

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC
November 15, 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 Clarence C. Smalls
Councilmember Paige B. Sawyer, III	Councilmember Peggy P. Wayne
Councilmember Jack M. Scoville, Jr.	

Mayor Pro Tem Brendon M. Barber, Sr. was 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:

Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent
Mr. Paul A. Gardner, Chief of Police
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. Joey Tanner, Fire Chief
Mr. Keith Wilson, Keep Georgetown Beautiful Executive Director

NEWS MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Scott Harper
Sun News - Zane Wilson

Mayor Wilson opened the Regular Meeting of City Council at 5:33 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 5:35 PM.

Public Comments

Mr. Walter Gibson addressed Council with a complaint concerning police brutality and invasion of his privacy. Mr. Thomas said he would be happy to meet with Chief Gardner and Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Walter Gibson

Mr. Stewart Richardson read two prepared statements to Council concerning property zoning.

Mr. Stewart Richardson

'Dear Mayor Wilson and Council Members: This firm represents Jasdip Properties SC, LLC. We are writing to protest the pending second reading of the proposed ordinance that would rezone the Stewart Richardson parcel, an integral part of the larger Willow Bank PDD from Planned Development to a commercial designation.

As you are aware, the Willow Bank PD is involved in pending litigation brought by three of the current city council members and one of the city planning commission members against the City of Georgetown and my client, alleging the Willow Bank PDD was enacted through an illegal vote.

The mayor and three members of City Council are parties in the Willow Bank lawsuit. Given that, it is hard to imagine that any member of Council could avoid having a personal stake in this pending ordinance rezoning the Richardson tract. This is particularly so when the passage of the proposed ordinance would accomplish the remedy sought by plaintiffs in the current litigation: the unraveling of the PDD ordinance passed by City Council.

As a result, we submit the City Council especially those members named as parties to the pending lawsuit should refrain from voting on this rezoning until the pending litigation over the Willow Bank PD is finally resolved. To move forward with this action before that time will only further snarl these parties, these properties, these property owners and their creditors in further controversy and legal liability.

We ask, respectfully, that City Council remove this matter from the agenda and take no further action on this pending rezoning until the legal action being pursued by members of City Council against my client and the municipal body on which they sit is resolved.'

Mr. Richardson said his property was not scheduled to be on the agenda tonight but understands there is a motion to be made to possibly put it on the agenda tonight. He has applied for rezoning of his property in each of the hearings, the pending lawsuit which he is not a party of, has been brought to attention. He intends to prove that all the votes on this issue are illegal and should not have even been brought to session. He has never applied to rezone his property to PD and has never assigned an agent to apply for him. Jasdip misrepresented ownership of the property and continues to do so. The City allowed Jasdip to assign themselves as agents to place property they did now owned in the Willowbank PD. He said he has not signed any document nor was he informed by the City or Jasdip that his property was being rezoned. On October 30, 2007 he submitted a written request to the City for documents pertaining to this issue and stated as of today he has received nothing. He was not aware of the situation until Jasdip defaulted in a purchase agreement with him. All references to the Willowbank project that he has read refers to property Jasdip owns. On November 1st, judgment was awarded against Jasdip with a \$3 million dollar settlement due. The property has been in default since May 2007. Jasdip does not own any property known to be in Willowbank PD. By the City's own regulations, property that has been rezoned reverts back to its original zoning if construction is not begun within six months. He said he is the owner of the property known as the Rebar on Church Street, is a tax payer and the City Council and the Mayor of Georgetown also represent him. He intends to hold the City and other parties responsible and liable for his losses which are compounding daily, for allowing his property to be attached to Willowbank project. He told Council it is their responsibility as citizens of Georgetown to minimize the damages and ask that they allow him the use of his property that he purchased, holds title to and is paying taxes and insurance.

Mrs. Carol Winans addressed Council on behalf of the League of Women Voters concerning a Resolution on the agenda to support Santee Cooper's plans to build a new plant on the Pee Dee River in Kingsburg, South Carolina. The only place Georgetown gets its' water is from the Pee Dee River. She asked Council to please defer the request to support their plans until they have conducted a

Mrs. Carol Winans

complete study on the pollution that will be caused by the new plant. Officials studies indicate this plant will emit 8.7 million tons of CO₂, annually, which is the primary cause of climate change, causing sea level rise, severe storm patterns and increased drought. The level of mercury will also increase. She stated there was no advance public notice that City Council was planning to support the plans. She pointed out Santee Cooper one of the supporters of the studying coastal Georgetown County winds as a renewable energy source.

