

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021
Location: In accordance with the State of Emergency Declaration issued by Governor John Carney that became effective on March 13, 2020, and as extended, all public meetings of the Town of Georgetown shall be conducted electronically through Zoom until further notice to prevent unnecessary public gatherings.
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Zoom Meeting ID: 942 7957 5076
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Time: 6:45 PM Public Hearings
Regular Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearings

PRESENT:

Bill West, Mayor
Steve Hartstein, Ward One
Rebecca Johnson-Dennis, Ward Two
Angela Townsend, Ward Three
Penuel Barrett, Ward Four

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager
Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor
Jocelyn Huff, Planning Administrator

6:45 PM – PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. BOND REFINANCING

Jamie Schlesinger, PFM Financial Advisors, presented an overview of the Bond Refinancing.

B. TOWN OF GEORGETOWN DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Lauren Good, Wallace Montgomery, presented an overview of the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Comments from Public:

Linda Dennis, Chair of Planning Commission

- Expressed concerns on censorship and timeline of document.
- Thanked Lauren Good, Jocelyn Huff, Jamie Craddock, and members of the Planning Commission for all of their hard work on this document.

Mayor West

- Thank you Gene for your help on this document as well.

Jocelyn Huff, Planning Administrator

- The document is posted on the Town website so the public can review the document and send any comments they have by email to Jocelyn.

The record will stay open for 30 days.

REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor West waived the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

Mayor West led the Invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to add the Ethics Committee Discussion to the next Town Council Meeting.

Motion Rejected (2 yea's, 3 nay's)

Vote:

Ward 1, Steve Hartstein: No

Ward 2, Rebecca Johnson-Dennis: No

Ward 3, Angela Townsend: Yes

Ward 4, Penuel Barrett: Yes

Mayor, Bill West: No

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 24, 2021 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Barrett to approve the Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

The Town received three letters of interest from Lance Mears, Larry Rohlfing, and Steve Farrell.

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to appoint Lance Mears and reappoint Larry Rohlfing and Steve Farrell to the Planning Commission.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

6. BOARD OF ELECTIONS APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to appoint Rosalie Walls, Elaine Reynolds, Shirley Hitchens, Jane Hovington (alternate) and Sandra Hagans (alternate) to the Board of Elections. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

7. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT FOR VILLAGE OF COLLEGE PARK – PHASE 1

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve the Public Works Agreement for Village of College Park – Phase 1 subject to final review of the Town Solicitor. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

8. APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR UNIVERSITY DRIVE – PHASE 2

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the Maintenance Agreement for University Drive – Phase 2.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

9. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION #2021-02 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$3,750,000 AGGREGATE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to adopt Resolution #2021-02 Authorizing the Issuance of up to \$3,750,000 Aggregate Maximum Principal Amount of General Obligation Bonds. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

10. 2ND READING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE #2021-01 AMENDING THE ZONING CODE BY ADDING CEMETERY USES TO §230-25. PERMITTED USES

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adopt Ordinance #2021-01 Amending the Zoning Code by adding Cemetery Uses to §230-25. Permitted Uses. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

B. ORDINANCE #2021-02 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (UR2) TO PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (UB3) LOCATED AT 216 WEST MARKET STREET (135-19.08-105.00)

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to adopt Ordinance #2021-02 Zoning Map Amendment from Medium Residential District (UR2) to Professional Business District (UB3) located at 216 West Market Street (135-19.08-105.00). **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

11. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK

2021 Annual Municipal Election

Statements of Candidacy for Ward 1 and Ward 2 are currently available. The deadline for completion and filing is April 16, 2021. If an election is needed, it will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

Project Updates:

- West Adams Street:
 - Concrete work began today
 - Some temporary closures will be needed and advertised accordingly
 - After concrete work, milling will follow and then pavement restoration
- Water Main & Service Line Replacement Project
 - Still anticipate a start date of June 1, 2021
- Georgetown East Gateway Project
 - Preparation for the closure of US 9 has begun

- Map of proposed detours are included in Council packets
- Brittingham Lane
 - Based on the survey, markings have been completed
 - Our Construction Coordinator is working with Public Works as to do the best surface treatment

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

The Town has supplied the Office of the State Treasurer the information required for determination of the first portion of our allocation under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. We still anticipate receipt of up to \$3.86 million in direct allocation. Specific guidance related to the use of these funds is still being drafted by the US Department of the Treasury.

Projects contemplated include:

- Main Pump Station Upgrade (sewer)
- Big Park Pump Station Upgrade (sewer)
- Meadows Pump Station Upgrade (sewer)
- Allegro AMI System & Meters (water)
- Elevated Storage – SCI (water)

Miscellaneous

- Legislative Update
- 2020 Tree City USA Recognition – 7th Year
- Our Outdoor Recreation, Parks, and Trails (ORPT) award notice has been received (\$12,500)
- Reminders:
 - Special Town Council Meeting – Certification of Candidates: Friday, April 16, 5:01 PM
 - 2nd Budget Workshop: Monday, April 26, 5:00 PM

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Town Manager Dvornick:

- Correspondence email from Lisa Fensick at Ambulance 93 thanking the Town for the Lucas Device
- Correspondence letter from Ray Hopkins read into the record

Linda Dennis, 4 Huckleberry Drive:

- Questioning the definition of the Ethics Committee and what their role is.
 - Mayor West: Chapter 18 of our Code can answer most questions about the ethics committee.

Councilman Barrett:

- Why were the Councilmembers not informed of this committee until the night of the vote?
- We signed off on a contract for Arrow Safety the roundabout, but why is the maintenance left up to the Town to handle if the state is in charge of the roadway?

- Mayor West: The state is doing this to everyone. We are working with DelDOT to get this corrected because we do not have the maintenance personnel, equipment, or money to do it.

Hunter Emory:

- Thank you to Mayor and Council for approving the zoning change so I can relocate my business in Town.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to enter into executive session at 8:27pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

Exited executive session at 8:46pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adjourn at 8:47pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Penuel Barrett, Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager