NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING

May 27, 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

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-063: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 (“UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE” OR “UDC”), ARTICLE 3 (“USE REGULATIONS”), REGARDING ADULT DAY CARE FACILITIES AND LIMITED USE STANDARDS FOR DAY CARE CENTERS
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Smiley

°25-064 TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ARLINGTON STREET LIGHTS WITH LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) BULBS (100 WATT EQUIVALENT) IN THE BRANDYWINE COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE BRANDYWINE HUNDRED AND FOR A LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS
Prime Sponsor: Ms. Durham

°25-065: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: REALIGN $750,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-066: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SENIOR EMERGENCY FOOD VOUCHER PROGRAM
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°25-067: TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ARLINGTON STREET LIGHTS WITH LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) BULBS (70 WATT EQUIVALENT) IN THE PENNFIELD SUBDIVISION AND FOR A LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

°25-068: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett

°25-069: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY EMERGENCY HOUSING – HOPE CENTER GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street

°25-070: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY GRANTS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-071: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 34 (“TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES”), BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 (“ELECTRONIC SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM”) TO ASSIST IN ENFORCEMENT OF TITLE 21 § 4170A OF THE DELAWARE CODE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon, Ms. Durham

°25-072: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14 (“FINANCE AND TAXATION”), ARTICLE 6 (“EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION”), SECTIONS 14.06.302 (“QUALIFICATIONS FOR AND AMOUNT OF ELDERLY EXEMPTION”), 14.06.303 (“QUALIFICATIONS FOR AND AMOUNT OF DISABILITY EXEMPTION”), and 14.06.304 (“DISABLED VETERAN’S EXEMPTIONS”) REGARDING SCHOOL TAX EXEMPTIONS
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Smiley

E. Consent Calendar

R25-091: CONGRATULATING MATTHEW ALEKEL ON ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, SCOUTS BSA
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

R25-092: PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF JUNETEENTH
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-094: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANCIS E. WILLIAMS, III TO THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

R25-095: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ALLAN T. MACKENZIE, II TO THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD
Prime Sponsor(s): 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.

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

R25-093: RECOGNIZING OVERSEER HELENA CREAMER FOR A DECADE OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-096: APPROVING REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR SENIOR NETWORK ENGINEER PURSUANT TO NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE SECTION 26.03.105(F)
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-097: NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMEND THE DELAWARE CODE, TITLE 9 IN RELATION TO ELECTION OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. George, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley

R25-099: CALLING FOR A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Ms. Kilpatrick

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

H. Presentations

I. Consideration of Ordinances

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °25-048: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED)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: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-050: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) 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: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) 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: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) 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, Mr. Toole

°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

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

K. Public Comment/Other

L. Motion to Adjourn

REVISED AGENDA POSTED: May 23, 2025
AGENDA POSTED: May 20, 2025

*The revised agenda was posted less than seven (7) days in advance of the meeting to add R25-099 under Item F in order for Council to urgently bring concerning issues relating to pending State legislation affecting New Castle County to the attention of the Delaware General Assembly.

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