



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

May 26, 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, 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.

B. Approval of Minutes - 05-12-2026

-A motion by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026, Finance Committee meeting. All in favor.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R26-108: APPROVING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF COUNTY TAXES ON TAX PARCEL NUMBER 08-009.000-61

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.

R26-109: APPROVING THE RECREATIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF THE WILMINGTON COMMUNITY ROWING FOUNDATION, LLC'S PROPERTY LOCATED AT 501 A STREET, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801 TAX PARCEL NO. 26-050.00-037

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

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

-Mr. Hollins explained the Resolution.

-No questions or comments from Council or the Public.

R26-110: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 4 ("REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS") AND RULE NO. 5 ("COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS") RELATING TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

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

-Questions and comments from Mr. Caneco and Ms. Durham.

-Mr. Smiley will be tabling this Resolution tonight.

-No public comment.

R26-111: URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS, INCLUDING IMPACTS ON COUNTY GOVERNMENT, FOR ALL STATE LEGISLATION AFFECTING COUNTY OPERATIONS, SERVICES, OR REVENUES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Resolution into the record.
- Mr. Carter explained the Resolution.
- Comments from Mr. Smiley and Mr. Street. Mr. Toole, Ms. Durham, Mr. Cartier, and Mr. Caneco asked to be added as Co-Sponsors.
- No public comment.

R26-085: (STATUS: TABLED) ADOPTING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 THROUGH 2032

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

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Resolution into the record and also stated that he would make a motion to go out of order.
- No questions or comments from Council or the Public.

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-054: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE THE MONETARY VALUE OF DONATED LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR THE SOURCING AND PLANTING TREES FROM THE ROUTE 9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO THE HOLLOWAY TERRACE PARK LANDSCAPE SERVICES DONATION GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF PARKS

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Street

- Mr. Smiley read the Ordinance into the record.
- Mr. Sheldon explained the Ordinance.
- Ms. Williams-Johns asked to be Co-Sponsor.
- No public comment.

°26-034: (STATUS: TABLED) 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 title of the Ordinance into the record and explained the Ordinance.
- Questions and comments from Mr. Cartier, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Tackett, and Mr. Carter.
- Mr. DelGrande answered the questions from Council.
- Public comment from Lisa Rice.

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

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.

°26-036: (STATUS: 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 2027 CAPITAL BUDGET

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.

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

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.

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

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.

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

- 5/26/26 Grant Matrix

Grant Applicant	Sponsor	Amount Approved	Council Member First/Second	Vote
Corbit-Calloway Memorial Library	Caneco	\$3,000	Caneco/Cartier	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
Delaware City Library	Caneco	\$3,000	Caneco/Carter	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
New Castle Library	Caneco	\$3,000	Caneco/Carter	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
Village of Bayberry North Maintenance Corporation	Caneco	\$3,000	Caneco/Carter	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
Cannonshire Maintenance Association	George	\$339	George/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
Foster Well	George	\$1,656.15	George/Cartier	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
Police Athletic League of Wilmington	Hollins	\$5,000	Hollins/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
United Way of Delaware	Sheldon	\$5,000	Sheldon/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
Face the Facts DE/ The Vincent Tambourelli Family Assistance Fund	Williams-Johns	\$4,000	Sheldon/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
Rheal Urban LLC	Williams-Johns	\$1,000	Williams-Johns/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
Stone Square 22	Williams-Johns	\$1,500	Williams-Johns/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce of the NE	Williams-Johns	\$1,500	Williams-Johns/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
Emerg Wellness Center	Williams-Johns	\$2,000	Williams-Johns/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting

Project Act, Inc.	Williams-Johns	\$2,000	Williams-Johns/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
Stop the Violence Prayer Foundation	Williams-Johns	\$500	Williams-Johns/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting
Center for Historic Architecture and Design – University of Delaware	Durham	\$5,000	Durham/Kilpatrick	12 - Yes 1 - Not Voting

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

-None

G. Other

-Mr. Sheldon wanted to be clear that 10 votes is needed this evening to pass the budget.

H. Public Comment

-Stephanie Royle

I. Council Member Comment

-None

J. Adjournment

--Motion by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Ms. George, to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

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