

Georgetown County Council held a meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 4:00 PM using electronic and telephonic means.

Present:	Everett Carolina	Louis R. Morant
	Ron L. Charlton	Raymond L. Newton
	Steve Goggans	John W. Thomas
	Lillie Jean Johnson	

Staff:	Angela Christian	Wesley P. Bryant
	Jackie Broach-Akers	Theresa E. Floyd

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, and Department Heads. It is imperative for Georgetown County government to continue to operate during its State of Emergency, however, the County must take steps to minimize the need for large gatherings in order to protect public health and safety of its citizens and the health and public safety of County staff and members of County Council. Considering this, the budget meeting was conducted virtually using electronic means, and streamed live on Georgetown County's public Facebook page.

Chairman John Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

FY2021 Budget Discussion

County Administrator, Angela Christian, presented a brief status update on the current budget (FY2020). She stated that revenues are currently up 1.8 % from last year. Although there has been a decrease during the month of April, staff is cautiously optimistic that the County would be ending the current year's budget in a positive position. Additionally, staff is prepared in the event that revenues continue to downturn.

Ms. Christian advised County Council that the FY21 budget would be presented in two budget sessions, with the current presentation including smaller funds, and the second budget work shop to include major funds, such as the General Fund and Law Enforcement. The presentation was turned over to County Finance Director, Ed Kilcullen.

Mr. Kilcullen outlined the summary of several funds within the proposed FY2021 budget. He pointed out challenges that have been identified in the upcoming budget including increases in health insurance, fleet insurance, and workers' compensation insurance. He summarized the budget status of several smaller funds including that of both Fire Districts, Environmental Services, and the Storm Water Fund. It is currently unknown the impacts that the Covid-19 Virus will have on the economy and revenues moving into the future. Mr. Kilcullen responded to questions from members of County Council throughout the presentation. He advised Council members of the revised budget adoption calendar, which includes presentation of the second part of the proposed budget in a work session on May 26th; second reading of the budget on June 9th, and third reading on June 23rd.

Being no further business to come before County Council, Councilmember Steve Goggans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 PM, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Newton.

Date

Clerk to Council