

**City of New Castle, Delaware
City Council Special Meeting at Town Hall
201 Delaware Street, New Castle
Thursday – December 6, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.**

Call to order: 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Councilperson Valarie W. Leary
Councilperson Michael J. Quaranta
Council President Linda Ratchford
Councilperson Michael M. Platt
Councilperson John A. Di Mondì

Also present:

William Barthel, City Administrator

Council President Ratchford called the meeting to order. She stated that the meeting was to consider Resolution 2018-31; a Resolution to approve the borrowing of \$226,000 for the purchase of a street sweeper.

Councilperson Leary made a motion to approve the borrowing of \$226,000 for the purchase of a street sweeper; Councilperson Quaranta seconded the motion.

Council President Ratchford read Resolution 2018-31.

Mr. Barthel stated that the City had received several quotes for the loan being funded by the Trustees; and the City feels that PNC Bank made the best offer for financing the street sweeper.

Council President Ratchford asked if there was any prepayment penalty. Mr. Barthel said there had originally been language indicating there would be a “penalty” for prepayment, but they had worked with the bank and it had been eliminated.

Councilperson Di Mondì made a motion to integrate, into the upcoming budget, full payment of the loan on the street sweeper by October 31st, the end of property tax collections.

There was no second.

Council President Ratchford asked for questions or discussion.

Council President Ratchford called for a roll call vote:

Councilperson Leary: Yes

Councilperson Quaranta: Yes

Council President Ratchford: Yes

Councilperson Platt: Yes

Councilperson Di Mondì: No

The Resolution passed 4 votes to 1.

Council President Ratchford asked the City Administrator to proceed with the purchase of the street sweeper, adding this will be an improvement for the City of New Castle in terms of maintaining our streets and drains.

Mr. Barthel said that delivery and training had been scheduled, pending approval of the Resolution.

The **motion to adjourn** was made by Councilperson Platt, seconded by Councilperson Leary, and **passed unanimously**. The Council adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Burgmuller
Council Secretary