

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

- A.** The meeting was called to order by President Hartley-Nagle at 6:30 p.m.  
A moment of silence was recognized; members of Council performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Present

William J. Bell  
David Carter  
John J. Cartier  
Elisa Diller  
Dee Durham  
Karen Hartley-Nagle  
Penrose Hollins  
Janet T. Kilpatrick  
Timothy P. Sheldon  
George Smiley  
Jea P. Street  
David L. Tackett  
Kenneth R. Woods

**B. Approval of Minutes:**

- Councilman Smiley moved to approve the February 23, 2021 council meeting minutes, it was seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick, and all were in favor.

**C. Announcements:**

- Councilman Hollins announced that, at the appropriate time, he will move to go out of order for the purpose of making a presentation.

**D. Introduction of Ordinances:**

°21-020: AMEND THE FY2021 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: TRANSFER \$5,000 FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES BUDGET LINE OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley

°21-021: TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GRANVILLE STREET LIGHTS WITH HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM (HPS) BULBS IN THE VALLEY GROVE SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE MILL CREEK HUNDRED AND FOR A LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS. Introduced by: Ms. Kilpatrick

°21-022: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$72,411.09 IN STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) – FY2021 OVERTIME AND TRAINING GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

°21-023: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$26,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE–SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SLEAF) TO THE SLEAF – 3 DAY VIRTUAL INSTRUCTOR TRAINING GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

°21-024: TO AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 40 (“UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE”), ARTICLE 22 (“DRAINAGE, UTILITIES, SEPTIC SYSTEMS, PARKING, LOADING, AND LIGHTING”), DIVISION 40.22.700 (“EXTERIOR LIGHTING STANDARDS”) TO REQUIRE THAT ALL NEW CASTLE COUNTY APPROVED LIGHT SOURCES USE LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) OR EQUALLY ENERGY EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGY. Introduced by: Ms. Durham, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Hollins

**E. Reports from Select and Special Committees:**

- Councilman Cartier reported that the Finance Committee met on 3/9/21 and discussed items on tonight’s agenda and reviewed grant requests.
- Councilman Hollins reported that the Executive Committee met on 3/9/21 and discussed items on tonight’s agenda and discussed Councilmember requests for departmental assistance.

**F. Consent Calendar: None**

**G. Presentations:**

**H. Consideration of Resolutions Removed from the Consent Calendar and Other Resolutions:**

R21-031: HONORING DR. JOAN COKER’S WORK AND PIONEERING LEADERSHIP TO SAVE LIVES DURING THE MOST DEVASTATING PANDEMIC OF OUR LIFETIME.

Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Mr. Bell, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Woods

--It was moved and seconded that R21-031 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

--Public comment: Ken Boulden

Resolution 21-031—Adopted

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

- Councilman Hollins moved to go out of order to present R21-031 to the recipients. The motion was seconded and approved. Councilman Hollins presented R21-031 to the recipients.

R21-032: NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL CALLS UPON THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE THROUGH THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DIVISION OF POLICE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE PLAN TO REDUCE THE VIOLENCE IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY. Introduced by: Mr. Street, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle, Mr. Woods, Mr. Carter

--It was moved and seconded that R21-032 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

Resolution 21-032—Adopted

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

R21-033: NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMEND DELAWARE CODE TITLE 9, SECTIONS 1120(B) AND 1392 IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY. Introduced by: Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Hartley-Nagle, Ms. Durham, Mr. Woods

--It was moved and seconded that R21-033 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

Resolution 20-033—Adopted

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

**I. Consideration of Ordinances:**

°21-014: AMEND THE FY2021 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: ALLOCATE \$26,640,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND REASSESSMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Carter, Mr. Woods, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Hartley-Nagle, Ms. Diller

--It was moved and seconded that °21-014 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

Ordinance 21-014—Adopted

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

°21-015: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED SERVICE ROW OFFICE EMPLOYEES TO UPGRADE THE POSITION TITLE OF RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR. Introduced by: Ms. Hartley-Nagle

--It was moved and seconded that °21-015 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

Ordinance 21-015—Adopted

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

°21-016: TO AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 1607, TO REVISE THE POSITION TITLE OF SYSTEMS ANALYST TO SENIOR APPLICATION ENGINEER AND TO APPROVE THE REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION. Introduced by: Ms. Hartley-Nagle

--It was moved and seconded that °21-016 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

Ordinance 21-016—Adopted

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

°21-017: TO AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND TO ADOPT THE CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION TITLE OF DEPUTY CHIEF OF TECHNOLOGY. Introduced by: Ms. Hartley-Nagle

--It was moved and seconded that °21-017 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

Ordinance 21-017—Adopted

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

°21-019: AMEND THE FY2021 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: TRANSFER \$5,000 FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE SALARIES AND WAGES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES BUDGET LINE ITEMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Bell

--It was moved and seconded that °21-019 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

Ordinance 21-019—Adopted

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

**J. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions:**

R21-034: CONGRATULATING KENNETH W. BOULDEN, JR. ON HIS RETIREMENT AND BESTOWING THE HONORARY TITLE OF CLERK OF THE PEACE EMERITUS. Introduced by: Mrs. Hartley-Nagle, Mr. Bell

--It was moved and seconded that R21-034 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

--Public comment: Lisa Darrah, Ken Boulden

Resolution 20-034—Adopted

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

**K. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances: None**

**L. Public Comment/Other:**

- Council President Hartley-Nagle announced that she would allow County Council to host the New Castle County Civic League
  - Council discussion
- Councilman Carter discussed his recent NACO experience.

**M. Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further testimony, a motion was made by Councilman Smiley to adjourn, it was seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

*A recording of the meeting is available upon request.*

*Respectfully submitted by Anthony deFiore, Legislative Assistant.*