REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Council Meeting was held on September 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. with Council President Bonar presiding. Council members present were Mr. Dixon, Mr. Lynn, Mr. Perza, Mr. Slavin, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Hare, and Mr. Hutchison. Mr. Anderson was absent.

Council staff members present were Police Chief Hosfelt, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Koenig, Mrs. Townshend, Fire Chief Patrick West, City Solicitor Rodriguez, and Mrs. McDowell. Mayor Carey 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. James A. Wilson, 300 Cider Run, Magnolia, DE, advised members that the community in the New Street, Queen Street, and Reed Street area had attended a meeting with the City of Dover Mayor and Police Chief and that the discussion mainly concerned police brutality affecting black individuals in the neighborhood. He stated that he had been a victim of police brutality, as had his cousin, Mr. Antonio Barlow, who was tazed in the face after allegedly running from the police and received four (4) fractures. It was Mr. Wilson's feeling that the meeting was "healthy" and provided everyone an opportunity to express their concerns regarding what some viewed as brutality against black individuals versus protocol. He stated that several individuals in attendance had been working on developing a relationship with the Dover Police in order to create a more peaceful environment for everyone. He requested any assistance that could be provided in eliminating police brutality in black communities.

Mr. EShed Alston, 406 Arnold Court, Dover, DE, provided his comments regarding a recent meeting held with the Mayor and Chief of Police, and the preservation of the record of official misconduct on the part of Police Chief Hosfelt. He stated that he agreed to accompany Mr. Antonio Barlow to the meeting at the City of Dover Police Station, to sit at his side and "hold him down" when the Police Chief begins to "mess" with him. He reminded members that Delaware was an American state and, as such, a person accused of a crime was innocent until proven guilty. Mr. Alston stated that it was not the privilege of the Chief of Police in Delaware or any other state to act in a law enforcement capacity as well as judge and jury. He felt that Chief Hosfelt had no right, in a public setting, to agitate, provoke, or otherwise make repeated outrageous statements about Mr. Barlow, explaining that such improper statements taint the record of the material facts. Mr. Alston indicated that the events illustrated Chief Hosfelt's disrespect for Mr. Barlow's civil rights. He expressed his opinion that there had been two (2) hours of improper, one-sided, unilateral, purposeful diatribe deliberately designed to inflame the situation by provoking and verbally baiting Mr. Barlow into an angry response to inappropriate provocation from Chief Hosfelt and he felt that these acts were valid examples of official misconduct. Mr. Alston explained his belief that it was objectively unreasonable and problematic for the Police Chief to designate the person assigned to the independent community task force, and that this demonstrated disrespect to the black community regarding their ability to choose by eliminating Mr. Alston as a prospect, when he was the individual who demanded that such a task force be established. He felt such action was improper and unjust.

The invocation was given by Bishop Thoms L. Holsey, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Mr. Hutchison moved for approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Hare and unanimously carried.

Mr. Hare moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

ADOPTION OF MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 9, 2013 were unanimously approved by motion of Mr. Hare, seconded by Mrs. Williams and bore the written approval of Mayor Carey.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of September 9, 2013 were unanimously approved by motion of Mr. Hare, seconded by Mrs. Williams and bore the written approval of Mayor Carey.

PROCLAMATION - CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

The City Clerk read the following Proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, we recognize the vital role that technology has in our daily lives and in the future of the City of Dover, whereby today many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses, and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education, and conducting business; and

WHEREAS, critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Internet at the primary and secondary school levels in our city enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and at institutions of higher education, the use of information technology is integral to teaching, learning, research, outreach, and service; and

WHEREAS, Internet users and our information infrastructure face increasing threats of malicious cyber-attack, invasion of privacy from spyware and adware, and significant financial and personal privacy loss due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the City of Dover information infrastructure and economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARLETON E. CAREY, SR., MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as ***Cyber Security Awareness Month*** *in the City of Dover and urge all citizens to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice.*

Mayor Carey advised members that there had been several cyber security infractions and that everyone needed to be made aware of this issue. He explained the severity of these infractions that had affected millions of people personally and had interfered with international security involving the United States air defense, etc.

PROCLAMATION - FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The City Clerk read the following Proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, the City of Dover is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our City, and fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Between 2007 and 2011, fire departments in the United States responded to an estimated annual average of 156,000 cooking-related fires, which resulted in over 5,000 injuries, 400 deaths, and $853 million in damages; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association, two out of five home fires start in the kitchen. Leading factors are unattended cooking; ignition of food, other cooking materials, or clothing; and faulty equipment, such as ovens and ranges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dover Fire Marshal and Volunteer Fire Department are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Prevent Kitchen Fires" effectively serves to remind us to cook with caution and practice safe cooking measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARLETON E. CAREY, SR., MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE, do hereby proclaim October 6 – 12, 2013 as ***Fire Prevention Week*** *in the City of Dover and urge all residents to practice a home fire escape plan during this time, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of fire and emergency service personnel.*

Mayor Carey presented the Proclamation to Fire Chief Patrick West and advised members that the Dover Fire Department had responded to kitchen fires resulting from unattended cooking approximately a half a dozen times within the last two (2) weeks. He explained that these types of fires were prevalent and expressed the importance of awareness to these dangers and taking appropriate action to avoid the ravage of fire. He also encouraged the public to change batteries in smoke detectors and cautioned that smoke detectors should be replaced if they are over 10 years old.

Fire Chief West reiterated the need to change batteries in smoke detectors and to replace smoke detectors that are 8-10 years old. He stated that there should be a smoke detector on every level of the house and, depending upon the size of the home, there may be a need for additional detectors. He also requested that a smoke detector be installed in every bedroom. He urged everyone, as responsible adults, to practice fire safety. He urged schools or daycare centers that would like a presentation on fire safety to contact the Dover Fire Department to schedule a date and time so that children could be taught the importance of fire safety.

