



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

February 18, 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**

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Williams-Johns at 06:30 PM.

A moment of silence was recognized; members of Council performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George (virtual), Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick (virtual), Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

B. Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Councilman Smiley and seconded by Councilman Tackett to approve the minutes from the January 14th, 2025 Council meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

- No Announcements.

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-017: REVISE ZONING MAP: NEW CASTLE HUNDRED, WEST SIDE OF OLD STATE ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET SOUTH OF LLANGOLLEN BOULEVARD; REZONE 11.06 ACRES OF TAX PARCEL 10-034.00-067 FROM SUBURBAN (S) TO COMMERCIAL REGIONAL (CR); APPLICATION NO. 2023-0005-S/Z; COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 (The Exploratory Minor Land Development Plan with Rezoning for Old State Road LLC proposes to create a parking area for outside storage of vehicles, and rezone tax parcel 10-034.00-067 from Suburban (S) to Commercial Regional (CR))

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

E. Reports from Select and Special Committees

- Public Safety: Councilman Toole stated that they met today on January 18th and received three presentations from the Public Safety Director and the Chief of Police.
- Finance Committee: Councilman Cartier stated that they met today and discussed one ordinance, approved three Council Grants, and adjourned the meeting.
- Land Use: Councilwoman Kilpatrick stated that they met today and discussed two By Right Plans and confirmed a telecommuting agreement.

F. Consent Calendar**Consent Note****G. Presentations**

- No presentations.

H. Consideration of Resolutions Removed from the Consent Calendar and Other ResolutionsR25-036: HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025

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

- Councilman Hollins moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that Resolution 25-036 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Pro Tem Hollins explained the resolution.
- Council comments were made by Pro Tem Hollins, President Williams-Johns, Councilman Cartier, Councilman Street, and Councilman Caneco.

Resolution 25-036 -- Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°25-015: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED PROGRAM INCOME OF \$600,000 TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM II GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

- Pro Tem Hollins moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that °25-015 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Pro Tem Hollins stated per title.
- No comments by Council.
- No public comment.

Ordinance 25-015 -- Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

°25-016: 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, AMEND THE PAY PLANS AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES, AMEND CLASS SPECIFICATIONS AND ADOPT NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR LAND USE LICENSING/CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION RELATED POSITIONS

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

- President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that °25-016 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Council President Williams-Johns explained the ordinance.

- No comments by Council.
- No public comment.

Ordinance 25-016 -- Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

J. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions**R25-037: CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY OF DOROTHY BAKER**

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

- Pro Tem Hollins moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-037 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Pro Tem Hollins explained the resolution.
- No comments from Council.
- No public comment.

Resolution 25-037 -- Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

R25-038: RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH B. CANECO

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham, Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole, Ms. Williams-Johns

- Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25- 038 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Carter stated per title.
- No comments from Council.
- No public comment.

Resolution 25-038-- Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

K. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

- No Emergency Ordinances.

L. Public Comment/Other

- No comments from Council.
- No public comment.

M. Motion to Adjourn

- Councilman Smiley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tackett and the meeting was adjourned at 06:53 PM.