

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SC
DECEMBER 17, 2009**

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The Regular Monthly Meeting of City Council was held this date in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Lynn Wood Wilson presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

	Mayor Lynn Wood Wilson	
Mayor Pro Tem Brendon M. Barber, Sr.		Councilmember Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Councilmember Rudolph A. Bradley		Councilmember Clarence C. Smalls
Councilmember Paige B. Sawyer, III		Councilmember Peggy P. Wayne

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Chris Eldridge, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent
Mr. Paul A. Gardner, Chief of Police
Mr. Sterling Geathers, Public Works Director
Mrs. Cindy Kinder, Interim Kaminski House Director
Mr. Alan Loveless, Electric Utility Manager
Mrs. Jessica Miller, Finance Director
Mr. Lane Mixon, Public Water Utilities Director
Mr. Steve Stack, Assistant Director of Development
Mr. Joey Tanner, Fire Chief
Mr. Keith Wilson, Keep Georgetown Beautiful Executive Director

NEWS MEDIA

Georgetown Times – Mr. Scott Harper

Mayor Wilson opened the Regular Meeting of City Council at 5:30 PM. Reverend Mike Breen with 3D Ministries rendered the invocation and Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order,
Invocation and
Pledge**

Mayor Wilson asked that all cell phones, with the exception of emergency personnel, be turned off or placed on vibrate.

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Comment Section at 5:35 PM and recognized Mr. Joe Desroches. Mr. Desroches of Pete Duty and Associates addressed Council concerning the storm water pumps which were recently bid out. He said he is the product specified by the engineers but not the low bid and wanted to provide facts for Council before they make a decision tonight. He has been doing business with the City of Georgetown for close to 20 years and has sold the City most of the sewer pumps in the system. He added the low bidder was well below his cost; they have never built anything this size before; they are a nine person, 15,000 square foot facility; no engineers on staff and not capable of testing. Mr. Desroches stated Mr. Mike Horton of Davis and Floyd Engineers has reviewed all the facts on the City's behalf and has recommended his pumps.

**Public Comment
Section**

**Mr. Joe
Desroches**

Mayor Wilson recognized Mr. Kevin Jayroe of 404 St. James Street who addressed Council concerning the daily issues of speeding and drunk driving. He said the street is both business and residential and he is begging the City to help get a traffic light at Highmarket and St. James or stop signs coming down St James Street.

Mr. Kevin Jayroe

Mayor Wilson recognized Mr. Ernie Merchant owner of Trendy on the corner of St. James and Highmarket Streets. Mr. Merchant said the flashing yellow light at this intersection is probably increasing the danger there because some people come to a stop, oftentimes causing squealing brakes from cars coming up behind the stopped vehicles. He said St. James Street is used as a major thoroughfare to Front Street and the speeding is dangerous. He collected over 300 hundred signatures on a petition and submitted it to the Department of Transportation a few months ago; however, it has not been recognized or acknowledged. He is asking City Council for their support with this problem.

**Mr. Ernie
Merchant**

Mayor Wilson recognized Ms. Mazie Graham who addressed Council on behalf of the very low income elderly and disabled of Georgetown in the area of housing and services. Speaking as a senior citizen with a Masters degree, she finds it hard to negotiate

Ms. Mazie Graham

and navigate the political and service systems and feels the seniors need somebody to stand in the gap for them. She said there is an ever growing population of poor and disabled elderly citizens in the Georgetown area and a large percentage live in poverty. Many of the homes are dilapidated and are in need of repair. Apparently there is a long waiting list for the home repair program for Section 8 and other public housing. A lot of these seniors are not candidates for nursing homes nor can they negotiate the system well enough to get all the services they need in order to age in place and continue to maintain their independence. On the other side, there are over 2,000 citizens with Alzheimer's and other dementias who need more care than the family can give, but they don't qualify for nursing homes initially. She is not aware of any housing developments that will target the low income elderly in need of support services. This group not only needs housing, but coordination of services to make sure their basic needs are met. She said there is funding for these services but Georgetown zoning is essentially unfriendly or close-minded to the provision of this type of service. She asked Council to take her information into consideration and share it with the appropriate departments in hopes of affecting a change for the low income elderly.

