

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

Those present at 5 PM:

Presiding: Vance A. Funk, III, Mayor
District 1, Paul J. Pomeroy
District 2, Jerry Clifton
District 3, Doug Tuttle
District 4, David J. Athey
District 5, Frank J. Osborne
District 6, A. Stuart Markham

Staff Members: City Secretary Susan A. Lamblack
City Manager Carl F. Luft
Assistant to the City Manager Carol Houck
Planning Director Roy Lopata

1. Interviews of Three Highest Ranked Consulting Firms for City Manager Search.

Council heard presentations from representatives of the three highest ranked consulting firms: Mr. James L. Mercer, President, The Mercer Group, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. Karl Nollenberger, Vice President, The PAR Group, Paul A. Reaume, Ltd., Lake Bluff, Illinois; and, Mr. Robert E. Slavin, President, Slavin Management Consultants, Norcross, Georgia and Ms. Randi Frank of Randi Frank Consulting, LLC, working together as a team under Slavin Management Consultants.

Each firm was given 20 minutes to make a presentation to Council as to why their firm should be selected to conduct a search for the city manager position, after which Council asked various questions to enforce their understanding of the presentation.

Each firm was thanked for their interest and told that a selection would be forthcoming and they would be notified immediately.

Council then discussed their thoughts, voiced their concerns and impressions of each firm, and expressed their opinions as to which firm they felt should be selected. They agreed that all the firms were impressive and appeared to be very thorough and focused on the City's goals.

Council also engaged the members of the public present by asking their opinion of the firms represented. Everyone (David Robertson, Alice Shurtleff, Ezra Temko, and Jean White) unanimously selected Slavin Management Consultants.

After a short discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION BY MR. ATHEY, SECONDED BY MR. POMEROY: THAT SLAVIN MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS BE ENGAGED TO PERFORM THE SEARCH FOR THE CITY MANAGER POSITION AT A TOTAL COST NOT EXCEEDING \$21,514 AS PRESENTED IN THEIR PROPOSAL DATED DECEMBER 7, 2007.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. VOTE: 7 TO 0.

Aye - Markham, Pomeroy, Tuttle, Funk, Clifton, Osborne, Athey
Nay - 0.

Meeting adjourned. Time: 7:55 pm.

Susan A. Lamblack, MMC
City Secretary