

New Castle City Planning Commission Meeting  
Minutes  
1 Municipal Boulevard, New Castle, DE  
October 14, 2024 – 6:45 p.m.

Members Present: Margo Reign, Chair  
Brie Rivera  
Cynthia Batty  
Kristin Zumar  
Timothy Gibbs  
David Majewski

Absent: Stephen Franklin  
Tamara Stoner

Also Present: Antonina Tantillo, City Administrator  
Christopher J. Rogers, City Planner  
Michael Hoffman, Esquire

Ms. Reign called the Planning Commission Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. Roll call followed and a quorum to conduct business was declared.

**Ordinance 550** – An Ordinance to Impose a Moratorium on Large Apartment Structures

Ms. Reign introduced the Ordinance.

**Public Comment**

Phil Gross – 1301 13<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Gross noted that for the past 4-5 years he has repeatedly brought up a initiating a moratorium for large projects and buildings. He noted that there is too much traffic and flooding could cause deaths. He expressed his appreciation that his conversations with Administration have paid off. He added that he consulted two attorneys into it and the moratorium can projects that be placed retroactively on projects that have been approved but on which construction has not begun and urged the City to institute a retroactive moratorium on those projects.

Mr. Gross asked that the City include a link on each meeting Agenda to any document(s) that will be discussed during that meeting. He noted that the Agenda for the Public Hearing did not have a link to Ordinance 550.

Brian Mattaway

Mr. Mattaway expressed his appreciation for the Commissioners and the work that the Planning Commission does. He stated that he will be prepared to comment on Ordinance 550 at the next City Council meeting.

There being no further public comment, Ms. Reign recessed the Public Hearing until 7:00 p.m.

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A motion to close the Public Hearing and recess was made by Mr. Gibbs. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zumar. The motion was unanimously passed and the Public Hearing closed at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen R. Weirich  
City Stenographer