



# NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

April 28, 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.  
-Council members present were: Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter (Virtual), 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 - April 14, 2026

-A motion by Ms. George, seconded by Mr. Carter, to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026, Finance Committee meeting. All in favor.

### C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R26-095: TO SET NEW CASTLE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR THE COUNTY'S PENSION PLANS

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

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

R26-096: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 14.1 ("EXPENDITURES; NECESSARY APPROVALS") RELATING TO EXPENDITURE APPROVALS

Prime Sponsors: Ms. Durham, Mr. Smiley

-Mr. Smiley read the title of the Resolution into the record.  
-Ms. Durham explained the Resolution.  
-Questions and comments from Council members; Mr. Hollins, Mr. Caneco, Ms. Williams-Johns, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Carter, Mr. Smiley, Ms. George, and Mr. Street.  
-No Public Comment.

### D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-034: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED UNTIL MAY 26, 2026) THE ANNUAL REVENUE ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

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

-Mr. Smiley read the titles of Ordinances 26-034, 26-035, 26-036, 26-037, and 26-038 into the record and stated that these Ordinances will be placed on the table at the Council meeting this evening.  
-No questions or comments from Council or the Public.

°26-035: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED UNTIL MAY 26, 2026) CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

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

°26-036: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED UNTIL MAY 26, 2026) 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 2027 CAPITAL BUDGET

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

°26-037: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED UNTIL MAY 26, 2026) THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

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

°26-038: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED UNTIL MAY 26, 2026) ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE CO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

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

°26-039: TO AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 13 ("STORMWATER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS") REGARDING STORMWATER MAINTENANCE AND GREEN VALLEY – PHASE V COMMUNITY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon

-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.

°26-043: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS AND RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLUE VOICE SOFTWARE

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

-Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record and explained the Ordinance.

-No questions or comments from Council or the Public.

°26-044: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (DNREC) THROUGH DELAWARE'S NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, GENERAL PARKLAND IMPROVEMENTS 2021 CAPITAL PROJECT

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

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

-Mr. Carter explained the Ordinance.

-Comments from Mr. Sheldon.

-No Public Comment.

## **E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events**

- 4/28/26 Grant Matrix

| Grant Applicant                    | Sponsor    | Amount Approved | Council Member<br>First/Second | Vote                       |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Hockessin Historical Society, Inc. | Kilpatrick | \$1,450         | Kilpatrick/George              | 12 - Yes<br>1 — Not Voting |

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| Delaware CBTU<br>Chapter | Williams-Johns | \$500 | Williams-<br>Johns/Sheldon | 12 - Yes<br>1 — Not Voting |
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**F. Expense and Revenue Round Table**

-None

**G. Other**

-Mr. Smiley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick, to transfer \$50,000 from the Council Contingency account to the Professional Service Line.

-All in favor.

-Council members had a discussion about the location of the May 7th Budget Hearing location.

**H. Public Comment**

-None

**I. Council Member Comment**

-None

**J. Adjournment**

--Motion by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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