



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

May 12, 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, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns, Jea Street (Virtual - joined meeting at 6:42 PM)

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Announcements

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°26-053: REVISE ZONING MAP: ST GEORGES HUNDRED, SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF BOYDS CORNER ROAD AND THE CONRAIL LINE; REZONE PART OF TAX PARCEL 13-007.00-038 (101 CIP CT, 416 AND 420 BOYDS CORNER ROAD), FROM SUBURBAN (S) TO INDUSTRIAL (I) AND TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENT THEREWITH
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

°26-054: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE THE MONETARY VALUE OF DONATED LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR THE SOURCING AND PLANTING TREES FROM THE ROUTE 9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO THE HOLLOWAY TERRACE PARK LANDSCAPE SERVICES DONATION GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

WORKS, DIVISION OF PARKS

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Street

°26-055: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE CAL RIPKEN, SR. FOUNDATION, INC. (CRSF) TO THE CAL RIPKEN FOUNDATION – RT 9 LIBRARY GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LIBRARIES

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

°26-056: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA) THROUGH THE DELAWARE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DEMA) TO THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

°26-057: TO AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND REVISE THE CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE TO COUNTY COUNCIL

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

E. Consent Calendar

R26-104: CONGRATULATING GOLDEY-BEACOM COLLEGE ON THE GRAND OPENING OF THE LIGHTNING SENSORY ROOM AND RECOGNIZING THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT MADE THIS INNOVATIVE SPACE POSSIBLE

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

Consent Note

-Mr. Smiley moved, seconded by Mr. Cartier, to have the Consent Calendar read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

Consent Calendar -- Adopted

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

Absent: Jea Street

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

R26-105: APPROVAL OF REFEREES FOR PROPERTY REASSESSMENT APPEALS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

-Mr. Smiley moved, seconded by Mr. Carter, to have Resolution 26-105 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Smiley stated per title.

Resolution 26-105 -- Adopted

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

Absent: Jea Street

R26-106: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE 4 REGARDING TITLES OF LEGISLATION

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

-Mr. Smiley moved, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, to have Resolution 26-106 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Smiley state per title.

-Mr. Smiley moved, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, to have Resolution 26- read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

Resolution 26-106 -- Adopted

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

Absent: Jea Street

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

R26-107: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK, MAY 10-16, 2026

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

-Mr. Toole moved, seconded by Ms. George, to have Resolution 26-107 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Toole spoke about the resolution.

-Mr. Cartier and Ms. Williams-Johns requested to be added a co-sponsors.

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

Resolution 26-107-- Adopted

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

Absent: : Jea Street

H. Presentations

-None

I. Consideration 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

-Mr. Hollins moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °26-046 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Hollins explained the ordinance.

-Mr. Hollins moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °26- read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

Ordinance 26-046 -- Adopted

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

Absent: Jea 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

-Mr. Hollins moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °26-047 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Hollins explained the ordinance.

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

Ordinance 26-047 -- 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

°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

-Mr. Hollins moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °26-048 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Hollins explained the ordinance.

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

Ordinance 26-048 -- 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

°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

-Mr. Hollins moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °26-049 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Hollins explained the ordinance.

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

Ordinance 26-049 -- 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

°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

-Mr. Hollins moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °26-050 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Hollins explained the ordinance.

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

Ordinance 26-050 -- 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

°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

-Ms. Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Mr. Hollins, to have °26-051 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Ms. Williams-Johns explained the ordinance.

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

Ordinance 26-051 -- 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

°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

-Ms. Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °26-052 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Ms. Williams-Johns explained the ordinance.

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

Ordinance 26-052 -- 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

°25-153: REVISE ZONING MAP: MILL CREEK HUNDRED, NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LIMESTONE ROAD AND CONCORD DRIVE; REZONE 16.01 ACRES OF TAX PARCELS 08-037.00-033 (0 LIMESTONE RD, ARMOR SUBDIVISION) AND 08-037.00-037 (3401 LIMESTONE RD) FROM S (SUBURBAN) TO ST (SUBURBAN TRANSITION) AND 3.83 ACRES OF TAX PARCEL 08-037.00-037 (3401 LIMESTONE RD) FROM S (SUBURBAN) TO ST (SUBURBAN TRANSITION) AND H (HISTORIC OVERLAY ZONE).

(The Exploratory Major Land Development Plan with Rezoning for Springhouse Preserve proposes to combine parcels to construct a development of 124 residential units and the adaptive reuse of a historic structure, and rezone 16.01 acres of tax parcels 08-037.00-033 and 08-037.00-037 from S (Suburban) to ST (Suburban Transition) and 3.83 acres of tax parcel 08-037.00-037 from S (Suburban) to ST (Suburban Transition) and H (Historic overlay zone). App. 2023-0634-S/Z, Council District 9.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon

-Mr. Sheldon moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °25-153 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Sheldon explained the ordinance.

-Council Member comments were made by Ms. Williams-Johns, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street,

-Public comment: Theresa Baldwin

Ordinance 25-153 -- Adopted

Poll Vote

-Council Member Caneco -Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the Planning Board.

-Council Member Carter - Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the Planning Board, and the support of the district council member.

-Council Member Cartier- Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the Planning Board, the preservation and reuse of historic structure on property, and the support of the district council member.

-Council Member Durham- Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use, the Planning Board, and applaud the adapted reuse of the historic house.

-Council Member George- Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use, the Planning Board, and the support of the district council member.

-Council Member Hollins- Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Planning Board, the support of the district council member, and the need for affordable housing in New Castle County.

-Council Member Kilpatrick- Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use.

-Council Member Sheldon- Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the Planning Board.

-Council Member Smiley- Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use.

-Council Member Street- Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use.

-Council Member Tackett- Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use.

-Council Member Toole- Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and the support of the district council member.

-President Williams-Johns- Yes, based upon the positive recommendation from the Department of Land Use and noted that she is excited about more affordable housing.

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

-None

K. Public Comment/Other

Public comment: Dale Swain

L. Motion to Adjourn

- Mr. Smiley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carter and the meeting was adjourned at 07:09 PM.