

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 16, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M. – MAYOR’S BUDGET ADDRESS – 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](http://www.wilmingtoncitycouncil.com) or [www.WITN22.org](http://www.WITN22.org)**

- I. Call to Order**
  - Prayer**
  - Pledge of Allegiance**
  - Roll Call**
- II. Mayor’s Budget Address**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
- IV. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report**
- V. Public Comment**
- VI. Legislative Business**

**JOHNSON**

#0283 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, 2023 and Ending on June 30, 2024 **(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**ORD. 23-009**  
*Finance & Economic  
Development*

**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 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) 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. There is no change to the property tax rate.*

#0284 An Ordinance to Adopt a Capital Program for the Six Fiscal Years 2024 – 2029 Inclusive **(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**ORD. 23-010**  
*Finance & Economic  
Development*

**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 2024 - 2029, inclusive.*

#0285 An Ordinance to Adopt a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 **(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**ORD. 23-011**  
*Finance & Economic  
Development*

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance enacts the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget in the amount of \$125,013,438.*

#0286 An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1, 2023 and Ending on June 30, 2024 **(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**ORD. 23-012**  
*Finance & Economic  
Development*

**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 2024.*

#0287 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code Regarding Sewer System Rates and Charges, Water Rates and Charges, and Stormwater Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2024 **(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**ORD. 23-013**  
*Finance & Economic  
Development*

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance enacts new water, sewer, and stormwater charges and rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024). The rates and charges for water and sewer services will increase by five and seven tenths percent (5.7%) in FY 2024 from the rates and charges in FY 2023. The stormwater rates and charges will increase by six percent (6%) from the rates and charges in FY 2023. This Ordinance does not amend the unit charges for sewer service contained in City Code Section 45-58. The projected fiscal impact of this Ordinance is an annual increase of \$3.6 million in revenue (net of bad debt) to the Water/Sewer Fund.*

#0288 An Ordinance to Amend Chapters 4, 5 And 12 of the Wilmington City Code to Increase Certain Fees **(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**ORD. 23-014**  
*Finance & Economic  
Development*

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 4 (Building), Chapter 5 (Businesses) and Chapter 12 (Fire Prevention and Protection) of the Wilmington City Code to increase certain business license, permit, inspection, certificate, application and event fees administered by the Department of Licenses and Inspections, the Department of Land Use and Planning, the Fire Marshal’s Office and the Department of Finance in order to defray the cost associated with administering and enforcing the City’s laws, and the provision of certain municipal services. The fiscal impact of the City increasing the fees provided for in this Ordinance is estimated to be a gain of approximately \$2.2 million.*

## VII. Petitions and Communications

## VIII. Adjournment

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting will be open to the public starting at 5:30pm, 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/wccpubliccomment031623> 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.

*Note: In accordance with the enactment of Delaware General Assembly Senate Bill 94, members of the public are invited to participate in the meeting either in person in the Council Chambers or virtually by accessing the meeting as follows:*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89187582827> or visit the WITN22 website [www.witn22.org](http://www.witn22.org) or WITN YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/WITN22Wilmington/> or listen in only by calling one of the following phone numbers (929) 205-6099 or (301) 715-8592. You will be asked for the **Webinar ID**. Please enter **891 8758 2827** and then #. International numbers available: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89187582827>