

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
February 27, 2025*

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Ernest M. Congo, II presiding.

The opening prayer was done by Mariaelena Rivera, Deputy City Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by City Council.

ROLL CALL

The following members responded to the Call of the Roll: Council Members Owens, Oliver*, Willauer, McCoy (virtual), Johnson (virtual), Bracy, Hackett, Spadola and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Absent with leave, Council Members Darby, Harlee and Cabrera Total, three.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Health, Environmental, Aging & Disabilities Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Coby J. Owens, Chair	X		
Christian Willauer, Vice Chair	X		
Maria D. Cabrera	X		
Nathan Field	X		
Alexander D. Hackett	X		
Christofer Johnson	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

February 26, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Health, Environmental, Aging & Disabilities Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-004** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE
ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS LICENSES FOR RETAIL
MARIJUANA STORES

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Health, Environmental, Aging & Disabilities Committee

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, President Congo opened the floor for public comments and the following individuals spoke:

- Cynthia Ferguson
- Vanity Constance
- Zoe Patchell (virtual)
- Sal Pantano (virtual)
- Frank Ursomarso (virtual)

**Note: During this time Council Member Oliver was recognized as being present and is reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).*

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member Hackett presented Ordinance No. 25-004 (Agenda #0010) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS LICENSES FOR RETAIL MARIJUANA STORES

Upon a motion of Council Member Hackett and seconded by Council Member McCoy, the ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Hackett spoke to the ordinance. Council Members Oliver, Johnson, Spadola, Owens, Bracy and President Congo made comments. Council Member Hackett made closing remarks before President Congo requested the Clerk to call the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Willauer, McCoy, Field, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eight. Present, Council Members Oliver and Johnson. Total, two. Absent, Council Members Darby, Harlee, Cabrera. Total, three.

PETTITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: including but not limited to community events and meetings were shared.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Members Cabrera and Bracy seconded by Council Members Oliver and McCoy, Council adjourned at 7:08 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the February 27, 2025 City Council meeting at the following link:

<https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=4232>

Attest: Akira Grenardo
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk