



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

June 9, 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 06:31 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 (virtual), Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

Members absent: George Smiley

B. Approval of Minutes

-Motion by Mr. Cartier, second by Ms. Kilpatrick, to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2026 Council Meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

-Mr. Carter announced he had a presentation for R26-121.

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°26-066: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: FOR FY2027, APPROPRIATE FUNDING ANTICIPATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DELAWARE DIVISION OF LIBRARIES TO THE FY2027 STATE AID FOR LIBRARIES GRANT WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LIBRARIES

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

°26-067: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR AGING AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES (DSAAPD) TO THE DSAAPD HOME MODIFICATION GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°26-068: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ESTIMATED PROGRAM INCOME TO THE FY2027 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°26-069: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: FOR FY2027, APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) TO THE FY2027 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°26-070: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: FOR FY2027, APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ESTIMATED PROGRAM INCOME TO THE FY2027 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°26-071: TO APPROPRIATE \$340,000 IN THE GARSTIN TRUST TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

°26-072: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION FUND AND REDUCE BOND FUNDING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, GAME COURT IMPROVEMENTS 2021 CAPITAL PROJECT

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

°26-073: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND REDUCE BOND FUNDING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, GLASGOW REGIONAL PARK CAPITAL PROJECT

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

°26-074: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, REASSESSMENT 2024 CAPITAL PROJECT

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

°26-075: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR REASSESSMENT

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

°26-076: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT TO DEBT SERVICE FOR GENERAL FUND DEBT SERVICE INTEREST PAYMENTS

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

°26-077: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$793,000 TO THE CONTRACTED POLICE DUTY REVOLVING FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

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

°26-078: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND ADOPT THE REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION OF INSURANCE CLAIMS ASSISTANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, DIVISION OF RISK MANAGEMENT

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

°26-079: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR WIGGINS MILL NATURAL AREA AND SOUTHERN REGIONAL PARK

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

°26-080: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SOUTHERN REGIONAL PARK CAPITAL PROJECT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

°26-081: APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS BY THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

E. Consent Calendar

R26-117: PROCLAIMING NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' WEEK IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

Consent Note

-Ms. Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, 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, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

Absent: George Smiley

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

R26-118: PLAN OF JOHN G. LEACH SCHOOL; RED LION HUNDRED; NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF WRANGLE HILL ROAD AND S. DUPONT HIGHWAY; MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A 63,323 SQUARE FOOT SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL AND 468 SQUARE FOOT GREENHOUSE FOR COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT; CR ZONING; [APPLICATION NO. 2024-0092-S](#); COUNCIL DISTRICT 12

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

- Mr. Caneco moved, seconded by Mr. Toole, to have Resolution 26-118 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Mr. Caneco explained the resolution and noted that it was previously discussed at last Tuesday's Land Use Committee meeting.
- There were no questions or comments from members of Council or the public.

Resolution 26-118 -- Adopted

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

Absent: George Smiley

R26-119: AUTHORIZING NEW CASTLE COUNTY TO SUBMIT CLAYMONT IN NEW CASTLE AS A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO THE DELAWARE CABINET COMMITTEE ON STATE PLANNING ISSUES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

- Mr. Cartier moved, seconded by Mr. Carter, to have Resolution 26-119 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Mr. Cartier explained the resolution.
- Mr. Street and Ms. Williams-Johns commented on the resolution.
- There was no public comment.

Resolution 26-119 -- Adopted

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

Absent: George Smiley

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions**R26-120: CONGRATULATING BRADEN BUTHERUS ON ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

- Mr. Tackett moved, seconded by Mr. Cartier, to have Resolution 26-120 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Mr. Tackett stated per title.
- There were no questions or comments from members of Council or the public.

Resolution 26-120 -- Adopted

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

Absent: George Smiley

R26-121: COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIXTH NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY CLASS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

- Mr. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Caneco, to have Resolution 26-121 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Mr. Toole requested to be added as a co-sponsor.
- There were no questions or comments from members of Council or the public.

