

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
February 5, 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 Senior Firefighter Luis A. Quinones (Retirement)
Oliver	Recognize the Commemoration of the Medicare and Medicaid Act of 1965 (60-year Anniversary)
Owens	Recognize Jennifer Thompkins (Service to the Redding Consortium and Wilmington Police Accountability Board)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Deborah Farmer
Cabrera	Sympathy Edgar Antonio Bruno
Cabrera	Sympathy Dy’Ker Ja’Quan Trotter
Harlee	Sympathy Jeffrey A. Washington
Harlee	Sympathy Evangelist Willie May Ford
Harlee	Sympathy Carolyn Collins
Johnson	Sympathy Deanna Tusso
Oliver	Sympathy Gary L. Price
Oliver	Sympathy David Harrigan, Jr.
Owens	Sympathy Thomas Green, Sr.
Owens	Sympathy Camron A. Brady
Spadola	Sympathy Nancy Bartoshesky Lynch
Spadola	Sympathy Alice Goodfellow Davis
Spadola	Sympathy Francis A. Mercante, Jr.

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/wccpubliccomment020526> 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

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

*Ord. 26-005
Community
Development &
Urban Planning*

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.

#0170

A Resolution Appointing Members to the Homelessness Subcommittee of the Health, Environmental, Aging and Disabilities Standing Committee

*Res. 26-002
Adopted*

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution appoints nine (9) members to the Homelessness Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Health, Aging, Environmental, and Disabilities standing committee. It further removes paid public employment as a disqualifying factor for service as a member of the Homelessness Subcommittee.

DARBY

#0158

A Resolution in Favor of Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 57 (SS 1 for SB 57) Regarding Postconviction Remedy Based on Changes in Forensic Scientific or Technical Information

*Res. 26-003
Adopted*

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution respectfully urges members of the Delaware General Assembly to give favorable consideration to Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 57 (SS 1 for SB 57), An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Postconviction Remedy, and to adopt the bill as amended to modernize post-conviction remedies, expand access to DNA testing, eliminate arbitrary time barriers, and update legal standards that advance fairness and justice for all Delaware residents.

#0159

A Resolution in Favor of Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 58 (SS 1 for SB 58) Regarding Postconviction Limitations on Access to DNA Testing and Evidence

*Res. 26-004
Adopted*

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution expresses strong support for Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 58 (SS 1 for SB 58), An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Postconviction Remedy, that would strengthen access to justice, protect the innocent, and uphold the integrity of Delaware's legal process.

- #0160 A Resolution to Amend Wilmington City Charter Section 2-101 to Create Four-Year Staggered Terms of Office for City Council Commencing with the 2028 Election **Res. 26-005 DEFEATED**
- 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 2101 of the City Charter to provide for four-year staggered terms of office for City Council.*
- #0161 A Resolution Requesting the Delaware General Assembly Impose Term Limits for City Council Members **Res. 26-006 DEFEATED**
- 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- 100 of the City Charter to impose a term limit for City Council members of not more than three (3) terms in each representative capacity; council member elected from a councilmanic district, council member at large, and president of the council.*
- #0162 A Resolution to Amend the Wilmington City Charter Section 3-300 Lowering the Minimum Age Requirement of Mayor from Twenty-Five (25) to Eighteen (18) **Res. 26-007 DEFEATED**
- 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 3-300 lowering the minimum age requirement of those desiring to serve as Mayor from twenty-five (25) to eighteen (18).*
- #0163 A Resolution to Amend the Wilmington City Charter Section 2-103 Lowering the Minimum Age Requirement of Members of Council from Twenty-Five (25) to Eighteen (18) **Res. 26-008 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 2-103 lowering the minimum age requirement of those desiring to serve as members of Council from twenty-five (25) to eighteen (18).*
- #0171 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Dissolve the Wilmington Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Citizens Advisory Board ("CAB") **(1st & 2nd Reading)** **Ord. 26-006 Finance & Economic Development**
- Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 45 of the City Code by dissolving the Wilmington Water, Sewer and Stormwater Citizens Advisory Board.*
- #0172 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Create an African American History and Cultural Preservation Commission **(1st & 2nd Reading)** **Ord. 26-007 Intergovernmental**
- 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 deleting a defunct African American History Museum Foundation Committee and*

establishing in its place a permanent African American History and Cultural Preservation Commission.

