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

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021
2:00 p.m.**

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
 - The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Co-Chair Woods.
 - Council Members present: Mr. Woods, Council President Hartley-Nagle, Ms. Durham, Ms. Kilpatrick, Ms. Diller, Mr. Bell, Mr. Carter, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett, and Mr. Hollins. Mr. Cartier provided advance notice that he would arrive late to the meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick to approve the minutes from the Public Works Committee Meeting held on May 4, 2021. All were in favor.
3. Forestry Contractor Update
 - Kendall Sommers, Parks Division - Department of Public Works, provided an update on current forestry contracts & vacancies within the Public Works Department.
 - Mr. Carter posed question regarding stream clean up.
 - Tracy Surles, General Manager - Department of Public Works, provided comment.
 - Mr. Cartier arrives to the meeting and is recognized by Mr. Woods.
4. Review/Discussion of Legislation

[R21-](#) : URGING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION TO INCLUDE AN IMPACT FEE FOR OPEN SPACE/LAND PRESERVATION IN ITS UPCOMING 2021 IMPACT FEE STUDY OR TO OTHERWISE CREATE A REVENUE STREAM FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE AND AGRICULTURAL LAND IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY. Introduced by: Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon;

 - Mr. Sheldon introduced the resolution.
 - Council discussed the resolution.
5. Other
 - Council discussed recent flooding in New Castle County as well as concerns regarding storm-related resident displacement.
 - Tracy Surles, General Manager - Department of Public Works, provided comment.
 - Erik Raser-Schramm, New Castle County Executive Office, provided comment.
6. Public Comment - None

7. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Cartier at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Matthew Rodriguez, Legislative Assistant. This meeting of the Public Works Committee was also taped, and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

****In accordance with Governor Carney's recently issued *Proclamation*, coupled with the Governor's *Declaration of a State of Emergency*, New Castle County Council is holding this meeting as a telephone and video conference, utilizing  Webinar. Meeting materials, including a meeting agenda, legislation to be addressed during the meeting, and other materials related to the meeting are electronically accessible at [https://nccde.org/AgendaCenter/County-Council-](https://nccde.org/AgendaCenter/County-Council-1)**