



## NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

October 28, 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 6 .  
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, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns  
Members absent:

#### **B. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Councilman Smiley, second by Councilman Cartier, to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2025 Council Meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

#### **C. Announcements**

- Councilman Caneco announced that he would table R25-189 and refer the plan back to Land Use for technical review.
- Councilman Hollins announced withdrew Ordinance 25-145 and noted that he will work with the Department of Land Use to draft another ordinance to maintain the intent and benefits to pocket neighborhoods.

#### **D. Introduction of Ordinances**

°25-130: TO AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 6 ("BUILDING CODE") REGARDING ARTICLE 1 ("GENERAL"), ARTICLE 2 ("DEFINITIONS"), ARTICLE 3 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE 4 ("BUILDING CODE"), ARTICLE 5 ("RESIDENTIAL CODE"), ARTICLE 9 ("EXISTING BUILDING CODE"), ARTICLE 10 ("ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE"),

ARTICLE 11 ("SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE"), AND SCHEDULE OF PERMIT AND REVIEW FEES

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

°25-131: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE INTEREST INCOME \$9,779.64 AND PROGRAM INCOME \$36,465.04 TO THE FY2025 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME), WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-132: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$141,826.06 IN PROGRAM INCOME AND REALIGN \$300,567.49 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2025, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-133: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$86,924.65 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME AND \$150,000.00 IN ANTICIPATED PROGRAM INCOME TO THE SUMMER RECREATION CAMPS GRANT

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

°25-134: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$480,150.72 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE FY2026 FUNDS TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIME GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

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

°25-135: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$150,000 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BOND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, GLASGOW LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECT

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Ms. Williams-Johns

°25-136: TO APPROPRIATE \$300,000 IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR AN EVICTION SETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

°25-137: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 3109 FOR THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF CHIEF OF CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT CHANGING FROM 35-HOUR WORK WEEK TO 40-HOUR WORK WEEK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

°25-138: AMEND PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE 35-HOUR AND 40-HOUR WORKWEEK EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 1607 FOR THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF CHIEF OF FACILITY MAINTENANCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF SEWER OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

°25-139: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$2,000,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE REASSESSMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, REASSESSMENT 2024 CAPITAL PROJECT

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

°25-140: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$17,679,097 IN A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND THROUGH THE DELAWARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, RICHARDSON PARK SEWAGE PUMP STATION, PHASE 2

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

°25-141: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: INCREASE BOND AUTHORIZATIONS IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$17,679,097 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, RICHARDSON PARK PUMP STATION UPGRADE CAPITAL PROJECT

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

°25-142: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$300,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF FINANCE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES BUDGET LINE ITEM FOR LEGAL FEES FOR MONITIONS

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

°25-143: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$870,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS – 2025 GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-144: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND ADOPT THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT DIVISION MANAGER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF SEWER OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

°25-145: TO PLACE A ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON ALL MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND CERTAIN MINOR LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROPOSING THE POCKET NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT TYPE IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY

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

**E. Consent Calendar**

R25-182: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ALIA GRIER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CLAYMONT DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

R25-183: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EMILY KNEARL TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

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

R25-184: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLES MCALLISTER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE INSPECTION AND REVIEW

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R25-185: CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF STEWART RAMSEY TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R25-186: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF IRINA TURNER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

R25-187: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF NELSON WHITLOCK TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CLAYMONT DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

R25-188: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF KEN RICKOSKI TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CLAYMONT DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

#### **Consent Note**

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, 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**

R25-189: PLAN OF SILVER VIEW FARM; ST. GEORGES HUNDRED; SOUTH SIDE OF VANCE NECK ROAD 4,319 FEET WEST OF SILVER RUN ROAD; MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT DEPICTS THE SUBDIVISION OF THE SUBJECT PARCEL (INCLUDING 42 UNITS OF TDR CAPACITY) INTO 192 BUILDING LOTS UTILIZING THE OPEN SPACE PLANNED OPTION WITH ASSOCIATED OPEN SPACE, RIGHTS OF WAY, AND A DEDICATED PUMP STATION; S ZONING; [APPLICATION NO. 2022-0500](#); COUNCIL DISTRICT 12

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

-Councilman Caneco moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-189 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Caneco moved to table Resolution 25-189 and refer it back to the Department of Land Use for technical review. The motion was second by Councilman Tackett and approved by Council.

#### **Resolution 25-189 -- Tabled**

R25-190: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH THE DELAWARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,679,097 TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW RICHARDSON PARK SEWAGE PUMP STATION AND APPURTENANCES, 625 LINEAR FEET OF 42-INCH GRAVITY SEWER, 70 LINEAR FEET OF 36-INCH GRAVITY SEWER AND 520 LINEAR FEET OF 24-INCH AND 30-INCH DUCTILE IRON FORCE MAIN; PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BOND; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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

-Councilman Sheldon moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-190 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Sheldon explained the resolution.

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

#### **Resolution 25-190 -- 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**

R25-191: CONGRATULATING DANIEL BOSMA FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, SCOUTS BSA

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

-Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-191 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Cartier stated per title.

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

**Resolution 25-191 -- 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

R25-192: A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NICHOLAS JAMES "NICK" DIBUO

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

-President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilwoman George, that Resolution 25-192 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-President Williams-Johns stated per title.

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

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

**Resolution 25-192 -- 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

R25-193: RESOLUTION HONORING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK VETERANS (NABVETS)

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

-President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-193 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Toole requested to be added as sponsor. The rest of Council agreed to co-sponsor the resolution.

**Resolution 25-193 -- 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

R25-194: HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RETIRED STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN A. KOWALKO

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole, Ms. Williams-Johns

-Councilwoman George moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-194 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilwoman George spoke about the resolution and noted that all of Council had been added as co-sponsors.

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

**Resolution 25-194 -- 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**

-None

**I. Consideration of Ordinances**

°25-123: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 13 ("STORMWATER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS") REGARDING STORMWATER MAINTENANCE AND THE OAKS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

-Councilman Tackett moved, seconded by Councilwoman George, that °25-123 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Tackett stated per title.

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

**Ordinance 25-123 -- 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

°25-124: 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

-Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-124 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 25-124 -- 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

°25-125: 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

-Councilman Caneco moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-125 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Caneco explained the ordinance.

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

**Ordinance 25-125 -- 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

°25-126: 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

-Councilman Caneco moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-126 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Caneco explained the ordinance.

-President Williams-Johns asked a question about the use of funds.

--There was no public comment.

**Ordinance 25-126-- 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

°25-127: 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

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-127 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 25-127 -- 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

°25-128: 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

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-128 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Smiley stated per title.

-Comments were made by Councilman Street and Councilman Hollins.

-There was no public comment.

**Ordinance 25-128 -- Adopted**

Yes: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, David Tackett, Brandon Toole

No: Jea Street

Not Voting: Monique Williams-Johns

°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. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-129 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Smiley stated per title.

-Comments were made by Councilman Street.

-There was no public comment.

**Ordinance 25-129 -- Adopted**

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

No: Jea Street

**J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances**

-None

**K. Public Comment/Other**

-Councilman Caneco commented on SNAP benefits and the Federal Government shutdown.

**L. Motion to Adjourn**

- Councilman Smiley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.