

**NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

****VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING****

MINUTES

Council Members Present:

Mr. Jea Street, Co-Chair
Ms. Karen Hartley-Nagle, President
Mr. John Cartier
Mr. George Smiley
Ms. Janet Kilpatrick
Mr. David Tackett
Mr. Timothy Sheldon

Mr. Bill Bell, Co-Chair
Mr. Penrose Hollins, Pro-Temp
Mr. Kenneth Woods
Ms. Dee Durham
Ms. Lisa Diller
Mr. David Carter

1. Call to Order

- Councilman Street called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from the May 12, 2020 Meeting

- A motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020 Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Councilman Smiley, seconded by Councilman Bell, and approved unanimously by the members present.

3. °20-055:

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$278,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), \$452,380 IN LOCAL FUNDING FROM NEW CASTLE COUNTY AND \$75,000 IN PRIVATE FUNDING FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE GROUP (PSEG) NUCLEAR TO FUND THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM) FOR FY2021.

4. °20-056:

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

AMEND THE ANNUAL FY2021 OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE FY2021 APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, BY \$452,380 TO PROVIDE THE ANNUAL COUNTY MATCH FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT FOR FY2021.

5. °20-057:

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$70,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FY2020 GRANT.

6. °20-058:

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$75,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO THE FEDERAL EMPG-S FY20 COVID-19 SUPPLEMENT GRANT.

- Councilman Bell stated that °20-055, °20-056, °20-057, °20-058 are related to the Emergency Management Office.
- Dave Carpenter, Coordinator of Emergency Management, addressed each one of the grants. °20-055 and °20-056 encompass the funding for FY 2021 operating budget and °20-057 and °20-058 encompass supplemental funding for the FY2020 budget.
- Questions and discussion.
- No vote.

7. **°20-066:** **Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street**
AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$147,886 OF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THROUGH THE DELAWARE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL (CJC) TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPANSION OF VICTIM SERVICES – FOURTH YEAR GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.
- Councilman Street read the title and called on Colonel Vaughn Bond who explained that this grant is for the additional victims advocate positions.
 - No questions or discussion.
 - No vote.
8. **°20-067:** **Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street**
AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$34,402.00 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE–SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SLEAF) TO THE SLEAF – POWER HAWK NERAT GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.
- Colonel Bond gave an overview of this grant which will aid in dismantling explosive devices.
 - No questions or discussion.
 - No vote.
9. Up-date on Deployment due to Protests
- Colonel Bond gave an overview of the NCCPD’s involvement in the protests that were held in the City of Wilmington, New Castle City, Middletown, Claymont and Philadelphia Pike.
 - No questions or discussion.
 - No vote.
10. Other
- Mr. Street discussed his concerns regarding the NCCPD.
 - Comments and discussion by Colonel Bond and Council.
11. Public Comment
- Ken Dunn, Executive’ Office, discussed the COVID-19 testing. If anyone has an issue obtaining their test results, the number to call is 302-395-3450.
 - Larry Tarabicious had a comment.
12. Adjournment
- Motion was made by Councilman Smiley, seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Barlow, Legislative Aide to Councilman Bell, Co-Chairman Public Safety Committee. This meeting of the Public Safety Committee was also taped and a recording of the meeting is available upon request.

***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>**