REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Council Meeting was held on April 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. with Council President Bonar presiding. Council members present were Mr. Anderson, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Perza, Mr. Slavin, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Hare, and Mr. Hutchison.

Council staff members present were Deputy Police Chief Mailey, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Townshend, Fire Chief Hall, Mr. Koenig, City Solicitor Rodriguez, and Mrs. McDowell. Mayor Christiansen was also present.

OPEN FORUM

The Open Forum was held at 7:15 p.m., prior to commencement of the Official Council Meeting. Council President Bonar declared the Open Forum in session and reminded those present that Council was not in official session and could not take formal action.

Mr. Bruce Mac Gloan, 53 Planters Run Court, Dover, stated that he was a disabled veteran, a homeowner, and a registered nurse with a Bachelor's degree. He moved to Dover a little more than a year ago and, since he did not have a computer, he went to the Dover Public Library to use a computer and took a computer course. Mr. Mac Gloan stated that he felt that the instructor, who was a black man, discriminated against him, noting that when he asked questions, the instructor brushed him off; however, the instructor treated the black participants in the class very well. Mr. Mac Gloan informed members that he had shared his concerns with Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, and Ms. Margie Cyr, Library Director. Mr. Mac Gloan stated that, instead of looking into his complaints, they kicked him out of the library for 12 months.

Mr. Mac Gloan referenced the City of Dover employee handbook, noting that it stated that employees are supposed to treat the citizens in a courteous manner and are not supposed to discriminate against people. He reiterated that he had been discriminated against and treated very badly. Mr. Mac Gloan indicated that he had never been to a place where complaints about an employee's work were not investigated and the fault is placed on the complainant.

Mr. Mac Gloan stated that he had also informed Ms. Cyr that there were men on drugs passed out in the library; however, no action was taken. He informed members that he had never seen a library so disruptive and so crazy as the Dover Public Library, noting that there were kids with their rear-ends hanging out, and making disturbances while he was trying to use the computer to look up a job, and staff did not tell them to behave.

Mr. Tyrone Ratu, 742 Slaughter Street, Dover, expressed concern regarding racial profiling in Dover, noting that cops were pulling people over daily for traffic violations. He felt that racial profiling was really getting out of control in Dover and he wished it would stop. Mr. Ratu stated that he had been pulled over numerous times by Dover police officers for frivolous things. He found it ridiculous that there were people being lynched at Silver Lake, investigations that were never followed up on, and people getting murdered. Mr. Ratu expressed his hope that the Dover Police Department would be held accountable for their acts and tighten up; otherwise, he stated that Black Supremacy, Black Liberation and Black Freedom would be out there. Mr. Ratu declared Black Power, and acknowledged Freddie Grant, R.I.P.; Mike Brown, R.I.P.; and Walter Scott, R.I.P.

The invocation was given by Councilman Dixon, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

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

Mr. Hare moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Slavin and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2015

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 13, 2015 were unanimously approved by motion of Mr. Hare, seconded by Mr. Slavin and bore the written approval of Mayor Christiansen.

PRESENTATION-MAYOR'S SELECTION FOR THE JEFFERSON AWARDS LEAD360 CHALLENGE

Mayor Christiansen welcomed Ms. Alison Wade, Program Manager, Jefferson Awards Foundation, Ms. Alyssa Pastolove, Intern, Jefferson Awards Foundation, and a Senior at the University of Delaware, and Ms. Michele Fidance, National Director for the Jefferson Awards.

Ms. Wade reviewed a presentation entitled "LEAD360 Awards Ceremony" ***(Exhibit #1)***. She explained that the LEAD360 Challenge, an initiative of the Jefferson Awards Foundation, is one (1) of the largest youth service contests in America. The Challenge taps into the energy and idealism of young people, encouraging and facilitating them to share their stories of service with millions.

Ms. Wade stated that this was the 5th year Dover had participated in LEAD360 and expressed the Foundation's happiness to have an active community once again.

Mayor Christiansen, Ms. Wade, Ms. Pastolove, and Ms. Fidance presented awards, as follows:

Central Middle School Senators in Action Club

The Senators in Action Club at Central Middle School has made a commitment to helping the less fortunate in their community, with special attention given to those with Alzheimer's and hospitalized veterans. They meet on Friday afternoons to work together to make a positive difference in the lives of others. They have completed many different projects over the school year.

Dover High School Communities in Schools

The Communities in Schools group at Dover High School will complete a service learning course aimed at teaching students the value of community service as a way to learn, and as a way to help their communities. The course will also earn students college credit to help them continue their education. This year they will focus on global hunger and food insecurities, partnering with the Food Bank of Delaware to give students hands-on experience.

Dover High School Interact Club
The Dover High School Interact Club is hosting an event called Little Dresses for Haiti, with a goal to sew 50-100 dresses for children in Haiti. The dresses will be created from donated new pillowcases, and handmade by students in the club.

Dover High School JROTC and AFJROTC
The Dover High School JROTC and AFJROTC cadets volunteered at the Monster Mash Marathon last October, which benefits the Wounded Warriors Project. The cadets assisted in providing runners with water, Gatorade, and gel energy packs. They also organized a toy drive for Toys for Tots last December. The exceeded their goal of collecting 300 toys, collecting 404 toys for underprivileged children in Dover and Kent County.

Holy Cross School Knitting Club - Mayor's Top Project
The Holy Cross Knitting Club, founded by Raegan Garnsey and Montana Johansen, is a group of students in grades 1-8 who meet twice a month to knit hats for people, from newborn to adult. The club has donated over 324 hats both domestically and internationally.

PRESENTATION - 2014 ANNUAL REPORT - ROBBINS HOSE COMPANY (DOVER FIRE)

Fire Chief Mark Hall reviewed the Dover Fire Department 2014 Annual Report. On behalf of the Fire Department, Chief Hall expressed appreciation for the leadership of Chief Matthew Carey in 2014. Chief Hall informed members that he had 13 years of service to the citizens of Dover, noting that he was an elite member of the Fire Department, held the office of Deputy Fire Chief last year, served as assistant chief for two (2) years and captain for two (2) years prior to that.

Chief Hall reviewed the Run Totals for 2014, noting that the report mistakenly indicated 2015. He informed members that there were 451 false alarms or false calls, which include faulty activations, malicious and accidental alerts; 197 good intent calls, including investigations of smoke or odor or runs cancelled prior to the department responding; 163 actual fires, including buildings, houses, cooking fires, vehicles, brush or grass; 144 service calls, which consist of water leaks, floods, and assists to the police or other agencies; 121 hazardous conditions with no fire, including fuel spill, gas leak, and electrical hazardous. Chief Hall stated that the Dover Fire Department also had 97 rescue and emergency medical runs, which are motor vehicle collisions (MVCs) with entrapment and medical assist. He advised that the Dover Fire Department is unique in the fact that it is the only fire department that runs MVCs with entrapment. Chief Hall explained that the department does not go to every accident, noting that if they went to every injury accident, run totals would be more than 5,000 and the department is 100% volunteer. He stated that the department also had 4 severe weather calls or natural disasters and the run total was 1,191 for 2014.

Chief Hall stated that the City of Dover helped the Dover Fire Department purchase 55 of the latest designed air packs, the MSAG1, which they anticipated receiving within the next 20 days. He noted that the new air packs had not hit the market yet, the Baltimore City Fire Department was scheduled to receive them first; however, that had been delayed and it appeared as though the Dover Fire Department would be the first to receive them. Chief Hall reviewed the features of the new air packs and the G1 Mask-Mounted Regulator.

Chief Hall stated that the City of Dover also provided the funding for 65 new Motorola APX 6000 portable radios for use on person and 24 APX 6500/7500 mobile radios for inside the apparatus. He stated that some of the mobile radios are the 7500, which are encrypted, allow the firefighters to communicate with the Dover Police Department, State of Delaware agencies, and four (4) counties in Maryland, and are ready to support new technology and data applications. Chief Hall expressed hope that the newly procured Knox Boxes would tie into the radio systems as well. He stated that the APX 6000XE is the ideal communication solution for first responders working in extreme environments. Chief Hall noted that the new radios have enlarged knobs which help tremendously with interior operations, since firefighters wear big, bulky gloves. He thanked the City of Dover for purchasing the radios and the air packs, noting that the radios were great.

Chief Hall reviewed several notable incidents that occurred during 2014. He also noted community events that the department participated in, including the signing of House Bill 233, the "School Safety Act;" a training exercise for a congressional delegation at the Delaware State Fire School, which 12 Dover firefighters participated in; and the Fordham Brewery R2HOP2, where the department provided Emergency Medical Service (EMS) support and set Ladder 2 up as an aerial display in an effort to recruit new members and provide community outreach.

Chief Hall informed members that the firefighter of the year for 2014 was Mike O'Connor III, noting that he was typically the first responder on the fire truck for all of the notable incidents of 2014. He stated that Mr. O'Connor is always available to help, is a great fireman and is now serving as a captain in the department. Chief Hall also acknowledged the Top-10 responders for 2014, explaining that they responded to between 320 to 600 of the 1,191 calls.

Mr. Hutchison thanked Chief Hall, noting that he could stand proud of the report he provided. He stated that it was absolutely amazing that it was all done by volunteers and, on behalf of City Council and the citizens of Dover, thanked Chief Hall and all of the volunteers for a job well done.

Mr. Bonar reminded members that the Dover Fire Department was the only state capital in the United States with a volunteer fire department, noting that the volunteer fire service in the State of Delaware is second to none, and has been innovative, involved, and deeply responsive to citizen needs throughout the State. Mr. Bonar expressed his thanks to the men and women who volunteer with the Dover Fire Department.

Mr. Hare moved for acceptance of the Dover Fire Department 2014 Annual Report, seconded by Mr. Hutchison and unanimously carried.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - APRIL 13, 2015

The Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee met on April 13, 2015 with Chairman Dixon presiding.

Presentation - Martin Luther King Jr. Educational Community Center

Dr. Garcia (Gus) Walker stated that he serves on the Martin Luther King Jr. Educational Community Center Committee and it was hoped that this community center would be located in Dover in the near future. He introduced the other

members of the committee, including Dr. Ira Roach III and Dr. Derone Daniels, who are involved with a General Educational Development (GED) diploma program for youth in the Dover area, Ms. Anne Smith, who deals in hospitality and who set up the hospitality curriculum at Delaware State University, Mr. Alex Cropper, licensed drug and alcohol counselor, and Mr. Bobby Wilson. Dr. Walker stated that he was a retired educator and counselor.

