

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
December 4, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
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

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

All Council	Recognize Chris Madden (Retirement)
Oliver	Recognize Fred Sears
Oliver	Recognize Commemorating the Social Security Act (90-Year Anniversary of Signing)
Owens	Recognize Lakia Allen (One Year Anniversary of The Selfie Restaurant)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

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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/wccpubliccomment120425> 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. If there are any issues with accessing the sign up form, please contact: wilmcc109@gmail.com.

Note: Per Council Rules (CC Rule 2), the public shall register to speak by 6:45.

VII. Legislative Business

Note: To view the full legislation, click on the hyperlinked agenda number.

OLIVER

#0145 A Resolution Approving the Bid of the Best Bidder for the Disposition of the Parcel of Land Located at 1331 Vandever Avenue

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves the bid of Families Thriving, LLC for one (1) parcel real estate located at 1331 Vandever Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (being New Castle County Tax Parcel No. 26-037.10-081) as the best bidder and authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk, or their respective designees, to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the disposition of such property to Families Thriving, LLC.*

#0146 A Resolution Authorizing the Department of Public Works to Grant Delmarva Power & Light Company a Utility Easement for the Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of a Pad-Mounted Transformer Over and Across East Sixteenth Street

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works to grant Delmarva Power & Light Company a utility easement in connection with Delmarva's installation, operation, maintenance, and/or removal of a pad-mounted transformer to provide Delmarva with the ability to independently shut down electric and communications services to the City's Brandywine pumping station when needed while allowing electric and communications services to the surrounding area to remain unaffected.*

#0147 A Resolution Confirming Appointments to the Wilmington Parking Authority Board of Directors

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution confirms Mayor John Carney's appointments of Michael S. Purzycki, Dwight Holden, and Sylvia Banks and reappointments of Jeffrey Flynn and Larry Carson to the Board of Directors of the Wilmington Parking Authority to serve as members of said Board for terms to expire on June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028, June 30, 2029, and June 30, 2030, respectively.*

#0148 A Resolution Approving the Department of Public Works' Grant Application to the State of Delaware Department of Health and Social Services Division of Public Health for an Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant to Support the Design and First Phase of Construction to Incorporate the Most Cost-Efficient Means of Removing PFAS from the City's Source at the Porter and Brandywine Plants

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works' grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Health and Social Services Division of Public Health for an Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant in an amount not to exceed One Million Nine Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$1,983,661.00), or such other amount that the DHSS awards. The proposed grant funds would be used to support completing the design and first phase of construction to*

incorporate the most cost-efficient means of removing PFAS from the City's source at the Porter and Brandywine Plants. No local matching funds are required.

- #0133 Ord. 25-065 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 37 of the City Code to Establish Rules for the Usage of Low-Speed Motorized Scooters and Electric Bicycles in the City of Wilmington (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 34 of the City Code to establish a voluntary rent escrow program for residential tenants living in the City of Wilmington and provides 1) the eligibility requirements for participation in the program; 2) the tenant's obligations when participating in the program; and 3) the manner in which funds held in an account opened by the City or third-party contracted by the City will be released. This Ordinance also requires the Department of Licenses and Inspections to include a statement regarding the availability of the program on all violation notices and placards posted on properties condemned as unfit for human habitation.*

HARLEE

- #0149 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40 of the City Code Regarding Parental Leave and Combined Leave (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 40 of the City Code to increase parental leave to twelve weeks following the birth, adoption, or placement of a foster child in accordance with State law, provide for six weeks or eight weeks of medical leave to an eligible employee following the birth of a child depending upon the delivery method, reduce the accumulation of combined leave to a maximum of sixty days, and change the calculation of combined leave payout.*

- #0124 Ord. 25-060 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve an Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and RingCentral, Inc. for a Communications Platform (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to enter into a five-year agreement with RingCentral, Inc. for a communications platform that unifies voice, video, messaging, and contact center services, with an option to extend the agreement for one (1) additional year.*

MCCOY

- #0139 Ord. 25-068 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34 of the Wilmington City Code to Authorize a Voluntary Rent Escrow Program (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 34 of the City Code to establish a voluntary rent escrow program for residential tenants living in the City of Wilmington and provides 1) the eligibility requirements for participation in the program; 2) the tenant's obligations when participating in the program; and 3)*

the manner in which funds held in an account opened by the City or third-party contracted by the City will be released. This Ordinance also requires the Department of Licenses and Inspections to include a statement regarding the availability of the program on all violation notices and placards posted on properties condemned as unfit for human habitation.

BRACY

#0150

A Resolution Approving the Department of Parks and Recreation's Amended Grant Application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for Funds Allocated Pursuant to the 2025 Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant Program for Improvements to Eastlake Park

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation's amended grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for funds allocated pursuant to the 2025 Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant Program in the amount of \$190,000.00. The funds will be used for improvements to Eastlake Park. A local match of one quarter (1/4) of the grant award is required.

CABRERA

#0136 Ord. 25-070

An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve Four One-Year Extensions of a Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and Northeast and Bucks Company t/a Mullin and Lonergan Associates, Inc.
(3rd & Final Reading)

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to exercise four (4) one-year extension options for a professional services agreement with Northeast and Bucks Company t/a Mullin and Lonergan Associates, Inc. to assist the Department of Real Estate and Housing with various matters, including, but not limited to, the preparation of the City's five-year consolidated plan, the City's annual action plans, and the administration of the City's CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs.

#0151

A Resolution Approving the Department of Land Use and Planning's Grant Application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, for a Federal Fiscal Year 2024/City Fiscal Year 2025 Pass-Through Grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior to Support the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Land Use and Planning's Federal Fiscal Year 2024/City Fiscal Year 2025 grant application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs ("DHCA") in the amount of \$15,707.00, or such other amount that DHCA awards. The funds will be used to support the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program, which has been in existence for over thirty-five (35) years.

- #0152 A Resolution Approving the Department of Land Use and Planning's Grant Application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, for a Federal Fiscal Year 2025/City Fiscal Year 2026 Pass-Through Grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior to Support the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Land Use and Planning's Federal Fiscal Year 2025/City Fiscal Year 2026 grant application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs ("DHCA") in the amount of \$15,707.00, or such other amount that DHCA awards. The funds will be used to support the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program, which has been in existence for over thirty-five (35) years.*

SPADOLA

- #0153 A Resolution Urging the Administration to Explore All Available Fiscal Measures Before Proposing Any Increase to Water or Sewer Rates

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges the Administration to explore all available fiscal measures before proposing any increase to water or sewer rates, including the temporary or partial use of General Fund resources to stabilize rates and avoid placing additional costs on Wilmington residents.*

- #0128 Ord. 25-063 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Require all Legislative and Administrative Bodies of the City to Provide Members of the Public a Way to Participate in Public Meetings Virtually (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance mandates that members of the public be provided the opportunity to participate virtually in all regularly scheduled public meetings of legislative and administrative bodies of the City.*

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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