Ms. Toni Pennington, representing Mr. Stewart Richardson, stated she understands City Council has received a response from the last meeting and will be able to vote on Mr. Richardson's request to rezone his property. She said Jasdip, who owned all the property as a result of this, that was behind where Mr. Richardson's property was, was foreclosed on November 1, 2007 and the bank now owns the property that is subject to the initial rezoning request. She hopes Council will vote to place the issue of rezoning Mr. Richardson's property on the agenda tonight and allow second reading, so that he can began to use his property.

The Public Comment Section closed at 5:50 PM.

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

Chief Paul Gardner introduced Jason Creson who has been with the Police Department for a year, and recently hired employees Pam Kosiak, Derek Dmytruck and John Ohler.

Mrs. Katrina Lawrimore presented a request from the St. Frances Animal Center for placement of their wishing well in Francis Marion Park on Front Street from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM on November 24th, December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM THE ST. FRANCES ANIMAL CENTER FOR PLACEMENT OF THEIR WISHING WELL IN FRANCIS MARION PARK ON FRONT STREET FROM 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM ON NOVEMBER 24TH, DECEMBER 1ST, 8TH, 15TH AND 22ND, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

Ms. Toni Pennington

Public Comments Closed

Character Trait Video

New Employees

St. Frances Animal Center Wishing Well

Mr. Keith Wilson presented a proclamation proclaiming December 7, 2007 as Arbor Day in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 7, 2007 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

Proclamation –
Arbor Day

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for second reading to amend the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance Article VII, Section 702 to delete Section 702.12 and reserve said Section of the Ordinance for future amendments and amend Section 702.2 “conditional uses” to add Section 702.202 Subsections 702.2021 through Subsection 702.2024 to allow for multi-family dwellings as conditional uses in the R-3 Zoning District.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING TO AMEND THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE VII, SECTION 702 TO DELETE SECTION 702.12 AND RESERVE SAID SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE FOR FUTURE AMENDMENTS AND AMEND SECTION 702.2 “CONDITIONAL USES” TO ADD SECTION 702.202 SUBSECTIONS 702.2021 THROUGH SUBSECTION 702.2024 TO ALLOW FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS AS CONDITIONAL USES IN THE R-3 ZONING DISTRICT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.

2ND Reading –
Amend Zoning
Ordinance, Article
VII, Section 702...

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for second reading to amend the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance Article VIII to allow for minimum lot size, minimum yard requirements from property lines, heights and density for multi-family dwellings and duplexes in the R-3 and R-4 zoning districts.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING TO AMEND THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE VIII TO ALLOW FOR MINIMUM LOT SIZE, MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS FROM PROPERTY LINES, HEIGHTS AND DENSITY FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND DUPLEXES IN THE R-3 AND R-4 ZONING DISTRICTS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER.

2nd Reading –
Amend Zoning
Ordinance, Article
VIII

Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.**

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for second reading to amend Zoning Ordinance Article VI and Article VII to allow for the establishment and provisions of a Public Service District within the City of Georgetown.

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE VI AND ARTICLE VII TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND PROVISIONS OF A PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

**2ND Reading –
Allow for Public
Service District**

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for second reading amend Zoning Ordinance Article III and Article X to allow for the establishment of area, yard and height requirements and signage requirements for the Public Service District (PS).

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE III AND ARTICLE X TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AREA, YARD AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT (PS), SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

**2ND Reading –
Amend Zoning
Ordinance Articles
III and X**

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for second reading to amend Zoning Ordinance Article XVI Section 1601 to include the Public Service District (PS) within the Overlay District for main corridors.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE XVI SECTION 1601 TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT (PS) WITHIN THE OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR MAIN CORRIDORS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

**2nd Reading –
Amend Zoning
Ordinance Article
XVI**

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for second reading rezoning approximately 4.06 acres owned by Georgetown County Government located at 430 Fraser Street from Low Density Residential (R-1) to Public Service District (PS).

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING REZONING APPROXIMATELY 4.06 ACRES OWNED BY GEORGETOWN COUNTY GOVERNMENT LOCATED AT 430 FRASER STREET FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT (PS), SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

**2nd Reading –
Rezoning 4.06
Acres**

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for second reading rezoning approximately 15.6 acres owned by Georgetown County School District and the Georgetown County Government located at 1918 and 2018 Church Street from Medium Density Residential (R-2) to Public Service District (PS).