Dr. Walker stated that City Council was not being asked for money but for a facility that could accommodate the Community Center. He reviewed a presentation entitled, "MLK Educational Community Center" and explained that between 7,000 to 9,000 individuals were currently incarcerated in the State of Delaware, approximately 44% of them do not have a high school diploma or GED, and approximately 1,500 to 2,000 individuals are on probation or parole at one time or another. Dr. Walker stated that these individuals are not allowed to use facilities such as the Polytech Adult Education Center because the Center does not accept felons or sex crime offenders and advised members that the proposed program would serve individuals in Kent County who are "down and out" and "fall through the cracks" by providing GED high school diplomas.

Dr. Walker reviewed the mission goals of the program, including human service, workforce development/job training, substance/mental health programs, food programs, emergency shelter and promoting a safe and sanitary community environment for all ages and cultures, and crisis prevention. He indicated that another goal was to partner with the City, including the Mayor, City Council, and those involved in the Downtown Dover Development District; State government; local police departments; local non-profit organizations; and schools for fundraising, community building, community service, and education. Dr. Walker advised members that the goal of fostering community could be met by hosting holiday meals, town meetings, family gatherings, and individual recognition and memorial events in partnership with the clergy and the Dover Panhellenic Council. He noted that the Dover Panhellenic Council consists of nine (9) Greek-letter sororities and fraternities made up of 400 or 500 college-educated individuals who are required to do community service. He stated that many people in various parts of town have the same ideals and he expressed the desire to have everyone "put their heads together" to work toward saving communities. Dr. Walker stated that the MLK Educational Center Committee already met with the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) and is forming a partnership with them to coordinate efforts. Dr. Walker stated that sustainability was a major goal of the organization and expressed their desire to use the mission statement and goals to achieve their financial needs and future aims to provide care, restoration, and improvement of the facilities; support staff development; increase volunteer engagement; and energize broad participation.

Mr. Hutchison thanked Dr. Walker for the presentation and, based on Mr. Hutchison's 25 years in law enforcement, confirmed the serious need in the City and Kent County to address the concerns raised; however, he questioned where funding would come from to support the center. Responding, Dr. Walker stated that

funding would come from State and local grant funds, and start-up funding would basically be coming from personal interests. He indicated that this is a 501(c)(3) organization and that grant writers were currently writing the grants for these types of programs.

In response to Mr. Hutchison regarding the number of people that the facility could handle at one (1) time, Dr. Walker stated that Mr. Cropper had estimated that over 125 individuals could be served.

Responding to Mr. Hutchison about operating hours, Dr. Walker stated that the office portion of the organization would be a nine (9) to five (5) operation; however, they would be on call 24 hours per day.

Mr. Hutchison questioned whether the organization had reached out to the upper management of State government to see whether there was an opportunity for partnership, so that individuals could be assigned to the MLK Education Community Center instead of being incarcerated. Responding, Dr. Walker indicated that he had not spoken with upper management; however, he had contacted the Department of Probation and Parole, which would be the gatekeeper for sending these individuals to be serviced. Dr. Walker confirmed that the focus of the group was mainly on those coming out of incarceration, stating that there are organizations that deal with kids aged six (6) to 18 to try to keep them out of the prison system, educate them, and let them matriculate at different universities and communities; however, those aged 16 through 40 plus are "lost." He advised members that those without a high school diploma can be seen walking the streets and "sometimes coming through our door at night." Dr. Walker stated that many of these individuals have become disenchanted with life and their self-esteem has declined due to many fallbacks. He felt that this population should not be forgotten because we live in gated communities, do our nine (9) to five (5) jobs, pay rent and taxes, and stay away from these areas, noting that the problem is getting larger and larger.

In response to Mrs. Horsey regarding the ideal location of the building, Dr. Walker indicated that one (1) of the main locations discussed was the former Dover Public Library; however, he noted that there were several vacant areas. He indicated that they were "willing to just take a building to get going" and hoped to return in two (2) years and show success. He stated that, "you might even give us this building," explaining there was a need for a brick and mortar building to handle the group counseling sessions, which would be held five (5) days per week and some weekends. He noted that transportation would be included in the program for individuals who need it.

Mr. Hutchison stated, for the record, that he absolutely embraced the concept being discussed; however, he was not happy about a downtown location. He stated that the City was embarking upon a wonderful opportunity, with commitment from the Governor's Office and Kent County Levy Court to attack the issues and concerns in

downtown Dover, and felt that this area could not be rehabilitated if more issues and concerns were brought there. He stated that he would welcome the opportunity to work with the committee on a location.

Responding to Mr. Anderson regarding when the program would begin once a location was found, Dr. Walker stated that the program would be able to start July 1, 2015, without or without a facility, noting that it might be in his kitchen.

Mr. Anderson also offered to help with a location.

Dr. Walker stated that Dr. Daniels runs a faith-based GED program with a 100% graduation rate and there are great substance abuse counselors doing their job every day. He advised members that there are people with great hearts out there working right now, but support is needed. He expressed the need to "let our pockets face up with our hearts" to sustain this program.

In response to Dr. Walker's request to meet and talk about facilities available in the Dover area, Mr. Hutchison introduced Mr. Bill Neaton, Economic Development Manager, stating that Mr. Neaton had a list of available buildings and could provide guidance. He expressed the need to identify what size building was needed and focus on making sure that the location would fit the needs.

In response to Dr. Walker regarding the cost to the organization for the use of the building, Mr. Neaton stated that this would have to be determined by the owner of the building.

Mr. Hutchison reiterated the need for the program and thanked the Committee for its presentation.

