Easton, Pennsylvania

December 1, 2016

A regular meeting of the Northampton County Council was held on the above date with the following present: John Cusick, President; Seth Vaughn, Vice President; Mathew M. Benol; Matthew H. Dietz; Margaret L. Ferraro; Glenn A. Geissinger; Kenneth M. Kraft; Hayden Phillips; Robert F. Werner; Linda M. Zembo, Clerk to Council, Philip D. Lauer, Solicitor to Council.

Prayer

Mr. Cusick led County Council in a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Vaughn led County Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Werner made the following motion:

Be It Moved By the Northampton County Council that the minutes of the November 17, 2016, November 2, 2016 and November 9, 2016 meetings shall be approved.

Mr. Kraft seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by voice acclamation.

Courtesy of the Floor

Ms. Lin Erikson, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Da Vinci Science Center - provided a handout regarding the proposed Da Vinci Science City - Easton Waterfront (see Attachment #1) that focused on education, tourism and economic development. She stated after realizing they could not fulfill the demand for a larger educational and arts facility at their current location they decided to build a second facility. She further stated after a year of exploring different sites they chose the Days Inn site in Easton.
Ms. Erikson advised this project would bring a unique and contemporary Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) learning environment, a major tourist attraction for the Lehigh Valley and a significant economic development asset for Northampton County. She further advised the project would include a science center, an aquarium immersion theater, restaurant and event center.

Ms. Erikson stated they estimate this facility would attract more than 600,000 visitors from the Mid-Atlantic region and make Easton a premiere family destination. She further stated Easton’s City Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding to work with them for a year to assess the feasibility of the project and committed 25% of the capital cost up to $30 million.

Ms. Erikson advised the estimated annual direct economic impact was $45 million with a total impact of $105 million. She further advised they projected tax revenue of $7 million and bringing in 200 full time equivalent jobs with a payroll of $7 million.

Ms. Erikson stated their plan was based on the Tennessee Aquarium that opened in Chattanooga 20 years ago and indicated page 12 provided a comparison. She further stated they planned to start construction in 2018 with completion by 2021.

Ms. Erikson advised they have begun their feasibility planning period at a cost of $1 million. She further advised it was time Northampton County had a major project like this and hoped it would contribute to it.

In answer to Mr. Benol’s question as to whether parking was included in their plan, Ms. Erikson stated they would be in a flood plain so there would be parking on the lower levels, but the city would have to provide parking.

In response to Mr. Vaughn’s question as to why they chose Easton, Ms. Erikson advised this site was incredibly accessible to Routes 78 and 22 for the New Jersey markets, the funding being made available and the size of the site.

Mr. Jeff Fox, Pen Argyl, PA – stated imposing a $5 fee on vehicle registrations was not the right thing for the County or the taxpayers. He further stated the intention to ensure the money was dedicated to the P3 Bridge project was good, but that project was only temporary and there was nothing in government
that was ever guaranteed.

Mr. Fox advised the registration fee for Pennsylvania was on the low side throughout the nation so the State may decide to increase it down the road because there was a shortfall of revenue to fund its government. He further advised he would like County Council to give this careful consideration before imposing it on the taxpayers of the County.

Mr. Stu Gallagher, Lower Mount Bethel Township (LMBT) Board of Supervisors - stated neither he nor his fellow board members were belligerent, however, Bridge 31 was important to them particularly for providing a quick response time for their emergency vehicles. He further stated they were willing to take the bridge in a rehabilitated state and relieve the County of the perpetual maintenance of it.

Mr. Gallagher advised this was not a win for either party, but an acceptable compromise. He further advised they were more than willing to sit down with representatives of the County to work out the details.

Mr. Gallagher urged County Council to pass the amendment to change the word removal with rehabilitate with regard to Bridge 31 in their Capital Improvement Plan.

Controller’s Report

Mr. Stephen Barron, Controller, was not present at the meeting.

County Executive’s Report

Mr. John A. Brown, County Executive, indicated he did not have a report.

Public Hearing on the Ordinance Approving a $5.00 Increase on Vehicle Registrations Per Act 89

Mr. Cusick stated the following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Phillips and Mr. Werner at the meeting held on November 17, 2016:
AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A FEE FOR LOCAL USE AS PROVIDED BY 75 Pa.C.S. §1935

WHEREAS, Act 89 of 2013, amending 75 Pa.C.S. §1935, allows all Counties within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at their discretion, to impose a $5.00 County fee for each and every non-exempt vehicle registered to an address located within said County; and

WHEREAS, it is required that each County electing to implement this fee enact an ordinance and notify the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) on or following the enactment date and no sooner than 90 days prior to the effective date of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, upon the enactment date of the ordinance and notification, PennDOT is directed to collect the County fee at the time of vehicle registration and to deposit receipts into a Fee for Local Use Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Fee for Local Use Fund shall be used by the County for transportation purposes or be allocated to municipalities within the County in accordance with 75 Pa.C.S. §9010(c) (related to the County Liquid Fuels Tax).

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2016 Northampton County Council approved Ordinance No. 610-2016 approving transferring 33 bridges to the County’s General Purpose Authority (GPA) for the GPA to enter a Public-Private Partnership (P3) with a third-party vendor to repair or replace the transferred bridges and maintaining the bridges for ten years thereafter. This P3 will require yearly County payments to the GPA through 2027.

