TOWN OF GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 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: 975 9840 9222 Follow Onscreen Instructions

Time: 6:45 PM Public Hearings

Regular Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearings

PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager

Stephani J. Ballard, Town Solicitor

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

6:45 PM - PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. CASE #2021-01 Rezone Application

Hunter Emory with The Emory Agency presented information on Case #2021-01 Rezone Application.

No action at this time.

B. ORDINANCE #2021-01 Presentation on amending the Zoning Code by adding Cemetery Uses to §230-25. Permitted Uses

Town Manger Dvornick presented a PowerPoint to Mayor and Council.

No action at this time.

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 adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 24, 2021 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis, seconded by Councilman Barrett to approve the February 24, 2021 Town Council Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

5. ANNUAL TAX ASSESSMENTS

Town Manager Dvornick presented the Annual Tax Assessments.

6. PRESENTATION OF FY22 DRAFT BUDGET

Town Manager Dvornick presented the FY22 Draft Budget.

7. PETTYJOHN AGREEMENT

Motion by Councilman Barrett, seconded by Councilman Hartstein to approve the Pettyjohn Agreement as presented. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

8. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION #2021-01 REFINANCING TERMS RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Dennis to adopt Resolution 2021-01 Refinancing Terms Resolution. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

9. 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 need, it will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

FY 2022 Budget Workshop

The Finance Staff and I have been working on the FY 2022 Budget – initial projections distributed this evening and currently shows a deficit of \$2,389,575. We would like to schedule a workshop with the Mayor and Council to review the information, identify alternatives, and discuss potential solutions to address the projected deficit. A Doodle Poll will be sent out on March 11 to aid in the selection of a date and time for a workshop on this subject.

Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot Program

Delmarva Power has identified three potential locations for the Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot Program Parking Spaces, and has requested the Town Council pick one:

- 1. West side of North Front Street between West Laurel and West Market in the grassy area and trees (pole # 52971/04910). They would consider adding additional sidewalk, where none currently exists, if the Town was interested.
- 2. East side of North Front Street across the street from option 1. This would require a directional bore to extend the distribution lines to serve the charger.
- 3. West side of North Race Street at Cooper Alley across from Wesley Church (pole #53025/04978)

Motion by Councilwoman Townsend, seconded by Councilman Barrett to move forward with Option #1 for the Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot Program.

Motion Carried (unanimous)

Updates:

- Water Main & Service Line Replacement Project
 - Pre-construction conference is scheduled for Friday, March 19 at 10:00
 AM
- Brittingham Lane Survey
 - o Survey has been completed and is under review by Town Staff
- South Race Street
 - o Sidewalk repair and replacement anticipated the week of March 22

Miscellaneous

- Legislative Update
- Department Heads will begin reporting at Council Meetings starting March 24
- Large Project Downtown Development District Rebate
 - JB Wagamon Professional Office Building (4 East Laurel Street) received a \$379,500 Large Project Reservation Award Program (176% of the \$2,145,822 anticipated development cost)
- Coastal Corridors Workshop Georgetown, Thursday, March 11, 6:30 PM Electronic Meeting (advance registration required)
- Non-Resident Voting Discussion Workshop, Monday, March 22, 5:00 PM Electronic Meeting

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Townsend

- Questions on what was provided from Mid-South Audio in Town Hall
- Request to put people who have filed for the Municipal Election on the home page of our website.
- Multiple code violations

Councilman Barrett

- Are the water meters that we have had issues with part of the budget?
- Question regarding the status of a current planning commission member

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Hartstein, seconded by Councilwoman Townsend to adjourn at 7:23pm. **Motion Carried (unanimous)**

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APPROVED:

Penuel Barrett, Secretary

ATTEST:

Eugene S. Dvornick Jr., Town Manager