



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

September 12, 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

MINUTES

A. Meeting Call to Order

The Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Hartley-Nagle at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. Bell, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham, Ms. George, Ms. Hartley-Nagle, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett, and Mr. Toole.

B. Approval of Minutes - July 11, 2023

- A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Carter to approve the minutes dated July 11, 2023. All in favor.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°23-116: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$50,500.00 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SLEAF) TO THE SLEAF – VIKEN HANDHELD X-RAY IMAGER GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle

- Ms. Hartley-Nagle read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Colonel Bloch gave a brief explanation of the Ordinance.
- Question by Mr. Toole.
- No Public Comment.

°23-120: AMEND THE FY2024 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$16,000 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACTUAL SERVICES BUDGET LINE ITEM Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle

- Ms. Hartley-Nagle read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Acting Chief of Communications Holden gave a brief explanation of the Ordinance and thanked the Recorder of Deeds.
- No questions or comments by Council.
- No Public Comment.

E. Presentations**- Project SEED update.**

-Director Bond introduced Gerald Tatum and George Corbin to discuss the SEED Program and gave an update of the programs, especially their mentorship program, and the various events.

-Comments were made by Mr. Hollins, Ms. Hartley-Nagle, Mr. Toole, Mr. Bell, Mr. Street, Mr. Cartier, and Mr. Carter.

-No Public Comment.

- Division of Police Command Staff update.

-Colonel Bloch introduced his command staff to Council -- Major Laura O'Sullivan, Operations; Captain Diane Smith, Operations; Captain Dan Rogers, Patrol; Captain Mike Bradshaw, Special Operations; Major Ben Feldman, Administration; Captain Brian Faulkner, Community Engagement; Captain Jamie Leonard, Technology and Grants; and Captain Trish Davies, Administration in Charge of Academies.

-Colonel Bloch informed Council that there are 14 recruits in the 51st Academy.

-Comments by Mr. Carter, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle.

-No Public Comment.

Public Safety Parks Update

-Colonel Bloch gave an update on the county parks. Colonel Bloch stated that if Council had any concerns or issues they were to call him or Lt. Astfalk.

-Comments and questions by Council from Ms. Hartley-Nagle, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Toole, Mr. Tackett,

-Public Comment was made by Director Bond. He stated that federal guidelines must be followed and it does take quite a while to process.

F. Other

-Mr. Street discussed the issue with the shooting at Lowes and the DSP not wearing body cameras. He would like to have discussion at the next Public Safety Committee Meeting on Body Cameras. What the law says and what Council has on body cameras. He would also like discussion on the policy for releasing videos.

G. Public Comment

-None

H. Adjournment

- A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Cartier to adjourn the meeting at 4:04 p.m., and unanimously carried.
- Respectfully submitted by Karen Barlow, Legislative Assistant to Councilman Bell. The meeting was also taped and available online.