



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 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, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

B. Approval of Minutes

-Motion by Councilman Smiley, second by Councilwoman Kilpatrick, to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2025 Council Meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Announcements

-Councilman Carter announced that Sub 2 to Ordinance 25-101 would remain tabled this evening.

-Councilwoman Durham announced that Ordinance 25-163 and Ordinance 25-165 would be tabled this evening.

D. Introduction of Ordinances

°26-001: REVISE ZONING MAP: ST GEORGES HUNDRED, NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF WALLACE ROAD AND DUPONT PARKWAY; REZONE TAX PARCELS 13-023.40-039 (221 GILBERT DR., OLIVERO SUBDIVISION), 13-023.40-041 (222 GILBERT DR., DAVID AND CARROW SUBDIVISION), 13-023.40-043 (220 GILBERT DR., DAVID AND CARROW SUBDIVISION), 13-023.40-044 (0 DUPONT PKY), 13-023.40-046 (103 WALLACE RD.), 13-023.40-047 (111 WALLACE RD.), 13-023.40-048 (109 WALLACE RD., OLIVERO SUBDIVISION)

FROM NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION (NC15) AND COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD (CN) TO SUBURBAN (S)

(The purpose of this County Council Initiated Rezoning and amendment to the 2022 Comprehensive Development Plan is to rezone tax parcel 13-023.40-039 (2.47 acres), part of tax parcel 13-023.40-041 (0.06 acres), part of tax parcel 13-023.40-043 (0.08 acres), tax parcel 13-023.40-044 (0.04 acres), tax parcel 13-023.40-046 (1.24 acres), tax parcel 13-023.40-047 (0.23 acres), and tax parcel 13-023.40-048 (0.17 acres) from CN to S; and to rezone part of tax parcel 13-023.40-041 (2.09 acres) and part of tax parcel 13-023.40-043 (0.96 acres) from NC15 to S as requested by the Council District's Councilmember)

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

°26-002: AMENDING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE 5 ("DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES") TO MODIFY THE COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

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

°26-003: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$74,959.44 IN STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) – FY2026 GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

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

°26-004: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$122,118 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE 2026 COC PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°26-005: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TO THE WASTEWATER 2026 DHSS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

°26-006: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$1,440,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY TO THE SOCIAL IMPACT PARTNERSHIPS TO PAY FOR RESULTS ACT (SIPPRA) –THE FAMILY HOPE PROJECT GRANT - EVALUATOR, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°26-007: TRANSFERRING THE LOCAL SERVICE FUNCTION OF RECREATION TO THE TOWN OF ELSMERE

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

E. Consent Calendar

R26-001: HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CORPORAL GRADE ONE MATTHEW TYLER "TY" SNOOK

Prime Sponsor (s): Ms. Kilpatrick

-President Williams-Johns moved, seconded by Councilman Cartier, that the Consent Calendar be 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, Jea Street, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

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R26-002: CONGRATULATING THE OFFICE OF FINANCE FOR EARNING THE DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 36 CONSECUTIVE YEARS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R26-003: CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING DIANA JACKSON ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 38 YEARS AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

R26-004: HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. GARY D. JOHNSON
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street, Mr. Hollins

Consent Note

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

R26-005: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CLEARGOV FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF FINANCE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

-Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 26-005 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
-Councilman Cartier noted that this item was discussed at today's Finance Committee Meeting. He explained the resolution.
-There were no comments or questions from Council or the public.

Resolution 26-005 -- 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

R26-006: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH VALUEBASE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF FINANCE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

-Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 26-006 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
-Councilman Cartier explained the resolution.
-Councilman Caneco thanked Dave DelGrande for his hard work on this and applauded the work from his office.
-There was no public comment.

