



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

September 23, 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 (virtual), 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 Carter, to approve the minutes from September 9, 2025 Council Meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

-Councilman Caneco announced that he would lift Ordinance 25-107 from the table tonight.

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-115: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$36,983.00 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SLEAF) TO THE SLEAF PROTECTIVE RIDING GEAR GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-116: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT AND APPROPRIATE \$98,444.46 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE,

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BELVEDERE FIRE COMPANY COMMAND VEHICLE
GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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

°25-117: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS OF
\$165,147.50 PROVIDED BY THE HEALTH FEDERATION OF PHILADELPHIA THROUGH THEIR
AMERICORPS GRANT FUNDING TO THE NATIONAL HEALTH CORPS DELAWARE
COMMUNITY HEALTH FELLOWSHIP 2023-2024 GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF FINANCE

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

°25-118: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS OF
\$145,650 PROVIDED BY THE HEALTH FEDERATION OF PHILADELPHIA THROUGH THEIR
AMERICORPS GRANT FUNDING TO THE NATIONAL HEALTH CORPS DELAWARE
COMMUNITY HEALTH FELLOWSHIP 2024-2025 GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF FINANCE

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

°25-119: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED
SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND ADOPT THE REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION OF PAYROLL
SUPERVISOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, DIVISION OF FINANCE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

°25-120: AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 7 ("PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE CODE"), SECTION 7.01.002 ("AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE"), AS AMENDED, SECTION PM 308 ("RUBBISH AND
GARBAGE") AND CHAPTER 19 ("RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES"), ARTICLE 3
("RENTAL CODE")

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

E. Consent Calendar

R25-158: HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. JEROME R. "FUDGIE"
CAMPBELL

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street

R25-159: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET CASTORANI TO THE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-160: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN COCHRAN TO THE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick, Ms. Durham

R25-161: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DIONNE DAISEY-WILLIFORD TO
THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-162: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KAREN FELIX TO THE NEW
CASTLE COUNTY FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

R25-163: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP GEORGE E. GIBSON, II
TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

R25-164: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CONNOR GRAHAM MUNZERT TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

R25-165: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GERALDINE KROLIN-TAYLOR TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-166: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN NAYLOR TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-167: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNA OGUNNAIKE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-168: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RUTH M. VISVARDIS TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

R25-169: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT OTT TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R25-170: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF R. LYNN PAXSON TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-171: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LAURALEE RAPPLEYE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

R25-172: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARILYN P. REED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-173: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MELISSA T. RUFO TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-174: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EUGENE RUPINSKI TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOCKESSIN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-175: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW J. SARVER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R25-176: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT B. SNOWDEN TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

Consent Note

-Mr. Smiley moved, seconded by Mr. Cartier, moved that Consent Calendar be read into the record and placed before Council for its consideration.

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

R25-177: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH DELAWARE FAMILY HOPE LLC TO PROVIDE INTERMEDIARY SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH A PAY-FOR-SUCCESS PROJECT INTENDED TO PROVIDE COST-EFFECTIVE SERVICES FOR ENDING FAMILY HOMELESS IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

- Councilman Hollins moved, seconded by Councilman Carter, that Resolution 25-177 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Hollins explained the resolution and noted that it was discussed at today's Community Services Committee meeting.
- Comments from Councilman Caneco and Councilman Cartier.
- There was no public comment.

Resolution 25-177 -- 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

R25-178(A): CELEBRATING THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE VILLAGE OF ARDENCROFT
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

- Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-178 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Cartier explained the resolution.
- President Williams-Johns requested to be a co-sponsor.
- Councilman Hollins commented on the resolution.
- There was no public comment.

Resolution 25-178 -- 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

H. Presentations**I. Consideration 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

- Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that °25-113 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Smiley stated as discussed at today's Finance Committee Meeting.
- There were no questions or comments from Council or the public.

Ordinance 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

°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

- President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-114 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- President Williams-Johns explained the ordinance and noted it was discussed earlier today in committee.
- There were no questions or comments by Council or the public.

Ordinance 25-114 -- 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: (STATUS: TABLED) 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 to lift °25-107 off the table. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and approved by voice vote.
- Councilman Caneco moved, seconded by Councilman Smiley, that Substitute No. 1 to °25-107 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Comments were made by Councilman Cartier, Councilman Hollins, and President Williams-Johns.
- Public comments were made by Dora Williams.

Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 25-107 -- Adopted

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

No: Penrose Hollins, Jea Street

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

-None

K. Public Comment/Other

-None

L. Motion to Adjourn

- Councilman Smiley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carter and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.