



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
Administrative-Finance Committee
February 9, 2021 – 5:00 PM
Virtual Zoom Webinar Meeting

MINUTES

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Councilman Cartier. The roll was called. Members present: Mr. Bell, Mr.

Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Diller, Ms. Durham, Ms. Hartley-Nagle, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley,

Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett and Mr. Woods.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the 1/26/21 Administrative-Finance Meeting

- A motion was made by Mr. Smiley and seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021

meeting. The vote was unanimously in favor of approval.

III. RESOLUTIONS:

R21-017: CONGRATULATING THE OFFICE OF FINANCE FOR EARNING THE DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 31 CONSECUTIVE YEARS. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

- Mr. Cartier read and explained the resolution.

- The floor was opened to the public and there were no comments.

IV. ORDINANCES:

°21-010: TO AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFFILIATE LOCAL 459 FOR THE POSITION OF BARN MANAGER. Introduced by: Ms. Hartley-Nagle

- Mr. Cartier read the ordinance.

- Ms. Hartley-Nagle requested the ordinance be considered by title and then invited a member of the County

Administration to comment.

- NCC Community Services Manager Jane Rattenni explained the ordinance.

- The floor was opened to the public and there were no comments.

°21-011: TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GRANVILLE LIGHTS WITH 12FT ALUMINUM POLES IN THE SUMMIT POINTE SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE PENCADER HUNDRED AND FOR A LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS. Introduced by: Mr. Carter

- Mr. Cartier read the ordinance.
- Mr. Carter explained the ordinance.
- The floor was opened to the public and there were no comments.

°21-012: TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ARLINGTON STREET LIGHTS IN THE WHISPERING WOODS SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN ST GEORGES HUNDRED AND FOR A LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS. Introduced by: Mr. Bell

- Mr. Cartier read the ordinance.
- Mr. Bell requested the ordinance be considered by title.
- The floor was opened to the public and there were no comments.

V. OTHER:

- New Castle County Council Grant Requests/Community Events

Grant Applicant	Sponsor	Amount Approved	Council Member First/Second	Vote
BrandywineBOTS Robotics Club, Inc.	Ms. Durham	Up to \$2,500 Durham: \$1,200 Hollins: 900 Cartier: 250 Tackett: 150 TOTAL: \$2,500	Ms. Durham (Up to \$2,500)/Ms. Kilpatrick	Yes- 12 No- 0 Not Voting-1 (Smiley)
Friendship House	*Mr. Carter	Up to \$10,000 Carter: 5,000 Smiley: 5,000 TOTAL: \$ 10,000	Mr. Carter (Up to \$10,000)/Ms. Kilpatrick	Yes- 13 No- 0

--Council members present for the vote on grants: Mr. Bell, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Diller, Ms. Durham, Ms. Hartley-Nagle, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett and Mr. Woods.

- * Mr. Carter made a motion to lift grant cap of \$2,500 for this pilot program. Ms. Kilpatrick seconded. Vote to lift grant cap was unanimous.

- Expense & Revenue Round Table

- The floor was opened to the public.
- Mr. Smiley announced that he will be introducing a resolution outlining the County’s path for property reassessment and an ordinance transferring funds to the reassessment account at the February 23 Administrative-Finance Committee meeting.
- Mr. Cartier commented on the reassessment efforts.
- Mr. Carter offered to co-sponsor.
- Mr. Smiley commented.
- There were no further comments from the public.

- Comments by the County Executive Branch

- NCC policy advisor Sue Moore notified the Council that the legislation directing the County to proceed with

property reassessment has passed the House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

She also noted that the County Executive has given away 200 free "Little Libraries" across the County.

Finally, Ms. Moore acknowledged that the County Executive named Ms. Charuni Patibanda as the New Castle

County Economic Director. Ms. Moore introduced Ms. Patibanda.

- NCC Economic Director Charuni Patibanda introduced herself to Council.

- Ms. Moore recognized Councilwoman Dee Durham's role in the early promotion of the Little Libraries program.

- **Other**

- No comment from Council.

- The floor was opened to the public and there were no comments.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- The floor was opened to the public and there were no comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Smiley made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Diller seconded. Motion to adjourn was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

A recording of this meeting is available upon request. Respectfully submitted by Michele Rossi Gildea, Legislative Assistant to Administrative-Finance Committee Co-Chair John Cartier.

*In accordance with Governor Carney's Proclamation, coupled with the Governor's Declaration of a State of Emergency, New Castle County Council held this meeting as a telephone and video conference, utilizing Zoom Webinar. Meeting materials, including a meeting agenda, legislation to be addressed during the meeting, and other materials related to the meeting are electronically accessible at <https://nccde.org/AgendaCenter/County-Council-1>