



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

June 23, 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 (Virtual), 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 - June 9, 2026

-A motion by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Mr. Carter, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2026, Finance Committee meeting. All in favor.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R26-133: ESTABLISHING THE DATE FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION RELATING TO ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

-Mr. Smiley read the title of the Resolution into the record.
-Michael Migliori, Counsel to Council, explained the Resolution.
-Comments from Mr. Street.
-No Public Comment.

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-071: TO APPROPRIATE \$340,000 IN THE GARSTIN TRUST TO BE ADMINISTERED BY 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.
-Comments from Mr. Tackett.
-No Public Comment.

°26-072: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION FUND AND REDUCE BOND FUNDING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, GAME COURT 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.
- Comment from Mr. Street.
- No Public Comment.

°26-073: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND REDUCE BOND FUNDING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, GLASGOW REGIONAL PARK CAPITAL PROJECT

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

- Mr. Smiley read the title of the Ordinance into the record.
- Mr. Carter explained the Ordinance.
- Mr. Tackett asked to be added as Co-Sponsor.
- No Public Comment.

°26-074: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, REASSESSMENT 2024 CAPITAL PROJECT

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

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

°26-075: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR REASSESSMENT

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

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

°26-076: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT TO DEBT SERVICE FOR GENERAL FUND DEBT SERVICE INTEREST PAYMENTS

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

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

°26-079: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR WIGGINS MILL NATURAL AREA AND SOUTHERN REGIONAL PARK

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

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

°26-080: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SOUTHERN REGIONAL PARK CAPITAL PROJECT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

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

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

-None

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

-None

G. Other

- Impact fee update - David Del Grande

- David Del Grande, Chief Financial Officer, gave a detailed explanation of the Impact Fees.
- Comments and questions from Mr. Caneco, Ms. Durham, Mr. Carter, Mr. Tackett, and Mr. Carter.
- No Public comment.

- Discussion of the Incyte Wilmington Offices Sale - Councilman Tackett

- Mr. Tackett requested a discussion on the Incyte Wilmington Offices sale.
- David Del Grande, Chief Financial Officer, stated that, due to the legal situation of the legal terms of this topic, he would be limited to answering any questions.
- Comments and questions from Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Tackett and Michael Migliore, Counsel to Council.
- No Public comment.

-Discussion of Administrative Aide to County Council position

- Ms. Kilpatrick explained the background of this position. This posting will be an in-house posting and will only go outside once there are no candidates from within.
- Comments and questions from Mr. Smiley, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Ms. Durham, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Tackett, and Ms. Hill.
- A hand vote was taken to approve the posting of the position of Administrative Aide to County Council: 7 — Yes, 3 — No and 3 — Not voting.
- No Public comment.

H. Public Comment

-None

I. Council Member Comment

- Mr. Street stated that it is our responsibility to give the staff help when asked.
- Mr. Hollins we really need to work together going forward.

J. Adjournment

- Motion by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Mr. Toole to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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