

Georgetown County Council held a meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 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:            Wesley P. Bryant (*Interim Administrator*)  
                 Theresa E. Floyd  
                 Jackie Broach-Akers

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. Due to Georgetown County's declared State of Emergency, 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. 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 council.

South Carolina law provides that counties may enact emergency ordinances to meet public emergencies affecting life, health, safety or the property of the people upon a single reading, provided that such ordinance does not levy taxes, grant, renew or extend a franchise or impose or change a service rate, upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the county council attending, and provided that such emergency ordinance shall expire automatically on the sixty-first day following its enactment.

It has been determined that a public emergency affecting life, health, and safety does exist, and therefore, it is appropriate and necessary to suspend certain local provisions in the Georgetown County Rules of Procedure Ordinance (99-30) in order to hold council meetings electronically during the State of Emergency to ensure public services remain and the business of Georgetown County is conducted speedily and lawfully while protecting its citizens, staff, and officials from exposure to COVID-19.

Councilmember Raymond Newton moved for the adoption of Georgetown County Emergency Ordinance No. 20-15, authorizing the use of electronic provisions to conduct council meetings, and addressing other matters related to Georgetown County's operating procedures during this State of Emergency. Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson 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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Councilmember Steve Goggans moved for approval of the meeting agenda as published. Councilmember Everett Carolina seconded the motion. Chairman 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:*

*Procurement #19-068 , Excavator for Landfill – County Council authorized the issuance of a Purchase Order to Ascendum Machinery in the amount of \$243,651.00.*

*Procurement #19-072, Triaxle Dump Truck for Landfills – County Council awarded the purchase of the 2020 Peterbilt 567 Triaxle Dump Truck from The Larson Group Peterbilt of Charlotte, NC for \$176,516.00.*

*Bid #19-071, FY20 Containers for Recycling - County Council awarded the bid to Rudco South, LLC in the amount of \$151,234.00 plus applicable taxes.*

*Resolution No. 20-06 - County Council adopted Resolution No. 20-06 declaring April 2020 as "Fair Housing Month" in Georgetown County.*

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

County Administrator Position - Employment Contract

Interim County Administrator, Wesley P. Bryant, reviewed the terms of a proposed employment contract with Ms. Angela Christian for the position of Georgetown County Administrator. Councilmember Raymond Newton moved for approval of the proposed employment contract with Ms. Christian. Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson seconded the motion. Chairman John Thomas called for discussion on the motion, and there was none.

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**DEFERRED:**

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. 20-09 - An Ordinance to approve the Execution and Delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Georgetown, South Carolina; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

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.

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.

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).

Ordinance No. 20-13 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Lease and Term Extension of an existing agreement with Crown Castle Communications, for a tower site on Grate Avenue to allow for Continued Maintenance.

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

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Clerk to Council