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ABANDONED VESSELS WITHIN THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF SC CODE 50-21-30 Section (2), SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Scoville said the City Code of Ordinances states ordinances should be signed by the Mayor, not City Council, and attested by the Clerk. He said from henceforth he would like that to be the form in accordance with the procedures. Mayor Wilson said this could be a topic at the retreat. Councilmember Wayne said the Police Department has no way of enforcing the abandoned boats. If the City attempts to move or burn an abandoned boat and any oil is spilled, DHEC will fine the City. She said there is no legislation concerning abandoned boats. If a boat is abandoned on ground in South Carolina and ownership cannot be determined, it is the responsibility of the landowner to remove the boat. Until there is legislation to back up this matter, Councilmember Wayne feels this should not be approved. Councilmember Bradley asked the City Attorney if the City has to wait for the legislature to enact a law before an ordinance such as this is created. Mrs. Crosby answered absolutely not. She said if a private property owner wanted an abandoned boat removed, this ordinance would allow that. Councilmember Sawyer said he has a list of all the owners of the abandoned boats on Goat Island and

2nd Reading – Abandoned Vessels

representatives from two towing companies have called him about removing them. He said these companies should be bonded and insured and would take the responsibility if any damage or spill occurred in the water. Mrs. Morris said the City has applied for a \$50,000 SCDHEC/OCRM grant for abandoned boat removal program. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked how the City would recoup costs associated with recovering the vessels and if the City enters a contract with a towing company would we be responsible if they are in violation of DHEC. Mrs. Crosby said this would be addressed in the contract. Mayor Wilson said if we can't get abandoned cars out of people's yards, what makes us think we can go in the river and move boats. He is concerned this will cost the City a lot of money. Councilmember Scoville asked if there is a comparable ordinance that makes it a criminal offense to abandon a boat in the City limits. Mrs. Crosby said she has not found one. He suggested the ordinance state, owners of any abandoned boat, after being given a 30-day notice to remove, have to pay a fine of X amount of dollars per day after that date. Mr. Thomas explained with the acquisition of the grant, the City hopes to be able to take care of most, if not all, of the boats on Goat Island. Cooperation has been received from different State agencies, the County Sheriff's Department and the County landfill. This project would be grant funded and contracted out. These boats would not be removed until they are ready to be removed and taken to the landfill. Councilmember Bradley said there has to be a starting point somewhere. There are some risks being taken, at the same time we cannot let the City decline in that respect. Mayor Wilson called for the question. Mayor Wilson and Councilmembers Bradley, Sawyer and Scoville voted in favor. Mayor Pro Tem Barber and Councilmembers Smalls and Wayne voted. **THE MOTION CARRIED 4-3.** Councilmember Wayne said she would like for the City Administrator to work with the County and come up with some type of exempt tipping fee. Mr. Thomas said we have already received that for this initial under the grant process.

Chief Furr presented a bid from Philpott Motors for two (2) 2006 Ford patrol vehicles in the amount of \$32,986 each for a total of \$65,972. These are approved budgeted items.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF TWO 2006 FORD PATROL VEHICLES FROM PHILPOTT MOTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,972.00, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Approve Purchase
of Two 2006 Ford
Vehicles**

