



Date of Council Meeting: September 8, 2015

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Subject: Loudoun County Courts Expansion – Potential Joint Meeting with Board of Supervisors

Staff Contact: Scott E. Parker, Assistant Town Manager

Council Action Requested: To consider the appointment of two Council members to meet with two members of the Board of Supervisors to discuss the approval process for the Courts Expansion project.

Staff Recommendation: None.

Commission Recommendation: Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact: None. Staff time only.

Work Plan Impact: None. Staff time only.

Executive Summary: At its July 15, 2015 meeting on the Courts Expansion project, the Board of Supervisors discussed convening a meeting of two Board of Supervisors members, (Chairman Scott York and Leesburg District Supervisor Ken Reid), to meet with two members of the Leesburg Town Council. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the review process for the project, and to discuss ways to expedite the review. A date for this meeting has not yet been established.

Background: Loudoun County staff and the design team for the courts project met with the Board of Supervisors several times in the spring and early summer to discuss the Courts Expansion project. The primary focus was to discuss alternatives related to the removal of the four County-owned houses on Edwards Ferry Road. At its July 15 meeting, during the discussion of the house removal, concern was raised by Supervisor Reid about the review of the rezoning applications and the Town Plan amendment applications by the Town. It was during this discussion that Supervisor Reid suggested a joint meeting of Council members and Board of Supervisors members. There was no formal vote by the Board of Supervisors on the discussion of a joint meeting.

Subsequent to the discussion about a joint meeting, Supervisor Reid made a motion that passed 8-0-1 stating "...the Board of Supervisors request the Town of Leesburg to hold a joint Planning Commission/Town Council public hearing or back-to-back public hearings on the ZCPA for the Courts Expansion and rezoning of the Pennington Lot for the Courts

Garage.” Supervisor Reid accepted Chairman York’s friendly amendment to add to the motion “upon resolution by the Town of Leesburg to accept the County’s application to the Town of Leesburg.”

Currently, two rezoning applications and a Town Plan Amendment have been accepted and are under review by Town of Leesburg staff. Town staff has been working cooperatively and collaboratively with Loudoun County staff, giving priority to the review of the applications per longstanding Council directive (via memo to the County on December 12, 2012) on the importance of the Courts expansion project.

PRESENTED: September 8, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. _____

ADOPTED: September 8, 2015

A RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE LOUDOUN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DISCUSS THE PLAN REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE COUNTY COURTS EXPANSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Loudoun County has submitted two rezoning applications and a Town Plan amendment for the expansion of the Loudoun County Courts complex; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors at their meeting of July 15, 2015 suggested a meeting between two Board of Supervisors members and two Town Council members to discuss the review of the applications; and

WHEREAS, Town staff has been giving priority to the review of the applications and has been working cooperatively and collaboratively with Loudoun County staff.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that should members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and the Town Council still desire a meeting to discuss the progress of the review of the applications, that the Town Council designates Council member _____ and Council member _____ as the representatives for the meeting.

PASSED this 8th day of September, 2015.

Kristen C. Umstattd, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council