

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
June 5, 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
www.wilmingtoncitycouncil.com or www.WITN22.org

***REVISED 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 Juneteenth 2025
Bracy	Recognize Christina Cultural Arts Center (CCAC) (80 th Anniversary)
Cabrera	Recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Month 2025
Darby	Recognize Mother Lessie Triplett (95 th Birthday)
Darby	Recognize Vester Triplett (97 th Birthday)
Hackett	Recognize Jezelle 'GG' Banks and Desai Drummond (2024-2025 Gatorade Players of the Year)
Spadola	Recognize Senator Eric Buckson

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Victor F. Battaglia, Sr.
Cabrera	Sympathy Eugene M. Julian
Congo	Sympathy Kenneth Hynson
Harlee	Sympathy Verdie Mae Brinson
Oliver	Sympathy Cashis Malik Boston
Spadola	Sympathy James B. "Jim" Lowell

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/wccpubliccomment060525> 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.

OWENS[#0056](#)

A Resolution Requesting the Delaware General Assembly to Make Allowances for the City of Wilmington to Levy an Excise Tax on Cigarettes Locally

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. The Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan envisions a "Healthy Wilmington," by advocating for and enacting legislative measures to address preventable health threats. Tobacco-related illnesses contribute to more than 1,400 deaths annually in the State of Delaware and millions of dollars in public health expenditures. The City of Wilmington has the highest tobacco retail density in the State of Delaware, with as many as 18.32 retailers per 1000 people in some census tracts. This Resolution requests that the Delaware General Assembly make allowances for the City of Wilmington to levy an excise tax on cigarettes locally to prevent and reduce tobacco consumption.

[#0057](#)

A Resolution Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Amend Title 4 of the Delaware Code to Extend Last Call for On-Premises Alcoholic Beverage Consumption Until 2:00 a.m. for the City of Wilmington

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 that will amend Title 4 of the Delaware Code to enable licensed establishments in the City of Wilmington to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption until 2:00 a.m. A draft proposed General Assembly bill is attached to the Resolution.

DARBY

*#0029 Sub. 1 to An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34 of the City Code to Provide Ord. 25-016 for Residential Rent Stabilization **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 34 of the City Code by establishing residential rent stabilization policies. For non-exempt residential dwelling units, the authorized rent ceilings for rental units shall be determined by the current base payment standards established by the New Castle County Housing Authority. In addition, and subject to the rent ceiling provisions, the maximum percentage increase to rent in any 12-month period shall be the lesser of (a) three percent (3%) or (b) the 12-month average percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington (All Items), as most recently published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

#0058

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11 of the City Code Relating to Religious Exemptions from Noise Ordinances **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Section 11-61 of the City Code to expand the City's "religious noise exemption."

#0059

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Dissolve the Wilmington Neighborhood Conservancy Land Bank **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance dissolves the Wilmington Neighborhood Conservancy Land Bank, as outlined by 31 Del. C. § 4716(b).*

*#0068 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Codify the Ability to Schedule a Referendum to Amend the City's Charter **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance codifies the City's ability to initiate Charter amendments either through City Council action or by voter petition for a Charter Commission, and establishes clear procedures for elections, public education, and referendum scheduling.*

*#0069 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Reconstitute the Wilmington Arts Commission **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 2, Article III by creating a new Division 20, restarting the Wilmington Arts Commission.*

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 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. **(1st & 2nd 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.*

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.*

- #0049 Sub. 1 to An Ordinance to Amend Chapters 4, 5, 13, 34, and 44 of the City Code to
Ord. 25-022 Standardize the Procedure for the Application of Partial 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

- [#0054](#) Ord. 25-024 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 44 of the City Code Regarding the
Exemption of Elderly and Disabled Persons from Real Estate Taxation
(**3rd & Final Reading**)

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.*

- [#0061](#) A Resolution Approving Grant Funding for Imperial Dynasty Arts Program from
Council Member Yolanda M. McCoy's Community Support Discretionary Funds

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves grant funding for Imperial Dynasty Arts Program from Council Member Yolanda M. McCoy's Community Support Discretionary Funds totaling \$3,750 for Drum Jawn, a community event bringing music education to Wilmington by providing children access to drums and other musical instruments.*

- #0062 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve a Lease Agreement Regarding 400
North Walnut Street Between the City of Wilmington and the Wilmington
Housing Authority (**1st & 2nd 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 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve an Agreement Between the City of
Wilmington and Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Body Cameras, Tasers, and Related
Services (**1st & 2nd 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.

- #0064 A Resolution Opposing Elimination of Countywide Election for New Castle County Council President

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 "Transparent and Well- Respected Wilmington," this Resolution expresses opposition to any proposal to the Delaware General Assembly that would significantly modify the procedures for selecting the New Castle County Council President and/or replace the role with a 13th county councilmanic district.*

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](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40 of the City Code regarding Military Leave
(1st & 2nd 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

- #0067 A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Robert S. Greco and David Lewis and the Appointment of Kenesia Jackson and William C. Jones, II to the Board of Pensions and Retirement

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution confirms the reappointment of Robert S. Greco and David Lewis and the appointment of Kenesia Jackson and William C. Jones, II to the Board of Pensions and Retirement.*

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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