



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

October 22, 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 4:05 pm.
- Council members present were; Mr. Bell, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham, Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street (vital), Mr. Tackett, and Mr. Toole.
- Ms. Hartley-Nagle was absent.

B. Approval of Minutes - 10/8/2024

- A motion was made by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2024 Finance Committee meeting. All in favor.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R24-178: CONGRATULATING THE OFFICE OF FINANCE FOR EARNING THE DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 35 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

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

R24-184: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 8 ("COUNCIL MEMBERS") REGARDING MEETING CHAIRS AND ATTENDANCE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

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

R24-187: APPROVING THE RECREATIONAL PROPERTY TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF THE SKATING CLUB OF WILMINGTON, INC.'S PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1301 CARRUTHERS LANE, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE TAX PARCEL NO. 06-129.00-003

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Resolution into the record.
- Mr. Cartier explained the Resolution.
- Mr. Hollins commented on the Resolution.
- No public comment.

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°24-154: TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ADDITIONAL COBRA STREET LIGHT ON A WOODEN POLE IN THE COLLINS PARK DEVELOPMENT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street, Ms. Kilpatrick

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Mr. Street explained the Ordinance.
- Mr. Tackett made a comment regarding the Ordinance.
- Public comment from Jeanette Swain.

°24-155: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE, DIVISION OF CUSTOMER RELATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH RODENT CONTROL IN VACANT PROPERTIES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

- Mr. Smiley read and explained the Ordinance into the record.
- No discussion or questions from Council or the Public.

°24-156: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATORS I, II, AND III REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME (AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES), AFL-CIO, AND ITS AFFILIATE, LOCAL 3911

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Bell, Mr. Smiley

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Mr. Bell explained the Ordinance.
- Questions from Mr. Toole, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Carter, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Street, Ms. Kilpatrick, and Ms. Leonette Collins, Human Resources.
- No public comment.

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

-10/22/24 Grant Matrix

Grant Applicant	Sponsor	Amount Approved	Council Member First/Second	Vote
La Grange Maintenance Corporation	George	\$1,000	George/Cartier	11 - Yes 1 - Absent 1 - Not voting
Delaware Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)	Bell	\$2,500	Bell/Cartier	11 - Yes 1 - Absent 1 - Not voting
Friends of Newark Free Library	George	\$2,500	George/Kilpatrick	11 - Yes 1 - Absent 1 - Not voting

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

-None

G. Other

-A motion was made by Ms. George and seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick to suspend any rule that may interfere herewith and that Council has the option to retain beyond November 8, 2024, any staff members whose current Council Member will no longer be in office as a result of the November 5, 2024, election on a temporary basis until such time as Council can revisit this issue with newly sworn Council Members at a to-be-determined Committee Meeting on November 19, 2024, provided said staff members are willing to assist

in transitioning newly elected members until such time as they can decide upon their permanent legislative assistant. All in favor.

-Ms. Durham suggested including this in the Council Rules.

H. Public Comment

Public comments from Monique Johns and Melissa Brayman.

I. Adjournment

-Mr. Cartier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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