Mr. Anderson thanked Dr. Walker and the team for this "great" proposal, stating that it is desperately needed. He indicated that there are many services in the City, but there are gaps in getting the services to the location of those who need them, and it is essential to solve this problem. Mr. Anderson stated that one (1) of the best ways to get people off the streets is to have a place where they can be productive, which would be very positive and add value to the City. He hoped that the location selected would be accessible to those most likely to be in need of it, and he reiterated the need for transportation.

Mr. Dixon stated his appreciation for all the hard work of the Committee and encouraged them to contact him if he could be of service. He noted the need for help in the City and indicated that he wanted to see the program work.

Benchmarks Established for the Economic Development Office

Mr. Bill Neaton, Economic Development Manager, stated that the benchmarks for the Economic Development Office (EDO) are presented semi-annually and would be reviewed in two (2) segments: 1) the Downtown Dover Partnership (DDP) and 2) City-wide economic development.

Mr. Ed Perez, Downtown Coordinator, reviewed the benchmarks for the DDP. He indicated that the DDP had led or organized 26 events in downtown Dover year to date, with seven (7) additional events scheduled, and were on target to meet their goal of 30. The scheduled events included First Fridays in April, May and June. Staff was also collaborating on Artsyfest, a new event scheduled in April, and helping with the Restoring Central Dover Community Fair.

In regard to the objective to set and reach an annual fundraising goal for the DDP, Mr. Perez stated that the DDP's Organization Committee was being restructured and would now focus on grant writing. He noted that there would be ongoing research to pursue grants that will apply specifically to the type of work that the DDP does to help supplement some its activities.

In regard to monitoring the satisfaction of downtown merchants and business owners, Mr. Perez stated that the DDP was on schedule to conduct this survey in May.

In reference to monitoring businesses opened in the downtown target area, Mr. Perez stated that the projections for 2014-2015 were for six (6) new businesses and a net of four (4) new businesses to open in the Downtown Dover target area. Mr. Perez advised members that five (5) new businesses had been opened, with a current net gain of four (4) new businesses, so the DDP was on target to meet that goal.

In reference to working with property owners and entrepreneurs to fill vacant commercial spaces on Loockerman Street with businesses, Mr. Perez stated that four (4) vacant spaces had been filled: Dinos & Darlings, 9 West Loockerman Street; Pure Luxury Salon, 32 West Loockerman Street, Suite 109; Celebrity Style Vintage Boutique, 32 West Loockerman Street, Suite 101-B; and Artsy Fartsy crafts, 32 West Loockerman Street, Suite 101-D.

Mr. Anderson inquired about the response from downtown businesses and merchants to some of the new initiatives in the Downtown Development District. Responding, Mr. Neaton explained that five (5) public workshops had been held over the last month and a half, and meetings had been held with realtors and bankers. He stated that a meeting was held specifically with downtown merchants to explain the Downtown Development District Program and was very successful, with over 30 merchants attending. Mr. Neaton advised members that Mr. Kirby Hudson, the City's new Assistant City Manager, recently completed a walking tour of the downtown area with Mr. Perez and they determined that, regardless of all of the related advertising and meetings, some merchants had not been exposed to the program. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for April 30, 2015 at the Bayard Plaza and invitations would be hand delivered to merchants on the west side of town and the areas outside of Loockerman Street. Mr. Neaton stated that the downtown merchants had embraced the program and several meetings had been held with developers from outside of the area who are looking to bring large development into the downtown area. Mr. Neaton stated that the EDO is very excited about the potential for the Downtown Development District and asked for support from the Committee and Council to make sure that funding for the program moves forward

into the State's next fiscal year. He indicated some concern because the $7M that was allocated Statewide in FY 15 for large Downtown Development District projects had been spoken for, and he expressed the desire to make sure that the State continues the program into FY 16.

Mr. Anderson stated that he was glad to hear of the good response and he felt that the City would be "in great shape" next year because its program is superior to any other in the State.

Mr. Neaton advised members that the Planning Office and the EDO had invited anyone who was interested to come in to discuss the program individually. The EDO met last week with five (5) different individuals, and the Planning Office met with a similar number of interested individuals.

In response to Mr. Anderson regarding whether the Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO) had helped or cooperated on this program, Mr. Neaton explained that the program is administered through the Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) and is not a DEDO interoffice program. Having said that, he indicated that DEDO is always very supportive of these programs.

Mr. Anderson questioned if DEDO was helpful in getting related out-of-state businesses directed to the City. Responding, Mr. Neaton stated that they had not been; however, Mr. Kirby Hudson, Assistant City Manager, had been instrumental in bringing some outside developers into the area.

In response to Mr. Hutchison regarding whether anyone had actually applied for funding, Mr. Neaton stated that they had. Mr. Neaton explained that the way the program works is that applications are submitted for large projects and funds are then reserved. Two (2) applications had been received for large project funds with a $250,000 threshold. For smaller projects, under $250,000, project work is completed and then an application is submitted to the DSHA for reimbursement, which is to occur within 60 days after certification.

Mr. Hutchison questioned if applicants know for sure that they will receive reimbursement once a project is completed. Responding, Mr. Neaton stated that applicants are asked to meet with Planning Department or EDO staff before moving forward with a project to make sure that they meet all the qualifications, that the project is in the district, that it fits the plan, and that it is something that staff can assure them that they will be reimbursed for at the end of the project.

Responding to Mr. Neaton, Mrs. Ann Marie Townshend, Director of Planning and Community Development, stated that staff would be receiving updates from the DSHA on the amount of funds still available; however, at this point no applications had been received for small project funds, so all of that money was still available. She stated that there would be a problem if many projects finish at the same time and

the demand comes all at one (1) time. She assured members that staff was keeping close tabs on this and making sure to communicate to inquirers that they should get their applications in as quickly as possible.

