REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 - 7:30 P.M.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
15 LOOCKERMAN PLAZA
DOVER, DELAWARE

OPEN FORUM - 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO OFFICIAL MEETING (7:15 P.M.)

The "Open Forum" segment is provided to extend the opportunity to the general public to share their questions, thoughts, comments, concerns, and complaints. Discussion of any item appearing on the agenda as a public hearing is prohibited during the Open Forum as an opportunity will be provided during consideration of that item. Citizen comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Council is prohibited from taking action since they are not in official session; however, they may schedule such items as regular agenda items and act upon them in the future.

INVOCATION BY BISHOP THOMAS L. HOLSEY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY COUNCILMAN DIXON

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

* **CONSENT AGENDA**

Those items on the Council Agenda which are considered routine and non-controversial are marked with an asterisk (*) and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of Council so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered a separate item.

* **1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
- **A. BUDGET WORKSHOP OF MAY 20 AND 21, AND JUNE 2 AND 5, 2014**
- **B. BUDGET WORKSHOP OF JUNE 11, 2014**
- **C. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

2. CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS - KRAFT FOODS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

3. PROCLAMATIONS
- **A. CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**
- **B. FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**
- **C. HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT**

4. PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

* **A. REVIEW OF ACTIVE RECREATION AREA PLAN - TALL PINES AT 1655 AND 1665 KENTON ROAD**
(Committee recommended approval of the Active Recreation Plan for Tall Pines at 1655 and 1665 Kenton Road with staff's recommended changes)

* **B. STATISTICS FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP/RENTALS IN THE CITY OF DOVER**
(Committee action not required)

C. PROGRESS REPORT - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPLICATION
(Committee Action Not Required)

* **D. UPDATE - RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT**
(Committee Action Not Required)

5. LEGISLATIVE, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

* **A. PURCHASE OF TWELVE (12) ADDITIONAL SECURITY CAMERAS**
(Committee recommended authorization to transfer up to $102,585.00 in appropriated funds from the FY-2015 Street Program to a new project to be identified as the Downtown Camera Project Expansion)

* **B. CIVILIANIZATION OF THE SEX OFFENDER UNIT**
(Committee recommended approval of the project to civilianize the Sex Offender Unit and authorization to hire two (2) civilian Sex Offender Agent positions)

* **C. REVIEW OF NEW ORDINANCE/ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PROCESS**
(Committee took no action)

D. PROPOSED FINANCIAL REFORMS - PROPERTY TAX GOVERNANCE
(Committee recommended that proposed financial reform #9, Council shall not raise the property tax rate more than 9.5% without first holding a referendum on the proposed tax increase; this provision shall not apply in those years when a revenue-neutral adjustment to the tax rate is required because of property revaluation, be referred to staff for drafting as an ordinance and that an opinion be obtained from the City Solicitor regarding whether it should be prepared as a simple ordinance or a Charter change)
(Committee recommended tabling proposed financial reform #10, Council shall not raise the property tax rate more than 9.5% without two (2) separate votes of a two-thirds majority vote of Council, with the requirement that a municipal election occur between the first and second vote; this provision shall not apply in those years when a revenue-neutral adjustment to the tax rate is required because of property revaluation)

* **E. MUNICIPALITIES CONTINUING DISCLOSURE COOPERATION (MCDC) INITIATIVE**
(Committee action not required)

F. REVIEW OF HIRING BY COUNCIL FOR SENIOR POSITIONS
(Committee recommended that Council review senior positions with salaries of $75,000 - $80,000 when they become vacant)

* **G. DISCUSSION - RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORTING STRUCTURE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER AND CONTINUATION OF FULL-TIME STATUS FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR**
(Committee recommended for future consideration Option A, as follows: a full-time mayor's position, with consideration of changing the City's current form of government to a Mayor/Council form of government, where the city manager and chief of police would be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by City Council, and that any positions which currently report to council that are moved to report to the mayor would only be removed for cause and with council approval)
(Committee recommended that the Council President open a dialogue with the parties to the 1988 Consent Decree)

6. FINAL READING - PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2014-21 WITH STAFF AMENDMENT #1 (SA#1)

The First Reading of the Proposed Ordinance was accomplished during the Council Meeting of September 8, 2014. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the entrance of the Council Chambers.

A. PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2014-21 WITH STAFF AMENDMENT #1 (SA#1) AMENDING CHAPTER 46 - FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL

7. COUNCIL MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

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