



Agenda

To: City Council Members, Mayor Chris Frye
From: Stephanie A. Dean, City Clerk *SA*
Date: 1/22/2021
Re: January 26, 2021 Caucus Meeting will be held Virtually Via Zoom

I. Meeting Schedule

The Caucus meeting begin at 6:30 pm (agenda items below).

II. Opening Exercises

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Roll Call

III. Announcements

The minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting will be provided to you via email prior to the January 28, 2021 Council meeting for your review.

IV. Presentations

- a. 2019 Audit Presentation (Kimberly Wetzel, CPA)

V. Public Comments

Public Comments must be related to items listed on the Caucus agenda and a form must be completed and submitted to the Council President prior to the start of the meeting. Forms are in Council Chambers for public access. Comments shall be limited to five minutes unless otherwise extended by the President of City Council in cases where a reasonable opportunity to comment cannot be provided within six minutes given the complexity of the subject matter.

For virtual meetings, public comments may be submitted on the City's website at newcastlepa.org/events prior to the start of the meeting to be read by Council President.

VI. Planning Commission Reports

- a. None

VII. Petitions to Vacate Streets and Alleys

- a. None

VIII. Request to Bid

- a. 2021 Super Pave Hot Mix
- b. Bids for Contract No. 2021-01 will be received and opened at the January 28, 2021 City Council Meeting for Planning Consulting Services for the City of New Castle's CBDG Program.

VIII. Resolutions for Consideration

a. Quit Claim Deed

I have attached a memo from the Solicitor's office for the authorization and execution of a Quitclaim Deed to clear the title of the property located at 315 E. Hillcrest Avenue.

b. Riverwalk Project, Right of Way Plan

A resolution is necessary to authorize the Solicitor's office permission to have four (4) revised temporary Construction easements and a revised deed of easement signed for submission to PennDOT.

c. Letter of Intent

The Mayor is requesting that we submit a letter of intent to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services for technical assistant to study the operations and management of the New Castle Fire Department.

d. DCNR Grant Application

I have attached a proposal submitted by Blueprint Communities Council requesting to partner with the City in applying for the DCNR Park and Recreation Development Grant for the purpose of rehabbing various playgrounds throughout the City.

e. Emergency Declaration

The solicitor is recommending that R-2020-155 which declared an existence of a disaster emergency throughout the City be extended to March 31, 2021.

f. Authorization for City Council to obtain Special Counsel

g. New Castle Stormwater System

X. Ordinances for Consideration

a. Article 155.01 – Recreational Facilities and Maintenance Fees

1. 2021: Fees Remain the Same as 2020
2. 2022: Fees Increase by 3%
3. 2023: Fees Increase by 3%

b. Traffic Issues on S. Jefferson Street and Moravia Street

XI. Ordinances on the Table; attached to caucus agenda for review.

- a. CB2020-43; Adding Article 184-Greater New Castle Recreation Authority introduced by Ms. Gavrilc at the 12/30/2020 City Council meeting. This can be acted on at later date, per Attorney Miller.
- b. CB2021-01; Repealing and replacing Article 329 – Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Vendors. Introduced by Ms. Gavrilc at the 01/14/2021 City Council meeting. This can be acted at the January 28, 2021 Council meeting.

XII. New Business

- a. 2020 Delinquent City Property Taxes
 1. 2018 Delinquent: \$838,783.57
 2. 2019 Delinquent: \$823,471.16
 3. 2020 Delinquent: \$831,440.54
- b. 2021 Street Paving List
- c. 2021 Downtown Summer Events

XIII. Executive Session

a. Personnel

b. Potential Litigation

c. Threatened Litigation

i. DON vs. City of New Castle

ii. Kevin Seelbaugh vs. City of New Castle