PROCLAMATION - HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT

The City Clerk read the following Proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, the children of the City of Dover enjoy the fun and festivities associated with the observance of the Halloween Trick-or-Treat custom of traveling with friends and family going from door to door in their neighborhood, displaying their costumes, and gathering treats; and

WHEREAS, parents are urged to join in the festivities by accompanying their children throughout their journeys in celebrating Halloween Trick-or-Treat; and

WHEREAS, residents are requested to indicate their willingness to welcome children by keeping their porch or exterior lights on and that youngsters call only on homes which are lighted; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Dover has deemed it advisable to observe the celebration of Halloween Trick-or-Treat on Thursday, October 31, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARLETON E. CAREY, SR., MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE, do hereby proclaim that the Halloween Trick-or-Treat observance be held on the 31st day of October 2013, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the City of Dover and urge all residents, both young and old, to make this a happy and safe occasion for our children.

PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2013-15

A public hearing was duly advertised for this time and place to consider Proposed Ordinance #2013-15 amending Chapter 58 - Human Relations of the Dover Code.

Mr. Slavin moved that the Final Reading of Proposed Ordinance #2013-15 be acknowledged by title only, seconded by Mr. Hare and unanimously carried. *(The First Reading of the ordinance was accomplished during the Council Meeting of September 9, 2013.)*

Mr. Lynn reminded members that the proposed ordinance affirmed the City's need for the Dover Human Relations Commission (DHRC); that the membership be set at nine (9), with two (2) serving from each Council district and one (1) at-large and that the Council President be responsible for appointing members to the DHRC; that the number of meetings be set at a minimum of five (5) per year, one (1) in each quarter of the year and one (1) to be determined by the Commission and that special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or three (3) members of the Commission; that all meetings be held in accordance with Delaware State Laws regarding the Freedom of Information

Act (FOIA) and City of Dover procedures through the City Clerk's Office, to include agendas and minutes to be issued as all other public bodies are handled in the City; that the DHRC report to City Council on a quarterly basis regarding its affairs; and that all of the meetings of the DHRC be held in the City Council Chambers.

Council President Bonar declared the hearing open.

Ms. Gail Launay, Vice-Chair of the State of Delaware Human Relations Commission, relayed appreciation for City Council reviewing the City's provisions regarding the DHRC and establishing policy and procedures that allowed City Council to be involved. She stated that members of the State Human Relations Commission had the opportunity to meet with members of the DHRC, and she noted that Councilman Wallace Dixon was serving as a member of the State Commission. She offered the assistance of the State Human Relations Commission in terms of the City's process relative to human relations within the City of Dover.

Mr. Roy Sudler, Jr., (353 Rita Wilma Road), Chairman of the DHRC, indicated that the only concern of the DHRC regarding the language in the proposed ordinance related to the requirement that all meetings of the DHRC be held in the City Council Chambers. He explained that such language would impede the Commission's community outreach program since, in many instances, residents feel less intimidated meeting within the community. He requested that City Council incorporate language that would allow the Commission to continue to meet in the community in order to hear the concerns of the community. Otherwise, he relayed the Commission's support for the proposed ordinance.

Mr. EShed Alston, 406 Arnold Court, Dover, DE, relayed his concern with the language that prescribed a minimum of five (5) meetings per year, explaining that racism does not "take a day off." He indicated that there had been several recent issues involving racism and, noting that the composition of City Council was predominantly Caucasian, stated his opinion that it appeared to some in the community that it was the desire to limit the ability of the black community to be heard in a systematic manner, which appeared to be in itself a racial issue. He explained that the black community wished to be heard and if the number of meetings was limited to five (5) per year, he questioned if there would be an ability to call a meeting should something occur in the community. Minimally, he felt that the DHRC should be allowed to meet once per month.

Mr. James Wilson indicated his concurrence with the statements made by Mr. Alston.

Mr. Marquis Mack, 151 Spruance Road, stated his opposition to the proposed ordinance due to concerns that the language did not address the request of the community for immediate and effective changes in the community. He strongly suggested that the City immediately grant equal opportunities, particularly for the youth, and explained that effective change was needed immediately for minority groups that are constantly getting into trouble. Without the help of the Mayor, City Council, and Police Department, he stated that there would not be a change within the community. It was his feeling that if issues regarding employment, housing, crime, etc. could be addressed and equal opportunities provided for certain individuals, there would be residual effects that would address the concerns within the community.

Mr. Craig Ortman, 29 South New Street, House of Pride, thanked God, along with Ms. Marian Harris, Bishop Lott, and Mr. La Mar Gunn, for the support that he had been provided. He advised members that improvements were being made to the House of Pride as a result of the new director and, with the new format, he felt that the program could succeed and be given a chance to rebuild. He stated that he had observed many men who had gone through the program provided by the House of Pride and succeeded.

There being no one else present wishing to speak during the public hearing, Council President Bonar declared the hearing closed.

Mr. Lynn relayed concerns of Mayor Carey regarding the appointment of members to the DHRC, specifically Line 27, which would require the appointments to be made by the President of the Council (subject to confirmation of City Council). He stated that the Mayor had requested that members of City Council provide some consideration for allowing the Mayor to have a role in the appointments.

There being no objections, Mayor Carey addressed members of City Council, explaining that the responsibility of making appointments to the DHRC was currently shared by both the Mayor and Council President. He questioned why the Mayor had not been included in this responsibility and requested that members consider an amendment that would include the Mayor in recommending appointments.

