



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING MEETING

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

May 1, 2025
2:00 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 2:00 pm. Members present were Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Street (virtual), Mr. Smiley, and Mr. Tackett (virtual).

Members absent were Ms. Durham, Mr. Toole and Ms. Williams-Johns

Mr. Smiley made an announcement that we are sharing time with the City of Wilmington and the Budget Hearings have to finish by 4:30.

B. Approval of Minutes

-None

C. Recommended Budget Overview (Revenue, Debt Services & Contingencies, Capital)

Recommended Budget Overview Presentation

-Ms. Jill Floore, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Recommended Budget Overview for Fiscal Year 2026 (Revenues, Debt Services and Contingencies, Capital).

-Questions and comments by Mr. Carter, Mr. Street, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley,

-The individual departments presented their Capital Budgets:

***Technology - David Del Grande**

*No questions or comments from Council

***Community Services - Carrie Casey**

*Comments by Mr. Street

***Public Safety - Elmer Setting**

*No questions or comments from Council

***Public Works - Cleon Cauley**

*Comments by Mr. Cartier, Mr. Street, and Mr. Caneco

D. Public Works - Cleon Cauley, General Manager

Department of Public Works FY 2026 Budget Presentation

-Mr. Cleon Cauley, General Manager, presented the Public Works FY2026 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budgets.

-Comments and questions from Mr. Smiley, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Street. -

E. Public Comment

-None

F. Adjournment

-Motion was made by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 4:04 pm. All in favor.

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