

Georgetown County Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the Howard Auditorium, 1610 Hawkins Street, Georgetown, South Carolina.

Present:        Bob Anderson                      Louis R. Morant  
                     Everett Carolina                      Raymond Newton  
                     Clint A. Elliott

Staff:            Jackie Broach,                      Alma D. Sierra,  
                     *Public Information Officer*        *Deputy Clerk to Council*  
  
                     Angela Christian                      John D. Watson,  
                     *County Administrator*              *County Attorney*

Other staff members, members of the public, and representatives of the media were also present. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to newspapers, television, and radio stations, citizens of the County, Department Heads, and posted on the bulletin board in the historic Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Councilor Everett Carolina gave an invocation, and all joined in the pledge of allegiance. Vice Chair Lillie Jean Johnson was not in attendance due to illness. Councilor Stella Mercado was out of town due to a death in her extended family.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Raymond Newton moved for approval of the agenda. Councilor Everett offered a second on the motion. Upon a call for discussion from the Chairman, there was none.

In favor:        Bob Anderson                      Louis R. Morant  
                     Everett Carolina                      Raymond Newton  
                     Clint A. Elliott

#### **SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

##### Nonprofit Spotlight- Access Favor:

The presentation was given by Dr. Renee Causey and Kori Criddle, Director of Intervention Services. Access Favor has been in existence since 2012, but was established as a non-profit organization in 2015. The program was founded by Dr. Victor Archambeau, a local community physician in recovery from substance use disorder. Access Favor currently has two locations, one is located in Conway, and another in Georgetown (located in the SC Works Building). Their goal is to promote recovery from substance use disorders through support, education, and advocacy. Currently, the Organization provides Narcan in local communities via a van that was purchased for this purpose. The intent is to travel around to help people who are actively overdosing, as well as those who are in need of preventative measures. Access Favor works with family members, and the community to foster recovery which results in healthier individuals, families, and communities. Soon they hope to be in schools as well as partnering with more hospitals.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### Adam Weisman

Mr. Weisman is a resident in Murrells Inlet, and he said he was returning to County Council regarding several issues associated with a vacant lot that he owns. He would like to be able to park his boat, truck, and trailer on the property that he lawfully owns, but is unable to do so because the property zoning classification does not allow it. He stated that he feels this area of the County is underrepresented as there seems to have been no action taken on an Ordinance that is causing him to be unable to use property that he pays taxes on. Mr. Weisman stated that he is actually paying a larger amount of taxes on this empty lot than he pays on his house. This issue has taken him to court, and he pleads with Council to help him sort this out. Mr. Weisman also spoke on the matter of the speed limit on Murrells Inlet Road being too high. His children along with others wait for their school bus on that road and many cars pass them at dangerous speeds. He requested that Council look into a solution for this matter as well.

### Dan Stacy

Mr. Stacy informed Council that he was present on behalf of the property applicant associated with Item 9a on the meeting agenda (Ordinance No. 23-45, an amendment to the Pawleys Pavilion Flexible Design District), and would be available to answer any questions County Council may have on this matter.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

*A matter on the Consent Agenda was approved previously during the meeting by the virtue of the agenda approval process.*

*Procurement #24-016, Eagle View Imagery Services & Software: Council approved a new contract with Pictometry International Corporation dba Eagle View at a cost of \$156,919.50 to be billed annually over the next three (3) years.*

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### Waccamaw Mental Health Board

Following a brief report from Alma Sierra, Deputy Clerk to Council, Councilor Bob Anderson moved to nominate Teresa Robinette to serve on the Waccamaw Mental Health Board. Councilor Everett Carolina offered a second on the motion. Upon a call for discussion from the Chairman, there was none.

In favor:        Bob Anderson  
                     Everett Carolina  
                     Clint A. Elliott

Louis R. Morant  
Raymond Newton

## **RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS**

### Resolution No. 24-03

Following a report from Angela Christian, County Administrator, a motion was made by Councilor Raymond Newton to adopt Resolution No. 24-03, a Resolution approving and authorizing the application for a USDA Rural Business Development Opportunity Grant and All Necessary Acts and

Matters Relating Thereto. Councilor Clint Elliott offered a second on the motion. Upon a call for discussion from the Chairman, there was none.

In favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond Newton
	Clint A. Elliott	

### **ORDINANCES-Third Reading**

#### Ordinance No. 23-45

Following a report from Holly Richardson, County Planning Director, a motion was made by Councilor Bob Anderson for third reading approval of Ordinance No. 23-45, an Ordinance to amend the Pavilion Square Flexible Design District (FDD) pertaining to a parcel located on the southwest corner of Highway 17 and Petigru Drive in Pawleys Island identified as TMS#04-0161-016-00-00, to allow for a larger retail store. Councilor Clint Elliot offered a second on the motion. Chairman Morant called for discussion on the motion.

Councilor Clint Elliott moved to amend Ordinance No. 23-45 in order to incorporate amended text, as proposed by Planning Staff (and approved by the applicant), pertaining to multi-purpose pathways. Councilor Everett Carolina offered a second on the motion. Chairman Morant called for any discussion on the amendment, prior to the vote. There was none.

Chairman Louis R. Morant called for a vote on the amendment:

In favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond Newton
	Clint A. Elliott	

The vote on third reading approval of Ordinance No. 23-45, as amended, was as follows:

In favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond Newton
	Clint A. Elliott	

### **ORDINANCES – Second Reading**

#### Ordinance No. 24-04

Following a report from County Finance Director, Karis Langston, a motion was made by Councilor Clint Elliott for second reading approval of Ordinance No. 24-04 an Ordinance to amend the FY23 Operating Budget for Georgetown County. Councilor Everett Carolina offered a second on the motion. Chairman Morant called for discussion on the motion.

Councilor Clint Elliott moved to amend Ordinance No. 24-04 to incorporate amended text as proposed by the Finance Director. Councilor Bob Anderson offered a second on the motion. Chairman Morant called for discussion on the amendment, and there was none.

Chairman Morant called a vote on the amendment:

In favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond Newton
	Clint A. Elliott	

The vote for second reading approval of Ordinance. No. 24-04, as amended, was as follows:

In favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond Newton
	Clint A. Elliott	

### **ORDINANCES – First Reading**

*The following Ordinances were read into the record by title only:*

Ordinance No. 24-05 – An Ordinance to amend the Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use (FLU) map, regarding 8.3 acres of TMS# 04-0158-060-00-00, located along U.S. Hwy 17 in Pawleys Island, from conservation Preservation to Medium Density Residential

Ordinance No. 24-06 – An Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of Georgetown County, regarding 8.3 acres of TMS# 04-0158-060-00-00, located along U.S. Hwy 17 in Pawleys Island, from General Commercial (GC) and General Residential (GR) to a Flexible Design District

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Council Meeting – February 13, 2024

Councilor Everett Carolina moved to adopt the minutes of the County Council meeting held on February 13, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilor Raymond Newton. Upon a call for discussion from the Chairman, there was none.

In favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond Newton
	Clint A. Elliott	

### **LEGAL BRIEFING / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilor Clint Elliott made a motion to move into executive session in order to receive a legal briefing from County Attorney, Jay Watson, and discuss various legal matters. Councilor Everett Carolina offered a second on the motion. Upon a call for discussion from the Chairman, there was none. Council moved into executive session at 6:14 PM.

In favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond Newton
	Clint A. Elliott	

### OPEN SESSION

Councilor Clint Elliott moved to return to open session. Councilor Everett Carolina offered a second on the motion. Upon a call for discussion from the Chairman, there was none. Council returned to open session at 7:16 PM.

In favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond Newton
	Clint A. Elliott	

### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Morant called for further business to come before County Council prior to adjournment. Being no further business, Councilor Clint Elliott moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilor Raymond Newton. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

In favor:	Bob Anderson	Louis R. Morant
	Everett Carolina	Raymond Newton
	Clint A. Elliott	

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Date

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Clerk to Council