

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
May 19, 2016*

Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Theopolis K. Gregory, Sr. presiding.

Invocation was given by Joe Garcia.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by City Council.

ROLL CALL

The following members responded to the Call of the Roll: Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo****, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado*, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel**, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright***, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of May 5, 2016, upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Public Safety Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Michael A. Brown, Sr., Chair	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II			X
Charles M. "Bud" Freel			X
Loretta Walsh		X	
Robert A. Williams	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 9, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Safety Committee, met on the above date at 5:00 p.m., Councilman Michael A. Brown, Sr., presiding. The following items were discussed:

1. **Police:**
 - Review Resolution authorizing the Wilmington Police Department to accept a Delaware Criminal Justice Council Grant in the amount of \$110,000
 - Review Resolution authorizing the Wilmington Police Department to accept a State of Delaware, SALLE Grant in the total amount of \$60,208.23
 - Discuss Resolution to requesting the Administration and the Wilmington Police Department to establish a Specialize Gang Unit
 - Review Resolution to support the Drug Overdose Fatality Review Commission
 - Update on School Resource Officers (SRO)
2. **WFD:**
 - Update on Mechanisms that Triggers a Fire Academy
 - Update on Grant Process to Inform Council of all Grant Funds Inclusive of State Grant in Aid Funds
 - Update on all Fire Grants (Available Balances and Intended Purpose)
3. **Emergency Management:**
 - Department Update

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Public Safety Committee
/s/Michael A. Brown, Sr., Chair
/s/Robert A. Williams
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Mr. Michael Brown, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Mark Mr. Prado present please.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): So noted.

*Note: At this time, Mr. Prado was marked present and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Education, Youth & Families Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha	X		
Michael A. Brown Sr.		X	
Maria D. Cabrera	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II		X	
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz	X		
Sherry Dorsey Walker	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Date: May 11, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Education, Youth & Families Committee, met on the above date at 5:00 p.m., Councilman Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha presiding. The following items were discussed:

- Discuss a Resolution - Laffey McHugh Foundation Grant for the Summer Youth Employment Program
- Discuss a Resolution - Bank of America Grant for the Summer Youth Program
- Discuss a resolution - Department of Labor Grant for the Summer Youth Program

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Education, Youth & Families Committee
/s/Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha, Chair
/s/Maria D. Cabrera
/s/Hanifa Shabazz
/s/Sherry Dorsey Walker

Upon a motion of Mr. Chukwuocha, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the
aforementioned Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

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The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Michael A. Brown, Sr.	X		
Samuel Prado			X
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Date: 5/16/2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 16-014**
entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION ON
REAL PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF PUBLIC
UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH
JUNE 30, 2017

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on
it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance Committee
/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Michael A. Browns, Sr.
/s/Hanifa Shabazz
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Mr. Williams, the
aforementioned Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

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The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Michael A. Brown, Sr.	X		
Samuel Prado			X
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Date: 5/16/2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 16-015**
entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM UNIT
CHARGES AND WATER RATES AND CHARGES AND
STORM WATER RATES AND CHARGES SET FORTH
IN CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on
it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance Committee
/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Michael A. Brown, Sr.
/s/Hanifa Shabazz
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh/Ms. Shabazz, the
aforementioned Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Ok, you're right. Mark Mr. Freel present please.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): So noted.

**Note: At this time, Mr. Freel was marked present and reflected in the minutes herein
(Roll Call).

President Gregory: Can you move it Mr. Freel now that you're present?

Mrs. Seijo: Move it again.

Mr. Wright: Mr. President.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh/Ms. Shabazz, the aforementioned Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Mark Mr. Wright present please.

Mrs. Seijo: So noted.

***Note: At this time, Mr. Wright was marked present and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Michael A. Brown, Sr.	X		
Samuel Prado			X
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Date: 5/16/16

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 16-016** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR
THE SIX FISCAL YEARS 2017 – 2022 INCLUSIVE

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on it accordingly.

