

Georgetown County Council held a meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 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. Councilmember Ron Charlton gave an invocation, and all joined in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Steve Goggans made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, to include the addition of Emergency Ordinance No. 20-21, following a report from Sheriff Carter Weaver pertaining to the matter of Georgetown County's beaches. Councilmember Raymond Newton seconded the motion. Chairman John Thomas called for discussion on the motion, and there was none.

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Sheriff Carter Weaver, attending the meeting via electronic means, made a presentation to County Council regarding the status of Georgetown County's beaches, as observed by Sheriff's Department personnel from April 24th through April 27th. Sheriff Weaver stated that personnel had observed that beachgoers in Georgetown County were compliant with social distancing measures set in place due to the Covid-19 virus threat. He added that if County Council should determine to open the County's beaches back up, his Department was adequately staffed to continue monitoring compliance with social distancing measures as necessary.

Following the Sheriff's report, and comments from members of County Council a motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Newton for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 20-21 to re-open public accesses to Georgetown County beaches as of May 1, 2020 (with the exception of the Murrells Inlet Marshwalk, Jetty View Walkway, and Veterans Pier, which will re-open on May 15). Councilmember Steve Goggans offered a second on the motion. There was no discussion following the motion.

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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:

Record of Emergency Action – March 16, 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Charlton, and seconded by Councilmember Louis Morant, to approve the record pertaining to action taken by Georgetown County Council on March 16, 2020 declaring a state of emergency. There was no discussion on the motion.

In Favor:	Everett Carolina	Louis R. Morant
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Regular Council Session – March 24, 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Charlton, and seconded by Councilmember Louis Morant, to approve minutes of the March 24, 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	

Regular Council Session – April 14, 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Charlton, and seconded by Councilmember Louis Morant, to approve minutes of the April 14, 2020 meeting. 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	

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Proclamation No. 20-08 - To declare the week of May 17-23 "Public Works Week" in Georgetown County was adopted.

Ordinance No. 20-11 - An ordinance to amend the Future Land Use Map regarding approximately 2.27 acres located at 855 N. Morgan Avenue outside of Andrews, SC (TMS #02-0122-069-00-00) from Commercial to Medium Density Residential, was granted third reading approval.

Ordinance No. 20-12 - To rezone 2.27 acres located at 855 N. Morgan Avenue near Andrews, SC, identified as TMS 02-0122-069-00-00, from General Commercial (GC) to 10,000 Square Feet Residential (MR-10), was granted third reading approval.

Ordinance No. 20-13 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Lease and Term Extension for property off of Grate Avenue, Pawleys Island, SC (TMS 04-0416-008-00-00) for Continued Maintenance of a Crown Castle Communications Tower d/b/a Global Signal Acquisitions LLC, was granted third reading approval.

Procurement #20-028, Portable Toilet Rental, Term Contract – County Council awarded procurement to Powell's Sanitation, Inc. of Loris, SC at the rates provided in their submitted in bid documents

Procurement #20-031, Open Edge Credit Card Processing System – County Council awarded a contract for credit card processing services with Open Edge (to be used by Building, Planning, Zoning and Storm water for complete project processing, from permitting to inspections).

Procurement #15-001, Change Order #6, Design/Build for Nine (9) Fire Substation Metal Garage Structures – County Council approved Change Order #6 with Sellers General Construction, in the amount of \$128,532.89, and authorize the construction completion of fire substations.

ORDINANCES-Third Reading:

Ordinance No. 20-09

County Attorney, Wesley Bryant, presented a report pertaining to Ordinance No. 20-09 authorizing Georgetown County to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Agreement with the City of Georgetown for a term of 25 years. City Administrator, Dr. Sandra Yudice, and Lawrence Flynn, legal counsel for the City of Georgetown, were also in attendance via electronic means.

Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson moved for third reading approval of Ordinance No. 20-09 approving the Execution and Delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Georgetown, South Carolina; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilmember Raymond Newton offered a second on the motion. Chairman Thomas called for discussion, and there was none.

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ORDINANCES-Second Reading:

Ordinance No. 20-17

Councilmember Raymond Newton moved for second reading of 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). Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion following the motion.

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ORDINANCES-First Reading:

No reports.

BIDS:

No reports.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

No reports.

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:

No reports.

Being no further business to come before County Council, Councilmember Ron Charlton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Steve Goggans. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Date

Clerk to Council