



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

October 14, 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 (virtual), Dee Durham, 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, seconded by Councilwoman Kilpatrick, to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2025, Council Meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

-Councilwoman Durham announced that she will be tabling Ordinance 25-120 this evening.

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-121: TO AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE" OR "UDC"), ARTICLE 3 ("USE REGULATIONS"), ARTICLE 4 ("DISTRICT AND BULK STANDARDS"), ARTICLE 11 ("TRANSPORTATION IMPACT"), AND ARTICLE 33 ("DEFINITIONS"), REGARDING TRUCK TERMINALS, WAREHOUSES, FULFILLMENT CENTERS AND DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Ms. Kilpatrick

°25-122: COUNTY INITIATED REZONING - TO REVISE THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY ZONING MAPS IN COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REGARDING THE FOLLOWING TAX PARCELS: BRANDYWINE HUNDRED: 06-024.00-249 (2507 Marsh Rd, County Parkland), 06-025.00-049 (3010 Fairhope Rd, Afton), 06-025.00-125 (3010 Fairhope Rd, The Timbers Sec 2), 06-025.00-140 (2667 Bittersweet Dr), 06-025.00-142 (2646 Cypress Rd), 06-025.00-221 (0 Valley Run Dr, Bechtel Subd), 06-025.00-234 (0 Valley Run Dr, Valley Run Sec 2), 06-025.00-235 (0 Valley Run Dr, Valley Run Sec 2), 06-026.00-004 (999 Woodstream Dr, Valley Run Sec 2), 06-035.00-236 (1201 Naamans Rd, Bechtel Subd), 06-035.00-240 (1301 Naamans Rd, Bechtel Subd), 06-036.00-012 (999 Woodstream Dr, Ramblewood), 06-046.00-074 (1106 Stonewood Ct, Darley Woods), 06-046.00-085 (898 Rockwell Rd, Longview Farms Sec 1), 06-047.00-044 (719 Plumtree Ln, Greentree Sec 3), 06-057.00-179 (300 Woodgreen Ct, Radnor Green Sec 3), 06-059.00-001 (100 Darley Rd), 06-059.00-002 (400 Lenape Way, Claymont Library), 06-059.00-018 (2 Denham Ave, Knollwood), 06-059.00-112 (31 Colby Ave, Knollwood), 06-059.00-119 (60 Balfour Ave, Knollwood), 06-070.00-043 (300 Woodgreen Ct, Radnor Green Sec 2), 06-070.00-044 (300 Woodgreen Ct, Radnor Green Sec 3), 06-081.00-053 (1625 Marsh Rd, Forwood), 06-081.00-085 (1615 Stoney Run Dr, Forwood), 06-082.00-253 (607 Smyrna Ave, Top Of The Hill Apts), 06-082.00-254 (927 Naudain Ave, Leshar Subd), 06-083.00-094 (1012 Parkside Blvd, Claymont Heights), 06-083.00-510 (927 Naudain Ave, Harvey Run), 06-091.00-199 (1716 Shadybrook Rd, Greenmeadow), 06-092.00-093 (20 Ridgeland Rd, Hawthorne Estates), 06-092.00-101 (20 Ridgeland Rd, Lynnfield), 06-092.00-174 (115 Marcella Rd, Webster Farm), 06-094.00-126 (2098 Prior Rd), 06-095.00-026 (607 Smyrna Ave, Hillendale), 06-095.00-354 (705 Naudain Ave, Claymont Heights 2), 06-095.00-484 (2220 Lincoln Ave, Greenmount), 06-104.00-001 (1218 Marsh Rd, Carrcroft Sec C), 06-104.00-231 (1239 Lakewood Dr, Carrcroft Crest), 06-105.00-161 (1805 Garfield Ave, Gwinhurst), 06-105.00-170 (1804 Garfield Ave, Gwinhurst), 06-106.00-062 (1805 Harrison Ave, Gwinhurst), 06-106.00-152 (20 N Park Dr, Gwinhurst), 06-106.00-153 (1806 Harrison Ave, Gwinhurst), 06-106.00-412 (13 Garrett Rd, Rolling Park), 06-106.00-424 (11 Devon Rd, Rolling Park), 06-106.00-481 (22 Winding Ln, Rolling Park), 06-113.00-239 (107 Timber Ln), 06-115.00-178 (9 Holly Hill Rd, Holly Hill), 06-115.00-206 (0 Holly Hill Rd, Holly Hill), 06-121.00-129 (1420 Talley Rd, Weldin Park Sec 2), 06-122.00-016 (4691 Washington St Ext, Rockwood Visitors Center), 06-122.00-080 (622 Shipley Rd, Hargraves Subd), 06-122.00-081 (301 Carr Rd, Rockwood Office Park), 06-130.00-004 (603 Rockwood Rd), 06-130.00-012 (4651 Washington St Ext, Rockwood Visitors Center), 06-146.00-596 (20 Clayton Ct, Edgemoor Gardens), 06-147.00-014 (610 River Rd, Camp Manito), 06-147.00-015 (610 River Rd, Jewish Federation Of Delaware), 06-147.00-020 (610 River Rd, Camp Manito), 06-059.00-045 (0 Denham Ave, Knollwood), 06-146.00-259 (720 Rysing Dr, Edgemoor Gardens), 06-146.00-619 (21 B S Cannon Dr, Edgemoor Gardens)