In response to Mr. Hutchison regarding the threshold for smaller projects, Mrs. Townshend reiterated that the smaller projects discussed would be below a $250,000 investment and would be eligible to receive a State grant up to $45,000.

Mr. Dixon stated the importance of monitoring projects and Mr. Neaton indicated that this was very important to staff.

In regard to City-wide economic development, Mr. Neaton referenced the Strategic Objectives for Fiscal year 2014-2015, stating that one (1) of the objectives for the EDO and the City is to complete infrastructure construction at the Garrison Oak Technology Park (GOTP). He stated that although the report indicated that the infrastructure was about 35% complete, a construction update received on April 10, 2015 revealed that the portion being constructed by A-Del Construction Company, including the roadway, sewers, sanitary sewer, water and storm water, was 50% to 70% complete. The eastern portion of the road was now complete, the base coat in the entrance and back to the Garrison Energy Center (GEC) was paved, and the majority of it had sidewalks and curbing. Mr. Neaton indicated that this had allowed for the start of infrastructure improvements to the western portion of the GOTP, which was important because traffic was now being funneled into the eastern portion of the park so that the water, storm water, and sewer lines can be laid, and the Uzin Utz manufacturing facility was very close to being completed. Mr. Neaton suggested that members take a run to White Oak Road to view the site. He stated that Mr. Philip Utz advised him that they expect to start production at the end of May and this would require infrastructure to be in place, including the roadway and natural gas line to that location. Mr. Neaton indicated that a six (6) week timeline had been set with A-Del Construction, and the City expected them to comply. He advised members that George & Lynch, Inc., one (1) of the other two (2) contractors at the site, was working on the pump station, which was almost complete, had been hooked into the GEC, and was being utilized for their discharge. Mr. Neaton stated that the other major project at the GOTP is a 1.5M gallon water tower, which was approximately 40% to 50% complete. Although this project is behind its original schedule, it is ahead of the revised schedule that had been worked out.

Mr. Neaton stated that he had been tasked with bringing two (2) new businesses to the GOTP, but noted that he plans to bring 12 new businesses since the City has 12 additional lots there. He indicated that he had met with one (1) prospect several times over the last six (6) months, and last week they informed him they would be putting together a proposal for an additional parcel of land at the GOTP. Mr. Neaton informed members that this is a technology company and, once their identity can be announced, he felt members would be very pleased, noting that a lot of things still have to come into place for this project to occur.

Mr. Neaton stated that an hour prior to the meeting he was speaking with an investor from Europe who hopes to come at that end of the month to look at several parcels at the GOTP. This would be a large employer. He indicated that staff had been working with this party for well over a year and were excited that they are coming to look at the infrastructure and the parcel.

Mr. Neaton advised members that Mr. Alan Levin, Secretary, DEDO, had been to the GOTP several weeks ago and Mr. Levin had indicated that he was pleasantly surprised at the investment the City had made in the site. Mr. Neaton stated that he was sure that the City would get some support from the State and that the State would send some businesses here rather than to New Castle County.

Mr. Neaton informed members that the GEC was beginning to ramp up and was doing some testing, which would cause some strange noises over the next few weeks. The City is starting to supply them with water and taking their discharge. In six (6) weeks they will be hooked into the grid and be a fully functioning power plant.

In relation to City-wide economic development, Mr. Neaton stated that a number of new businesses had come into town, including Urban Furniture, located in the former Metro grocery store that had been vacant for six (6) years, and Airbase Carpet was also occupying a portion of this building. Mr. Neaton explained that staff had been working very closely with the owners of the former Walmart building, who have submitted a very aggressive plan for that area with a lot of new retail businesses and some restaurant pad sites.

Mr. Neaton indicated that staff had met with the developers and owners of the Kmart building, which is a company out of Cleveland, Ohio. He indicated that they have "really nice plans" for that facility that will put a couple of tenants into the building and it was hoped that these plans would be submitted in the near future.

Mr. Neaton indicated that Produce Junction would be going into the old TigerDirect building near PetSmart, a building that has had numerous businesses followed by vacancies. He advised members that Produce Junction was a very well established company with 19 locations on the east coast and was the largest independent purchaser of bananas out of the Port of Wilmington. He stated that this is a big company and he looked forward to having them here.

Mr. Neaton stated that construction was occurring at the former Chicago Uno and former Dover Litho sites and a couple of grand openings would be happening in those buildings over the next several months.

In response to Mr. Hutchison regarding the Playtex site, Mr. Neaton stated that Playtex was expanding their facility and remodeling the interior of their building and the Planning Department, City Manager's Office, Mayor's Office, and EDO had been working with them regularly. Mr. Neaton advised that the City had received a

proposal from an engineering company for enhancements to the Clara Street entrance. Responding to Mr. Hutchison regarding the timetable of the project, Mr. Neaton stated that the expected completion date was in 2017.

Responding to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Neaton stated that there had been good cooperation from the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) on the Playtex project. He stated that DelDOT had been working very closely with the Planning Department and had been very responsive to staff's requests, noting that the State wants this project to work.

Mr. Hutchison expressed thanks for staff's commitment and focus. He stated that economic development takes a partnership between the City, State and County in order to make all these things work and a lot of energy to make things happen. He felt that the City of Dover was on the cutting edge right now and stated that the City had the opportunity and responsibility to make sure the right steps are being taken in moving forward.

