

Delaware Citizens Academy

February 15, 2024

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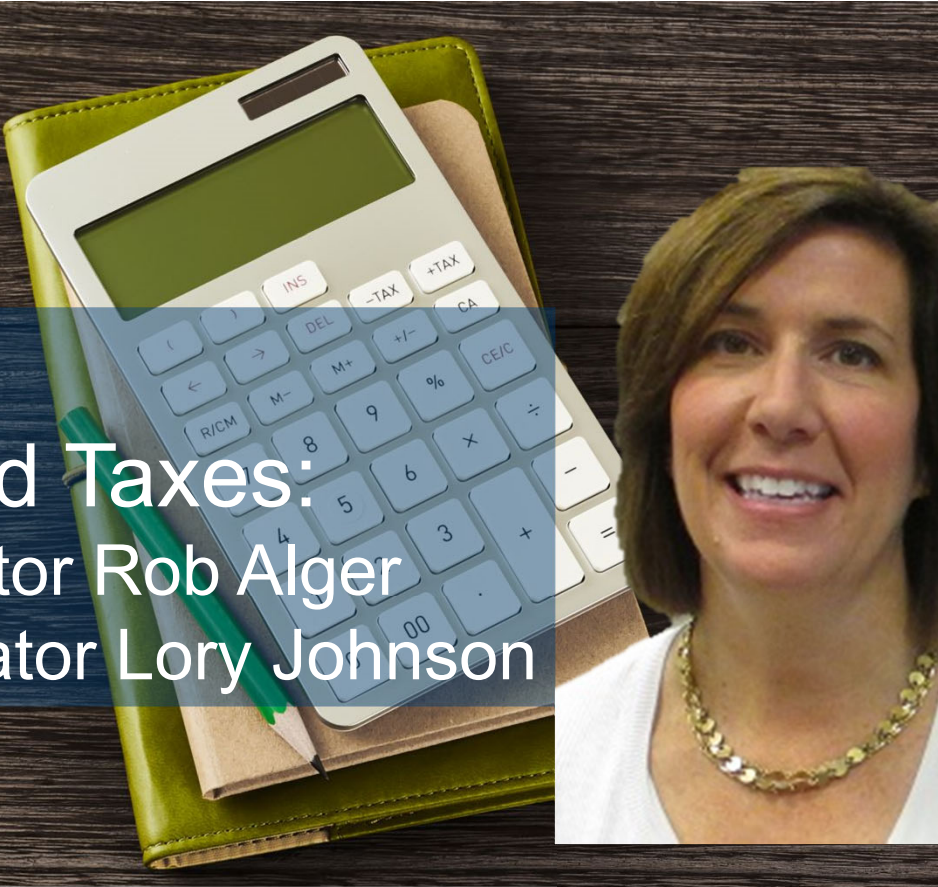
February 29
Legal Affairs:
City Attorney Natalia Harris
City Prosecutor Amelia
Bean-DeFlumer





