

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 3, 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  
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**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

Cabrera	Recognize Marcia Stephenson (Delaware Center for Horticulture)
Cabrera	Recognize Jocelyn Rodriguez (National Hispanic Heritage Month)
Cabrera	Recognize Erika Gutiérrez, 1000 Block Beautification Committee, Worship Ministry Luceros del Alba (National Hispanic Heritage Month)
Congo	Recognize Charles Smith, Jr.

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Harlee	Sympathy Alaysia T. Smith
Oliver	Sympathy Tommy Lee Broomer

**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/wccpubliccomment100324> 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**

#0465 Ord. 24-041 Amend Chapter 4 of the City Code Implementing Stricter Security and Safety Standards for Firearms Retail Stores (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final 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 Ord. 24-042 Amend Chapter 36 of the City Code to Prohibit Firearms, Components of Firearms, Ammunition, or Explosives from City Buildings and Police Stations (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final 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.*

**B. FIELDS**

#0480 A Resolution Approving the Acceptance by the Department of Public of Works of Grant Funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to Support the Construction of a Nature-Based Park on the Site of the Former Rodney Street Reservoir

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works to accept grant funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The grant funds will be used to finance the construction of a nature-based park on the site of the former Rodney Street Reservoir.*

**MCCOY**

#0481 A Resolution Regarding the Wilmington Police Department Commencing an Academy Class

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution recognizes that the Chief of the Police Department has represented that the manpower of the Police Department has fallen below ninety-five percent (95%) of the number of police officers set forth in the position allocation list attached to the Fiscal Year 2025 annual operating budget ordinance and has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of an academy class for the Police Department.*

#0482 A Resolution Approving the Police Department’s Grant Application to the State of Delaware Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement (EIDE) Program to Support Drug Investigations

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department’s grant application to the State of Delaware Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement (EIDE) program in the amount of \$33,706.08. The proposed grant funds would be used to support specialized drug investigations through covering overtime costs. No local matching funds are required.*

#0483 A Resolution Approving the Police Department’s Grant Application to the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security Fund to Combat Violent Crime to Support Violent Crime Reduction Efforts

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department’s grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security Fund to Combat Violent Crime in the amount of \$402,901.40. The proposed grant funds would be used to cover overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts. No local matching funds are required.*

#0484 A Resolution Approving the Police Department’s Grant Application to the State of Delaware State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE) Program to Provide Advanced and Specialized Training to Officers

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department’s grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security for funding from the State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE) grant program in the amount of \$61,839.12. The proposed grant funding would be used to cover the cost of advanced and specialized training for police officers. No local matching funds are required.*

#0485 A Resolution Approving the Police Department’s Grant Application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SLEAF) to Purchase New Equipment and Support Training for Officers

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department’s grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$91,312. The proposed grant funds would be used to: (i) purchase a fireworks and ammunition disposal trailer; (ii) cover the cost of FARO training for the Police Department’s Traffic Unit and Forensic Services Unit to support*

*investigators who use FARO hardware and software to investigate and reconstruct major crime and crash scenes; and (iii) purchase 17 new motorcycle helmets to replace safety equipment that has reached the end of its life cycle and is recommended for replacement. No local matching funds are required.*

**CABRERA**

#0479

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to File a Second Substantial Amendment to the City Fiscal Year 2024/Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Synopsis:**

*This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, to file a Second Substantial Amendment to the City Fiscal Year 2024/Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which provides for (i) an allocation of \$300,000 to the First-Start Homebuyers Program with \$50,000 for program delivery and (ii) \$100,000 of the funding for the Villa Maria project initially included as a public improvement project will instead be used for demolition of the buildings on the site.*

#0486

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 48 of the City Code to Permit the Cultivation, Manufacture, Testing, and Retail of Recreational Marijuana Within Certain Commercial, Manufacturing, and Waterfront Zoning Districts **(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**Synopsis:**

*This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends various sections of Chapter 48 of the City Code to permit the cultivation, manufacture, testing, and retail of recreational marijuana within certain commercial, manufacturing, and waterfront zoning districts within 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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