

City of New Castle Delaware
City Council Special Meeting at Town Hall
201 Delaware Street – New Castle
Monday, February 10, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Roll Call

Councilperson Suzanne M. Souder
Council President Linda Ratchford
Councilperson Valarie W. Leary
Councilperson Russell P. Smith (6:02 PM)

Absent:

Councilperson Michael M. Platt

Also present:

William Barthel, City Administrator
Kathy Walls, Finance Director
Janet Carlin, City Treasurer

The City staff provided the following information:

- Description of types of properties in the city, being Apartment (10), Commercial (122), Exempt Commercial (63), Exempt Farmland (1), Exempt Residential (75), Industrial (60), Residential (2,331), Utility (12); total 2,674. This information had been provided to the city by the county.
- Per MSC, the number of water meters is 2,313. Of them, single family residential is 1,886, multi-family residential master is 75, multi-family residential individual is 177, there are 16 governmental, 144 commercial (including non-profit), 3 agriculture, and 16 city/MS.

There was discussion about New Castle County's and other communities' tax rates and fees, assessments and processes.

There was discussion about the various sources of revenue to the city, the largest being property tax revenue.

Upcoming street projects will be impacted by Delmarva's work plan.

The City Administrator reported that infrastructure budget expenditures 2011 to 2020 was \$1,034,150, with a yearly average of \$103,415 for general street repairs that are not considered major street/road projects. Forecasted out to 2021, that would equate to \$5,984,000 or \$536,731 per year in street and infrastructure projects.

There was general discussion about the overall past and upcoming budget processes, as well as past, future and potential future expenditures and revenue sources.

Council discussed providing individual lists of priorities, including dollar amounts, for projects beyond those normally included in the city staff's budget projections, to present for discussion at a future meeting. These lists are informally being referred to as "wish lists."

Projected costs of the proposed plan for a municipal facility are expected to be available in April or May 2020.

The "wish list" discussion meeting mentioned earlier will be scheduled for mid-March.

After a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Whitaker, Clerk of the City of New Castle

Next Regular Meeting Date: February 11, 2020

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