

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 18, 2024 @ 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 or 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

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| All Council | Recognize Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, Inc. |
| Cabrera | Recognize William Bradford Banks |
| Darby | Recognize Brown Girls Do Gymnastics |
| Harlee | Recognize National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. |
| Oliver | Recognize Sharon Stewart (EXP Realty) |

b. Sympathy Resolutions

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| Oliver | Sympathy former Delaware State Senator Robert I. Marshall |
| Oliver | Sympathy Helen Mason |
| Oliver | Sympathy Mother Barbara M. Spencer |
| Oliver | Sympathy former Fire Chief James T. Wilmore, Sr. |
| Oliver | Sympathy Charles Ballard |
| Oliver | Sympathy Darryl “Cook” Boney |
| Oliver | Sympathy Peggy Edwards |

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/wccpubliccomment041824> 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**DARBY**

#0407

A Resolution Issuing a Public Reprimand of Council Member Zanthia Oliver for City of Wilmington Ethics Violations

RES. 24-020
Withdrawn

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution issues a public reprimand to Councilwoman Zanthia Oliver for a second ethics violation found by the Wilmington Ethics Commission. It further informs the public of the steps City Council has taken to regain the public trust.*

#0408

A Resolution Requesting a Comprehensive Assessment of the Impact of Red-Light Camera Ticketing on the Safety and Equity of City Residents

RES. 24-021
Defeated

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. Nationally, the use of red-light camera programs has declined, along with public support of such programs, due to concerns about disparate impacts on minority communities. This Resolution urges the Administration to make the necessary budgetary appropriations to commission a professional consultant to assess the safety and equity impacts of the City's red light ticket program by December 31, 2024.*

#0409

A Resolution for an Audit of Parking Tickets, Towing, and Booting

RES. 24-022
Adopted

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. The Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan lists "Parking Enforcement" as an essential component of maintaining a "Resident and Visitor Friendly Wilmington." In furtherance of that goal, this Resolution encourages the Administration and relevant departments to conduct a comprehensive audit of parking tickets, towing, and the booting process before December 31, 2024.*

Rev. 1

#0213 Sub. 1 Ord. 22-033 Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Establish an Affordable Water Program (**3rd & Final Reading**)

DEFEATED

Synopsis: *This Substitute Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Substitute Ordinance amends Chapter 45 of the City Code to require the Department of Finance to propose an Affordable Water Program, and to present its findings to City Council by January 1, 2025.*

Rev. 1

#0344 Sub. 1 Ord. 23-034 Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Exempt Elderly and Disabled Residents and Residences with Children Under the Age of Five from the Water Service Disconnection for Nonpayment of Utility Charges (**3rd & Final Reading**)

DEFEATED

Synopsis: *This Substitute Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Substitute Ordinance exempts eligible elderly and disabled residents as well as residences with children under the age of five from having water shut off for nonpayment of water service charges.*

Rev. 1

#0392 Sub. 1 Ord. 24-007 Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Prohibit the Department of Finance from Including Arrearage of Unpaid Water, Sewerage, and Stormwater Fees and Related Costs in Monitions Action Against Customers that are Owner-Occupants **(3rd & Final Reading)**

DEFEATED

Synopsis: *This Substitute Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Substitute Ordinance amends Chapter 45 of the City Code to prohibit the Department of Finance from instituting monitions actions against City utility customers whose debts consist solely of unpaid water, sewerage, and stormwater fees, interest, penalties, and costs. This Substitute Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2024.*

CONGO (Darby presented on behalf of Congo)

#0416 A Resolution Appointing the Members of the Residency Taskforce Pursuant Substitute No. 2 to Ordinance No. 23-040, As Amended

**RES. 24-023
Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. Pursuant Substitute No. 2 to Ordinance No. 23-040, as amended, established a Residency Taskforce consisting of nine (9) members, three (3) of whom are appointed by the Mayor and six (6) by the Council President, including one (1) member from the Department of Human Resources, one (1) member of the Administration, and at least three (3) members of the public who reside in the geographical boundaries of the City of Wilmington. This Council appoints five (5) members of the public to the Residency Taskforce. The members of the Taskforce will submit a final Report, no later than July 1, 2024, with recommendations on attracting residents to fill City vacancies and easing barriers to residencies for new hires to City employment.*

OLIVER

#0417 An Ordinance to Approve the Removal of a Portion of Wilson Street, Located Between East Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets, and Two Unnamed Alleys, Located Between Wilson Street and Clifford Brown Walk, from the Official City Map **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

**ORD. 24-021
Community Dev.
& Urban Planning**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the removal of a portion of Wilson Street, located between East Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets, and two unnamed alleys, located between Wilson Street and Clifford Brown Walk, from the Official City Map.*

#0418 An Ordinance to Approve the Major Subdivision Plan Entitled “1225 & 1320 East Eighth Street” and to Authorize the Removal of a 0.175-Acre Segment of Right-of-Way Located at the Terminus of East Eighth Street from the Official City Map **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

ORD. 24-022
Community Dev. & Urban Planning

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance approves the major subdivision plan entitled “1225 & 1320 East Eighth Street” and authorizes the City to remove a 0.175-acres agreement of right-of-way at the terminus of East Eighth Street from the Official City Map.*

MCCOY

#0419 A Resolution Approving Grant Funds to the City of Wilmington Park’s and Recreation Department

RES. 24-024
Adopted

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution approves grant funding to the City’s Department of Parks and Recreation Department from City Council Member’s Community Support Discretionary Funds totaling \$8,825 for the skate program event and support for students to attend college tour.*

JOHNSON

#0420 A Project Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Financing of a Project for Salesianum School, Inc.; Making Certain Findings with Respect Thereto; Authorizing the Issuance of City of Wilmington Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000,000; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

ORD. 24-020
Finance & Economic Dev.

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to issue tax-exempt and/or federally taxable revenue bonds (the “Bonds”) for the financing of a project for Salesianum School, Inc. (the “School”). The Bonds will be special revenue obligations of the City, payable exclusively from (i) payments made by the School under a bond purchase and loan agreement entered into between the School and a lender selected by the School, (ii) a promissory note executed by the School and delivered to the City in the aggregate amount of the Bonds, and (iii) available funds under a limited continuing guaranty from OSFS Real Estate Trust, a Delaware charitable trust.*

#0398 Ord. 24-010 Approve Amendments to the Large-Scale Redevelopment Project Known as “The Wilmington Flats” **(Public Hearing – postponed from April 4th meeting, and 3rd & Final Reading)**

PASSED

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance approves Woodlawn Trustees, Inc.’s application for amendments to the site plan for the large-scale redevelopment project known as “The Wilmington Flats”.*

BRACY

#0421

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 37 of the City Code to Increase the Monetary Threshold Necessary to Allow the City to Immobilize and Tow a Vehicle **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

ORD. 24-023
Finance &
Economic Dev.

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 37 of the City Code to increase the threshold necessary to immobilize a vehicle to \$300.00 and to increase the threshold necessary to tow a vehicle to \$500.00.*

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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