

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
May 7, 2026 @ 6:30 PM – YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY
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

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
 - All Council Recognize Youth in city Government Day 2026
 - All Council Recognize Wilmington City Council Interns (Spring 2026)
 - Cabrera Recognize Dr. Sidney R. Jacobs (“Ink to Voice: A Literary Reawakening” Event
 - Congo Salesianum DIAA Wrestling Team (Undefeated Season)
 - Congo Recognize Mildred R. Holmes (100th Birthday)
 - Darby Recognize Try Transit Initiative on Earth Day 2026 (Delaware Authority for Regional Transit)
 - Harlee Recognize Wilmington High School Class of 1976 (50-Year Reunion)
 - McCoy Recognize Teacher Appreciation Week 2026 (The Bayard School)
 - Oliver Recognize Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month (Project MS Shift)
 - Oliver Recognize Cure Violence Global (Community Organization Training Sessions)

 - b. Sympathy Resolutions
 - All Council Sympathy Aishah Nadirah Amatullah Bint Hudhaifah
 - All Council Sympathy Kevin Eugene Jackson
 - Cabrera Sympathy Christine Nichol Radovich
 - Oliver Sympathy Carl L. Brown
 - Spadola Sympathy James Matthews

- 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/wccpubliccomment040226> 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

CONGO (McCoy Presenting on Behalf of Congo)

#0226 A Resolution to Declare a Council Member's Seat Vacant

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. A councilman-at-large's change in political party affiliation violates the qualification requirements under the City Charter and renders his seat vacant, as a matter of law.*

#0227 A Resolution Appointing Deshaun Elliott and Alexandra Coppadge Wright to the Wilmington Community Police Accountability Board

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution appoints Alexandra Coppadge Wright to serve as a member of the civil rights community and DeShaun Elliott to serve as a member of the mental health treatment community as defined by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) on the Wilmington Community Police Accountability Board*

DARBY

#0228 A Resolution Accepting Grant Funds from Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau to the City of Wilmington

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves \$5,000 grant funding from the Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau to the City of Wilmington for the creation of brochures and an interactive digital map highlighting Wilmington's African American historical sites to promote public awareness and appreciation of the City's rich cultural legacy.*

#0229 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 48 of the City Code to Provide a Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning Program for Low to Moderate Income Residents (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 48 of the City Code by establishing a mandatory inclusionary housing program that is intended to help address the severe shortage of affordable housing in the city.*

#0230 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Create a Landlord Engagement Advisory Board (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 2 of the City Code by deleting a defunct Task Force on Downtown Housing and creating a permanent Landlord Engagement Advisory Board.*

OLIVER

#0231 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 **(1st & 2nd 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.*

HARLEE

#0232 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 **(1st & 2nd 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.*

WILLAUER

#0233 A Resolution Authorizing Grant Funds to Roberto Clemente Little League

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves grant funding from Council Member Willauer's and Council Member Johnson's Community Support/Discretionary Funds totaling \$5,999 for the Roberto Clemente Baseball League.*

#0234 A Resolution Encouraging the Governor of the State of Delaware and the Delaware General Assembly to Expand Investments in Sustainable, Affordable Energy Strategies

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and approval. While the State has taken action to offer assistance to Delmarva customers experiencing increased costs, this relief is a temporary solution to an ongoing issue. This Resolution respectfully urges the Governor of the State of Delaware and the honorable members of the Delaware General Assembly to expand investments in sustainable, affordable energy strategies.*

FIELD

#0235 A Resolution Authorizing Grant Funds to Delaware Center for Horticulture

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution approves grant funding from Council Member Nathan Field’s Community Support/Discretionary Funds totaling \$2,500 for the Delaware Center for Horticulture.*

HACKETT

#0236

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8 of the City Code to Create a Security Deposit and First Month’s Rental Assistance Pilot Program **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This ordinance creates a municipal Security Deposit and First Month’s rental assistance program, to be administered by the Department of Real Estate and Housing, to provide eligible “emerging talent” residential tenants in the City of Wilmington up to \$2,000.00—a maximum of \$1,000.00 for a security deposit and/or \$1,000.00 towards first month’s rent—once in any given twenty-four (24) month period.*

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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