



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 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

°26-046: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, AARP INC., AND WSFS BANK TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS FUND GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

°26-047: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE FY25 HEALTHY HOMES SUPPLEMENT – LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°26-048: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE FY25 LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°26-049: AMEND THE SCOPE OF WORK IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL ALLIANCE MENTAL ILLNESS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

°26-050: AMEND THE SCOPE OF WORK IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND CONTRACT WITH WILMINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVANCY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

°26-051: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND ADOPT THE CLASS SPECIFICATION OF LEAD PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR AND LEAD PROGRAM ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

°26-052: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE 35-HOUR WORKWEEK EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL 81, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, AFFILIATE LOCAL 1607 AND ADOPT THE NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION OF HOUSING PROGRAM ASSISTANT I AND HOUSING PROGRAM ASSISTANT II FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

E. Consent Calendar

R26-089: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF RAINA HARPER ALLEN TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DIVERSITY COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R26-090: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MONICA GONZALEZ-GILLESPIE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R26-091: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SHAUN MICHAEL KELLY TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

R26-092: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF HERB INDEN AS CHAIR TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R26-093: APPOINTING CHRIS DIMARCO TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Cartier

R26-097: HONORING THE LIFE OF STEPHANIE HOJNICKI AND OFFERING CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

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

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

R26-094: PROCLAIMING APRIL 22, 2026, AS "TRY TRANSIT DAY" IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY TO COINCIDE WITH THE 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

R26-095: TO SET NEW CASTLE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR THE COUNTY'S PENSION PLANS

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

R26-096: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 14.1 ("EXPENDITURES; NECESSARY APPROVALS") RELATING TO EXPENDITURE APPROVALS

Prime Sponsors: Ms. Durham, Mr. Smiley

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

R26-098: CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS SENIOR MANAGER JASON ZERN ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 25 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

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

R26-099: RECOGNIZING JUAN CARILLO FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter, Mr. Sheldon

R26-100: RECOGNIZING THE NEW BRANDYWINE CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN HOCKESSIN, DELAWARE AND CELEBRATING THEIR RIBBON CUTTING

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

R26-101: HONORING PEGGY SCHULTZ FOR HER DECADES OF WORK ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Ms. George

Co-sponsors: Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole, Ms. Williams-Johns

R26-102: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY AND ENCOURAGING EDUCATION, RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT, AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION EFFORTS

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

R26-103: A RESOLUTION HONORING OFFICER CORPORAL COREY BELK

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

H. Presentations

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°26-034: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED UNTIL MAY 26, 2026) THE ANNUAL REVENUE ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

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

°26-035: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED UNTIL MAY 26, 2026) CALCULATION OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

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

°26-036: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED UNTIL MAY 26, 2026) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVED IN

THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 CAPITAL BUDGET

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

°26-037: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED UNTIL MAY 26, 2026) THE CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°26-038: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED UNTIL MAY 26, 2026) ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF NEW CASTLE CO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

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

°26-039: TO AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 13 ("STORMWATER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS") REGARDING STORMWATER MAINTENANCE AND GREEN VALLEY – PHASE V COMMUNITY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon

°26-040: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF PITTSBURGH TO THE HOPE CENTER SHELTER RENOVATIONS - FHLB GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°26-041: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE EMERGENCY HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°26-042: REALLOCATE FUNDS IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND BETWEEN PROJECTS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

°26-043: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS AND RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLUE VOICE SOFTWARE

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

°26-044: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (DNREC) THROUGH DELAWARE'S NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, GENERAL PARKLAND IMPROVEMENTS 2021 CAPITAL PROJECT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Carter

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

K. Public Comment/Other

L. Motion to Adjourn

AGENDA POSTED: April 21, 2026

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