

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
VIRTUAL WITH REMOTE PARTICIPATION
JUNE 16, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.**

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

All Council	Recognize Juneteenth Day of Observance
All Council	Recognize Coalition of Black Trade Unionists 5 th Annual Solidarity Ball
Cabrera	Recognize Bob King (Delaware Sports Hall of Fame)
Cabrera	Recognize Reggie DeWayne Johnson
Cabrera	Recognize National Caribbean-American Heritage Month
Congo	Sympathy Dr. James E. Newton
Harlee	Recognize Kuumba Academy
Oliver	Recognize Sickle Cell Awareness Day
Spadola	Recognize Jamar Rahming (Wilmington Public Library)

VI. Public Comment

VII. Legislative Business

GRAY

#0189 A Resolution Requesting the Delaware General Assembly Amend the Firearms Preemption Statute

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution requests that the Delaware General Assembly restore the pre-1985 home rule authority of the City of Wilmington to enact legislation to regulate firearms within the limits of the City of Wilmington by exempting the City of Wilmington from the Delaware Code's preemption statute that prohibits all municipalities from regulating firearms post-1985.*

CONGO (Darby presenting on behalf of Congo)

#0190 A Resolution Initiating a Proposed Amendment to the Wilmington City Charter Section 2-102 to Require an Independent Redistricting Commission

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to the Wilmington City Charter Section 2-102 to require an independent redistricting commission to redistrict the City's eight (8) Councilmanic districts within six (6) months after the publication by the United States Census Bureau of the population of the City at each federal decennial census.*

#0191 A Resolution to Amend the Wilmington City Charter Section 2-103 Lowering the Minimum Age Requirement of Members of Council from Twenty-Five (25) to Twenty-Three (23)

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 2-103 lowering the minimum age requirement of those desiring to serve as members of Council from twenty-five (25) to twenty-three (23).*

#0192 A Resolution to Amend the Wilmington City Charter Section 3-300 Lowering the Minimum Age Requirement of Mayor from Thirty (30) to Twenty-Five (25)

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 3-300 lowering the minimum age requirement of those desiring to serve as Mayor from thirty (30) to twenty-five (25).*

#0193 A Resolution to Amend Wilmington City Charter Section 2-101 to Allow the Citizens of Wilmington to Fill a Vacancy Arising on City Council Through a Special Election

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution requests the Delaware General Assembly to amend Section 2-101 of the City Charter to allow the citizens of Wilmington to fill a vacancy arising on City Council through a special election.*

DARBY

#0165 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40, Section 40-341(A) of the City Code to Mirror the State Code's Policy Regarding Paid Parental Leave (**1st & 2nd Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 40 of the City Code by eliminating the City's current four weeks of paid parental leave and replacing it with twelve weeks of paid parental leave, in accordance with the leave provided by the State of Delaware to its employees.*

#0194 A Resolution to Amend Wilmington City Charter Section 3-203 to Modify the City Solicitor Position from an Appointed Position to an Elected Position

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to enact legislation that will amend City Charter § 3-203 to modify the City Solicitor position from an appointed position to an elected position.*

#0195 A Resolution to Amend Section 2-100 of the City of Wilmington Charter to Impose a Limit of Not More Than Three (3) Terms for Members Elected to the Council

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution requests the Delaware General Assembly to amend Section 2-100 of the City Charter to impose a term limit for City Council members of not more than three (3) terms in each representative capacity; council member elected from a councilmanic district, council member at large, and president of the council.*

#0196 A Resolution Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Re-Establish Voting Rights for Prisoners in State Facilities

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to enact legislation that will allow for all prisoners in state facilities to have their right to vote in local, state, and federal elections re-established.*

#0197 A Resolution to Amend Wilmington City Charter Section 2-101 to Provide for Four-Year Staggered Terms of Office for City Council

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution requests the Delaware General Assembly to amend Section 2-101 of the City Charter to provide for four-year staggered terms of office for City Council.*

#0198 A Resolution to the Delaware General Assembly Opposing Changes to Wilmington City Charter for Broad Use of Eminent Domain

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. Although the “public use” restriction in Title 49 of the Delaware Code is instrumental in combatting legal excesses with regard to the use of eminent domain policies, this Resolution expresses strong opposition to any additional amendments to the Delaware Code or City of Wilmington Charter that have the potential to weaken protections against unnecessary property seizures in already marginalized communities.*

#0199 A Resolution Proposing Amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 2-205 to Require City Council to Make Emergency Appropriations from Available Revenues, Grant Funds or Special Funds in Order to Meet a Public Emergency Affecting Life, Health, Property or the Public Peace

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 2-205 to require City Council to make emergency appropriations from available revenues, grant funds or special funds in order to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or other public peace.*

#0200 A Resolution Proposing an Amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 2-300 to Require City Council to Appropriate Grant Funds in the Annual Operating Budget

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 2-300 to require City Council to appropriate grant funds in the annual operating budget.*

#0201 A Resolution Proposing an Amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 2-301 to Require City Council to Make Certain Supplemental Appropriations of Excess Revenues, Grant Funds or Special Funds During the Fiscal Year

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 2-301 to require City Council to make certain supplemental appropriations of excess revenues, grant funds or special funds during the fiscal year.*