Mayor Wilson recognized Mr. Marty Tennant who addressed Council concerning city finances. He asked how much money we have free and clear in the City of Georgetown, not encumbered not allocated to any particular purpose. He referenced the citizens financial report that was distributed to all citizens of Georgetown which stated there was \$21 million unrestricted, net assets which represents resources accessible by the City to provide services to the residents of Georgetown if there were no additional revenues or resources available. Before the election he requested a statement of the City's cash position and said the \$21 million was there as unrestricted net assets but there were deductions being made. Mr. Tennant said the City has plenty of cash and encouraged Council not to pass the General Obligation Bond tonight.

Mayor Wilson recognized Ms. Carrie Williams who said she came before Council about six months ago with questions concerning her water and wastewater charges. Someone was supposed to contact her with an answer but as of today she has heard from no one. She also expressed concern about noise and speeding in the West End and people talking and texting on their cell phones while driving. Mayor Wilson told Ms. Williams he will ask Mr. Eldridge to give her a call.

Mr. Marty Tennant

Ms. Carrie Williams

Mayor Wilson recognized Mr. Jay Patidar who told Council he is in favor of the four-way stop sign.

Mr. Jay Patidar

The Public Comment Section closed at 5:53 PM.

**Public Comment
Section Closed**

Mayor Wilson recognized Ms. Yolanda McCray, Program Manager for Service Over Self. Ms. McCray said in 2008 SOS was awarded a Federal grant from the Department of Juvenile Justice to be used in Georgetown County to help alleviate delinquent behavior among the youth. The money has been used to create public service announcements in Cavers Bay, Georgetown, Andrews and the Waccamaw Neck. Students were surveyed to determine what they are faced with on a daily basis. The four top issues were drug abuse, teen drinking, alcohol and gang violence. Youth from the City and County of Georgetown have arranged a video showing what they would do to help students from sixth to twelfth grades combat these issues. The video was shown at this time. Ms. McCray concluded by saying the more we do to try to instill positive youth development and offer programs that keep the youth off the streets the better the City of Georgetown will be.

**Service Over Self
Ms. Yolanda
McCray**

Mayor Wilson announced the character trait of the month is self control. Rejecting wrong desires and doing what is right.

**Character Trait of
the Month**

Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked Mayor Wilson for a moment to make a presentation. As City Council gathered around Mayor Wilson, Mr. Barber recalled from 1986 to 1995 the Mayor served as a Council Member and from 1995 to present he has served as Mayor. He told the Mayor on behalf of Council and the citizens of Georgetown his leadership was appreciated all those years and presented him with a Bulova clock. Mayor Wilson told the audience they have been gracious to him for allowing him to be Mayor of the City. He said that it has been a team effort; we have wonderful department heads and staff. He can put his head on his pillow tonight and say the years he has been here God has favored our City. He rejoices in the accomplishments that have taken place because it has made life for our citizens so much better. It is not perfect, we have a long way to go but we have come a long way. We elected the first minority Fire Chief and Street Department Head in the history of the City of Georgetown. We've won municipal achievement awards. You hear negative stuff about the sky falling on the City. That's the furthest from the truth. Our City is well run and it's all because of the staff and the people of Georgetown. He said Mayor Scoville will be a great Mayor and Council needs to get behind him. He thanked

**Presentation to
Mayor Wilson**

everyone and concluded by saying he is bowing out of politics, never considered himself a politician, just a public servant.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT INTERSECTION OF ST. JAMES STREET AND HIGHMARKET STREET, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Wayne said she would like to have a workshop meeting so the citizens who live in that area can come and speak. She does not want this to pass and then be asked 'why did you do it.' Mayor Wilson said the Resolution will only send the request to the Highway Department. Councilmember Bradley concurred with Councilmember Wayne. Mayor Pro Tem Barber requested that Council look at other areas in need of four-way stops. He said children walk to school on Merriman Road and it is used as an interstate. Like Councilmember Bradley, he respects the opinions of those who addressed Council, but he wants some hard core data from the Department of Transportation. Councilmember Scoville requested a workshop the first Thursday after the New Year. Councilmember Bradley said after the holidays. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked who might be back in town the week after New Years and indicated some Councilmembers may not be available. Mayor Wilson told Council to work this out. Councilmember Sawyer said this has been talked about several times in the past and Council has been contacted by citizens asking for help. He confirmed with the Finance Director that about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the General Fund budget is spent on public safety and said this is just one step in that direction. The Resolution is asking the Department of Transportation to please consider a four-way stop at the intersection. He agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Barber that there are other places throughout town that need attention also, but cannot see why this needs to be put off any longer. Councilmember Scoville said he lives a block from the intersection and concurs there should be a four-way stop or a light. He has no problems with a workshop if that would answer some questions and said he would set one for the first Thursday after New Years. Mayor Wilson called for the question. MAYOR WILSON AND COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER VOTED IN FAVOR. MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER AND COUNCILMEMBERS BRADLEY, SCOVILLE, SMALLS AND WAYNE VOTED AGAINST. THE MOTION FAILED 2-5.

**Failed Resolution-
Four-way Stop at
St. James and
Highmarket -
Conduct
Workshop with
Residents**

Mayor Wilson explained to the folks supporting this issue that Council has turned it down and will call for a workshop meeting the first of the year.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO CONDUCT A WORKSHOP CONCERNING THE WILLOWBANK COMMUNITY 90-DAY TRIAL CLOSURE OF TWO ACCESS POINTS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER AND COUNCILMEMBERS BRADLEY, SCOVILLE, SMALLS AND WAYNE VOTED IN FAVOR. MAYOR WILSON AND COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER VOTED AGAINST. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-2.**

Conduct a Workshop on Willowbank Community 90-Day Trial Closure of 2 Access Points

Mayor Wilson explained that Council would prefer to host a workshop to hear from the residents of Willowbank on this matter. Mrs. Stephanie Finney said they have been through this with the Police Department. Councilmember Wayne said she has not been invited to any meetings, has not heard from any residents in Willowbank and wants to be sure before she votes. Mayor Wilson said he would ask Mr. Eldridge to contact Mrs. Finney.

Mayor Wilson read aloud the following Proclamation.

WHEREAS, the National Guard Armory Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battery 178, Field Artillery has been located in Georgetown, South Carolina since 1917; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina National Guard has embarked upon missions to both secure and preserve peace and protect the lives and interests of all Americans, thus exhibiting the high caliber and readiness of our State's Guardsmen; and

WHEREAS, these citizen Soldiers of Georgetown County also assist with community needs; and

WHEREAS, our Guardsmen will once again respond to the call to duty in Operation Enduring Freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, on behalf of our City Council I proclaim January 6, 2010 as

SUPPORT SWAMP FOX BATTALION DAY

In the City of Georgetown, South Carolina and urge all citizens to recognize the bravery and personal sacrifice of these Soldiers in carrying out their duties.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this 17th day of December 2009.

COUNCILMEMBER SAYWER MOVED TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 6, 2010 AS SUPPORT SWAMP FOX BATTALION DAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Proclamation - Proclaim 01/06/10 as Support Swamp Fox Battalion Day

Mayor Wilson presented the Proclamation to CPT Plummer and SSGT Harmon.

Mrs. Jessica Miller presented second reading on an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding four hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000) General Obligation Note, Series 2010 of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended to provide for the payment thereof and other matters relating thereto. This is budgeted revenue for capital expenses approved by Council.

COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$420,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE, SERIES 2010 OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Bradley said that some of his constituents are under the impression that there will be a financial encumbrance placed on them when the bond is passed. He stated that is not true. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **MAYOR WILSON, MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER AND COUNCILMEMBERS BRADLEY, SAWYER, SCOVILLE, AND WAYNE VOTED IN FAVOR, COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS VOTED AGAINST. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1.**

2nd Reading GOB to Pay for Budgeted Capital Items

Chief Paul Gardner presented a request for permission to apply for a \$300,000 grant to fund the Drug Enforcement Unit in Georgetown County for 2010/2011. He explained the County will be signing the grant request and there is a 5% match which would not occur until the next budget year. Currently the drug assets are assigned to the DEU and this would continue if we do not receive the grant.

COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR A \$300,000 GRANT TO FUND THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY FOR 2010/2011, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked which line item this would come from. Chief Gardner said he would be looking for an enhancement.

