

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, JULY 28, 2015

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sussex County Council was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

Michael H. Vincent	President
Samuel R. Wilson, Jr.	Vice President
George B. Cole	Councilman
Joan R. Deaver	Councilwoman
Robert B. Arlett	Councilman
Todd F. Lawson	County Administrator
Gina A. Jennings	Finance Director
J. Everett Moore, Jr.	County Attorney

Call to Order	<p>The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mr. Vincent.</p> <p>Mr. Vincent called the meeting to order.</p>
M 295 15 Approve Agenda	<p>A Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Arlett, to approve the Agenda, as posted.</p> <p>Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.</p> <p>Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea</p>
Minutes	<p>The minutes of July 21, 2015 were approved by consent.</p>
Public Comments	<p><u>Public Comments</u></p> <p>John Welsh, resident of Heron Bay in Lewes, commented on issues within the Heron Bay development, i.e. amenities, use of clubhouse facilities by the builder/developer, and insurance.</p> <p>Dan Kramer of Bridgeville commented on one of the agenda items on this date - the draft ordinance to establish a moratorium on off-premises signs.</p> <p>R. L. Hughes, the new Chief of Police for the Town of Georgetown, thanked the Council for the grant funding provided to the Department.</p>
Wastewater Agreement	<p>Mr. Lawson presented a wastewater agreement for the Council's consideration.</p>

**M 296 15
Approve
Wastewater
Agreement/
Americana
Bayside**

A Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Arlett, based upon the recommendation of the Sussex County Engineering Department, for Sussex County Project No. 81-04, Agreement No. 341-5, that the Sussex County Council execute a Construction Administration and Construction Inspection Agreement between Sussex County Council and Carl M. Freeman Companies for wastewater facilities to be constructed in Americana Bayside – Phase 1, Revision 5, Town Center, located in the Fenwick Island Sanitary Sewer District.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea;
Mr. Vincent, Yea**

**Adminis-
trator's
Report**

Mr. Lawson read the following information in his Administrator's Report:

1. Delaware Solid Waste Authority Reports

There were 36,816 pounds of recycled material received at the Recycle Delaware pods at the West Complex in Georgetown during the months of April, May, and June 2015. Attached are reports received for each month.

2. Sussex County Emergency Operations Center Call Statistics – June 2015

Attached please find the call statistics for the Fire and Ambulance Callboard for June 2015. There were 15,770 total calls handled for the month of June. Of those 9-1-1 calls in June, 80 percent were made from wireless phones.

[Attachments to the Administrator's Report are not attachments to the minutes.]

**Public
Hearing/
Marsh
Farm
Estates
Exp./
Angola
Neck SSD**

A Public Hearing was held to consider a property owner's request to have two parcels of land annexed into the Angola Neck Sanitary Sewer District (Marsh Farm Estates Expansion).

Rob Davis, Senior Planner, presented the request. He reported that a written request for annexation was received from the developer's engineer. The parcels adjoin the existing sewer district; the area is within the future service area of the Angola Neck Sanitary Sewer District. The Marsh Farm Estates property is proposed for development into a 134 lot subdivision and a portion of the project was previously annexed into the sewer district. In order to receive sewer service, the Marsh Farm Estates developer will provide a fee simple pump station site and construct a regional pump station that will serve a larger area. The project will be responsible for System Connection Charges of \$4,100 per equivalent dwelling unit based on

Public Hearing (continued)	<p>rates valid through June 30, 2015. Mr. Davis reported that no comments have been received regarding the proposed annexation.</p> <p>There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was closed.</p>
M 297 15 Adopt R 010 15	<p>A Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Arlett to Adopt Resolution No. R 010 15 entitled "A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE BOUNDARY OF THE ANGOLA NECK SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT (ANSSD) TO INCLUDE 2 PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED WEST OF COUNTY ROAD 279, TAX MAP REFERENCE 234-12.00 PARCELS 15 AND 16" (MARSH FARM ESTATES EXPANSION).</p> <p>Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.</p> <p>Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea</p>
GIS Mapping Platform Demonstration	<p>Mr. Lawson announced the roll-out of the new GIS mapping system, which will be available on the County's website on this date. The mapping applications platform is a geographic information system (GIS) that pulls a variety of information into an interactive mapping product, including up-to-date zoning information, flood zones, 911 addresses, election districts, school districts, library locations and other data. Mr. Lawson stated that the new product is a more comprehensive, user-friendly service that replaces the outdated system.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson recognized Debbie Morris, Database Administrator, and Meghan Nehrbas, 911 Project Manager, for their contributions to this project.</p> <p>Mr. Lawson and Ms. Nehrbas gave demonstrations on the new comprehensive mapping system.</p>
Discussion/ Proposed Ordinance Regarding Signs	<p>The Council discussed a draft ordinance establishing a moratorium for off-premise signs. This Ordinance establishes a six-month moratorium upon the acceptance of applications for a special use exception for off-premises signs. This moratorium may be extended, modified, or terminated at any time by a majority vote by the Council.</p>
Introduction of Proposed Ordinance/ Moratorium Off-Premises Signs	<p>Mr. Cole introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF SPECIAL USE EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR OFF-PREMISES SIGNS".</p> <p>The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.</p>

