

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
June 18, 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
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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 Delaware Sickie Cell Disease Association of America (World Sickie Cell Day)
Congo	Recognize Apostle Linda D. Henry (75 th Birthday)
Darby	Recognize Donald Thompson, III (Raw Story Drive Groundbreaking Ceremony)
Harlee	Recognize Bishop Boston Ford, Jr. (90 th Birthday)
McCoy	Recognize Alethea Smith-Tucker
Oliver	Recognize Jumpstart Wilmington
Oliver	Recognize Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2025 Inductees
Owens	Recognize Sickie Cell Association of Delaware (World Sickie Cell Day)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Harlee	Sympathy Shawn Le'Mon
Oliver	Sympathy Barbara Hicks
Owens	Sympathy Rosetta Mae Dennis

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/wccpubliccomment061825> 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.

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.

CONGO (Bracy presenting on behalf of Congo)

[#0036](#) Ord. 25-014 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Establish an Office of Educational Advocacy as a Division in City Council (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 2 of the City Code by creating an Office of Educational Advocacy as a division within City Council. The office will serve as an advocate for the educational needs and rights of Wilmington students, regardless of where they attend school, and formulate legislative solutions to improve the education of Wilmington students. The chief administrative official of the office will have the title of Director of Educational Advocacy.*

OWENS

[#0070](#) A Resolution Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Support House Bill 182 (HB 182)- An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Law Enforcement Agency Agreements

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. Pursuant the Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan goal of a "Connected, Informed, and Engaged Wilmington," this Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to support House Bill 182 (HB 182)- An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Law Enforcement Agency Agreements that "prohibits law-enforcement agencies from entering into agreements with federal immigration enforcement authorities to enforce immigration violations or share immigration enforcement related data."*

#0071 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8 of the City Code to Create an Education Workforce Down Payment and Settlement Assistance Program (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This ordinance creates a municipal loan program, to be administered by the Department of Real Estate and Housing, to provide eligible education employees who wish to be homebuyers with loans of up to \$15,000 to assist with down payment or settlement costs related to the purchase of a primary residence in the City of Wilmington.*

[#0072](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapters 5 and 34 of the City Code Regarding Pre-Rental Inspection of Rental Dwellings (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapters 5 and 34 of the City Code to provide for inspections of rented or leased dwellings or buildings prior to the issuance of a residential property rental license or prior to the registration of an additional*

rental dwelling unit that supplements an approved rental license application. In addition, this Ordinance eliminates the two- or five-year inspection cycles and instead requires that all residential rental properties be inspected at least once every five (5) years as set forth in policies and procedures to be established by L&I.

DARBY[#0073](#)

A Resolution Urging the Administration to Cooperate with Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP) to Conduct a Call-for-Service Analysis to Inform the City's Mental Health Response Strategies

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. In accordance with the Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan goal of a "Safe and Secure Wilmington," this Resolution urges the Administration and Wilmington Police Department (WPD) to coordinate with the Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP) to provide the data necessary to complete a call-for-service analysis, which is the first phase in assessing local demand for community response team services, in our City.

OLIVER[#0050](#)

Ord. 25-023 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Supplement the City's Organizational Chart (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends the City's Organizational Chart to include managers and supervisors within the myriad departments. The Ordinance also cleans up typographical errors.

[#0060](#)

Ord. 25-029 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve the First Amendment to Contract 23002WD (Boiler Inspection and Maintenance Services) between the City of Wilmington and A.A. Duckett, 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 execute the first amendment to Contract 23002WD (Boiler Inspection and Maintenance Services) with A.A. Duckett, Inc., which will extend the contract for one (1) year.

[#0074](#)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 36 of the City Code to Prohibit Resisting, Impeding, or Interfering with a City Employee's Official Job Duties (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 36 by combining Sections 36-194 and 36-195 to reinforce that any impeding a City employee's performing their official job duties constitutes a misdemeanor offense.

[#0075](#)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Require City Council to Approve of Appointed Board Members of the Wilmington Neighborhood

Conservancy Land Bank Corporation (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 2 of the City Code by requiring City Council to approve, via resolution, of appointed board members of the Land Bank Board of Directors.*

HARLEE

#0048 Ord. 25-021 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve an Agreement for Third-Party Claim Administrative Services Between the City of Wilmington and PMA Management Corp. (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to execute an agreement with PMA Management Corp. for third-party claim administrative services for the period of one (1) year from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with the option of three (3) one-year extensions thereafter.*

Rev. 1

#0049 Sub. 1 to Ord. 25-022 An Ordinance to Amend Chapters 3, 4, 5, 13, 34, 44, and 45 of the City Code to Standardize the Procedure for the Application of Payments of Fees, Civil Fines, Civil Penalties, and Taxes Due and Owing to the City (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapters 4, 5, 13, 34, and 44 of the City Code to standardize the procedure for the application of partial payments made by customers for unpaid fees, civil fines, civil penalties, and taxes that are due and owing to the City.*

MCCOY

#0062 Ord. 25-030 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve a Lease Agreement Regarding 400 North Walnut Street Between the City of Wilmington and the Wilmington Housing Authority (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to execute a lease agreement with the Wilmington Housing Authority to lease 400 North Walnut Street for the Wilmington Police Department for a period of five (5) years commencing on or about July 1, 2025.*

#0063 Ord. 25-031 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve an Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Body Cameras, Tasers, and Related Services (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to execute an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to purchase body cameras, tasers, and related services for the*

Wilmington Police Department for a period of five (5) years commencing on or about July 1, 2025.

JOHNSON[#0065](#)

A Resolution Approving Grant Funding to Union Park Gardens Neighborhood Association (UPGNA) From Council Member Johnson's Community Support/Discretionary Funds

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. In alignment with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of fostering a "Connected, Informed and Engaged Wilmington," this Resolution approves grant funding to Union Park Gardens Neighborhood Association (UPGNA) from City Council Member Christofer C. Johnson's Community Support Discretionary Funds totaling \$5,000 for food and other equipment for the Summer Movie in the Parkway, Summer Band in the Parkway, and Veterans Day Celebration in the Parkway events.

[#0066](#) Ord. 25-032 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40 of the City Code regarding Military Leave (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Section 40-338 of the City Code regarding military leave to provide that an employee shall be entitled to a leave of absence not to exceed five years of cumulative service during the employee's entire employment with the City regardless of the employee's date of hire, consistent with the provisions of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act ("USERRA"). The terms of this Ordinance shall not apply to any bargaining unit employee, as such term is defined in Section 40-6 of the City Code, whose employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement whose terms conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance.

BRACY

#0076

A Resolution Approving the Department of Parks and Recreation's Grant Application to the State of Delaware Department of Labor to Support the City's Summer Youth Internship Program

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 grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Labor in the amount of \$190,000.00. The proposed grant funds would be used to support the Department of Parks and Recreation's Summer Youth Internship Program. No local matching funds are required.

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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