SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

A Special Council Meeting was held on September 14, 2015 at 6:01 p.m. with Council President Slavin presiding. Members present were Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cole, Mr. Hare, Mr. Hosfelt, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Lewis (arrived at 6:56 p.m.), and Mr. Neil. Mr. Sudler was absent.

Council staff members present were Mr. Koenig, Mr. Hudson, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Townshend, and Mrs. McDowell. Mayor Christiansen was also present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Mr. Hare moved to recess into Executive Session 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 and §10004(b)(6) - Discussion of the content of documents, excluded from the definition of "public record" in §10002 of this title where such discussion may disclose the contents of such documents (§10002 (l)(2)) - Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is of a privileged or confidential nature. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hosfelt and unanimously carried.

The Special Meeting recessed at 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Hutchison moved to adjourn the executive session, seconded by Mr. Hare and unanimously carried (Lewis and Sudler absent).

Executive Session adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

POTENTIAL ACTION - LAND ACQUISITION

During the Executive Session, Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, advised members of a potential land acquisition of four (4) properties.

Mr. Koenig requested authorization to finalize a sale agreement with the House of Pride for a total amount of $237,100 to secure the four (4) properties, as follows: 105 South New Street - $117,900 (assessed value); 115 South New Street - $119,200 (assessed value); 106 South New Street - donated to the City of Dover in exchange for expungement of a lien in the amount of $21,360.09; and 110 South New Street - donated to the City of Dover in exchange for expungement of a lien in the amount of $37,766.25. He advised that he would provide the sale agreement to Apostle Marion Lott of the House of Pride the following day and the agreement would be completed once the tenants have vacated the property, noting that they must be given a 60-day notice to move. Mr. Koenig stated that once the properties are purchased, Staff would move immediately to asbestos abatement and demolition of the structures.

Mr. Hare moved to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the purchase of the four (4) properties discussed, seconded by Mr. Hutchison.

Mr. Anderson noted that the motion did not address where the money would come from. Responding, Mr. Koenig explained that this matter would come back before Council as budget amendments.

Mr. Hare asked for the motion to be amended to reflect that this matter would come back before Council as budget amendments and Mr. Hutchison agreed to the amendment.

Mr. Slavin stated that the motion, as amended, was to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the purchase of the four (4) properties discussed and come back with budget amendments.

The motion to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the purchase of the four (4) properties discussed and come back to City Council with budget amendments was unanimously carried (Sudler absent).

Mr. Hutchison moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried (Sudler absent).

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

TRACI A. McDOWELL
CITY CLERK

All ordinances, resolutions, motions, and orders adopted by City Council during their Special Meeting of September 14, 2015, are hereby approved.

ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN
MAYOR

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