



**CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM**

City Hall Council Chambers, 15 Lookerman Plaza, Dover, Delaware

AGENDA

THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN REVISED BY ADDING ITEM #33 – APPOINTMENT – BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – WILLIAM “BILL” HOLMES, THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE JULY 2029, ITEM #34 – POLICE PENSION PLAN INCREASE REQUEST (RET. LT. TIMOTHY MULLANEY, SR., CHAIR), AND ITEM #35 – RATIFICATION OF VOTE OF ORDINANCE #2025-21 FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2026

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OPEN FORUM - 15 Minutes Prior to Official Meeting (6:15 p.m.)

The “Open Forum” segment is provided to extend the opportunity to the general public to share their questions, thoughts, comments, concerns, and complaints. Discussion of any item appearing on the agenda as a public hearing is prohibited during the Open Forum as an opportunity will be provided during consideration of that item. Citizen comments are limited to three (3) minutes. Council is prohibited from taking action since they are not in official session; however, they may schedule such items as regular agenda items and act upon them in the future.

INVOCATION - Elder Ellis B. Loudon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Council President Neil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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All Consent Agenda items are considered routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of Council so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered a separate item.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. **Community Action Month**
2. **Youth Week 2026**
3. **Drinking Water Week**
4. **Military Spouse Appreciation Day**

PRESENTATIONS

5. **Certificate of Recognition - Dover High School - Varsity Boys 2025-2026 Basketball Team**
6. **Certificate of Recognition - Dover High School - Unified 2025-2026 Basketball Team**

ANNUAL REPORTS

7. **Dover Police Department**

CONSENT AGENDA**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

8. **Regular City Council Meeting of April 13, 2026**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. **Council Committee of the Whole meeting of April 14, 2026**

COUNCIL REPORTS - March 2026

10. **First District**
11. **Second District**
12. **Third District**
13. **Fourth District**
14. **At- Large**
15. **Council President Neil**

Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement**16. Annual Report from the Silver Lake Commission (Kathy Doyle, Chair)**

(Committee Recommendation: Acceptance of the annual report)

17. Input Discussion on the Future Planning for Silver Lake Park (Councilwoman Arndt and Roger Ridgeway, Director of Parks and Recreation)

(Committee Action Not Required)

18. Revisit Request for Review of Cash-in-Lieu Payment for Active Recreation Area Requirement for Cecil Street Townhouses at 207 N, West Street (Dawn Melson-Williams, Principal Planner) – (Properties located at the northeast corner of North West Street and Cecil Street now subdivided into four lots addressed as 527, 525, 523, and 521 Cecil Street, as owned by 4BL, LLC. Planning Reference: Conditional Use/ Subdivision Plan C-25-01.)

(Committee Recommendation: Partial waiver of the fees down to \$1,000.00 for cash-in-lieu)

19. Review of Active Recreation Plan – Lands of Fuller at 7 Nixon Lane (Dawn Melson-Williams, Principal Planner) (Subdivision of 41,526 SF +/- property to be divided into three lots, including an existing single-family detached dwelling located on the east side of Nixon Lane and slightly north of North Little Creek Road, as owned by Lupe N. Fuller. Planning Reference: Minor Subdivision Plan: SB-26-01)

(Committee Recommendation: Partial waiver of the fees down to \$750.00)

20. Review of Active Recreation Plan – Bay Village Residential Planned Neighborhood Design on the south side of White Oak Road (Dawn Melson-Williams, Principal Planner) (Property of 79.14 acres +/- located on the south side of White Oak Road and to the south of the Garrison Oak Business and Technology Center, as owned by Bay Village of Dover, LLC. Planning Reference: Conditional Use/Master Plan with Subdivision Plan: C-26-02)

(Committee Recommendation: Approval of the Active Recreation Area Plan, subject to the conditions outlined in the report)

21. Silver Lake Dam - Annual Inspection Review (Jason Lyon, Water & Wastewater Director)

(Committee Recommendation: Acceptance of the report as recommended by staff)

22. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Grant Recommendations for 2026 (Debbie Obrien, CDBG Program Manager)

(Committee Recommendation: Acceptance of the staff recommendation)

Utility Committee**23. Evaluation of Proposals – Manganese Removal Systems for Drinking Water (Kate Mills, P.E., Assistant Director of the Department of Water & Wastewater)**

(Committee Recommendation: Acceptance of the staff recommendation to award the contract to Verdantas for the Manganese Removal Systems for Drinking Water, RFP #26-0012WW, for the amount of \$449,500.00)

24. Presentation - Safer Community Campaign HELP Initiatives (Charles Kistler, HELP Initiative, and Andrea Griffin, Customer Service Director)

(Committee Recommendation: Acceptance of the staff recommendation to approve the Acting City Manager to sign and submit a letter of authorization to the HELP Initiative)

Legislative, Finance, and Administration Committee**25. Review of Snowstorm Budget Costs (Sharon Duca, Assistant City Manager)**

(Committee Action Not Required)

26. Consideration of Restoring an Alderman's Court (Council President Neil)

(Committee Recommendation: Conduct a feasibility study of an Alderman's court and establish an Ad Hoc committee to obtain input from the community)

27. Consideration of an Alderman's Court - Speed Control (Council President Neil)

(This agenda item was not addressed due to the failure of Agenda Item #2)

28. The Mayors' Blue Ribbon Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Taskforce Committees Recommendations (Councilman Dr. Sudler)

(Committee Recommendation: Acceptance of the report)

29. City of Dover Municipal Police Academy Cost Review (Thomas Johnson, Chief of Police)

(Committee Action Not Required)

QUARTERLY REPORTS**30. Quarterly Revenue Report as of March 31, 2026****31. Quarterly Review - Capital Investment Plan (CIP) (January, February, March)****SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS****32. Semi-Annual Inspection by Acting City Manager - Robbins Hose Company (Sharon J. Duca, Acting City Manager)**

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR CHRISTIANSEN

- 33. Board of Adjustment - William "Bill" Holmes - Three-Year Term to Expire July 2029 (to fill the expired term of Clarence Wagner, II)**

ITEMS NOT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 34. Police Pension Plan Increase Request (Ret. Lt. Timothy Mullaney, Sr., Chair)**

(Committee Recommendation: Recommended by the Police Pension Plan Committee at its November 26, 2025, meeting, a motion was passed to grant police retirees a 5% pension increase effective July 1, 2026, and an additional 5% pension increase effective July 1, 2027.)

ORDINANCES

FINAL READING - The First Reading of the Proposed Ordinance was accomplished during the Council Meeting of **APRIL 13, 2026**. The ordinance is available at the entrance of the Council Chambers and on the City's website at www.cityofdover.com under "Government."

- 35. Proposed Ordinance #2026-03 - Amending Chapter 22 - Building and Building Regulations, Article XI - Dangerous Buildings**
- 36. Ratification of Vote of Ordinance #2025-21 from February 25, 2026**

(Clerk's Office Note: Due to Attorney General Opinion No. 26IB15)

ACTING CITY MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS****COUNCIL MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS****ADJOURNMENT**

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