Responding to the concerns of Mr. Alston regarding the number of meetings, Mr. Slavin noted that Line 58 of the proposed ordinance indicated that "The commission shall hold at least five meetings per year;...," explaining that the commission would not be restricted to a finite number of meetings; in fact, the ordinance would reverse the flow by requiring the DHRC to meet a certain number of times. In addition, he stated that the proposed ordinance would provide for special meetings to be called by the chair (or three (3) members of the commission). In order to allow for meetings to be held in other venues throughout the City, he suggested that Line 64 be amended by striking "at City Hall and." However, he stressed that all meetings must be held in accordance with Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) laws and in places which are accessible to people with disabilities.

Mr. Slavin moved to amend Line 64 of the proposed ordinance by striking "at City Hall and." The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Mr. Lynn moved to amend Line 27 of the proposed ordinance by inserting "Mayor and" immediately following "appointed by the" and by inserting "with the Council President receiving five (5) appointments and the Mayor receiving four (4) appointments" immediately following "president of the council." The motion was seconded by Mr. Slavin.

Responding to Mr. Perza, Council President Bonar indicated that the Mayor was responsible for making all appointments to the Planning Commission.

The motion to amend Line 27 failed by a roll call vote of five (5) no (Perza, Williams, Hare, Hutchison, and Bonar), three (3) yes (Dixon, Lynn, and Slavin), and one (1) absent (Anderson).

By motion of Mr. Lynn, seconded by Mr. Hare, Council, by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent), adopted Ordinance #2013-15, as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 58 - Human Relations, Article II - Human Relations Commission, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 58-31. Purpose.

The city council has deemed it to be in the best interest of the city to establish a human relations commission to include members who are broadly representative of the entire community and who are committed to a philosophy of inclusion, intergroup cooperation, and fair treatment that will effectively help the city meet the following needs:

(1) *Fairness, respect*. Promote and develop an environment of fairness and respect among its citizens;

(2) *Monitoring*. Develop ways to measure and monitor community relations, particularly those that are sources of intergroup conflict;

(3) *Intergroup relations*. Involve all segments of the community in understanding and appreciating the benefits of positive intergroup relations;

(4) *Issues*. Offer a range of programs and services that will help its residents and neighborhoods prevent and resolve issues of human relations; and

(5) *Intergroup conflict.* Develop ways of anticipating, preparing for, and relieving community tensions arising from intergroup conflict.

Sec. 58-32. Established; composition; appointment; representation; holding other office; removal from office; terms of office; vacancies; reappointments.

(a) *Established*. There is hereby established an advisory commission to be known as the "City of Dover Human Relations Commission," to carry out the objectives as described in this article.

(b) *Composition; appointment*. The members of the human relations commission shall be appointed by the president of the council, based upon recommendations from and subject to confirmation by the council. The human relations commission shall consist of nine members, all residents of the city. Two members shall be selected from each council district and one member shall serve from the city at-large.

(c) *Representation*. In selecting the membership of the commission, particular care shall be taken to ensure that the commission is broadly representative of racial, religious, gender and ethnic groups residing in the city.

(d) *Holding other office; removal*. No member of the commission shall hold any elected or appointed office under the government of the United States or the state, county, or city. The city council president may remove members of the commission, with the concurrence of the city council, for substantial neglect of duty, or gross misconduct in office.

(e) *Terms of office; vacancies*. A member of the commission shall be appointed for a term of office of three years and until his successor has been appointed. The appointees shall be appointed for staggered terms of office. When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the commission, it shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the original appointment.

(f) *Reappointments*. Members may be reappointed.

Sec. 58-33. Organization; quorum; meetings; rules of procedure; limitation of functions; agreements; compensation; legal counsel; reports.

(a) *Organization*. The human relations commission shall annually elect its own chairperson to preside over its meetings and may create and fill such other offices and committees among its members as may be found necessary and proper for its effective organization.

(b) *Quorum*. A majority of the membership of the commission shall constitute a quorum and, if a quorum is present, a vacancy on the commission shall not impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all the powers of the commission.

(c) *Meetings*. The commission shall hold at least five meetings per year; one each quarter and one to be determined by the commission. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or three members of the commission.

All meetings shall be held at City Hall and in accordance with the Laws of Delaware regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and City of Dover procedures. The commission will distribute its agendas and minutes through the City Clerk's Office.

(d) *Rules of procedure*. The commission is also authorized to adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its meetings.

(e) *Functions limited*. The commission shall not involve itself in activities or functions already assigned by law or decree to other governmental bodies.

(f) *Agreements*. The commission may enter into agreements and build partnerships with other entities and organizations for the purpose of more efficiently and effectively carrying out its responsibilities.

(g) *Compensation*. Members of the commission shall receive no compensation.

(h) *Legal counsel*. The city solicitor shall provide legal counsel to the commission and shall be the legal representative of the commission in connection with its duties hereunder, on a case-by-case basis, or determine that outside counsel is needed and obtain such outside counsel for a particular matter.

(i) *Reports*. The commission shall report to the city council on a quarterly basis regarding its affairs. An annual report of its accomplishments and a summary of its recommendations shall be provided to the mayor and the city council.

Sec. 58-34. Expenses.

(a) *Budget*. The city council may appropriate a budget for the city human relations commission to provide for necessary expenses and expenditures.

(b) *Other funding*. The commission may also receive funding from other governmental, philanthropic or private organizations for the exclusive purpose of carrying out its responsibilities.

Sec. 58-35. Conflicts of interest.

If any member of the human relations commission concludes that they have a conflict of interest with respect to a matter which is pending before the commission, that member shall disqualify themself from participating in any deliberations, discussions and decision making processes of the commission.

Sec. 58-36. Powers and duties.

