



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**

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Council President 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 (virtual), Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon (virtual), George Smiley, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

B. Approval of Minutes

-A motion was made by Councilman Carter and seconded by Councilman Tackett to approve the minutes from the May 27th, 2025 Council Meeting.

-Councilman Smiley announced that he was not voting on the minutes.

-The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

-Councilman Cartier announced that Ordinance 25-053 as amended by Amendment No 1. will remain tabled this evening.

-Councilman Caneco provided a point of order and noted that it is just Ordinance 25-053 that would remain tabled. Amendment No. 1 has not been introduced yet.

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick announced that at the appropriate time Ordinance 25-072 would be tabled.

-Councilman Smiley announced that once we get to R25-088, he will be leaving it on the table until we get further into the agenda, and then he will make a motion to go out of order and go back to it.

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

-Council President Williams-Johns announced that the recommendation had been received in accordance with the County Code.

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. Stree

°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

Consent Note

-Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Kilpatrick, that the Consent Calendar be adopted.

Consent Calendar-- 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

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

-Council President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-098 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Council President Williams-Johns explained the resolution.

-No Council comment.

-No public comment.

Resolution 25-098-- 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

R25-103: 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

-Councilwoman Durham moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett that Resolution 25-103 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration and adoption.

-Councilwoman Durham explained the resolution and called for the vote.

-No Council comment.

-No public comment.

Resolution 25-103-- Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Janet Kilpatrick, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

No: David Carter, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, George Smiley

Not Voting: Timothy Sheldon

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

-Councilman Tackett moved, seconded by Councilwoman George, that Resolution 25-104 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration and adoption.

-Councilman Tackett explained the resolution.

-No Council comment.

-No public comment.

Resolution 25-104-- Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Janet Kilpatrick, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

No: David Carter, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, George Smiley

Not voting: Timothy Sheldon

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

-Councilman Tackett moved, seconded by Councilman xxx, that Resolution 25-105 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration and adoption.

-Councilman Tackett explained the resolution.

-No Council comment.

-No public comment.

Resolution 25-105-- Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Janet Kilpatrick, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

No: David Carter, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, George Smiley

Not voting: Timothy Sheldon

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

-Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-106 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Cartier explained the resolution.

-No Council comment.

-No public comment.

Resolution 25-106-- 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

-Councilman Smiley moved to go out of order to allow R25-088 to remain on the table until later in the agenda, seconded by Councilman Cartier. The motion was approved.

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

-There were no Item Gs.

H. Presentations

-There were no Item Hs.

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

-Councilwoman Durham moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that Ordinance 25-064 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilwoman Durham stated per title.

-No Council comment.

-No public comment.

Resolution 25-064 -- 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

°25-065: 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

-Councilman Hollins moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Ordinance 25-065 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration and adoption.

-Councilman Hollins explained the resolution.

-No Council comment.

-No public comment.

Resolution 25-065 -- 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

°25-066: 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

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Ordinance 25-066 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Smiley explained the resolution.

-No Council comment.

-No public comment.

Resolution 25-066 -- 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

°25-067: 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

-Councilman Caneco moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Ordinance 25-067 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Caneco explained per title.

-No Council comment.

-No public comment.

Resolution 25-067 -- 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

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

-Councilman Hollins moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Substitute No. 1 to °25-068 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Hollins explained the Substitute No. 1 to °25-068.

-Council comments from Councilwoman Kilpatrick.

-No public comment.

Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 25-068 -- 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

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

-Councilman Street moved, seconded by President Williams-Johns, that Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 25-069 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Street explained the Substitute No. 1 to °25-069.

-No Council comment.

-No public comment.

Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 25-069 -- 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

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

-Councilman Hollins moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 25-070 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Hollins explained the Substitute No. 1 to °25-070.

-Council comments from Councilmembers Street, Hollins, and Smiley.

-No public comment.

Substitute Ordinance No. 1 to 25-070 -- 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

°25-071: 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

-Councilman Sheldon moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Ordinance 25-071 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration and adoption.

-Councilman Sheldon explained the Ordinance.

-No Council comment.

-No public comment.

Ordinance 25-071 -- 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

°25-072: 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

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick moved, seconded by Councilman Smiley, that Ordinance 25-072 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick moved to table Ordinance 25-072. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smiley and it was approved by voice vote.

Ordinance 25-072 -- Tabled

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

- Councilman Smiley moved to lift Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 25-048 from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and approved by voice vote.
- Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 25-048 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Smiley explained the Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 25-048.
- No Council comment.
- No public comment.

Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 25-048-- 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

°25-049: (STATUS: TABLED) CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

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

- Councilman Smiley moved to lift Ordinance 25-049 from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and approved.
- Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that Ordinance 25-049 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Smiley explained the resolution.
- No Council comment.
- No public comment.

Ordinance 25-049-- 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

°25-050: (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

- Councilman Smiley moved to lift Ordinance 25-050 from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and approved.
- Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that Ordinance 25-050 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Smiley explained the resolution.
- No Council comment.
- No public comment.
- President Williams-Johns reminded Council that this ordinance requires 10 votes for approval.

Ordinance 25-050 -- 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

- Councilman Smiley moved to return to the regular order of business to consider R25-088. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and approved.

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

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

- Councilman Smiley moved to lift Resolution 25-088 from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and approved.
- Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-088 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

- Councilman Smiley stated as per title.
- No Council comment.
- No public comment.

Resolution 25-088 -- 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

°25-051: (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

- Councilman Smiley moved to lift Ordinance 25-051 from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and approved.
- Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that Ordinance 25-051 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Smiley stated as per title.
- Councilman Caneco and Councilman Street commented on the ordinance.
- No public comment.

Ordinance 25-051-- 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

°25-052: (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

- Councilman Smiley moved to lift Ordinance 25-052 from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and approved.
- Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Ordinance 25-052 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Smiley stated as per title.
- Councilman Cartier and Councilman Tackett commented on the ordinance.
- No public comment.

Ordinance 25-052 -- 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

°25-053: (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

- President Williams-Johns stated that Ordinance 25-053 would remain tabled.

Ordinance 25-053-- Tabled**J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances**

- There were no Item Js.

K. Public Comment/Other

- Councilwoman Kilpatrick motioned to give \$15,000 from her grant line to R25-103 for the Food Bank. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tackett and approved by voice vote.
- Councilman Smiley made a comment.
- Public comments by Rob Bullock and Joshua Brown.

L. Motion to Adjourn

- Councilman Street motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smiley and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.