



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

February 3, 2026
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. This is the January 27, 2026 agenda that was rescheduled to today.

-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-Johns.

-Mr. Smiley made two announcements:

-Ordinance 26-007 to add Councilman Toole as Sponsor.

-The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report will not be presented at this meeting due to the change of the original Finance meeting. The presentation will be placed on the February 24, 2026 Finance agenda meeting.

B. Approval of Minutes - January 13, 2026

-A motion by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, to approve the minutes of January 13, 2026. Finance Committee meeting. All in favor.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R26-019: APOLOGIZING TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONDUCT UNBECOMING A COUNCIL
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

Co-sponsor(s): Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street

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

-Ms. Kilpatrick explained the Resolution.

-Comments from Mr. Carter, Ms. Durham, and Mr. Caneco.

- Mr. Toole, Mr. Cartier, and Mr. Caneco asked to be added as Co-Sponsors.

-No public comment.

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-005: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TO THE WASTEWATER 2026 DHSS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF

PUBLIC WORKS

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

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

°26-007: TRANSFERRING THE LOCAL SERVICE FUNCTION OF RECREATION TO THE TOWN OF ELSMERE

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

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

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events**- 2/3/26 Grant Matrix**

Grant Applicant	Sponsor	Amount Approved	Council Member First/Second	Vote
Police Athletic League of Wilmington	Hollins	\$3,000	Hollins/Tackett	12 - Yes 1 - Not voting

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

- None

G. Other

-FY 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) - Bob Wasserbach

-Discussion of Council submitted FY2027 Annual Budget

-Mr. Smiley briefly discussed the Council Budget. Budget Hearing Schedule #2 was sent out to Council, the Administration, and to the City of Wilmington. This will be the schedule as long as there are no conflicts with the City.

H. Public Comment

- None

I. Council Member Comment

-Comments from Mr. Street, Mr. Smiley and Mr. Caneco regarding the situation of the past snow storm and how it impacted the Colonial school district and communities involved.

J. Adjournment

--Motion by Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Toole to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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