

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2022 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST FOR A REUSE PLAN FOR THE DOVER (DE) UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

WHEREAS, the existing United States Post Office at 55 Loockerman Plaza is an essential element of Dover's downtown area, having been an identifying feature in its current location on Loockerman Street since 1960; and

WHEREAS, the existing Dover Post Office facility is obsolete and on an insufficiently large site to support postal operations, requiring the United States Postal Service (USPS) to construct a new, modern retail and carrier operations facility on Bank Lane, thereby causing the existing facility to become available for other uses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the City and the USPS exercised provisions of a prior agreement providing for the Post Office to vacate the site with the property reverting to the City of Dover once it is no longer in use, thereby creating an opportunity for another community purpose; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive assessment and reuse plan is needed to determine the best uses of the facility and property, to include a structural analysis of the facility, a preliminary environmental assessment, a community outreach process, development of conceptual plans, architectural renderings, demolition/construction cost estimates, and such other information as is required to guide a reuse project; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Appropriations Committee through a Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Request process, has made available funding for which the City of Dover through its Planning Department can apply for potential funding for the Dover United States Post Office Reuse plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover, Delaware, that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to submit a Fiscal Year 2022 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Application for a reuse plan for the Dover United States Post Office facility and site.

ADOPTED: MAY 24, 2021

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Actions History

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