



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING MEETING

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

April 23, 2026
2:00 PM
TO
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 Budget Hearing was called to order at 02:00 PM by Mr. Cartier.

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

Members absent: None

B. Approval of Minutes - April 16, 2026

- Mr. Smiley made a motion and Ms. George seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2026. Budget Hearing. Motion to approve was unanimous.

C. Land Use

David Culver, General Manager

- NCC General Manager of Land Use, David Culver, presented the Department of Land Use budget.
- Members of council discussed the presentation with Mr. Culver.
- Mr. Carter recognized that Mr. Tackett and Ms. Williams-Johns had come into the chamber from virtual.
- Mr. Culver thanked members of his staff for assistance in preparing the presentation.
- No public comment.

D. Public Safety

- Public Safety Budget Presentation Document

Public Safety--Elmer Setting, Director

- NCC Director of Public Safety Elmer Setting made remarks.
- Mr. Hollins and Mr. Carter commented.
- Mr. Setting commented and thanked his deputy director.
- Mr. Setting introduced NCC Public Safety Department Finance Officer Karla Jones.
- Ms. Jones presented the Department of Public Safety budget.

- Mr. Cartier recognized Mr. Street as being at the meeting virtually.
- Mr. Smiley confirmed that Mr. Street had been at the meeting virtually.
- Members of council made comments and asked questions of both Ms. Jones and Mr. Setting.
- No public comment.

Police - James Leonard, Colonel

- NCC Chief of Police, Colonel James Leonard, presented the Department of Police budget.
- Members of council commented and asked questions of Colonel Leonard.
- Colonel Leonard responded to questions.
- No public comment.

Crossing Guards

- NCC Crossing Guard Supervisor, Colleen Gilliland, presented the Department of Crossing Guards budget.
- Mr. Tackett, Mr. Street, Ms. Williams-Johns commented and asked questions.
- Ms. Gilliland responded.
- No public comment.

Emergency Medical Services - Mark Logermann, Chief

- NCC Chief of Emergency Medical Services Mark Logermann presented the EMS budget.
- Members of council commented and asked questions of Chief Logermann.
- Chief Logermann responded to questions.
- No public comment.

Emergency Communications - Donald Holden, Chief

- NCC Chief of Emergency Communications, Donald Holden, presented the Emergency Communications budget.
- Mr. Cartier, Mr. Street, and Mr. Hollins commented.
- No public comment.

Emergency Management - Christopher Hodgden, Coordinator

- NCC Coordinator of Emergency Management, Christopher Hodgden, presented the Department of Emergency Management budget.
- Mr. Cartier and Mr. Smiley conferred about meeting time constraints.
- Mr. Caneco and Mr. Tackett commented and asked Mr. Hodgden questions.
- Mr. Hodgden answered questions.
- No public comment.

E. New Castle County Fire Service

- Dennis Godek, Chairperson of the New Castle County Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board, presented the Board's budget.
- No questions or comments from members of council.
- No public comment.

F. Public Comment - Public comment will be limited to two minutes.

- Ms. Lisa Rice, member of the public, made a comment in support of the police budget.

G. Adjournment

- Mr. Smiley made a motion, and Ms. Kilpatrick seconded, to adjourn the April 23 Budget Hearing. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.
- Mr. Cartier adjourned the meeting at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Gildea, Legislative Assistant to Councilman John Cartier. The meeting was recorded and is available online.