Update - Recreation Needs Assessment

Mrs. Ann Marie Townshend, Director of Planning and Community Development, stated that she was working on pulling together information related to the Recreation Needs Assessment and that she hoped to be able to put time into the project during the coming week.

Review of Youth Advisory Committee Membership Applications

Mr. Anderson stated that applications were still be collected for the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). He indicated that he had communicated recently with the principal of Dover High School regarding this. He was unsure if the Parks and Recreation Department had received any applications; however, he stated that enough applications had been received to have a strong committee and asked that these applicants be considered. Mr. Anderson recommended that the individual who submitted the third application be contacted and asked to fill it out properly and resubmit it for the next meeting, because part of the point of the YAC is to help people learn how to do things in a professional way.

Mr. Hutchison inquired if Councilman Anderson was reaching out to any college students in this regard. Responding, Mr. Anderson stated that the actual members of the Committee will come essentially from eighth through twelfth grades, due to the way the resolution was originally drafted. He indicated that subcommittee members and volunteers could be people from all over the community, including college students, and several college students are actually engaged with this.

Mr. Hutchison stated that he had the opportunity to read the applications and they each bring something a little different to the table.

In response to Mr. Hutchison regarding the number of members that he would like to see, Mr. Anderson stated that he envisioned nine (9) members. He indicated that the National Council on Life and Labor Research (NCALL) and Dover High School had some applications that Mr. Anderson had not yet received, so there would be more coming and may be reviewed at the next Committee meeting. He felt there were enough to get a strong YAC and a strong quorum and hoped that more members could be added as more applications are completed.

Mrs. Horsey stated, in going over the applications fairly quickly, she felt that there were many applicants that had given very strong positive answers and looked like they would be good future leaders, and this is a good way for them to start.

Mr. Dixon stated that the YAC was one (1) of the dreams of the late Councilwoman Sophia Russell and that the City would continue to work hard to keep this alive and moving.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the applications as presented *(as on file in the Office of the City Clerk)*, with the exception of the application that was not filled out.

Mr. Anderson stated that he abstained from voting because his daughter was an applicant.

During their meeting held on November 10, 2014, members considered the First State National Monument - Wayside Planning for The Green. Members recommended approval of proposed wayside exhibits for the First State National Monument, stipulating that there be outreach to the members of the Friends of Old Dover, and this recommendation was approved by City Council during their meeting held on November 24, 2014.

During the Committee meeting held on April 13, 2015, Mrs. Horsey provided members with the finished text for the wayside exhibits, stating her understanding that the waysides would be erected before Dover Days. She indicated that she had already sent this to the Mayor, and Mr. Anderson suggested that she email this information to the City Clerk's Office for distribution to Council and Mr. Caldwell.

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Slavin and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for acceptance of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee Report, seconded by Mr. Slavin and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

QUARTERLY REVENUE REPORT

Members were provided the Quarterly Revenue Report as of March 2015.

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for acceptance of the Quarterly Revenue Report as of March 2015, seconded by Mr. Slavin and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTION BY CITY MANAGER - ROBBINS HOSE COMPANY

In accordance with Chapter 46 - Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II - Fire Department, Division 1 - Generally, Section 46-43 - Semiannual Inspections, of the City Code, the City Manager, Mr. Scott D. Koenig, met with the Fire Chief to discuss fire company issues. Mr. Koenig submitted a memorandum outlining the items discussed and noted that the Robbins Hose Company continued to provide an outstanding level of service to the City of Dover and the unincorporated areas of the fire district.

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for acceptance of the report of the Semi-Annual Robbins Hose Company Inspection, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Mr. Slavin and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

EVALUATION OF BIDS - FY 15 STREET AND ALLEY PROGRAM

Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, informed members that in concurrence with the City of Dover's Capital Investments Plan, staff proposed to rehabilitate various pavement and concrete sections throughout the City of Dover, as well as complete some asphalt and concrete work for the Inner City Cultural League during Fiscal Year 2015. He stated that in preparing for the annual City of Dover street program, staff prepared a bid package for various locations associated with rights-of-way owned by the City of Dover.

Mr. Koenig noted that there were approximately 10 locations on the current, tentative work schedule. The total length of scheduled street repaving overlaying is approximately 4,902 linear feet or 0.928 miles. In addition to repaving, this project also includes replacing approximately 914 linear feet of curb, 735 square feet of driveway apron, 2,930 square feet of sidewalk and 730 square yards of various patch work. It is estimated that the Inner City Cultural League will require an additional 3,300 square feet of pavement, 325 linear feet of curb, 1,400 square feet of sidewalk, and 1 junction box to be installed.

Mr. Koenig stated that five (5) bids were received on April 8, 2015, with prices ranging from approximately $370,000 to $588,000.

Staff recommended awarding a unit price contract, based upon Bid #15-0030PW, for the FY 2015 Street and Alley Program to Sam's Construction LLC based on the With Prevailing Wage (where applicable) unit prices for each work item submitted. Work will be performed in strict accordance to the Bid Specifications.

Mr. Koenig advised that the proposal included a draft schedule of locations; however, as additional funding becomes available, through Community Transportation funds or projects coming in lower than anticipated, street locations will be added to the scope of work up to the amount authorized by the City's purchasing policy.

Responding to Mrs. Williams, Mr. Koenig explained that the large dichotomy between the prices was typically driven by the work schedules of the various contractors. In this case, he suggested that the difference was due to asphalt prices, noting that some people have direct supply, while others pay a higher markup.

