# REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL

## November 6, 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

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I. Call to Order

Praver

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	Charlotte B	Barnes	(Retirement)	,

All Council Recognize Salesianum School (Brotherhood Day/75<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of Desegregation)

Cabrera Recognize Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware,

Inc. (41st Annual Fair Housing Awards Luncheon)

Harlee Recognize Bishop Dr. Andrew Williams

Oliver Recognize the Medicare and Medicaid Act of 1965 (60-

Year Anniversary)

Oliver Recognize Catherine Parsells (previously listed on August

28 Agenda)

Oliver Recognize Clifford Benjamin Brown's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday
Oliver Recognize Walnut Street YMCA (85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Celebration Gala)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

McCoy	Sympathy Arvon Jackson
Oliver	Sympathy Charles A. Hill, Jr.
Oliver	Sympathy Joseph L. Crumpler, Jr.

Oliver Sympathy Anthony Vincent McCurdy, Sr.

Oliver Sympathy Kermitt Banhart
Oliver Sympathy Jerome A. Brown, Sr.
Oliver Sympathy Elmslie W. Wharton
Owens Sympathy Kendra Marie Smallwood
Owens Sympathy Marie Katherine Foreman

#### 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/wccpubliccomment110625 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.

**OWENS** 

#0129 A Resolution Establishing a Subcommittee on Homelessness Under the

Health Environmental Aging and Disabilities Committee

Res. 25-057 Adopted

**PASSED** 

**PASSED** 

As Amended

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and Synopsis:

approval. This Resolution establishes the City of Wilmington Homelessness Subcommittee, composed of nine members, as a subcommittee of the Health, Environmental, Aging and Disabilities (HEAD) Committee standing committee. The objectives of the Subcommittee include expanding on the recommendations put forth by the City of Wilmington Taskforce on Homelessness and offering additional considerations for addressing homelessness that meet the needs of the

residents of the City of Wilmington.

#0114 Ord. 25-055 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 37 of the City Code to Prohibit the

Parking of Tow Trucks on City Streets (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

Synopsis: This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. In order to preserve the limited number of parking spaces available on City streets, this Ordinance amends Chapter 37 of the City Code to establish parking restrictions for tow trucks that are identical to the restrictions for tractor trailers, trailer coaches, semi-trailers, boats, and school buses. Specifically, this Ordinance prohibits the parking of tow trucks on City streets outside of a period of loading and unloading, or in the absence of a street storage permit. The Ordinance also calls for the addition of signage to provide clear notice to owners and/or operators of tow trucks of the prohibition on parking of tow trucks on City

streets.

**DARBY** 

#0105 Sub. 1 to An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Rename the

Wilmington Community Police Accountability Board the Wilmington Ord. 25-051

Citizens Review Board, Expand Board Eligibility, and Increase

Compensation for Board Members (3<sup>rd</sup> & 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 to rename the Wilmington Community Police Accountability Board the Wilmington Citizens Review Board. It also expands Board member eligibility. It also increases the amount paid to the Chair and Vice-Chair for attendance at meetings and compensates all voting members for attending training.

#0115 Ord. 25-056 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 42 of the City Code Regarding the

Paving of Privately Controlled Nondedicated Alleys (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final

Reading)

**Synopsis:** This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. This Ordinance amends Section 42-10 of the City Code by establishing

a program whereby qualified abutting property owners in low-income

neighborhoods can apply to the Department of Public Works to fund the costs of

paving privately controlled, nondedicated alleys.

#0130 A Resolution Urging the Administration to Prohibit Municipal Contracts

with Companies Involved in Immigration Enforcement and Deportation

Operations

**Synopsis:** This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. This Resolution urges the Administration of the City of Wilmington not to enter into or maintain contracts with any company that collaborates with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or profits from deportation-related

activities, including, but not limited to, Avelo Airlines.

OLIVER

#0074 Ord. 25-034 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 36 of the City Code to Prohibit

Resisting, Impeding, or Interfering with a City Employee's Official

Job Duties (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

**Synopsis:** This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. This Ordinance combines 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 Ord. 25-035 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> & 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 requiring City

Council to approve, via resolution, of appointed board members of the Land Bank

Board of Directors.

#0131 A Resolution Requesting Additional Parking Spaces and a Pest Control Plan

for the 934 North Lombard Street Demolition Site

Res. 25-059
Adopted

**HELD** 

Res. 25-058

**Adopted** 

**PASSED** 

As Amended

**PASSED** 

As Amended

**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 "Stabilized Wilmington." This Resolution requests that the Administration

coordinate with the contractors undertaking the demolition at 934 North Lombard

to ensure that there are appropriate protocols to address pest control concerns related to the demolition of this longstanding vacant property. This Resolution further requests that the Administration continue the plans discussed by Mayor Michael Purzycki's Administration to convert 934 North Lombard into a parking lot, following the demolition of the current structure to accommodate the influx of new residents in the East Side neighborhood.

#0132 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve a Network-As-A-Service Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and Delmarva Power & Light Company (1st & 2nd Reading)

Ord. 25-064
Public Works &
Transportation

**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 Network-As-A-Service Agreement with Delmarva Power & Light Company for the City and Itron, Inc. to use Delmarva's Automated Metering Infrastructure Mesh Network to collect water meter usage information from City water meters. The Network-As-A-Service Agreement contains two (2) five-year extension options.