WHEREAS, the Northampton County Council desires to fund these yearly GPA P3 payments, as much as possible, from a vehicle based usage fee vs. County Property Tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Northampton County Council that:

SECTION I. County Council, finding that it is in the best interest of Northampton County, hereby enacts this ordinance levying a $5.00 fee pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S. §1935 for each non-exempt vehicle registered to an address located in Northampton County.
SECTION II. The fees collected pursuant to this ordinance shall be used by Northampton County solely for payment toward the required yearly County GPA P3 payments through 2027 described in Ordinance 610-2016.

SECTION III. County Council directs the Clerk to Council to notify PennDOT of the enactment of this ordinance.

SECTION IV. Pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S. §1935, this ordinance and the $5.00 fee levied under this ordinance by Northampton County shall take effect the first day of the month after it is enacted.

Public Hearing

Mr. John Szaszdt, Northampton, PA – advised this fee was brought before County Council previously and it was rejected so he would like it rejected and not be brought up again. He further advised some members of County Council wanted to enact this fee and reduce property taxes, but that would result in a shift in the tax burden.

Mr. Szaszdt stated he owned three vehicles so his burden would be tripled that of a typical taxpayer. He further stated it was also unfair because his two motorcycles caused almost negligible wear compared to a car or truck on a bridge.

Mr. Szaszdt advised the average registration fee for a car is $36, but it was higher for pickup trucks and lower for motorcycles so were they intending to adjust the fee accordingly.

Mr. Szaszdt stated the burden would also be unfair to renters because they would not benefit by the decrease in property taxes, but would still have to pay the tax.

Mr. Szaszdt advised the shift in burden would probably not be equal to the increase and the supposed decrease. He further advised this fee was estimated to raise $1.4 million and only $780,000 was budgeted for the bridge maintenance so the County would be collecting more money than was needed.

Mr. Szaszdt stated he believed this proposal came about because the County entered in an agreement for the P3 Bridge Project without knowing where the money was going to come from.
He further stated he urged County Council to not support this proposal.

Mr. Werner made a motion to table the ordinance.

Mr. Dietz seconded the motion.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Werner, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Vaughn, "no"; Benol, "no"; Cusick, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Kraft, "no" and Phillips, "yes".

The motion was passed by a vote of 6-3.

Consideration of Appointment of Director of the Department of Administration Resolution

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

R. 121-2016  RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that Catherine E. Allen shall be confirmed in her appointment as Director of the Department of Administration, at a salary of Group VI, Step 1-A, $91,790 effective December 1, 2016.

Mr. Werner advised in June 2011, a former County Executive nominated a candidate for the Director of Fiscal Affairs position, but then pulled it after it was discovered he had some financial issues even though his job performance was not in question.

Mr. Werner stated the current County Executive was nominating a candidate to a position that handled the County's finances and trust based on his verbal referral of job performance. He further stated this individual's job performance had put into question best practices and transparency engaged in by the County.

Mr. Werner advised this individual received an illegal raise based on her job performance, had to return more than $1,000 for mileage cost reimbursements and had not fully disclosed her legal or financial issues so he would not support the nomination.
Mr. Dietz stated he was willing to overlook the educational requirement, but during a meeting he had with Ms. Allen she made an accusation that several County Council members were sexist and did not like her having power. He further stated for this reason he could not support the nomination and would encourage other members not to support it.

Mr. Phillips advised he could not support a County Executive if he had the same financial issues so he would not be supporting this nomination.

In answer to Mr. Geissinger's question as to the ramifications if there was not a majority vote supporting the nomination, Mr. Lauer stated the initial appointment was temporary by virtue of the fact that there was a time limit. He further stated this resolution clearly sought to make it a permanent position so if it was voted down it would not be a permanent position.

Mr. Lauer advised he did express some concern when it was made temporary as to whether there would be a time when it would remain temporary for an extended period that it could be considered permanent. He further advised he was not comfortable providing an answer, but to avoid a problem down the road if the choice was made not to make this appointment permanent was to re-appoint this person temporarily again.

Mr. Brown stated the financial issues facing Ms. Allen were something that should be considered, but she had been with the Administration since the beginning and he had no doubt that there were a number of members of County Council, employees, department heads and vendors that would attest to her value to the County. He further stated everyone had shortcomings and missteps at times, but the results of this Administration have been solid and Ms. Allen had been and continued to be instrumental in making sure the objectives of this Administration were implemented in a way that moved the County forward.

Mr. Brown advised Gracedale was the first challenge this Administration faced and with Ms. Allen's assistance it was now on a more stable track and she must be commended for the work she provided during this past election. He further advised he would like County Council to weigh those facts against her financial issues because at the end of the day if there were any missteps within his Administration, the responsibility fell on him.
Mr. Benol stated he did not previously support Ms. Allen in the past, but given the time that has passed and not having the experience Mr. Dietz had he felt that she had proven herself and would support her nomination.

Mrs. Ferraro advised she could overlook the educational component because a person’s ability was based on more than that, but if a candidate running for office had these financial difficulties she would tell them not to run or support that person. She further advised there could be reasons why Ms. Allen did not elaborate on her financial issues, but she had proven herself to be a hard capable worker. She added she would support the nomination because the County Executive was doing an excellent job and she had his full faith and trust.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 6-3.

Consideration of the Appointment of Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development Resolution

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

R. 122-2016  RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that Tim Herrlinger shall be confirmed in his appointment as Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development, at a salary of Group V, Step 1-A, $83,718 effective December 1, 2016.

Mr. Cusick stated Mr. Herrlinger had been doing a good job since he began his employment with the County.

Mr. Vaughn advised he liked Mr. Herrlinger’s enthusiasm for the job and appreciated the work he had done.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.
The vote: Kraft, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes" and Ferraro, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Consideration of the 2017 Northampton County Budget and Capital Improvements Plan:

Public Hearing on the 2017 Proposed County Budget

Mr. J. Michael Dowd, Chairman of the Board of Governors (Board), and Mr. Charles Everett, Executive Director, Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) provided two documents regarding Braden Airpark (Braden).

Mr. Dowd stated approximately a year and a half ago discussions were held with regard to keeping Braden open. He further stated a recently adopted LNAA resolution was forwarded to County Council, which they endorsed, that outlined their intent to do that.

Mr. Dowd advised LNAA put together an aggressive plan for Braden and it was critical for them to establish partnerships and cash flows to make the plan financially sound. He further advised one document reflected a map showing two sites for which they were looking for a developer to enter into land leases in order to maintain a continuing cash flow to help the expansion project (see Attachment #2) and the other document provided a budget for their plan for next year and possibly the next several years (see Attachment #3).

Mr. Everett stated the Board approved their Capital Improvements Plan several days ago that included $57 million worth of improvements over five years of which the improvements for Braden were included. He further stated they were looking for developers to partner with them on some of the land, but in order to jump start the project they had to take some initial action with investments in 2017.

Mr. Everett advised they planned to demolish the terminal building, T-hangers, barn and farm house because they no longer served a purpose at Braden. He further stated they were looking at more than $600,000 worth of investments in 2017 and had in their approved budget a contingency budget to get the project moving, but they wanted to share this information with County
Council to see if there was an opportunity to work together.

Mr. Dowd stated the total estimate for this project was $2.6 million.

In response to Mr. Dietz's question as to when the demolition would begin, Mr. Everett advised they could complete the demolition in 2017 and then begin to build a new terminal. He further advised they could only go as far as the funds they had available would let them without developing some of those parcels, but if they could find a developer they could expedite some of these projects.

In answer to Mr. Phillips's question as to whether the proceeds from the developmental leases went to the operation of Braden exclusively, Mr. Everett stated the investment would go to Braden.

Mr. Dowd advised it was essential to indicate where the funds would go to make the partnership legitimate and they needed to go back to Braden. He further advised it was the only way the project could continue to fund itself into the future.

In response to Mrs. Ferraro's question as to whether there would be a fixed based operator, Mr. Everett stated about a year and a half ago they put out a request for qualification proposals trying to identify if a fixed based operator should come in. He further stated no one would want to come in at that time, but with this investment he believed that would not be a problem.

In answer to Mrs. Ferraro's question as to whether there were any zoning issues, Mr. Everett advised they were going to be working with Forks Township to resolve them.

In response to Mrs. Ferraro's question as to why the County was being asked to contribute $250,000, Mr. Dowd stated County Council and Forks Township had indicated Braden was an asset and improved the quality of life in the region. He further stated LNAA needed the partnerships because they were just coming out of a difficult financial period.

In answer to Mrs. Ferraro's question as to whether Lehigh County subsidized the Queen City Airport, Mr. Dowd advised that was an entirely different operation.
In response to Mr. Werner's question as to how the figure of $250,000 was determined, Mr. Dowd stated they looked at what was appropriate, what might be sustainable and what could generate some support. He further stated it would put the County as a one-third partner in the first year and they could match it.

In answer to Mr. Werner's question as to whether Lehigh County was asked to participate, Mr. Dowd advised they were not because they had the Queens City Airport, which was a self-sustaining airport.

In response to Mr. Werner's question as to whether they had talked to representatives from Lafayette College and Forks Township regarding the impact of this project, Mr. Dowd replied they had meetings scheduled because they were critical in moving this project forward.

Mr. Benol stated there was a better relationship between the County and LNAA and he did not see anything negative about the County investing in this project.

Mr. Kraft advised he would like to keep Braden, but a lot of its problems were self-induced. He further advised he would like to see Forks Township and Lafayette College make a commitment first.

Mr. Kraft stated he could not see giving $250,000 of taxpayer money to LNAA, who was quite flush right now due to the FedEx project. He further stated it was indicated there would be matching funds, but he had not seen the grant or how this money was going to be spent and he would like to see the zoning in place first.

Mr. Phillips advised he would rather see this money come from another source other than the General Fund because he did not feel it was an appropriate use of property taxes. He further advised he would like it acknowledged that they did not intend to look for this funding year after year.

Mr. Dietz stated he also felt some of the problems were self-induced and had some concern about them bringing a request for funding at this time. He further stated that perhaps they could receive the funds from a Community and Economic Development grant.
Mr. Geissinger advised what happened to LNAA was not self-induced, but came about by a judgment against it that limited its cash flow and made it impossible to do the things that had to be done to run their operation.

Mr. Dowd stated several years ago they took a closer look at their financial picture and they saw that Braden never had a positive cash flow situation and was losing money.

Mr. Geissinger advised Northampton and Lehigh Counties created LNAA to manage all the airports and contributed funds to it. He further advised LNAA made the mistake in looking to sell Braden and at that time, County Council chose one of its members to sit on the Board.

Mr. Geissinger stated LNAA had done an outstanding job in working through a very difficult cash flow situation. He further stated the FedEx project had provided an opportunity for necessary improvements to be done at the Lehigh Valley International Airport that could not be done for two decades.

Mr. Geissinger advised under Mr. Dowd’s and Mr. Everett’s leadership LNAA put together a plan that would assist all three airports to build and thrive. He further advised they were coming to County Council with a request that he was putting through as an amendment showing they were truly vested in the welfare of Braden and Northampton County.

Mr. Geissinger stated all the details have not been worked out, but there were a lot of things in the budget that County Council did not know how they were exactly going to work out. He further stated he was asking County Council to allow that line item to be put in the budget so they could work the details out and if they are not worked out to County Council’s satisfaction they would not be expended.

Mr. Brown advised when he started with the County there were challenges with LNAA, its Board and Braden. He further advised this Administration had consciously tried to bring in members with the right skill set to balance the Board so when projects like this came up they were hearing the different viewpoints.

Mr. Brown stated when he was approached by LNAA as to whether the Administration would support their plan his requirement was Braden had to have a path to sustainability. He
further stated without the investment to build potential commercial entities on the property that would bring revenue streams for Braden and Forks Township the project might not be successful.

With regard to Mr. Phillips' concern about using property taxes for this project, Mr. Brown advised if County Council approved this project, the Administration would look for other funds. He further advised he also did not want to see them come back year after year for funding, but believed this was a sincere attempt to develop a property.

Mr. Dietz stated he agreed the capital projects at Braden did need to be done to bring in a fixed based operator so he would support it if the funds came from another source.

Mr. Phillips advised he would like to see a commitment from Forks Township and Lafayette College, but since Mr. Brown had indicated he would find another funding source he would support it.

Mr. Werner stated in 2013 there were many discussions regarding Braden and promises were made and there was talk about shared fiscal responsibility with Forks Township. He further stated he would like to know what Forks Township and others would be doing with regard to this project.

Mr. Dowd advised he would keep County Council apprised of the progress of the project.

Consideration of Personnel Request Resolutions

Mr. Cusick stated these personnel requests were reviewed last night and would be voted on as a package.

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolutions:

Department of Corrections

R. 123-2016 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full time position of Corrections Case Manager, pay grade CS-23-1A, salary $46,938, in the Department of Corrections, shall be created, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that one (1) full time position of Corrections Reentry Coordinator, pay grade CS-26-1A, salary $53,889, in the Department of Corrections, shall be created, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that one (1) full time position of Corrections Professional Responsibility Investigator, pay grade CS-25-1A, salary $51,463, in the Department of Corrections, shall be created, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

Department of Fiscal Affairs

R. 124-2016 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that two (2) full time positions of Clerical Technician III, pay grade RU-15-1A, salary $28,877, in the Department of Fiscal Affairs, Recorder of Deeds Division, shall be eliminated, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that one (1) full time position of Accountant II, pay grade CS-25-1A, salary $51,463, in the Department of Fiscal Affairs, Recorder of Deeds Division, shall be created, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

Department of Human Resources

R. 125-2016 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full time position of Human Resources Analyst, pay grade CS-28-1A, salary $57,926, in the Department of Human Resources, shall be eliminated, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that one (1) full time position of Labor Relations Officer, pay grade CS-30-1A, salary $64,784, in the Department of Human Resources, shall be created, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

Department of Human Services – Area Agency on Aging

R. 126-2016 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full time position of Deputy Aging Administrator, pay grade HS-46-1A, salary $65,923, in the Department of Human Services, Area Agency on Aging Division, shall be created, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.
Department of Human Services - Children, Youth and Families

R. 127-2016 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full time position of Caseworker Supervisor, pay grade HS-37B-1-A, salary $43,471, in the Department of Human Services, Children, Youth and Families Division, shall be created, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that three (3) full time positions of Caseworker II, pay grade PS-35-1-A, salary $39,466, in the Department of Human Services, Children, Youth and Families Division, shall be created, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

Sheriff’s Department

R. 128-2016 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that one (1) part time position of Deputy Sheriff, pay grade DS-23-1A, salary $45,392, in the Sheriff’s Department, shall be eliminated, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the three (3) full time positions of Deputy Sheriff, pay grade DS-23-1A, salary $45,392, in the Sheriff’s Department shall be created, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

Department of Administration

R. 129-2016 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full time position of Deputy Elections Registrar, pay grade CS-20-B2, salary $42,724, in the Department of Administration, Elections Division, shall be upgraded to one (1) full time position of Deputy Elections Registrar, pay grade CS-20-D4, salary $46,656, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

Department of Community and Economic Development

R. 130-2016 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full time position of Finance Specialist, pay grade CS-23-1A, salary $46,938, in the Department of Community and Economic Development, shall be upgraded to one (1) full time position of Finance Specialist,
pay grade CS-23-C3, salary $51,257, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the one (1) full time position of Economic Development Specialist, pay grade CS-23-1A, salary $46,938, in the Department of Community and Economic Development, shall be upgraded to one (1) full time position of Economic Development Specialist, pay grade CS-23-C3, salary $51,257, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

Controller’s Office

R. 131-2016 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full time position of Auditor I, pay grade CS-22-1A, salary $44,827, in the Department of the Controller, shall be upgraded to one (1) full time position of Auditor II, pay grade CS-25-1A, salary $51,463, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the one (1) full time position of Auditor II, pay grade CS-25-1A, salary $51,463, in the Department of the Controller, shall be upgraded to one (1) full time position of the Lead Auditor, pay grade CS-28-1A, salary $59,084, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

Department of Court Services

R. 132-2016 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full time open position of Clerical Technician III, pay grade CR-13-1A, in the Department of Court Services, shall be upgraded to one (1) full time position of Clerical Technician III, pay grade CR-15-1A, salary $28,105, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that two (2) full time positions of Clerical Technician III, pay grade CR-13-3C, salary $27,989, in the Department of Court Services, shall be upgraded to two (2) full time positions of Clerical Technician III, pay grade CR-15-3C, salary $30,692, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, one (1) full time position of Clerical Technician III, pay grade CR-13-5E, salary $30,564 in the Department of Court Services, shall be upgraded to one (1) full time position of Clerical Technician III, pay grade CR-15-5E, salary $33,516, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.
Department of Fiscal Affairs

R. 133-2016  IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that one full time position of GIS Technician I, pay grade RU-18-1A, salary $33,155, in the Department of Fiscal Affairs, shall be upgraded to one (1) full time position of GIS Technician II, pay grade RU-23-1A, salary $41,738, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

Department of Human Services - Gracedale

R. 134-2016  IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that one part time position of Clerical Technician II, pay grade CS-13-1A, salary $14,808, in the Department of Human Services - Gracedale, shall be upgraded to one (1) full time position of Clerical Technician II, pay grade CS-13-1A, salary $29,615, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Kraft, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes" and Geissinger, "yes".

The resolutions were adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Consideration of Department of Human Resources-Personnel Request Resolution

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

R. 135-2016  IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that one (1) full time position of Administrative Officer I, pay grade HS-37-1A, salary $44,360, in the Department of Human Services, Area Agency on Aging Division, shall be eliminated, effective the 1st day of January, 2017.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Kraft, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes";
Ferraro, "yes" and Geissinger, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Consideration of Department of Community and Economic Development and Department of Public Works Personnel Request

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

R. 136-2016  **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Northampton County Council that the one full time position of Environmental Services Coordinator, Department of Community and Economic Development, pay grade CS-23-1A, salary $46,938, shall be eliminated, effective January 1, 2017.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Northampton County Council that the one full time position of Environmental Services Coordinator, pay grade CS-23-1A, salary $46,938, shall be created in the Department of Public Works, effective January 1, 2017.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Kraft, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes" and Geissinger, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Consideration of Department of Community and Economic Development Gaming Host County Table Grants Resolution

Mrs. Ferraro introduced the following resolution:

R. 137-2016  **RESOLVED**, By the Northampton County Council that the proposed 2017 Northampton County Table Game Revenue Grants shall be amended as indicated on the attached document.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Consideration of 2017 Salary Resolutions:

Part-Time Professional Employees

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

R. 138-2016  RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the 2017 salaries of part-time professional employees shall be as indicated on the attached pay scale.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-1.

Full-Time Employees

Mr. Kraft introduced the following resolution:

R. 139-2016  RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the 2017 salaries of Career Service and Exempt employees, not within Collective Bargaining Units, whose job classifications are within the parameters of the Northampton County Career Service and Exempt Pay Scales, respectively, shall be as indicated on the attached pay scales.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-1.
Consideration of Amendments to the Proposed 2017 Budget Resolution

Mr. Cusick introduced the following ordinance:

R. 140-2016 RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the proposed 2017 Northampton County Budget shall be amended as indicated on the attached documents.

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the amendments that were approved at the meeting held yesterday.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes" and Benol, "yes".

The amendments were approved by a vote of 9-0.

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any other amendments to the 2017 Proposed Budget.

Mr. Geissinger made a motion to add $250,000 for LNAA to be taken from the Department of Community and Economic Development Gaming Host County Tables funds to put toward a matching grant program for Braden with terms yet to be determined.

Mr. Benol seconded the motion.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for a vote on the motion.

The vote: Geissinger, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Kraft, "no"; Phillips, "yes" and Vaughn, "yes".

The motion was passed by a vote of 8-1.

Consideration of the Adoption of the 2017 Budget, as Amended, Resolution

Mr. Cusick introduced the following resolution:
R. 141-2016  RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the following 2017 Northampton County Budgets (incorporated by reference hereto) shall be adopted, as amended, this 1st day of December 2016.

1. General Fund
2. Special Revenue Funds
3. Capital Project Funds

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Cusick, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes" and Werner, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Consideration of the Proposed 2017 Capital Improvements Plan

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2017 Capital Improvements Plan

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

There were no respondents.

Consideration of Amendments to the 2017 Capital Improvements Plan Resolution

Mrs. Ferraro introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the proposed 2017 Northampton County Capital Improvements Plan shall be amended as indicated on the attached document.

Mrs. Ferraro advised she would like to change the word "removal" to "rehabilitation" for Bridge 31 under Bridges - 2013 Bond Issue.
Mr. Phillips stated everyone agreed the ideal solution would be to fix the bridge and turn it over to either Talon or LMBT, but he did not think the wording should be changed at this time in case an agreement was not reached. He further stated if the wording was changed it may hold the County liable to rehabilitate the bridge to an unknown standard and cost.

Mr. Kraft advised there was nothing in writing from LMBT and/or Talon to say they would take the bridge over. He further advised it was going to cost at least $2 million to rehabilitate the bridge, it was in a flood plain and it was going to take at least a few years to get approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Mr. Kraft stated they have not been using this bridge for five years due to its weight limit and have been using a different route for their emergency vehicles. He further stated County Council should vote against this amendment until LMBT or Talon puts forth a plan and puts some equity into it.

