

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 4, 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

Cabrera	Recognize Natalie DiCostanza
Congo	Recognize Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
B. Fields	Recognize Larry Morris
B. Fields	Recognize Jazette Lane-English

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Cabrera	Sympathy Francis Xavier Reilly
Congo	Sympathy Curtis Ivy Smith
Oliver	Sympathy Carolyn E. Keys-Palmer
Oliver	Sympathy Stephanie Kidel Crawley
Spadola	Sympathy Ashley Sabo

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/wccpubliccomment040424> 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 **Held**

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 **Held**

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 **Held**

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.*

OLIVER

#0410 A Resolution in Support of Delaware General Assembly House Bill 50 - An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Theft **Res. 24-016 Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. Porch Piracy has garnered national attention as close to one in ten Americans have had a package stolen from them. As package theft from independent carriers follows state law, states are taking the initiative to punish those who steal packages. Delaware has put House Bill 50 on their Ready List to vote. The Council supports the passage of the bill to ensure the security of private property.*

#0411 A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Lawrence Carson to the Board of Directors of the Wilmington Parking Authority **Res. 24-017 Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution confirms Mayor Michael S. Purzycki's appointment of Lawrence Carson to the Board of Directors of the Wilmington Parking Authority to serve as member of said Board for the remainder of a five-year term set to expire on June 30, 2025.*

B. FIELDS

#0412

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34 of the City Code to Provide for Short-Term Residential Rental Regulations (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

Ord. 24-018
*Community Development
& Urban Planning*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 34 of the City Code by establishing comprehensive regulations for short-term residential rentals, which is defined to mean all or any portion thereof of a residential dwelling unit which is advertised or held out to the public as a place regularly rented for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes with a duration of occupancy of thirty (30) consecutive days or less. Hotels, motels, and other land uses specifically exempted from the provisions of this article are not considered to be short-term rentals.*

MCCOY

#0413

A Resolution Approving the Police Department's Grant Application to the State of Delaware Criminal Justice Council to Support the Wilmington Police Department's Partners in Care Program

Res. 24-018
Adopted

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Criminal Justice Council in the amount of \$363,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to support the Department's Partners in Care co-responder program, which pairs mental health clinicians with police officers to respond to calls for service to support individuals experiencing a crisis. Funding would support the continuation of the City's contract with Christiana Care Health Systems, as well as training for program staff, the purchase of equipment, and other expenses related to this program. No local matching funds are required.*

#0414

A Resolution Approving the Wilmington Police Department's Grant Application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund to Purchase New Equipment

Res. 24-019
Adopted

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$40,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase: (i) a generator to support the Department's Crisis Management Hostage Negotiation Team vehicle; (ii) a Velox computer to store and preserve digital forensic*

evidence; and (iii) two (2) unmanned aerial vehicles to replace outdated equipment. No local matching funds are required.

JOHNSON

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

*Postponed to *4/18/24 due to time sensitivity and emergency*

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”.*

N. FIELD (Cabrera presented on behalf of Field)

#0415 An Ordinance to Approve the Removal of a Portion of West Sixteenth Street, Located Between Brinckle and Greenhill Avenues, from the Official City Map **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

*Ord. 24-019
Community Development
& Urban Planning*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the removal of a 150.5-foot-long by 60-foot-wide portion of West Sixteenth Street, located between Brinckle and Greenhill Avenues, from the Official City Map.*

MILLS

#0401 Ord. 24-012 Authorize and Approve Two One-Year Extensions of Contract 24019PR (Combined Food Services Programs) Between the City of Wilmington and Whitsons Food Service (Bronx), LLC **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Passed

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to exercise two (2) one-year extension options for Contract 24019PR “Combined Food Service Programs” with Whitsons Food Service (Bronx), LLC.*

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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