



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 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**

AGENDA

A. Call to Order

- **Moment of Silence**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Announcements

--Joint Department of Land Use/Planning Board FY2026 Budget Recommendation

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-073: REVISE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FOX RUN BUSINESS CENTER PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (DPUD); PENCADER HUNDRED; SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF RUE MADORA AND WRANGLE HILL ROAD; TAX PARCEL NUMBER 11-028.00-004 (2520 WRANGLE HILL ROAD); APPLICATION NO. 2025-0053; COUNCIL DISTRICT 11 (The plan for Fox Run Business Center/Townhouses proposes to revise the previously approved subdivision to construct 117 townhouse style apartment units in place of a portion of approved, but unbuilt, office space. Section 40.31.712 of the Unified Development Code requires a new zoning ordinance for revisions to a DPUD plan that result in a major change in the location of use types on the site. The plan supersedes the Record Resubdivision Plan for Fox Run Business Center recorded at Instrument No. 20060814-0077433.)

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

°25-074: TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NOS. 25-058 AND 25-059, WHICH PROPOSED TO 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 AND 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

°25-075: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED 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

°25-076: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: FOR FY2026, APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) TO THE FY2026 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-077: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$2,509,120 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND \$350,000 IN ESTIMATED PROGRAM INCOME TO THE FY2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-078: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: FOR FY2026, APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$987,574.20 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ESTIMATED PROGRAM INCOME OF \$50,000 TO THE FY2026 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-079: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: FOR FY2026, APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED \$2,996,864 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DELAWARE DIVISION OF LIBRARIES TO: (A) LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION \$2,587,340; (B) APPOQUINIMINK LIBRARY \$34,660; (C) BEAR LIBRARY \$50,356; (D) BRANDYWINE HUNDRED LIBRARY \$102,914; (E) CLAYMONT LIBRARY \$24,923; (F) ELSMERE LIBRARY \$20,005; (G) HOCKESSIN LIBRARY \$32,053; (H) KIRKWOOD LIBRARY \$37,356; (I) NEWARK LIBRARY \$45,424; (J) ROUTE 9 LIBRARY \$29,835; AND (K) WOODLAWN LIBRARY \$31,998 WHICH ARE ALL ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LIBRARIES

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

°25-080: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$149,000 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR AGING AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES TO THE HEALTHY HOMES-DHSS GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-081: TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ARLINGTON STREET LIGHTS WITH 100 WATT EQUIVALENT LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) BULBS IN THE RESERVE AT CAVALIERS COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE CHRISTIANA HUNDRED AND FOR A LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

°25-082: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26 ("HUMAN RESOURCES"), ARTICLE 4 ("PENSIONS") REGARDING PLAN CHANGES TO THE COUNTY 2011 PLAN

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

°25-083: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26 ("HUMAN RESOURCES"), ARTICLE 3 ("MERIT SYSTEM"), SECTION 26.03.206 ("DEFERRED

COMPENSATION PLAN") REGARDING PLAN AND COMMITTEE CHANGES

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

°25-084: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26 ("HUMAN RESOURCES"), ARTICLE 3 ("MERIT SYSTEM"), TO INCREASE THE RETIREMENT AGE FOR OFFICERS IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-085: TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ARLINGTON STREET LIGHTS WITH 70 WATT EQUIVALENT LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) BULBS IN THE WINCHELSEA SUBDIVISION AND FOR A LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

°25-086: TO APPROPRIATE \$190,000 IN THE GARSTIN TRUST TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

°25-087: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

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

°25-088: TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ARLINGTON STREET LIGHTS WITH 100 WATT EQUIVALENT LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) BULBS IN THE DASHER FARM SUBDIVISION AND FOR A LIGHT TAX BASED ON THE COST OF STREET LIGHTS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

E. Consent Calendar

R25-100: HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MS. LORRAINE JEANETTE FOUNTAIN

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street

R25-101: CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF JAMES DELANO ROANE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R25-102: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANN CIABATTONI TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): 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

R25-098: HONORING DOCTORS S. TODD & CLEO V. TOWNSEND FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE, COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP, AND LEADERSHIP

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-103: ALLOCATING A GRANT FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND TO THE FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE TO FUND ACUTELY NEEDED FOOD PROVISIONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

Prime Sponsors: Ms. Durham, Mr. Toole, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Caneco

R25-104: ALLOCATING FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND TO GOOD NEIGHBORS HOME REPAIR TO SUPPORT THEIR DESPERATELY NEEDED SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole

R25-105: ALLOCATING FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND TO CHARITY CROSSING INC. TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION TO ASSIST THE CITIZENS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

R25-106: A RESOLUTION PRESCRIBING THE DETAILS AND FORM AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY

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

R25-088: (STATUS: TABLED) ADOPTING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 THROUGH 2031

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

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

H. Presentations

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°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

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °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, Mr. Sheldon, Ms. Kilpatrick

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °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

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °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, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Sheldon, Ms. Kilpatrick

°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

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °25-048: (STATUS: 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: 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: 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: 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: (STATUS: TABLED) 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

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

K. Public Comment/Other

L. Motion to Adjourn

AGENDA POSTED: June 3, 2025

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