

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
February 19, 2026 @ 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

Congo	Recognize Black History Month (Black Owned Market Street/Downtown Businesses)
Congo	Recognize Paul F. Livingston (100 year Birthday)
Oliver	Recognize Veda Davida Wooley, Esq MBA (Black History Month)
Oliver	Recognize Senator David P. Sokola (Retirement)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Adrian Morales Lebron
Cabrera	Sympathy Mae L. Miller
Cabrera	Sympathy James Nathaniel Bell
Oliver	Sympathy Michael Sheridan Washam
Oliver	Sympathy David S. Swayze
Oliver	Sympathy Shawn Brady
Owens	Sympathy John William Armstrong, III
Spadola	Sympathy Christopher Nicholas Skrobot
Willauer	Sympathy Alvin B. Moore, II

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/wccpubliccomment021926> 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

#0169 Ord. 26-005 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve a Lease Agreement with Bottling Group, LLC for a Portion of 3505 Governor Printz Boulevard for Use as Eastlawn Park (**3rd & Final Reading**) **HELD**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to enter into a fifty-year lease agreement with Bottling Group, LLC for a portion of 3505 Governor Printz Boulevard for use as Eastlawn Park with perpetual ten-year renewals after the initial fifty-year term.*

#0181 A Resolution in Support of House Substitute 1 for House Bill 94 (HS 1 for HB 94) Restricting Law Enforcement from Cooperating With Federal Agencies Conducting Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities at Child-Serving Entities, Places of Worship, or Health-care Facilities Without Permission from the Attorney General **Res. 26-011 Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This resolution expresses the strong support of House Substitute 1 for House Bill 94 (HS 1 for HB 94), An Act Amending Titles 10 and 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Law Enforcement Cooperation in Federal Immigration Enforcement.*

Rev. 1
#0182 A Resolution to Amend Wilmington Charter Section 2-300 to Require City Council to Appropriate Grant Funds in the Annual Operating Budget **HELD**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 2-300 to require City Council to appropriate grant funds in the annual operating budget. In order for the Wilmington City Charter to be amended as proposed, three fourths (3/4) of all the members elected to Wilmington City Council must adopt this Resolution and two thirds (2/3) of all the members elected to the General Assembly must approve the proposed amendment.*

Rev. 1
#0183 A Resolution to Amend Wilmington Charter Section 2-301 to Require City Council to make Certain Supplemental Appropriations of Excess Revenues, Grant Funds or Special Funds during the Fiscal Year **HELD**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 2-301 to require City Council to make certain supplemental appropriations of excess revenues, grant funds or special funds during the fiscal year.*

DARBY

#0184 A Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Reinstallation of the Christopher Columbus Statue at Father Tucker Park **Res. 26-012 Defeated**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. The Wilmington City Council strongly opposes the reinstallation of the statue of Christopher Columbus. The reinstallation of the Christopher Columbus statue at the proposed Father Tucker Park site, or any alternative location in the City of Wilmington, runs counter to our City's commitment to ensuring that our public spaces reflect truth, accountability, and shared humanity.*

Rev. 1
#0185 A Resolution Proposing an Amendment to City Charter Sec 2-102 to Require an Independent Redistricting Commission

*Res. 26-013
Defeated*

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to the Wilmington City Charter Sec 2-102 to require an independent redistricting commission to redistrict the City's eight (8) councilmanic districts within six (6) months after the publication by the United States Census Bureau of the population of the City at each federal decennial census.*

#0186 A Resolution Requesting Wilmington Governmental Representation on the Diamond State Board Corporation

*Res. 26-014
Adopted*

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. Despite bearing a disproportionate share of the impacts, the City currently lacks sufficient formal representation on the Diamond State Port Corporation (DSPC) Board. This Resolution urges the Governor of the State of Delaware and the Delaware General Assembly to take the necessary legislative or administrative actions to formalize City Council representation on the DSPC Board, including consideration of a voting or ex-officio seat, and requests interim appointment of a Wilmington City Council member until such changes are enacted.*

#0187 A Resolution Requesting Annexation of Port Expansion Lands in the Claymont – Edgemoor Area into the City of Wilmington

*Res. 26-015
Adopted*

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. Despite the operational, environmental, and economic integration of the Edgemoor port expansion with the City of Wilmington, the subject land currently lies outside the City's municipal boundaries, limiting the City's ability to exercise zoning, land-use regulation, public safety coordination, taxation, and community impact oversight. This Resolution requests state and local coordination to facilitate the annexation of port expansion lands in the Claymont-Edgemoor area into the municipal boundaries of the City of Wilmington.*

#0188 A Resolution on Special Elections to Fill Council Vacancies

*Res. 26-016
Adopted*

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution requests the Delaware General Assembly to amend Section 2-101 of the City Charter to empower the citizens of Wilmington to fill a vacancy arising on City Council through a special election. The proposed amendment also provides that nominations of candidates to fill the vacancy must come through a direct primary election.*

OLIVER

#0189

An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve the First Amendment to an Agreement for Water and Sewer Service Line Protection Programs Between the City of Wilmington and American Water Resources, LLC **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

*Ord. 26-014
Public Works &
Transportation*

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to execute a first amendment to an agreement with American Water Resources, LLC ("AWR") that makes water and sewer line warranty protection services available to homeowners in the City. The amendment will (i) extend the duration of the agreement for five (5) years commencing on July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2031 and (ii) cap the fees that AWR may charge homeowners for warranty protection services at \$12.99 per month.

#0190

A Resolution Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Address Porch Piracy

*Res. 26-017
Adopted*

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. Porch piracy has garnered national attention as nearly half of all Americans have had a package stolen from them. The General Assembly (152nd Session) previously introduced legislation (House Bill 50) to counteract package theft from private carriers but did not consider the bill for a final vote. This resolution recommends the current General Assembly session to introduce, and pass, legislation similar to previously introduced House Bill 50.

#0191

A Resolution Requesting an Economic Development Conference

*Res. 26-018
Adopted*

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution respectfully requests that the Administration collaborate with the Office of Economic Development to plan and execute an economic development conference to attract and retain entrepreneurial investment in the City of Wilmington.

HARLEE

#0192

An Ordinance Constituting Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget (Being an Ordinance to Amend Substitute

*Ord. 26-015
Finance & Economic
Development*

No.

1 to Ordinance No. 25-009) **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance is the second amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget, which was originally enacted in Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 25-009.

#0193

An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve an Agreement between the City of Wilmington and USI Insurance Services LLC for Property and Casualty Insurance Brokerage Services **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

*Ord. 26-016
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 an agreement with USI Insurance Services LLC for property and casualty

insurance brokerage services for the period of one (1) year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with the possibility of three (3) extensions of one (1) year each thereafter upon the same terms and conditions.

JOHNSON

#0168 Ord. 26-004 An Ordinance to Establish a Temporary Moratorium on Smoke Shops within the City of Wilmington (**3rd & Final Reading**)

PASSED

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance issues a temporary moratorium on the issuance of business licenses for smoke shops, or businesses selling tobacco products, in the city. The moratorium will be in effect for one year, or until such time that an impact assessment has been completed by the Department of Land Use and Planning, unless repealed earlier by City Council. During the period in which the moratorium is in effect, the zoning board of adjustment shall not consider any application for permission, variance, or special exception for the establishment of a smoke shop. The zoning board of adjustment may consider applications for a hardship exception to the moratorium.*

BRACY (Presented on behalf Cabrera)

#0194 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to File a Third Substantial Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2021/City Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Action Plan Regarding the Allocation of HOME-ARP Funds with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Res. 26-019
Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, to file a Third Substantial Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2021/City Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that that transfers \$150,000 of HOME-ARP Allocation Administration funds to fund a new public services line item for Homeless Prevention.*

#0195 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to File a First Substantial Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2025/City Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Res. 26-020
Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, to file a First Substantial Amendment to the City Fiscal Year 2026/Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that that transfers (i) \$110,000 of CDBG Program funds from several public service homeless prevention activities to Code Purple to address the needs of unsheltered persons and (ii) \$1,000,000 from unallocated CDBG Program income and delivery and administration line items to (a) fund CDBG Program demolition for \$200,000 and (b) create a CDBG Program rental rehabilitation program for \$800,000.*

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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