

**Resolution No. 2015-54**

**A Resolution supporting the creation of a 501(c)(3) corporate entity to promote, improve and enhance the historic, cultural and commercial attributes of the City of New Castle and to assist in funding projects in support thereof.**

**Whereas**, the City Council recognizes the need to pursue various public projects in the City of New Castle intended to promote tourism, including historic, cultural and the commercial resources of the City; and

**Whereas**, the City Council further recognizes that budgetary and human resource limitations restrict Council's ability to fund and staff worthy projects in support of those historic, cultural and commercial resources including various public works projects that benefit all residents of New Castle; and

**Whereas**, City Council is aware that other municipalities have benefited from charitable organizations whose purpose is to generate funding for various public projects intended to enhance the quality of life for residents, promote tourism, and otherwise support historic, cultural, recreational and commercial development in the municipality; and

**Whereas**, the City Council believes that a similar charitable entity focused on the City of New Castle can provide funding to both support worthy public projects while lessening the burden on City taxpayers to fund such projects;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby approves funding for the establishment of a non-profit corporate entity and the certification of that corporation as a charitable entity under section 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code authorized to accept tax deductible donations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Administrator is directed to take such action as is required to establish such a non-profit entity; to recruit interested volunteers who support the non-profit's mission who will comprise its initial slate of officers and directors; and to assist and cooperate with such volunteers in applying for 501(c)(3) designation with the Internal Revenue Service.

**PASSED** this 8th day of December 2015.

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Linda Ratchford, City Council President

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John A. Di Mondì, Councilperson

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Theodore H. Megginson, Councilperson

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Albert J. Vannucci, Jr., Councilperson

Attest:

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Janet E. Wurtzel, City Clerk