NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING

August 26, 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

°25-103: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE, DIVISION OF CUSTOMER RELATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH RODENT CONTROL IN VACANT PROPERTIES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°25-104: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH AN EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATOR TRAINING COURSE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°25-105: AMEND THE FY2026 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 PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR UNIFORMS FOR THE PIPES AND DRUMS BAND
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°25-106: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $8,917.00 IN ADDITIONAL STATE OF DELAWARE GRANT-IN-AID FUNDS TO THE ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER

FY2026 GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIVISION
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-107: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 19 ("RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES") REGARDING LANDLORD AND TENANT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

°25-108: REVISE ZONING MAP: MILL CREEK HUNDRED, SOUTH SIDE OF PAPER MILL ROAD, 900 FEET WEST OF LIMESTONE ROAD; REZONE 5.90 ACRES OF TAX PARCEL 08-030.00-015 (1510 PAPERMILL ROAD) FROM S (SUBURBAN) TO SUBURBAN TRANSITION (ST) AND 0.37 ACRES OF TAX PARCEL 08-030.00-015 (1510 PAPERMILL ROAD) FROM S (SUBURBAN) TO SUBURBAN TRANSITION (ST) WITH AN HISTORIC OVERLAY
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

°25-109: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE $115,089.15 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR THE PURCHASE AND RECEIPT OF DONATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-110: TO APPROPRIATE $250,000 IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR HOPE CENTER SECURITY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-111: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2025/2026 STATE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM/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

°25-112: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE 40-HOUR WORK WEEK EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 1607 FOR THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF MASTER MECHANIC FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF PLANT OPERATIONS
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

E. Consent Calendar

R25-122: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RAY FIRMANI AND HONORING HIS LIFE AND LEGACY OF SERVICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole
Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Hollins, Ms. George, Mr. Carter, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Caneco

R25-123: CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING VINCENT P. MECONI ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 50 YEARS AS A PUBLIC SERVANT
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-124: CONGRATULATING THE OFFICE OF FINANCE FOR EARNING THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY'S ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FORTY-FOUR

CONSECUTIVE YEARS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-125: RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WORKERS ON LABOR DAY 2025
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Tackett

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

R25-126: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL RULE NO. 1 (“IN GENERAL”) RELATING TO MOTIONS TO SUSPEND RULES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R25-127: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 4 REGARDING CERTAIN MEETINGS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr.Tackett, Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-128: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR AETNA HOSE, HOOK & LADDER FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Tackett, Ms. Kilpatrick
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-129: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR BELVEDERE FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-130: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR BRANDYWINE HUNDRED FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Mr. Hollins
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley

R25-131: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR CHRISTIANA FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Tackett, Ms. George, Mr. Caneco
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

R25-132: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR CLAYMONT FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley

R25-133: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR CRANSTON HEIGHTS FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Sheldon, Ms. Durham, Ms. Kilpatrick
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-134: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-135: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Ms. Durham
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-136: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR FIVE POINTS FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Street
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-137: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR GOOD WILL FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Cartier

R25-138: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR HOCKESSIN FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick, Ms. Durham
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-139; APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR HOLLOWAY TERRACE FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-140: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR MILL CREEK FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Sheldon, Ms. Kilpatrick
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-141: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR MINQUADALE FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street,
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-142: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR MINQUAS FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Street
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-143: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR ODESSA FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-144: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR PORT PENN FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Carter, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-145: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR TALLEYVILLE FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Cartier
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley

R25-146: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR VOLUNTEER HOSE FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter, Ms. George
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-147: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR WILMINGTON MANOR FIRE COMPANY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Cartier

R25-148: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 15 ("CONTINGENCY FUND") RELATING TO CONTINGENCY ALLOCATIONS
Prime Sponsor(s):Mr. Smiley
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R25-149: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE 4 REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

R25-150: PROVIDING FOR A REVIEW OF THE RECENT REASSESSMENT OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole, Ms. Durham

R25-151: SUPPORTING FALUN GONG AND ITS PURSUIT OF EXERCISING FREEDOM OF RELIGION
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick, Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-152: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID DEL GRANDE TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-153: PLAN OF WOODLAND INDUSTRIAL PARK; PENCADER HUNDRED AND WHITE CLAY HUNDRED; NORTH SIDE OF OLD BALTIMORE PIKE, 900 FEET WEST OF ALBE DRIVE; THE PLAN PROPOSES TO CONSOLIDATE (2) EXISTING PARCELS, CREATE EIGHT (8) LOTS (6 TITLE LOTS, 2 STANDARD PARCELS) AND CONSTRUCT 395,000 SQUARE FEET OF WAREHOUSE BUILDINGS WITH ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS; I ZONING; APPLICATION NO. 2021-0828-S; COUNCIL DISTRICT 5
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

H. Presentations

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°25-097: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), SECTION 2.05.507 ("HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD") REGARDING BOARD COMPOSITION
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole
Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

°25-098: AMENDING CHAPTER 26 ("HUMAN RESOURCES"), SECTION 26.01.009 ("UNIFORM PAY PLANS") REGARDING PROCEDURE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley

°25-102: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE OF DELAWARE FUNDING RECEIVED FOR THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BUDGETARY LINE ITEM
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

K. Public Comment/Other

L. Motion to Adjourn

REVISED AGENDA POSTED: August 25, 2025
AGENDA POSTED: August 19, 2025

*The revised agenda was posted less than (7) seven days in advance of the meeting to remove an item under consideration of ordinances. This item, Ordinance 25-099, was placed on the agenda in error, as it was already approved by Council at its 8/5/25 Council meeting and signed by the County Executive on 8/12/25. The agenda is posted (7) seven days in advance of the scheduled meeting in compliance with 29 *Del. C.* Section 10004(e)(2). The meeting may go into Executive Session to address issues that arise at the time of the meeting.

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