

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

A Special Council Meeting was held on August 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. with Council President Slavin presiding. Members present were Mr. Anderson, Mr. Neil, Mr. Cole, Mr. Polce (departed at 5:59 p.m. and returned at 6:00 p.m.), Mr. Hare, and Mr. Lindell. Mr. Sudler and Mr. Lewis were absent. Mayor Christiansen was also present.

Council staff members present were Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. McDowell. Other staff members present were Mr. Hudson. Others present were Senator Colin Bonini (departed at 5:56 p.m. and returned at 6:08 p.m.).

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Mr. Neil moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried.**

**Mr. Hare moved to recess into Executive Session pursuant to pursuant to 29 Del. C.§10004 (b)(2) - Preliminary discussions on site acquisitions for any publicly funded capital improvements, or sales or leases of real property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindell and unanimously carried.**

The Special Council Meeting recessed into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

### **ACTION RESULTING FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Potential Land Acquisition**

During the executive session, members of Council considered a potential land acquisition.

**Mr. Hare moved that the City Manager's Office and the Mayor proceed with negotiations for the property discussed in the executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neil and unanimously carried.**

**Mr. Lindell moved to agree with the conceptual approach regarding the repairs and improvements to Weyandt Hall via a CIP (Capital Investment Project) for Fiscal 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and unanimously carried.**

#### **Potential Disposal of Property**

During the executive session, members of Council considered the potential disposal of property.

Mr. Polce moved that the City of Dover sell the old library building to Wesley College for \$1, the sale contingent upon a commitment of Community Transportation Funds from Senator Bonini of \$500,000 in Fiscal 18, \$125,000 in Fiscal 19, \$125,000 in Fiscal 20 based upon available funds, and \$300,000 from Representative Lynn in Fiscal 18; that there be a clawback option in which the City of Dover would be offered the right of first refusal in the event that Wesley College no longer wishes to use the building for educational purposes; and that Council direct the City Manager to proceed with the negotiations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson stated that he thought that the motion was one that was fiscally prudent, consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Dover to bring educational institutions in and more

economic development foot traffic, and will expand the safety footprint by bringing Wesley College security as an extra set of eyes downtown; therefore, it is something he believes is in the public interest.

**The motion that the City of Dover sell the old library building to Wesley College for \$1, the sale contingent upon a commitment of Community Transportation Funds from Senator Bonini of \$500,000 in Fiscal 18, \$125,000 in Fiscal 19, \$125,000 in Fiscal 20 based upon available funds, and \$300,000 from Representative Lynn in Fiscal 18; that there be a clawback option in which the City of Dover would be offered the right of first refusal in the event that Wesley College no longer wishes to use the building for educational purposes; and that Council direct the City Manager to proceed with the negotiations was unanimously carried.**

**Mr. Hare moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Neil and unanimously carried.**

The Special Council Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

TRACI A. McDOWELL  
CITY CLERK

All ordinances, resolutions, motions, and orders adopted by City Council during their Special Meeting of August 14, 2017 are hereby approved.

ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN  
MAYOR

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