



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Brandon Toole, First District
Co-Chair: Kevin Caneco, Twelfth District

**February 18, 2025
4:00 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 - October 8, 2024**
- C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)**
- D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)**
- E. Presentations**
 - Update on Boyd's Corner Public Safety Facility
 - Overview of Jurisdictional Responsibilities and Mutual Aide Agreements
 - Discussion on Federal Law Enforcement Update
- F. Other**
- G. Public Comment**
- H. Adjournment**

AGENDA POSTED: February 11, 2025

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**This meeting was originally schedule for February 11, 2025, but was cancelled due to inclement weather.

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-163

AMEND THE FY2024 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$500,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, EMS STATIONS CAPITAL PROJECT TO FUND COSTS RELATING TO PLANNING, DESIGN, PLAN DEVELOPMENT, PERMITTING, RELATED COSTS AND EXPENSES, AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY TO BE LOCATED ON PARCEL # 13-013.00-251, 2400 DUPONT PARKWAY, MIDDLETOWN, DE 19709

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2016 New Castle County purchased the property located at
2 Parcel #13-013.00-251, 2400 Dupont Parkway, Middletown, Delaware 19709 for
3 placement of a public safety facility; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, there are no funds allocated in the FY2024 Approved Capital Budget,
6 including the 6 fiscal years from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2029, providing for costs
7 relating to planning, design, plan development, permitting, related costs and expenses,
8 or construction costs for a facility at this site; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Tax Stabilization Reserve Account within the General Fund was
11 created by the County to balance the annual operating budget and to cover budgeted
12 capital costs that would otherwise require the issuance of bonds or a tax increase; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the development of this facility is a capital cost which falls squarely
15 within the scope of the Reserve Account; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve Account has more than
18 sufficient funds to be allocated toward costs related to the proposed facility, with over \$70
19 million currently in the account as of November 13, 2023; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the facility is desperately needed at this location to serve southern
22 New Castle County since its population growth increasingly burdens an already
23 overwhelmed infrastructure to the point where additional services are immediately needed
24 to avoid risks to public health, welfare, and safety; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, this appropriation will fund costs relating to planning, design, plan
27 development, permitting, related costs and expenses, and construction costs for a new
28 public safety facility to be situated on Parcel # 13-013.00-251, located at 2400 Dupont
29 Parkway, Middletown, DE 19709.
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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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33 Section 1. The Capital Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023,
34 is hereby amended by deleting the material stricken and adding the material underscored
35 on the attached Exhibit "A".
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37 Section 2. The Capital Program Resolution for the fiscal year beginning July
38 1, 2023, is hereby amended by deleting the material stricken and adding the material
39 underscored on the attached Exhibit "B".
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41 Section 3. General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve funding in the amount of
42 \$500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety, EMS Stations Capital Project
43 to fund costs related to planning, design, plan development, permitting, related costs and
44 expenses, and construction costs for a new public safety facility to be located on Parcel #
45 13-013.00-251, 2400 Dupont Parkway, Middletown, DE 19709.

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47 Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
48 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9
49 Del. C. § 1156.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on: 12/12/2023


Karen Hartley-Nagle
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on: *Dec. 18, 2023*


Matthew Meyer
County Executive
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$500,000 in funding from the General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve Account to the Department of Public Safety, EMS Stations Capital Project. Funds will be used for planning, design, plan development, permitting, related costs and expenses, and construction costs for a new public safety facility to be located at Parcel # 13-013.00-251, 2400 Dupont Parkway, Middletown, DE 19709.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2024 Capital Program and Budget by appropriating \$500,000 from the General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserve Account to the Department of Public Safety, EMS Stations Capital Project. Funds will be used for planning, design, plan development, permitting, related costs and expenses, and construction costs for a new public safety facility to be located at 2400 Dupont Parkway, Middletown, DE 19709.

The revised FY2024 total Capital Budget amount for the EMS Stations Capital Project will be \$500,000.

The revised FY2024 New Castle County Capital Budget total will be \$77,237,396. There is no fiscal impact on the Operating Budget. The Tax Stabilization Reserve balance upon passage of this Ordinance is estimated at \$73,508,702.

EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
CAPITAL BUDGET - FY2024

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Land Use Information System	\$	3,000,000
Recorder of Deeds HOA Portal	\$	129,000
Subtotal	\$	3,129,000

DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Executive GF Capital Contingency	\$	500,000
Executive SF Capital Contingency		250,000
Subtotal	\$	750,000

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Absalom Jones Senior Center Kiln	\$	85,000
Appoquinimink Library	\$	7,000
Newark Library	\$	19,200,000
Surratte Pool Renovations		125,000
Subtotal	\$	19,417,000

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

800MgHZ Communications Equipment	\$	950,000
Cardiac Monitor 2023	\$	945,148
Communications Upgrade		550,000
<u>EMS Stations</u>		<u>500,000</u>
Public Safety Building Renovations		300,000
Public Safety Equipment		91,000
Public Safety Vest Protection Program		201,840
Subtotal	<u>3,037,988</u>	\$ 3,537,988

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Facilities/Equipment

Building Rehabilitation 2021	\$	3,000,000
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure		1,800,000
Fleet Equipment 2021		(3,340)
Fleet Equipment 2022		(1,000,000)
Fleet Equipment 2024		6,179,272
General Roof Renovations		1,250,000
Government Center Electrical Upgrade		600,000
HVAC Replacement		2,400,000
Public Safety Parking Lot Lighting		-
Subtotal	\$	14,225,932

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)

Parks

Agricultural Preservation	\$ 1,500,000
Banning Park Improvements	500,000
Bechtel Park Improvements	2,000,000
Carousel Park	276,120
Delcastle Park Improvements	1,100,000
Game Court Improvements 2021	100,000
General Parkland Improvements 2021	100,000
General Parkland Improvements 2024-2025	2,950,000
Historic Structure Rehabilitation	3,000,000
Middle Run Valley Reforestation	300,000
Open Space Preservation	1,000,000
Park Bridge Replacements	300,000
Pavilion Renovations	100,000
Play Area Improvements 2024-2025	2,000,000
Rockwood Park	1,800,000
Weiss Park Improvements	700,000
Subtotal	\$ 17,726,120

Sewer/Stormwater

Asset Management	\$ 100,000
Backwater Valve Improvement	50,000
Christina River Force Main	4,400,000
Countywide Drainage	500,000
DelDOT Coordination Project 2021	2,000,000
Edgemoor System Rehabilitation	600,000
General Sewer Improvements	750,000
General Stormwater Improvements	358,954
North Delaware Interceptor System	650,000
Pump Station Rehabilitation 2024-2025	2,000,000
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2022	(650,000)
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2024	2,162,169
Sewer Repairs and Rehabilitation 2024-2025	1,000,000
Stoney Creek Basin	500,000
Stormwater Basin Renovation	725,000
Terminal Avenue System Rehabilitation	275,000
Water Quality Improvement Plan	230,233
White Clay System Rehabilitation	2,800,000
Subtotal	\$ 18,451,356

CAPITAL BUDGET TOTAL

76,737,396 **\$ 77,237,396**

EXHIBIT B**PROJECT PROFILES
PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)**

Project Name (Number): EMS Stations (C200710)					
Description: Design, construction and/or renovations to paramedic emergency medical stations.			Council Districts: All		
Funding Schedule					
	Bonds	Federal	State	Other	Total
Prior Authorizations	\$ 6,538,775	\$ -	\$ 44,326	\$ 412,224	\$ 6,995,325
FY2024	-	-	-	-	-
FY2025	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
FY2026	-	-	-	-	-
FY2027	-	-	-	-	-
FY2028	-	-	-	-	-
FY2029	-	-	-	-	-
Future Years	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 6,538,775	\$ -	\$ 44,326	\$ 412,224	\$ 6,995,325
Available Authorizations:			\$ 540,921		
Available Funding:			\$ (89,763)		
Operating Budget Impact:			\$ -		

*Available Authorizations / Funding as of February 28, 2023, net of obligations.

FY2024 Activity:

No activity planned. Planning, design, plan development, permitting, related costs and expenses, and construction costs for a new public safety facility to be located at 2400 Dupont Parkway, Middletown, DE 19709.

Future Activity:

No activity planned.