# REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL

November 20, 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

Darby Recognize Troy "PC Beatz" Thompson

Darby Recognize National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. (12<sup>th</sup>

Annual Fundraising Gala)

McCoy Recognize First Tee-Delaware (Legacy of Impact Gala)
Owens Recognize AIDS Delaware (HIV Awareness Month)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council Sympathy Former State Representative John Adam Kowalko, Jr.

Harlee Sympathy Linda Harrison Oliver Sympathy Eugene Coston

# 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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/wccpubliccomment112025">https://tinyurl.com/wccpubliccomment112025</a> 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: <a href="wilmcc109@gmail.com">wilmcc109@gmail.com</a>.

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 (Owens Presenting on behalf of Congo)

#0140 A Resolution for Allocation of Grant Funds to the Kenny Family Foundation for

City Council Turkey Drive

**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 supporting a "Healthy Wilmington," this Resolution approves grant funding to Kenny Family Foundation from City Council President Ernest

"Trippi" Congo, II's Community Support Discretionary Funds to purchase up to 2,500 turkeys that will be distributed to Wilmington's high-rise residents and

local community organizations.

#### **DARBY**

#0141 A Resolution Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Amend Title 22 of the

Delaware Code by Repealing 22 Del . C . § 101A , which will Establish a Uniform Annexation Process for All Cities and Towns in Delaware (including

Wilmington)

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to amend Title 22 of the Delaware Code by repealing 22 Del. C. § 101A (Annexation by large municipalities; special elections), which only applies to the City of Wilmington, as it is the only municipality in Delaware with a population in excess of 50,000. The repeal of 22 Del. C. § 101A (Annexation by large municipalities; special

elections) would establish a uniform annexation process for all cities and towns in Delaware, including the City of Wilmington, by subjecting all cities and towns to the same streamlined annexation procedures set forth in 22 Del. C. § 101

(Annexation by city or town).

#0142 A Resolution Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Amend Delaware Code

Regarding Municipalities with Population of 50,000 or More Pertaining to

Regulation of Liquor Stores

**Synopsis:** 

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to enact legislation enabling municipalities with populations of 50,000 or more to pass ordinances more restrictive than state law regarding the placement of liquor stores. The proposed legislation would require the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner of Delaware to deny licenses that violate these local ordinances. A

draft proposed General Assembly bill is attached to the Resolution.

# **MCCOY**

#0135 Ord. 25-067 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve an Agreement Between the City

of Wilmington and LeadsOnline, LLC for an Integrated Ballistic

Identification System (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 City to enter into a three-year agreement

with LeadsOnline, LLC for an integrated ballistic identification system that is used to track and identify firearms by comparing digital images of unique marks left on bullets and shell casings.

#0125 Ord. 25-061

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 39 of the City Code to Allow Retired Police Officers to Serve on the Police Pension Board, as the Same is Permissible for the Fire Pension Board (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

# <u>Synopsis</u>:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Sections 39-152(a) and 39-216(a) of the City Code to permit both active and retired members of the Wilmington Police Department enrolled in either the Police Pension Fund or the City of Wilmington Police Pension Act of 1984 to run for the five (5) police officer positions on the board of trustees (the "Board") that administers both plans. It also provides a procedure for an active or retired police officer enrolled in either plan to place his or her name on the ballot, allows active and retired police officers enrolled in either plan to vote for the elected seats on the Board, and gives priority for the Board's elected seats to be filled by active members enrolled in either plan. (These same procedures are in place for the Fire Pension Board – see Sections 39-182 and 39-251.)

#### **JOHNSON**

#0143

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 36 of the City to Clarify the City's Loitering Definition (1st & 2nd Reading)

#### **Synopsis**:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends the City's Loitering ordinance to clarify and narrow the scope of the conduct it prohibits and to expressly exclude from its application lawful and constitutionally protected conduct such as assembly, protest and a person's involuntary unhoused status of persons in a public place.

### **SPADOLA**

#0144

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 (3<sup>rd</sup> & 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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