



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

June 24, 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, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

B. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Smiley, second by Councilman Tackett, to approve the minutes from July 10, 2025 Council Meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

- Councilman Cartier announced he would lift Ordinance 25-053 from the table and introduce a substitute.

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-090: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION
UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR THE CLASS
SPECIFICATION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

°25-091: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: FOR FY2025, APPROPRIATE \$5,504 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

°25-092: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE UP TO \$150,000 ANTICIPATED TO BE RECEIVED 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

°25-093: TO AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND CREATE THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF LEGAL ASSISTANT TO COUNSEL TO COUNCIL
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George, Ms. Kilpatrick

E. Consent Calendar

R25-107: HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. ALBERT H. RICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street

R25-108: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MIMI RAYL TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R25-109: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AMY SERAMONE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

R25-110: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL SHAW TO THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

R25-115: HONORING AND COMMENDING THE CHINESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER FOR HOSTING THEIR 31ST ANNUAL CHINESE FESTIVAL
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

Consent Note

- Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved.

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

R25-111: AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, AND THE CRANSTON-GONZALEZ NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT, AS

AMENDED

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

- Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-111 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Street explained the resolution.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Resolution 25-111 -- 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

**R25-112: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 2
("ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS") RELATING TO FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH
OTHER GOVERNMENTAL BODIES**

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

- Councilman Caneco moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that Resolution 25-112 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Caneco explained the resolution.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Resolution 25-112 -- Adopted

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

No: Jea Street

**R25-113: TO AMEND A DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS FOR CONCORD SQUARE
SHOPPING CENTER, NEW CASTLE COUNTY TAX PARCEL NO. 06-040.00-005**

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

- Councilwoman Durham moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-113 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilwoman Durham explained the resolution.
- No comments from Council or the public.

Resolution 25-113 -- 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

**R25-114: PLAN OF THE PLAZA AT BOYDS; ST. GEORGES HUNDRED;
NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF DUPONT PARKWAY AND GREYLAG ROAD; MAJOR LAND
DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT PROPOSES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 372,506 SQUARE FOOT
MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF 288 APARTMENT UNITS, 16,900 SQUARE
FEET OF RETAIL GROSS FLOOR AREA, 3,300 SQUARE FEET OF RESTAURANT GROSS
FLOOR AREA, 9,838 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE/AMENITY GROSS FLOOR AREA AND ALL
ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS, TO INCLUDE A TITLE SUBDIVISION; CR ZONING;
APPLICATION NO. 2022-0413-S/Z; COUNCIL DISTRICT 6**

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

- Councilman Carter moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-114 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Carter explained the resolution.
- Comments from Councilman Caneco, Carter, Hollins
- Public Comment: Angel Nunez, Sally Sammit, Mohamed Idrissi

Resolution 25-114 -- Adopted

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

No: Jea Street

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

- None

H. Presentations

- None

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°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

- Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-074 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Street explained the resolution.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-074 -- 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

°25-075: 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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

- Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-075 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Street explained the ordinance.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-075 -- 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

°25-076: 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

- Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-076 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Street explained the ordinance.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-076 -- Adopted

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

Absent: Timothy Sheldon

°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

- Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-077 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Street explained the resolution.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-077 -- 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

°25-078: 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

- Councilman Hollins moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-078 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Hollins explained the resolution.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-078 -- 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

°25-079: 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

- Councilman Hollins moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-079 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Hollins explained the resolution.
- Comments by Councilman Caneco.
- General Manager Carey Casey, Department of Community Services, responded to Councilman Caneco's question.
- Public comment: Rob Bullock, Dora Williams
- General Manager Carey Casey, Department of Community Services, responded to Mr. Bullock and Ms. Williams questions about the libraries.
- Councilman Street commented.

Ordinance 25-079 -- 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

°25-080: 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

- Councilman Hollins moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-080 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

- Councilman Hollins stated per title.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-080 -- 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

°25-081: 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

- Councilman Toole moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-081 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Toole stated per title
- No comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-081 -- 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

°25-083: 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

- Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that °25-083 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Smiley stated as discussed in today's Finance Committee meeting.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-083 -- 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

°25-085: 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

- Councilman Caneco moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-085 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Caneco stated per title.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-085 -- 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

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

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

- Councilman Sheldon moved, seconded by Councilman Carter, that °25-086 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Sheldon stated per title.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-086 -- 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

°25-087: 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

- Councilman Hollins moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that °25-087 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Hollins explained the ordinance.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-087 -- 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

°25-088: 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

- Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-088 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Smiley stated per title.
- No comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 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