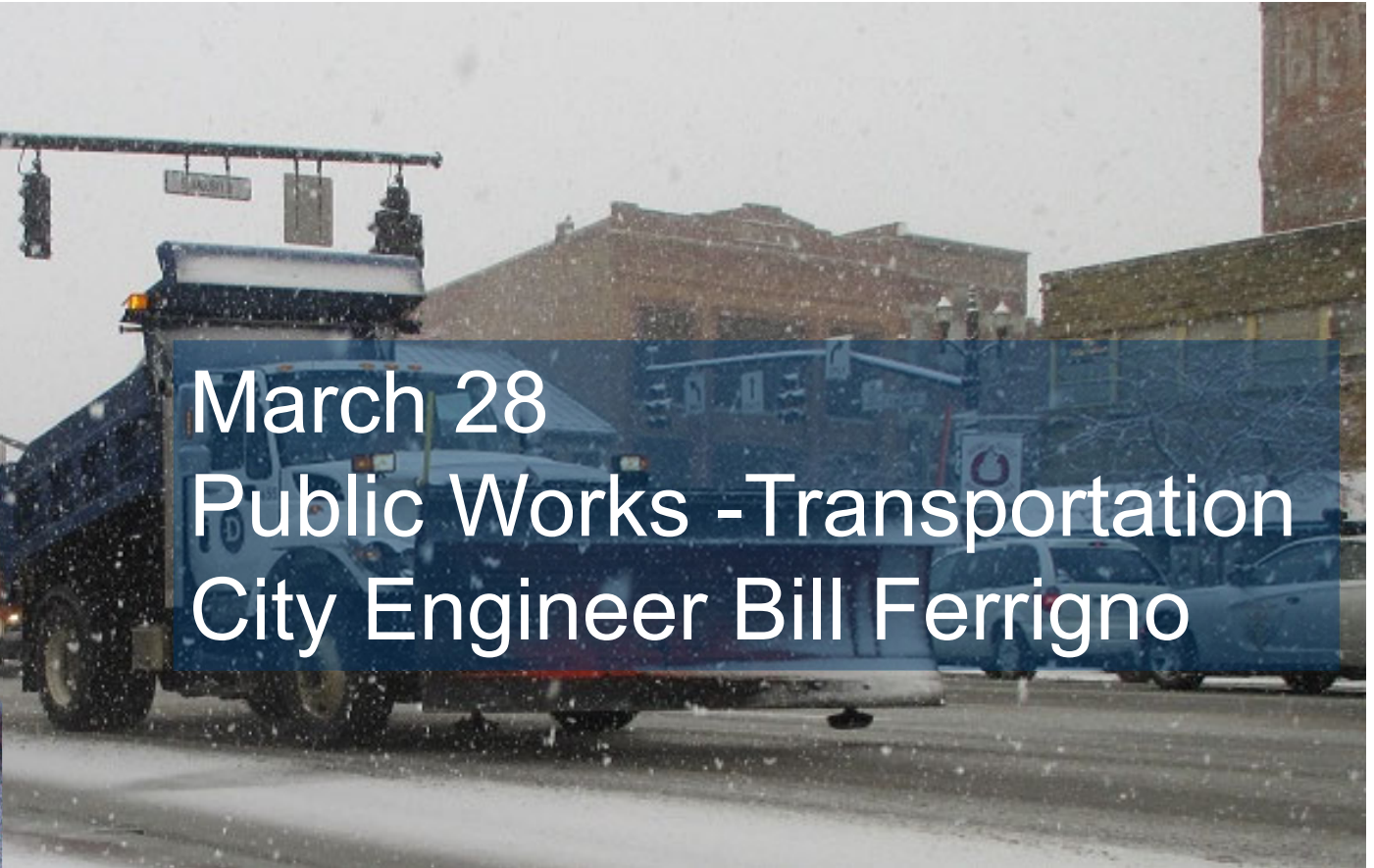
February 29
Economic Development:





March 14
Finance and Taxes:
Finance Director Rob Alger
Tax Administrator Lory Johnson





