

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

November 17, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.

Per the hybrid meeting provisions as provided in 29 Del. C. §10006A, City Council will be meeting in person with remote access via Microsoft Teams at the following link: <https://newarkde.gov/publicmeetings>

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There may be a vote on each and every agenda item set forth herein.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Executive Session pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b)(4) for the purpose of strategy sessions, including those involving legal advice or opinion from an attorney-at-law, with respect to pending or potential litigation, but only when an open meeting would have an adverse effect on the litigation position of the public body

(Executive Session to conclude at 7:00 p.m. with Council meeting to resume immediately after. Council may continue Executive Session after the conclusion of the agenda of the regular business meeting.)

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: (15-minute limit):

- A. The Newark Partnership – Ali DeAngelis

PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per speaker)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment is a time for individuals to speak before Council on items related to City business. Individuals are limited to three minutes each in public comment for items regarding city business not on the published agenda. Individuals are also limited to three minutes per agenda topic for items on the published agenda that are open to public comment with the exception of public presentations which shall have one minute each for public comment. Individuals wishing to make public comment in either category should sign in on the list provided at the entrance of the Council chamber prior to the start of the meeting. At the appropriate time, individuals who have signed up for public comment will be called forward to the podium by the chair of the meeting to speak. Thereafter other members of the public may request to be recognized by the chair. Individuals should approach the podium, state their name and information about their residence (address or council district and/or non-City of Newark residents), and commence with their comments. Please be sure to speak into the microphone so your comments are recorded. Once you have completed your comments, please be seated. Please be courteous to those who are speaking during public comment by refraining from commenting from the audience while others are speaking. Council may or may not answer questions during public comment. Public comments may also be submitted on the items on the agenda via email to council@newark.de.us by 5:00 p.m. Any public comments submitted by email or that are written will be added to the record but not necessarily read into the record.

***1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: (ending July 31, 2025)**

2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (1 minute)

- A. Receipt of the October 19, 2025 Comprehensive Development Plan Steering Committee Minutes
B. [Receipt of the August 31, 2025 Financial Statement](#)
C. [Approval of the October 13, 2025 Council Minutes](#)
D. [Approval of Nuisance Abatement Plan for 19 Choate Street](#)
E. [Approval of Nuisance Abatement Plan for 24 Choate Street](#)
F. [Recommendation to Amend the 2025 Operating Budget \(Sewer\) and the 2025 to 2029 Capital Improvement Program \(Cooches Bridge Pump Station Generator Replacement – Capital Project #S2501\)](#)
G. [Recommendation to Amend the 2025 Operating Budget \(Water\) and the 2025 to 2029 Capital Improvement Program \(Well Restoration – Capital Project #W0503\)](#)
H. **First Reading – Bill 25-33** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Zoning, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware By Amending Requirements for Daycare and Nursing Home Facilities and Allowing Daycares in the BB (Central Business District) and BC (General Business) Zones – **Second Reading – December 8, 2025**

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda is comprised of proposed ordinances on for First Reading and those items that are considered routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by a single vote of the Council. There shall be no separate discussion of proposed ordinances on for First Reading. For the remaining items, there will be no separate discussion unless a member of Council requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered a separate item at that Council Meeting.

***3. RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTRACTS & BIDS OVER CONSENT AGENDA LIMIT: None**

***4. SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- A. [2025 Newark Bicycle Plan Update Review](#) – Planning and Development Director Renee Bensley (30 minutes)
- B. [Report and Consensus Recommendation on Activities Proposed for the 52nd Year Community Development Block Grant \(July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027\) and 2026 Revenue Sharing Program \(January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026\)](#) – Planning and Development Director Renee Bensley (20 minutes)
- C. Water & Electric RSA Discussion – City Manager Tom Coleman (30 minutes)
- D. [Amendment to the 2025 Operating Budget for Emergency Services Fee](#) – Finance Director Jill Hollander (5 minutes)
- E. [Comp Plan Steering Committee Membership Discussion](#) – Planning and Development Director Renee Bensley (15 minutes)
- F. [Recommendation to Amend the 2025 Operating Budget \(Streets\) and the 2025 to 2029 Capital Improvement Program \(CIP\) by Creating and Funding Project K2509 – Downes Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation](#) – Public Works and Water Resources Director Tim Filasky (5 minutes)

***5. ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA:**

- A. **Council Members:**
 - 1. [Managed Deer Hunt at William Redd Park](#) – Mayor McDermott (20 minutes)
- B. **Others:**
 - 1. [Nuisance Abatement Plan Application for 414 S. College Avenue](#) – Planning and Development Director Renee Bensley (20 minutes)

***OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT** – The above agenda is intended to be followed, but is subject to changes, deletions, additions, and modifications, as permitted under the Freedom of Information Act of the State of Delaware. The agenda is posted (7) seven days in advance of the scheduled meeting in compliance with 29 *Del. C.* Section 10004 (e)(2). Copies may be obtained at the City Secretary's Office, 220 South Main Street, or online at www.newarkde.gov.

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Attest:

Sworn by:

City Secretary

Notary Public

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