

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MAY 4, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M. – “Youth in Government Day” – 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 or www.WITN22.org**

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

All Council	Recognize Youth in Government Day
All Council	Recognize Housing Opportunities of Northern
Oliver	Recognize Delaware Afro Sports Hall of Fame
Mills	Recognize Providers Appreciation Day
Spadola	Recognize Yuko Thomas

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Maurice Pritchett
Oliver	Sympathy Tyerra Jonviea Arrieanna Weddington

V. 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/wccpubliccomment050423> 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.

VI. Legislative Business

MCCOY

#0296

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34 of the City Code to Allow Residential Tenants in City Properties to Deposit Withheld Rent in a City-Held Escrow Account **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

ORD. 23-018
**Community Development
& Urban Planning**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for City Council's review and approval. This Ordinance Amends Chapter 34 of the City Code to establish a voluntary escrow program for tenants living in the City properties.

JOHNSON

#0297

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Establish a Permanent Water Utility Assistance Program **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

ORD. 23-019
**Finance & Economic
Development**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for City 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 become effective on July 1, 2024.

#0298

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Require the Establishment of Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Rates and Charges for Consecutive Three-Year Periods **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

ORD. 23-020
**Finance & Economic
Development**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for City 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.

#0299

A Resolution Encouraging the Delaware General Assembly to Support SB No. 2 to Better Regulate Firearms and Promote Responsible Gun Ownership

RES. 23-020
Adopted

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for City Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges the members of the Delaware General Assembly to support SB No. 2, An Act to Amend Title 11, Title 24, and Title 29 of the Delaware Code Relating to Deadly Weapons, to better regulate the sale and transfer of handguns and promote responsible gun ownership.

N. FIELD

#0300 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5 of the City Code to Extend Sunday Hours of Operations for Non-Conforming Liquor Stores
(1st & 2nd Reading)

ORD. 23-021
*Community Development
& Urban Planning*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for City Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 5 of the City Code to extend the Sunday hours of operation of "non-conforming" liquor stores to match the hours of operation of commercially zoned liquor stores in the City.*

CABRERA

#0301 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 37 of the City Code to Reduce Civil Penalties for Certain Parking Violations and to Eliminate the Discount for Early Payment of Certain Penalties **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

ORD. 23-022
*Finance & Economic
Development*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for City Council's review and approval. This Ordinance reduces the civil penalties for certain parking violations from \$40.00 to \$30.00. This Ordinance also eliminates the discount for early payment of civil penalties for certain parking and motor vehicle violations. Finally, this Ordinance extends the deadline to protest citations from twenty (20) to twenty-one (21) days.*

VII. DISSOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- a. Publicly announcing for whom each Council Member voted for from the November 28, 2022 meeting of the Committee of the Whole for the prior vacancy for the At-Large seat vacated by the late Council Member Loretta Walsh
- b. Publicly announcing for whom each Council Member voted for from the February 1, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole for the prior vacancy for the 1st District seat vacated by the late Council Member Linda M. Gray

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

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/85195258783> 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 **851 9525 8783** and then #. International numbers available: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85195258783>.