

# City of Dover

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2015-16

### **A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CIVILIAN STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ACT AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON A TRIAL BASIS**

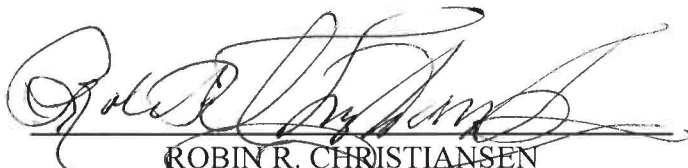
**WHEREAS**, in an effort to be more efficient and effective, to allow greater opportunity for interaction and networking among elected officials and the civilian committee members, and to enhance the decision making process by involving all members of City Council in discussions at the Committee level, City Council has decided to temporarily set aside the Standing Committees as provided for in the Dover Code and act as a Committee of the Whole on a temporary basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee of the Whole, which would include all members of City Council and the civilian members for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement; Safety Advisory and Transportation; Utility; and Legislative, Finance, and Administration committees, would be chaired by the Council President. Each of the chairpersons of the four (4) standing committees would chair their respective committee meeting and the civilian members would participate in only their committee's discussions. The Committee of the Whole would enable members to give detailed consideration to agenda items in a committee setting. In a Committee of the Whole the results of votes taken are not final decisions, but have the status of recommendations which City Council would consider further and vote on at its Regular meeting, either as a discussion item or on Consent Agenda; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and civilian members of the Standing Committees will act as a Committee of the Whole on a trial basis beginning on January 26, 2016 and, if Council chooses to adopt this meeting format, an Ordinance amendment regarding the Standing Committees will be presented for adoption prior to the Annual Meeting in May.

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 14, 2015

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Actions History:

December 14, 2015 - Introduced at City Council