



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

August 5, 2025
3:00 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 3:20 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 (virtual), Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett (virtual), Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

B. Announcements

-Councilman Carter announced that Councilman Hollins was added as a co-sponsor to Ordinance 25-101.

C. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-100: **(NOTE: THESE REZONINGS RELATE TO PUBLIC LANDS AND PUBLIC PARKS)** COUNTY INITIATED REZONING - TO REVISE THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY ZONING MAPS IN COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REGARDING THE FOLLOWING TAX PARCELS: BRANDYWINE HUNDRED: 06-013.00-080 (2537 DARTMOUTH WOODS RD, DARTMOUTH WOODS), 06-013.00-260 (2412 RAMBLEWOOD DR, CHANNIN), 06-013.00-261 (2510 RAMBLEWOOD DR, CHANNIN), 06-014.00-019 (2708 TONBRIDGE DR, CHANNIN), 06-014.00-048 (2708 TONBRIDGE DR, LUHMANN PROPERTY), 06-014.00-168 (2708 TONBRIDGE DR, CHANNIN), 06-020.00-165 (3331 TUNISON DR, DEVONSHIRE SEC 1), 06-020.00-197 (3328 TUNISON DR, DEVONSHIRE SEC 1), 0602000229 (15 A AUSTIN RD, CHAPELCROFT), 06-020.00-245 (3319 SHIPLEY RD, CHAPELCROFT), 06-021.00-024 (26 A AUSTIN RD, CHAPELCROFT), 06-021.00-033 (2818 GRUBB RD, JESTER PARK), 06-021.00-035 (5 OLD POST CT, COUNTRY GATES), 06-022.00-081 (2122 WEATHERTON DR, BRANDYWOOD SEC

3), 06-022.00-126 (2132 A BRANDYWOOD DR, BRANDYWOOD SEC 3), 06-024.00-152 (2102 WREXHAM RD, NORTHCREST), 06-030.00-004 (3427 N ROCKFIELD DR, DEVONSHIRE SEC 1), 06-031.00-315 (0 BARLOW RD, JESTER PARK), 06-031.00-334 (2818 GRUBB RD, JESTER PARK), 06-032.00-168 (0 MAJESTIC DR, BRANDYWOOD SEC 1), 06-032.00-242 (2302 LIGHTHOUSE LN, BEACON HILL, 06-032.00-281 (2302 LIGHTHOUSE LN, BRANDYWOOD SEC 1), 06-032.00-306 (0 MAJESTIC DR, BRANDYWOOD SEC 1), 06-033.00-042 (2402 PENNINGTON DR, BRANDYWOOD SEC 1), 06-033.00-138 (0 PATWYNN RD, WYNNWOOD), 06-033.00-238 (2328 JAMAICA DR, KINGSRIDGE), 06-033.00-239 (2237 PATWYNN RD, WYNNWOOD), 06-033.00-240 (2246 INWOOD RD, LANCASHIRE), 06-041.00-184 (7 A PIERSON CT, PIERSON FARM), 06-041.00-209 (0 OFF PIERSON DR, PIERSON FARM), 06-042.00-016 (2695 E LANDSDOWNE DR, CARDIFF), 06-042.00-080 (2490 LONDON DR, CHALFONTE SEC 1), 06-043.00-202 (2011 LONGCOME DR, GRAYLYN CREST SEC 3), 06-043.00-202 (2011 LONGCOME DR, GRAYLYN CREST SEC 3), 06-045.00-022 (2211 A JAMAICA DR, HOLIDAY HILLS SEC 2), 06-052.00-183 (2506 N LORI LN, TARLETON), 06-052.00-217 (2433 SHIPLEY RD, TARLETON), 06-053.00-018 (2501 N LORI LN, WOODBINE), 06-053.00-105 (3000 SILVERSIDE RD, BONSALE SUBD), 06-055.00-174 (2099 WESTMINSTER DR, GRAYLYN CREST SEC 3), 06-064.00-033 (501 WHITBY DR), 06-065.00-227 (306 GOODLEY RD, MCDANIEL CREST), 06-065.00-259 (2429 SHELLPOT DR, MCDANIEL CREST), 06-065.00-312 (3199 DELWYNN DR, SURREY PARK), 06-067.00-237 (1212 WINDON DR, CHATHAM), 06-067.00-257 (1212 WINDON DR, GRAYLYN CREST SEC 2), 06-075.00-007 (1000 MT LEBANON RD), 06-076.00-160 (0 BLACK GATES RD), 06-077.00-274 (0 OFF CONCORD PIKE, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH), 06-079.00-010 (3324 COACHMAN RD, SURREY PARK), 06-080.00-108 (1910 GRAYWELL RD, GRAYLYN CREST SEC 4), 06-080.00-190 (1110 CRESTOVER RD, GRAYLYN CREST SEC 2), 06-088.00-018 (52 KERFOOT FARM RD, WOODBROOK SEC 3), 0608900011 (201 SHARPLEY RD, SHARPLEY SEC I), 06-090.00-052 (150 FAIRFAX BLVD, FAIRFAX), 06-090.00-571 (1108 PARKSIDE DR, OAK LANE MANOR), 06-091.00-154 (815 WILSON RD, NEW CASTLE COUNTY TALLEY DAY PARK), 06-099.00-002 (96 COUNTRY CLUB DR, WOODBROOK), 06-100.00-093 (15 A YORK RD, DEERHURST), 06-101.00-270 (1802 FAIRFAX BLVD, FAIRFAX), AND 06-128.00-151 (123 ROCKLAND CIR, ALAPOCAS II); CHRISTIANA HUNDRED: 07-022.00-031 (807 MT CUBA RD, TASH SUBD), 07-027.00-004 (3809 ARDLEIGH DR, GREENVILLE MANOR), 07-028.00-102 (49 STONEWOLD WAY, STONEWOLD), 07-030.30-085 (0 KENNETT PIKE, WESTOVER HILLS), 07-034.20-159 (2301 CENTERVILLE RD, TYBROOK), 07-034.20-315 (2512 TURNSTONE DR, BROOKMEADE SEC 1), 07-035.10-036 (2001 FAULKLAND RD, WOODLAND PARK), 07-035.30-198 (1604 A MONTGOMERY RD, WILLOW RUN), 07-035.30-324 (1607 MONTGOMERY RD, WILLOW RUN), 07-035.30-339 (1201 E WILLOW RUN DR, WILLOW RUN), 07-035.40-157 (15 JEFFERSON AVE, WILLOW RUN SEC 2), 07-035.40-158 (1020 MONTGOMERY RD, OAK HILL), 07-035.40-275 (1315 CLIFFORD RD, OAK HILL), AND 07-035.40-284 (1320 CLIFFORD RD, OAK HILL); MILL CREEK HUNDRED: 08-032.20-258, (2825 NEWPORT GAP PIKE, BRANDYWINE SPRINGS MNR)