The powers and duties of the human relations commission shall be to:

(1) *Recommendations*. Review city programs, activities, functions and ordinances, and make recommendations to the city council for new, amended or changed programs, functions, activities or ordinances which would support inclusiveness and civility among city residents and enhance communication and understanding among residents of the city;

(2) *Intergroup conflicts*. Inquire into incidents of intergroup conflicts and disputes within the city and take such action as may be designed to alleviate such conflicts and disputes;

(3) *Intergroup cooperation*. Promote and encourage communications between and cooperation of all groups interested in bettering human relations in the city;

(4) *Complaints*. Seek the active assistance of the state human relations commission in the solution of complaints of alleged discrimination which fall within the jurisdiction of the state commission;

(5) *Research, education, etc*. Engage in such research, education and advocacy as, in the judgment of the commission or the city council, may be needed to improve human relations in the city;

(6) *Programs*. Develop and maintain programs that build positive relations among communities and enhance problem-solving skills among residents throughout the city;

(7) *Other functions*. Do all other acts and deeds necessary and proper to carry out and effectively accomplish the objectives, functions and services contemplated by the provisions of this article.

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

The Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee met on September 9, 2013 with Chairman Dixon presiding.

Presentation - Restoration and Remediation of Mirror Lake - Rick Greene, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)

Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, reminded members that, last summer, Mr. Rick Greene, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), provided a detailed description of the Restoration and Remediation of Mirror Lake Project. He stated that since Mr. Greene was not able to attend this meeting, he would provide an update on the project.

Mr. Koenig stated that Mr. Greene had secured all project funding and that the Restoration and Remediation of Mirror Lake Project could now begin. He advised members that engineering plans and specifications were complete, and federal permits and the State's erosion and sediment control plans had been approved. The State's Subaqueous Lands Permits were being finalized and awaited final signature. Mr. Koenig stated that Mr. Greene had secured an access agreement from the City of Dover for the area off Park Drive and was working on the access agreements from Colonial Investments for the west side and from the State Office of Management and Budget for the area downstream from Court Street. He indicated that State and/or other grants would be funding the entire project.

With regard to public relations, Mr. Koenig indicated that a press release was being developed and a press event was tentatively planned for November 1, 2013. He stated that a sign was being developed and that content and placement was being coordinated with the City.

In relation to water quality monitoring, Mr. Koenig stated that baseline monitoring was scheduled to begin on September 6, 2013 during preconstruction and would include the lake itself, as well as areas upstream and downstream. He indicated that Mr. Greene had a mandatory erosion and sediment pre-construction meeting scheduled for October 1, 2013 regarding the lake portion of the project. The pre-construction site preparation, including stake-out, survey, stabilization of the access road off Park Drive, and the placement of the turbidity curtain, was scheduled to begin in mid-October. The Mirror Lake portion of the project would take approximately three (3) weeks and would include carbon application. Mr. Koenig indicated that all major work on the project would be completed by Thanksgiving, weather permitting, and demobilization and cleanup should be complete by early December. He stated that some planting for the project would occur in the Spring of 2014. After the planting, post-construction monitoring would occur in both 2014 and 2016.

Mr. Koenig reminded members that the Restoration and Remediation of Mirror Lake Project was related to improving the water quality of Mirror Lake and the downstream area due to the sediment conditions associated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and other materials that had gotten into the sediment. He explained that this was a demonstration project that Mr. Greene had been working on for quite some time and was the first application of its kind in this part of the country.

Responding to Mrs. Horsey, Mr. Koenig stated that, to his knowledge, there had been no changes since the project was first presented to members. He noted that the project would include a re-fabrication of the east side of the bank where a small planting island would be located, and that carbon would be placed across the bottom of the lake. He projected that next year there would be fewer plants growing up out of the water due to disturbance at the bottom.

In response to Mr. Caldwell regarding whether research had proved this approach to be effective, Mr. Koenig stated that enough research had been done on this type of project to obtain Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval. Although similar projects had been completed in other areas, he stated that none had been of this magnitude.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the report provided on the Restoration and Remediation of Mirror Lake Project.

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

Review of Active Recreation Area Plan - Walker Woods and Walker Woods II (Village of Sherwood) (*North Side of Walker Road and East of Kenton Road*)

Mrs. Ann Marie Townshend, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided members with a revised Active Recreation Area Plan for Walker Woods/Walker Woods II (Village of Sherwood), located on the north side of Walker Road and east of Kenton Road. She noted that changes from the plan previously submitted were highlighted in yellow. Mrs. Townshend advised

members that the proposed project would re-develop Walker Woods and Walker Woods II into an apartment complex. This would include consolidation of the parcels that currently make up the townhouse community. She explained that the proposed project included 77 dwelling units on $9.0722^{+/-}$ acres, which is a density of approximately 8.5 dwelling units per acre; therefore, the development qualified for the open space exemption in Article 5 - Supplementary Regulations, §10.5 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Mrs. Townshend advised members that, based on the proposed 77 dwelling units and 150 square feet of recreation area required per unit, the site was required to have 11,550 square feet of recreation area. She noted that the applicant had proposed to meet this requirement through a variety of amenities throughout the development. On the southwest portion of the site, there would be a community center building with meeting and activity rooms and a playground area adjacent to the community center. On the east side of the site, a small tot lot was proposed, as well as an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible picnic area with a series of picnic tables and grills. There was also a proposed five (5)-foot-wide mulch path leading from the picnic area to the end of the cul-de-sac and an ADA accessible path extending from this to the west side of the site where the playground would be located. There were three (3) 15'x12' exercise stations proposed throughout the development. Mrs. Townshend stated that, in addition to these amenities, the applicant had proposed a series of benches and relaxation stations scattered through the development. The relaxation stations included a bench, trash receptacle, recycling receptacle, and smoking receptacle on a concrete pad. There would be four (4) relaxation stations and nine (9) stand-alone benches distributed throughout the proposed development. She stated that the plan also showed tree plantings throughout the development, including areas adjacent to the recreation amenities.

Staff submitted a number of comments and recommendations regarding the Active Recreation Area to be constructed, which were included in the Revised Active Recreation Area Plan.

Mrs. Townshend introduced Mr. Tom Ayd of Green Street Housing, LLC, who was present representing the developer, should members have any further questions.

In response to Mr. Perza, Mrs. Townshend stated that the items depicted on the map did not currently exist. Mr. Ayd indicated that the original building footprint resembled the new footprint. He further explained that there were currently two (2) townhouses located where the community center was proposed and confirmed that the townhouses would require demolition.

Mrs. Townshend advised members that staff had not had the opportunity to review the site plan, which was submitted on September 6, 2013.

Responding to Mr. Perza, Mrs. Townshend confirmed that the City would not be responsible for maintaining the property. Mr. Ayd clarified that the amenities were intended for the tenants and not the public; however, he explained that it would be difficult to ensure that neighbors would not use them.

In response to Mrs. Horsey, Mr. Ayd stated that although the plan reflected a mulch path, it would likely be a "stone and dust" path, which would be stable and allow for the penetration of water with less maintenance. He explained that when the Plan was originally submitted, the developers did not put much thought into the design of the area; however, the developers revisited the Plan prior to the submission of the site plan and felt that it could be revised to bring more functionality to the area.

Mr. Caldwell questioned if other options were considered in terms of what was being used in the active recreation area and the cost versus how often amenities would be used, as well as the purpose of the community center. Responding, Mr. Ayd stated that the developers planned to provide a package of amenities for the community center including office space, a consultation room, a central laundry facility, a business center to include computers, etc.

Mrs. Townshend explained that the Active Recreation Area Plan was being presented as a part of the Redevelopment Plan and that the developers were in the process of purchasing all of the land and planned to redevelop the units into apartment units. As a result, some of the tenants may continue to reside there and others may not.

Mr. Caldwell indicated his concern regarding the use of the proposed amenities, such as the nine (9) benches and four (4) relaxation stations. Responding, Mr. Ayd assured members that consideration would be given to the placement and practicality of the benches.

Responding to Mr. Caldwell regarding the rezoning request for the property, Mrs. Townshend advised members that the rezoning application was scheduled to be reviewed by City Council during their Regular Meeting later in the evening. Since the developer had submitted a site plan to be reviewed by the Planning Commission in October, she explained that the Committee's recommendation regarding the Active Recreation Area Plan would be considered by the Planning Commission at that time. If the property were not rezoned, she stated that it would be necessary to determine which variances might be required in order to construct the project as presented. She reminded members that the role of the Committee was to make a recommendation to the Planning Commission regarding the Active Recreation Area Plan, rather than the rezoning.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the revised Active Recreation Area Plan for Walker Woods/Walker Woods II (Village of Sherwood) with the inclusion of staff's comments and recommendations.

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

Consideration of Contribution Amount - Cash-In-Lieu of Recreation Area Construction for Nottingham Meadows

During their Regular Meeting of June 24, 2013, City Council approved the Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee's recommendation to approve the Revised Active Recreation Area Plan for Nottingham Meadows, as recommended by staff, and accept the petition from 28 lot owners in the development in favor of the proposal. At that time, members were advised that the proposed plan for cash-in-lieu payment met the area requirements for the Active Recreation Area.

The plan was required to provide $0.6818^{+/-}$ acres of Active Recreation Area and was proposing $0.6818^{+/-}$ acres of Active Recreation Area via cash-in-lieu.

Mrs. Ann Marie Townshend, Director of Planning and Community Development, explained that Article 5, Section 10, of the Zoning Ordinance addresses Open Space, Recreation and Other Public Facilities, and that Subsection 10.17 provides the process and calculation of the amount for cash-in-lieu of recreation area construction. In addition, she noted that Subsection 10.7 specifies that City Council, through the Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee, must approve the cash donation amount prior to final acceptance by the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Townshend advised members that the Zoning Ordinance specified the calculation of the amount of the cash donation, as follows: "cash donation shall be equivalent to the appraised value of land required…" and that this value shall be "based on the appraisal prepared for the developer to secure construction financing." She indicated that an appraisal performed by Dover Consulting Services, Inc., dated July 5, 2013, was submitted to the Planning Office and that the appraisal valued the subdivision at $21,292 per acre. Based on this amount, she stated that the value of the 29,700 square feet of land required for Active Recreation Area was $14,517 and that funds received would go into the Parkland Reserve Fund.

Staff recommended acceptance of the $14,517 cash-in-lieu of recreation area construction donation, as the amount complied with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the $14,517 cash-in-lieu of recreation area construction donation for Nottingham Meadows, as recommended by staff.

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for acceptance of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee Report, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

UTILITY COMMITTEE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

The Utility Committee met on September 9, 2013 with Councilman Perza presiding in the absence of Chairwoman Williams.

Public Notification - Power Outages

Members reviewed the existing Electric Outage Public Notification Procedure and the Internal Standing Orders for the City's Electric Department. Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, advised members that the Public Notification Procedures were currently being implemented when more than one-third (1/3) of the City is affected or the outage is expected to be four (4) hours or longer in duration. He noted that the Electric Director's Standing Orders specify who is to be contacted during electric outages.

In addition to the City's current procedures, Mr. Koenig stated that the System Operations Center had begun sending internal email notifications to the City Manager when there are power outages. He indicated that since the System Operations staff is involved in system restoration, depending on the intensity of the work involved in restoring the outage, some of these emails occur after the fact and others occur when the outage is in the process of being restored. He offered to forward these emails to City Council if they desired.

Staff recommended a review of the Electric Outage Public Notification Procedures and Internal Standing Orders on an annual basis and implementing changes based on comments received during the review.

