

## Resolution 2020-30

### **A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of FEMA's Pre Disaster Mitigation Grant (PDMC-PL-03-DE-2019-006), Allocation of \$33,333 as part of the City "Match", and Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into all Necessary Agreements Involved.**

**WHEREAS**, in the past twenty years, nine federally declared disasters have caused the loss of lives, personal injuries and on average \$ 6.50 per capita in property damages in New Castle County; and

**WHEREAS**, billions of dollars' worth of residential, commercial, and coastal property in Delaware are at risk from flooding, hurricanes and weather-related damages; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stafford Act was amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 Section 322 (DMA2K) (P.L. 106-39) which provides approaches to mitigation planning and emphasizes the need for state, local and tribal entities to closely coordinate mitigation planning and implementation efforts as outlined in 44 CFR Part 201; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Castle continues to plan to provide its citizens with the most effective tools to help with riverine resiliency issues; and

**WHEREAS**, one aspect of the plan is an inventory of the city's built environment, including:

- Surveying of first floor and adjacent grade elevations for the most vulnerable structures in the City
- Obtaining additional structure information including building type (wood, steel, concrete, etc.), foundation type (basement or slab), occupancy type (single-family, multi-family, etc.), and number of stories
- Preparation of depth grids to be used in further modeling of existing and alternative dike-raising elevations
- Running of Hazus model to estimate the benefits of multiple scenarios

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Castle has been awarded, with the help of the Natural Hazards Section of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, a FEMA Pre Disaster Mitigation Grant PDMC-PL-03-DE-2019-006; and

**WHEREAS**, the overall budget was estimated at \$132,000 with \$99,000 from the reimbursement based grant and \$33,000 as match from the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Castle designates William J. Barthel, City Administrator to manage the project and coordinate FEMA Pre Disaster Mitigation Grant requirements for reporting and reimbursement.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of New Castle approves the expenditure of \$132,000 with \$99,000 to be reimbursed by the grant and \$33,000.00 in matching funds to be provided from City funds and accepts FEMA's Pre Disaster Mitigation Grant PDMC-PL-03-DE-2019-006 and directs William J. Barthel, City Administrator to manage the project and coordinate program requirements for reporting and reimbursement of the FEMA's grant funding and the City's matching funds.

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**PASSED** this 10th day of November, 2020.

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Linda Ratchford, City Council President

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Valarie W. Leary, Councilperson

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Michael M. Platt, Councilperson

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Russell P. Smith, Councilperson

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Suzanne M. Souder, Councilperson

Attest:

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Brian G. Whitaker, City Clerk