



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

April 22, 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**

MINUTES

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

-The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Smiley at 4:00 pm.
-Council members present were: Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham (virtual), Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Williams-Johns, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Street (virtual), Mr. Tackett, and Mr. Toole.

B. Approval of Minutes - April 8, 2025

-A motion was made by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025, Finance Committee meeting. All in favor.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R25-069: APPROVAL OF REFEREES FOR PROPERTY REASSESSMENT APPEALS

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

-Mr. Smiley read the title of Resolution into the record and explained the Resolution.
-Comments and questions from Mr. Tackett and Mr. Carter.
-No public comment.

R25-070: URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AUTHORIZE NEW CASTLE COUNTY TO LEVY A LOCAL TAX ON RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS

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

-Mr. Smiley read the title of the Resolution into the record.
-Mr. Caneco explained the Resolution.
-Comments and questions from Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Carter, Mr. Toole, and Mr. Street.
-Public comment from Emily Wilkins.

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°25-041: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$125,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO THE KNOLLWOOD PARK COURT IMPROVEMENTS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Carter

-Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
-Mr. Sheldon explained the Ordinance.
-Mr. Cartier requested to be added as Co-Sponsor.

-No public comment.

°25-042: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 3109 FOR THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF PLANNER I FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE, DIVISION OF PLANNING

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

-Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

-Ms. Williams-Johns explained the Ordinance.

-No comments or questions from Council or the Public.

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

- 4/22/25 Grant Matrix

Grant Applicant	Sponsor	Amount Approved	Council Member First/Second	Vote
New Castle Public Library	Caneco	\$2,500	Caneco/Cartier	12 - Yes 1 - No
Brandywine Hills Community Association	Hollins	\$2,500	Hollins/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - No
Life is Delicious, Inc	Williams-Johns	\$1,000 Williams-Johns \$250 Tackett \$250 Toole \$250 George \$250	Williams-Johns/Cartier	12 - Yes 1 - No

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

-None

G. Other

-Travel Advance - Mr. Carter

-Motion by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Mr. Caneco to approve Mr. Carter's travel request for the NACo Annual Conference. All in favor.

-Mr. Smiley commented that he will be bringing a change to the language to Council Rule 12 in May. Please review the current rules and get your reports in. Also, the "P" card policy and time restraints for charges that have been made.

-Comment from Mr. Street.

H. Public Comment

-None

I. Adjournment

-Motion by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Mr. Carter to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm.

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

