

City of New Castle Delaware  
City Council Special Meeting  
1 Municipal Boulevard  
Monday, August 28, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order: 6:00 PM**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Councilperson Joseph F. Day  
Councilperson Suzanne M. Souder  
Councilperson Nermin Zubaca  
Councilperson Andrew Zeltt

**Also present:** William J. Barthel, City Administrator  
Max Walton, Esquire, City Solicitor  
Janet Carlin, City Treasurer  
Christopher Rogers, City Planner

Councilperson Day called the August 28, 2023, special City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The assembly stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call followed and a quorum to conduct business was declared.

**Motion, Discussion and Vote on Resolution No. 2023-26, to approve November 4<sup>th</sup> as the date for the special election for Council President.**

Councilperson Day called for a motion to read Resolution 2023-26.

A motion to read Resolution 2023-26 was made and seconded. Councilperson Day read the Resolution. Councilperson Day noted a typographical error in the Resolution noting that the last paragraph states “special election for Mayor” and it should state “special election for City Council President.”

Councilperson Souder stated she would like to propose an amendment to Resolution 2023-26. She explained that she will be filing as a candidate for City Council President and her amendment to the Resolution would eliminate the need for a separate election for her vacant seat on Council. The Charter requires that she resign from her current seat and that the effective date of her resignation can be after the date of the election. Councilperson Souder will, therefore, continue to serve as a Councilperson until the election. Councilperson added that if she is not elected as City Council President, her term as Councilperson will expire after the election.

A motion was made to amend the third “WHEREAS” paragraph to state “the office of City Council President of the City of New Castle became vacant on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the office of Member of Council became vacant as provided by the Charter” and to amend the last paragraph to state “City Council hereby approves November 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 as the date for the special election for City Council President and the remainder of the term vacated by a resignation”. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

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The motion on the original Resolution as amended was unanimously carried.

Mr. Walton noted that pursuant to the Charter, the date for any member of Council to file as a candidate for the position of City Council President is September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilperson Day called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen R. Weirich  
City Stenographer

**Next Regular Meeting Date: September 12, 2023**  
**Posted: 08/21/2023**