SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, JULY 11, 2016

A Special Meeting of the Sussex County Council was held on Monday, July 11, 2016, 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**
Robert B. Arlett	**Councilman**
George B. Cole	**Councilman**
Joan R. Deaver	**Councilwoman**
Todd F. Lawson	**County Administrator**

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mr. Vincent.

Call to Order

Mr. Vincent called the meeting to order.

M 346 16 Approve Agenda

A Motion was made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Arlett, to approve the Agenda, as posted.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

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

(Mr. Cole joined the meeting during the Old Business discussion.)

Old Business/ Proposed Sign Ordinance

<u>Old Business</u>

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF SUSSEX COUNTY, CHAPTER 115 ("ZONING"), ARTICLE XXI ("SIGNS")".

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on the Proposed Ordinance on May 12, 2016, at which time action was deferred. On May 26, 2016, the Commission recommended adoption of the Proposed Ordinance with certain modifications (aka the Planning and Zoning Commission's Recommended Version).

The County Council held a Public Hearing on the Proposed Ordinance on May 24, 2016 at which time action was deferred.

The Council discussed the Proposed Ordinance on June 14, June 21, and June 28; on those dates, a Comparison Report and a Question Chart were discussed. In reviewing the documents, on some issues the Council

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provided a decision/direction by consensus and on some issues a decision was deferred.

On this date the Council continued to review and consider the issues listed in the Question Chart.

Jamie Sharp, Assistant County Attorney; Vincent Robertson, Assistant County Attorney; Kyle Gulbronson of AECOM and a member of the Sign Ordinance Working Group; and Lawrence Lank, Director of Planning and Zoning, were in attendance to review the Question Chart with Council.

M 347 16 Recess

At 12:19 p.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Arlett, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to recess.

Motion Adopted: **5 Yeas.**

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

M 348 16 Reconvene

At 12:57 p.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Arlett, seconded by Mrs. Deaver, to reconvene.

Motion Adopted: **5 Yeas.**

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

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The Council continued its review and consideration of the items on the Question Chart. In reviewing the documents, on some issues the Council provided a decision/direction by consensus and on some issues a decision was deferred.

Mr. Sharp advised that the next step in the process is to put the information obtained together for the purpose of drafting a document amending the Introduced Ordinance for review and consideration.

M 349 16 Adjourn

A Motion was made by Mrs. Deaver, seconded by Mr. Arlett, to adjourn at 2:07 p.m.

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.}