

Administrative-Finance Committee
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NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
Administrative-Finance Committee
March 26, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.
8th Floor Council Conference Room

AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3/12/19 Administrative-Finance Committee Minutes

II. RESOLUTIONS:

R19-057: URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE DELAWARE CODE TO PERMIT NEW CASTLE COUNTY THE AUTHORITY TO COLLECT DELINQUENT SEWER SERVICE CHARGES THROUGH THE TAX MONITION PROCESS ESTABLISHED FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Ms. Diller

III. ORDINANCES:

°19-022: AMEND THE FY2019 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$116,222.90 OF TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE AND \$53,200.25 OF SEWER RATE STABILIZATION RESERVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF FINANCE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES BUDGET LINE ITEM. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2019 Approved Operating Budget by appropriating \$116,222.90 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve and \$53,200.25 from the Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve to the Department of Administration, Office of Finance Contractual Services Budget Line Item. These additional funds totaling \$169,423.15 represent the unclaimed property amount due to the State of Delaware that was previously taken into revenue by New Castle County between 1999 and 2012. The revised FY2019 Approved Operating Budget will be \$292,107,754.

°19-023: TO AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 2 (“ADMINISTRATION”), ARTICLE 2 (“COUNTY COUNCIL”), TO RAISE THE THRESHOLD FOR COUNTY COUNCIL CONTRACT APPROVAL TO \$50,000. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will increase governmental efficiency by decreasing the workload for staff currently allocated toward preparing certain contracts requiring Council legislative approval and allow their time to be reallocated appropriately. Since February 2017, there have been forty-three contracts between the \$25,000 and \$50,000 threshold that required Council legislative approval.

°19-024: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14 (“FINANCE AND TAXATION”), ARTICLE 5 (“ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AND PENALTY”), SECTION 14.05.003. (“AUTHORITY”) RELATING TO AUTHORITY. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance makes technical amendments and clarifies the process to abate or discount penalty and/or taxes under New Castle County Code Section 14.05.003. There is no discernible fiscal impact.

IV. OTHER:

- Update on Property Tax Rate Calculations
- Overview of the New Castle County’s FY2020 Budget
- New Castle County Council Grant Requests/Community Events
- Expense & Revenue Round Table
- Comments by the County Executive Branch
- Other

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

AGENDA POSTED: March 19, 2019

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