

**MINUTES**  
**New Castle County Council FY15 Budget Hearings**  
**Admin. Services, Law, Finance, H.R., & Ethics**  
**May 12, 2014**

- I. Administrative-Finance Committee Co-Chair John Cartier convened the May 12, 2014 Budget Hearing at 3:00 p.m. in the 8th Floor Council Conference Room.
- II. Council members present: Mr. Bell, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Diller, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Powers, Mr. Reda, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Street, and Mr. Tackett. Absent were Mr. Hollins, and Mr. Weiner.
- III. Mr. Smiley motioned to approve the minutes from the 5/5/2014 Budget Hearing, which was seconded by Ms. Diller and unanimously approved.
- IV. Rosemary Killian, Legal Counsel to the Ethics Commission introduced Chairperson Johanna Bishop who presented the budget. FY15 budget is nearly identical to the previous year. Ms. Bishop noted that there are two openings on the commission that need to be filled. One is a Council appointment and one is from the Executive Office.
- V. Tonney Gardner, Chief of Administrative Services, presented the department's budget. There is a 4% reduction over last year due to attrition. Goals include the restructuring of the IS department.
- VI. Christine Dunning, CHRO, presented the Human Resources budget. Overall, the budget is up slightly by 2.23%. There were questions about the application process, as well as the random drug testing program.
- VII. Bernard Pepukayi, County Attorney, presented the budget for the Office of Law. The FY15 budget has increased by 1.9% over last year due to employee and benefit costs. There was discussion about diversity in the office.
- VIII. Mike Coupe, CFO, presented the budget for the Finance Department. There is an increase of 3.4% over last year due to employee costs and benefits increases. An amendment will be submitted to increase the street light tax as a result of rate increases from Delmarva Power.
- IX. Mr. Smiley made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Ms. Diller, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**The budget hearing was adjourned at approximately 4:20 pm**

*A recording of the meeting is available upon request.*

*Respectfully submitted by Brian Holajter, Legislative Aide to Administrative-Finance Committee Co-Chair John Cartier.*