



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

March 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**

AGENDA

A. Call to Order

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

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Announcements

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°26-023: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$1,031,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2026 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, FLEET EQUIPMENT 2026 CAPITAL PROJECT
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°26-024: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDS OF \$91,500 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT/REINVESTMENT FUND TO THE HOPE CENTER ELEVATOR RENOVATIONS GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

E. Consent Calendar

R26-048: HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MS. MARCIA A. STARKS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street

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

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

R26-050: CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING PARAMEDIC FIRST CLASS MICHAEL PATRICK O'SHAUGHNESSY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION

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

R26-051: HONORING JEANNE KRESS IN RECOGNITION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R26-052: CONGRATULATING THE MOUNT SALEM UNION AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THEIR 190TH ANNIVERSARY AND FAUCC

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

H. Presentations

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°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: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) 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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

°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

SUBSTITUTE NO. 3 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: March 3, 2026

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