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Respectfully submitted, Members of
 Finance Committee
 /s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
 /s/Michael A. Brown, Sr.
 /s/Hanifa Shabazz
 /s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh/Mr. Williams, the
 aforementioned Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Michael A. Brown, Sr.	X		
Samuel Prado			X
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	

President and Members of Council of
 The City of Wilmington

Date: 5/16/16

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 16-017**
 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR
 FISCAL YEAR 2017

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on
 it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
 Finance Committee
 /s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
 /s/Michael A. Brown, Sr.
 /s/Hanifa Shabazz
 /s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned
 Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Michael A. Brown, Sr.	X		
Samuel Prado			X
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Date: 5/16/16

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred Sub. No. #1 to
Ordinance No. 16-018 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON
JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2017

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on
it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance Committee
/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Michael A. Brown, Sr.
/s/Hanifa Shabazz
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Mr. Williams/Ms. Shabazz, the
aforementioned Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Michael A. Brown, Sr.	X		
Samuel Prado			X
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Date: 5/16/2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 16-023**
entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN INSTALLMENT
PAYMENT AGREEMENT AND A SECURITY AGREEMENT
WITH VAR RESOURCES, LLC, D/B/A VAR TECHNOLOGY
FINANCE, TO FINANCE THE PROCUREMENT OF
CERTAIN COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on
it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance Committee
/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Michael A. Brown, Sr.
/s/Hanifa Shabazz
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Mr. Williams/Ms. Walsh, the
aforementioned Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Michael A. Brown, Sr.	X		
Samuel Prado			X
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Date: 5/16/2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 16-024**
entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE TERM OF THE CITY'S ACTIVE DEPOSITORY, M&T BANK

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of Finance Committee
 /s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
 /s/Michael A. Brown, Sr.
 /s/Hanifa Shabazz
 /s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Michael A. Brown, Sr.	X		
Samuel Prado			X
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	

President and Members of Council of The City of Wilmington

Date: 5/16/2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 16-025** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TREASURER ACCESS TO THE BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDS AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR AND REPLENISHMENT OF THE BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDS IN THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
 Finance Committee
 /s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
 /s/Michael A. Brown, Sr.
 /s/Hanifa Shabazz
 /s/Theopolis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Mr. Williams/Ms. Walsh, the
 aforementioned Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Public Works & Transportation Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz, Chair	X		
Michael A. Brown, Sr.	X		
Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha	X		
Samuel Prado			X
Robert A. Williams	X		

President and Members of Council of
 The City of Wilmington

May 18, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee, to who was referred
Ordinance No. 16-026 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER EXTEND CERTAIN TRAFFIC/
 PARKING REGULATIONS

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on
 it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
 Public Works & Transportation Committee
 /s/Hanifa Shabazz, Chair
 /s/Michael A. Brown, Sr.
 /s/Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha
 /s/Robert A. Williams

Upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Mr. Williams/Ms. Walsh, the
 aforementioned Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report dated May 19, 2016 was read into the record by the City Clerk, and upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON May 19, 2016

102	Community Development Block Grant	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
104	Old Non-Uniform Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 4,976.81
105	Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 179,319.59
106	Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 120,594.42
107	Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$ 534,088.03
108	Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
110	Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
113	Non-Uniform Pension	M & T Bank	\$ 1,252.06
114	Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$ 108,171.64
117	Cement Workers	Wilmington Savings Fund	\$ 33,482.79
118	Worker's Comp. 3 rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$ 13,003.23
124	Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990	M & T Bank	\$ 5,161.52
120	Grant-In-Aid Account	M & T Bank	\$ 201,369.00
130	Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 188,906.13
131	Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$ 14,800.94
139	Pension Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	<u>\$ 12,327.82</u>
	Total Cash on Hand		\$ 1,421,593.95

