



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair George Smiley, Seventh District
Co-Chair John Cartier, Eighth District

August 27, 2024
4:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Smiley at 4:10 pm.
- Council members present were; Mr. Bell, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Tackett, and Mr. Toole.
- Council members Ms. George, Mr. Street and Ms. Hartley-Nagle were absent.

B. Approval of Minutes - July 23, 2024

- A motion by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2024 Finance Committee meeting. All in favor.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R24-159: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ONE CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PROVIDE A PASS-THROUGH GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$289,911.98

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Resolution into the record and explained it.
- No comments or questions from Council or the Public.

R24-160: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A GROUND LEASE FOR A CELL TOWER ON A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL NO. 08-008.30-102, DESIGNATED PARKLAND

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Resolution into the record.
- Ms. Kilpatrick explained the Resolution.
- Comments from Mr. Smiley.
- No public comment.

R24-161: APPROVING THE RECREATIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF THE MAPLE VALLEY SWIM CLUB LOCATED AT 8 OLD POSSUM PARK ROAD, NEWARK, DELAWARE TAX PARCEL NO. 08-053.00-039

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Resolution into the record.
- Mr. Sheldon explained the Resolution.
- No comments or questions from Council or the Public.

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°24-124: AMEND THE FY2025 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: TRANSFER \$500,000 FROM THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION CAPITAL PROJECT TO THE OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION CAPITAL PROJECT

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Smiley

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Ms. Durham explained the Ordinance.
- Comments from Council members Mr. Bell, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Hollins, and Mr. Smiley.
- Public Comment - Charuni Patibanda, General Manager, Land Use.

°24-125: AMEND THE FY2025 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$3,500,000 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BOND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, NEWARK LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Mr. Hollins explained the Ordinance.
- No comments or questions from Council or the Public.

°24-126: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$10,818 ADDITIONAL STATE OF DELAWARE GRANT-IN-AID FUNDS TO THE ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER FY2025 GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIVISION

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Mr. Hollins explained the Ordinance.
- No comments or questions from Council or the Public.

°24-127: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$853,500 TO THE CONTRACTED POLICE DUTY REVOLVING FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Mr. Bell explained the Ordinance.
- No comments or questions from Council or the Public.

°24-128: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$244,149 TO THE CONTRACTED PARAMEDIC DUTY REVOLVING FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Mr. Bell explained the Ordinance.
- No comments or questions from Council or the Public.

°24-131: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26 ("HUMAN RESOURCES"), ARTICLE 3 ("MERIT SYSTEM"), SECTION 26.03.1403 ("HOLIDAYS") CONVERTING TWO EXISTING HOLIDAYS TO FLOATING HOLIDAYS AND DECLARING JUNETEENTH AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Ms. Kilpatrick explained the Ordinance.
- No comments or questions from Council or the Public.

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

- 8/27/24 Grant Matrix

Grant Applicant	Sponsor	Amount Approved	Council Member First/Second	Vote
Delaware Urban Greens	Hollins	\$2,500	Hollins/Tackett	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Brandywine Hundred Fire Company	Cartier	\$2,000	Cartier/Kilpatrick	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Clayton Place Maintenance Corporation	Cartier	\$620.	Cartier/Kilpatrick	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Newark Union Corporation/ Newark Union Church & Cemetery	Cartier	\$824.87	Cartier/Kilpatrick	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Arundel Civic Association	Sheldon	\$2,500	Sheldon/Kilpatrick	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Kappa Mainstream Leadership, Inc	Street (Mr. Smiley floor managed this grant)	\$2,500	Street/Kilpatrick	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Friends of Zoar, Inc	Bell	\$2,000 Bell - \$1,000 Carter - \$1,000	Bell/Carter	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Oberle Elementary School-Christina School Distric	Bell	\$1,000	Bell/Kilpatrick	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Delaware Chapter of National Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)	Bell	\$1,500 Bell - \$1, 000 Kilpatrick - \$500	Bell/Hollins	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Police and Princess Organization, Inc.	Bell	\$5,000 Bell - \$1,000 Street - \$1,000 Hollins - \$1,000 Kilpatrick - \$500 Tackett - \$500 Sheldon - \$500 Durham - \$500	Bell/Cartier	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Life is Delicious, Inc.	Tackett/Hartley-Nagle	\$810 Hartley-Nagle - \$405 Tackett - \$405	Toole/Tackett	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting

		(Mr. Toole floor managed the grant)		
Blackbird Community Association	Hartley-Nagle	\$2,500 (Mr. Toole floor managed the grant)	Toole/Tackett	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Delaware Juneteenth Association	Hartley-Nagle	\$2,500 (Mr. Toole floor managed the grant)	Toole/Tackett	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Indo American Association of Delaware	Hartley-Nagle	\$2,500 (Mr. Toole floor managed the grant)	Toole/Tackett	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting
Nuestras Raices, Inc.	Hartley-Nagle	\$2,500 (Mr. Toole floor managed the grant)	Toole/Tackett	9 - Yes 3- Absent 1 - Not Voting

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

-None

G. Other

-None

H. Public Comment

-None

I. Adjournment

-Mr. Cartier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carter to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm.

-Respectfully submitted by Christine Roberts, Legislative Assistant to Councilman Smiley. The meeting was recorded and is available online.