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING REZONING APPROXIMATELY 15.6 ACRES OWNED BY GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY GOVERNMENT LOCATED AT 1918 AND 2018 CHURCH STREET FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT (PS), SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

**2nd Reading –
Rezoning 15.6
Acres**

Mrs. Morris present an ordinance for second reading rezoning approximately 4.7 acres owned by Georgetown County School District and the Georgetown County Government located at 400 Kaminski Street from Medium Density Residential (R-2) to Public Service District (PS).

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING REZONING APPROXIMATELY 4.7 ACRES OWNED BY GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY GOVERNMENT LOCATED AT 400 KAMINSKI STREET FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT (PS), SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE.

**2nd Reading –
Rezoning 4.7
Acres**

Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for first reading to rezone approximately 38 acres owned by Richmond Realty Company, LLC located on Anthuan Maybank Drive from High Density Residential (R-4) to General Commercial (GC) and further amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan to reflect the change.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 38 ACRES OWNED BY RICHMOND REALTY COMPANY, LLC LOCATED ON ANTHUAN MAYBANK DRIVE FROM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-4) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) AND FURTHER AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REFLECT THE CHANGE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

**1st Reading –
Rezone 38 Acres
Owned by
Richmond Realty
Company, LLC**

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for first reading to rezone approximately 15.29 acres owned by Abundant Harvest Family Fellowship located on Charleston Highway from Low Density Residential (R-1) to General Commercial (GC) TMP# 5-50-1.3 and further amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan to reflect the change.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 15.29 ACRES OWNED BY ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY FELLOWSHIP LOCATED ON CHARLESTON HIGHWAY FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TMP# 5-50-1.3 AND FURTHER AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REFLECT THE CHANGE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

**1st Reading –
Rezone 15.29
Acres Owned by
Abundant Harvest
Family Fellowship**

Mr. Thomas said based on information received yesterday that Council requested at the last meeting, he would Council to entertain a motion to amend the agenda to add consideration of second reading to approve .41 acres from Planned Development to General Commercial located at 600 Church Street.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF SECOND READING TO APPROVE .41 ACRES FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL LOCATED AT 600 CHURCH STREET, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

Amend Agenda

Mrs. Morris presented an ordinance for second reading to approve rezoning of .41 acres from Planned Development to General Commercial located at 600 Church Street.

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING REZONING OF .41 ACRES FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL LOCATED AT 600 CHURCH STREET, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Sawyer asked to be recused from this agenda item. Mayor Wilson called for the question. Mayor Wilson, Councilmembers Wayne, Bradley, Smalls and Scoville voted in favor, Councilmember Sawyer was recused. **THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 5-0-1.** Mrs. Elise Crosby noted the opinion of the State Ethics Commission was; for all members of Council, there is not a conflict of interest in the vote on the Richardson property.

**2nd Reading –
Rezone .41 Acres
(Rebar)**

**Mr. Sawyer
Recused**

Chief Paul Gardner noted there was an updated Item 11A concerning use of city vehicles which eliminated the off-duty use of the vehicle. He requested approval to allow members of patrol and community services to use city vehicles for take home purposes. The vehicle **MUST** remain within a distance not to exceed fifteen (15) miles of a City of Georgetown boundary.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE REQUEST ALLOWING MEMBERS OF PATROL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO USE CITY VEHICLES FOR TAKE HOME PURPOSES. THE VEHICLE MUST REMAIN WITHIN A DISTANCE NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN (15) MILES OF A CITY OF GEORGETOWN BOUNDARY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Councilmember Bradley said he thought this was a good idea. It is evident that when officers deal with personal ownership of a vehicle, the equipment will last longer. Mr. Thomas said if the concept is approved tonight, it will have to be incorporated into the City's overall personnel policy. Councilmember Smalls asked the Chief if this would be monitored

**Approve Vehicle
Take Home (15
miles outside City
limits) for Patrol
and Community
Services in the
Police Department**

and if numbers will be on the vehicles. Chief Gardner responded in the affirmative. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

Chief Gardner requested approval to purchase an unmarked vehicle from Love Chevrolet in the amount of \$18,760.00. This is not a budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF UNMARKED VEHICLE FROM LOVE CHEVROLET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,760.00, SECONDED COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Smalls asked if this was being paid for by seized and forfeited funds. Chief Gardner answered yes and stated over \$52,000 was deposited today. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