At the direction of Mr. Thomas during the budget process, Chief Joey Tanner asked Mr. Michael Walker of Tych and Walker Architects and Mr. Nicky Kellahan of Kellahan and Associates to inspect Fire Station #2 to determine the feasibility and requirements to upgrade and enlarge the structure and update Council on their findings. Mr. Walker referenced a letter to Chief Tanner dated September 21, 2006 along with four drawings, listing four different scenarios on the existing site. The first shows the existing fire station, which was built in the late 1970's on the existing site. Currently it staffs two people and one engine truck. Based on discussions with the Chief and the growth of the area, the need would be to expand to a three bay and staff six to eight personnel. The second plan shows a proposed addition to the existing fire station with no additional land. This is not recommended. The third design shows a new two bay fire station on the existing site with ground level offices and a second floor with bunk rooms for personnel. This is marginally acceptable. The fourth shows a new three bay fire station on the existing site with a small office area on the ground level and bunk rooms for personnel on the second floor above the truck bay area. This is marginally acceptable. Based on their review, it is the opinion of Mr. Kellahan and Mr. Walker, that the existing site "as-is" is not sufficient to justify building a new fire station. Five to ten years from now plans three or four would not be sufficient for the needs in the Maryville area and there will be no room for expansion. They recommend buying additional property adjacent to the existing site before spending money to expand on the site or buy a new site with four or five acres to build a new fire station. Mr. Kellahan told Council the existing building, built in the mid 70's, does not meet current codes. He reiterated the recommendations and asked for questions. Councilmember Scoville asked the Chief if any suitable property has been identified. Chief Tanner said they are continuing to look for property within a half mile radius. For adequate credit the fire stations should be no more than three miles apart. Councilmember Bradley asked about the cost of a metal building. Mr. Kellahan said these buildings can be designed to meet wind load requirements; however, he said he would not recommend using metal skin on the sides. When asked, Chief Tanner said by the time South Island Plantation and other developments south of station #2 have five buildings over 35 feet high, there has to be a ladder truck in place in Maryville.

Mr. Alan Loveless presented a bid from Line Equipment Sales Company, Inc. for four units of pad-mounted switchgear to be installed to serve South Island Plantation and Craven's Grant in the

**Discussion on Fire
Station #2**

amount of \$40,420.00. This is an approved budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF FOUR UNITS OF PAD-MOUNTED SWITCHGEAR FROM LINE EQUIPMENT SALES COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,420.00, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Purchase of Four Units of Pad-mounted Switchgear

Mr. Loveless presented a bid from Lee Electrical Construction, Inc. for installation of underground conduits along South Island Road from Helena Street to South Island Plantation in the amount of \$23.50 per foot (approximately \$79,900). The project was advertised and three bids were received before the deadline. The low bid had to be disqualified because of the lack of a state contractor's license. This is an approved budgeted item.

Councilmember Scoville left the Council Chamber at 8:00 PM.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE BID FROM LEE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND CONDUIT ON SOUTH ISLAND ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23.50 PER FOOT (APPROXIMATELY \$79,900), SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Bradley commented that in future plans the City should not have to bear this cost. Mr. Loveless said this is a system expansion required to get to the site. Mr. Bradley directed the Mayor to explore this cost in future developments. Mayor Wilson called for the question. Mayor Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem Barber and Councilmembers Bradley, Sawyer, Smalls and Wayne voted in favor. Councilmember Scoville was out of the room. **THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

Approve bid from Lee Electrical for Installation of Underground Conduit

Councilmember Scoville returned to the Council Chamber at 8:02 PM.

Mr. Mixon presented a bid from FBI Construction, as recommended by Kenneth B. Simmons Associates, for Front Street Phase II Streetscape in the amount of \$436,827.31. This is a grant funded project and is under budget.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE BID FROM FBI CONSTRUCTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY KENNETH B. SIMMONS ASSOCIATES, FOR FRONT STREET PHASE II

STREETSCAPE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$436,827.31, SECONDED BY WAYNE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Mr. Mixon said the discussion of two SCDOT agreements pertains to the US 17/US 521 Drainage Basin Improvements project. DOT requested the City sign both agreements; however, staff has reservations on portions of the wording, particularly when they state basically all liabilities and responsibilities transfer over to the City. City Attorney, Elise Crosby, said this is a proposed assignment and needs to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mrs. Katrina Lawrimore presented a request on behalf of the Harbor Historical Association to place three signs announcing the upcoming Georgetown Wooden Boat Show. One 3'x4' sign at corner of Broad and Hwy 17 facing southbound traffic, one 3'x4' sign on Hwy 17 south across from Food Lion facing northbound traffic and one 4'x8' sign on Hwy 17 at south end of Rosen Bridge to be placed in green area to the right of southbound lane facing northbound traffic.

