

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, February 10, 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: 943 3229 4528  
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**Time:** 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

**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

**7:00 PM - REGULAR MEETING**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor West waived the Pledge of Allegiance

**2. INVOCATION**

Mayor West led the invocation.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Barrett to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2021 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the January 27, 2021 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**5. ROAD ABANDONMENT DECISION**

*Front Street from East Market Street to East Pine Street and Strawberry Alley from South Race Street to a point +/- 255 feet to the East*

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to move forward with the abandonment of Front Street from East Market Street to East Pine Street and Strawberry Alley from South Race Street to a point +/- 255 feet to the East.

**Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**6. CONTRACT AWARD – KING STREET WATER PLANT CLEAR-WELL PAINTING - \$78,800**

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to approve the King Street Water Plant Clear-Well Painting Contract Award in an amount not to exceed \$78,800.00. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**7. CONTRACT AWARD – SCI WATER PLANT ROOF - \$5,380**

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve the SCI Water Plant Roof Contract Award to Bayside Exteriors in an amount not to exceed \$5,380.00. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

**8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**A. TOWN MANAGER – GENE DVORNICK**

**Troop 95 Eagle Project**

The Town has been working with an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 95 on a required Eagle Scout Project. The candidate will be designing and installing a Butterfly Garden at the North King Street Playground with appropriate fencing and information signage.

Work will be coordinated with Public Works to ensure appropriate placement. This will be a nice addition to our Monarch City designation.

**El Mercado Latino De Georgetown**

Representatives of the El Mercado Latino De Georgetown Working Group would like to have a meeting with the Mayor, a member of Town Council, Chair of the Planning Commission, Town Manager and the Planning Administrator. The purpose is to share information on the project and discuss the benefits and opportunities for the Town. Potential dates will be offered once the Town Council participant is selected. A project presentation, by the working group, to the entire Town Council will be made at a future Council Meeting

*Mayor West appointed Councilwoman Townsend to participate in the meeting with the El Mercado Latino De Georgetown Working Group.*

**Debt Refinance**

Last week Finance Staff and I met with representatives of Stifel Public Financial to discuss the prospects to refinance some of our municipal debt. Given the historically low interest rates, we may have an opportunity to refinance approximately \$3.1 million in existing debt – additionally, there is the possibility of reducing (shortening) the term by 20 years and result in significant savings of debt service (estimated at \$900,000). As the municipal rate changes daily, we will only move forward should a significant advantage exist for the Town. Information regarding the opportunity and a listing of Delaware & Maryland clients have been included in your packets.

*Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to move forward with refinancing our debt. **Motion Carried (unanimous)***

**Pettyjohn Woods Agreement Addendum**

The first ten (10) year agreement with Pettyjohn Farms is in the process of being reviewed for a 10-year addendum. We have agreement to reduce the annual increase from 5% to 3% and are reviewing the incorporation of some tree and vegetation maintenance items. Once drafting is completed, this will be an agenda item for Council

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Angela Townsend

- Positive Feedback from removing the picnic tables
- Requesting to work on removing the Parklet
- Planning Commission member concern

Penuel Barrett

- Discussion on allowing non-resident property owners vote in all elections, not just referendums.

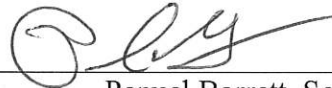
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- In support of Debt Refinance

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adjourn at 7:28pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

APPROVED:



Penuel Barrett, Secretary

ATTEST:



Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager