

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947
Time: 6:45 PM Public Hearing
Regular Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearing

PRESENT:
Bill West, Mayor
Rebecca Johnson-Dennis, Ward Two
Chris Lecates, Ward Three
Bob Holston

STAFF PRESENT:
Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor

ABSENT:
Steve Hartstein, Ward One
Eric Rust, Superintendent Wastewater Dept.

6:45 PM – PUBLIC HEARING

An application by Larson Engineering Group, Inc., on behalf of developer, K. Hovnanian Homes, for an official zoning map amendment from Urban Residential (UR1) with a Residential Planned Community (RPC) overlay zoning district to Townhouse Residential (MR2). The properties are located on the west side of the intersection of Vaughn Road & Ennis Road, identified as Sussex County Tax Map ID 135-14.00-44.01; 47.01; 50.00.

Doug Liberman, with Larson Engineering, presented an overview of the application for an official zoning map amendment to the Mayor and Council.

REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Manager Dvornick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Councilwoman Lecates led the Invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to amend the agenda by removing item #8b. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to adopt the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 11, 2019 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Holston to approve the December 11, 2019 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A 55KW TOWABLE GENERATOR SIZED FOR EMERGENCY USE AT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND SEWER/WATER PUMP STATIONS

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to authorize the purchase of a 55kw towable generator sized for emergency use at administrative office and sewer/water pump stations. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

6. WEBSITE REDESIGN PROPOSAL FROM DELMARVA DIGITAL (UPDATE OF TOWN WEBSITE)

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilwoman Lecates to approve the website redesign proposal from Delmarva Digital. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

7. PRESENTATION AND REQUEST FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN TO JOIN MONARCH CITY USA (TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE RECOVERY OF THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY POPULATION)

Motion by Councilman Holston, seconded by Councilwoman Lecates to approve the request for the Town of Georgetown to join Monarch City USA. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

FY 2021 Budget

The Town has begun work on our FY 2021 budget. A timeline has been provided to all Department Heads and it is anticipated we will have the first draft of the initial Budget in late February or early March. A copy of the schedule has been included with this report.

Washington DC Trip – Delaware League

The DLLG Capitol Hill visit (Washington, DC) will be on Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

The schedule is currently being finalized and usually affords an opportunity to hear from Senator Coons, Senator Carper, and Congresswoman Blunt Rochester followed by a tour of the Capitol.

Please let me know by Friday, February 21, 2020 at 3:00 PM if you are interested in attending.

Georgetown to Lewes Trail

Town Staff met with representatives from DelDOT regarding the Georgetown to Lewes Trail (Parsons Lane to Airport Road). Design completion is anticipated in the Fall of 2020 with construction in the Spring of 2021 (to coincide with the Georgetown East Gateway Project). A presentation on the project will be made to the Town Council at the February 26 Town Council Meeting. A public information session will be scheduled shortly thereafter.

February 2020 SCAT Dinner Meeting

The February 2020 Sussex County Association of Towns Dinner Meeting (hosted by Georgetown and Legislative Night) has been rescheduled for February 12, 2020 – this

conflicts with our first Town Council Meeting in February. It is suggested that we cancel the February 12 Town Council Meeting.

*Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Holston to cancel the February 12, 2020 Town Council Meeting. **Motion Carried (unanimous)***

International Women's Day 2021 Budget

International Women's Day and the Centennial of the 19th Amendment ratification will be celebrated on Sunday, March 8 at 3:00 PM on The Circle. We will be preparing a Proclamation for the event and the organizers are requesting Members of Council, who are available, attend the event.

Planning Commission/Town Council Workshop

The Planning Commission has requested a joint meeting between the Commission and Town Council. I have requested topics for discussion be submitted by the Planning Commission and welcome any topics from Members of Council. Goal is to have a one (1) hour workshop at a date convenient for all members. A poll will be conducted for possible dates in Late February/early March.

Miscellaneous

- Legislative Update
- Reminders:
 - Delaware League of Local Governments: Thursday, January 23, 5:30 PM (Dover)
 - Sussex County Association of Towns: Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 PM, hosted by Georgetown (Legislative Night)
 - Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: Friday, February 14, 9:00 AM, Arena's at the Airport.

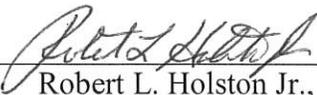
9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

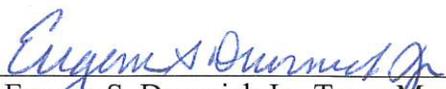
Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adjourn at 7:25pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Robert L. Holston Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager