

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW CASTLE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL – 201 DELAWARE STREET – NEW CASTLE
TUESDAY – AUGUST 28, 2001 – 7:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Castagno
Council DiAngelo
Councilwoman Dr. Miller
Councilman Reese

Also Present: Mayor John Klingmeyer; Robert Martin, City Administrator; Also in attendance,
Senator Dori Connor.

Revisit protocol for Council Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Third and final reading of Ordinance #401, amending Articles I, II, IV, and V of Chapter 230 of the Code of New Castle by establishing a new zoning district to be entitled "General Commercial" and amending the "Schedule of District Regulations" of Chapter 230 of the Code of the City of New Castle commensurately.

Motion to approve third and final reading of Ordinance #401 made by Mr. Reese and seconded by Mr. DiAngelo. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Action regarding proposals for evaluation of the Armory structure to include electrical mechanical and ADA components.

Mr. Martin has received 4 RFP's (copy attached) to perform the nine tasks identified in the request for proposals.

The quotes were as follows:

O'Donnell, Nacarato, McIntosh -	\$14,500.00
Pennoni Associates -	9,800.00
Tetra Tech -	7,200.00
Becker Morgan -	7,500.00

Eleven sites available for police site:

1. Abex
2. Brosius & Eliason (removed from sale)
3. Deemer
4. Field across from Middle School on Delaware Street
5. Armory
6. Ferry Cut Off – Between Wilmington Trust Company & St. Francis (Trustee Land)
7. City Garage Site
8. St. Peter's Triangle on Sixth Street
9. Triangle across from Carpenter's Hall
10. Wilmington Road in front of Municipal Services Building
11. Wilmington Road across from Quillens

Needs assessment – analysis of space requirement for police facility.

Motion to contract with Tetra Tech to evaluate the Armory proposed by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed by a majority vote.

Mr. Reese would like to have a copy of needs assessment before next Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Joan Newton: Forty year resident. Misadventure with purchase of summer home. County spent money for police and have now moved to County Airport. First obligation to service community. Top notch service. Modern building.

Ned Hutchinson: Needs assessment from 1995. Council and Mr. Martin said this assessment is out dated. Not based and accreditation standards.

Janet Koczak: West End Civic Association does not represent all the people in Washington Square. All report with the study of Armory.

Dr. Padmalingam: Need new facility. We are in a modern society. Do not want to deal with an old building. Do everything in stages if insufficient funds.

Dorcie Fiske: Everything that's old is not necessarily junk.

Dave June: President of West End Civic Association, fairness, equality, and consistency for other sites. Cost issues with police center. Safety issue, fire code. Issues need to be addressed. Building not designed for modern needs.

Florence Russell: Secretary of West End Civic Association. Concern Citizen. Accident waiting to happen. Shoved down throats. Armory not an acceptable place.

John Houben: Gerald P. White about joining civilian employees with police. Concerned about structure of building. Conflict of interest – Did not like a Council person at Armory open house. Thinks police would be going into a dungeon. Attorney General Office, ethical issue. Request Mayor Klingmeyer to institute an investigation. This is not a personal attack.

Ned Hutchinson: Gerald P. White is not a resident of New Castle. Real Estate Broker. His statement is slander.

Steve Payneter: Confused about process – Activity before we hear from committee. Wants an assessment needs first.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mr. DiAngelo.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Toner, City Clerk
August 28, 2001