



# NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL

## BUDGET HEARING MEETING

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

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May 22, 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 Budget Hearing was called to order at 02:00 PM by Mr. Cartier.

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

Members absent: George Smiley, Timothy Sheldon

#### B. Approval of Minutes - 05-15-2025

- Ms. George made a motion and Mr. Carter seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2025 Budget Hearing minutes. Vote to approve was unanimous.
- Mr. Cartier asked for a motion to cancel the May 29, 2025 Budget Hearing.
- Ms. Durham made a motion and Mr. Toole seconded, to cancel the May 29, 2025 Budget Hearing. Motion to cancel was unanimous.
- Mr. Street requested to ask a question about the motion.
- Mr. Cartier advised him that the vote had been taken on the motion.
- Mr. Street withdrew his question.
- Mr. Cartier reminded everyone that the meeting must conclude at 4:30 PM.

#### C. Community Services - Carrie Casey, General Manager

##### Department of Community Services' FY2026 Budget Presentation

- Mr. Cartier introduced NCC Department of Community Services General Manager Carrie Casey.
- NCC Department of Community Services General Manager Carrie Casey introduced members of her staff and presented Community Services FY 2026 budget.
- Mr. Hollins, Mr. Toole, Mr. Street, Mr. Cartier and Mr. Carter commented and asked questions.
- NCC Department of Community Services General Manager Carrie Casey responded to questions.
- No public comment.

#### D. Public Safety - Elmer Setting, Public Safety Director

- Mr. Cartier introduced NCC Department of Public Safety Finance Officer Karla Jones.
- NCC Department of Public Safety Finance Officer Karla Jones presented the Department of Public Safety FY 2026 budget.
- Mr. Cartier suggested that questions be submitted offline and reiterated that the May 29, 2025 Budget

Hearing was voted to be canceled.

- No public comment.

**Police - James Leonard, Colonel**

- Mr. Cartier introduced NCC Chief of Police James Leonard.
- NCC Chief of Police James Leonard presented the NCC Department of Police FY 2026 budget.
- Mr. Cartier, Mr. Street, Mr. Toole, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Caneco commented and asked questions.
- NCC Chief of Police James Leonard, NCC Department of Public Safety Finance Officer Karla Jones and Mr. Cartier responded to questions.
- No public comment.

**Crossing Guard - Dominic Gregory**

- Mr. Cartier introduced NCC Crossing Guard Supervisor Dominic Gregory.
- NCC Crossing Guard Supervisor Dominic Gregory presented the NCC Crossing Guards FY 2026 budget.
- Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Street and Mr. Cartier commented and asked questions.
- NCC Crossing Guard Supervisor Dominic Gregory responded to questions.
- No public comment.

**Emergency Medical Services - Mark Logemann, Chief**

- Mr. Cartier introduced NCC Department of Emergency Services Assistant Chief Christopher Johnson.
- NCC Department of Emergency Services Assistant Chief Christopher Johnson presented the Department of Emergency Services FY 2026 budget.
- Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street, Mr. Cartier and Mr. Caneco commented and asked questions.
- NCC Department of Emergency Services Assistant Chief Christopher Johnson responded to questions.
- No public comment.

**Emergency Communications - Donald Holden, Chief**

- Mr. Cartier introduced NCC Department of Emergency Communications Chief Donald Holden.
- NCC Department of Emergency Communications Chief Donald Holden presented the Department of Emergency Communications FY 2026 budget.
- Mr. Cartier and Mr. Street commented.
- No public comment.

**Emergency Management - Christopher Hodgden, Acting Coordinator**

- Mr. Cartier introduced NCC Department of Emergency Management Acting Coordinator Christopher Hodgden.
- NCC Department of Emergency Management Acting Coordinator Christopher Hodgden presented the Department of Emergency Management FY 2026 budget.
- Mr. Caneco, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Street and Ms. Williams-Johns commented and asked questions.
- NCC Department of Emergency Management Acting Coordinator Christopher Hodgden responded to questions.
- No public comment.

**Grants to Fire Companies - Designee**

- Mr. Cartier introduced Dennis Godek, Chairman of the NCC Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board.
- Dennis Godek, Chairman of the NCC Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board presented the FY 2026 NCC Grants To Fire Companies Budget
- Mr. Street, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Cartier and Ms. Kilpatrick commented and asked questions.
- Dennis Godek, Chairman of the NCC Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board responded to questions.
- No public comment.

**E. Public Comment**

- Mr. Street made a comment about NCC Department of Public Safety Finance Officer Karla Jones.

**F. Adjournment**

- Ms. Durham made a motion and Mr. Kilpatrick seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 by Mr. Cartier.