March 28
Public Works -Transportation
City Engineer Bill Ferrigno





April 10 and April 11
Utilities: Water and Sewer
Utility Director Blake Jordan





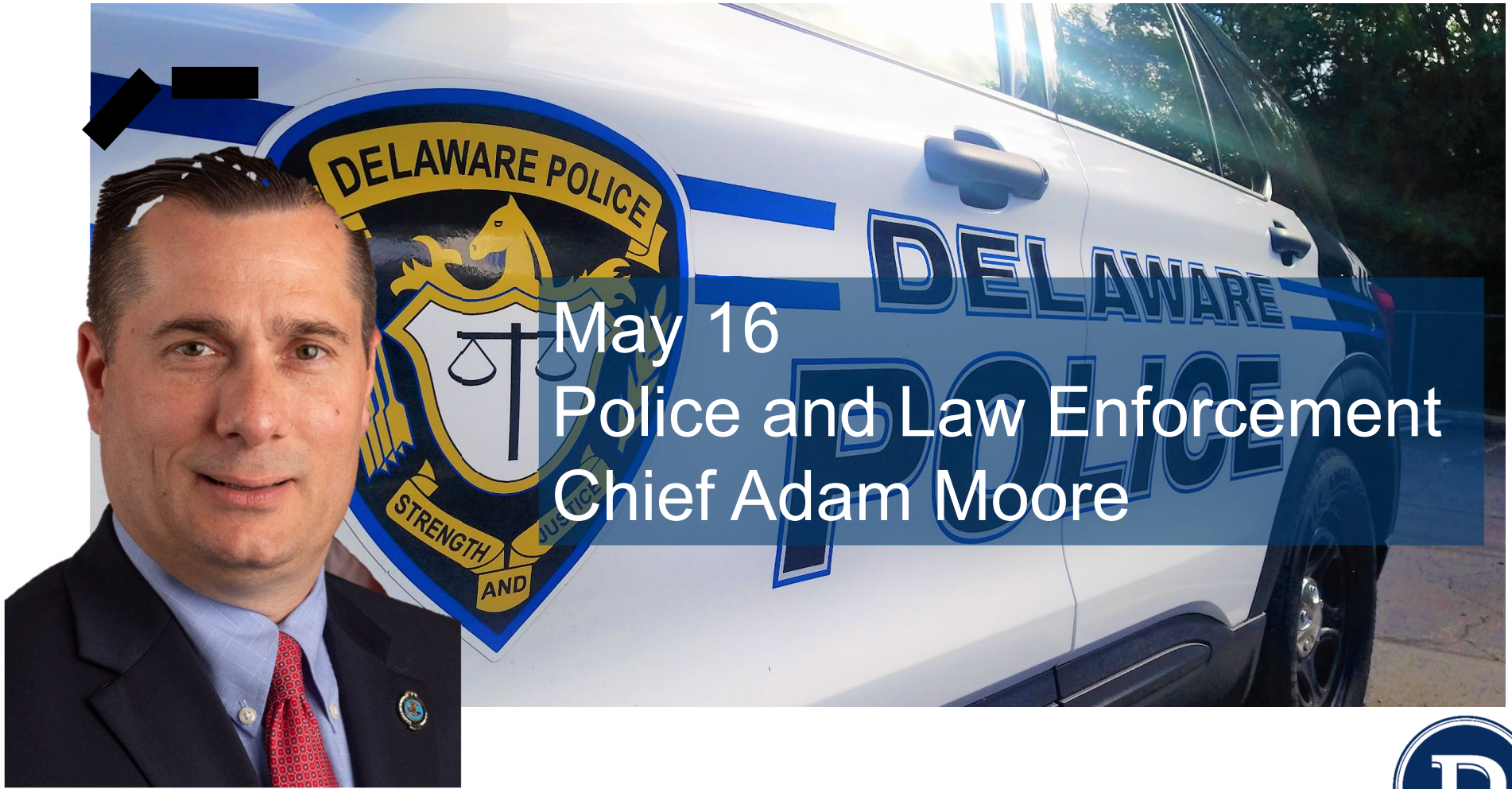
April 20
Fire and EMS Services
Fire Chief Tim Pyle





