NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING

May 13, 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

REVISED AGENDA

A. Call to Order

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

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Announcements

--FY2026 CERTIFICATION MEMORANDUM

--FY2026 CERTIFICATION OF TOTAL VALUE OF PROPERTY MEMORANDUM

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-048: THE ANNUAL REVENUE ORDINANCE AND ROLL BACK TAX RATE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-049: CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-050: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-051: THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-052: ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-053: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $3,000,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR A ONE-TIME FIRE SERVICE CONTINGENCY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Mr. Caneco

°25-054: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT TO THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TO UPDATE INFORMATION VIDEOS ON THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY WEBSITE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-055: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $13,853.99 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE REMEDIATING VACANCIES, MAKING PROGRESS (ReVaMP) GRANT WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-056: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: REALIGN $317,256.47 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2024, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-057: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: REALIGN $139,000.00 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2025, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-058: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING ANTICIPATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2025/2026 STATE YEAR ROUND YOUTH-EMPLOYMENT GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-059: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING ANTICIPATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2025 STATE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-060: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS OF $450,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PASSED THROUGH FROM THE CITY OF WILMINGTON FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TO THE LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARD REDUCTION - CITY OF WILMINGTON GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-061: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: REALIGN $141,310.49 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2022, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-062: AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 6 ("BUILDING CODE"), ARTICLE 5 ("RESIDENTIAL CODE") RELATING TO AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Carter
Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

E. Reports from Select and Special Committees

F. Consent Calendar

R25-073: HONORING HELEN LAMBERT-PORTER, A DEDICATED MOTHER, FOR HER LIFELONG SERVICE TO HER FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-074: HONORING LISA FOREVER, A DEDICATED MOTHER, FOR HER LIFELONG SERVICE TO HER FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-075: HONORING MARIA MATOS, A DEDICATED MOTHER, FOR HER LIFELONG SERVICE TO HER FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-076: HONORING MARGARET GUY, A DEDICATED MOTHER, FOR HER LIFELONG SERVICE TO HER FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-077: HONORING SHELLY MAE GIBBONS, A DEDICATED MOTHER, FOR HER LIFELONG SERVICE TO HER FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-078: REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF RONALD PATTON, JR.
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-079: CONGRATULATING THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD ABUNDANT LIFE CENTER, DELAWARE ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco
Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-087: CELEBRATING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-089: RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK MAY 18-24,2025 WITH THE THEME “WE CARE. FOR EVERYONE.”
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

NOTE: If an item on the Consent Calendar is objected to by a Council member, or a member of the public wishes to obtain additional information about the candidate or proposed legislation, or if a Councilmember intends to offer an amendment to a resolution, seek additional information, or state a conflict, it shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and voted upon separately.

G. Presentations

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

R25-080: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ONE PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT FOR PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION FOR RENEWAL OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY SOFTWARE LICENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $83,070.00
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr.Smiley, Mr.Cartier

R25-081: TO SET NEW CASTLE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR THE COUNTY'S PENSION PLANS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-082: APPROVING THE REFUND OF A DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT ON TAX PARCEL NUMBER 09-018.000-30
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-083: PLAN OF THE LANDING AT WHITEHALL; ST. GEORGES HUNDRED; NORTHERLY SIDE OF LOREWOOD GROVE ROAD, 1,600 FEET WEST OF JAMISON CORNER ROAD; MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION OF 65 SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED LOTS, 34 SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED LOTS AND 150 TOWNHOUSE LOTS (249 TOTAL LOTS) USING THE HAMLET AND VILLAGE SUBDIVISION OPTION; S ZONING; APPLICATION NO. 2021-0661-S; COUNCIL DISTRICT 6
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

R25-084: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 4 ("REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS") RELATING TO ORDER OF BUSINESS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

R25-085: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 12 ("EXPENDITURES FOR TRIPS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES") RELATING TO REPORTING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

R25-086: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 13 ("COUNCIL GRANTS") RELATING TO PURCHASES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

R25-088: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) ADOPTING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 THROUGH 2031
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-090: IN SUPPORT OF ACTIONS BY THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO UPDATE DELAWARE CODE TITLE 14, SECTION 1902 REGARDING TAX EXEMPTIONS AND MODIFICATION THEREOF
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Ms. Kilpatrick

I. Consideration 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

°25-046: 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

J. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

K. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

L. Public Comment/Other

M. Motion to Adjourn

REVISED AGENDA POSTED: May 12, 2025
AGENDA POSTED: May 6, 2025

*The revised agenda was posted less than (7) seven days in advance of the meeting to include the addition of R25-090 under Item H. This item was added in order to timely consider passage by Council of R25-090, which the General Assembly has requested in support of enactment of legislation before the legislative session ends in June.

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