



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: J. William Bell, Twelfth District
Co-Chair: Karen Hartley-Nagle, President

April 11, 2023
3:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING** &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

AGENDA

A. Meeting Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes - March 14, 2023

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°23-046: AMEND THE FY2023 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: INCREASE AUTHORIZATIONS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, POLICE RANGE / EVOC CAPITAL PROJECT Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle

E. Presentations

Communications Year End Report - Chief Miller

HELP Initiative, Inc., to present LED light bulb initiative - Harold E. Stafford, Director, Government Relations

F. Other

Executive Session - Continuity of Operations Plan

G. Public Comment

H. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: April 4, 2023

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-046

**AMEND THE FY2023 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET:
INCREASE AUTHORIZATIONS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$5,000,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
POLICE RANGE / EVOC CAPITAL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Subchapter II, Chapter 13 of Title 9 of the *Delaware Code*, as amended, authorizes New Castle County to plan, supervise, and make provisions for law enforcement, fire protection, and ambulance rescue services within New Castle County, and the County Council of New Castle County has deemed it necessary to implement such plans for development; and

WHEREAS, New Castle County has received documentation certifying that the State of Delaware Fiscal Year 2023 Bond and Capital Improvements Act (83 Del. Laws, c. 340, signed into law June 30, 2022) has appropriated \$5,000,000 to New Castle County to assist with construction of an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC); and

WHEREAS, the EVOC will be used by Delaware first responders for initial, refresher and remedial training to enhance their ability to react and maneuver safely on the road; and

WHEREAS, New Castle County has committed \$2,415,000 in County funds to the project, which includes the land value of \$315,000; and

WHEREAS, New Castle County is committed to maintain the facility at an annual estimated cost of \$375,000; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will increase the FY2023 Capital Budget by \$5,000,000 with funding from the State of Delaware Fiscal Year 2023 Bond and Capital Improvements Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Capital Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 is hereby amended by deleting the material stricken and adding the material underscored on the attached Exhibit "A."

Section 2. The Capital Program Resolution for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 is hereby amended by deleting the material stricken and adding the material underscored on the attached Exhibit "B."

Section 3. State funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety, Police Range / EVOC Capital Project to assist with construction of an EVOC.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that the normal life of said improvements is not less than three (3) years (9 *Del. C.* § 1163).

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$5,000,000 in funding from the State of Delaware Fiscal Year 2023 Bond and Capital Improvements Act (83 Del. Laws, c. 340, signed into law June 30, 2022) to the Department of Public Safety, Police Range/EVOC Capital Project. These funds will be used to assist with construction of an EVOC which will be used by Delaware first responders for initial, refresher and remedial training to enhance their ability to react and maneuver safely on the road.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2023 Capital Program and Budget by appropriating \$5,000,000 in funding from the State of Delaware Fiscal Year 2023 Bond and Capital Improvements Act (83 Del. Laws, c. 340, signed into law June 30, 2022) to the Department of Public Safety, Police Range Capital Project.

The revised Capital Budget Authorizations for the Police Range/EVOC Project will be \$10,749,670, including prior authorizations.

The revised FY2023 New Castle County Capital Budget total will be \$56,416,251.

EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
CAPITAL BUDGET - FY2023

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Human Resources Scanning	\$	200,000
Information Systems Expansion II		1,075,000
Reassessment 2024	\$	7,000,000
Recorder of Deeds HOA Portal		31,500
Subtotal	\$	8,306,500

DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Executive SF Capital Contingency	\$	500,000
Subtotal	\$	500,000

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Claymont Library	\$	(755,992)
Newark Library	\$	17,000,000
Subtotal	\$	16,244,008

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Cardiac Monitors 2023	\$	472,000
Police Range / EVOC		(330) 4,999,670
Public Safety Equipment		416,000
Public Safety Vest Protection Program		235,061
Subtotal		1,122,731 \$ 6,122,731

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Facilities/Equipment

Army Creek Landfill Upgrade	\$	275,000
Brandywine Library HVAC Upgrade		2,000,000
Fleet Equipment 2021		(604,876)
Fleet Equipment 2023		5,645,858
General Paving		200,000
Government Center Parking Lot		(1,375,000)
Subtotal	\$	6,140,982

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)

Parks

Agricultural Preservation	\$	1,722
Banning Park Improvements		900,000
Community Redevelopment and Reinvestment 2023		912,089
Game Court Improvements 2021		1,000,000
General Parkland Improvements		(570,000)
General Parkland Improvements 2021		1,570,000
Greenway Systems		1,690,300
Jester Walking Path		325,000
Middle Run Valley Reforestation		65,000
Open Space Preservation		1,000,000
Play Area Improvements 2021		200,000
Southern Regional Park		4,500,000
Subtotal	\$	11,594,111

Sewer/Stormwater

Airport Road System Rehabilitation	\$	1,250,000
Asset Management		100,000
Backwater Valve Improvement		50,000
Brandywine Hundred South Rehabilitation		(76,089)
Christina River Force Main		(1,340,995)
Countywide Drainage		500,000
DelDOT Coordination Project II		(148,920)
DelDOT Coordination Project 2021		153,727
General Sewer Improvements		396,153
General Stormwater Improvements		(393,415)
General Stormwater Improvements 2022		180,806
Market Street Rehabilitations (Bridge #9)		1,500,000
Public Works Complex		215,000
Pump Station Rehabilitation 2021		(600,000)
Pump Station Rehabilitation 2022-2023		1,600,000
Septage Receiving Station Upgrade		525,000
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2021		(509,680)
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2023		2,259,634
Sewer System Expansion		500,000
Stormwater Basin Renovation		(3,302)
Water Quality Improvement Plans		1,250,000
Wilmington System Rehabilitation		100,000
Subtotal	\$	7,507,919

CAPITAL BUDGET TOTAL

51,416,251	\$	56,416,251
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EXHIBIT B**PROJECT PROFILES
ADMINISTRATION (continued)**

Project Name (Number): Police Range / EVOC (C201306)					
Description: Design and construction of an emergency vehicle operations course (EVOC).				Council Districts: All	
Funding Schedule					
	Bonds	Federal	State	Other	Total
Prior Authorizations	\$ 1,800,000	\$ -	\$ 3,650,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 5,750,000
FY2023	-	-	(330)		(330)
	-		4,999,670		4,999,670
FY2024	-	-	-	-	-
FY2025	-	-	-	-	-
FY2026	-	-	-	-	-
FY2027	-	-	-	-	-
FY2028	-	-	-	-	-
Future Years	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 1,800,000	\$ -	\$ 3,649,670	\$ 300,000	\$ 5,749,670
		\$ 8,649,670		\$ 10,749,670	
Available Authorizations:		\$ 4,898,684			
Available Funding:		\$ 4,898,684			
Operating Budget Impact:		\$ -			

*Available Authorizations / Funding as of February 28, 2022, net of obligations.

FY2023 Activity:

Complete design, bid project and begin construction of the driving pad. The EVOC will be used by the New Castle County Public Safety Department, as well as by public safety departments and volunteer fire companies from throughout the State.

Future Activity:

Complete construction of the driving pad.