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**NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING
and City/County Chambers
800 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

REVISED AGENDA

Council Members Present:

Mr. Bill Bell, Co-Chair
Mr. John Cartier
Ms. Lisa Diller
Mr. Jea Street
Mr. Timothy Sheldon

Ms. Karen Hartley-Nagle, President, Co-Chair
Mr. David Carter
Ms. Dee Durham
Mr. Kenneth Woods
Mr. George Smiley
Mr. David Tackett

Council Members Absent:

Mr. Penrose Hollins
Ms. Janet Kilpatrick

1. Call to Order

- Councilman Bell called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting

- Motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021 Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Councilman Smiley, seconded by Councilman Cartier, and approved unanimously by the members present.

Mr. Smiley made a motion to go out of order to consider a portion of Council procedural business until July 28, 2021, second by Mr. Cartier, all in favor.

- The motion was made to suspend the last sentence of Council Rule 8.1.9 until noon, July 28, 2021, to allow teleconferencing members of Council to continue to be counted as part of a quorum and have their votes counted. It also allows time for a rule change to be properly advertised and considered by members of Council on July 27, 2021.
- The sentence to be deleted reads as follows: "except for emergency meetings called pursuant to 9 Del. C § 1150(a), members participating by teleconference shall not be counted towards a quorum or a vote." That would be suspended until noon, July 28, 2021 and will be taken care of at the July 27, 2021 meeting.
- Mr. Carter thanked Mr. Smiley for keeping Council in compliance with State Law and making sure that Council can continue doing business as Council works through the changes coming out of COVID.

Mr. Smiley made a motion to return to the regular Order of Business, seconded by Mr. Carter, and all in favor.

3. [°21-080:](#) Introduce by: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle
AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$375,000 TO THE CONTRACTED POLICE DUTY REVOLVING FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE.
 - Councilman Bell read the Ordinance Title.
 - Colonel Bond introduced Karla Jones, Department Finance Officer, who gave a brief synopsis of the Ordinance.
 - Questions and comments.
 - Mr. Street publicly thanked Karla Jones for everything she does for the Public Safety Department.
4. **New Castle County Police Department**
 - **Project Seed**
 - Mr. Bell introduced Colonel Bond to discuss the Project Seed Program.
 - Colonel Bond stated the Project Seed Program is a NCCPD initiative that utilizes an integrated, multi-disciplinary approach to address quality of life issues in each neighborhood and aims to identify and empower community champions to organize fellow residents in making a change. SEED stands for Sustained, Empowerment, Enhancement, Development. Lt. Tatum introduced Jordan Perry, Dan Maas, Karla Jones, Angel Alejandro, and Joe Day as they explained their part in this Program.
 - Questions and Discussion.
 - **Police Academy and staffing**
 - Colonel Bond stated that Major Feeser was promoted to Lt. Colonel and that Major McLucas was retiring. He briefly discussed the recruiting taking place and is optimistic that the lack of interest will turn around. There are 17 recruits in the Academy.
5. **Emergency Management Updates**
 - Councilman Bell introduced David Carpenter, Emergency Management Coordinator, who did a brief presentation on Mitigation Grants/Project Status, Citizen Corps Program/CERT Courses and Outreach, Incident Response/Disaster Cost Recovery/State Legislation for Warnings, and Career Development.
 - Questions and Discussion.
6. **Other**
 - Mr. Street commented that he has had disagreements with Police Chiefs since 1979; however, he believes that the leadership of Colonel Bond has a potential to be everlasting.
7. **Public Comment**
 - None.
8. **Adjournment**
 - Motion was made by Councilman Smiley seconded by Councilman Woods, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Barlow, Legislative Assistant to Councilman Bell, Co-Chairman Public Safety Committee. This meeting of the Public Safety Committee was also taped and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

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