



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**June 10, 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**

REVISED AGENDA

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

B. Approval of Minutes - 5/22/25 Budget Hearing Minutes & 5/27/25 Ad-Finance Committee Minutes

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R25-103: ALLOCATING A GRANT FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND TO THE FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE TO FUND ACUTELY NEEDED FOOD PROVISIONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

Prime Sponsors: Ms. Durham, Mr. Toole, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Caneco

R25-104: ALLOCATING FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND TO GOOD NEIGHBORS HOME REPAIR TO SUPPORT THEIR DESPERATELY NEEDED SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole

R25-105: ALLOCATING FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND TO CHARITY CROSSING INC. TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION TO ASSIST THE CITIZENS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

R25-106: A RESOLUTION PRESCRIBING THE DETAILS AND FORM AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY

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

R25-088: (STATUS: TABLED) ADOPTING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 THROUGH 2031

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

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°25-064 TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ARLINGTON STREET LIGHTS WITH LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) BULBS (100 WATT EQUIVALENT) IN THE BRANDYWINE COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE BRANDYWINE HUNDRED AND FOR A

LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS

Prime Sponsor: Ms. Durham

°25-066: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SENIOR EMERGENCY FOOD VOUCHER PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°25-067: TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ARLINGTON STREET LIGHTS WITH LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) BULBS (70 WATT EQUIVALENT) IN THE PENNFIELD SUBDIVISION AND FOR A LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

°25-069: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY EMERGENCY HOUSING – HOPE CENTER GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street

°25-072: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14 (“FINANCE AND TAXATION”), ARTICLE 6 (“EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION”), SECTIONS 14.06.302 (“QUALIFICATIONS FOR AND AMOUNT OF ELDERLY EXEMPTION”), 14.06.303 (“QUALIFICATIONS FOR AND AMOUNT OF DISABILITY EXEMPTION”), and 14.06.304 (“DISABLED VETERAN’S EXEMPTIONS”) REGARDING SCHOOL TAX EXEMPTIONS

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

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °25-048: (STATUS: 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

°25-049: (STATUS: 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: 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: 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: (STATUS: TABLED) 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

--Joint Department of Land Use/Planning Board FY2026 Budget Recommendation

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

- 6/10/25 Grant Matrix

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table**G. Other**

- Council Meeting Calendar Discussion - President Williams-Johns

H. Public Comment**I. Adjournment**

AGENDA POSTED: June 3, 2025
REVISED AGENDA POSTED: June 3, 2025

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**The agenda was revised to remove Ordinance 25-071 from the Finance Committee Agenda and place it on Public Safety Committee Agenda. The revised agenda was posted (7) seven days in advance of the scheduled meeting in compliance with 29 *Del. C.* Section 10004(e)(2).

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