May 2
Parks and Natural Resources
Director Ted Miller







May 30
Planning and Development
Director Sandra Pereira



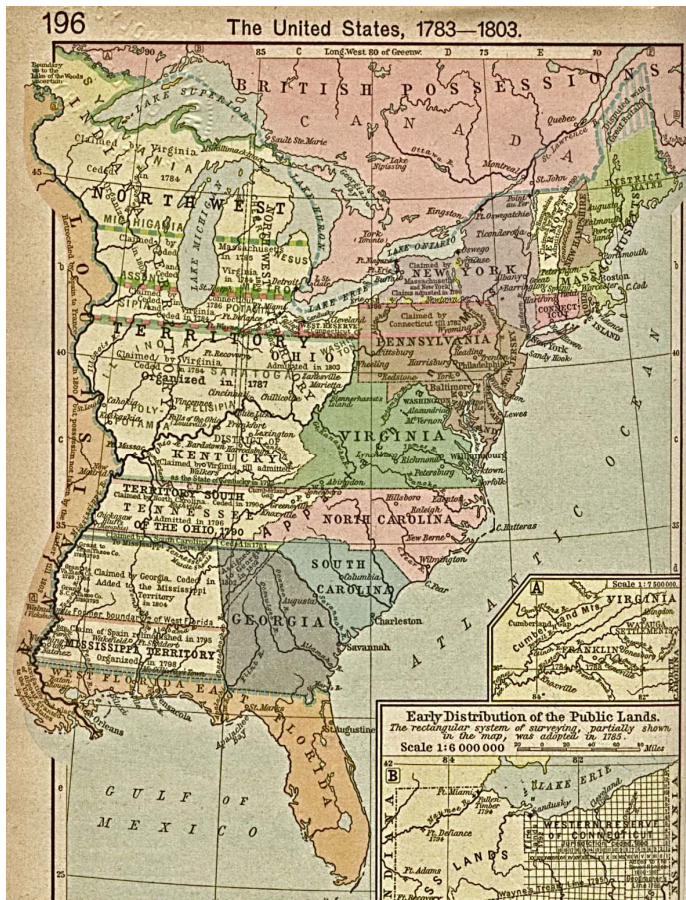


The Fine Print

- Each sessions has been designed to provide a solid learning opportunity within the timeframe allotted. All sessions will begin and end on time.
- Attendance at all sessions is required, unless extenuating circumstances arise. Should something come up, please email me.
- Participants will be expected to take a short survey after the Academy concludes.
- Engage with each other respectfully.
- Because of the wealth of information provided in each session, it is imperative that we all stay on task. Your assistance in helping to keep the sessions focused is much appreciated.
- **Have fun and enjoy this experience!**



Early Residents



- Delaware, Wyandot, Mingo and Shawnee Indian tribes
