



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

July 8, 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, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

Members absent: Timothy Sheldon

B. Approval of Minutes

-Motion by Councilman Smiley, second by Councilman Carter, to approve the minutes from June 24, 2025 Council Meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick announced that she would be handling Councilman Sheldon's legislation this evening.

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-094: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE"), SECTION 40.27.540 ("CHANGES TO OPEN SPACE OR COMMON FACILITIES") REGARDING PROPOSED PLAN CHANGES

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

°25-095: AMENDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14 ("FINANCE AND TAXATION"), SECTION 14.01.014 ("TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT") REGARDING THE TAX STABILIZATION ACCOUNT AND REASSESSMENTS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°25-096: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY TO REFRESH VIDEO PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT

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

E. Consent Calendar

R25-116: CELEBRATING BISHOP BOSTON FORD, JR.'S 40 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R25-117: RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RAYMOND "DICKIE" BURRIS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter, Ms. Williams-Johns, Mr. Caneco

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, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

Absent: Timothy Sheldon

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

R25-118: PLAN OF DELAWARE STORAGE SOLUTIONS; MILL CREEK HUNDRED; NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF OLD CAPITOL TRAIL AND OLD HARMONY ROAD; COMBINE THE EXISTING TWO LOTS AND CONSTRUCT A THREE-STORY, 49,989 SQUARE FOOT SELF-STORAGE BUILDING WITH ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS; CN ZONING; [APPLICATION NO. 2021-0070-S](#); COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick moved, seconded by Councilman Carter, that Resolution 25-118 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick explained the resolution.

-No comments from council or the public.

Resolution 25-118 -- 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

R25-119 : TO TERMINATE THE CROSS ACCESS EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DECLARATION FOR LOTS 23 AND 24 – APPLECROSS SUBDIVISION; TAX PARCEL NOS. 07-27.00-097 AND 07-027.00-026; 1 AND 9 GREAT BARN LANE; COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

-Councilwoman Durham moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-119 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilwoman Durham noted that this was discussed at the 7/1/25 Land Use meeting.

-There were no questions from council or the public.

Resolution 25-119 -- 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

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

-None

H. Presentations

- None

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°25-090: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) 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

-President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilman Smiley, that °25-090 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-President Williams-Johns moved to table °25-090. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter and was approved.

Ordinance 25-090 -- Tabled

°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

-Councilman Hollins moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-091 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Hollins explained the ordinance.

-There were no questions from council or the public.

Ordinance 25-091 -- 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

°25-092: 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

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-092 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Kilpatrick explained the ordinance.

-There were no comments from council or the public.

Ordinance 25-092 -- 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

°25-093: 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

- Councilwoman George moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that °25-093 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilwoman George noted that this was discussed at the 7/1/25 Personnel Subcommittee Meeting and the 7/8/25 Finance Committee Meeting.
- Council member comments: Councilman Street, Councilman Caneco.
- There was no public comment.

Ordinance 25-093 -- Adopted

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

No: Jea Street

Absent: Timothy Sheldon

°22-006: REVISE ZONING MAP: BRANDYWINE HUNDRED, WEST SIDE OF NEWARK UNION PUBLIC ROAD, NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION WITH BAYNARD BOULEVARD; 8 & 20 NEWARK UNION PUBLIC ROAD, TAX PARCELS 06-103.00-101 & 06-103.00-100, 2.31+ ACRES FROM NC10 (NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION) TO NC10 (NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION) AND H (HISTORIC OVERLAY ZONE); COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 (The property owner is requesting the H (Historic Overlay Zone) for the subject parcels. 2021-0557-R/Z)

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

- Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °22-006 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Cartier explained the ordinance.
- Council comment: Councilman Caneco, Councilman Hollins, President Williams-Johns
- Public comment: Anne Daly

Ordinance 22-006 -- Adopted**Poll Vote**

- Council Member Caneco -**Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the district council member, Councilman Cartier
- Council Member Carter - **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and all the work that the board and Councilman Cartier have done to restore the church.
- Council Member Cartier- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendations from the Department of Land Use, Historic Review Board. He is happy to support this tonight.
- Council Member Durham- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the district council member and because it is a perfect fit for this zoning category.
- Council Member George- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and in support of the district council member.
- Council Member Hollins- **Yes**, based on the Historic Review Board's recommendation and for the citizens that have helped to maintain this property.
- Council Member Kilpatrick- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendations from the Department of Land Use and the Historic Review Board.
- Council Member Sheldon - **Absent**
- Council Member Smiley- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and because of Councilwoman Durham's support.
- Council Member Street- **Not Voting**, because everyone forgets that cemeteries were segregated in Delaware until the Civil Rights Act was passed.
- Council Member Tackett- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendations from the Department of Land Use and the Planning Board.
- Council Member Toole- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendations from the Department of Land Use, the Planning Board, and the district council member.
- President Williams-Johns- **Yes**, because of the hard work of the board members, the community, and the recommendation from the Department of Land Use.

°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

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by None, that °25-017 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Smiley stated per title.

-There were no comments from council or the public.

Ordinance 25-017 -- Adopted

Poll Vote

-Council Member Caneco -**Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and district council member, Councilman Smiley

-Council Member Carter - **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendations from the Department of Land Use and Planning Board.

-Council Member Cartier- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendations from the Department of Land Use, Planning Board, and the district council member.

-Council Member Durham- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendations from the Department of Land Use, Planning Board, and the district council member.

-Council Member George-**Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the district council member.

-Council Member Hollins- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the district council member.

-Council Member Kilpatrick- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use.

-Council Member Sheldon- **Absent**

-Council Member Smiley- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and despite the district council member.

-Council Member Street- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the district council member.

-Council Member Tackett- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use.

-Council Member Toole- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendations from the Department of Land Use and the Planning Board.

-President Williams-Johns- **Yes**, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use, Councilman Carter and Councilman Smiley's comments.

°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

-Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-082 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Cartier explained the ordinance.

-Council comment: Councilman Street

Ordinance 25-082 -- 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

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

- None

K. Public Comment/Other

-No public comment.

-President Williams-Johns and Councilman Caneco commented on R25-117.

-Councilman Caneco commented on the Appoquinimink School Board and the budget/accounting errors.

-Councilman Cartier commented on the Appoquinimink School District.

L. Motion to Adjourn

- Councilman Smiley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and the meeting was adjourned at 07:11 PM.

