

MINUTES
Administrative Committee-Finance Committee
March 13, 2018

- I. Administrative-Finance Committee Co-chair John Cartier convened the Administrative-Finance Committee meeting at 1:32 p.m. on 3/13/18 in the 8th Floor Council Conference Room.
- II. Council members present were: Mr. Bell, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Diller, Ms. Hartley-Nagle, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Weiner, and Mr. Woods.

Absent was: Mr. Powers.

- III. Mr. Smiley made a motion to accept the minutes from the 2/27/2018 meeting of the Administrative-Finance Committee. Mr. Bell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- IV. Discussion of Resolutions & Ordinances

Resolutions:

R18-042: AMEND THE FY2018 CAPITAL PROGRAM: APPROPRIATE \$100,000.00 FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT, \$91,939.36 FROM THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT, AND \$25,000.00 FROM THE CLERK OF THE PEACE TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT, TOTALING \$216,939.36, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, INFORMATION SYSTEMS EXPANSION II CAPITAL PROJECT. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

- Mr. Cartier read the resolution and Mike Hojnicky, Chief of Administrative Services, explained the details.
- There was brief discussion.
- The floor was opened to the public for comments and there were none.

R18-045: URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE DELAWARE CODE TO PROVIDE NEW CASTLE COUNTY WITH AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A PURCHASE PRICE CAP TO QUALIFY FOR THE FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER TAX EXEMPTION. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

- Mr. Cartier read the resolution and Brian Boyle, Policy Director for the administration, explained the details.
- There was brief discussion.
- The floor was opened to the public for comments and there were none.

R18-046: URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE DELAWARE CODE TO PERMIT NEW CASTLE COUNTY THE SAME AUTHORITY AS THE CITY OF WILMINGTON TO IMPLEMENT AN ACCOMMODATION TAX FOR HOTEL, MOTEL, AND TOURIST HOME STAYS TO DEFRAY A SMALL PORTION OF THE COST OF PROVIDING COUNTY SERVICES TO OUR VISITORS. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

- Mr. Cartier read the resolution and Brian Boyle, Policy Director for the administration, explained the details.
- There was brief discussion.
- The floor was opened to the public for comments and there were none.

Ordinances:

°18-014: AMEND THE FY2018 CAPITAL BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$100,000.00 FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT, \$91,939.36 FROM THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT, AND \$25,000.00 FROM THE CLERK OF THE PEACE TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT, TOTALING \$216,939.36, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, INFORMATION SYSTEMS EXPANSION II CAPITAL PROJECT. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

- Mr. Cartier read the ordinance and explained the details.
- There was no discussion.
- The floor was opened to the public for comments and there were none.

°18-015: TO AUTHORIZE THE ABATEMENT OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAXES ON THE PROPERTY AT 283 CHIPPENHAM LANE, HOCKESSIN, TAX PARCEL NUMBER 0801810022. Introduced by: Ms. Kilpatrick

- Mr. Cartier read the ordinance and Ms. Kilpatrick explained that the ordinance would be withdrawn in lieu of different legislation.
- There was brief discussion.
- The floor was opened to the public for comments and there were none.

°17-070: (STATUS: TABLED) TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14 (“FINANCE AND TAXATION”) REGARDING THE PROCESS FOR ABATEMENT OF CERTAIN TAXES AND PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley

- Mr. Smiley stated that the ordinance would remain tabled.

V. Item J, Item K & Item L – None.

VI. Other Business –

- **Discussion of Resolution re-affirming Council's prior majority vote to recommend Delaware State Legislative approval of HB239 as amended in preparation of a vote on Council floor.**
 - Mr. Smiley initiated brief discussion.
 - The floor was opened to the public for comments, of which there were none.
- **New Castle County Council Grant Requests/Community Events**

**3/13/18 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANT REQUESTS**

GRANT APPLICANT	AMOUNT REQUESTED/ AMOUNT PROPOSED	INTENDED USE OF GRANT	Standard Accounting Practices/Non-Discrimination Policy	PRIOR COUNCIL GRANTS IN CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	COUNCIL MEMBER/MOTION/SECOND
Hockessin 4 th of July (Barry Schlecker)	\$2,500/\$2,500	Assist with the cost of relays, festival, parade, and fireworks	Yes/Yes	No	Kilpatrick/ Diller
Newark High School PTSA	\$800/\$800	Additional funding for After Prom party	Yes/Yes	No	Diller/ Kilpatrick
Edgemoor Terrace Civic Association	\$2,500/\$750	Funding for improvements to open space bordering commercial property	Yes/No	No	Cartier/ Kilpatrick
Western Family YMCA	\$2,500/\$2,500 Sheldon- \$2,000 Woods- \$500	Support for the 2018 Summer Learning Loss Program at Baltz Elementary	Yes/Yes	No	Sheldon/ Kilpatrick/ Diller
Civic Association for Kiamensi Gardens and Height	\$700/\$700	Funding for community block party	Yes/No	No	Sheldon/ Kilpatrick

Amounts highlighted in yellow are final totals.

Council Members Present for Vote

- Bell
- Cartier
- Diller
- Hartley-Nagle
- Hollins
- Kilpatrick
- Powers
- Sheldon
- Smiley
- Street
- Tackett
- Weiner
- Woods

Vote Count	Hockessin 4th	NHS PTSA	ETCA	WF YMCA	Kiamensi
Yes	10	10	10	9	10
No	0	0	0	0	
Not Voting/Abstain	1 (Smiley)	1 (Smiley)	1 (Smiley)	2 (Smiley, Sheldon)	1 (Smiley)
Absent	2	2	2	2	2

- **Expense & Revenue Round Table-**
 - Councilman Smiley reaffirmed the timeliness of the budget materials and that he will be making a motion to go out of order so that Council may vote on R18-048 towards the beginning of the meeting.

- **Comments by Executive Office-**
 - Brian Boyle, Policy Director for the administration, reiterated that the Executive office is grateful to Council for putting forward resolutions in support of revenue increases for submission to the Delaware General Assembly.
 - Mr. Bell discussed issues related to the lack of timely communication by the Executive office with district Council members and their communities as it relates to budget items and information in general.

- **Other-** None.

VII. Mr. Smiley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 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.