

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
May 22, 2025 @ 6:30 PM – 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 Kim Doucette (20 th Anniversary Season with the Wilmington Children’s Chorus)
Cabrera	Recognize Ezion-Mount Carmel United Methodist Church
Cabrera	Recognize Reverend HW Greer
Harlee	Recognize City of Wilmington Solicitor Robert “Bob” Goff, Jr., Esq. (Retirement)
Harlee	Recognize New Destiny Fellowship Church (45 th Anniversary)
Johnson	Recognize ChristianaCare Resident Union

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Cabrera	Sympathy William C. Salamone
Cabrera	Sympathy Gail M. DeRouen
Harlee	Sympathy William V. Harris
McCoy	Sympathy Ronald B. Patton Jr.
McCoy	Sympathy Rev. Richard R. (Dick) De Lillio, OSFS
Oliver	Sympathy Karen Lyle James
Oliver	Sympathy Arnold Ellis McCray

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/wccpubliccomment052225> 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

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

HARLEE

- #0019 Sub. 1 to Establishing a Rate of Taxation on Real Property and the Taxable **PASSED**
Ord. 25-006 Property of Public Utilities for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1,
2025 and Ending on June 30, 2026 (**Reassessment**) (**3rd & Final**
Reading)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Substitute Ordinance sets the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) 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. The property tax rate has been changed from 21.1500 mills in Fiscal Year 2025 to 3.7413 mills for the residential property class and 5.8276 mills for the non-residential property classes in Fiscal Year 2026. These new rates have been calculated (i) so that when applied to the new 2024 assessed values that resulted from the recently completed general property value reassessment done by New Castle County, there is no change in the Fiscal Year 2026 projected total billed property tax revenue to the City when compared to Fiscal Year 2025, prior to when the general property value reassessment was done, and to (ii) address certain anomalies in New Castle County's reassessment model with respect to the City that over-assessed lower value properties and made the assessments inconsistent.*

- [#0020](#) Ord. 25-007 Adopt a Capital Program for the Six Fiscal Years 2026 – 2031 **PASSED**
Inclusive (**3rd & 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 2026 - 2031, inclusive.*

- [#0021](#) Ord. 25-008 Adopt a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (**3rd & Final Reading**) **PASSED**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget.*

- #0022 Sub. 1 to Adopting the Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year **PASSED**
Ord. 25-009 Beginning on July 1, 2025 and Ending on June 30, 2026 (**3rd & Final**
Reading)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts the annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.*

- #0023 Sub. 1 to Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code Regarding Sewer System
Ord. 25-010 Rates and Charges, Water Rates and Charges, and Stormwater Rates
and Charges for Fiscal Year 2026 (**3rd & Final Reading**)

PASSED

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts water, sewer, and stormwater charges and rates for Fiscal Year 2026.*

- #0048 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve an Agreement for Third-Party
Claim Administrative Services Between the City of Wilmington and
PMA Management Corp. (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

ORD. 25- 021
Finance & Economic
Development

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.*

- #0049 An Ordinance to Amend Chapters 4, 5, 13, 34, and 44 of the City Code
to Standardize the Procedure for the Application of Partial Payments of
Fees, Civil Fines, Civil Penalties, and Taxes Due and Owing to the City
(**1st & 2nd Reading**)

ORD. 25- 022
Finance & Economic
Development

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.*

OLIVER

- #0050 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Supplement the
City's Organizational Chart (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

ORD. 25- 023
Finance & Economic
Development

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.*

- [#0047](#) Ord. 25-020 Amend Chapter 37 of the City Code to Clarify the Conditions
Whereby the City May Immobilize and/or Tow a Vehicle (**3rd & Final**
Reading)

PASSED

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance makes stylistic, but not substantive, changes to Section 37-125 of the City Code.*

MCCOY

- #0051 A Resolution Approving the Police Department's Grant Application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SLEAF) to Replace Existing Equipment **RES.25-028**
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 \$86,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase (i) 10 Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) to replace outdated, nonfunctioning equipment and (ii) 300 flashlights to replace aging flashlights that are mounted on Department-issued weapons. No local matching funds are required.*

- #0052 A Resolution Approving the Police Department's Grant Application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SLEAF) for the Purchase of New Equipment **RES. 25-029**
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 \$63,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase (i) a Zodiac rescue boat to replace the Department's current vessel, which is more than 25 years old and in need of replacement and (ii) a concession trailer that would be used during community engagement and recruitment events. No local matching funds are required.*

- #0053 A Resolution Requesting the Delaware General Assembly to Amend Title 21 of the Delaware Code Regarding Reissuance of Vehicle Registration Numbers **RES. 25-030**
Adopted

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. The Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan prioritizes a "Safe and Secure Wilmington" by supporting legislative action that deters illicit activity. This Resolution requests that the honorable members of the Delaware General Assembly amend Title 21 of the Delaware Code regarding conditions permitting reissuance of vehicle registration numbers to require an extended timeframe for reissuing vehicle registration numbers associated with license plates that have not been surrendered to the Division of Motor Vehicles. As our State works to keep pace with the technological threats to the vehicle registration number system, this adaptation can provide meaningful relief for motorists who have experienced the impacts of license plate duplication.*

- #0054 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 44 of the City Code Regarding the Exemption of Elderly and Disabled Persons from Real Estate Taxation **(1st & 2nd Reading)** **ORD. 25- 024**
Finance & Economic Development

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Section 44-64 of the City Code to: (i) increase the exemption on real property taxes for elderly and disabled persons to the first \$210,300.00 of assessed value of real property; (ii) increase the income threshold for participation in the real property tax exemption to \$15,650.00 for an individual and \$21,150.00 for a married couple; and (iii) delete, as a housekeeping matter, references to the real property tax exemption for caregivers that expired in 2019.*

WILLAUER

#0055 A Resolution Urging the Board of Assessment of the City of Wilmington to Withdraw its Certification of Assessment Roll for Fiscal Year 2026

RES. 25-031
Adopted

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. The City's Board of Assessment is vested with the exclusive authority to determine the assessments of taxable real property in the City. For Fiscal Year 2026, the Board of Assessment adopted the recently completed reassessment done by New Castle County through Tyler Technologies. The reassessment values for property in the City are disproportionately high in comparison to the reassessed values of property outside the City and also fail to meet industry standards. This resolution urges the Board of Assessment to withdraw its certification and adopt assessed values for property in the City which meet industry standards and do not result in disproportionate assessment values.*

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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