#0133 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 (1st & 2nd Reading)

Ord. 25-065
Public Works &
Transportation

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance establishes rules for the operation of electric bicycles and low speed motor scooters within the City of Wilmington that are consistent with recently enacted State law. The Ordinance also imposes helmet requirements for those under the age of 18 who are operating or passengers on bicycles, electric bicycles, and low speed motorized scooters.

#### **HARLEE**

#0134

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 44 of the City Code to Provide a Property Tax Exemption for Low-To-Moderate Income, Long-Term Homeowners Following a 100 Percent or More Property Tax Increase on Their Primary Residence (1st & 2nd Reading)

Ord. 25-066
Finance&
Economic
Development

### Synopsis:

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 provides a partial property tax abatement for low-to-moderate, long-term City homeowners who meet certain eligibility requirements. Eligible homeowners who have their property tax obligation increased by 100% or more following a property assessment may apply for a partial abatement of their tax obligation. The partial abatement would pause their tax obligation at the pre-assessment amount as long as the property homeowner meets the eligibility requirements.

#### **MCCOY**

#0106 Ord. 25-052 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve Two One-Year Extensions of Contract 26008pd (Police Clothing) Between the City of

Wilmington and McDonald Uniforms Co., Inc. (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

**PASSED** 

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to exercise two (2) one-year extension options for Contract 26008PD "Police Clothing" with McDonald Uniforms Co., Inc.

#0119 Ord. 25-059

An Ordinance to Approve the Anchorage Overlook Major Subdivision Plan and Authorize the City to Remove a Segment of Anchorage Street From the Official City Map, Improve a Segment of Anchorage Street and Name it Anchorage Street Extended, Create a New Street Named Levi Lane, and Accept the Dedication of Anchorage Street Extended and Levi Lane as Public Rights-of-Way and Add Them to the Official City Map (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

**Synopsis**:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance approves the "Anchorage Overlook" major subdivision plan and authorizes the City to (i) remove a portion of Anchorage Street from the Official City Map, (ii) improve a portion of Anchorage Street and name it Anchorage Street Extended, (iii) create a new street and name it Levi Lane, and (iv) accept the dedication of Anchorage Street Extended and Levi Lane as public rights-of-way and add them to the Official City Map.

#0135

An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve an Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and LeadsOnline, LLC for an Integrated Ballistic Identification System (1st & 2nd Reading)

Ord. 25-067 Public Safety

PASSED

<u>Synopsis</u>:

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.

#0139

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34 of the Wilmington City Code to Authorize a Voluntary Rent Escrow Program (1st & 2nd Reading)

Ord. 25-068
Community
Development &
Urban Planning

**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.

#### **JOHNSON**

#0120

A Resolution to Amend Council Rule 9 to Require Ordinances to be Voted Out of Committee

Res. 25-060 DEFEATED **Synopsis:** This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. This Resolution amends City Council Rule 9 to require Ordinances to be voted out of Committee prior to being heard before a full council for a 3<sup>rd</sup> and

Final vote.

#0121 A Resolution to Amend Council Rule 10-2 to Require Committee of the

Whole Meetings on a Quarterly Basis

**Synopsis:** This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. This Resolution amends City Council Rule 10-2 to require

Committee of the Whole Meetings on a Quarterly Basis, rather than regularly.

**BRACY** 

#0138 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Require That

All Legislation Include a Fiscal Impact Statement Prepared by the

Office of Management and Budget (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 to add a new Section 2-36 requiring all ordinances and substantive resolutions passed by City Council to contain either a fiscal impact statement prepared by the City's Office

of Management and Budget ("OMB") or a written statement from OMB explaining the reason(s) that no fiscal impact statement could be prepared.

#0127 Ord. 25-062 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Repeal the

Defunct Wilmington Advisory Commission on Youth and their Families and to Establish the Wilmington Youth Advisory Council

Under the Auspices of City Council (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

**Synopsis:** This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. This Ordinance establishes the Wilmington Youth Advisory Council under the auspices of City Council. The primary objective of the Wilmington Youth Advisory Council will be to assist City Council in formulating a Youth Master Plan, the purpose of which is to promote the well-being and advancement

of the City's youth. The Ordinance also eliminates the Wilmington Youth Leadership Commission under the Department of Parks and Recreation, as this

commission has been defunct since 2019.

**CABRERA** 

#0136 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.

(1st & 2nd 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) onevear 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

Ord. 25-069

Finance & Economic

**Development** 

Res. 25-061

Adopted

PASSED As Amended

Ord. 25-070

**Community** 

**Development &** 

**Urban Planning** 

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.

Ord. 25-071

**Planning** 

Commission and

Community
Development &

**Urban Planning** 

#### **SPADOLA**

#0137 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 48 of the City Code to Require the

Zoning Board of Adjustment to Notify At-Large Councilmembers of

Pending Hearings (1st & 2nd Reading)

**Synopsis:** This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review

and approval. This Ordinance adds a requirement for the Zoning Board of

Adjustment to inform at-large Council members of pending appeals.

#### 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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