

Resolution No. 2016 – 36

Resolution to censure John A. Di Mondì, New Castle City Council Member, for written citizen complaints filed as a result of verbal confrontations on May 23, 2016

WHEREAS, two citizens have filed written complaints regarding belligerent and unprofessional behavior on the part of Councilperson Di Mondì, concerning verbal encounters that took place on May 23, 2016, in connection with questions involving parking on William Penn Court; and

WHEREAS, these complaints were presented to Mr. Di Mondì for his written response, and an opportunity to reject, admit, and/or apologize for any of his behavior; and

WHEREAS, in his written response Mr. Di Mondì summarily denied the citizen allegations, but did not expressly deny the use of vulgar and racially charged language, or provide any alternative narrative of the events of May 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Di Mondì claims he “does not know these people personally, I was never introduced or have knowledge of them as far as I know”; and

WHEREAS, he was not conciliatory, repentant, or understanding that his actions were insulting and demeaning to the residents; and

WHEREAS, by censure, Council expresses its most severe disapproval and condemnation of Mr. Di Mondì’s words and behavior as it relates to his interaction with City residents on May 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, such words and behavior were not authorized by City Council, were not taken in any official City capacity, and do not represent the official policy of the City or the views of remaining members of Council or of City administration or staff; and

WHEREAS, the citizens who filed these complaints and the public must know that such behavior is unacceptable and that other City Council Members do not condone this behavior.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The New Castle City Council does hereby censure John A. Di Mondì, a member of the New Castle City Council, and does condemn his wrongful conduct in the strongest of terms.

PASSED this 12th day of July, 2016.

Linda Ratchford, City Council President

John A. Di Mondì, Councilperson

Albert J. Vannucci, Jr., Councilperson

Theodore H. Megginson, Councilperson

Teel Petty, Councilperson

Attest:

Janet E. Wurtzel, City Clerk