



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

March 11, 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 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 (virtual), Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

Absent: None

B. Approval of Minutes

-A motion was made by Councilman Smiley, seconded by Councilman Tackett to approve the minutes from February 25, 2025. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

- There are no Announcements.

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-021: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TO THE WASTEWATER GRANT DHSS 2025 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Carter

°25-022: AMEND THE FY2025 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$29,600 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, GREENWAY SYSTEMS CAPITAL PROJECT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Carter

°25-023: TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRADITIONAIRE STREET LIGHTS WITH LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) BULBS (100 WATT EQUIVALENT) IN THE OVERLOOK AT BAYBERRY SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN ST. GEORGES HUNDRED AND FOR A LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

°25-024: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE INTEREST INCOME \$6,390.25 AND PROGRAM INCOME \$163,310.29 TO THE FY2024 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME), WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

E. Reports from Select and Special Committees

Public Safety Committee- Councilman Caneco stated that the they had a presentation and positive conversation.

Finance Committee- Councilman Cartier stated the Finance Committee met on March 11th and approved grants, discussed reassessment appeals and had a presentation and received a report from a Councilman on the NACo conference.

F. Consent Calendar

Consent Note

G. Presentations

- There were no Presentations.

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

R25-043: APPROVING THE REFUND OF A DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT ON TAX PARCEL NUMBER 06-064.002-41

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

-It was moved by Councilman Cartier and seconded by Councilman Tackett that Resolution 25-043 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Cartier explained per title.

-No questions or comments by Council.

-No public comment.

Resolution 24-043 -- 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

Absent: None

R25-044: APPROVING THE REFUND OF TAX PAYMENT AND SEWER FEES PAID IN ERROR ON TAX PARCEL NUMBER 07-034.203-41

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

-It was moved by Councilman Cartier and seconded by Councilman Tackett that Resolution 25-044 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

- Councilman Cartier stated per title.
- No questions or comments by Council.
- No public comment.

Resolution 24-043 -- 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
Absent: None

**R25-045: APPROVING THE REFUND OF A DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT ON TAX
PARCEL NUMBER 10-006.000-32**

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

- It was moved by Councilman Cartier and seconded by Councilman Tackett that Resolution 25-045 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Cartier explained the resolution.
- No questions or comments by Council.
- No public comment.

Resolution 24-045 -- 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
Absent: None

**R25-046: APPROVING THE REFUND OF A DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT ON TAX
PARCEL NUMBER 11-022.000-15**

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

- It was moved by Councilman Cartier and seconded by Councilman Tackett that Resolution 25-046 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Cartier stated per title.
- No questions or comments by Council.
- No public comment.

Resolution 24-046-- 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
Absent: None

**R25-047: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE 5
REGARDING COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS**

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

- It was moved by Councilman Smiley and seconded by Councilman Tackett that Resolution 25-047 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Smiley stated as discussed in the Finance meeting today.
- No questions or comments by Council.
- No public comment.

Resolution 24-047 -- 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
Absent: None

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°25-019: AMENDING *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), SECTION 2.02.110 ("COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS") REGARDING COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS THEREOF

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

-It was moved by Councilman Smiley and seconded by Councilman Tackett that Ordinance 25-019 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Smiley as discussed on the Finance recorded record today.

-No questions or comments by Council.

-No public comment.

Ordinance 25-019 -- 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

Absent: None

J. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

- There were no Item J's.

K. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

- There were no Item K's.

L. Public Comment/Other

- Council comments were made by Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Kilpatrick, Councilman Smiley, Councilman Cartier, Councilman Hollins, Councilman Street, and Councilwoman Durham.

- Public comments were made by Rob Bullock, Carlos Alejandro, Eunice Woodard, and Dora Williams.

M. Motion to Adjourn

- A motion was made by Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Tackett to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 07:13 p.m.