

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 6, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M.**

**Virtual Meeting with Anchor Location In-Person and Remote Participation
Council Chambers**

**Louis L. Redding City/County Building
800 N. French Street - Wilmington, DE 19801
www.wilmingtoncitycouncil.com or www.WITN22.org**

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

IV. Non-Legislative Business

a. Recognition Resolutions

Bracy	Recognize Lawrence C. Smith (70 th Birthday)
Cabrera	Recognize Fred Bourdon, III
Congo	Recognize Canaan Baptist Church (20 th Anniversary)
Congo	Recognize Rock of Ages Missionary Church (100 th Anniversary)
Congo	Recognize Rev. Ricky Waterman and First Lady Betty Waterman
Congo	Recognize Sanford Girls' Basketball Team
B. Fields	Recognize Dr. David and Bernadette Mills
Harlee	Recognize Martha Chapter No. 2 (101 st Anniversary)
Harlee	Recognize Darlene Webb (Women's History Month)
Oliver	Recognize Jill H. Scott
Oliver	Recognize Lance L. Toomer
Oliver	Recognize Queen of Hearts

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Audrey Brooks
Cabrera	Sympathy Donna Dorzback Stone
Cabrera	Sympathy Alice Thomas
Oliver	Sympathy Ashia D. Cale
Oliver	Sympathy Bishop John E. Broomer, Sr.
Oliver	Sympathy Tonja L. Lea
Oliver	Sympathy Carolyn Taylor Gale

V. Public Comment**VI. Legislative Business****DARBY**

#0289

A Resolution Urging School Districts and Department of Health to Take Remedial Action on Lead Contamination in School Water Sources

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for City Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly, the Division of Public Health, and the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts and affected schools to remove lead contamination from water sources; inform parents, faculty, and staff members of their potential lead exposure; and develop a definitive plan for testing impacted individuals for lead toxicity. It also expresses strong favor for ongoing monitoring of school water sources for potential contamination, and a plan of action to address any future incidents of community exposure.

OLIVER

#0290

A Resolution Approving a Lease of 1108, 1110, 1112, 1114, and 1116 East Twelfth Street and 1125 and 1127 Brandywine Street to the Delaware Center for Horticulture for a Community Garden

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves the grant of a leasehold interest in 1108 East Twelfth Street, 1110 East Twelfth Street, 1112 East Twelfth Street, 1114 East Twelfth Street, 1116 East Twelfth Street, 1125 Brandywine Street, and 1127 Brandywine Street to the Delaware Center for Horticulture, Inc. for use as a community garden.

HARLEE

#0291

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 44 of the City Code to Provide a Property Tax Abatement for Low-to-Moderate Income, Long-Term Homeowners Following a 50 Percent or More Property Tax Increase on Their Primary Residence **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance provides a partial property tax abatement for low-to-moderate, long-term City homeowners who meet certain eligibility requirements. Eligible homeowners who have their property tax obligation increased by 50% or more following a property assessment may apply for a partial abatement of their tax obligation. The partial abatement would pause their tax obligation at the pre-assessment amount as long as the property homeowner meets the eligibility requirements.

JOHNSON

#0292 A Resolution Requesting the State of Delaware to Either Increase the Maximum Size for Downtown Development Districts in Jurisdictions with Populations Over 30,000 to 375 Acres or Repeal the Requirement that Downtown Development Districts be Contiguous

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution requests that the State of Delaware either (i) increase the total allowable size for Downtown Development Districts in jurisdictions having populations of over 30,000 residents to 375 acres or (ii) repeal the requirement that Downtown Development Districts be contiguous.*

MILLS

#0293 A Resolution Supporting the Submission to the State of Delaware of the City's Proposed Amendment to Expand the Boundaries of its Downtown Development District

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution supports the submission of the City's proposed amendment to expand the boundaries of the City's Downtown Development District from 249.46 to 264.01 acres, as illustrated on the map attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A", to the State of Delaware's Office of State Planning Coordination and Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues.*

SPADOLA

#0294 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 37 of the City Code to Require the Department of Finance to Prominently Display Statute on Parking Violation Notices and Notify Parking Violation Recipients of Their Right to Appeal **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 37 of the City Code by adding a new subsection requiring parking violations to prominently display the alleged parking violation. Further, this Ordinance adds a new section which requires the Department of Finance to notify, in writing, a City resident of their right to appeal a parking violation at the time the resident is initially issued the parking violation.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting will be open to the public starting at 6pm, so members of the public can sign up to speak. To sign up for Public Comment, members of the public must go to the following website

<https://tinyurl.com/wccpubliccomment040623> to fill out the information requested. Public Comment will take place after non-legislative business. The President of City Council will recognize speakers in the order listed on the website.

Note: In accordance with the enactment of Delaware General Assembly Senate Bill 94, members of the public are invited to participate in the meeting either in person in the Council Chambers or virtually by accessing the meeting as follows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82177196170> or visit the WITN22 website www.witn22.org or WITN YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/WITN22Wilmington/> or listen in only by calling one of the following phone numbers (929) 205-6099 or (301) 715-8592. You will be asked for the **Webinar ID**. Please enter **821 7719 6170** and then #. International numbers available: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82177196170>.

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