

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2019
Location: First State Community Action Agency, 308 North
Railroad Avenue
Time: 6:45 PM Public Hearing
Regular Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearing

PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor
Steve Hartstein, Ward One
Rebecca Johnson-Dennis, Ward Two
Chris Lecates, Ward Three

STAFF PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Bob Holston, Ward Four

6:45 PM – PUBLIC HEARING

Doug Liberman, with Larson Engineering, provided an overview of the application to Mayor and Council.

Mayor West opened the floor up for questions.

- Tommy Givens – If this is approved, what is the period for this project starting?
 - Doug Liberman – We would still have to get approvals from other agencies so we are 6-9 months out at least.
- Mayor West – In reference to the postal service, will there be individual mailboxes at each home or will there be a multi-tenant box?
 - We will do whatever the post office desires.
- Linda Dennis – I am speaking as a concerned citizen and not as a member of the Planning Commission.
 - Brought up concerns from previous Council meeting back in 2008 and 2009 in reference to congestion, traffic, and the proposed housing density. This formed an interest in examining the elimination of the MR1 Zoning Category.
 - In 2010, the MR1 category was called into question again when similar projects, such as The Oaks and the Parsonage, were proposed.
 - The examination of eliminating MR1 Zoning Category did not occur
 - I applaud the developer for reducing the number of proposed units – Question is can it be even smaller in scope and still be a win for the Town and the developer?
 - I do not think it is acceptable to let almost a decade go by without having any tangible progress.
 - Again, I am offering these comments not as a condemnation of this proposal, but as a reminder that we have an opportunity and an obligation to make timely decisions regarding development within our Town. I know from the things that you have already done that you agree that this is our duty to promote economic development that enhances our Town to be a great place to live and work.

The Public Hearing will remain open until the next regular Town Council Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 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

Councilwoman Lecates requested to delete item #8b.

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

4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 12, 2018 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilwoman Lecates to approve the December 12, 2018 Town Council Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

5. ADDENDUM – SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GREATER GEORGETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Town Manager Dvornick presented an overview of the addendum – services agreement with the Greater Georgetown Chamber of Commerce.

- Councilwoman Lecates: What will be the best way to see if this comes to fruition and how will that impact future contracts with the Chamber?
- Town Manager Dvornick: Invite the operations manager to come and present at two separate meetings, one in the early spring and one in the fall.

Request to amend agreement by adding two presentations from Operations Manager and adding language for the town Manager to be able to make additions as needed for community events.

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve the addendum – services agreement with Greater Georgetown Chamber of Commerce as amended. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

6. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION #2019-001 AUTHORIZING THE ALTERATION OF LOVE LANE BETWEEN STRAWBERRY ALLEY AND WEST PINE STREET

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to adopt Resolution #2019-001 Authorizing the Alteration of Love Lane between Strawberry Alley and West Pine Street as presented.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

7. 2nd READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2018-006 ZONING CODE MODIFICATIONS

Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adopt Ordinance #2018-006 Zoning Code Modifications.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. GENE DVORNICK – TOWN MANAGER

FOP Contract Negotiations

I have received notification from the Georgetown Police Department FOP indicating the desire to begin negotiations on a new contract – the current contract expires April 30, 2019. Their Negotiation Team is Edgar Verde (President), Michael Goines (Vice President), Richard Arnold (Treasurer), and Craig McGowan (National FOP).

Accordingly, the Town needs to identify its Negotiation Team. In the past, participants have been the Mayor, one Member of Council, the Town Manager, and the Town Solicitor. Additionally, the Chief of Police for expertise as needed.

Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to appoint Mayor West, Councilwoman Lecates, Town Manager Dvornick, and Town Solicitor Ballard as the FOP Contract Negotiations Team.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

FY 2020 Budget

The Town has begun work on our FY 2020 budget. A timeline has been provided to all Department Heads and it is anticipated we will have first draft of the initial Budget in late February or early March. A copy of the schedule has been include with this report

Verizon Cell Tower

Wireless Access Technologies received the Town's amendments to their proposed contract and are currently reviewing them. There will be a presentation before Planning Commission on March 20, 2019 requesting a Modification of Height Regulations pursuant to Section 230-154 of the Town Zoning Code for a 108 +/- foot cellular tower.

Project Updates

- 39 The Circle – Insulation scheduled to begin January 24; Electrical rough-in completion anticipated for January 25 followed by DP&L electric service.
- South Race Street – Due to weather delays, pavement rehabilitation is anticipated late winter/early spring.

Miscellaneous

- Legislative Update
- Reminder

- Delaware League of Local Governments: Thursday, January 24, at 5:30, in Dover
- Sussex County Association of Towns: Wednesday, February 6, at 6:00 PM, hosted by Georgetown
- Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee: Friday, February 8, at 9:00 AM, Arena's at the Airport
- DLLG Capitol Hill Visit to Washington, DC: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

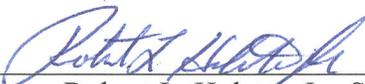
9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor West thanked everyone who attended his mother's funeral on January 21.

10. ADJOURNMENT

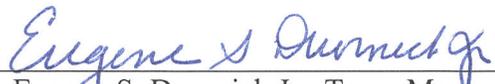
Motion by Councilwoman Lecates, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to adjourn at 7:41pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Robert L. Holston Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager