



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
Administrative-Finance Committee
April 9, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.
8th Floor Council Conference Room

AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3/26/19 Administrative-Finance Committee Minutes

II. RESOLUTIONS:

R19-065: TO SET NEW CASTLE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2020 CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR THE COUNTY'S PENSION PLANS

FISCAL NOTE: *New Castle County Code* Section 26.04.603 requires that, on the basis of reasonable actuarial assumptions and tables approved by the Board of Trustees, the actuary shall determine the normal cost of the plan required to meet the actuarial cost of current service and the total unfunded accrued liability of the various County pension programs. This Resolution, if approved, would change the total County Pension Contribution Rate, for the four primary County pension plans and the School Crossing Guards' pension plan from 29.82% to 35.95%. The total cost to the County for all pension plan contributions, including the County's contribution to the Delaware County and Municipal Police/Firefighter Pension Plan is estimated to be \$27,560,640.

The County's contributions to the following plans are as follows:

Delaware County and Municipal Police/Firefighter Pension Plan (State Pension Plan):	\$5,314,708
School Crossing Guards' Pension Plan (County Pension Plan):	105,892
Employee Retirement System, Alternate Pension Plan, County Employees' Pension Plan, and County 2011 Pension Plan (County Pension Plan):	<u>22,140,040</u>

Total County Contribution to All Pension Plans: \$27,560,640

The overall pension contribution rate of 35.95% for the four primary County pension plans and the School Crossing Guards' pension plan will remain constant for Fiscal Year 2020. However, the rates provided for the Police Pension Plan may vary since the State of Delaware adjusts them accordingly.

III. ORDINANCES:

***19-026: TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRADITIONAIRE STREET LIGHTS IN THE CHESTNUT HILL PRESERVE SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN WHITE CLAY CREEK AND PENCADER HUNDRED AND FOR A LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS.**
Introduced by: Ms. Diller

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance provides for the installation of TRADIONAIRE street lights and the assessment of a light tax based on the full annual cost of the street lighting on those CHESTNUT HILL PRESERVE SUBDIVISION properties set forth in the petition filed with the Clerk of County Council. The light tax assessed on these properties deriving the benefits of street lighting will be billed in conjunction with the annual property tax billing. The increased expenditure to the County resulting from the installation and maintenance will be offset by the increased revenues realized from the light tax assessment.

°19-027: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2019 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE 2019 NEW CASTLE COUNTY SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street, Mr. Smiley

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$100,000 in funding to the 2019 New Castle County Youth Employment Program Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services. Partial funding for this program will be provided from the County Council - Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2019 Approved Operating Budget. The New Castle County Youth Employment Program provides employment experiences for youths between the ages of 14 and 20 during the months of June through August that will promote responsibility, team work and a work ethic. New Castle County funding will come from County Council via a companion Ordinance. State funding for this program is also anticipated to be received from the State of Delaware Department of Labor - Delaware Workforce Investment Board via Ordinances 19-018 and 19-019. The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$100,000.

°19-028: AMEND THE FY2019 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE 2019 NEW CASTLE COUNTY SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRANT. Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street, Mr. Smiley

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$100,000 from the County Council Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY20 19 Approved Operating Budget to the 2019 New Castle County Summer Youth Employment Program Grant. There will be no net fiscal impact if this Ordinance and its companion Ordinance are approved as the legislation affects a transfer of already-appropriated funds. The resulting effect will be the transfer of \$100,000 of FY20 19 Approved Operating Budget spending authority to the Grants Budget. State funding for this program is also anticipated to be received from the State of Delaware Department of Labor - Delaware Workforce Investment Board via Ordinances 19-018 and 19-019. There is no fiscal impact beyond FY2019.

°19-023: (STATUS: TABLED) 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: (STATUS: TABLED) 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:

- **Purchase and Disposal of Government Assets**
- **County Council Travel Request – County Auditor**
- **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: April 2, 2019

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