Mrs. Ferraro advised there could be a contingency that it would only be rehabilitated when LMBT committed to taking it over. She further advised this was a County bridge and County Council should vote for the amendment.

Mr. Brown stated regardless of what decision County Council made tonight it had the final say as to whether the bridge would be removed or rehabilitated when the cost and scope was revealed.

Mr. Geissinger advised the approval of this amendment would show the County’s intention to work with LMBT to find an amenable solution to the situation especially since they had indicated it would take it over.

In answer to Mr. Phillips’ question as to what would happen if the cost was determined to be $1.5 million, Mr. Geissinger replied County Council would not have to approve the contract.

Mr. Phillips stated the prudent thing to do was to keep the current wording if there was not an agreement and the cost was $1.5 million he was perfectly willing to decommission the bridge.

Mr. Benol advised they could always come back and revisit the issue after they get more details.
Mr. Cusick stated when he was a township supervisor they had a damaged County bridge and they worked with the County to get it fixed and not take it down. He further stated this evening he heard a good faith offer from the Chair of LMBT Board of Supervisors to take over the bridge and he was going to take him at his word so he would support the amendment.

Mr. Kraft advised his word was to rehabilitate this bridge to standard, which he believed was 60 tons so it would have to be a brand new bridge, and then they would take it over. He further advised this bridge was built in 1937 so he would like to see them offer something for the rehabilitation of this bridge.

Mr. Brown stated the challenge to this discussion was the lack of information. He further stated this bridge sat in a flood zone so the rehabilitation would have to be determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) so the engineering alone could be costly.

Mr. Brown advised the County entered the P3 Project because the focus of it was shift the risk, if County Council decided to take on this project and possibly replacing the bridge it put all the risks and costs solely on the County. He further advised he would be willing to sit down and discuss the issue, but there was significant information that was missing at this time.

Mr. Kraft stated in 2006, the bridge was declared functionally by Keller Engineering and in 2011, it was lowered to five tons so there was no way that bridge was being used for the purposes stated by LMBT. He further stated in 2014, it was lowered to four tons and then FEMA declared it was included in the Delaware River Backwaters Flood Plain. He then asked everyone to vote against this amendment until there was a real plan in place.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Ferraro, "yes"; Dietz, "no"; Geissinger, "yes"; Kraft, "no"; Phillips, "no"; Vaughn, "no"; Werner, "no"; Benol, "no" and Cusick, "yes".

The resolution failed by a vote of 3-6.
Consideration of the Adoption of the 2017 Capital Improvements Plan Resolution

Mr. Cusick introduced the following resolution:

R. 142-2016  RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that the proposed 2017 Northampton County Capital Improvements Plan shall be adopted this 1st day of December 2016.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes" and Benol, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Introduction of the 2017 Real Estate Tax Millage Rate Ordinance

Messrs. Kraft and Benol introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REAL ESTATE TAX MILLAGE RATE IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON FOR THE YEAR 2017

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED that the millage rate for real estate tax purposes for the year 2017 shall be set at 11.8 mills on every dollar of assessed valuation of taxable real estate or $1.18 on every $100.00 of assessed valuation.

Mr. Cusick advised the public hearing, debate and possible vote would take place on December 15, 2016.

Consideration of 2017 Gracedale Private Pay Rates Resolution

Mr. Vaughn introduced the following resolution:
R. 143-2016 RESOLVED, By the Northampton County Council that effective January 1, 2017, the Gracedale Private Pay Rates shall be: (a) $320.00 per day for a semi-private room and (b) $330.00 per day for a private room.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Vaughn, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Phillips, "yes" and Werner, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Consideration of Resolution Amending Resolution No. 27-2013

Mr. Dietz introduced the following resolution:

R. 144-2016 WHEREAS, on November 23, 2016, County Council received a request to amend Resolution No. 27-2013.

IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY RESOLVED By the Northampton County Council that Resolution No. 27-2013 shall be amended as indicated hereafter (sections marked with strikeout have been deleted and sections marked with bold underline have been added):

Number 27-2013

WHEREAS, the County of Northampton implemented the Northampton County Initiative by enacting the Northampton County Open Space Ordinance #423-2004 on November 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County Open Space Advisory Board has recommended approval of the Borough of Bangor Memorial & Pennico Park Rehabilitation Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County funding will be used as follows:

Property Owner: Borough of Bangor
Site Location: PA Route 512, Bangor, PA 18013
Northampton County
Parcel Identification:
County Council Meeting

-26- December 1, 2016

Park Development Description: Rehabilitation of 3 basketball courts at Memorial Park, rehabilitation of one volleyball court at Memorial Park, pool entrance repaving at Memorial Park, repoint and reset stones at gateway to park at Memorial Park, ballfield fencing at Pennico Park, play equipment at Pennico Park and one volleyball court at Pennico Park.

Appraised Value: No acquisition involved

Municipal Allocation: $89,746.30 (59.4%) $67,742.63

County Grant Request: $89,551.90 (40.6%) $66,667.36

Other Grants:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council:

(1) The Northampton County Council hereby approves the Borough of Bangor Memorial & Pennico Park Rehabilitation Projects. Further, the Northampton County Executive, through the office of the Program Administrator of the Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative, or his/her designee, is directed to take any and all steps necessary to administer and complete Northampton County's obligations in this project.

