



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

November 26, 2024
6:30 PM

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

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Council President Williams-Johns at 6:30 p.m. A moment of silence was recognized, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, George Smiley, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett, Brandon Toole, and Monique Williams-Johns.

Absent: Janet Kilpatrick and Timothy Sheldon

B. Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Tackett to approve the minutes from November 19, 2024. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

- None

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°24-173: 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"), 14.06.901 ("LANDFILL EXEMPTION"), AND 14.06.1103 ("FILING FREQUENCY"); AND CHAPTER 38 ("UTILITIES"), ARTICLE 2 ("SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL"), SECTION 38.02.505 ("ESTIMATED EDU CHARGES AND MEASUREMENT OF WATER FOR CONSUMPTION CHARGES") REGARDING EXEMPTIONS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°24-174: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$147,509.12 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME AND \$150,000.00 IN ANTICIPATED PROGRAM INCOME TO THE SUMMER RECREATION CAMPS GRANT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°24-175: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$18,917,337 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS – 2025 GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°24-176: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$615,000.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE EMERGENCY HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°24-177: TO AMEND THE PAY PLANS AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE 35-HOUR WORKWEEK EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 1607 AND TO ADOPT NEW AND AMEND CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR LAND USE RELATED POSITIONS

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

°24-178 TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ARLINGTON STREET LIGHTS WITH LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) BULBS (70 WATT EQUIVALENT) AND 8' POLE IN THE FOULKSTONE SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE BRANDYWINE HUNDRED AND FOR A LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

E. Reports from Select and Special Committees

-Community Services Committee - Mr. Hollins stated that the Community Services Committee met today and discussed two items that appear on tonight's agenda (Summer Youth Recreational Program and Section 8 Program). There were also presentations on the Emergency Housing Choice Vouchers Program and Pocket Neighborhoods.

-Finance Committee - Mr. Smiley stated that the Finance Committee met today and approved the offered employment for a Legislative Assistant, approved the modification of work hours for a Legislative Assistant, interviewed an appointee for the Ethics Commission, had a presentation on the FACETS Study, and approved Council Grants.

F. Consent Calendar

Consent Note

- None

G. Presentations

- None

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

- None

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°24-043: COMPREHENSIVE REZONING - TO REVISE THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY ZONING MAPS IN COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 11 REGARDING THE FOLLOWING TAX

PARCELS: PENCADER HUNDRED: 11-014.00-044 (904 OLD BALTIMORE PIKE, DAYETT MILLS INC), 11-014.00-045 (2029 SUNSET LAKE RD), 11-018.00-012 (0 EGGERTS LN), 11-018.00-060 (0 OLD COOCHS BRIDGE RD, GLASGOW COMMONS), 11-018.00-061 (2001 OLD COOCHS BRIDGE RD, GLASGOW COMMONS), 11-018.00-062 (0 DUSK RUN RD, GLASGOW COMMONS), 11-022.00-014 (2199 PULASKI HWY, GLASGOW REGIONAL PARK), 11-022.00-016 (0 DUSK RUN RD, GLASGOW COMMONS), 11-032.00-001 (210 BENJAMIN BLVD), 11-032.00-259 (209 BENJAMIN BLVD); WHITE CLAY CREEK HUNDRED: 09-029.00-003 (39 E REGAL BLVD), 09-029.00-015 (0 CHAPMAN RD)

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

- It was moved by Mr. Tackett and seconded by Ms. George that Ordinance 24-043 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Mr. Tackett explained the ordinance.
- There were no questions or comments by Council.
- There was no public comment.

Ordinance 24-043 – Adopted

Poll Vote

- Mr. Caneco – Yes, due to the recommendation by Land Use and due to his conversations with the District Councilman.
- Mr. Carter – Yes, based on the comments of the District Councilman that there aren't any concerns, it meets the character of the community, and because it appears to meet our comprehensive plan.
- Mr. Cartier – Yes, based upon the positive recommendation of the New Castle County Department of Land Use and the support of the District Councilman.
- Ms. Durham – Yes for the Ordinance, due to the support of the District Councilman.
- Ms. George – Yes, based upon the positive recommendation of the Planning Board and the Land Use Department.
- Mr. Hollins – Yes, in support of the recommendation of the Land Use Department and the Planning Board.
- Ms. Kilpatrick – Absent.
- Mr. Sheldon – Absent.
- Mr. Smiley – Yes, in consideration of the positive recommendation of the Land Use Department.
- Mr. Street – Yes, based upon the recommendation of the Department of Land Use and support of the sponsoring Councilman.
- Mr. Tackett – Yes, in support of the Land Use Department and the outreach that they performed making sure the ordinance was thoroughly vetted and shuffled through the process adequately.
- Mr. Toole – Yes, based upon the recommendation of the Land Use Department and the engagement of community interaction.
- Ms. William-Johns – Yes, because of the Department of Land Use and what Councilman Tackett presented as well.

J. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

- None

K. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

- None

L. Public Comment/Other

- None

M. Motion to Adjourn

- A motion was made by Mr. Smiley, seconded by Mr. Toole to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.