#0173 An Ordinance to Amend Chapters 5 and 34 of the City Code to Create an Online Rental Property Registry **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

*Ord. 26-008
Community
Development &
Urban Planning*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance requires the Department of Licenses and Inspections to create an online rental property registry. It also requires owners, operators, or lessors who obtain rental dwelling business licenses to register their rental dwellings on the City’s online rental property registry.*

#0174 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34 of the City Code to Create a Landlord Education and Resource Awareness Program **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

*Ord. 26-009
Community
Development &
Urban Planning*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance requires the department of licenses and inspections to create a Landlord Education and Resource Awareness Program.*

HARLEE

#0175 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the City’s General Obligation Bond (Supplemental Adams Street Green Infrastructure Project), Series A of 2026-WPCRF, in Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for the Increased Construction Costs Associated with the Installation of Three Bioretention Gardens, 1900 Linear Feet of Stormwater Pipe, Sixteen Manholes, and Five Trench Drains Located in and Around the Adams Street Courts at 210 North Jackson Street; Providing for the Sale of the 2026A Bond to the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

*Ord. 26-010
Finance & Economic
Development*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the issuance of a General Obligation Bond (Supplemental Adams Street Green Infrastructure Project), Series A of 2026-WPCRF, in an amount not to exceed \$808,242 (the “2026A Bond”), which will be sold to the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund in order to (i) finance the increased construction costs associated with the installation of three (3) bioretention gardens, 1900 linear feet of stormwater pipe, sixteen (16) manholes, and five (5) trench drains located in and around the Adams Street Courts at 210 North Jackson Street, as set forth in the City’s capital budget for its Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, (ii) pay administrative costs relating to such capital projects, and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the 2026A Bond.*

#0176 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the City’s General Obligation Bond (Lead Removal Phase IV Project), Series A of 2026-DWSRF, in Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for the Replacement of Approximately Three to Four Miles of Old Cast Iron Watermain in the City’s Water Distribution System; Providing for the Sale of the 2026A Bond to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

*Ord. 26-011
Finance & Economic
Development*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the issuance of a General Obligation Bond (Lead Removal Phase IV Project), Series A of 2026-DWSRF (the “2026A Bond”), in an amount not to exceed \$13,000,000, which will be sold to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in order to (A) finance the replacement of approximately three (3) to four (4) miles of old cast iron watermain in the City’s water distribution system, as set forth in the City’s capital budget for its Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026, (B) pay administrative costs relating to such capital project, and (C) pay the costs of issuing the 2026A Bond.*

#0177 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve a Multi-Year Contract Retaining Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, P.A. as the External Auditor for the City of Wilmington **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

*Ord. 26-012
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 multi-year contract with Belfint, Lyons, & Shuman, P.A. for the purposes of retaining an External Auditor, at an estimated price of One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents per annum (\$198,000.00). The primary purpose of the Contract is to retain the services of an External Auditor to provide full assurance that the City’s accounting records surrounding its Financial Audit, Single Audit, Firefighters’ Pension Fund Audit, and Police Pension Fund Audit are fair, complete and in adherence with generally accepted accounting principles, industry standards and regulatory requirements.*

WILLAUER

#0178 A Resolution Urging the City of Wilmington to Restore the Rodney Reservoir Community Garden

*Res. 26-009
Adopted*

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution urges the City of Wilmington’s Administration to build the remaining 42 beds laid out in the approved Hinge design for the Rodney Reservoir Community Garden to meet the strong community interest in time for the garden beds to be put into use for the 2026 gardening season. It further recommends that the Administration to consider collaborating with the community on garden operations.*

MCCOY

#0179 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve a One-Year Extension of Contract 26011LI (Vacant Property Services) Between the City of Wilmington and R&A Contractors, LLC **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

*Ord. 26-013
Community
Development &
Urban Planning*

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to exercise a one-year extension option for Contract 26011LI “Vacant Property Services” with R&A Contractors, LLC.*

BRACY

#0180 A Resolution Approving Mayor Carney’s Appointment of Two Members to The Wilmington Ethics Commission

*Res. 26-010
Adopted*

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution expresses City Council's concurrence with Mayor John Carney's appointment of Robert Katzenstein and James McClain Jr. to the Wilmington Ethics Commission to each serve a four-year term beginning on the date of passage of this Resolution.*

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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