OLIVER

#0202 A Resolution in Support of House Bill No. 205 which Aims to Amend Title 19 and 29 of the Delaware Code Relating to the Establishment and Management of Expanding Access to Retirement and Necessary Savings Program

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution expresses strong support from the Wilmington City Council for the passage of House Bill No. 205 which aims to amend Title 19 and 29 of the Delaware Code relating to the establishment and management of expanding access to retirement and necessary savings program. This Act will facilitate increased retirement savings among Delaware's working population and reduce the need for additional taxes or fees to fund public assistance programming. This program will provide a convenient, low-cost, portable, and tax-efficient means of saving for workers whose employers do not offer a private-sector 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.*

HARLEE

#0203 A Resolution Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Amend Wilmington City Charter Section 2-204 to Exclude August and December from the Twice a Month Meeting Requirement

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to enact legislation that will amend City Charter § 2-204 to exclude August and December from the twice-a-month meeting requirement except when a meeting is requested by the Mayor, President of City Council, or a Majority of the City Council.*

#0204 A Resolution in Support of House Bill No. 25, an Act to Amend Title of the Delaware Code Relating to Elections

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution is in support of House Bill No. 25 (HB No. 25), An Act to Amend Title 15 of the Delaware Code Relating to Elections, which provides for election day registration for presidential primary, primary, special and general elections, and permits same day registration at polling places for eligible voters who present appropriate documentation. The electoral system is the bedrock of a democratic governance system, and our laws should make every possible accommodation to ensure that those who are eligible to participate in the voting process are able to exercise their rights.*

#0205 A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the City's Comprehensive Development Plan Entitled "Wilmington 2028: A Comprehensive Plan for Our City and Communities" Regarding Three Parcels of Land Located at the Southeast Corner of Fourth and Shipley Streets, Commonly Known as "Humble Park" (**Public Hearing**)

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves an amendment to the City's comprehensive development plan entitled "Wilmington 2028: A Comprehensive Plan for Our City and Communities" to change the land use of three parcels of land located at the southeast corner of Fourth and Shipley Streets, Wilmington, Delaware (being Tax Parcel Nos. 26-043.10-188, 26-043.10-189, and 26-043.10-190), which are commonly known as "Humble Park", from "Parks and Open Space" to "Downtown Mixed Use" by revising the Midtown Brandywine/Central Future Land Use Map for the parcels.*

#0144 Ord. 22-011 Rezone Three Parcels of Land Located at the Southeast Corner of Fourth and Shipley Streets, Commonly Known as "Humble Park", from a Zoning Classification of O (Open Space) to a Zoning Classification of C-3 (Central Retail) (**Public Hearing – 3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance rezones three parcels of land located at the southeast corner of Fourth and Shipley Streets (being Tax Parcel Nos. 26-043.10-188, 26-043.10-189, and 26-043.10-190), which are commonly known as “Humble Park”, from a zoning classification of O (Open Space) to a zoning classification of C-3 (Central Retail).*

#0206 A Resolution Approving the Bid of the Best Bidder for the Disposition of Three Parcels of Land Commonly Known as “Humble Park”

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution approves the bid of The Buccini/Pollin Group, Inc. for three parcels of real estate located at the southeast corner of Fourth and Shipley Streets, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (being New Castle County Tax Parcel Nos. 26-043.10-188, 26-043.10-189, and 26-043.10-190), which are commonly known as “Humble Park”, as the best bidder and authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk, or their respective designees, to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the disposition of such properties to The Buccini/Pollin Group, Inc.*

B. FIELDS

#0207 An Ordinance to Approve the Disposition of Seven Properties Located in the West Center City Neighborhood to Graduates of the Jumpstart Wilmington Program **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance approves the disposition of seven parcels of real estate located in the West Center City neighborhood at 817 West 4th Street, 612 West 5th Street, 802 West 6th Street, 834 West 6th Street, 517 West 7th Street, 618 West 7th Street, and 717 West 8th Street to graduates of the Jumpstart Wilmington program.*

JOHNSON

#0158 Ord. 22-020 Authorize and Approve a Contract between the City of Wilmington and ThirdLine, Inc. for Monitoring & Auditing Services **(3rd & Final Reading)**

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 ThirdLine, Inc. ThirdLine will provide services that can help detect fraud, expedite audits, and improve monitoring of financial transactions for the City’s Auditing Department while integrating with Tyler Technologies Munis planning system. These services will be provided over a five (5) year period for a total cost of \$425,000, with an additional cost of up to \$25,000 per year if the City requests custom analytic support.*

#0208 A Resolution Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Support SS No. 1 to SB No. 3 to Better Regulate Firearms and Promote Responsible Gun Ownership

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges the members of the Delaware General Assembly to support SS No. 1 for SB No. 3 to better regulate the sale and transfer of firearms and promote responsible gun ownership.*

CABRERA

#0171 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to File the City Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan Budget with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Including Funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Emergency Solutions Grants Program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program

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 the City Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan Budget with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which includes funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Emergency Solutions Grants Program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program.*

VIII. Petitions and Communications

IX. Adjournment

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/wccpubliccomment061622> 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: *Due to the Governor's continuing state of limited public health emergency, this meeting of Council shall be fully virtual with no anchor location. Members of the public are also welcomed to observe the proceeding and participate by ZOOM or by telephone through the links provided below:*

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