EMS Response Vehicles/ Bid Results	Robert Schoonover, EMS Technical Services Division Manager, presented the bid results for three 4-wheel drive Suburban vehicles to be used by the EMS Department. Bids were received from two bidders; Hertrich Fleet Services was the low bidder at \$43,196 per vehicle for a total of \$129,588.00 for three vehicles.
M 298 15 EMS Response Vehicles/ Bid Award	<p>A Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Arlett, that the Sussex County Council accepts from the lowest responsible bidder, Hertrich Fleet Services of Milford, DE the bid for three 2016 model year Chevrolet Suburban vehicles for use as Paramedic response vehicles at a cost of \$43,196.00 each; total award of \$129,588.00.</p> <p>Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.</p> <p>Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea</p>
Grant Requests	<p>Mrs. Jennings presented grant requests for the Council's consideration.</p>
M 299 15 Council- manic Grant	<p>A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to give \$1,500.00 from Mr. Vincent's Councilmanic Grant Account to the Nanticoke River Arts Council for operating costs.</p> <p>Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.</p> <p>Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea</p>
Remove Grant	<p>The grant request from the Seaford Historical Society was removed from the Agenda.</p>
M 300 15 Council- manic Grant	<p>A Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to give \$1,000.00 (\$200.00 from each Councilmanic Grant Account) to Autism Delaware for the Blue Jean Ball Fundraiser.</p> <p>Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.</p> <p>Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea; Mr. Vincent, Yea</p>
M 301 15 Council- manic Grant	<p>A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to give \$1,000.00 from Mr. Cole's Councilmanic Grant Account to the Town of Bethany Beach for a handicap beach wheelchair.</p> <p>Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Nay.</p>

M 301 15
(continued)

Vote by Roll Call: **Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;**
 Mr. Arlett, Nay; Mr. Wilson, Yea;
 Mr. Vincent, Yea

Grant
Deferred

Action was deferred on the request from Oak Orchard – Riverdale American Legion Post 28 for the Rugby team.

M 302 15
Council-
manic
Grant

A Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Arlett, to give \$750.00 from Mr. Wilson’s Councilmanic Grant Account to Everlasting Hope Ministries for an Anti-Drug Rally & March.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

Vote by Roll Call: **Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;**
 Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea;
 Mr. Vincent, Yea

Introduction
of Proposed
Zoning
Ordinances

Mr. Arlett introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN A MR MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING STRUCTURES TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BALTIMORE HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 14.79 ACRES, MORE OR LESS” (Conditional Use No. 2028) filed on behalf of Cauthen Ventures DE, LLC (Tax I.D. No. 533-12.00-100.00) (911 Address: None Available).

Mr. Arlett introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF SUSSEX COUNTY FROM AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A MR MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN BALTIMORE HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 14.79 ACRES, MORE OR LESS” (Change of Zone No. 1783) filed on behalf of Cauthen Ventures DE, LLC (Tax Map I.D. No. 533-12.00-100.00) (911 Address: None Available).

The Proposed Ordinances will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Council
Members’
Comments

Council Members’ Comments

Mrs. Deaver commented on an editorial published in the Cape Gazette on July 23, 2015 entitled “Adequate facilities ordinance begs discussion”.

Mr. Arlett commented on events in District 5.

M 303 15
Adjourn

A Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to adjourn at 11:07 a.m.

**M 303 15
(continued)**

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

**Vote by Roll Call: Mrs. Deaver, Yea; Mr. Cole, Yea;
Mr. Arlett, Yea; Mr. Wilson, Yea;
Mr. Vincent, Yea**

Respectfully submitted,

**Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the Council**

{An audio recording of this meeting is available on the County's website.}