Responding to Mr. Perza, Mr. Koenig stated that staff was not recommending any revisions at this time and that the information was being provided for the Committee's review for possible amendments. He acknowledged that it was difficult to communicate information publicly regarding the expected duration of an outage and stated his opinion that the current procedures were adequate for public notification.

Regarding customers notifying the City of an outage, Mr. Steve Enss, Interim Electric Director, stated that it is always helpful for the City to be contacted. He explained that City staff is aware of an outage when an entire breaker is involved; however, if an outage is caused by a blown fuse, the City will not be made aware until a customer notifies the City of the outage. During an outage, customers should contact the City's 24/7 Emergency Number at 302-736-7086.

Mr. Slavin noted that the preferred way for people to obtain information is through social media such as Twitter, Facebook, etc. and since these can be very effective tools, he encouraged staff to consider their use for disseminating such information.

Referring to a power outage that occurred on August 25, 2013, Mr. Blakeman advised members that he contacted the City and received a recording indicating that the City was experiencing power outages and requesting that the customer call back if the power had been out for more than two (2) hours. He called back several times and received the same recording. He then called other phone numbers in the Electric Department and the City Manager's Office and there was no answer. He called the Police Department and was advised to quit calling because they had work to do. It was his opinion that the City could quickly get a bad reputation due to the lack of communication during power outages. Since he had always made contact in the past with the City's System Operator, who had been able to provide information regarding an outage, he felt that this was likely an isolated incident; however, he wanted the City to be made aware. Mr. Blakeman noted that the current procedures did not include providing additional personnel to handle telephone calls during "off-hour" outages. He advised members that in previous years (when he served as the City's Electric Director), employees were called in to work for the sole purpose of answering telephone calls.

In response to Mr. Perza, Mr. Koenig stated that the City did not have the ability to maintain the City's website and information systems internally during "off hours" electric outages. He noted that since there would always be customers who use the telephone, if additional personnel were required

to maintain information on the website and other information systems, additional personnel should also be called in to man telephones. He indicated that if members wished to have staff called in for these purposes, there would be costs involved and it would be necessary to budget for these expenses, which currently were not included in the budget.

Mr. Perza noted that many people use technology and social media today in order to obtain information and, since only one (1) employee would be involved in posting information on the City's website and keeping it updated, he suggested that staff consider requiring the City's website to be maintained in this way when there is an "off hour" outage.

Responding to Mr. Perza, Mr. Koenig stated that staff would consider the comments made by members and attempt to include them in the City's procedures and orders for implementation. Mr. Slavin suggested that the IT Department could assist in determining the easiest way to disseminate information. It was his feeling that using existing channels, such as Twitter, Facebook, email and/or text push notification systems that allow people to opt in to receive such messages, could be used. Mr. Blakeman suggested that staff include a footnote in the telephone book with the 24/7 emergency phone number that explained the steps to be taken to obtain updated information, noting that he would not think to check Facebook unless he were directed to do so in some way.

Referring to the outage informational message provided when calls are made to the 24/7 emergency phone number, Mr. Slavin suggested that the information be periodically updated and that the message include the date and time.

The Committee recommended that this matter be referred back to staff for their consideration in implementing the comments and suggestions made by members of the Committee.

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

TEA/NAES Report (June and July)

The TEA/NAES Monthly Reports for June and July 2013 were provided to members to enable them to monitor electric sales and revenues received, which will provide a better understanding of any fluctuations that occur and allow the opportunity to make improvements if deemed necessary.

Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, noted that the overall cost of power was much lower than budgeted during the previous year and that those savings had been captured in the new rates that went into effect on July 1, 2013. Referring to the Power Supply Summary for July 2013 (Page 44 of the packet), he stated that as the City began Fiscal Year 2014, the overall power supply costs were over budget due to the higher than budgeted cost of energy purchases. In addition, he noted that an insurance payment was made in August that was typically due in July. He assured members that staff would be very conscious of the numbers during FY 2014 since the budget versus actual expenses had tightened based on the rate adjustment that was implemented.

Referring to the picture on Page 13 of the July TEA/NAES Report, which depicted improved lighting in the Hot Water Boiler Room, Mr. Blakeman noted that the hot water boilers were previously used to heat oil, which is no longer used. Since the City now uses No. 2 oil, which is not heated, he questioned the need for lighting in the Hot Water Boiler Room, which should be an area no longer utilized unless used to heat water for another use. Responding, Mr. Koenig stated that safety was required to be maintained throughout the entire plant; however, he would check to determine the current use of the room.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the TEA/NAES Monthly Reports for June and July 2013.

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

UPDATES

Members were provided the following updates:

Calpine Energy Center

Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, advised members that the Calpine Energy Center had been under construction since April 2013 and foundations, piping, etc. had been worked on. Administratively, vendors had been working with the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) to obtain the necessary permits to allow for large equipment to be brought to the site. He stated that weekly teleconferences continued and that many issues were ongoing and on track at this point.

Dover Sun Park

Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, referred to the spreadsheet provided by Mrs. Donna Mitchell, Controller/Treasurer, that provided the incremental costs for FY2013 for the White Oak Solar Park. He noted that the cost per MWh was $91.29 for July 2013 and the City had budgeted for $86.23 per MWh.

Garrison Oak Technical Park Project

Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, stated that the Garrison Oak Technical Park (GOTP) Project was somewhat of a companion project to the Calpine Energy Center. He advised members that the design of the roads and entrances was being completed and the City was hoping to obtain final approvals from the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) for the entrance design in order for bids to be requested. In addition, he stated that the design of the pump station, which would accommodate the flows from the Garrison Oak Technical Park, was almost complete; therefore, it was anticipated that bids would be requested sometime very soon.

