

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 16, 2024 @ 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](http://www.wilmingtoncitycouncil.com) or [www.WITN22.org](http://www.WITN22.org)**

**AGENDA**

**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 Wilmington Early Care & Education Council

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Cabrera Sympathy Carmen Maria Pabon Rodriguez  
Oliver Sympathy Louise Marie Clark  
Oliver Sympathy De'Ja Kiandra Harris

**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/wccpubliccomment051624> 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**

**WHITE**

#0422 Ord. 24-024 Authorize and Approve a Contract Between the City of Wilmington and the Division of Public Health, Department of Health & Social Services, State of Delaware to Enforce Delaware Dog Control and Dangerous Dog Statutes (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the execution of an MOU between the City of Wilmington and the State of Delaware Division of Public Health, Department of Health & Social Services, Office of Animal Welfare. The Office of Animal Welfare will provide animal control services throughout the City. These services will be provided over a three (3) year period for a total cost of \$904,166.16.*

**JOHNSON**

#0433

An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the City’s General Obligation Bond (WWTP Switchgear & Electrical Substations Phase I Project), Series A of 2024-WPCRF, in Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for Replacements at the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant; Providing for the Sale of the 2024A Bond to the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action **(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the issuance of a General Obligation Bond (WWTP Switchgear & Electrical Substations Phase I Project), Series A of 2024-WPCRF, in an amount not to exceed \$12,260,000 (the “2024A Bond”), which will be sold to the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund in order to (i) finance the replacement of two (2) electrical power substations, a switchgear unit, and appurtenances at the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant, as set forth in the City’s capital budgets for its Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2024, (ii) pay administrative costs relating to such capital projects, and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the 2024A Bond.*

#0402

Ord. 24-013 Establishing a Rate of Taxation on Real Property and the Taxable Property of Public Utilities for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1, 2024 and Ending on June 30, 2025 **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**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 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) 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.*

#0403

Ord. 24-014 Adopt a Capital Program for the Six Fiscal Years 2025 – 2030 Inclusive **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**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 2025 - 2030, inclusive.*

#0404 Ord. 24-015 Adopt a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget, which being an alternating year, contains zero dollars.*

Rev. 1

#0405 Sub. 1 Ord. 24-016 Adopting the Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1, 2024 and Ending on June 30, 2025 (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**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 2025.*

Rev. 1

#0406 Sub. 1 Ord. 24-017 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 2025 (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**Synopsis:** *This Substitute Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Substitute Ordinance enacts water, sewer, and stormwater charges and rates for Fiscal Year 2025. In addition, as a housekeeping matter, this Substitute Ordinance makes some minor revisions to the text of City Code Section 45-53 for accuracy and consistency of terminology.*

#0431 Ord. 24-026 Adopt a New Methodology for Calculating City Council Salaries and to Establish Salaries of City Council Members for the 109<sup>th</sup> Council Session to be Effective as of January 7, 2025 (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. Pursuant to City Charter Section 2-100 and City Council Rule 26, City Council adopts the February 2024 PFM Compensation Study/Executive and Legislative Salary Benchmarking Report. Additionally, this Ordinance establishes increased salaries for the Council Members to be elected in November 2024 to comprise the 109<sup>th</sup> Council Session and take office on January 7, 2025.*

## VIII. Petitions and Communications

## IX. Adjournment

[Zoom information on the following page]

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

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