

**City of New Castle Delaware
City Council Budget Workshop
201 Delaware Street – New Castle
Thursday, June 9, 2016, 5:00 p.m.**

Call to order: 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilperson Megginson
Councilperson Vannucci
Council President Ratchford
Councilperson Petty
Councilperson Di Mondì

Also present:

William Barthel, City Administrator
Janet Carlin, City Treasurer
Kathleen Walls, Finance Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

President Ratchford stated this Workshop was a follow-up to answer questions walk through budget line changes.

Kathy Walls noted there were no changes to revenue budget other than some increases due to Police personnel changes and for Public Safety uniforms and office supplies.

\$400.00 addition to Historic Area Commission professional development budget.

\$65,000 grant awarded for storm water improvements

Kathy Walls said she added a column to the report for any item with an increase of 10% or greater, and brief description of why.

Public Safety budget, salaries, and changes in positions. Mr. Barthel noted that several positions were vacant last year for various reasons, one officer was deployed. Discussion of energy costs, and heating cooling system. Heat pump will be evaluated and replaced if needed.

Public Services budget, No changes in salaries, other than 10% increase.

Discussion of Parks & Public Property budget: Councilperson Petty asked why the much budget was cut. Mr. Barthel said that the budget was not cut, the mulch put down this year was sufficient to last another year.

Mayor & Council budget, -Requests from organizations: President Ratchford recommended that Council provide the requested amounts to each organization. Senior Center - \$3,000; Library \$5,000; Community Partnership \$2,600; Historical Society \$10,000; Beautification \$1,200; and Arasapha \$600.

Councilperson Megginson agreed that Arasapha should get \$600. And Beautification should get \$1,200. He recommended the Senior Center get \$1,500 and nothing to the library or the Partnership. Councilperson Megginson said the library is Trustee and County funded and he does not feel the City should be funding the library. He said he felt the Partnership, as a 501c3 should go outside to seek funding.

President Ratchford stated that the Partnership is going to use the \$2,600 for a City brochure. The New Castle Historical Society is asking for the \$10,000 amount to use for a Matching Grant, from the Trustees, they will use it to be better staffed, which will lessen the workload of the City. President Ratchford added that libraries are frequently funded by cities. They provide services to the City and its residents.

Councilperson Di Mondì asked what would the \$20,000 for economic activities be used for.

President Ratchford said that would cover an ad with the Greater Wilmington Visitors Bureau, branding to work on signage, and website enhancements and to encourage visitors and businesses to come to the City.

Administration: Councilperson Di Mondì asked about the Building Repairs budget line. Mr. Barthel said these were carried over from the previous year to make repairs to the building, and make the bathroom ADA compliant.

Discussion of repairs and renovation to the Banks Building.

The motion to adjourn into Special Meeting was made by Councilperson Petty, seconded by Councilperson Megginson and passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Burgmuller

Council Secretary, City of New Castle

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Motion to consider **Resolution 2016-25**, to name Captain Jamie Rogers to replace retiring Police Chief, Daniel Tjaden. Councilperson Megginson and seconded by Councilperson Vannucci

Council President Ratchford read the Resolution

Passed unanimously.

The motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Megginson, seconded by Councilperson Vannucci and passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 6:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Burgmuller

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