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

- Before the Clerk started reading the tax parcels included in the title, Councilman Smiley moved to treat the reading of Ordinance 25-100 as a full and complete introductory reading for that ordinance and that the ordinance has hereby formally introduced. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carter and approved.

°25-101: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE"), ARTICLE 3 ("USE REGULATIONS") AND ARTICLE 33 ("DEFINITIONS") TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE REVIEW, SITING, AND OPERATIONS OF DATA CENTERS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Toole, Ms. Durham, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Hollins

°25-102: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE OF DELAWARE FUNDING RECEIVED FOR THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BUDGETARY LINE ITEM

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

D. Consideration of Ordinances

°25-099: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14 ("FINANCE AND TAXATION"), ARTICLE 5 ("ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AND PENALTY") TO PROVIDE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AUTHORITY TO ABATE PENALTIES FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTIAL TAXPAYERS PARTICIPATING IN AN INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN CAUSED BY INCREASED PROPERTY TAX LIABILITY FOLLOWING A COUNTY-WIDE REASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that °25-099 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Smiley explained the ordinance and noted that this is strictly related to the county portion of the property tax.

-Councilman Cartier stated that this is not related to the school tax.

-Councilwoman Durham asked for clarification from the administration on how this would work. Dave Delgrande, Chief Financial Officer, provided additional information and responded to Council's questions.

-Councilwoman Durham requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

-Councilman Tackett asked for clarification of what would happen if individuals miss a payment. Dave Delgrande, Chief Financial Officer, responded and provided additional information.

-President Williams-Johns opened the floor to the public and noted that all comments should be related to Ordinance 25-099.

-Public Comment - Racheel Wilson, Vanessa Urdine, Holland Rostand, Jr., Rob Bullock

Ordinance 25-099 -- 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

No: Monique Williams-Johns

E. Public Comment/Other

Public comment: Brother Dwight L. Davis, Holland Rostin, Jr., Vanessa , Joe Walls, Robert Lee, Carol Bright, Lee Baum.

-Council Members Cartier, Carter, Kilpatrick, Caneco, Hollins, Williams-Johns, Street commented on reassessment and the public's comments.

F. Motion to Adjourn

- Councilman Carter moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by President Williams-Johns and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.