°25-001: REVISE ZONING MAP; BRANDYWINE HUNDRED, SOUTH EAST SIDE OF PHILADELPHIA PIKE, 400 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE 495 AND PHILADELPHIA PIKE; REZONE TAX PARCEL 06-059.00-165 (4150 PHILADELPHIA PIKE, CITISTEEL), TAX PARCEL 06-059.00-171 (4106 PHILADELPHIA PIKE, CITISTEEL), 06-072.00-198 (110 TRANSIT CENTER DR, CITISTEEL), 06-072.00-199 (150 TRANSIT CENTER DR, CITISTEEL), AND TAX PARCEL 06-073.00-001 (5988 PHILADELPHIA PIKE, COLORADO FUEL & IRON), FROM "HI" (HEAVY INDUSTRY) TO "CR" (COMMERCIAL REGIONAL)

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

- Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-001 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Cartier explained the ordinance.
- Council comments were made by Councilman Carter, Councilman Street, Councilman Caneco
- General Manager David Culver, Department of Land Use, responded to Councilman Street's questions.
- Councilwoman Durham and President Williams-Johns requested to be added as co-sponsors.
- Public comment Brett Saddler, Roby Anstett, Bernadette Coghlan-Walsh (copy of statement submitted to Clerks Office), Rob Bullock
- Council comments were made by Councilman Street, Councilman Cartier, Councilman Hollins, Councilman Carter, Councilman Street, Councilman Cartier, Councilman Street,

Ordinance 25-001-- Adopted

Poll Vote

-Councilman Caneco -**Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the recommendation of the district council member, John Cartier.

-Councilman Carter - **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use, Planning Board, and based on his personal technical review of the site that makes it clear that any environmental issues can be readily managed.

-Councilman Cartier- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use, Planning Board, and that this brings the area into compliance with the 2012 Comprehensive Plan.

-Councilwoman Durham- **Yes**, based upon the Comp Plan Compliance, and the stated support of the Department of Land Use and the district council member.

-Councilwoman George- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the

Planning Board

- Councilman Hollins - **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and Brett Saddler's support and work along Philadelphia Pike.
- Councilwoman Kilpatrick - **Yes**, based upon the suitability for the proposed redevelopment for the area.
- Councilman Sheldon - **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the approval of the district council member.
- Councilman Smiley - **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use.
- Councilman Street - **Not Voting**, because of the environmental concerns are significant, substantial, and too much of a risk to take.
- Councilman Tackett - **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and trust that tonight is not the end but the beginning.
- Councilman Toole - **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use, Planning Board, and through tonight's discussions noting that he agrees with Councilman Tackett.
- President Williams-Johns - **Yes**, in support of the redevelopment of the Claymont area in hopes that the constituents' issues are addressed in future plans, and also based upon the Planning Boards recommendations.

°25-045: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE" OR "UDC"), ARTICLE 14 ("IMPACT FEES"), REGARDING IMPACT FEES

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Tackett

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Mr. Toole

- Councilwoman Durham moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that °25-045 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilwoman Durham explained the ordinance.
- Comments made Councilman Street, Councilwoman Durham, Councilman Caneco, Councilman Hollins, Councilman Carter, Councilman Street.
- Public comment: Rob Bullock

Ordinance 25-045 -- Adopted

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

No: Jea Street

°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, Mr. Tackett

- Councilman Cartier made a motion to remove °25-053 from the table. The motion was seconded by Councilman Caneco and approved.
- Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Substitute No. 1 to °25-053 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Cartier explained the ordinance and the substitute.
- Comments by Councilman Smiley, Councilman Hollins, Councilman Carter, Councilman Toole, Councilwoman Kilpatrick, Councilman Caneco, Councilman Street.
- Public comment: Dennis Godek
- President Williams-Johns reminded Council that 10 votes are needed to approve.

Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 25-053 -- 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: (STATUS: TABLED) 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 Toole, that °25-072 be lifted from the table and read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

- Councilwoman Kilpatrick explained the ordinance.
- Council member comments were made by Councilman Toole, Councilwoman Kilpatrick, Councilman Smiley, Councilman Street.
- No public comment.

Ordinance 25-072 -- 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. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

- None

K. Public Comment/Other

- Councilman Smiley commented on future funding for the fire departments and public comment.
- Councilwoman Kilpatrick, Councilman Street, Councilman Hollins, President Williams-Johns, Councilman Caneco commented on public comment too.
- Public comment: Rob Bullock

L. Motion to Adjourn

- Councilman Toole moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carter and the meeting was adjourned at 09:07 PM.