Resolution 26-121 -- Adopted

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

Absent: George Smiley

R26-122: RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH AND AFFIRMING A COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM, OPPORTUNITY, AND COMMUNITY PROGRESS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Ms. Williams-Johns, Mr. Street

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Carter, Mr. Caneco, Ms. George, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Toole

- Ms. Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have Resolution 26-122 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

- Ms. Williams-Johns yielded to Mr. Hollins.
- Mr. Hollins spoke on the resolution.
- Mr. Tackett and Mr. Cartier requested to be added as co-sponsors.
- Mr. Street commented on the resolution.
- There were no questions or comments from members of Council or the public.

Resolution 26-122 -- Adopted

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

Absent: George Smiley

R26-123: RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE HOCKESSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR ITS DEDICATION TO PRESERVING HISTORY, FOSTERING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND PROMOTING AWARENESS OF THE ENDURING SIGNIFICANCE OF JUNETEENTH

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick

Co-Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns, Mr. Tackett

- Ms. Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have Resolution 26-123 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Ms. Kilpatrick commented on the resolution and noted the date of the event.
- Mr. Street commented on the resolution.
- There were no questions or comments from members of Council or the public.

Resolution 26-123 -- Adopted

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

Absent: George Smiley

R26-124: HONORING JENCY MAE PANNELL ON THE OCCASION OF HER 104TH BIRTHDAY

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

- Ms. Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have Resolution 26-124 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Ms. Williams-Johns commented on the resolution and noted that she would be presenting this resolution under presentations.
- There were no questions or comments from members of Council or the public.

Resolution 26-124 -- Adopted

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

Absent: George Smiley

H. Presentations

- Mr. Carter presented Resolution No. 26-121 to a representative of the 6th New Castle County Police Academy class.
- Ms. Williams-Johns presented Resolution No. 26-124 to Mrs. Jency Mae Pannell.
- Ms. Williams-Johns presented proclamations to several students for the academic achievements.

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°26-058: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED STATE OF DELAWARE GRANT-IN-AID FUNDS TO THE ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER FY2027 GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIVISION

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

- Mr. Hollins moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °26-058 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Mr. Hollins explained the ordinance.
- Mr. Street commented on the ordinance.

-There was no public comment.

Ordinance 26-058 -- Adopted

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

Absent: George Smiley

°26-059: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2026/2027 STATE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM/YEAR-ROUND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

-Mr. Hollins moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °26-059 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Hollins explained the ordinance.

-Mr. Street commented on the ordinance.

-There was no public comment.

Ordinance 26-059 -- Adopted

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

Absent: George Smiley

°26-060: AMENDING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26 ("HUMAN RESOURCES") ARTICLE 3 ("OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST FUND") REGARDING COMPOSITION

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

-Mr. Cartier moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °26-060 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Cartier explained the ordinance.

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

Ordinance 26- 060 -- Adopted

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

Absent: George Smiley

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °26-062: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Street

-Mr. Tackett moved, seconded by Mr. Sheldon, to have Substitute No. 1 to °26-062 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.

-Mr. Tackett explained the ordinance and noted it was discussed earlier in committee.

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

Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 26-062 -- Adopted

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

Absent: George Smiley

°26-063: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SUMMER RECREATION CAMPS GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street

- Ms. Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °26-063 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Mr. Street explained the ordinance.
- There were no questions or comments from members of Council or the public.

Ordinance 26-063 -- Adopted

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

°26-064: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE 2023 NEW CASTLE COUNTY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

- Mr. Hollins moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have °26-064 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Mr. Hollins explained the ordinance.
- There were no questions or comments from members of Council or the public.

Ordinance 26-064 -- Adopted

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

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °26-065: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY GRANTS

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

- Mr. Hollins moved, seconded by Mr. Tackett, to have Substitute No. 1 to °26-065 read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Mr. Hollins yielded to Mr. Tackett
- Mr. Tackett explained the ordinance and noted that Mr. Street was joining them.
- There were no questions or comments from members of Council or the public.

Ordinance 26-065 -- Adopted

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

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

-None

K. Public Comment/Other

-There was no public comment.

L. Motion to Adjourn

- Mr. Cartier moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tackett and the meeting was adjourned at 07:39 PM.