

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 20, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M. – 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 or www.WITN22.org**

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

Cabrera	Recognize Marion G. Brister
Congo	Recognize August Quarterly (210 th Anniversary)
Harlee	Recognize Bancroft Student Achievements
Johnson	Recognize St. Anthony’s Italian Festival (50 th Anniversary)
Oliver	Recognize Johnnie Braxton (6abc Action News Wilmington, Delaware)
Oliver	Recognize Communities of Compassion Providing H.E.L.P. (Helping Eliminate Living in Poverty)
Oliver	Recognize Pride Month
White	Recognize Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Rho Chapter Anniversary

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Johnson	Sympathy Thomasine C. Thompson
Oliver	Sympathy Ronald Lee Hairston
Oliver	Sympathy Keith Flemming

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/wccpubliccomment062024> 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.

VII. Legislative Business**DARBY**

#0442

A Resolution in Support of House Bill 351 - An Act to Create a New Chapter in Title 21 Pertaining to the Towing of Vehicles Without Consent of the Owner or Operator

RES. 24-030
Adopted

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. In accordance with the Wilmington City Council's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan goal of a "Resident and Visitor Friendly Wilmington," this Resolution urges the honorable members of the Delaware General Assembly to support House Bill 351, An Act to Create a New Chapter in Title 21 Pertaining to the Towing of Vehicles Without Consent of the Owner or Operator. This bill mandates crucial requirements including the documentation of unauthorized parking with photographic evidence, transparent display of towing and storage rates, and imposition of reasonable fees.

#0443

A Resolution to Accept the Final Report of the *Fines and Fees Taskforce*

RES. 24-031
Adopted

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution formally accepts the report issued by the Fines and Fees Taskforce, or the "Taskforce," pursuant to Resolution 22-069 as amended and Resolution 23-067, which approved a modified timeline for submission of the Taskforce findings and recommendations by March 31, 2024.

OLIVER

#0444

A Resolution Approving the City's Application for a Five-Year Renewal of its Downtown Development District Designation and Supporting the Submission of the Application to the State of Delaware

RES. 24-032
Adopted

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves the City's application for a five-year renewal of its Downtown Development District Designation and supports the submission of the application to the State of Delaware.

HARLEE

#0445

A Resolution in Support of House Substitute 2 for House Bill 125 - An Act to Amend Title 14 of the Delaware Code Relating to Free School Meals

RES. 24-033
Adopted

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to pass House Bill 125, An Act to Amend Title 14 of the Delaware Code Relating to Free School Meals, which will alleviate financial burdens of households with school-aged children and combat food insecurity by ensuring free and nutritional school meals for public school students in the City of Wilmington and in the State of Delaware.

#0446 A Resolution in Support of Senate Substitute 2 for Senate Bill 4 - An Act to Amend Title 11, Title 13, and Title 29 of the Delaware Code Relating to the Criminal Justice System, Including Probation **RES. 24-036
Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution expresses strong favor for Senate Substitute 2 for Senate Bill 4 (SS 2 for SB 4), An Act to Amend Title 11, Title 13, and Title 29 of the Delaware Code Relating to the Criminal Justice System, Including Probation. SS 2 for SB 4 reinforces the Delaware Department of Correction's progress in reducing recidivism by incorporating probation and parole strategies that it has demonstrated to be successful into the Delaware State Code.*

B. FIELDS

#0447 A Resolution in Support of House Bill 313 (HB 313) - An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Mammograms **RES. 24-034
Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. In alignment with the Wilmington City Council's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan Goal of supporting a "Healthy Wilmington," this Resolution urges the members of the Delaware General Assembly to support House Bill 313 (HB 313), An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Mammograms, to reduce barriers to humane, equitable healthcare for female inmates in Delaware.*

#0448 A Resolution in Support of House Substitute 1 for House Bill 302 (HS 1 for HB 302) - An Act to Amend Title 18 of the Delaware Code Relating to Prostate Cancer Screening **RES. 24-035
Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution expresses favor for House Substitute 1 for House Bill 302 (HS 1 for HB 302), An Act to Amend Title 18 of the Delaware Code Relating to Prostate Cancer Screening, which would require health insurance providers to include prostate cancer screenings among its covered preventative health services for males identified as being at risk of developing prostate cancer by the American Cancer Society screening recommendations.*