(2) The Northampton County Council further directs the Northampton County Executive to appropriate $89,551.90 $66,667.36 as the Northampton County contribution to the Borough of Bangor Memorial & Pennico Park Rehabilitation Projects.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Consideration of 2016 Contingency Allocation Resolution

Mr. Benol introduced the following resolution:
County Council Meeting

-27- December 1, 2016

R. 145-2016 WHEREAS, in October 1994, Stephen's Place in Bethlehem officially opened its doors to provide residential support services to non-violent adult males coming out of prison with a history of substance abuse. The program helps these men to succeed in their recovery and in their reintegration from prison back to society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the sum of $5,000 shall be transferred from the 2016 Contingency account #05000-76050 and allocated to Stephen's Place, this 1st day of December 2016.

When Mr. Phillips commented this should not be coming out of the Contingency Account, Mr. Cusick stated that consideration should be given to taking these funds out of the Department of Human Services or Department of Community and Economic Development grants.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Benol, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes"; Kraft, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes" and Werner, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Consideration of Resolution Regarding the Recent Decision of the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Phillips introduced the following resolution:

R. 146-2016 WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) is funded in part through payments from Northampton County; and

WHEREAS, County Council recently learned that Mr. Don Cunningham, the President and Chief Executive Officer for LVEDC, accepted a position on the Board of Directors of Fuling Global, a company that was brought to the area by LVEDC, at a salary of $30,000 a year; and
WHEREAS, LVEDC has no rules to prohibit Mr. Cunningham or any employee of LVEDC from serving on a board as long as there were no conflicts of interest with the work of LVEDC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that it believes Mr. Cunningham’s action, at a minimum, gives the appearance of a conflict of interest and does not support his acceptance of a position on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Phillips advised he did not have an issue with the job Mr. Cunningham was doing, but he believed this was a conflict of interest even though he now indicated he was not going to take a salary.

Mr. Werner stated he would call Mr. Cunningham’s letter indicating he was giving up his salary a “walk back”. He further stated LVEDC was doing a good job, but this did not give a good perception of what they were doing.

Mr. Brown advised he spoke to Mr. Cunningham and it was not an uncommon practice to sit on a company’s board especially in the private sector. He further advised it provided an opportunity to learn about these corporations and to use that knowledge to leverage the potential of bringing in other companies to the area.

Mr. Brown stated he believed that was Mr. Cunningham’s intention and his receiving compensation was a matter of opinion. He further stated it was up to LVEDC to determine whether it was right or wrong for him to serve on a board and since he was not taking a salary he asked the resolution be withdrawn.

Mr. Geissinger advised he was in support of this resolution until he received Mr. Cunningham’s letter. He further advised his sitting on the board was not the problem it was taking the money, but LVEDC did not have a problem with it.

Mr. Phillips stated LVEDC and the Department of Community and Economic Development received public funds and if someone from that department did this they would be in violation of the State ethic laws.

Mr. Phillips advised Mr. Cunningham was not a public employee, but received public funding and did not think about how this would be perceived. He further advised it was only
after he saw how it was perceived that he walked it back and County Council would be doing a disservice if it did not express its displeasure with his actions. He noted at yesterday's meeting there was discussion to cut funding to LVEDC because of Mr. Cunningham’s action, but he did not think that was appropriate.

Mr. Dietz stated he did not feel Mr. Cunningham had any malicious intent, but there could be issues when other companies were competing for funds.

Mr. Vaughn advised Mr. Cunningham's sitting on the board gave him an insight into the company and a large part of LVEDC's money came from donations and partnerships with other companies.

Mr. Werner stated the point was Mr. Cunningham originally took the salary and even though LVEDC did not have a problem with what he did there was the perception it projected.

Mr. Kraft advised being on a board took a lot of time and he did not care if Mr. Cunningham received compensation or not, noting he was completely transparent about what he did.

Mr. Phillips remarked this got into the newspaper because someone reviewed the filings from this company and the transparency came after he got caught.

Mrs. Ferraro wondered why he accepted a position with this board and how many other boards did he plan to sit on. She also wondered if his sitting on a board gave that company any advantages. She added she felt this was the wrong thing to do and he should not be allowed to sit on any board.

Mr. Cusick stated his dealings with Mr. Cunningham have always been professional, but this was not a smart thing to do and he believed County Council should let him know that they believed what he did was wrong.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Phillips, "yes"; Geissinger, "no"; Kraft, "no"; Vaughn, "no"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Cusick, "yes"; Dietz, "yes" and Ferraro, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 6-3.
Consideration of the 2017 County Council Meeting Schedule Resolution

Mr. Cusick introduced the following resolution:

R. 147-2016  RESOLVED, by the Northampton County Council that: (1) In accordance with Northampton County Home Rule Charter Section 205(a), the Northampton County Council organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, and will begin at 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, in the third floor meeting room, room #3116, Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington Street, Easton, Pennsylvania; and (2) The regular schedule of meetings for the year 2017, shall be conducted on the first and third Thursday of each respective month, beginning at 6:30 p.m., prevailing time, in the third floor meeting room, room #3116, Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington Street, Easton, Pennsylvania, with the following exceptions: (a) for the month of December, the meeting scheduled for December 21, 2017 is cancelled and rescheduled for December 14, 2017 and will begin at 4:30 p.m., prevailing time and will be held in the third floor meeting room, room #3116, Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington Street, Easton, Pennsylvania.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Consideration of the Northampton County Council Meeting Date Change Resolution

Mr. Cusick introduced the following resolution:

R. 148-2016  WHEREAS, the Northampton County Home Rule Charter Section 207(a) states that “The County Council shall establish the time, place and conditions of its regular and special meetings”.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Northampton County Council that the Northampton County Council meeting to be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. will be cancelled and rescheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016.

