SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

A Special Council Meeting was held on November 23, 2015 at 5:01 p.m. with Council President Slavin presiding. Members present were Mr. Anderson (arrived at 5:06 p.m.), Mr. Cole, Mr. Hare (arrived at 5:37 p.m.), Mr. Hosfelt, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Neil. Mr. Sudler was absent.

Council staff members present were Mr. Rodriguez (departed at 5:09 p.m.), Mr. Koenig, Mr. Hudson, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mrs. McDowell. Mayor Christiansen and Mr. Harry Maloney, Electric Director, (departed at 6:01 p.m.) were also present.

Council President Slavin amended the agenda to consider items in the following order: Ward Transformer Suit - OU-1-Remediation; Consideration of Hardship Created by Commercial Electric Rates; and Sale of Real Property.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Neil moved for approval of the agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hutchison and unanimously carried.

Mr. Neil moved to recess into Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §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); 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 pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004(b)(4) - strategy session (pending litigation). The motion was seconded by Mr. Hutchison and unanimously carried.

The Special Meeting recessed at 5:02 p.m.

Mr. Neil moved to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Hutchison and unanimously carried.

Executive Session adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

ACTION RESULTING FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of Hardship Created by Commercial Electric Rates

During the Executive Session, Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, advised members of a proposed Economic Retention Rate for the purpose of attracting new businesses and retaining existing businesses.

Mr. Neil moved to appoint the City Manager, the Mayor, and the Chair of the Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee to negotiate an Economic Retention Rate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hosfelt and unanimously carried.

Sale of Real Property

During the Executive Session, Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, advised members of two (2) offers to purchase City properties and the potential purchase of a piece of property by the City.

Mr. Anderson moved to authorize the City Manager to obtain appraisals of the properties discussed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and unanimously carried.

Mr. Neil moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried.

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

TRACI A. McDOWELL
CITY CLERK

All ordinances, resolutions, motions, and orders adopted by City Council during their Special Meeting of November 23, 2015, are hereby approved.

ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN
MAYOR

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