

Georgetown County Council held a Regular Council Session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 5:30 PM in County Council Chambers located in the historic Georgetown County Courthouse, 129 Screven Street, Georgetown, South Carolina.

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

Other staff members, members of the public, and representatives of the media were also present. 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.

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 Ron Charlton made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the noted changes. Councilmember Raymond Newton seconded the motion. Chairman John Thomas called for discussion on the motion, and there was none.

In Favor: Everett Carolina Louis R. Morant
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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Beverly Sullivan

Ms. Sullivan, speaking on behalf of the 'Keep it Green' Steering Committee, thanked Council members who attended the organization's meeting on Saturday (3/7). She said the group wants to be good stewards of green space throughout the county, and plan to have additional meetings in other areas of the county (aside from the Waccamaw Neck). Georgetown County's citizens are stronger together, and this will give all County Council members the opportunity to participate in future in future meetings.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Session – February 11, 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Steve Goggans, and seconded by Councilmember Everett Carolina, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 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	

Regular Council Session – February 25, 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Raymond Newton, and seconded by Councilmember Louis Morant, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting as submitted. 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:

Contract #17-078 DC, Local Funded Comp. Roadway Design & Engineering, Task Order #3 - County Council approved Task Order #3 with Dennis Corporation for roadway design, engineering, and permitting in the amount of \$55,000.00 for Kidneywood Way, and Soldierwood Lane.

Procurement #19-070, Rear Loader Truck for Recycling Collection - County Council approved the purchase of a rear loader truck for recycling collection from Excel Truck Group in the amount of \$138,993.00, inclusive of delivery, taxes, and fees.

Procurement #19-086, Pond Road Drainage Improvements – County Council awarded a Construction Contract to IPR Southwest LLC of Stone Mountain, Georgia in the amount of the base bid (including Option #1 & Option #2) at a total amount of \$661,253.00.

Procurement #20-016, Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment (116 Sets of Coats and Pants) - County Council awarded a purchase order to Newton's Fire and Safety Equipment, in the amount of \$266,732.21 for firefighter personal protective equipment (116 Sets Coats and Pants).

Annual Plantation Tours: Request for one-time road maintenance – County Council authorized staff to proceed with a “one-time grading” of the entry road at Estherville Plantation in preparation for the Annual Plantation Tours at a cost of approximately \$130.00 charged to the Georgetown County Public Services road maintenance budget.

Georgetown County Sheriff's Office - Byrne Grant Funding Award – A report was provided as information regarding a Byrne Grant Funding award received by the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$114,864.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 20-06

County Council held a public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-06, an amendment to Article 2, Section 2-2 of the Georgetown County Development Regulations reducing the submission time frame for applications to

the Planning Commission. There were no public comments, and Chairman John Thomas ordered the public hearing closed.

Ordinance No. 20-07

A public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 20-07, an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 2017-17 to authorize the Lease of Hangars and Other Storage Facilities at the Georgetown County Airports. No individual came forward to speak for, or against, Ordinance No. 20-07, and the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance No. 20-08

Chairman John Thomas opened a public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-08, an Ordinance to Amend an Existing Agreement between Georgetown County, South Carolina, and Towerco LLC Pertaining to the Lease of Space totaling approximately 2,100 Square Feet Located at Station 82, 112 Beaumont Drive, Pawleys Island, SC for the Construction and Maintenance of a Wireless Tower. There were no public comments, and the Chairman closed the public hearing.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Georgetown County Fire District 1 - Board Appointment

Councilmember Ron Charlton appointed Mr. TJ Brown to serve on the Georgetown County Fire District 1 Board (representing Council District 2). Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion following the motion.

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Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson moved to reappoint Mr. William Walker (serving at large) on the Fire District 1 Board. Councilmember Everett Carolina offered a second on the motion. Chairman John Thomas called for discussion on the motion, and there was none.

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Midway Fire-Rescue Board

Councilmember Steve Goggans moved to re-appoint the following members of the Midway Fire-Rescue Board to an additional term of service: Richard "Dick" Faulk, John Lapworth, and James Mueller. Councilmember Ron Charlton seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

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ORDINANCES-Third Reading:

Ordinance No. 20-05

Councilmember Ron Charlton moved for third reading approval of Ordinance No. 20-05, an amendment to the Article XVII, Section 1702.2 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the submission time frame for applications to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Raymond Newton offered a second on the motion. Chairman Thomas called for discussion on the motion, and there was none.

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Ordinance No. 20-07

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Ordinance No. 20-08

Councilmember Raymond Newton moved for third reading approval of Ordinance No. 20-08, an Ordinance to amend an Existing Agreement between Georgetown County, South Carolina, and TowerCo LLC, pertaining to the Lease of Space Totaling Approximately 2,100 Square Feet located at Midway Fire Station 82, 112 Beaumont Drive, Pawleys Island, SC for the construction and maintenance of a communications tower. Councilmember Everett Carolina seconded the motion. Chairman Thomas called for discussion on the motion, and there was none.

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ORDINANCES-Second Reading:

Ordinance No. 20-10

Councilmember Everett Carolina moved for second 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 Raymond Newton offered a second on the motion. Chairman Thomas called for discussion.

Councilmember Everett Carolina moved to amend Ordinance No. 20-10 to incorporate text as provided (as the ordinance was introduced by title only) including that the property may be disposed of via lease or deed. Councilmember Newton seconded the amendment. There was no further discussion.

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

Opposed: 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

Opposed: Steve Goggans

ORDINANCES-First Reading:

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.

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. 20-09

County Council deferred action on 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Raymond Newton made a motion to move into Executive Session in order to discuss a personnel matter related to the search for an administrator. Councilmember Lillie Jean Johnson offered a second on the motion. There was no discussion following the motion.

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County Council moved into Executive Session at 5:51 PM

OPEN SESSION:

As Open Session resumed at 6:44 PM, Chairman John Thomas stated that during Executive Session, County Council discussed a personnel matter as previously disclosed. No decisions were made by County Council, nor were any votes taken during Executive Session.

Chairman John Thomas called for additional business to come before County Council. Councilmember Steve Goggans moved authorize the Human Resources Director to begin discussions with Ms. Angela Christian regarding the position of County Administrator. Councilmember Raymond Newton seconded the motion. No discussion followed the motion.

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Being no further business to come before County Council, Councilmember Louis Morant made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Everett Carolina. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Date

Clerk to Council