Resolution 26-006 -- 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

R26-007: PLAN OF 2701 CAPITOL TRAIL; MILL CREEK HUNDRED; NORTH SIDE OF CAPITOL TRAIL, 500 FEET WEST OF PIKE CREEK ROAD; MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT PROPOSES TO DEMOLISH THE EXISTING STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCT A MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF 179 APARTMENTS (237,400 SQUARE FEET) WITH A 5,500 SQUARE FOOT CLUBHOUSE AND 21,500 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL

GROSS FLOOR AREA WITH ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS; CR ZONING; [APPLICATION NO. 2022-0270-S](#); COUNCIL DISTRICT 9

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Sheldon

- Councilman Sheldon moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 26-007 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Sheldon noted that this was discussed at last week's Land Use Committee Meeting. He stated per title.
- There were no comments or questions from Council or the public.

Resolution 26-007-- 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

R26-008: PLAN OF LOGISTICENTER AT NEW CASTLE COUNTY; ST. GEORGES HUNDRED; SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF ROUTE 301 AND JAMISON CORNER ROAD; MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT PROPOSES A 1,409,850 SQUARE FOOT WAREHOUSE AND A 962,000 SQUARE FOOT WAREHOUSE WITH ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS; BP ZONING; [APPLICATION NO. 2021-0470-S](#); COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

- Councilman Carter moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 26-008 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Carter noted that this resolution is before Council today to comply with a judicial order that is currently under appeal. He asked to adopt everything entered into the record at the January 6, 2026 Land Use Committee Meeting.
- Kimberly Houfman, representing the applicant from Morris James, noted that she was here to respond to Council and the public's questions regarding the plan.
- Public Comment- Roby Anstett

Resolution 26-008 -- Adopted

Yes: David Carter, John Cartier, Valerie George, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

No: Kevin Caneco, Dee Durham, Penrose Hollins

Not Voting: Jea Street

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

R26-009: HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL VINCENT GILDEA, SR.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

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

- Councilman Cartier moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that Resolution 26-009 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Cartier spoke about the resolution.
- There was no public comment.

Resolution 26-009 -- 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

H. Presentations

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°25-162: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$15,000 IN DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE CLAYMONT LIONS CLUB AND \$10,000 IN DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REDUCE BOND FUNDING BY \$25,000 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, GENERAL PARKLAND IMPROVEMENTS

2024-2025 CAPITAL PROJECT

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

- Councilman Sheldon moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-162 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilman Sheldon explained the ordinance. He noted that Councilman Cartier requested to be a co-sponsor.
- President Williams-John asked to be added as a co-sponsor.
- Councilman Cartier and Councilman Hollins commented on the ordinance.
- Public Comment - Roby Anstett, Kendall Summers, NCC Parks Division Manager

Ordinance 25-162 -- Adopted

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

No: Penrose Hollins, Jea Street

°25-163: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) AMENDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 6 ("BUILDING CODE "), ARTICLE 3 ("ADMINISTRATION") TO CODIFY THE PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITHIN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

- Councilwoman Durham moved, seconded by Councilman Tackett, that °25-163 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilwoman Durham moved to table °25-163. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smiley and was unanimously approved.

Ordinance 25-163 -- Tabled

°25-165: (STATUS: TO BE TABLED) AMENDING THE PAY PLANS AND RATES OF PAY FOR ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF CERTAIN NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

- Councilwoman Durham moved, seconded by Councilman Caneco, that °25-165 be read by title only and placed before Council for its consideration.
- Councilwoman Durham moved to table °25-165. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smiley and unanimously approved.

Ordinance 25-165 -- Tabled

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

- Substitute No. 2 to Ordinance 25-101 remained tabled.

Substitute No. 2 to Ordinance 25-101 -- Tabled**J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances**

- None

K. Public Comment/Other

Public Comment: Dora Williams, Rob Bullock, Monica Celli, Matthew Amandola, Roby Anstett.

Council Member comments were made by Councilman Street and Councilman Hollins regarding Waste Management.

L. Motion to Adjourn

- Councilman Smiley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cartier and the meeting was adjourned at 07:21 PM.