Approve Purchase of Unmarked Vehicle from Love Chevrolet

Chief Gardner requested approval of budget amendment to the Seized and Forfeited Property Fund for \$18,760.00 to purchase a vehicle.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE SEIZED AND FORFEITED PROPERTY FUND FOR \$18,760.00 TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

Approve Budget Amendment to Seized & Forfeited Fund \$18,760.00

Mr. Alan Loveless requested approval to purchase pole mounted transformers from Line Equipment Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$46,000.00. This is a budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF POLE MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS FROM LINE EQUIPMENT SALES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,000.00, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Bradley asked how many transformers will be purchased. Mr. Loveless answered 50 units. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

Approve Purchase of Pole Mounted Transformers

Mr. Lane Mixon requested Council to approve engineering services with Jordan, Jones and Goulding, Inc. for new clearwell at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$82,300.00. This is budgeted.

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH JORDAN, JONES AND GOULDING, INC. FOR NEW CLEARWELL AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,300.00. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

Approve Engineering Services with JJ&G for Clearwell

Mr. Mixon requested approval of engineering services with Earthworks Planning and Design Consultants for Historic District Water Distribution improvements in the amount of \$47,900.00. This is a budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH EARTHWORKS PLANNING AND DESIGN CONSULTANTS FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,900.00, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

Approve Engineering and Design Services with Earthworks for Historic District Water Distribution Improvements

Mrs. Jessica Miller requested approval for a five year lease agreement with BB&T in the amount of \$240,154.90 to be utilized to purchase a residential sanitation truck. Council approved this several meetings ago. The interest rate is 3.5 percent.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE FIVE YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BB&T IN THE AMOUNT OF \$240,154.90 TO BE UTILIZED TO PURCHASE A RESIDENTIAL SANITATION TRUCK, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

Approve Five Year Lease Agreement with BB&T to Purchase Residential Sanitation Truck

Mrs. Miller requested approval to purchase white sand, borders and weed barriers for city playgrounds in Baruch, Bayview, Ben Cooper and Willowbank parks in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00. This was discussed at the retreat and Council decided to take care of the safety issues in the parks.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF WHITE SAND, BORDERS AND WEED BARRIERS FOR CITY PLAYGROUNDS IN BARUCH, BAYVIEW, BEN COOPER AND WILLOWBANK PARKS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000.00, SECONDED BY

Approve Purchase of Sand, Borders and Weed Barriers for City Playgrounds in City Parks

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

Mrs. Cindi Howard requested Council to approve creation of a new Special Event information sheet and application process for parades, events, block parties, performances and filming for permitting purposes. Mr. Thomas thanked Mrs. Howard, Elise Crosby, the Special Events Committee and members of Council who served on the Committee for all their hard work.

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO APPROVE CREATION OF A NEW SPECIAL EVENT INFORMATION SHEET AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR PARADES, EVENTS, BLOCK PARTIES, PERFORMANCES AND FILMING FOR PERMITTING PURPOSES, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Bradley asked about excluding schools and churches from being charged. Mrs. Howard proposed to include on the information sheet and the ordinance; 'The City, at its discretion, may waive the processing fee and insurance for small events.' She said this would be amended before second reading.' Councilmember Smalls asked if this would apply to streets closed for Bible School and block parties. Mrs. Howard stated the fee could be waived for those events. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

Mrs. Howard presented an ordinance for first reading to amend Chapter 20, Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places of the Codes of Ordinances of the City of Georgetown.

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CODES OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

Mrs. Howard presented an ordinance for first reading to remove from Chapter 16, Article X in its entirety, that which includes Section 16-191 through Section 16-200, Parades and Processions and reserve Article X, Section 16-191 through Section 16-200 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Georgetown.

