

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 22, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.**

**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. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

IV. Non-Legislative Business

a. Recognition Resolutions

All Council	Recognize Wilmington Fire Department Deputy Chief Gabriel Pabon
B. Fields	Recognize Wilmington Police Department Community Engagement Unit
Harlee	Recognize Desiree Harris (2024 Valedictorian of The Bancroft Middle School)
Oliver	Recognize Deneen Mcmanus

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Congo	Sympathy Adalyn Jennive Pretlow
Johnson	Sympathy Frank Lee Robinson
Johnson	Sympathy Robert J. Moser
Johnson	Sympathy Franklin S. Moon
Oliver	Sympathy Artrielle C. Tann
Oliver	Sympathy Ava Maxine Jackson
Oliver	Sympathy Mozella Lucas White
Oliver	Sympathy Kevin D. Harris, Jr.
Oliver	Sympathy Carl Lolley, Sr.
Oliver	Sympathy Wendall Washington Dale
Oliver	Sympathy King Solomon Beavers, Sr.
Oliver	Sympathy Hunter M. Williams
Oliver	Sympathy Tracey C. Noel
Spadola	Sympathy Rebecca Thompson Cohen

V. 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/wccpubliccomment082224> 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.

VI. Legislative Business**DARBY**

#0463 A Resolution Censuring Councilwoman Zanthia Oliver for Ethics Violations and City Auditor's Finding

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution issues a censure of Council Member Zanthia Oliver, following the City of Wilmington Ethics Commission's second public reprimand in a calendar year and the City Auditor's report detailing conflicts of interest.*

#0464 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Authorize a Water Affordability Assessment **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 45 of the City Code to require the Department of Finance to retain an outside vendor to do an assessment to create an Affordable Water Program.*

#0465 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4 of the City Code Implementing Stricter Security and Safety Standards for Firearms Retail Stores **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends the City's Building Code in order to require more enhanced safety and security measures for buildings used in whole or in part for the sale of firearms.*

#0466 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 36 of the City Code to Prohibit Firearms, Components of Firearms, Ammunition, or Explosives from City Buildings and Police Stations **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance prohibits possessing firearms, components of firearms, ammunition, or explosives in City buildings or police stations.*

OLIVER

#0467 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40 of the City Code Regarding the Annual Shoe Allowance for Safety Shoes **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance amends Section 40-371 of the City Code to increase the annual shoe allowance for employees who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement and who are required to wear safety shoes by their respective department head to One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).*

JOHNSON

#0468 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Restrict Elected Officials’ Grant Fund Usage if the Wilmington Ethics Commission Substantiates Allegations of Financial Ethics Violations Against Them **(1st & 2nd 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 by creating an additional penalty for Elected Officials whose conduct warrants the Wilmington Ethics Commission to find that the financial allegations have been substantiated.*

#0469 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the City’s General Obligation Bond (Water Distribution & Transmission Improvements – Lead Removal Phase II Project), Series C of 2024-DWSRF, in Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for the Continuing Replacement of Watermains in City’s Distribution System; Providing for the Sale of the 2024C Bond to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the issuance of a General Obligation Bond (Water Distribution & Transmission Improvements - Lead Removal Phase II Project), Series C of 2024-DWSRF, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 (the “2024C Bond”), which will be sold to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in order to (i) finance a project consisting of the continuing elimination of any exposure potable water may have with lead material in the City’s distribution system by the replacement of old cast iron pipe with modern day cement-lined, ductile iron pipe with an engineered rubber gasket, with the expectation the City will replace approximately four miles of watermains in its distribution system, as set forth in the City’s capital budgets for its Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2024, (ii) pay administrative costs relating to such capital projects, and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the 2024C Bond.*

#0470 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the City’s General Obligation Bond (11th Street Sewage Pump Station Replacement/Upgrades – Screening Project), Series B of 2024-WPCRF, In Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for the Replacement of a Screen at the City’s 11th Street Sewage Pump Station; Providing for the Sale of the 2024B Bond to the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the issuance of a General Obligation Bond (11th Street Sewage Pump Station Replacement/Upgrades - Screening Project), Series B of 2024-WPCRF, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 (the “2024B Bond”), which will be sold to the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund in order to (i) finance the replacement of a screen at the City’s 11th Street Sewage Pump Station to decrease the debris passing to the new Dry Weather Pump Station, as set forth in the City’s capital budget for its Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, (ii) pay administrative costs relating to such capital projects, and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the 2024B Bond.*

CABRERA

#0471 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 37 of the City Code Relating to the Collection of Parking Fines **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 37 of the Wilmington City Code to 1) allow the Director of Finance greater flexibility when entering into payment plans by deleting the three-month time limitation on such plans; 2) permit a vehicle owner to obtain a release for a vehicle that has been immobilized or impounded when the owner enters into a payment agreement that is authorized by the Department of Finance; 3) require that outstanding civil penalties and fees imposed under this Chapter be voided when, pursuant to a State-authorized process, title to a vehicle that has been impounded is transferred to the towing or storage contractor, or the towing or storage contractor obtains authority to dispose of the vehicle; and 4) clarify that appeals related to immobilization and towing will be heard by a hearing officer employed or contracted by the City in accordance with regulations adopted by the Department of Finance.*

VII. Petitions and Communications**VIII. Adjournment**

Note: This meeting will be conducted both in-person and via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

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