Permission to Apply for \$300,000 Grant

Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Mr. Lane Mixon presented first reading on an ordinance to amend the Miscellaneous Utility Fees and Charges Section of the City Clerk's Official Record of Utility Rates, Deposits and Miscellaneous Fees and Charges of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina. This is in relation to bacteriological testing performed at the Water Plant.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY FEES AND CHARGES SECTION OF THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICIAL RECORD OF UTILITY RATES, DEPOSITS AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Bradley wanted to know if we do the testing and hire ourselves out and are we losing money at the current fee we are charging. Mr. Mixon said at \$25 we are about breaking even. Councilmember Scoville asked if we test for metals. Mr. Mixon said DHEC tests for metals. Mayor Pro Tem Barber asked where does our water quality rank. Mr. Mixon said we have not had a violation as long as he can remember, we meet our standards. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

1st Reading –
Amend
Bacteriological
Testing Fees

Mr. Mixon presented for approval an engineering contract with Davis & Floyd for the US 17/City Hall Drainage Improvement Project in the amount of \$175,000. This is a budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER SMALLS MOVED TO APPROVE AN ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH DAVIS & FLOYD FOR THE US 17/CITY HALL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Bradley asked Mr. Mixon if he is satisfied with Davis & Floyd and referenced the fact they did not recommend the pumps that staff is requesting. Mr. Mixon answered he is satisfied with the engineers and said the project as designed is going to handle 99% of the storms...not the biblical rains every 100 years. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Contract
with Davis &
Floyd for US
17/City Hall
Drainage Project

Mr. Mixon requested approval of pump purchase from FPI in the amount of \$471,494 for the US 17/City Hall Drainage Project. This is a budgeted item. This is the low bidder. Mr. Mixon stated the representative from the high bidder addressed Council earlier about his product. Staff feels this pump will do the job for about half the cost and is recommending approval to purchase.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE PUMP PURCHASE FROM FPI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$471,494 FOR THE US 17/CITY HALL DRAINAGE PROJECT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCOVILLE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Smalls asked Mr. Mixon if he is comfortable between the two prices with the equality. Mr. Mixon stated we have two smaller FPI pumps in the steel mill right now that have been there for eight or nine years and have not had any problems. He said FPI has built pumps this size driven by different mechanisms but not a hydraulic pump. We have a two year warranty and a five year performance bond. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **MAYOR WILSON, MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER AND COUNCILMEMBERS BRADLEY, SAWYER, SCOVILLE, AND SMALLS VOTED IN FAVOR, COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE VOTED AGAINST. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-1**

Approve Pump Purchase from FPI in the amount of \$471,494

Mr. Mixon stated the next three items are all related to the CDBG money.

Mr. Mixon requested approval of bar screen purchase from Duperon Corporation in the amount of \$269,700 for the US 17/City Hall Drainage Project. This is the low bid and we received a letter of recommendation from the engineer. This is a budgeted item.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE BAR SCREEN PURCHASE FROM DUPERON CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$269,700 FOR THE US 17/CITY HALL DRAINAGE PROJECT, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mr. Mixon explained a bar screen catches trash and debris before it gets to the pump and is automatically cleaned. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Bar Screen Purchase from Duperon Corp in the amount of \$269,700

Mr. Mixon said after the engineer started reviewing the numbers on the force main pipe it was noted the tax was not included in the total; therefore, the price will change from \$578,600 to \$613,316.

The City will be responsible for the difference of \$59,447.20 because it is above the \$1 million grant. The difference will come from the \$2.5 million in reserve for this project. Mrs. Miller added City Council will have to approve a budget amendment to move the funds from cash into the budget. She will prepare this for next month's meeting.

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE FORCE MAIN PIPE PURCHASE FROM AMERICAN STEEL PIPE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$613,316 FOR THE US 17/CITY HALL DRAINAGE PROJECT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Force Main Pipe Purchase from American Steel Pipe in the amount of \$613,316

Mr. Mixon requested approval of stormwater quality structure purchase from ADS in the amount of \$126,431.20 for the US 17/City Hall Drainage Project.

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO APPROVE STORMWATER QUALITY STRUCTURE PURCHASE FROM ADS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,431.20 FOR THE US 17/CITY HALL DRAINAGE PROJECT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Approve Stormwater Quality Structure Purchase from ADS in the amount of \$126,431.20

Mr. Mixon said the City still does not have the SCDOT Participation Agreement for the Drainage Project and will bring it before Council next month.

Defer Item 12G

Mr. Mixon presented the SCDOT Participation Agreement for the Front Street Gateway Enhancement Project. This is the project at Front and Fraser Streets which has some grant money involved. DOT is going to fund 80%, estimated to be about \$40,000, and the City's match will be about \$1,800. This is for mast arms at the intersection.

COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE SCDOT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR THE FRONT STREET GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Councilmember Wayne wanted to know if this was going to be done after the drainage project. Mr. Mixon said it can be done before because that project will not interfere with the intersection.

