

**City of New Castle Delaware
City Council Special Meeting
201 Delaware Street, New Castle
Friday, September 25, 2015**

Call to order: 10:40 a.m.

Roll Call:

Councilperson Megginson – absent
Councilperson Vannucci – present
Council President Ratchford – present
Councilperson Petty – present
Councilperson Di Mondì – present

Also present:

William Barthel, City Administrator
Donald Reese, Mayor
Janet Carlin, City Treasurer

Special Meeting held on Sept. 25, 2015 at Town Hall for Marian Delaney's Retirement Resolution.

Council President Ratchford opened the meeting saying we are pleased to have everyone here this morning; Councilperson Megginson could not be here but said his thoughts are here with us. This meeting is something that is very special to our hearts and something we want to do to recognize Marian Delaney on her retirement so do I have a motion to consider Resolution 2015-42. The motion was received and seconded.

Council President Ratchford read the Resolution and it was received with the indication of all saying "Aye". President Ratchford said the Resolution has passed unanimously. President Ratchford had words to say to Marian. She spoke of her devotion to the city in all areas and aspects. She spoke of how she gave herself 24/7 to the city and we are deeply appreciative of all that she has done for us these many years and we wish her the best in the future.

Councilperson John Di Mondì also gave words: He said it was a pleasure to work with Marian. He stated that they worked together in 2006-2007 and how she never made any excuses and worked well even when the City didn't have any money. He mentioned how she always did her job without any political satire. How she was there day and night. He said the city owed her a lot and he was sorry to see her leave.

Councilperson Albert Vannucci gave words: He said it had been a pleasure to work with her back in the 1990's. He said Marian did a good job and, like everybody else has said, "we could not get you out of the building. You spent 7 days a week in the office even when we told you to

go home you didn't go." He said she will be missed, and she had been a good friend and did a good job for the city.

Councilperson Petty Teel said she thanked Marian for her guidance along the way, her friendship and she told her that she was welcomed back anytime she wanted to come back to the office.

Mayor Don Reese said, the door swings both ways. He spoke of Marians dedicated service to the city and thanked her for her consistent loyalty to her job.

City Treasurer Janet Carlin spoke as well and thanked Marian for all the big and little things she did for the city over the years. She spoke of her level of commitment that she displayed throughout the years.

City Administrator William Barthel spoke of when he first came to the job as City Administrator and how he was concerned about Marian's dedication and commitment so he went in and talked to her about how much time she spend at the job even on week-ends. He stated that her level of commitment and dedication to the city was just phenomenal. He said that Marian will be missed and that is was great working with her and he wished her the best.

Council President Ratchford asked if anyone from the audience had anything that they wanted to say to Marian. Marianne Caven spoke as a resident of the City and as a business person that she knew any information she received from Marian would be accurate and timely. She also commented on how smoothly the elections have gone since Marian has been a part of them.

Council President Ratchford asked for all the councilpersons and the City Administrator, Mayor Reese and Treasurer Janet Carlin to all come forth and gather around and of course Marian Delaney was called forth to present the Resolution to her. Council President Ratchford said that the City also has an envelope for Marian and it was presented to her. The Resolution was read by President Ratchford. Marian gave words and thanked everyone for all they had said and done for her and that she felt blessed.

Council President Ratchford gave closing words and invited everyone over to the Administration Building to continue the celebration with a luncheon. A motion was given to adjourn by Council President Ratchford. All in favor say, "Aye" and the special meeting was adjourned at 10:53am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Theresa Simmons