NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING

April 22, 2025
6:30 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING &**
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

AGENDA

A. Call to Order

- **Moment of Silence**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Announcements

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-043: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $70,786.42 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT EMPOWERMENT AREA (IDEA) HOMEBUYER/HOMEOWNER REHAB GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-044: AMEND THE FY2025 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $16,820,000 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CHRISTINA RIVER FORCE MAIN CAPITAL PROJECT
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Carter

°25-045: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 (“UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE” OR “UDC”), ARTICLE 14 (“IMPACT FEES”), REGARDING IMPACT FEES
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Tackett
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Mr. Toole

°25-046: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 7 (“PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE”), ARTICLE 2 (“REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES FOR VACANT PREMISES”)
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

°25-047: TO AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 14 (“FINANCE AND TAXATION”), ARTICLE 6 (“EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION”) REGARDING PARTIAL COUNTY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

E. Reports from Select and Special Committees

F. Consent Calendar

R25-058: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL L. BUTLER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

R25-059: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN COCHRAN TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE INSPECTION AND REVIEW
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R25-060: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH DAIGLE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

R25-061: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF SUBIRA IBRAHIM TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R25-062: APPOINTING CARSON ZULLINGER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R25-063: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GWENDOLYN W. PIERCE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

R25-064: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET ANN RYAN TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

R25-065: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RENEE SPRUIEL TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George

R25-066: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH A. TAGGART TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George

R25-067: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT A. WEBER, SR. TO THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

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G. Presentations

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

R25-068: RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL EMPLOYEES ON APRIL 23, 2025 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham, Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole, Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-069: APPROVAL OF REFEREES FOR PROPERTY REASSESSMENT APPEALS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-070: URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AUTHORIZE NEW CASTLE COUNTY TO LEVY A LOCAL TAX ON RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Ms. Kilpatrick

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°25-035: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $39,201.00 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-036: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $216,910.42 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE DOWN PAYMENT REVOLVING LOANS (DPS) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-037: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $11,181.00 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER RECREATION GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-038: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $70,780.00 FROM THE DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS FUND GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-039: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $41,706.96 IN EMERGENCY ILLEGAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT (EIDE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE EIDE FY2025 GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-040: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $77,170.44 IN STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) – FY2025 GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-041: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $125,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO THE KNOLLWOOD PARK COURT IMPROVEMENTS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Carter

°25-042: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 3109 FOR THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF PLANNER I FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE, DIVISION OF PLANNING
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

J. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

R25-071: HONORING CIRO POPPITI III ON HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE WITH THE DELAWARE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND TO CITIZENS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY
Co-Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham, Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole, Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-072: RECOGNIZING EARTH DAY 2025
Prime Sponsor(s):Ms. Williams-Johns
Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

K. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

L. Public Comment/Other

M. Motion to Adjourn

AGENDA POSTED: April 15, 2025

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