

**City Council of the City of New Castle**  
**Special Council Meeting at Town Hall – 201 Delaware Street – New Castle**  
**Tuesday – January 15, 2012 – 6 p.m.**

**Present:**

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

Also present: Mayor Donald Reese, City Administrator Cathryn Thomas, Treasurer Janet Carlin, Building Official Jeff Bergstrom, City Solicitor Dan Losco

**Old Business**

- 1) Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution No. 2013-4, to approve a Minor Subdivision, with the result being the relocation of the boundary line between State properties of the Court House and Sheriff's House, with that location commonly referred to as "The Green", involving tax parcel numbers 21-015.30-155 and 21-015.30-156.

President Barthel said the meeting is to consider a resolution to approve a minor subdivision.

Applicant Suzanne Savery, Deputy Director of the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, said the State is looking at subdivision of the land and is asking for subdivision of the property.

City Solicitor Losco said it is a minor subdivision under City Code and involves no new building. It involves severing of 1.3 acres in the furtherance of a National Park or a National Monument. The Historic Area Commission has approved it.

Councilperson Cochran asked what the planned use is.

Ms. Savery said the purpose is to serve as a welcome center for the National Park. No restaurant is planned there. There will be several years of planning before it would be in use.

Councilperson Gaworski asked what happens if nothing happens and it lays dormant.

Ms. Savery said it does not revert to the State. It will take several years for the management plan to be created. Federal officials have talked in general about it taking three to five years, but the plan is to start working on it right away.

Councilperson Megginson asked if the State has a plan prior to that.

Ms. Savery said there have been discussions about preserving it. There was a discussion of a \$500,000 cost for the interior.

Mr. Losco said the Planning Commission has determined the application conforms with subdivision and regulations and has recommended it for approval by Council.

Bob Poskitt said if it goes forward it is important for New Castle residents to have direct communications with the National Park Service. The City needs to make sure there is good communication, and be proactive in getting out in front on it.

Josh Magarik, from U.S. Sen. Tom Carper's office, assured those in attendance that the message has been received and they stand ready going forward.

Councilperson Cochran made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilperson Megginson seconded the motion.

President Barthel said he could not agree more with the comments by Mr. Poskitt, but the purpose of the meeting was to handle the request for the subdivision. The applicant has met the requirements.

Councilperson Petty concurred.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Cochran made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Megginson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dickinson  
New Castle City Clerk