



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Penrose Hollins, Fourth District

Co-Chair: Jea P. Street, Tenth District

October 28, 2025

4:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801**

MINUTES

A. Meeting Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 04:00 PM.

Members present: 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

Members absent:

B. Approval of Minutes Community Services Committee Meeting 09-23-2025

A motion was made to approve the minutes. It was seconded, and all members present were in favor.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°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

°25-127: 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

°25-131: 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 (To be

voted on 11/18/25)

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 (To be voted on 11/18/25)

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 (To be voted on 11/18/25)

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

°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 (To be voted on 11/18/25)

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

°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 (To be voted on 11/18/25)

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

Sarah Rhine, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI), provided a handout and verbal presentation on the estimated annual eviction filings in New Castle County and how CLASI will help to reduce the number of forced evictions, followed by a question-and-answer session.

°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 (To be voted on 11/18/25)

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E. Presentations

- Art Loving Seniors Grant – Carly Thompson, Manager, Division of Community Resources

Carly Thompson, Manager, Division of Community Resources, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Art Loving Seniors grant, followed by a question-and-answer session.

F. Other

None

G. Public Comment

None

H. Adjournment

At 04:33 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded. All members present voted in favor.