

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**May 21, 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 the Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court Decision
Congo	Recognize Dr. LeRoi S. Hicks, MPH, MACP (President of ChristianaCare Wilmington Campus and CEO of the American College of Physicians)
Oliver	Recognize Amina Naru
Owens	Recognize Sleeping Bird Coffee Shop (5 Year Anniversary)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Beverly Iona Winward-Nesbeth
Oliver	Sympathy Mildred Lenora Beck Butler
Oliver	Sympathy Virgil Dixon

**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/wccpubliccomment052126> 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](mailto:wilmcc109@gmail.com).

*Note: Per Council Rules (CC Rule 2), the public shall register to speak by 6:45.*

**VII. Legislative Business**

**DARBY**

#0237

A Resolution for a Subcommittee for Reparations Implementation & Oversight Committee of City Council

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution establishes a Reparations Subcommittee to serve as a subcommittee of the Intergovernmental Committee.*

#0238 A Resolution Recommending Administration Appropriate Funding to Commission an Audit of WPD in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution recommends an alternative independent audit of the Wilmington Police Department (WPD) conducted by Mayers Strategic Solutions, LLC, or a similarly qualified consultant, to evaluate department operations, practices, community engagement, and public trust indicators not addressed in the standard audit.*

#### **OLIVER**

#0231 Ord. 26-033 An Ordinance to Approve the Removal of Mabel Street, Located Between Vandever Avenue and the Northern Boundary of 86 Race Street, from the Official City Map **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the removal of Mabel Street, located between Vandever Avenue and the northern boundary of 86 Race Street, from the Official City Map.*

#0201 Ord. 26-021 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 **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final 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).*

**HARLEE**

#0203 Ord. 26-022 An Ordinance Establishing a Rate of Taxation on Real Property and the Taxable Property of Public Utilities for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1, 2026 and Ending on June 30, 2027 **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance sets the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027) based on the certification by the Board of Assessment of the assessed valuation of taxable real property in the City and the Mayor's estimates of revenue measures necessary to balance the City budget as required by the City Charter.*

#0204 Ord. 26-023 An Ordinance to Adopt a Capital Program for the Six Fiscal Years 2027 – 2032 Inclusive **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts the Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2027 - 2032, inclusive.*

#0205 Ord. 26-024 An Ordinance to Adopt a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget.*

#0206 Sub. 1 to An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year  
Ord. 26-025 Beginning on July 1, 2026 and Ending on June 30, 2027 **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts the annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.*

#0207 Sub. 1 to An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code Regarding Sewer  
Ord. 26-026 System Rates and Charges, Water Rates and Charges, and Stormwater Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2027 **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts water, sewer, and stormwater charges and rates for Fiscal Year 2027.*

#0232 Ord. 26-034 An Ordinance to Implement the City of Wilmington Pension Commission's Recommendation Regarding a One-Time Stipend for City Retirees for Fiscal Year 2027 Pursuant to Chapter 39 of the City Code **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. Pursuant to City Code Section 39-6(c), this Ordinance implements the City of Wilmington Pension Commission's recommendation for Fiscal Year 2027 for a one-time stipend of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), in lieu of a cost-of-living increase, to all City of Wilmington pension benefit recipients who were*

*retired as of December 31, 2019. The disbursement of this stipend will occur in Fiscal Year 2027.*

**HACKETT**

#0239

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Create a Charter Advisory Board **(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**Synopsis:**

*This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 2 of the City Code to create a Charter Advisory Board to scrutinize the City Charter and recommend changes to give the City more control over its laws. The Board shall be advisory in nature only and shall not take away the current options available to amend the Charter.*

**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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