JOHNSON

#0433 Ord. 24-032 Authorizing the Issuance of the City's General Obligation Bond (WWTP Switchgear & Electrical Substations Phase I Project), Series A of 2024-WPCRF, In Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for Replacements at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant; Providing for the Sale of the 2024A Bond to the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action (**3rd & Final Reading**) **PASSED**

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 (WWTP Switchgear & Electrical Substations Phase I Project), Series A of 2024-WPCRF, in an amount not to exceed \$12,260,000 (the “2024A Bond”), which will be sold to the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund in order to (i) finance the replacement of two (2) electrical power substations, a switchgear unit, and appurtenances at the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant, 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 2024A Bond.*

#0437 Ord. 24-035 Authorize and Approve a Contract Between the City of Wilmington and Passport Labs, Inc. for Parking Citation and Permit Management (**3rd & Final Reading**) **PASSED**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the execution of an Agreement between the City of Wilmington and Passport Labs, Inc. for parking citation and permit management. Passport Labs will provide parking services for a period of three (3) years pursuant to this Agreement.*

N. FIELD

#0439 Ord. 24-036 Amend Chapter 11 of the City Code to Prohibit Noise Disturbances that Target a Particular Residence (**3rd & Final Reading**) **HELD**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 11 of the City Code by amending the City’s Noise Ordinance to prohibit and fine noise disturbances targeted at a particular residence.*

CABRERA

#0449 A Resolution Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Pass HB 400 - An Act to Amend Title 15 of the Delaware Code Relating to Primary Elections, to Change Primary Elections to the Fourth Tuesday in April, the Date of the Presidential Primary **RES. 24-037 Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. In accordance with the Wilmington City Council’s 2022-2025 Strategic Plan goal of a “Connected, Informed and Engaged Wilmington,” this Resolution urges the honorable members of the Delaware General Assembly to support House Bill 400, An Act to Amend Title 15 of the Delaware Code Relating to Primary Elections. This bill moves the date of primary elections for statewide, county, and municipal office to the fourth Tuesday in April, the date of the presidential primary, to facilitate civic engagement for Delaware’s voters.*

#0450 A Resolution in Support of House Concurrent Resolution 146 (HCR 146) - Supporting the Recommendation of the Redding Consortium for Educational Equity to Provide Immediate Support to Wilmington Public School Students and Planning for the Withdrawal of the Christina School District from the City

**RES. 24-038
Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution affirms the Wilmington City Council's favor for House Concurrent Resolution 146 (HCR 146), Supporting the Recommendation of the Redding Consortium for Educational Equity to Provide Immediate Support to Wilmington Public School Students and Planning for the Withdrawal of the Christina School District from the City’s existing four school district model. HCR 146 aligns with Council's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan commitment to a “Wilmington for All Ages” that advocates for and supports youth in the educational process.*

SPADOLA

#0451 A Resolution Requesting that the Administration Engage an External Consultant to Assess the City of Wilmington’s Parking Needs

**RES. 24-039
Adopted**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. The 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan prioritizes a “Resident and Visitor Friendly Wilmington” with parking enhancements and planning, as well as appropriate enforcement mechanisms. This Resolution requests that the Department of Public Works engage a consulting agency that is experienced in parking evaluation to conduct a study of Wilmington’s parking needs in the best interests of all motorists in the City of Wilmington.*

BRACY

Rev. 1

#0421 Sub. 1 Ord. 24-023 Amend Chapter 37 of the City Code to Increase the Monetary Threshold Necessary to Allow the City to Immobilize and/or Tow a Vehicle **(3rd & Final Reading)**

**PASSED
AS AMENDED**

Synopsis: *This Substitute Ordinance is being presented by the City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Substitute Ordinance amends Chapter 37 of the City Code by increasing the immobilization threshold to \$300.00 and the towing threshold to \$600.00.*

VIII. Petitions and Communications

IX. Adjournment

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

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