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM HARBOR HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION TO PLACE THREE SIGNS ANNOUNCING THE UPCOMING GEORGETOWN WOODEN BOAT SHOW. ONE 3'X4' SIGN AT CORNER OF BROAD AND HWY 17 FACING SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC, ONE 3'X4' SIGN ON HWY 17 SOUTH ACROSS FROM FOOD LION FACING NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC AND ONE 4'X8' SIGN ON HWY 17 AT SOUTH END OF ROSEN BRIDGE TO BE PLACED IN GREEN AREA TO THE RIGHT OF SOUTHBOUND LANE FACING NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Mr. Thomas requested City Council consider by unanimous consensus adding an item to the agenda to entertain a Resolution directing the City of Georgetown Planning Commission to conduct an impact fee study and recommend an impact fee ordinance. This is required by State Code of Laws Sec. 61-950 prior to implementation of impact fees. There was no objection.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE A

Approve Bid From FBI Const. for Front St. Phase II Streetscape Project

Discussion of 2 SCDOT Agreements Re: City Hall Drainage Project

Approve Request from Harbor Historical Assoc. – Place 3 Signs Re. Wooden Boat Show

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN IMPACT FEE STUDY AND RECOMMEND AN IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Resolution – PC
Conduct an Impact
Fee Study**

Mr. Thomas presented an ordinance for first reading to approve a Joint County Industrial and Business Park in conjunction with and between Georgetown and Horry Counties. International Paper Company desires to designate their property as a multi-county industrial park so they can obtain state incentives. As a result, Georgetown and Horry counties are entering into an agreement for the development of this park. One of the parcels of property located in the proposed park is located within the City limits. In order to allow for inclusion of municipal property within a joint county industrial and business park, consent of the municipality must be attained according to the Park Act (Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and S. C. Code Ann. Sec. 4-4-170.)

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING TO AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH AND BETWEEN GEORGETOWN AND HORRY COUNTIES, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. Mayor Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem Barber and Councilmembers Bradley, Sawyer, Smalls and Wayne voted in favor. Councilmember Scoville voted against. **THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1.**

**1st Reading - Joint
County Industrial
And Business
Park**

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL DATED AUGUST 17, 2006 SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**Minutes – Regular
Mtg. 8/17/05**

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO FOIA 30-4-70(a)(1) TO DISCUSS APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS TO A-TAX COMMITTEE, KGB BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ARB, BOARD OF APPEALS AND PLANNING COMMISSION AND FOIA 30-4-70(a)(2) TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS INCIDENT TO PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL

**Adjourn Regular
Meeting and Go
into Executive
Session**

ARRANGEMENTS AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE CONCERNING EPA ACTION RE. CAROLINA TRANSFORMER CERCLA SITE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

The Regular Meeting of City Council adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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

The Regular Meeting of City Council was reopened at 9:09 PM.

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

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPOINT SUSAN HIBBS, LESLIE BROWN AND THELMA SPEARS TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX COMMITTEE; ELLEN NESPECA TO THE KEEP GEORGETOWN BEAUTIFUL BOARD OF DIRECTORS; BILL HARTIS AND WINFRED PIETERSE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, LINDA DUNCAN EVANS TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND BRIAN CLARK TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

In reference to a newspaper article, Mr. Thomas told Council he was misquoted in the newspaper and he never assured anyone that the City would be annexing Crowne Point.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY

Reopen Regular Meeting

Appointments to A-TAX, KGB, Planning Commission, Board of Appeals and ARB

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL (19) SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

**COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED
7-0.**

**Adjourn Regular
Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: 10-12-06

VERIFYING INITIALS: _____

