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NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.
****VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING****

MINUTES

Council Members Present:

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

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

- Call to Order
 - Councilman Bell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes from the April 14, 2020 Meeting
 - A motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2020 Public Safety Committee meeting was made by Councilman Smiley, seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick, and approved unanimously by the members present.
- [ORDINANCE 20-046](#) **INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Bell, Mr. Street**
AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$548,419 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY FUNDS GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
 - Councilman Bell read the Title and called on Lori Kane who gave a brief overview of the grant and stated the funds would go toward the Coronavirus expenses.
 - Questions and discussion. It was stated that this grant was retroactive to January 20, 2020.
 - No vote.
- Update on the following Departments
 - NCCPD - Colonel Vaughn Bond gave a brief overview of the NCCPD. He discussed the COVID-19 PPE equipment, June 22, 2020 Police Academy, and the hiring of a number of recruits.
Comments/Discussion.
 - Emergency Communications - Chief Jeff Miller gave an update on the 911 Center through a PowerPoint Presentation which highlighted the staffing and recruitment of additional staff, identified the pandemic effects and the new procedures taking place since the pandemic, and the decontamination process of the center.
No Questions/Discussion.

- **Emergency Medical Services** - Acting Chief Mark Logeman gave an update on the EMS Program. He discussed the antibody and viral testing, the PPE equipment supply and the call volume.
Questions/Discussion.
 - **Emergency Management** - Dave Carpenter, Manager of Emergency Management, gave an update on the Emergency Management Office regarding staffing coordination; various meetings being held with DEMA, Division of Public Health and various statewide and local agencies; shelter process for COVID-19 and hurricane season; municipalities restoration guidelines; decon for respirators and N-95 masks; and disaster assistance process with DEMA .
Questions/Discussion.
 - **Volunteer Fire Service** - Chief Rich Perillo, 1st Vice President, New Castle County Volunteer Firefighters Association, gave an update on the New Castle County Volunteer Fire Service. He stated the fire service had a smooth transition due to the recently developed emergency operations plan prior and mutual aid agreement which has been enhanced due to the pandemic; staffing, a future Public Service Announcement, PPE equipment, trainings, recruitment/retention, various meetings with local governments, and probable budget reductions.
Questions/Discussion.
- **Public Comment** - None.
 - **Adjournment** - Motion was made by Councilman Smiley, seconded by Councilwoman Diller, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 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>*