

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
January 15, 2026 @ 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
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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
 - Oliver Recognize the Commemoration of Louis L. Redding (100 Years Since Joining Law School)
 - Oliver Recognize Veda Wooley (Black History Month)
 - b. Sympathy Resolutions
 - Harlee Sympathy David Nocho
 - Oliver Sympathy Harvey N. Turner, Jr.
 - Oliver Sympathy Mary E. Jones
 - Spadola Sympathy Gary Carl Linarducci
- 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/wccpubliccomment011526> 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.

- 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

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

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

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

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)

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)

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).*

OLIVER

#0154 Ord. 25-074 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 35 of the City Code to Include Gender Identity as a Protected Class **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 35 of the Wilmington City Code to explicitly include gender identity as a protected class under the City Code's Human Rights provisions. The amendment aligns the City Code with Delaware's Gender Identity Nondiscrimination Act of 2013 and reaffirms Wilmington's commitment to equality and provision of basic human rights. It also updates the definition of "sexual orientation" to align with recent Delaware law.*

#0164 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Establish Charges for Inspections Made Pursuant to the City of Wilmington Cross-Control Program **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 45 of the City Code to establish charges for inspections and re-inspections conducted pursuant to the City of Wilmington Cross-Connection Control Program.*

#0165 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Empower the Commissioner of the Department of Licenses and Inspections to Issue Civil Penalties or Take Other Enforcement Action Against Cable, Telecommunication, and Other Utility Providers for Failing to Remediate Utility Wires **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance empowers the Department of Licenses and Inspections to document cable television, telecommunications, or similar utility wires and cables which impede the public right of way and to provide notice to the service providers responsible. The Department is further empowered to issue civil penalties to service providers or to take other reasonable steps to ensure the public right of way is clear of wires and cables in the event the service provider fails to take steps to eliminate the obstruction within 10 days of notice from the Department.*

#0166 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve the First Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and Itron, Inc. for Mobile Automated Meter Reading Operations and System Maintenance to Transition from Automated Meter Reading to Advanced Metering Infrastructure **(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 first amendment to a*

professional services agreement with Itron, Inc. for mobile automated meter reading operations and system maintenance to transition from automated meter reading (AMR) to advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) for collection of water meter usage information from City water meters.

HARLEE

#0167

A Resolution Approving Grant Funding for Heart to the City

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves grant funding for A Heart For the City DE from Council Community Support Funds for operational needs, including the expansion of the iRise Dining Hall to offer an additional hot meal weekly to those in need.

JOHNSON

#0168

An Ordinance to Establish a Temporary Moratorium on Smoke Shops within the City of Wilmington (**1st & 2nd Reading**)**Synopsis:**

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance establishes a temporary moratorium on smoke shops within the City of Wilmington.

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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