- Trappers and traders
- Post Revolution was 'wild west'
- Virginia Military Lands



The Three B's

Abraham Baldwin - Henry Baldwin - Moses Byxbe

- **Abraham Baldwin**: Georgia representative in the Continental Congress and served in U.S. House and Senate after the adoption of the Constitution
- Virginia Military Lands, plus purchased 8,000 acres in 1800
- Died in 1807; No children or wife; property went to half-brother, **Henry Baldwin**, later Associate Justice of U.S. Supreme Court



Abraham Baldwin



Henry Baldwin and Moses Byxbe

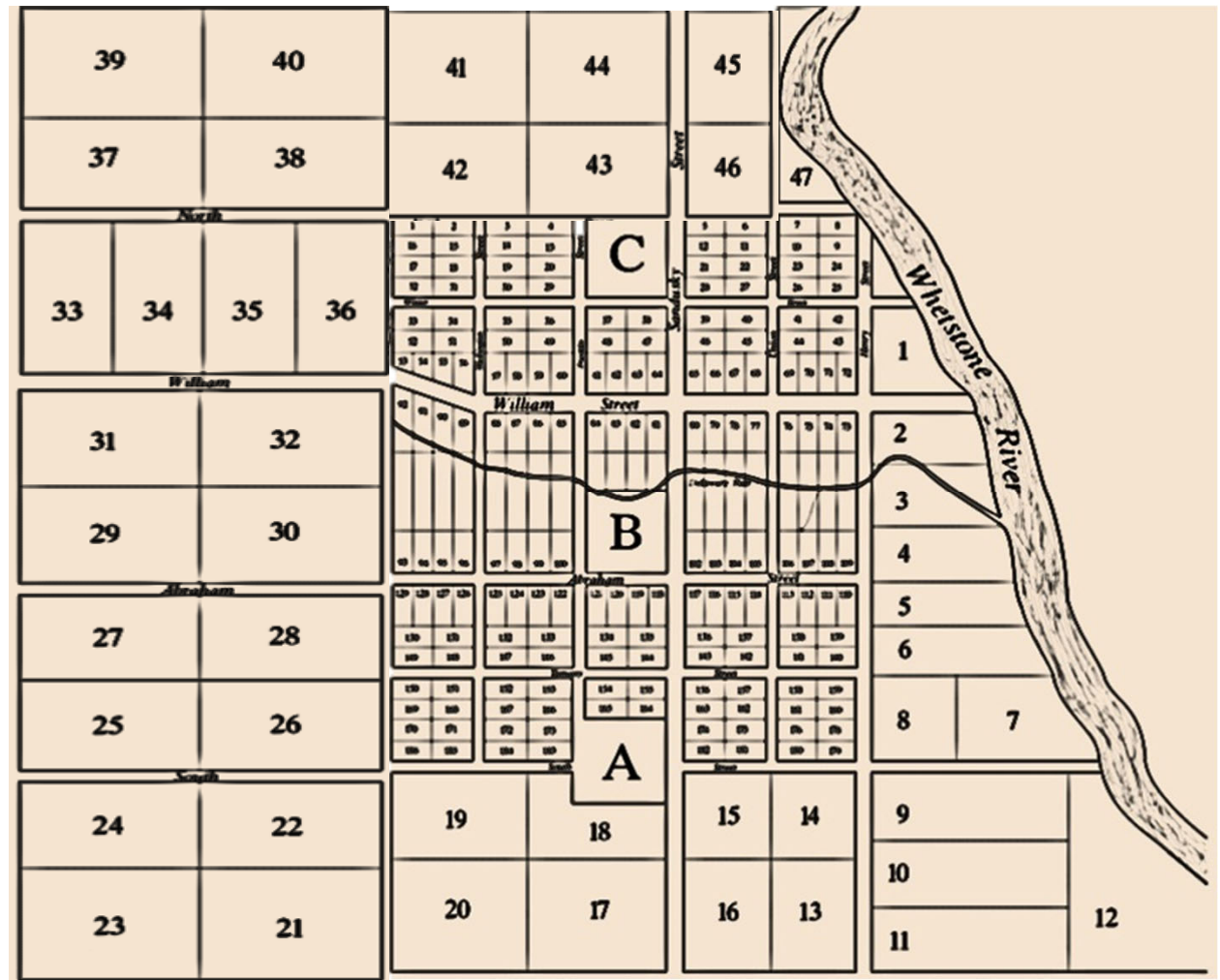
- Henry Baldwin, later Associate Justice of U.S. Supreme Court, already established in Pa.
- Moses Byxbe, from MA, gains possession of land from Baldwin
- Age 48 in 1804 when he started west with family
- Turns away from the Sunbury-Galena area to the west
- East side or west side?
- 1808 Delaware settled



