

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
March 5, 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

Congo	Recognize Reverend Tyrone C. Johnson, Sr. (70 th Birthday)
Darby	Recognize Ramadan 2026
Harlee	Recognize Marcel Brown (40 Years of Service to St. Michael's School and Nursery)
McCoy	Recognize National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
McCoy	Recognize Women's History Month
Oliver	Recognize the Dedication of The Manna Residential Recovery House
Oliver	Recognize Paul Mahoney (Retirement)
Owens	Recognize Les Éléphants (Ivory Coast National Football Team)
Spadola	Recognize Chealsea Tavern (16 th Anniversary)
Spadola	Recognize Wanda Jenkins (Retirement from AIDS Delaware)
Willauer	Recognize William "Hicks" Anderson Community Center (Emergency Shelter Staff)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr.
All Council	Sympathy Marcia Starks
Cabrera	Sympathy Former House Majority Whip John J. Viola
Cabrera	Sympathy Former State Senator George Howard Bunting, Jr.
Harlee	Sympathy James Bordley
Harlee	Sympathy Theresa Johnson Webster
Owens	Sympathy Carmen Henry
Spadola	Sympathy Patricia S. Rothermel

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/wccpubliccomment030526> 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

Rev. 1 #0182

A Resolution to Amend Wilmington Charter Section 2-300 to Require City Council Approval to Appropriate Grant Funds in the Annual Operating Budget

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 approval 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 Approval to make Certain Supplemental Appropriations of Excess Revenues, Grant Funds or Special Funds during the Fiscal Year

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 approval to make certain supplemental appropriations of excess revenues, grant funds or special funds during the fiscal year.

#0196

A Resolution to Require City Council Approval to Make Appropriations on an Emergency Basis from Available Sources of Unappropriated Revenues, Grant Funds, or Special Funds

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council approval for Council's review and approval. This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 2-205 to require City Council to make emergency appropriations from available revenues, grant funds or special funds in order to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or other public peace.

#0197

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8 of the City Code to Create a Rental Assistance Program **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This ordinance creates a municipal low-income rental assistance program, to be administered by the Department of Real Estate and Housing, to provide eligible low-income residential tenants in the City of Wilmington up to

\$1,500.00 of monthly rental assistance, for a maximum of four (4) months in any given twelve (12) month period.

DARBY

#0198

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Establish an Office of Community Safety **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance adds a new section under Chapter 2, Article V of the City Code and establishes a new office named the "Office of Community Safety" within the Mayor's Office. The Office of Community Safety will address violence from both prevention and intervention perspectives by coordinating among government agencies, community organizations, and third party providers, identifying violence hotspots, and supporting and directing resources to at-risk populations, and carry out the long-term goal of the city government to reduce crime, restore social trust, and enhance public safety.

#0199

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8 of the City Code to Establish a Housing Trust **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 8 of the City Code by establishing housing trust, and a community-based oversight board, that is intended to help address the severe shortage of affordable housing in the city.

OLIVER

#0200

An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve an Electricity Procurement Contract Starting in Fiscal Year 2027 **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to enter into one or more contracts for the purchase of electricity with one or more of three electricity providers starting in fiscal year 2027 for a term not to exceed five (5) years.

#0201

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40 of the City Code to Allow Employees to Donate an Unequal Amount of Accrued Sick and Vacation Leave to Designated Employees or to the Donated Leave Bank **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 40 of the City Code to allow regular City employees to donate unequal amounts of sick and vacation leave to designated employees or the donated leave bank. This Ordinance allows regular City employees to donate: 1) up to twenty (20) days of vacation leave per calendar year; or 2) up to 6 days of sick leave per calendar year without having to match with donated vacation leave. The Ordinance also permits regular City employees to donate in excess of 6 days of sick leave per calendar year, but such donations must be matched with an equal amount of donated vacation leave. This Ordinance has been influenced by similar amendments made to the Delaware Code in September 2017, and substantially mirrors the donated leave policies of other entities. This

Ordinance is intended to make it easier and more convenient for regular City employees to donate accumulated sick and vacation leave to assist colleagues in times of need, thereby encouraging such donations. Finally, as housekeeping matters, this Ordinance adds some clarifying language to Sections 40-340(b) and (c) and changes the term “director of personnel” to “director of human resources” in Section 40-340(d).

#0164 Ord. 26-001 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 **(3rd & Final 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 Ord. 26-002 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 **(3rd & Final 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 Ord. 26-003 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 **(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 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.*

#0132 Ord. 25-064 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve a Network-As-A Service Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and Delmarva Power & Light Company **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to enter into a five-year Network-*

As-A Service Agreement with Delmarva Power & Light Company for the City and Itron, Inc. to use Delmarva's Automated Metering Infrastructure Mesh Network to collect water meter usage information from City water meters. The Network-As-A-Service Agreement contains two (2) five-year extension options.

- #0189 Ord. 26-014 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
(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 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.*

HARLEE

- #0192 Ord. 26-015 An Ordinance Constituting Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Operating Budget (Being an Ordinance to Amend Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 25-009) **(3rd & Final 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.*

MCCOY

- #0179 Ord. 26-013 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 **(3rd & Final Reading)**

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.*

CABRERA

- #0202 A Resolution Urging SEPTA(Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority), DelDOT (Delaware Department of Transportation) to Maintain a Fully Staffed Ticket Office at the Joseph R. Biden Jr. Railroad Station

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution Council respectfully urges SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority), DelDOT (Delaware Department of Transportation), and DTC (Delaware Transit Corporation), pursuant to their operating agreements and commitments to transit accessibility, to maintain a fully staffed SEPTA ticket office at the Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Railroad Station.*

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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