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

°25-123: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 13 ("STORMWATER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS") REGARDING STORMWATER MAINTENANCE AND THE OAKS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

°25-124: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$32,345 IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR AGING & ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES TO THE AB JONES SENIOR CENTER ART LOVING SENIORS GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Co-sponsor: Mr. Toole

°25-125: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO THE ASSET FORFEITURE-FEDERAL GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-126: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$60,000 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-127: 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 COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE TREE REMOVAL PROGRAM FOR SENIORS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°25-128: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$900,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF LAW TO FUND ATTORNEY FEES AND LITIGATION EXPERT WITNESSES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°25-129: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$300,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF FLEET OPERATIONS GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM FOR A SETTLEMENT
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

E. Consent Calendar

R25-178(B): HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. SUZANNE BURNETTE MCMURRAY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street

R25-179: CELEBRATING *PEACE WEEK DELAWARE* AND ITS MISSION TO FOSTER A CULTURE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

Consent Note

- No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.
- Councilman Carter moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that the Consent Calendar be read by title only 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

R25-180: APPROVING REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY II 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 25-180 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- President Williams-Johns explained the resolution.
- There were no comments or questions from Council or the public.

Resolution 25- 180 -- 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

R25-181: PLAN OF HOCKESSIN STATION; MILL CREEK HUNDRED; EAST SIDE OF VALLEY ROAD, 850 FEET SOUTH OF EVANSON ROAD; MAJOR SUBDIVISION PLAN THAT SUBDIVIDES THE SUBJECT PARCELS INTO 143 LOTS, WITH ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS, UTILIZING THE OPEN SPACE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OPTION, AND REMOVES DEED RESTRICTIONS FROM TAX PARCELS #08-012.00-033 AND #08-012.00-073; ST AND ST & H ZONING; [APPLICATION NUMBER 2021-0695-S/Z](#); COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-181 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick noted this plan was discussed at the last Land Use Committee Meeting and stated per title.

Resolution 25-181 -- 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

°25-115: 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

-Councilman Toole moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-115 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Toole noted that this was discussed at today's Public Safety Committee and stated per title.

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

Ordinance 25-115 -- 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

°25-116: 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

-Councilman Caneco moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-116 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Caneco noted that this was discussed at today's Public Safety Committee and he explained the ordinance.

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

Ordinance 25-116 -- 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

°25-117: 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

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-117 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Smiley as discussed at today's Finance Committee Meeting.

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

Ordinance 25-117 -- 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

°25-118: 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

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-118 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 25-18 -- 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

°25-119: 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

-President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-119 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.

Ordinance 25-119 -- 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

°25-120: 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

-Councilwoman Durham moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-120 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilwoman Durham moved to table °25-120. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smiley and the motion was approved.

Ordinance 25-120 -- Tabled

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °25-063: TO AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE" OR "UDC"), ARTICLE 3 ("USE REGULATIONS"), REGARDING ADULT DAY CARE FACILITIES AND LIMITED USE STANDARDS FOR DAY CARE

CENTERS

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Smiley

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick moved, seconded by Councilman Smiley, that Substitute No. 1 to °25-063 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilwoman Kilpatrick stated as per title.

Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 25-063 -- 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

°25-025: AMENDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE"), SECTION 40.31.114 ("RECORD PLAN REVIEW STAGE") RELATING TO NOTICE OF RECORD PLANS

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

-Councilman Caneco moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-025 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Caneco stated that this was discussed at the last Land Use Committee Meeting. Councilman Caneco explained the ordinance and stated that this ordinance provides council members with more time to review plans.

-Council members' comments were made by Councilman Carter, Councilman Sheldon, Councilman Cartier

-Public Comment - Henry Miller, Dale Swain, Jerome Heisler, Shannon Tiberi

Ordinance 25-025 -- Adopted

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, Dee Durham

No: John Cartier, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole

Not Voting: Monique Williams-Johns

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

-None

K. Public Comment/Other

-Public Comment - Jerome Heisler, Dale Swaine, Henry Miller, Shannon Tiberi

-Councilman Street commented on Christina 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 7:34 PM.