

**Resolution No. 2023-22**

**A Resolution supporting a proposed Fishing Pier at the "fishing beach" south of Dobbinsville on Route 9 within the City of New Castle. Pier to be constructed and maintained by Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife (the "Project")**

**WHEREAS**, on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the City Council passed Resolution 2015-30, supporting the construction of a fishing pier south of Dobbinsville on Route 9 within the City of New Castle, Pier to be constructed and maintained by Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife (the "Project"), and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council supports the use of certain City owned property at the Project location for purposes of providing an entrance roadway, a lighted parking lot and related facilities to support a lighted fishing pier with restroom facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trustees of the New Castle Common who own a portion of the affected land had also reviewed the Project and had stated support for an easement to permit construction of the parking lot and related facilities necessary for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated Fishing Pier Project construction will cost approximately 2 million dollars with \$1,500,000.00 being funded through the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Fund program and the remaining \$500,000.00 coming from State funding such as fishing license fees, bond bill, and/or other sources subject to availability and/or appropriation, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Delaware will be responsible for such costs as parking lot maintenance, pier repairs, and light fixture replacements, and

**WHEREAS**, all facilities will be constructed in a manner that protects the integrity of the dike; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will provide policing services to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife will provide additional patrols and on call services, as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, final plans and responsibilities for the Project will be subject to terms outlined in appropriate agreement(s) between the City, the Trustees of New Castle Common and the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council has determined that the proposed pier is in the best interests of the citizens of New Castle and provides recreational fishing opportunities to residents and visitors alike.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby supports construction of a fishing pier by Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife in the City of New Castle on Route 9 South in the area known as the "fishing beach" adjacent to existing gravel parking area; and directs the City Administrator to negotiate a MOA with the Division of Fish and Wildlife for the purposes of constructing the pier.

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Michael M. Platt, City Council President

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Joseph F. Day, III, Councilperson

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Nermin Zubaca, Councilperson

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Andrew Zeltt, Councilperson

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Suzanne M. Souder, Councilperson

Attest:

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Kathleen M. Walls, City Clerk