



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

July 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

°26-092: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR THE CAPTAINS, MAJORS AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL, REPRESENTED BY THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY LODGE NO. 5

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

°26-093: AMEND THE PAY PLAN AND RATES OF PAY FOR CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY LODGE NO. 5

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

°26-094: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDS FROM THE DELAWARE OPIOID SETTLEMENT COMMISSION TO THE PROJECT REACH OPIOID GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

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

°26-095: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDS FROM THE DELAWARE OPIOID SETTLEMENT COMMISSION TO THE OPIOID INTEGRATED PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVE GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

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

°26-096: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE

FY2027 STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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

°26-097: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDS 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 FISCAL YEAR 2025 WASTEWATER DHSS HIGH RISK SUBSTANCES TESTING OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

°26-098: AMEND THE FY2027 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE RECORDER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FEE ACCOUNT TO THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR DOCUMENT TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS CONTRACTED SERVICES

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

°26-099: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE 3 ("OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES"), TO MODIFY CERTAIN FEES CHARGED BY NEW CASTLE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS

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

°26-100: AMENDING NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 2.02.300 (REGISTRATION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENTS)

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Caneco

Co-Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

°26-101: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL 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

°26-102: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDS FROM THE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION TO THE HOPE CENTER RECOVERY AND HOUSING STABILIZATION INITIATIVE GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

°26-103: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: FOR FY2026, APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DELAWARE DIVISION OF LIBRARIES AS A FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH GRANT FROM THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES WITH FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT TO BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY TO THE TEN NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARIES WHICH ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LIBRARIES

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

E. Consent Calendar

R26-154: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW HAPPER TO THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George

R26-155: HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF STAN MERRIMAN

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco

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

R26-156: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY LODGE NO. 5 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

R26-157: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY LODGE NO. 5 CAPTAINS, MAJORS, & LIEUTENANT COLONEL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

R26-158: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CHAPTERS 1 THROUGH 8 REGARDING EMPLOYEE POLICIES

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

R26-159: APPOINTING MONICA HILL TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

G. Time Sensitive Congratulatory/Honorary Resolutions

R26-160: RECOGNIZING AND HONORING CAITIE LAYTON FOR BEING SELECTED AS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND COMMENDING HER EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION TO STUDENT SUCCESS, EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, AND SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

H. Presentations

I. Consideration of Ordinances

°26-086: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR AGING & ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES TO THE 2027 AB JONES SENIOR CENTER ART LOVING SENIORS GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

°26-087: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PASSED THROUGH THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY TO THE FY27 OHS 250TH ANNIVERSARY MOTORIST AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF

POLICE

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

°26-088: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE OF DELAWARE FUNDING RECEIVED FOR THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BUDGETARY LINE ITEM

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

°26-090: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2027 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Williams-Johns

°26-091: AMEND THE FY2027 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY OPERATING PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°25-163: (STATUS: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

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °25-164: (STATUS: TABLED) AMENDING *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE") AND APPENDIX 6 RELATING TO THE STRUCTURE OF CERTAIN COUNTY COMMITTEES

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO °25-165: (STATUS: 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

°26-017: (STATUS: TABLED) TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 40 ("UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE"), ARTICLE 6 ("SIGN REGULATIONS) REGARDING ELECTRONIC VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett

J. Introduction/Consideration of Emergency Ordinances

K. Public Comment/Other

L. Motion to Adjourn

AGENDA POSTED: July 21, 2026

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