

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
October 16, 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 Hispanic Heritage Month 2025 (Community Leaders)
Cabrera	Recognize India Colon
Cabrera	Recognize Victor Rodriguez
Harlee	Recognize Martha Morgan (46-Year Anniversary of Morgan's of Delaware)
Harlee	Recognize LaFate Gallery Vision Center (10 th Anniversary Celebration)
Harlee	Recognize Wilmington International Film Festival
McCoy	Recognize I Am My Sister's Keeper Tea Party 2025
Owens	Recognize Monrovia Fashion Week USA 2025 (Previously listed on September 4, 2025 agenda)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Master Corporal Richard Arnold Sutton, Sr. (Retired)
Cabrera	Sympathy Harvey Alexander Harvey
Harlee	Sympathy Richard Lamotte Ellington

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/wccpubliccomment101625> 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

#0113 Ord. 25-054 An Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Foreclosures due to Property Tax Increases as Long as the Owner is on a Payment Plan (**3rd & Final Reading**)

PASSED
As Amended

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance establishes a temporary moratorium on residential and commercial foreclosures for properties whose FY '26 tax bill increased by more than 25% compared to FY '25 due to the recent reassessment by Tyler Technologies. This will sunset September 30, 2026.*

DARBY

#0122 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34 of the City Code to Require Lead-Based Paint Inspections of Residential Rental Dwellings to comply with House Bill 70 (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

HELD

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 adopt, supplement, and enforce recently enacted State legislation that establishes a comprehensive framework for the reduction of lead-based paint hazards in rental properties in Delaware, including the City of Wilmington. Specifically, House Substitute No. 2 for House Bill No. 70 ("HB70"), entitled An Act to Amend Titles 16 and 25 of The Delaware Code Relating to Lead-Based Paint, was recently signed into law. Pursuant to HB70, all rental units constructed before January 1, 1978, must be certified as "lead free" or "lead safe" by a lead inspector approved by the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services. This Ordinance enhances local enforcement of HB70 through the Department of Licenses and Inspections. The full implementation of HB70 and its certification requirements thereunder will not occur until all the necessary funding or regulations are in place, or March 1, 2028, at the latest.*

#0123 A Resolution Approving the Members of the Reintegration Subcommittee and Authorizing a Modified Timeline for the Submission of a Preliminary and Final Report

Res. 25-055
Adopted

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. In alignment with the Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan priority of a "Stabilized Wilmington," this Resolution approves the appointment of nine Wilmington residents to the Reintegration Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Community Development and Urban Planning standing committee. It further authorizes a modified timeline for the submission of a final report to accommodate the appointment of the Reintegration Subcommittee members and the requirements associated with FOIA open meetings regulations.*

HARLEE

#0117 Ord. 25-057 An Ordinance Constituting Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget (Being an Ordinance to Amend Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 25-009) **(3rd & Final Reading)**

PASSED
As Amended

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance is the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget, which was originally enacted in Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 25-009. This Ordinance authorizes an increase in the Mayor's Materials, Supplies, and Equipment General Fund appropriation of \$425,000 to enable the City to hire consultants to assist the City in conducting interior assessments and validating Tyler Technologies' mass appraisal reassessment model utilized for the recent real property reassessment conducted by New Castle County. It also authorizes a fund balance transfer of \$75,000 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve to the Neighborhood Stabilization Fund to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to low-income homeowners for filing appeals with the New Castle County Board of Assessment Review related to the real property reassessment.*

#0124 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve an Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and RingCentral, Inc. for a Communications Platform **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Ord. 25-060
Finance &
Economic
Development

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

#0125 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 **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Ord. 25-061
Public Safety

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 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.)*

- #0118 Ord. 25-058 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 44 of the City Code to Exempt from the City's Earned Income Tax the Wages and Compensation Paid by the United States to any Person for Active Service in the Uniformed Services of the United States **(3rd & Final Reading)**

PASSED

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Section 44-106 of the City Code to exclude the wages and compensation earned by persons from active service in the uniformed services of the United States from the definition of "salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation" for purposes of the City's earned income tax, rather than limiting the exemption to those in active service in the "armed forces."*

BRACY

- #0126 A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Two Members to the City Officer and Employee Residency Review Board

**Res. 25-056
Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution confirms Mayor John Carney's appointments of Rourke Moore and Doreen Robinson to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor as members of the City Officer and Employee Residency Review Board.*

- #0127 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 **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

**Ord. 25-062
Health,
Environmental,
Aging & Disabilities**

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 Advisory Commission on Youth and Their Families, as this commission has been defunct since 2019.*

SPADOLA

- #0128 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 **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

**Ord. 25-063
Finance &
Economic
Development**

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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