Mrs. Williams moved for approval of staff's recommendation to award a unit price contract, based upon Bid #15-0030PW, for the FY 2015 Street and Alley Program to Sam's Construction, LLC based on the With Prevailing Wage (where applicable) unit prices for each work item submitted, with work to be performed in strict accordance to the Bid Specifications. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dixon and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Mrs. Traci McDowell, City Clerk, reported the results of the 2015 Municipal Election held on April 21, 2015, as certified by the Election Board, as follows:

MAYOR

Carleton E. Carey, Sr.	622	(29.40%)
Robin R. Christiansen	**1,390**	**(65.69%)**
George J. Gaudioso	104	(4.91%)

The Total Votes Cast for Mayor were 2,116 which is 9.27% of 22,837 Total Registered Voters.

FOR FIRST DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL

James E. Hosfelt, Jr.	**485**	**(59.88%)**
Beverly C. Williams	325	(40.12%)

The Total Votes Cast for 1st District City Council were 810 which is 11.99% of 6,753 Total 1st District Registered Voters.

FOR SECOND DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL

Brian E. Lewis (Unopposed)

FOR THIRD DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL - VACANT COUNCIL SEAT WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE IN MAY 2017

Chevis R. Anderson	172	(29.86%)
Fred A. Neil	**404**	**(70.14%)**

The Total Votes Cast for the vacant 3rd District City Council seat were 576 which is 9.88% of 5,829 Total 3rd District Registered Voters.

FOR THIRD DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL

David L. Bonar	241	(41.13%)
Scott W. Cole	**345**	**(58.87%)**

The Total Votes Cast for the expiring 3rd District City Council seat were 586 which is 10.05% of 5,829 Total 3rd District Registered Voters.

FOR FOURTH DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL	
Wallace R. Dixon	58 (19.66%)
Kenneth G. Roach	84 (28.47%)
Roy Sudler, Jr.	**153 (51.86%)**

The Total Votes Cast for the 4th District City Council seat were 295 which is 7.43% of 3,972 Total 4th District Registered Voters.

Mr. Slavin moved for approval of the Election Results as reported by the City Clerk. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dixon and unanimously carried.

Mr. Bonar acknowledged Council-Elect Hosfelt, Lewis, Neil, and Sudler in attendance, thanked them for putting themselves forward and welcomed them to the Council Chambers. He stated that they had a big job ahead of them, and was sure that they would join forces with Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, and the other members of Council to do a good job for the City.

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2015-08 - REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 605, 625, 635, 645, AND 655 BAY ROAD AND 400 HASLET STREET, OWNED BY BLUE HEN CC, LLC, READ STREET, LLC, AND BLUE HEN APT, LLC

A request was received to rezone properties located at 605, 625, 635, 645, and 655 Bay Road and 400 Haslet Street, owned by Blue Hen CC, LLC, Read Street, LLC, and Blue Hen Apt, LLC. The current and proposed zones are as follows:

Address	**Current and Proposed Zones**
605 Bay Road	**Currently Zoned:** RM-2 (Medium Density Residence) Subject to SWPOZ (Source Water Protection Overlay Zone) **Proposed Zone:** SC-2 (Community Shopping Center) and RG-2 (General Residence) Subject to SWPOZ (Source Water Protection Overlay Zone)
625, 635, 645 Bay Road	**Currently Zoned:** SC-3 (Regional Shopping Center) **Proposed Zone:** SC-2 (Community Shopping Center)
655 Bay Road (12.82 and 23.16 ac)	**Currently Zoned:** SC-3 (Regional Shopping Center) **Proposed Zone:** SC-2 (Community Shopping Center) and RG-2 (General Residence)
655 Bay Road (0.93 ac)	**Currently Zoned:** SC-3 (Regional Shopping Center) **Proposed Zone:** SC-2 (Community Shopping Center)
655 Bay Road (13.2 ac)	**Currently Zoned:** SC-3 (Regional Shopping Center) Subject to SWPOZ (Source Water Protection Overlay Zone) **Proposed Zone:** SC-2 (Community Shopping Center) and RG-2 (General Residence) Subject to SWPOZ (Source Water Protection Overlay Zone)
655 Bay Road (3.09 ac)	**Currently Zoned:** SC-3 (Regional Shopping Center) Subject to SWPOZ (Source Water Protection Overlay Zone) **Proposed Zone:** SC-2 (Community Shopping Center) Subject to SWPOZ (Source Water Protection Overlay Zone)
400 Haslet Street	**Currently Zoned:** RM-2 (Medium Density Residence) **Proposed Zone:** RG-2 (General Residence)

Prior to amending the zoning ordinances and zoning map of the City of Dover, a public hearing is required.

Mr. Hare moved to refer the request to the Planning Commission on May 18, 2015 and set a public hearing for June 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Williams and unanimously carried.

In accordance with Section 1-9 of the Dover Code, Council acknowledged the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #2015-08 as read by the City Clerk, by title only, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF DOVER BY CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 605, 625, 635, 645, AND 655 BAY ROAD AND 400 HASLET STREET

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a reminder, Mr. Bonar announced that a Special Council Meeting would be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall for the swearing in of Councilman Fred Neil, who was elected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilman Lynn. Mr. Bonar stated that the remainder of those elected to Council would be sworn in at the Annual Council Meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015.

Mr. Anderson thanked military spouses and, noting that May 8, 2015 was Military Spouse Appreciation Day, encouraged all to show appreciation to a military family member.

Mr. Anderson stated that he was sponsoring a unity breakfast on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. at the Capitol One Diner and invited everyone to attend.

