

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 18, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M. – AGENDA RESULTS**

**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](http://www.wilmingtoncitycouncil.com) or [www.WITN22.org](http://www.WITN22.org)**

**I. Call to Order**

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**III. Committee Reports**

**IV. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report**

**V. Non-Legislative Business**

a. Recognition Resolutions

Cabrera	Recognize Tyler Severance (World Yo-Yo Champion)
N. Field	Posthumous Recognition Thomas Garrett
Oliver	Recognize Adah Chapter #1, Order of the Eastern Star
Oliver	Recognize Suakim Court #54
Oliver	Recognize Barbara S. Pinkett Hicks (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
McCoy	Recognize Donald J. Thompson, III
Mills	Recognize Tennis in the Streets

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Oliver	Sympathy Judith Farnan
Oliver	Sympathy Judy Jester
Oliver	Sympathy Frances Elizabeth Crenshaw
Oliver	Sympathy Emma A. Smith
Spadola	Sympathy W. Bruce Larson

**VI. 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/wccpubliccomment051823> 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.

**VII. Legislative Business****JOHNSON**

Rev. 1

#0288 Sub. 1 Ord. 23-014 Amend Chapters 4, 5 and 12 of the Wilmington City Code to Increase Certain Fees (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**PASSED**  
**As Amended**

**Synopsis:** *This Substitute Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Substitute 1 to Ordinance No. 23-014 amends Chapter 4 (Building), Chapter 5 (Businesses) and Chapter 12 (Fire Prevention and Protection) of the Wilmington City Code to increase certain business license, permit, inspection, certificate, application and event fees administered by the Department of Licenses and Inspections, the Department of Land Use and Planning, the Fire Marshal's Office and the Department of Finance in order to defray the cost associated with administering and enforcing the City's laws, and the provision of certain municipal services. The Substitute Ordinance exempts from the increased business license fee small businesses that have been in existence less than three years, and it provides a cap to the rental unit business license fee for businesses providing low income and senior housing.*

#0302 A Resolution Approving Mayor Purzycki's Appointment of a Member to the Wilmington Ethics Commission

**RES. 23-021**  
**Adopted**

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. This Resolution expresses City Council's concurrence with Mayor Michael S. Purzycki's appointment of Blair Clark Dickerson to the Wilmington Ethics Commission, effective as of the date of passage of this Resolution.*

#0283 Ord. 23-009 Establishing a Rate of Taxation on Real Property and the Taxable Property of Public Utilities for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1, 2023 and Ending on June 30, 2024 (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**PASSED**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance sets the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) based on the certification by the Board of Assessment of the assessed valuation of taxable real property in the City and the Mayor's estimates of revenue measures necessary to balance the City budget as required by the City Charter. There is no change to the property tax rate.*

#0284 Ord. 23-010 Adopt a Capital Program for the Six Fiscal Years 2024 – 2029 Inclusive (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**PASSED**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts the Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2024 - 2029, inclusive.*

#0285 Ord. 23-011 Adopt a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**) **PASSED**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget in the amount of \$125,013,438.*

Rev. 1

#0286 Sub. 1 Ord. 23-012 Adopting the Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1, 2023 and Ending on June 30, 2024 (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**) **PASSED**

**Synopsis:** *This Substitute Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Substitute Ordinance enacts the annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.*

#0298 Ord. 23-020 Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Require the Establishment of Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Rates and Charges for Consecutive Three-Year Periods (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**) **HELD**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 45 of the City Code to require the establishment of a schedule of water, sewer, and stormwater rates and charges for consecutive three-year periods beginning in the fiscal year that commences on July 1, 2023. In addition, it requires the Wilmington Water, Sewer and Stormwater Citizens Advisory Board to make recommendations to City Council for consecutive three-year schedules of water, sewer, and stormwater rates and charges.*

#0287 Ord. 23-013 Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code Regarding Sewer System Rates and Charges, Water Rates and Charges, and Stormwater Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2024 (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**) **PASSED**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts new water, sewer, and stormwater rates and charges for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024). The rates and charges for water and sewer services will increase by five and seven tenths percent (5.7%) in FY 2024 from the rates and charges in FY 2023. The stormwater rates and charges will increase by six percent (6.0%) from the rates and charges in FY 2023. This Ordinance does not amend the unit charges for sewer service contained in City Code Section 45-58. Finally, as a housekeeping*

*matter, this Ordinance makes some minor revisions to the text of City Code Sections 45-175 and 45-53 for accuracy and consistency of terminology.*

#0297      Ord. 23-019      Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Establish a Permanent Water Utility Assistance Program (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**PASSED**

**Synopsis:**      *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 45 of the City Code to create a permanent Water Utility Assistance Program that shall be administered by the Department of Finance. The Water Utility Assistance Program will provide eligible City utility customers with financial assistance to pay water and sewer bills. This Ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2024.*

**CABRERA**

#0303      A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to File the City Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Action Plan Budget with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Including Funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Emergency Solutions Grants Program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program

**RES. 23-022  
Adopted**

**Synopsis:**      *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for City Council’s review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, to file the City Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Action Plan Budget with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which includes funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Emergency Solutions Grants Program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program.*

#0304      A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to File a Substantial Amendment to the City Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan Budget with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Outline the Proposed Use of CDBG-CV, HOPWA-CV, and ESG-CV Funds to Respond to the Ongoing COVID-19 Crisis

**RES. 23-023  
Adopted**

**Synopsis:**      *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for City Council’s review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, to file a Substantial Amendment to the City Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan Budget with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding additional CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, and HOPWA-CV funding that is available pursuant to the CARES Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

**SPADOLA**

#0305

A Resolution Encouraging the Delaware General Assembly to Support SB No. 67, An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Misconduct by Public Officials

**RES. 23-024**  
**Adopted**

**Synopsis:**

*This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution expresses favor and encourages the members of the Delaware General Assembly to support Senate Bill No. 67 (SB No. 67), An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Misconduct by Public Officials, also known as the "Abuse of Power Prevention Act," which adds breaches of duty to acts constituting misconduct, updates the classes protected from misconduct intended to discriminate, and articulates the classification and punishment for various types of official misconduct.*

**VIII. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS****IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Note:** This meeting will be conducted both in-person and via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

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