Approve SCDOT Participation Agreement for Front Street Gateway Enhancement Project

Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Councilmember Scoville said he had requested Item 13A, an ordinance relating to commercial vehicles parking in the Historic District, be placed on the agenda; however, he asked that it be pulled until some subsequent meeting. There was no objection from Council.

Defer Item 13A

Mayor Wilson said he read an article in the Georgetown historical publication where blue and white street signs were first erected in 1907. In honor of that and to keep that tradition going in Georgetown he wants to transition in blue and white metal street signs throughout the City. There was no objection from Council.

Transition to Blue and White Street Signs throughout the City

Mr. Eldridge requested that Council add second reading on an ordinance to amend the 2009/2010 Annual Budget for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina to the agenda. This is for a 2009 Preserve America Initiative 50/50 matching grant-in-aid from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History to conduct a Comprehensive Historic Resources Survey of the Historic District. This is not new money; it is coming from separate line items in the General Fund: \$10,000 from Non-departmental consulting services, \$5,000 from management services, \$3,000 from Administration travel and \$2,000 from Building and Planning travel.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE SECOND READING ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009/2010 ANNUAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 FOR THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SAWYER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**2ND Reading
Amend 2009/2010
Budget**

Mr. Chris Eldridge reported 1) the **Stormwater Project** is still on track. SCDOT Commissioner Danny Isaac has been a huge support for the City; the Department of Commerce has been really good to work with; the bid opening is set for February 9, 2010; with current funding the entire project is covered. 2) Chandler Construction has begun work on the **Front Street Streetscape** project; they have knocked on all the residents' front doors. There was a community meeting and the residents asked for the tennis courts to remain. This will be an issue Council needs to address. Sarah Smith with Waccamaw Regional Council of Government is drafting a letter to the Department of Commerce to make sure

**City Administrator
Report**

they agree to this change. If we keep the tennis courts Mr. Eldridge would like Council to invest funds to make it look nice. 3) **Winyah Auditorium** will be discussed in Executive Session. 4) **Harborwalk** - Lane, Alan and Mr. Eldridge met with Collins Engineering in Charleston to look at Ipe wood that has been in place for four years. It weathered well and looked nice. They also visited a ship rigging business and saw options for railing. Mr. Eldridge said he felt it would be good for Council to take a road trip and see some of the applications first hand. 5) **Maryville Water** – Violet Street is waiting on the bore; Brinkley Street is next; a contract has been approved for the design on Whitton Street. 6) **Bridge to Bridge Initiative** – The implementation committee held its first meeting last week and will begin work soon. 7) **The Kaminski House Museum** received a grant in the amount of \$7,190 to hire a professional conservator to assess the collections and an historic preservation specialist to assess the historic buildings.

Councilmember Smalls left the meeting at 6:50 PM.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING DATED OCTOBER 21, 2009; CITY COUNCIL/WINYAH AUDITORIUM CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATED OCTOBER 27, 2009, CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2009 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2009, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION, DISCUSS PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL MATTER AND A PERSONNEL MATTER CONCERNING REORGANIZATION, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson asked for discussion. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO REOPEN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE.

Councilmember Smalls left Mtg.

Approve Minutes Special Mtg. 10/21/09; Joint Mtg. 10/27/09; Workshop 11/19/09; Regular Mtg. 11/19/09

Adjourn Regular Mtg. & Enter Executive Session

Reopen Regular Meeting

Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

The Regular Meeting of City Council was reopened at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Wilson announced no formal action was taken in Executive Session.

Mayor Wilson stated Council would like the Winyah Auditorium Board to know that they are in full support of them and look forward to hosting another joint meeting to work out some issues.

Council in Full Support of Winyah Auditorium Board

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILL THE CASHIER POSITION AND TRAINEE POSITION AT THE WASTEWATER PLANT, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

Authorize Administrator to Fill Two Positions

COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY MOVED TO REAPPOINT EXISTING MEMBERS ON THE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE WITH THE ADDITION OF RICKY MARTIN REPRESENTING BUILDING AND PLANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WAYNE. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.** NOTE: Existing members include Daniella O. Howard, Finance Department; Shane E. Ard, Electric Department; William R. Johnson, Fire Department; Leroy Priest, Storm Water; Nelson E. Brown, Police Department and Janet Grant, Public Works Department.

Appointments to Grievance Committee

MAYOR PRO TEM BARBER MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRADLEY. Mayor Wilson called for the question. **THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

Adjourn Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

DATE APPROVED: 01-21-10
VERIFYING INITIALS: _____