



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

November 25, 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, second by Councilman Caneco, to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2025 Council Meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

-Councilman Sheldon apologized for using an obscene gesture on the floor of council at the last Council Meeting. He stated it was never his intention to leave New Castle County residents and Council feeling disrespected.

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°25-154: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET:
REALIGN PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BOND FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 AND
STATE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 FROM EXISTING SEWER/STORMWATER
CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO THE SOUTHERN SEWER
SERVICE AREA CAPITAL PROJECT
PRIME SPONSOR(S): Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Carter

°25-155: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$35.46 IN MISCELLANEOUS INCOME AND REALIGN \$165,297.97 WITHIN THE FY2025 STATE AID FOR LIBRARIES GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LIBRARIES

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

°25-156: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$9,640,323 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY TO THE SOCIAL IMPACT PARTNERSHIPS TO PAY FOR RESULTS ACT (SIPRA) – THE FAMILY HOPE PROJECT GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-157: TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 (“PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE”) OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE

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

°25-158: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$750,000 FROM THE REALTY TRANSFER TAX RESERVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE EQUIPMENT BUDGET LINE ITEM FOR THE FIRST PAYMENT OF THE RE-NEGOTIATED CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISES

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

E. Consent Calendar

R25-201: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHASE BARNES TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

Consent Note

-President Williams-Johns moved to have the Consent Calendar read and placed before Council for its consideration. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smiley.

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

R25-202: APPROVING THE REFUND OF A DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT ON TAX PARCEL NUMBER 09-018.000-30

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

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 25-202 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Smiley stated per title.

-There were no comments or questions from Council Members or the Public.

Resolution 25-202 -- 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

-None

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

-None

K. Public Comment/Other

-Public Comment: Dora Williams

L. Motion to Adjourn

- Councilman Smiley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carter and the meeting was adjourned at 06:40 PM.