

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2020**

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Hartley-Nagle at 6:30 p.m.  
A moment of silence was recognized; members of Council performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Present

William J. Bell  
David Carter  
John J. Cartier  
Elisa Diller  
Dee Durham  
Karen Hartley-Nagle  
Penrose Hollins  
Janet T. Kilpatrick  
Timothy P. Sheldon  
George Smiley  
David L. Tackett  
Kenneth R. Woods

**B. Approval of Minutes:**

- Councilman Smiley moved to approve the March 10, 2020 council meeting minutes, it was seconded, and all were in favor.

**C. Announcements:**

- Council President Hartley-Nagle announced that Council will be meeting virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**D. Introduction of Ordinances:**

**20-018: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2020 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE 2020 NEW CASTLE COUNTY SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street, Mr. Smiley**

**20-019: AMEND THE FY2020 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE 2020 NEW CASTLE COUNTY SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRANT. Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street, Mr. Smiley**

**20-020: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$31,239.00 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE 2019 STATE YEAR-ROUND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Ms. Diller**

**20-021: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26 (“HUMAN RESOURCES”) REGARDING THE REEMPLOYMENT OF PENSIONERS. Introduced by: Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon**

**20-022: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$30,825.00 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE–SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE**

**FUND (SLEAF) TO THE SLEAF – TRUNARC ANALYZER GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street**

**E. Reports from Select and Special Committees:**

- Councilman Smiley reported that the Finance Committee met virtually on 3/31/20 and discussed items on tonight's agenda, received the Department of Finance's FY21 Budget Overview, discussed Written Decision memorializing the decision of New Castle County Council to grant Eagle Hunt, LLC's subdivision variance application appeal, approved grants, and heard comments from the Executive Branch.

**F. Consent Calendar:**

- **R20-061: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD THOMAS TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. Introduced by: Mr. Hollins**

**Consent Calendar—Adopted**

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

**G. Presentations: None**

**H. Consideration of Resolutions Removed from the Consent Calendar and Other Resolutions:**

- **R20-062: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO TRANSFER 80 ACRES OF LAND FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A SOUTHERN REGIONAL PARK. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier**

--It was moved and seconded that R20-062 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration and adoption.

**Resolution 20-062—Adopted**

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

**I. Consideration of Ordinances:**

- **°20-016: AMEND THE FY2020 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: TRANSFER \$10,000 FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES BUDGET LINE OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley**

--It was moved and seconded that °20-016 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

**Ordinance 20-016—Adopted**

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

- **SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °20-017: AMEND THE PAY PLANS AND RATES OF PAY FOR MEMBERS OF CERTAIN NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARDS AND/OR COMMISSIONS. Introduced by: Ms. Hartley-Nagle, Ms. Durham**

--It was moved and seconded that Substitute No. 1 to °20-017 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

**Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 20-017—Adopted**

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

**J. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions:**

- **R20-063: RECOGNIZING AND BRINGING VERY MUCH NEEDED ATTENTION TO THE PARTICULARLY UNIQUE CHALLENGES THAT COVID-19 PANDEMIC POSSESS FOR CERTAIN AT-RISK POPULATIONS. Introduced by: Ms. Hartley-Nagle**

--It was moved and seconded that R20-063 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration and adoption.

**Resolution 20-063—Adopted**

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

**K. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances:**

- **E°20-001: AMEND THE FY2020 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$1,000,000 OF TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF FINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE PURCHASE OF NEEDED SUPPLIES, TESTS, AND EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT NEW CASTLE COUNTY'S FIRST RESPONDERS AND RESIDENTS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier**

--It was moved and seconded that E°20-001 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

**Emergency Ordinance 20-001—Adopted**

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

- **E°20-002: AMEND THE FY2020 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$500,000 OF TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF FINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF THE NONPROFIT COLLABORATIVE COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE INITIATIVE. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier**

--It was moved and seconded that E°20-002 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

**Emergency Ordinance 20-002—Adopted**

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

Recused: Sheldon

- **E°20-003: TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000 IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING NEW CASTLE COUNTY RESIDENTS BY PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE DELAWARE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S DELAWARE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier**

--It was moved and seconded that E°20-003 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

**Emergency Ordinance 20-003—Adopted**

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

- **E°20-004: TO PROVIDE RELIEF FROM CERTAIN PENALTIES, TAXES, AND FEES DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT. Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier**

--It was moved and seconded that E°20-004 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

**Emergency Ordinance 20-004—Adopted**

Yes: Bell, Carter, Cartier, Diller, Durham, Hartley-Nagle, Hollins, Kilpatrick, Sheldon, Smiley, Street, Tackett, Woods

**L. Public Comment/Other:** None

**M. Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further testimony, a motion was made by Councilman Smiley to adjourn, it was seconded by Councilman Cartier and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Karen Hartley-Nagle  
Council President  
New Castle County

*A recording of the meeting is available upon request.  
Respectfully submitted by Anthony deFiore, Legislative Aide*