



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

November 19, 2024
6:30 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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Council President Williams-Johns at 6:30 p.m. A moment of silence was recognized, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Janet Kilpatrick, Penrose Hollins, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

B. Approval of Minutes

-A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Carter to approve the minutes from October 22, 2024. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

-Ms. Durham announced that Ordinance 24-008 would remain tabled.
-Mr. Toole announced that he had a presentation.

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°24-161: AMENDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 10
RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

°24-162: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$7,055.00 IN PROGRAM
INCOME TO THE ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER RECREATION GRANT TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°24-163: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: REALIGN \$444,662.67 IN FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DELAWARE DIVISION OF LIBRARIES WITHIN THE FY2024 STATE AID FOR LIBRARIES GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LIBRARIES

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

°24-164: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$160,000 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE FY2025

GRANT-IN-AID BILL TO THE FY2025 POLICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

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

°24-165: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$40,000.00 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO THE ASSET FORFEITURE-FEDERAL GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

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

°24-166: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$506,644.98 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE FY2025 FUNDS TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIME GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

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

°24-167: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE UP TO \$880,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF LAW TO FUND ATTORNEY FEES AND LITIGATION EXPERT WITNESSES

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

°24-168: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS AND RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF HANDTEVY

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

°24-169: AMENDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION") AND CHAPTER 14 ("FINANCE AND TAXATION") TO COMPENSATE CERTAIN MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

°24-170: AMENDING THE PAY PLANS AND RATES OF PAY FOR ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF CERTAIN NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

°24-171: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SENIOR EMERGENCY FOOD VOUCHER PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°24-172: REVISE ZONING MAP: CHRISTIANA HUNDRED, NORTH SIDE OF BUCK ROAD, 903 FEET EAST OF THE CENTERLINE OF MONTCHANIN ROAD; REZONE 1.78 ACRES OF TAX PARCEL 07-027.00-039 FROM SUBURBAN ESTATE (SE) TO SUBURBAN ESTATE (SE) AND H (HISTORIC OVERLAY ZONE) (The Exploratory Major Subdivision Plan for Falconers

Row proposes to reconfigure tax parcels; 07-024.00-024, 07-027.00-027, 07-027.00-039, 07-027.00-040 and 07-027.00-043 and create an eleven (11) lot subdivision with associated site improvements, utilizing the open space subdivision option with minimum one acre lots, and rezone proposed Lot 11 (1.78 acres of existing parcel 07-027.00-039) from "SE" (Suburban Estate) to Suburban Estate (SE) and "H" (Historic Overlay Zone). App. 2020-0468-S/Z, Council District 2)
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

E. Reports from Select and Special Committees

- Mr. Tackett stated that the Land Use Committee Meeting was held on November 19, 2024, and they discussed one item on tonight's agenda.
- Mr. Cartier stated that the Finance Committee Meeting was held on November 19, 2024, and they discussed an ordinance pertaining to the pay plan. They also approved 4 Council grants.

F. Consent Calendar

R24-192: CELEBRATING NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK - - 2024

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Tackett

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Carter, Ms. Durham, Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Street, Mr. Toole

R24-193: RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Toole

R24-194: CELEBRATING AND HONORING MICHAEL RAMONE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DELAWARE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon

Consent Note

- Motion by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Mr. Tackett to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Consent Calendar - Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Janet Kilpatrick, Penrose Hollins, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns.

G. Presentations

- Mr. Toole presented the Honorable Michael Ramone with Resolution 24-194.

H. Consideration of Resolutions Removed from the Consent Calendar and Other Resolutions

- None.

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°24-157: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$123,169.86 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME AND REALIGN \$60,910.70 WITHIN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2024, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

- It was moved by Mr. Hollins and seconded by Mr. Cartier that Ordinance 24-157 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

- Mr. Hollins briefly discussed the ordinance.

- No comments or discussion were made by Council.

- No public comment.

Ordinance 24-157- Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns.

°24-158: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$800,832 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS – 2024 GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

-It was moved by Mr. Hollins and seconded by Mr. Tackett that Ordinance 24-158 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Hollins briefly discussed the ordinance.

-No comments or discussion were made by Council.

-No public comment.

Ordinance 24-158 - Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns.

°24-159: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$30,672.54 AND ANTICIPATED FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$10,000.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE EMERGENCY HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

-It was moved by Mr. Hollins and seconded by Mr. Tackett that Ordinance 24-159 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Hollins briefly discussed the ordinance

-No comments or discussion were made by Council.

-No public comment.

Ordinance 24-159 - Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

°24-160: TO AMEND THE PAY PLANS AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND LOCAL 3109, AND TO ADOPT NEW AND AMEND CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR FINANCE RELATED POSITIONS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

-It was moved by Mr. Hollins and seconded by Mr. Tackett that Ordinance 24-160 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Hollins briefly discussed the ordinance.

-No comments or discussion were made by Council.

-No public comment.

Ordinance 24-160 - Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

°24-008: (STATUS: TABLED) TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE"), ARTICLE 14 ("IMPACT FEES") REGARDING ADJUSTMENTS TO IMPACT FEES

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Carter, Mr. Toole

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Mr. Smiley

-Ordinance 24-008 remained tabled.

J. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

R24-195: CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE BRANDYWINE HUNDRED FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

-It was moved by Mr. Cartier and seconded by Mr. Tackett that Resolution 24-195 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Cartier briefly discussed the resolution.

-No comments or discussion were made by Council.

-No public comment.

Resolution 24-195 - Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

K. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

-None.

L. Public Comment/Other

-Public Comments were made by Dale Swain.

M. Motion to Adjourn

- Mr. Tackett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cartier to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.