



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

February 10, 2026
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, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, George Smiley, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

Members absent: Timothy Sheldon

B. Approval of Minutes

-Motion by Councilman Smiley, second by Councilman Caneco, to approve the minutes from February 3, 2026 Council Meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

-None

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°26-016: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$14,424.55 IN PROGRAM INCOME AND \$396.35 IN INTEREST INCOME TO THE ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER RECREATION GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

E. Consent Calendar

Consent Note

-None

F. Consideration of Resolutions Removed from the Consent Calendar and Other Resolutions

R26-023: PLAN OF VILLAGE AT CANTERBURY – TAYLORTOWNE SECTION C; NEW CASTLE HUNDRED; NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SMALLEYS DAM ROAD AND NEWTOWN ROAD INTERSECTION; PROPOSED TWO (2) FOUR-STORY APARTMENT BUILDINGS CONTAINING FIFTY SIX (56) DWELLING UNITS, FIVE (5) DETACHED GARAGES CONTAINING SEVEN (7) SPACES PER BUILDING FOR THIRTY FIVE (35) TOTAL GARAGE SPACES, TWO (2) 2,500 SQUARE FOOT ONE-STORY STORAGE UNITS, AND A 750 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING ADDITION TO EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTER; NCPUD ZONING; [APPLICATION NO. 2023-0062-S](#); COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that Resolution 26-023 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Smiley noted that this was discussed at the Land Use Committee meeting. He explained that this plan will add additional apartment units to an already existing complex.

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

Resolution 26-023 -- Adopted

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

Absent: Timothy Sheldon

R26-024: URGING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REJECT DELMARVA POWER'S CURRENT RATE INCREASE REQUEST AND TO REQUIRE RESUBMISSION UNDER THE CURRENT STANDARD

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Carter, Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

-Councilwoman Durham moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 26-024 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilwoman Durham stated that this was discussed earlier today at the Finance Committee meeting.

-Councilman Caneco commended Councilwoman Durham and Councilman Tackett for bringing this resolution forward.

-Councilman Tackett commented on the presentation that was made at the Finance Committee meeting and this resolution.

-Councilman Hollins stated that his daughter works for Delmarva and will be recusing himself.

-President Williams-Johns noted that she personally has experienced the increase and is outraged as well. She noted that Delmarva Power does have programs available.

-Public comment: Rob Bullock, Dale Swaine

Resolution 26-024 -- Adopted

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

Present: Penrose Hollins

Absent: Timothy Sheldon

R26-026: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 4 REGARDING PROCEDURE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

-Councilman Smiley moved, seconded by Councilwoman George, that Resolution 26-026 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Councilman Smiley stated per title.

-Councilman Member comments were made by Councilman Hollins, Councilman Tackett, Councilwoman Durham,

-Councilman Tackett had a question for the Counsel to Council. Mike Migliore, Counsel to Council, responded to Councilman Tackett's questions.

- Further Council Member comments were made by President Williams-Johns, Councilman Hollins, Councilman Smiley
- Public Comment: Dora Williams

Resolution 26-026 -- Adopted

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

No: Jea Street, Monique Williams-Johns

Absent: Timothy Sheldon

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions**R26-025: A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARCELLIA "TEEL"**

J. PETTY

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

Co-sponsor: Mr. Smiley

- Councilman Caneco moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that Resolution 26-025 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Caneco commented on the resolution.
- Council Commentes were made by Councilman Carter, Councilman Hollins.
- There was no public comment.

Resolution 26-025 -- Adopted

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

Absent: Timothy Sheldon

R26-027: HONORING THE LIFE OF DETECTIVE CHRISTOPHER SKROBOT

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

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

- President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 26-027 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Toole commented on the resolution and noted that all of council were added as co-sponsors.
- Councilman Cartier commented on the resolution.

Resolution 26-027 -- Adopted

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

Absent: Timothy Sheldon

R26-028: HONORING SANDRA SMITHERS IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY

MONTH

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

- President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilwoman George, that Resolution 26-028 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Mr. Street commented on the resolution and expressed his appreciation and gratitude for Ms. Smithers.
- President Williams-Johns presented the resolution to Ms. Sandra Smithers.
- There was no public comment.

Resolution 26-028 -- Adopted

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

Absent: Timothy Sheldon

R26-029: HONORING THE HISTORY, LEGACY, AND CONTINUING MISSION OF THE MONDAY CLUB

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

- President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that Resolution 26-029 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

- President Williams-Johns commented on the resolution.
- Councilman Street commented on the resolution and provided the history on why they are called The Monday Club.
- Councilman Hollins commented on the resolution and noted that he was a former Monday Club member.
- President Williams-Johns presented the resolution of members of the Monday Club.
- There was no public comment.

Resolution 26-029 -- Adopted

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

Absent: Timothy Sheldon

H. Presentations

-None

I. Consideration of Ordinances

-None

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

-None

K. Public Comment/Other

-Public Comment: Dale Swain, Dora Williams

L. Motion to Adjourn

- Councilman Smiley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and the meeting was adjourned at 07:22 PM.