

MINUTES
Administrative Committee-Finance Committee
March 26, 2019

- I. Administrative-Finance Committee Co-chair George Smiley convened the Administrative-Finance Committee meeting at 1:30 p.m. on 3/26/19 in the 8th Floor Council Conference Room.
- II. Council members present were: Mr. Bell, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Diller, Ms. Durham, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Woods, Mr. Hollins, and Mr. Tackett
- III. Mr. Cartier made a motion to accept the minutes from the 3/12/19 Finance Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Diller and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- IV. 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

- Mr. Smiley read the title.
- Ms. Diller explained the resolution.
- The floor was opened to the public for comment and there was none.

- V. 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

- Mr. Smiley read the title and explained the ordinance.
- David Gregor, CFO, spoke about the legislation and responded to questions.
- The floor was opened to the public for comment and there was none.

°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

- Mr. Smiley read the title.
- Mr. Cartier announced that he was tabling °19-023 this evening.

°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

- Mr. Smiley read the title and announced that he was tabling °19-024 this evening.

- VI. Other:

- **Update on Property Tax Rate Calculations**
 - David Gregor, CFO, provided a handout and commented on Special Finance Committee Meeting held at 9 AM on March 26th at the government center.
- **Overview of the New Castle County FY2020 Budget**
 - Mr. Gregor, CFO, provided a handout and gave a presentation on the County’s FY2020 Budget.
 - Public Comments were made by John Spence, Local 459.

- **New Castle County Council Grant Requests/Community Events:**

Grant Applicant	Sponsor	Amount Approved	Council Member Motion/Second	Vote
Police Unity Tour Chapter IX, Inc.	Bell	\$2500 (Bell \$250, Kilpatrick \$250, Woods \$250, Hartley-Nagle \$250, Cartier \$150, Sheldon \$250, Diller \$200, Durham \$250, Hollins \$250, Smiley \$200, Tackett \$150, Cartier \$50)	Bell/Kilpatrick	Yes –11, No – 0 Not Voting – 1 (Smiley)
The CHANCE Foundation	Street	\$2500	Smiley/Kilpatrick	Yes –11, No – 0 Not Voting – 1 (Smiley)
Loving Touch Animal Clinic, PA	Tackett	\$1600	Tackett/Diller	Yes –11, No – 0 Not Voting – 1 (Smiley)
Kiamensi Civic Association	Sheldon	\$750	Sheldon/Kilpatrick	Yes –11, No – 0 Not Voting – 1 (Smiley)
Newark High School PTSA	Diller	\$1000	Diller/Kilpatrick	Yes –11, No – 0 Not Voting – 1 (Smiley)
Delaware City Fire Company*	Bell	\$10,000 (Bell \$5000, Smiley \$3000, Hartley-Nagle \$2000)	Bell/Tackett	Yes –12, No – 0 Not Voting – 1 (Smiley)

*Councilman Bell moved to suspend Council Rules and to exceed the \$2500 grant limit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and approved.

- **Expense & Revenue Round Table**

- Mr. Smiley asked Mr. Hojnicky about upgrading the recording system in Council’s 8th Floor Conference Room. Mr. Hojnicky informed Council that a new recording system along with equipment for video conferencing is included in the upgrades.

- **Comments by the Executive Office**

- Susan Moore, Executive Office, noted that:
 - “Community Conversations” event focusing on land preservation issues throughout New Castle County will take place Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 3:00-6:30 PM at Gilliam Building.

Four County Executive’s Town Hall Meetings on the FY20 Budget:

- April 18, 2019, 6:30 PM, Odessa Fire Hall
- April 24, 2019, 6:30 PM, Brandywine Hundred Library
- April 30, 2019, 6:30 PM, Rt. 9 Library
- May 6, 2019, 6:30 PM, Newark Library

- **Other – None**

VIII. Public Comment – None

IX. Ms. Diller made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 PM.

A recording of the meeting is available upon request. Respectfully submitted by Tara Finnigan, Legislative Aide to Administrative-Finance Committee Co-Chair George Smiley.