



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

May 27, 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, Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street (Virtual), Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole, and Ms. Williams-Jones (Virtual).

B. Approval of Minutes - May 13, 2025

-A motion was made by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Mr. Carter to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025, Finance committee meeting. All in favor.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R25-096: APPROVING REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR SENIOR NETWORK ENGINEER PURSUANT TO *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* SECTION 26.03.105(F)

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

-Mr. Smiley read the title of the Resolution into the record.
-Mr. Toole for explained the Resolution.
-No comments or questions from Council or the public.

R25-097: NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMEND THE DELAWARE CODE, TITLE 9 IN RELATION TO ELECTION OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. George, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley

-Mr. Smiley read the title of the Resolution into the record.
-Ms. Durham explained the Resolution.
-Comments from Mr. Smiley, Mr. Carter, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Street, and Ms. Williams-Jones.
-Public comment from Rob Bullock.

R25-099: CALLING FOR A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE

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

-Mr. Smiley read the title of the Resolution into the record.
-Mr. Tackett and Ms. Kilpatrick explained the Resolution.
-Comments from Mr. Carter, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Sheldon, Ms. Williams-Jones, Mr. Toole and Mr. Smiley asked to be

added as a co-sponsor.

-No public comment.

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °25-048: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) THE ANNUAL REVENUE ORDINANCE AND ROLL BACK TAX RATE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

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

-Mr. Smiley stated that it was his intent to consolidate the Budget Legislation SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °25-048, °25-049, °25-050, °25-051 AND °25-052, to move to be tabled with one vote.

-Mr. Street thanked Mr. Smiley and Mr. Cartier for their hard work every year to make the Budget Hearings process go smoothly.

°25-049: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

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

°25-050: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET

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

°25-051: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

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

°25-052: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

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

°25-053: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$3,000,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR A ONE-TIME FIRE SERVICE CONTINGENCY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Toole

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

-Mr. Cartier explained the Ordinance.

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

-No Public Comment.

°25-054: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT TO THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TO UPDATE INFORMATION VIDEOS ON THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY WEBSITE

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

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

-No. comments or questions from Council or the Public.

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

- 5/27/25 Grant Matrix

Grant Applicant	Sponsor	Amount Approved	Council Member First/Second	Vote
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Food Bank of Delaware	Toole	\$2,500	Toole./Carter	12 - Yes 1 - Not voting
Good Neighbors*	Toole	*\$ -Toole - 953.65	Toole/Cartier	12 - Yes 1 - Not voting
Woodland Run Maintenance Corporation	George	\$400	George/Tackett	12 - Yes 1 - Not voting
Food Bank of Delaware	George	\$5,000	George/Toole	12 - Yes 1 - Not voting
MC917 Foundation, Inc.	Williams-Johns	\$1,200 - Williams-Johns \$1,500 - Kilpatrick \$300 - Caneco	Williams-Johns/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - Not voting

-Council left the grant amount open-ended for the Good Neighbors grant. Council Members were instructed to contact the Clerk of Council to contribute to this grant.

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

-None

G. Other

-None

H. Public Comment

-No public comment.

I. Adjournment

-Motion made by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Ms. George to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

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