Mr. Koenig reminded members that the design/build contract for the $1.5M elevated storage tank had been authorized and was underway. He assured members that City staff continued to pursue tenants for the park. Although a land offer had been made to Uzin Utz Manufacturing Corporation, as authorized by City Council, he stated that this transaction had not yet been finalized. He stated that Mr. Bill Neaton, Economic Development Director, continued to entertain interest on other parcels at the GOTP, and that staff hoped to present proposals from these potential tenants to City Council for their consideration.

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for acceptance of the Utility Committee Report, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

LEGISLATIVE, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

The Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee met on September 9, 2013 with Chairman Lynn presiding.

Fund to Combat Violent Crime - FY14 Grant

Police Chief Hosfelt advised members that the Fund to Combat Violent Crime Program was a new grant program managed by the Department of Safety and Homeland Security for use by local law enforcement agencies in connection with initiatives to combat violent felonies pursuant to Section 4201(c) of Title 11 of the Delaware Code. The first increment of funding was released during FY13; however, it was uncertain at that point whether the program would be recurring. During the last quarter of FY13, the Dover Police Department was made aware that a FY14 grant was anticipated and the amount appropriated ($75,523.53) was much higher than the previous year's amount ($46,785.34). As a result, there were not enough funds budgeted in FY14 for the total amount of the grant, so a budget adjustment would also be needed to cover the portion remaining.

Police Chief Hosfelt explained that approval of this request would allow for the Police Department to use its grant allocation from this program. He stated that a portion of the funds would be used to upgrade the duty weapons for all police officers ($17,649), purchase rifles for supervisors' vehicles ($16,067.94) and for technology upgrades to boost the signal and reception of the cellular lines in the Department's police vehicle fleet and start a long-term project to enable the download of information from police vehicles wirelessly ($21,806.59). The remaining portion ($20,000) would be used to target violent crime throughout the City with extra duty overtime patrols and to provide education to citizens on measures they can take to avoid or cope with violent crime related activities.

Staff recommended approval of the grant and the intended purchases.

Responding to Mr. Lynn, Chief Hosfelt stated that all officers wear body armor (vests) and explained that the vests are replaced on a regular basis to remain up to date. With regard to duty weapons, he explained that old weapons are traded in, which helps to offset the cost of purchasing new weapons. He stated that rifles are carried by a limited number of officers and the purchase of rifles would allow for all supervisors' vehicles to carry a patrol rifle while on duty. The purchase of these rifles would add to the Police Department's current inventory.

The Committee recommended approval of the Fund to Combat Violent Crime - FY14 Grant and intended purchases, as recommended by staff.

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

"Safe Whistles" - National Recreation and Park Association Recommended Guidelines for Credentialing Volunteers (Background Screening for Youth Coaches and Sports Officials for All City Recreation Offerings) ***(Lynn and Slavin)***

Members reviewed National Recreation and Park Association Recommended Guidelines for Credentialing Volunteers. Mr. Slavin explained his request for staff to review the information and develop a recommendation for requiring background screening for youth coaches and sports officials. In his experience as a sports official, he had observed a screening process for coaches, volunteers, and officials in scholastic sports, etc. and felt that this should be required for recreational sports as well. Mr. Slavin indicated that this was a national concern, not unique to Dover or Delaware, and stated that several states were now requiring a thorough background check of all officials, coaches, volunteers, etc. in order to certify that a safe environment was being provided. He stated that there had been some high profile cases, noting a recent incident involving the Director of an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball team in Washington, D.C. who was recently arrested for holding a kilo of cocaine in his basement and serving as a major drug dealer in that area. Mr. Slavin felt that it was the City's responsibility to ensure that when the City sponsors a program for children, a safe environment will be provided.

At the request of Mr. Slavin, Mrs. Ann Marie Townshend, Director of Planning and Community Development, explained the City's current process in this regard for youth programs. She stated that all City staff, regardless of their status (full-time, part-time, temporary, etc.) must pass a standard City background check. Volunteers involved in youth programs are checked with the Sex Offense Registry for the State of Delaware only. In regard to officials, since the City contracts with organizations rather than individuals, the City takes no action in the selection/hiring process. She indicated that she had discussed the possibility of requiring those organizations to conduct background checks and expressed her support of Mr. Slavin's request.

Mr. Slavin stated that he did not feel that the "flow" of volunteers would be affected by instituting such guidelines and indicated that the guidelines would only eliminate volunteers whom the City would prefer not to have working with its youth. Should City Council adopt the National Recreation and Park Association Recommended Guidelines, he explained that there would be specific guidelines that would be followed for sex offenses, felonies, misdemeanors, etc.

Noting her involvement with Little League and Pop Warner football, Mrs. Townshend stated that all volunteers go through a background check for both of these organizations; therefore, she felt that the requirement would be no different from what other non-profit and volunteer organizations do.

Referring to the costs that may be associated with such a requirement, Mr. Slavin requested that staff investigate the various types of background checks and research the costs of outsourcing to a third party, consider employing in-house resources, and determine if the City Police Department could possibly play a role.

Responding to Mr. Lynn, Mrs. Townshend stated that the City typically has a one (1) year contract with various organizations and often uses the same officials/volunteers that other recreation programs contract. Should the City implement this requirement, she expected that other organizations would do so as well. Mr. Lynn suggested that the City include the requirement of a background check as a specific enumerated contract requirement and also include that the contractor would bear the cost so that the City does not incur any further expenses. He explained that the two (2) primary types of background checks are: 1) through the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), which checks the Delaware Criminal Justice Information System (DELJIS), and 2) a comprehensive

check through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Mr. Lynn relayed his support; however, he requested that any costs be incurred by the vendor and urged a mandate to require a NCIC background check in order to obtain information from databases in other states as well.

Mr. Hare stated that although he was not aware of the costs of an NCIC background check, the school districts require substitute teachers to obtain an SBI background check. He suggested that the costs of both background checks be obtained for comparison.

