

Georgetown County Council held a meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 5:30 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, Department Heads, and posted on the bulletin board located outside of Council Chambers in the historic Courthouse. As 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 this 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 5:36 PM. Councilmember Ron Charlton gave an invocation, and all joined in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Ron Charlton made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Councilmember Everett Carolina seconded the motion. Chairman John Thomas called for discussion on the motion, and there was none.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Georgetown County has declared a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with Emergency Ordinance No. 20-15, Georgetown County has activated emergency operation procedures which temporarily suspend the public comment portion of the meeting.

MINUTES:

Emergency Council Session – March 27, 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Charlton, and seconded by Councilmember Steve Goggans, to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2020 emergency meeting. There was no discussion on the motion.

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

Emergency Council Session – April 21, 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Charlton, and seconded by Councilmember Steve Goggans, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020 emergency meeting. There was no discussion on the motion.

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

Regular Council Session – April 28, 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Charlton, and seconded by Councilmember Steve Goggans, to approve minutes of the April 28, 2020 meeting. Chairman John Thomas called for discussion, and there was none.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following report was included on the Consent Agenda, and therefore approved previously during the meeting:

Ordinance No. 20-17 - To rezone a 1.86 acre parcel located on the southeast corner of Walker Road and Willie Road (TMS 01-0432-059-00-00) from Forest Agriculture (FA) to Village 10,000 Square Feet Residential (VR-10) – Third Reading approval.

RFP #20-019, Forest Management Consulting Services – County Council approved staff's recommendation to award a contract to American Forest Management Inc. in association with RFP #20-019.

Procurement #19-110, Sandy Island Bulkhead Project – Change Order 1 – County Council approved staff's recommendation to approve Change Order #1 with Seven Seas Marine Construction in the amount of \$59,845 for the Sandy Island Bulkhead Project.

RFP #19-115, GIS Centric Asset Management System – County Council approved staff's recommendation to award a contract to Beehive Industries LLC of Lincoln, NE for a GIS Asset Management System.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation No. 20-09

Councilmember Raymond Newton moved for the adoption of Proclamation No. 20-09, to proclaim May 17-23, 2020 as "National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week" in Georgetown County. Councilmember Steve Goggans offered a second on the motion. No discussion followed the motion.

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

Chairman John Thomas stated that Georgetown County is thankful for all Emergency Medical Services personnel. They work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide lifesaving care. We are especially thankful to our medical services personnel who have worked, on the frontlines, throughout our current unprecedented medical pandemic.

Representatives of Georgetown County Fire District 1, Midway Fire-Rescue, and Murrells Inlet–Garden City Fire District attended the meeting virtually, and expressed appreciation to Georgetown County Council for their support, especially within the past few months.

Proclamation No. 20-10

Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson moved to adopt Proclamation No. 20-10 proclaiming May 2020 as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Georgetown County. Councilmember Louis Morant seconded the motion. There was no discussion following the motion.

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

Resolution No. 20-11

A motion was made by Councilmember Louis Morant, seconded by Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson to support submission of an application to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) seeking federal and/or state funding to assist in providing community transportation services to Sandy Island. No discussion followed the motion.

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

Resolution No. 20-12

Detailed discussion ensued among members of County Council, including questions posed to the County Attorney, Councilmember Raymond Newton moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 20-12 disbanding the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission as created by Georgetown County Resolution No. 20-02. Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson offered a second on the motion. There was no discussion following the motion.

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

Council Chairman John Thomas voiced appreciation to members of the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission for their dedication and hard work on this endeavor. This was echoed by a members of County Council.

ORDINANCES-Third Reading:

No reports.

ORDINANCES-Second Reading:

No reports.

ORDINANCES-First Reading:

Ordinance No. 20-22 - An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2019/20 Operating Budget of Georgetown County.

BIDS:

No reports.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

Emergency Ordinance No. 20-23

Councilmember Louis Morant moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 20-23, an Emergency Ordinance to rescind previously adopted Ordinance No. 20-20 in its entirety. Councilmember Raymond Newton offered a second on the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

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

Emergency Ordinance No. 20-24

Chairman John Thomas moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-24, an Emergency Ordinance to declare and continue a Local State of Emergency in Georgetown County thereby authorizing the continuation of Georgetown County's Emergency Operations Plan and Procedures through July 15, 2020, as amended to remove Section 7d. pertaining to the restriction of public comments during council meetings. Councilman Raymond Newton offered a second on the motion. There was no discussion following the motion.

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

DEFERRED:

Ordinance No. 19-25

County Council deferred action on Ordinance No. 19-25, an Ordinance setting the Base Salaries for Elected Officials of Georgetown County, and further repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 2005-45.

Ordinance No. 20-18

Action was deferred on Ordinance No. 20-18, an Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Ordinary County Purposes for Georgetown County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020, and Ending June 30, 2021; To Provide for the Expenditure Thereof; and To Provide for Revenues for the Payment Thereof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Louis Morant made a motion to move in Executive Session for legal advice related to a potential claim regarding capital project sales tax. Councilmember Steve Goggans offered a second on the motion.

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

County Council moved into Executive Session at 6:18 PM.

OPEN SESSION:

Open Session resumed at 7:32 PM. Chairman John Thomas stated that during Executive Session, County Council received legal advice from County Attorney, Wesley Bryant, regarding a potential claim.

Being no further business to come before County Council, Councilmember Steve Goggans made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Date

Clerk to Council