

RESOLUTION 2018-26

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLAN, OCTOBER 2018

WHEREAS, under the Downtown Development Districts Act, 22 *Del.C.* §§ 1901 *et seq.* (the “Act”), the State of Delaware may designate districts within Delaware’s cities, towns, and unincorporated areas that will qualify for significant development incentives and other State benefits; and

WHEREAS, these districts are known as Downtown Development Districts (“**Districts**”); and

WHEREAS, the State may accept applications in the future for Downtown Development District designation; and

WHEREAS, the application will need to include a Downtown Development District Plan (District Plan); and

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle entered into a Grant Agreement with the Delaware Economic Development Office (now known as the Delaware Division of Small Business) to receive a grant from the Neighborhood Building Blocks Fund to prepare a District Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City created a Task Force and hired a consultant to help guide and prepare the District Plan; and

WHEREAS, the consultant has met with the Task Force on two occasions as well as with the Chief of Police and has prepared an updated District Plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed District Plan, if adopted via this Resolution would revise an earlier District Plan developed in 2016 by re-delineating the District boundary focusing on the central business district and the immediately surrounding area where designation will have the most beneficial impact; and

WHEREAS, the proposed District Plan identifies assets, challenges, and opportunities within the District boundary and the immediately surrounding area and establishes goals and objectives for community and economic development, and recommends implementation strategies to achieve these goals; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving the final disbursement of grant funds for the preparation of the District Plan, the Grant Agreement requires the City Council to adopt the District Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council adopts the Downtown Development District Plan, attached, as prepared by AECOM and dated October 2018.

PASSED this 9th day of October, 2018

Linda Ratchford, City Council President

John A. Di Mondi, Councilperson

Valarie W. Leary, Councilperson

Michael M. Platt, Councilperson

Michael J. Quaranta, Councilperson

Attest:

Brian G. Whitaker, City Clerk