

**City Council of the Mayor and Council of New Castle  
Public Hearings at Town Hall – 201 Delaware Street – New Castle  
Tuesday – June 12, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Council President William Barthel  
Councilperson John Cochran  
Councilperson John Gaworski  
Councilperson Ted Megginson  
Councilperson Teel Petty

**Also present:** Treasurer Janet Carlin, City Administrator Cathryn Thomas, City Solicitor Daniel Losco

**A Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 491, consideration of placing No Parking restrictions in certain areas of the City at certain times when the Washington Street project, managed by DelDOT, is under construction.**

President Barthel said DelDOT has moved the project back to probably in November so there will not be a public hearing on this matter tonight.

**A Public Hearing to consider a request for a STOP sign to be placed on Second Street at its intersection with Harmony Street.**

Councilperson Megginson said the City was approached by several residents who would like a stop sign at the intersection because of people speeding down Second Street. There were quite a few people for it, and he received several phone calls against it. So the City decided to hold a public hearing regarding the matter.

President Barthel read a letter from Dorothy Colburn of 153 East Second Street who strongly supports the placement of the stop sign. She is concerned because of the difficulty of seeing at that intersection with the parked cars in the area. He also read a letter from Jeffrey Cheskin from 53 East Second Street who expressed support for the new sign. He lives close to the intersection and some people drive down the street too quickly.

Valarie Windle Ziminsky of 201 Harmony Street said she initiated the request. She has lived at the corner for two months. At the time of the request, a month ago, they had seen several incidents of people speeding down the street. It is also a concern to people who walk their dogs in the area.

Tom Maddux of 117 Harmony Street said he has lived there for 16 years. He is continually waiting on Harmony to pull through. It is difficult to see even if there is not a car parked there on the left. He said drivers also are used to four-way stop intersections now. He has not seen any accidents there yet.

Terry Graham of 126 Harmony Street said she lives on the corner of Second and Harmony streets. She said special consideration should be given to putting a stop sign there because of the buses that park in the area and the many school children in the area.

Councilperson Gaworski suggested that in addition to the sign the City should look at extending the yellow line on the curb signifying NO PARKING.

Councilperson Megginson suggested a white STOP line be installed to go along with the STOP Sign.

Councilperson Cochran said he also has had a problem getting out of that intersection.

Councilperson Megginson made a motion to adjourn the hearing. Councilperson Cochran seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The hearing adjourned at 6:40 p.m.