In response to Mr. Lynn, Mr. Slavin indicated that his intention would be to require a check for anyone involved in the City's delivery of a recreation program, which would include coaches, volunteers, officials, etc.

Mrs. Townshend questioned if the desire would be to have such a requirement only for youth programs or for all programs. Responding, Mr. Slavin suggested that staff consider the options and provide a recommendation regarding the matter.

Responding to Mr. Shevock regarding potential duplication of checks performed by other organizations, Mrs. Townshend felt that the idea would be for the City to include a background check certification requirement within the contract for officials. She suggested that periodic auditing be conducted to ensure that background checks have been completed.

Noting that an NCIC background check may take longer to complete, Mr. Dixon questioned if the background check requirement could delay the start of a program. Responding, Mrs. Townshend stated that this would be an issue that would require further review, explaining that it is often a struggle to obtain volunteer coaches for basketball; therefore, timing, costs, etc. would be issues that staff would review in formulating a recommendation for the Committee's review.

The Committee recommended that staff, specifically Mrs. Townshend and Mrs. Hawkins, Human Resources Director, be directed to review the National Recreation and Park Association Recommended Guidelines to conduct an analysis and formulate a recommendation regarding the scope and depth of the background checks that should be required, the cost and how it would be addressed, the period of time the background check would remain valid, and some type of roll-out implementation strategy to be brought back to the Committee within one (1) month for their review and recommendation to City Council.

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for approval of the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for acceptance of the Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee Report, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

MONTHLY REPORT - JULY 2013 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

By consent agenda, Mr. Hare moved for acceptance of the Economic Development Monthly Report for July 2013, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

FINAL CHANGE ORDER FOR WESLEY COLLEGE STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENT - PHASE I

Mr. Scott Koenig, City Manager, reminded members that the Wesley College Streetscape Enhancement - Phase 1 Project was approved by City Council on December 10, 2012. He stated that the project consisted of a 33-space parking lot, constructed off of State Street alley west, and began in earnest in mid-March 2013. The contractor, Corrado Construction, Co., had experienced significant unforeseen challenges that needed to be addressed in order to accomplish the project assigned to them by the City of Dover. He indicated that a total of four (4) change orders had been previously submitted to the City and provided members specific information on each change order. He advised members that in accordance with the City's Purchasing Policy & Procedures, Amended February 28, 2011, section 3.10.B.i, the City Manager was authorized to approve change orders up to 25% of the original purchase amount. Any change order that exceeds 25% of the original purchase amount shall require City Council approval. For this particular project, he noted that the threshold would be $120,514.69.

Mr. Koenig advised members that the City had received an additional change order for this project which would put the total project total at $125,574.34, which was greater than the project threshold of $120,514.69; therefore, this matter was being presented to City Council for approval. He assured members that staff believed that Change Order No. 5 was reasonable and necessary to properly finish the project.

Staff recommended that City Council approve the final change order request submitted by Corrado Construction in the amount of $5,805.17 and authorize staff to execute the request.

Mr. Lynn questioned if staff had reviewed the original bids to compare them to this final cost including the change orders. Responding, Mr. Koenig stated that staff did not review the bid information originally submitted since all the items included in the change orders were related to soil conditions, as well as an error regarding the storm water design.

In response to Mr. Perza, Mr. Koenig stated that the requested change order would be the final quantity adjustment since the project was complete and in service.

Mr. Lynn moved for approval of the Wesley College Streetscape Enhancement - Phase 1 Project final change order request submitted by Corrado Construction, in the amount of $5,805.17, and authorize staff to execute the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dixon and carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Anderson absent).

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Slavin relayed congratulatory wishes to the Hosfelts on the graduation of their son, Jake, from United States Air Force Airman Training (boot camp) and appreciation for the service he was providing to the Country.

Mr. Slavin apologized to Mrs. Townshend, her family, and any other alumni of Mount St. Joseph, for their loss to the Dover High Senators football team this past Friday night.

Mr. Perza invited all to attend the Holy Cross Fall Festival to be held this coming Saturday, September 28, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of Holy Cross Church. He stated that there would be a bake sale, silent auction, Lego® building contest, and other family activities for the community. He invited the public to attend and participate in the event.

Mayor Carey announced that the Truck Hauler Parade would be held on Thursday, September 26, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on State Street, starting at Loockerman Street and proceeding to Dover International Speedway. He stated that a showcase event would be held at the Blue Hen Corporate Center from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., where the public could see the trucks and talk to the drivers. He stated that there would be approximately 40-45 tractor trailers with decorative art.

Mayor Carey also congratulated the Police Department and Chief Hosfelt on the graduation of Lt. Jason Pires from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (FBINA).

Fire Chief West relayed congratulations to the Dover Fire Department, noting that the Firemen's Convention was held this past weekend and that the Dover Fire Department served as the host department with the participation of President Charles Boyer, who was the President of the Delaware Volunteer Fire Department. He stated that there were over 50 members marching and driving trucks and that the Dover Fire Department received 2nd Place for the Best Presenting Aerial Ladder for the State and 1st Place for the Best Pumper Rescue in the State. There were many members who worked tirelessly for several weeks preparing for the event. Marching with Dover High, the Dover Fire Department received 3rd Place in the State for Marching with Music, which was the highest the Dover Fire Department had ever placed since they began participating.

Council President Bonar expressed special appreciation to Dover Downs Hotel & Casino for the assistance provided during the Fireman's Convention. He explained that several hundred firemen were displaced due to the change to the Sheraton this year, and Dover Downs provided assistance with accommodations, and did so in style. He thanked Mr. Denis McGlynn and others who participated in getting this accomplished in great haste.

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 September 23, 2013, are hereby approved.

CARLETON E. CAREY, SR.
MAYOR

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