Plat Map on file, May 9, 1808

Whetstone to Olentangy:
In 1833, Ohio General
Assembly decided to
return streams in central
Ohio to their Native
American names

Headwaters a source of
red oxide clay used in
making face paint.



Steady Growth

The town grew steadily from its inception in 1808

- Contributors: People, businesses, institutions and industries
 - 1808: 32
 - 1850: 2,000
 - 1870: 6,000
 - 1900: 11,000
 - 1922: 18,000
- State Capital Aspirations: The Byxbe-Baldwin Plan was to donate grounds, erect the government buildings and sell 4,000 acres in nearby lots, with half of the proceeds going into the state treasury.



City and Region Today



Total Population 45,000+



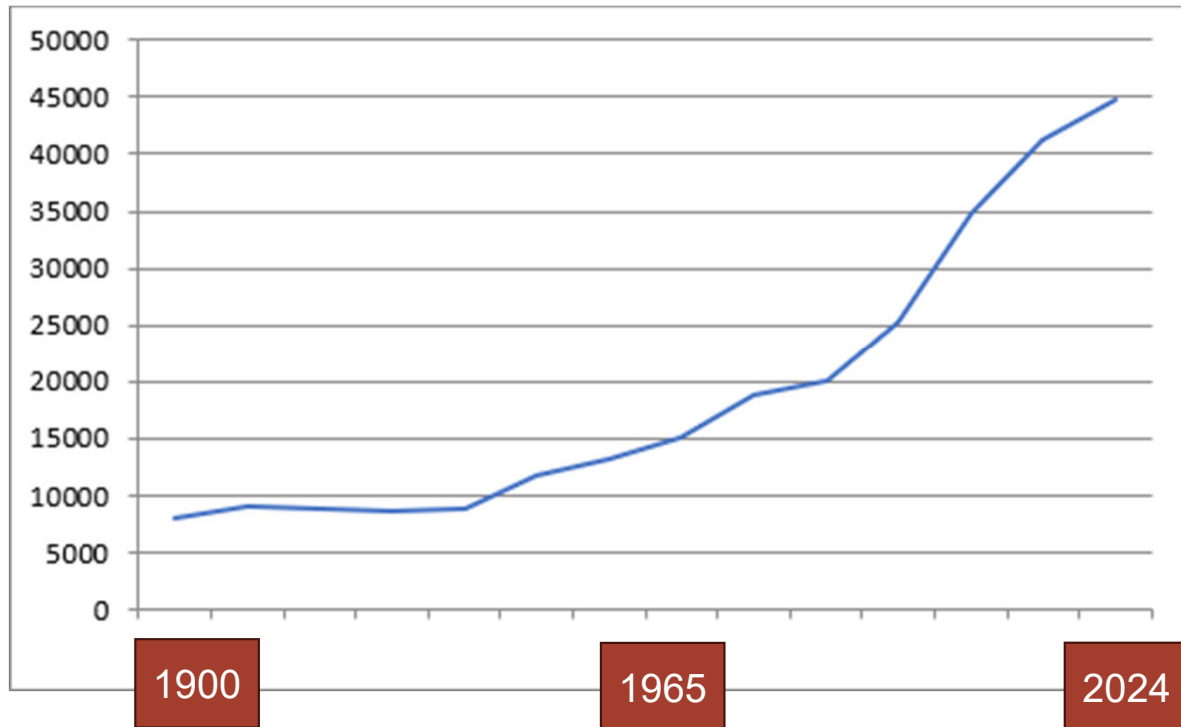
Total Households 17,000



Median Age: 34.5



- Population growth
 - **8.3% since the 2020 Census**
 - **85% since the 2000 Census**
- Between 2000 and 2010, the population expanded by nearly 10,000, or almost 38 percent. Rate has slowed somewhat but still very strong
- 2023, about 400 new single-family home permits were issued.



Population and Diversity

- Portion of residents 65 years or older is about 12 percent. This population is growing.
- The percentage that identifies as a racial minority is about 10 percent and has been increasing. Its growth will be important to monitor and understand.



Opportunities

- Build on being a two-time *Ohio Magazine* Best Hometown, a *Money Magazine* Top 50 Best Place to Live in America and an award-winning downtown.
- Achieving a balanced local economy - with government, education, health care, manufacturing/industrial.

Challenges

- Delaware is both a mature community and a growing community



Council-Manager Form of Government

City Manager Tom Homan



Council Manager Government

History

- The Reform Movement
- City Charter, or Constitution, approved by Delaware voters in 1951
- Charter went into effect in 1954, 70 years ago
- First Council under new government
- elected in 1953



The City Manager's Role



- A Manager serves council and community
- Provides experience and expertise in administering local government projects and programs



The City Manager's Functions

Duties:

- Prepare budgets for council consideration; recruit, hire and supervise government staff
- Serve as council advisor
- Carry out council policies
- Provide pros and cons



City Council Functions

Functions

- Legislative body; the community's decision makers
- Vision and Focus
Budgeting, major projects, growth, land use, development, capital improvement plans, financing, strategic planning ... and more



Makeup of City Council

City Council

- Seven members
- Staggered election structure ensures a level of continuity by eliminating the possibility of seating an entire new council in one election season
- Three At-Large. Next election in November 2025
- Four Ward Representatives. Next election November 2023



Mayor and Vice Mayor

Elected by Council

- From the pool of **At-Large** representatives the Council elects a Mayor and a Vice-Mayor.
- Both serve in their respective roles for two (2) year terms.
- Help determine each Council meeting agenda, working with the City Manager



Ordinances and Resolutions

There are Differences

- **An Ordinance** is a local law
- Ordinances commonly govern zoning, building, safety, etc.
- Three readings required before being voted on
- Effective 30 days after passage
- Exceptions: “waive the rules” and “emergency clause”

- **A Resolution** is not the same as an ordinance
- Less formal than an ordinance, usually concerning some matter of administration



Boards, Commissions and Committees

Their role in local government

- A way to spark community spirit
- What they can and can't do; Advice and consent
- Board, commission and committee seats are unpaid positions
- Meetings are open to the public

Airport Commission
Board of Zoning Appeals
Charter Review Commission
Civil Service Commission
Delaware County Community
Improvement Corporation

New Community Authority
Finance Committee
Historic Preservation Commission
Metropolitan Housing Authority
Parking and Safety Committee
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Planning Commission
Public Records Commission
Public Works Committee
Shade Tree Commission
Sister City Advisory Board

