

Georgetown County Council held a meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 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 5:32 PM. Councilmember Ron Charlton gave an invocation, and all joined in the pledge of allegiance.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Councilmember Raymond Newton 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:**

##### Regular Council Session – March 10, 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Charlton, and seconded by Councilmember Raymond Newton, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting. 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	

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

*Board Appointment - Parks and Recreation Commission* – Mr. Jim Mallow was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission (representing Council District 6).

*Board Appointment - Georgetown County Fire District 1 Board* – Mr. William Massey was reappointed to the Fire District 1 Board (representing Council District 7).

*Procurement #20-013, FY20 Municipal Lease/ Purchase Financing for Vehicles and Heavy Equipment* – County Council awarded a bid for municipal lease purchase financing to Truist Bank in accordance with the terms offered.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance No. 20-10

County Council held a public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-10, an Ordinance to declare as surplus an approximately 0.5 acre portion of land located in the Town of Andrews, bearing Georgetown County TMS #06-0007-050-00-00, and to authorize the County Administrator to dispose of the property in the manner as prescribed in Ordinance No. 2008-09, as amended.

Councilmember Everett Carolina stated that he would like to see County Council move forward with the provisions of this ordinance. There were no other comments, and Chairman Thomas ordered the public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-10 closed.

Ordinance No. 20-11

A public hearing was held on 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. There were no public comments, and the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance No. 20-13

County Council held a public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-13, titled “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”. There were no public comments, and Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

**ORDINANCES-Third Reading:**

Ordinance No. 20-10

Councilmember Raymond Newton moved for third reading approval of Ordinance No. 20-10, an Ordinance to declare as surplus an approximately 0.5 acre portion of land located in the Town of Andrews, bearing Georgetown County TMS #06-0007-050-00-00, and to authorize the County Administrator to dispose of the property in the manner as prescribed in Ordinance No. 2008-09, as amended. Councilmember Lewis Morant offered a second on the motion. Chairman Thomas called for discussion. No discussion occurred.

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

Opposed: Steve Goggans

**ORDINANCES-Second 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 legal counsel for the City of Georgetown, Lawrence Flynn, were also in attendance via electronic means.

Pursuant to the report, 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 Ron Charlton offered a second on the motion. Chairman Thomas called for discussion.

Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson moved to amend Ordinance No. 20-09 to incorporate amended text, as provided as of this meeting date. Councilmember Raymond Newton seconded the amendment. There was no further discussion pertaining to this matter.

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

The vote on the main motion was as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 20-11

Councilmember Raymond Newton moved for second reading approval of 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. Councilmember Louis Morant offered a second. 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	

Ordinance No. 20-12

A motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Newton, and seconded by Councilmember Louis Morant 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). 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	

Ordinance No. 20-13

Councilmember Ron Charlton moved for second reading approval of Ordinance No. 20-13, titled, "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". Councilmember Raymond Newton offered a second. 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	

**ORDINANCES-First Reading:**

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).

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.

**BIDS:**

RFQ #20-003, Professional Auditing Services

*Prior to discussion and voting on RFQ #20-003, Chairman John Thomas disclosed a conflict of interest and requested to be recused from participating in this matter.*

Councilmember Raymond Newton moved to award a professional services contract for Georgetown County's financial auditing services to Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams, & Scott of Whiteville, NC. Councilmember Louis Morant offered a second on the motion. There was no discussion.

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

Abstained: John W. Thomas

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

FY2020 Budget Status Report

Georgetown County Finance Director, Ed Kilcullen, presented a status report on the FY2020 annual budget.

**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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No report.

Being no further business to come before County Council, Councilmember Ron Charlton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Newton. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

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Date

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Clerk to Council