Approve New Special Event Information Sheet and Application Process

1st Reading – Amend Chapter 20 of Code of Ordinances

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO REMOVE FROM CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE X IN ITS ENTIRETY, THAT WHICH INCLUDES SECTION 16-191 THROUGH SECTION 16-200, PARADES AND PROCESSIONS AND RESERVE ARTICLE X, SECTION 16-191 THROUGH SECTION 16-200 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

**1st Reading –
Amend Chapter 16
of Code of
Ordinances**

Mrs. Howard presented an ordinance for first reading to establish fees for Special Event Permits contained in the City Clerk's Official Record of Utility Rates, Deposits and Miscellaneous fees and Charges of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS CONTAINED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICIAL RECORD OF UTILITY RATES, DEPOSITS AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 6-0.**

**1st Reading –
Establish Fees for
Special Event
Permits**

Mr. Thomas presented a Resolution in support of Santee Cooper's efforts to build the Pee Dee Energy Campus power facility. He said Santee Cooper has requested the City formally support its efforts to build this power facility. It is currently under review by a number of regulatory agencies. Mr. Thomas read the Resolution into the record.

WHEREAS, South Carolina's population has grown by 15 percent in the last decade and is scheduled to grow by another 10 percent by 2010, and

WHEREAS, with additional people comes additional commercial activity that requires more electrical power, and

WHEREAS, this influx of new residents and businesses require responses by power providers like Santee Cooper to develop new sources of electricity through the most reliable, affordable and responsible means, and

WHEREAS, Santee Cooper has taken a multi-tiered approach to meeting these power needs through aggressive conservation, alternative sources of energy and construction of new power generating facilities, and

WHEREAS, Santee Cooper has determined that the construction of a new coal powered energy generating facility called the Pee Dee Energy Campus which will have the best available environmental control technology is the only viable answer to meet these power needs, and

WHEREAS, as an electric city, the City of Georgetown is charged with supplying its residents and businesses with reliable and affordable power.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Georgetown supports the efforts of Santee Cooper to construct the Pee Dee Energy Campus power generating facility to help ensure the supply of reliable and affordable electric power, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Georgetown City Council requests that the regulatory agencies responsible for permitting the new facility will give the facility an expeditious and positive review.

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO DEFER ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT ALL THE REGULATORY AGENCIES ARE IN THE PROCESS OF EXAMINING THE RESOLUTION. He stated there is no better friend in South Carolina than Santee Cooper but would feel better if he had a chance to look at the impact statement before voting on the Resolution. **THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY.** Mr. Bradley said the League of Women Voters mailed him a book, Tapped Out, which deals with the water supply in the world and stated Mrs. Winans made some very good points. We need to be very serious about our water supply, it is a natural resource. He added Santee Cooper is a wonderful asset to our community but at the same time we must be cautious. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. Councilmembers Wayne, Bradley, Smalls, Sawyer and Scoville voted in favor. Mayor Wilson voted against. **THE MOTION WAS CARRIED 5-1.**

Defer Action on Resolution in Support of Santee Cooper's efforts to Construct Pee Dee Energy Campus Power Generating Facility

Under the City Administrator report, (1) Mr. Thomas stated at the Legislative Breakfast this morning, City Council was able to communicate needs as far as the drainage project is concerned. Every member of the Delegation was again provided a packet which included a synopsis of the project, along with a cover letter that indicated the most current needs of about 4 million dollars and that Council is planning a trip to Washington as soon as January to express their concerns and get some support. (2) He indicated to the Delegation that he thinks we have some interest in the Capital Project Sales Tax approved, where the municipality can opt to impose a 1 cent sales tax for capital projects. (3) Mr. Thomas thanked Council for their participation and input at the fall retreat and staff is currently preparing a summary of directives. (4) He congratulated Mrs. Debra Mumford, the City's Human Resource Director, for securing a \$2,000 wellness grant from the Municipal Association. (5) Dates to remember, Christmas Tree lighting Friday, November 23, 2007, 6:00 PM at Francis Marion Park; Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 11:00 AM; City Council Holiday Drop In, Friday, December 14, 2007 at 6:00 PM at the Stewart Parker House; Winyah Auditorium Special Meeting, Thursday, November 29, 2007 at 4:00 PM. (6) He asked City Council to consider, by consensus, changing the December Council Meeting to Thursday, December 13, 2007. Council agreed this would be suitable. Mayor Wilson announced the community Thanksgiving service will be held Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at Georgetown Community Church.

**City Administrator
Report**

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETINGS DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 AND OCTOBER 25, 2007, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Wilson called for the question. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.

**Approve Minutes –
9/20/07 & 10/25/07**

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL SECONDED, BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson called for the question. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 6-0.

**Adjourn Regular
Meeting**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

**DATE APPROVED: 12-13-07
VERIFYING INITIALS: _____**

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL (16) NOVEMBER 15, 2007