



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

February 24, 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**

AGENDA

A. Call to Order

- **Moment of Silence**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Announcements

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°26-017: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE"), ARTICLE 6 ("SIGN REGULATIONS) REGARDING ELECTRONIC VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

°26-018: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE"), ARTICLE 31 ("PROCEDURES AND ADMINISTRATION"), SECTION 40.31.340 ("NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS") REGARDING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

°26-019: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$150,200 OF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF VICTIMS OF CRIME THROUGH THE STATE OF DELAWARE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL TO THE PROJECT REACH GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

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

°26-020: TO REVISE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 6 ("BUILDING CODE") REGARDING ARTICLE 3 ("ADMINISTRATION") AND SCHEDULE OF PERMIT AND REVIEW FEES, AND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 16 ("FIRE PREVENTION, PROTECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE ASSISTANCE FUND") ARTICLE 4 ("VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE ASSISTANCE FUND")

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

°26-021: AMENDING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14 ("FINANCE AND TAXATION"), ARTICLE 6 ("EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION") TO EXTEND REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES ELIGIBLE FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS OR DEATH GRATUITY BENEFITS

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

°26-022: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND CLASSIFIED SERVICE 40-HOUR WORKWEEK EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 1607, ELIMINATE THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF OPERATIONS SERVICES MANAGER AND ADOPT THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF CHIEF OF SEWER MAINTENANCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF SEWER OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

E. Consent Calendar

R26-030: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DR. JENNA DIELEUTERIO TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R26-031: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KAY FITZGERALD TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George

R26-032: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KERWIN GAINES, MBA TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R26-033: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOHN GRIESHABER TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE INSPECTION AND REVIEW

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R26-034: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JARRET "POSI" HARRIS TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon

R26-035: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW KELLY TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R26-036: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH R. WOODS TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R26-037: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JAMES "RAY" RHODES TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R26-038: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF NURELDEEN STOREY TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R26-039: APPOINTING DAVID PERRINO TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R26-040: CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN EVANS TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

NOTE: If an item on the Consent Calendar is objected to by a Council member, or a member of the public wishes to obtain additional information about the candidate or proposed legislation, or if a Councilmember intends to offer an amendment to a resolution, seek additional information, or state a conflict, it shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and voted upon separately.

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

R26-041: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BRANDYWINE RED CLAY ALLIANCE TO ASSIST IN THE PURCHASE OF A LAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ±139 ACRES IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R26-042: TO TERMINATE THE DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF SUMMIT BRIDGE ROAD TAX PARCEL NUMBERS 23-028.00-243 AND 23-028.00-244; [APPLICATION NO. 2025-0659-D](#); COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

R26-043: HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FORMER DELAWARE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN J. VIOLA

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

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

R26-044: A RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES H. SILLS, JR. DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R26-045: RECOGNIZING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED® SIGMA ZETA OMEGA CHAPTER DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R26-046: RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LEGACY OF HOCKESSIN COLORED SCHOOL #107

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R26-047: HONORING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED – ZETA OMEGA CHAPTER

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

H. Presentations

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°26-008: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$40,994.64 IN EMERGENCY ILLEGAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT (EIDE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE EIDE FY2026 GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

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

°26-009: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND ADOPT THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF COUNTY ASSESSOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF FINANCE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

°26-011: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED POSITION COUNT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF FINANCE BY FIVE POSITIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT DIVISION

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

°26-012: 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 PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF FLEET AND FACILITIES TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR AUDIO/VIDEO IMPROVEMENTS AT APPOQUINIMINK LIBRARY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

°26-013: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$219,504.00 FROM THE CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY PASSED THROUGH THE DELAWARE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO THE REBLAZE RENEWAL 2026 (SLCGP) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

°26-014: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$225,569.00 FROM THE CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY PASSED THROUGH THE DELAWARE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO THE NETSKOPE RENEWAL 2026 (SLCGP) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

°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, Ms. Williams-Johns

SUBSTITUTE NO. 2 TO °25-101: (STATUS: TABLED) TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE"), ARTICLE 3 ("USE REGULATIONS") AND ARTICLE 33 ("DEFINITIONS") TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE REVIEW, SITING, AND OPERATIONS OF DATA CENTERS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Ms. Durham, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Tackett

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

K. Public Comment/Other

L. Motion to Adjourn

AGENDA POSTED: February 17, 2026

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