

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 21, 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. Committee Reports

IV. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

V. Non-Legislative Business

a. Recognition Resolutions

Bracy Recognize Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League (25 Year Anniversary)

Oliver Recognize Beverly A. Marion (Retirement)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council Sympathy Margaret "Peg" Tigie

Oliver Sympathy Charles Kevin Spencer

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/wccpubliccomment112124> 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

CONGO (*Bracy presenting on behalf of Congo*)

#0506 A Resolution Authorizing Grant Funds from City Council to Cool Shoes

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. In alignment with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of supporting a "Wilmington for All Ages," this Resolution approves grant funding to New Shoes Inc. from City Council President Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II's Community Support Discretionary Funds totaling \$2,500 for the Cool Shoes Inc. 14th annual Christmas toy drive.*

DARBY

#0507

A Resolution to Accept the Report of the Residency Taskforce

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. In alignment with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan, which prioritizes a "Prosperous and Sustainable Wilmington." This Resolution accepts the considerations submitted by the Wilmington City Council Residency Taskforce, herein included as Attachment A, into the public record.*

OLIVER

#0508

A Resolution Encouraging the Administration to Organize a Wilmington 250 Initiative in Honor of Independence Day

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. In accordance with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of a "Connected, Informed, and Engaged Wilmington," this Resolution encourages the Administration to develop an initiative to facilitate a Wilmington 250 commemoration of the semiquincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Wilmington 250 initiative should involve collaboration with institutions and experts, including but not limited to the City's Historic Preservation Planner and the Delaware Historical Society, to produce initiatives that reflect the distinctiveness of our City's story.*

B. FIELDS

#0509

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 34 of the City Code to Establish Short-Term Residential Rental Regulations (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 34 of the City Code to establish short-term residential rental regulations.*

MCCOY

Rev. 1

#0491

Ord. 24-056 Amend Chapter 44 of the City Code to Increase the Income Threshold for the exemption of caregiver, elderly, or disabled persons from real estate taxation Guidelines (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Section 44-64 of the City Code to increase the income levels for the exemption of caregiver, elderly, or disabled persons from real estate taxation.*

JOHNSON

#0492 Ord. 24-057 Authorizing the Issuance of the City’s General Obligation Bond (Adams Street Green Infrastructure Project), Series C of 2024-WPCRF, in Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for the Installation of Three (3) Bioretention Gardens, 1900 Linear Feet of Stormwater Pipe, Sixteen (16) Manholes, and Five (5) Trench Drains Located in and Around the Adams Street Courts at 210 North Jackson Street; Providing for the Sale of the 2024C Bond to the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action **(3rd & Final 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 (Adams Street Green Infrastructure Project), Series C of 2024-WPCRF, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 (the “2024C Bond”), which will be sold to the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund in order to (i) finance the installation of three (3) bioretention gardens, 1900 linear feet of stormwater pipe, sixteen (16) manholes, and five (5) trench drains located in and around the Adam Street Courts at 210 North Jackson Street, as set forth in the City’s capital budgets for its Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2022, (ii) pay administrative costs relating to such capital projects, and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the 2024C Bond.*

#0510 A Resolution Respectfully Requesting That the Delaware General Assembly Make Provisions for the City of Wilmington to Receive an Allocation From, or Be Granted Authority to Levy a Tax on, Recreational Marijuana Revenues to Better Address the Residual Harms of the War on Drugs in the City of Wilmington

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. In accordance with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of promoting a “Prosperous and Sustainable Wilmington” for the benefit of all residents, this Resolution respectfully requests that the Delaware General Assembly make provisions for the City of Wilmington to receive a direct allocation, or be accorded with the authority to levy a municipal tax on, recreational marijuana revenue to bolster the City’s capacity to develop more holistic support systems that benefit Disproportionately Impacted Areas (DIAs).*

N. FIELD

#0511 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5 of the City Code to Prohibit the Operation of Retail Marijuana Business in the City of Wilmington, Delaware **(1st and 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance prohibits retail marijuana-related businesses from being established and operating within the limits and bounds of the City of Wilmington.*

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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