



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

October 28, 2025
5:00 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 5:00 pm.
-Council members present were: Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier(Virtual), Ms. Durham, Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street (Virtual), Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole, and Ms Williams-Johns.

B. Approval of Minutes - October 14, 2025

-A motion by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Cartier, to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025, Finance Committee meeting. All in favor.

C. Executive Session

--Update on pending litigation

-A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Carter to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. All in favor.

-Mr. Smiley stated the Executive Session was adjourned and returned to the regular agenda. No votes were taken in the Executive Session.

D. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R25-190: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH THE DELAWARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,679,097 TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW RICHARDSON PARK SEWAGE PUMP STATION AND APPURTENANCES, 625 LINEAR FEET OF 42-INCH GRAVITY SEWER, 70 LINEAR FEET OF 36-INCH GRAVITY SEWER AND 520 LINEAR FEET OF 24-INCH AND 30-INCH DUCTILE IRON FORCE MAIN; PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BOND; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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

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

-Mr. Sheldon explained the Resolution in detail.

-No questions or comments from Council or the Public.

E. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°25-123: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 13 ("STORMWATER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS") REGARDING STORMWATER MAINTENANCE AND THE OAKS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Mr. Tackett explained the Ordinance.
- No questions or comments from Council or the Public.

°25-128: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$900,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF LAW TO FUND ATTORNEY FEES AND LITIGATION EXPERT WITNESSES

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

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record and explain the Ordinance.
- No questions or comments from Council or the Public.

°25-129: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$300,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF FLEET OPERATIONS GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM FOR A SETTLEMENT

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

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Mr. Sheldon stated that this Ordinance will need ten (10) votes to pass.
- No questions or comments from Council or the Public.

F. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events**-10/28/25 Grant Matrix**

Grant Applicant	Sponsor	Amount Approved	Council Member First/Second	Vote
Charity Crossing	Toole	\$2500	Toole/Kilpatrick	12- Yes 1 - Not Voting
The Hagley Museum and Library	Durham	\$2500	Durham/Kilpatrick	12- Yes 1 - Not Voting
Strong Towns Wilmington Association*	Durham	\$2500	Durham/Kilpatrick	12- Yes 1 - Not Voting

G. Expense and Revenue Round Table

-None

H. Other

- Mr. Smiley reached out to Mr. Wasserbach to update Council.
- Mr. Wasserbach gave an update on his reassessment process study.
- Comments from Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Toole, Mr. Carter, Mr. Street, Mr. Hollins, and Mr. Tackett.
- No public comment.

I. Public Comment

-None

J. Adjournment

- Motion by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Mr. Carter to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.

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