



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
Administrative-Finance Committee
April 27, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Webinar Meeting

MINUTES

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

- The Administrative-Finance Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Councilman Smiley. A roll call of Council Members was taken. Council Members Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Street, Tackett, and President Hartley-Nagle. Councilman Woods gave advance notice that he would be absent due to being ill.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion was made by Councilman Cartier, seconded by Councilwoman Diller, to accept the April 13, 2021, Administrative-Finance Committee Minutes. All in favor.

III. RESOLUTION(S):

[R21-074](#): AMEND THE FY2021 CAPITAL PROGRAM: APPROPRIATE \$100,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BOND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT. Introduced by: Mr. Bell

- Mr. Smiley read the title.
- Mr. Bell explained the Resolution in detail. He also thanked Rep. Cook and Sen. Brown for their participation.
- Discussion from Council.
- No Public Comment.

[R21-075](#): TO SET NEW CASTLE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2022 CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR THE COUNTY'S PENSION PLANS. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

- Mr. Smiley read the title.
- Questions and discussion from Council.
- No Public Comment.

IV. ORDINANCE(S):

[°21-046](#): AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR HOURLY RATED CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFFILIATE LOCAL 459. Introduced by: Ms. Hartley-Nagle

- Mr. Smiley read the title.
- Ms. Hartley-Nagle stated per title.
- No Discussion from Council.
- No Public Comment.

[°21-048](#): TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 38 (“UTILITIES”), ARTICLE 2 (“SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL”) REGARDING AN EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT (“EDU”) CHARGE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

- Mr. Smiley read and explained the Ordinance.
- No Discussion from Council.
- No Public Comment.

[°21-037](#): (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) THE ANNUAL REVENUE ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

- Mr. Smiley requested that Ordinance Nos. 21-037, 21-038, 21-039, 21-040, and 21-041 all be read as a group and tabled.
- No discussion from Council.
- No Public Comment.

[°21-038](#): (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

[°21-039](#): (STATUS: TO BE 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 2022 CAPITAL BUDGET. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

[°21-040](#): (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

[°21-041](#): (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

IV. OTHER:

- Discussion of Resolution No. 21-077 - Councilwoman Kilpatrick
[R21-077](#): SUPPORTING DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE BILL NO. 170. Introduced by: Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Ms. Hartley-Nagle
 - Councilwoman Kilpatrick explained the Resolution and House Bill No. 170.
 - Discussion and questions from Council.
- New Castle County Council Grant Requests/Community Event

<u>Grant Applicant</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u>	<u>Council Member Motion/Second</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Charity Crossing	Tackett	\$450.	Tackett/Kilpatrick	Yes – 11 No – 0 Absent - 1 Not voting – 1 (Smiley)

SNNC Rotary Foundation	Bell/Carter	\$600. Bell - \$300. Carter - \$300. .	Bell/Kilpatrick	Yes – 11 No – 0 Absent - 1 Not voting – 1 (Smiley)
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- Expense & Revenue Round Table
 - None
- Comments by the County Executive Branch
 - None
 - Council President Hartley Nagle requested that Council approve a grant to assist the City of Wilmington Council person Oliver with an event she will be hosting. No specific information was presented. After discussion of Council, Council President Hartley-Nagle stated that if the proper material was not received in time for an approval by Council, she will use her personal funds to sponsor.
 - Councilman Sheldon brought to the Council’s attention the decision of the Christiana School Board regarding the School Tax interest payments. There was discussion by Council.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion made by Councilman Cartier, seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

A recording of the meeting is available upon request. Respectfully submitted by Christine Roberts, Legislative Assistant, to Councilman George Smiley.

****In accordance with Governor Carney’s recently issued Proclamation, coupled with the Governor’s Declaration of a State of Emergency, New Castle County Council is holding this meeting as a telephone and video conference, utilizing Zoom Webinar. The link to join the meeting via computer, smart device, or smart phone is: <https://zoom.us/j/377322142>**