



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 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 (virtual), Valerie George, 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 Cartier, to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2025 Council Meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

-Councilman Caneco announced that he would table Ordinance 25-107.

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-113: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:REALIGN FUNDING WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND BENEFIT BUDGET LINE ITEM TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR HEALTHCARE EXPENSES

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

°25-114: TO AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 3109, TO CHANGE THE POSITION TITLE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNER TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNER

AND ADOPT THE REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

E. Consent Calendar**Consent Note**

-None

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

R25-154: PLAN OF THE MANOR AT 6060; MILL CREEK HUNDRED; WEST SIDE OF LIMESTONE ROAD, 865 FEET NORTH OF MENDENHALL MILL ROAD; CONSOLIDATE TWO PARCELS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STORY, 83,050 SQUARE FOOT INSTITUTIONAL RESIDENTIAL TYPE 2 FACILITY WITH ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS; NC21 ZONING; APPLICATION NO. [2023-0586-S](#); COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-154 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick noted that Council received a presentation on this resolution at the last Land Use Committee meeting.

-There were no question or comments from Council or the public.

Resolution 25-154 -- 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

R25-155: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EMPOWER RETIREMENT, LLC TO SERVE AS THE APPROVED ADMINISTRATOR OF THE 457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN AND THE 401(a) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION BENEFIT OF THE COUNTY 2011 PLAN

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

-Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-155 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Cartier explained the resolution.

-There was no questions or comments from Council or the public

Resolution 25-155 -- 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

R25-156: APPROVING REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER PURSUANT TO NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE SECTION 26.03.105(F)

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

-President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-156 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-President Williams-Johns explained the resolution.

-There were no questions or comments from Council or the public.

Resolution 25-156 - 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=

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

-None

H. Presentations

-None

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°25-103: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE, DIVISION OF CUSTOMER RELATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH RODENT CONTROL IN VACANT PROPERTIES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that °25-103 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Smiley explained the ordinance.

-There were no questions or comments from Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-103-- 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

°25-104: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH AN EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATOR TRAINING COURSE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

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

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Caneco, that °25-104 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Smiley stated as per title.

-There was no questions or comments from Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-104- 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

°25-105: AMEND THE FY2026 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 PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR UNIFORMS FOR THE PIPES AND DRUMS BAND

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

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

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

-Councilman Smiley stated as per title.

-There were no questions or comments from Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-105 -- 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

°25-106: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$8,917.00 IN ADDITIONAL 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, Ms. Williams-Johns

- Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-106 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Street explained the ordinance and noted that Councilman Hollins and Councilman Toole are co-sponsors.
- President Williams-Johns noted for the record that she was also added as a co-sponsor.
- There were no questions or comments from Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-109 -- 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

°25-107: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 19 ("RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES") REGARDING LANDLORD AND TENANT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

- Councilman Caneco moved, seconded by Councilman Carter, that °25-107 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Caneci moved to table °25-107. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smiley and approved.

Ordinance 25-107 -- Tabled

°25-109: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$115,089.15 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR THE PURCHASE AND RECEIPT OF DONATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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

- Councilman Toole moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25- be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Toole explained the ordinance and noted that it was discussed in today's Public Safety Committee meeting.
- There were no questions or commenst from Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-109 -- 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

°25-110: TO APPROPRIATE \$250,000 IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR HOPE CENTER SECURITY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

- Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-110 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Street explained the ordinance.
- Councilman Hollins commented on the ordinance.
- There was no public comment.

Ordinance 25-110 -- 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

°25-111: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2025/2026 STATE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM/YEAR ROUND 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 Carter, that °25-111 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Street explained the ordinance.

-There were no questions or comments from Council or the public.

Ordinance 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

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °25-112: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE 40-HOUR WORK WEEK EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 1607 FOR THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF MASTER MECHANIC FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF PLANT OPERATIONS

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

-President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Substitute No. 1 to °25-112 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-President Williams-Johns explained the ordinance.

- There were no questions or comments from Council or the public.

Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 25-112 -- 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 Caneco made comments about the Appoquinimink School District audit and the Appoquinimink School Board.

-Councilman Street made comments on the Minquadale land fill. Council Carter and Councilman Hollins commented on Councilman Street's comments.

-Public Comment - Rob Bullock

L. Motion to Adjourn

- Councilman Smiley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.