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

TRACI A. McDOWELL
CITY CLERK

All orders, ordinances, and resolutions adopted by City Council during their Regular Meeting of April 27, 2015, are hereby approved.

ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN
MAYOR

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Exhibits
Exhibit #1 - Presentation - "LEAD360 Awards Ceremony"



"Be the **CHANGE** you want to **SEE** in the **WORLD**."
--Gandhi



JEFFERSON AWARDS FOUNDATION

LEAD360 Awards Ceremony

City of Dover, DE
April 27, 2015

LEAD 360

The LEAD360 Challenge, an initiative of the Jefferson Awards Foundation, is one of the largest youth service contests in America. The Challenge taps into the energy and idealism of young people, encouraging and facilitating them to share their stories of service with millions.

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LEAD360 will become the platform that powers youth service ideas:
to realize their vision, act as the megaphone for their voices, and empower them and the country to **ACT** with **MAXIMUM IMPACT**.

LEAD 360

The winner of LEAD360 in 2014, 16-year-old Emma Rider, gathered 80,000 pairs of donated shoes, which in turn powered clean water to 37 African communities.



In 2014 alone:

- ✓ More than 5,000 projects
- ✓ Over 1 million people, the #lead360 hashtag saw 1.3 million Twitter impressions
- ✓ Over 76,000 people voted online to determine the country's top 5 projects.

LEAD 360

PHASE 1 – BIG IDEAS

In 2015, we are expanding LEAD360 into a two-phase challenge. Phase 1 will seek the best, most innovative BIG IDEAS of young people in specific areas of care :

- **Hunger & Poverty**
- **Health & Wellness**
- **Education & Literacy**

The Challenge seeks as many ideas as possible – those already activated AND new, inventive ideas for meaningful change. Regional, national and online voting will then determine which three visionary ideas will be powered by the Jefferson Awards Foundation for national impact.

LEAD 360

PHASE 2 – ACTIVATION & IMPACT

Dream Boxes
Education & Literacy
Patricia Manubay











Gear Going Global
Health & Wellness
Wesley Boone

The Future isn't Hungry
Hunger & Poverty
Brittany Amano





LEAD 360

Over the course of an entire year, we will track
the collective impact of these projects all over the country.

EDUCATION & LITERACY



Dream Boxes are boxes filled with new and gently used school supplies, books, a Dream Journal and a personalized letter of encouragement. Patricia's BIG IDEA is that all kids can go to school with supplies and the encouragement they need to follow their dreams.

16 boxes donated

of 100,000 Goal

Act Now ▸

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Millions of children have nothing to play with. Kids need to be kids. Studies show that physical activity is linked with improved academic achievement, higher self-esteem, fewer behavioral problems, confidence, and character. Wesley Boone's BIG IDEA is to collect new and used athletic equipment for children who have none.

20 pieces of sports gear donated

of 500,000 Goal

Act Now ▸

HUNGER & POVERTY



1 in 5 children in America is hungry. Brittany's BIG IDEA, The Future Isn't Hungry, is to pack bags with nutritious shelf-stable foods and provide recipes for healthy meals.

16 bags donated

of 250,000 Goal

Act Now ▸

We invite individuals, organizations, schools, companies, and communities to participate in the three winning projects!
Jefferson Awards will be given to those who make the biggest impact.

LEAD 360

This year we had 6 Mayors in Delaware commit to host and promote the LEAD360 Challenge in their city.

City of Dover: Mayor Robin Christiansen

Town of Georgetown: Mayor Bill West

City of Lewes: Mayor Ted Becker

City of Newark: Mayor Polly Sierer

City of Seaford: Mayor David Genshaw

City of Wilmington: Mayor Dennis Williams

LEAD 360

2014-2015 State of Delaware Results

41 Projects

10,786 Volunteers

33,574 Volunteer Hours

289,975 Lives Impacted

$757,094 Financial Impact

LEAD 360

Central Middle School Senators in Action Club











LEAD 360

Dover High School Communities In Schools Supporting the Food Bank of Delaware

DOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Communities In Schools Delaware

Food Bank OF DELAWARE

LEAD 360

Dover High School Interact Club
Little Dresses for Haiti

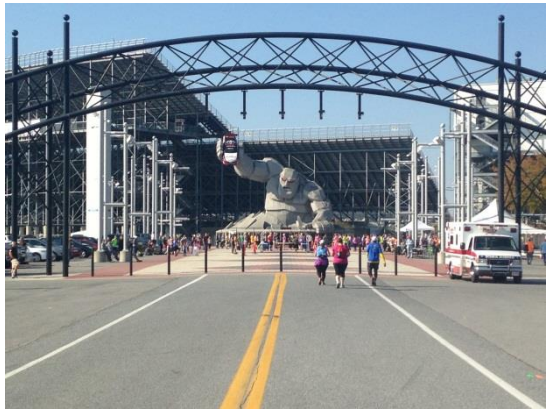




LEAD 360

Dover High School JROTC and AFJROTC
Monster Mash Marathon and Toys for Tots Drive











LEAD 360

Mayor's Top Project

Holy Cross School Knitting Club







LEAD 360

City of Dover Results

6 Projects

317 Volunteers

347 Volunteer Hours

1395 Lives Impacted

$7,825 Financial Impact



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--Gandhi



JEFFERSON AWARDS FOUNDATION

LEAD360

Thank you to all of our participants,
and to Mayor Robin Christiansen for supporting the Challenge.