As there were no questions or comments, Mr. Cusick called for the vote.

The vote: Cusick, "yes"; Phillips, "yes"; Vaughn, "yes"; Werner, "yes"; Benol, "yes"; Dietz, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Geissinger, "yes" and Kraft, "yes".

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0.

Discover Lehigh Valley

Mr. Cusick advised Mr. Michael Stershic, President, Discover Lehigh Valley, sent him correspondence indicating he would like to attend a meeting to address County Council so he asked Mrs. Ferraro to schedule him for either an Economic Development Committee or County Council meeting.

County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) Conference

Mr. Cusick stated there was a presentation at the CCAP Conference pertaining to the P3 Bridge Project that drew interest from other Counties.

Adjournment

Mr. Benol made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Dietz seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by acclamation.

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Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council
Da Vinci Science City – Easton Waterfront
A Major Education Tourism and Economic Development Project for Northampton County

Science Center - Aquarium - Immersion Theater - Creativity Studio
• A Unique and Contemporary STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Learning Environment.

• A Major New Tourist Attraction in the Lehigh Valley.

• A Significant Economic Development Asset for Northampton County.
Science Center

- 35,000 square feet of permanent exhibitions.
- 10,000 square-foot temporary exhibit gallery.
A Unique and Contemporary STEM Learning Environment

Aquarium

- 500,000-gallon central tank with large view panes.

- Featuring additional exhibits about the Lehigh River and Delaware River watersheds.
A Unique and Contemporary STEM Learning Environment

Immersion Theater

- State-of-the-art projection system presenting large-format science documentaries and Hollywood feature films.

- Simulcasting system capable of presenting real-time science events from throughout the universe.
Creativity Studio

- A project-based art and science studio for people of all ages.

- Visitors can interact with inventors and innovators, and pursue their own creative passions.
A Major New Tourist Attraction in Northampton County

- Attracting 600,000+ visitors annually from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

- Positioning Easton as a premiere family destination in the northeast United States.

- A destination Aquarium Restaurant with seating for up to 300 guests.

- An Event Center large enough to accommodate dinner events for up to 500 guests.
A Significant Economic Development Asset for Northampton County

A Public-Private Partnership

City of Easton

- Contributing 25% of the capital cost of the project up to $30 million including the Science City site.

- Providing leadership to develop, fund and finance the project.

Da Vinci Science Center

- Providing fundraising, education, science, and museum operations expertise.

- Securing private investment through its individual, foundation and corporate donors.
A Significant Economic-Development Asset for Northampton County

Developing a 21st Century STEM-Enabled Workforce

- Helping to develop a workforce in Northampton county that is equipped to compete in a STEM-centric economy.

- Serving as a hub for innovation and creativity and as a STEM “meet-up” place for adults to network, share ideas, work on projects and pursue new ventures.

- Encouraging Northampton County residents to pursue STEM careers in Pennsylvania which pay, on average, 68% higher wages than non-STEM careers requiring a similar level of educational attainment.
### Generating Major Economic Development Activity

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*Based on a 2016 Preliminary Feasibility Study prepared by Educational Marketing Strategies.*
A Significant Economic Development Asset for Northampton County

Plan Developed Based on Successful Models Including the Tennessee Aquarium

Opened in 1992

Added IMAX Theater in 1996

Expanded in 2007

Capital Cost - $100 Million*

### Comparison of Metropolitan Statistical Areas

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### Comparison of Annual Economic Impacts

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### 20-year Economic Impacts*** - Tourism in Hamilton County, TN

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*Based on 2016 Feasibility Study prepared by Educational Marketing Strategies.

**Based on 2014 Economic Impact Study prepared by University of Tennessee Center for Sustainable Business and Development.

***Source – The River City Company, Chattanooga, TN.

****Includes Hotel Tax Rate Increase.
Da Vinci Science City – Easton Waterfront
A Major Education Tourism and Economic Development Project for Northampton County

Project Development Plan
Da Vinci Science City Project Development Plan

Preliminary Facility Plan

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- 170,000 square-foot facility.

- Estimated project cost - $130 million.

- The Da Vinci Science Center and the City of Easton will work together to seek state and federal public funding for the project.

- The Da Vinci Science Center will oversee a private fund-raising campaign seeking support from individual, foundation and corporate donors from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.
The Da Vinci Science Center and the City of Easton will work together over the next 12 months to validate the feasibility of the project and secure major funding commitments during a Feasibility Planning Period.

Upon validating the project plan and securing funding, the project can be designed and constructed within 3 years and could open as early as autumn 2020.
Feasibility Planning Period
December 2016 – November 2017

Goals

1. Develop a program and facility master plan with detailed cost estimates.
2. Develop a detailed business plan for the ongoing operation of the project.
3. Conduct an independent marketing study to confirm attendance and revenue estimates for the project.
4. Secure Local, State and Federal financial support for the project.
5. Secure leadership-level private support for the project.
6. Enter into a long-term operating agreement between the City of Easton and the Da Vinci Science Center for the ongoing operation of the project.

Feasibility Planning Period Budget

$1,000,000
## Probable Project Cost

**Braden Airpark**  
**Easton, PA**

**Capital Improvements-Development Alternatives Analysis**  
**Alternative 2A - East Development (Short Term)**

### Potential 2017 Projects

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