

City of New Castle Delaware
City Council Public Hearing
1 Municipal Boulevard
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
6:45 p.m.

Call to Order: 6:45PM

Roll Call

Present: Council President Suzanne M. Souder
Councilperson Joseph F. Day, III
Councilperson Nermin Zubaca
Councilperson Andrew Zeltt
Councilperson Brian Mattaway

Also present: Max Walton, Esquire, City Solicitor
Mayor Valarie Leary
Antonina Tantillo, City Administrator
James Whisman, City Treasurer
Jeff Bergstrom, City Building Official
Christopher Rogers, City Planner
Police Chief Richard McCabe
Good Will Fire Chief David Majewski

Council President Souder called the April 9, 2024, City Council Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. Roll call followed and a quorum to conduct business was declared.

Ordinance 546 - An ordinance to amend the City of New Castle code chapter 130 regarding buildings and structures in special flood hazard areas.

Council President Souder explained that Ordinance 546 will bring the Building Code into compliance with the new Federal Emergency Management standards for flood insurance. The current Code requires that all mechanical structures are at least 1' above the flood elevation; however it made an exception for watertight mechanical structures, and the Ordinance will eliminate that exception. The change only applies to new construction in special flood hazard flood areas in the 100 year floodplain.

In response to a question from Councilperson Zubaca, Mr. Bergstrom stated that mechanical equipment must be above the freeboard in order to qualify for the flood insurance credit, and a variance to allow that equipment to be installed below the freeboard cannot be granted by law.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

There being no public comment on Ordinances 546, Council President Souder called for a motion to adjourn.

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A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made and seconded. The motion was unanimously carried and the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen R. Weirich
City Stenographer

Next Regular Meeting Date: May 14, 2024
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