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FUND CODE	FUND	INSTITUTION	INVEST. TYPE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	INVESTMENT AMOUNT
116	General	M&T Bank	RP	05/19/16	0.01%	\$ 1.50	\$ 5,445,220.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	05/20/16	0.40%	\$ 19,945.20	\$ 10,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	05/20/16	0.41%	\$ 956.67	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	05/20/16	0.41%	\$ 717.50	\$ 1,500,000.00
106	Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	05/26/16	0.40%	\$ 805.47	\$ 2,625,000.00
124	Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	05/26/16	0.40%	\$ 128.87	\$ 420,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	05/27/16	0.40%	\$ 11,199.99	\$ 14,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	05/27/16	0.50%	\$ 1,833.34	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	06/01/16	0.55%	\$ 4,262.50	\$ 3,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	06/01/16	0.40%	\$ 1,433.34	\$ 3,000,000.00
116	General ¹	TD	CD	06/10/16	0.60%	\$ 21,996.05	\$ 15,169,686.00
116	General	TD	CD	06/10/16	0.43%	\$ 1,236.99	\$ 2,100,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/10/16	0.40%	\$ 572.60	\$ 1,375,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/10/16	0.40%	\$ 572.60	\$ 1,375,000.00
110	Capital	TD	CD	06/24/16	0.60%	\$ 16,333.34	\$ 10,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	06/24/16	0.40%	\$ 2,133.34	\$ 3,200,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	06/28/16	0.40%	\$ 1,033.34	\$ 1,500,000.00
514	Risk Management	WSFS	CD	07/11/16	0.40%	\$ 22,805.15	\$ 5,670,097.05
515	Worker's Comp	WSFS	CD	07/11/16	0.40%	\$ 22,805.15	\$ 5,670,097.05
116	General	WSFS	CD	07/22/16	0.40%	\$ 1,402.74	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	11/18/16	0.50%	\$ 99,726.02	\$ 20,000,000.00
104	Escrow Pension	Affinity Wealth					\$ 1,441,793.00
104	Escrow Pension	Vanguard					\$ 40,958,183.00
104	Escrow Pension	Black Rock					\$ 23,638,076.00
104	Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$ 22,479,525.00
104	Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$ 43,837,726.00
104	Escrow Pension	Manning & Napier					\$ 10,022,477.00
104	Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$ 17,489,993.00
104	Escrow Pension	GMO					\$ 11,408,206.00
104	Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$ 21,960,255.00
104	Escrow Pension	American Funds					\$ 9,855,466.00
139	Medical Escrow	Black Rock-OPEB					\$ 14,023,926.00
116	Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$ 39,150,491.00
	Total Investments						\$ 368,316,217.10
	Total Cash on Hand						\$ <u>1,421,593.95</u>
	Grand Total						\$ 369,737,811.05

¹ Budget Reserve

/s/Henry W. Supinski
City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Williams, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

D. Brown	Recognize Union Baptist Church 95 th Anniversary
Cabrera	Sympathy Reverend Manuel L. Marrero
Gregory	Sympathy Terrance Kinard
Shabazz	Sympathy Mayor Dr. James Walls
Williams/Council	Sympathy John H. Washington, Jr.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Gregory: Mr. Chukwuocha.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Yes Mr. President, I have three (3) Resolutions to present.

Mr. Chukwuocha presented Resolution No. 16-038 (Agenda #4210) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363(b) of the City Code, in the event of a severe time constraint, Council may authorize and ratify grant applications and proposals after submission and prior to obtaining approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington (“City”), through its Department of Parks and Recreation, has been awarded a grant from Bank of America in the amount of \$65,000.00 to support the City’s Summer Youth Employment Program (“Youth Program”); and

WHEREAS, the City is not required to provide matching funds for receipt of these grant funds, thereby having no net financial impact on the City; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has recommended that City Council approve the City’s use of the grant funds for the Youth Program in accordance with the terms of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the use of the herein described grant funds received from Bank of America for the 2016 Summer Youth Employment Program be accepted and approved, and the Mayor or his designee, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all appropriate grant documents or other undertakings pursuant thereto as may be necessary.

On the question:

Mr. Chukwuocha: Yes Mr. President, this is a receipt for a grant that’s been given to the Department of Parks and Recreation to assist with adding additional

summer jobs, its \$65,000 from the Bank of America. I believe this is the second or third year we've received this.

Upon a motion of Mr. Chukwuocha, seconded by Ms. Walsh/Mr. Williams, the aforementioned Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Congo. Total, one.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Chukwuocha presented Resolution No. 16-039 (Agenda #4211) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363(b) of the City Code, in the event of a severe time constraint, Council may authorize and ratify grant applications and proposals after submission and prior to obtaining approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington ("City"), through its Department of Parks and Recreation, has been awarded a grant from the State of Delaware Department of Labor in the amount of \$321,984.00 to support the City's Summer Youth Employment Program ("Youth Program"); and

WHEREAS, the City is not required to provide matching funds for receipt of these grant funds, thereby having no net financial impact on the City; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has recommended that City Council approve the City's use of the grant funds for the Youth Program in accordance with the terms of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the use of the herein described grant funds received from the State of Delaware Department of Labor for the 2016 Summer Youth Employment Program be accepted and approved, and the Mayor or his designee, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all appropriate grant documents or other undertakings pursuant thereto as may be necessary.

On the question:

Mr. Chukwuocha: Yes Mr. President, this is the annual from the State of Department of Labor to support the Summer Youth Program in the amount of \$321,984.00 for our youth – for the Summer and Youth Employment Program.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Chukwuocha, seconded by Ms. Walsh/Mr. Williams, the aforementioned Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Congo. Total, one.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Chukwuocha presented Resolution No. 16-040 (Agenda #4212) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the Code of the City of Wilmington (“City”), the City may apply for and receive grant funds to be used for a wide variety of City activities, subject to the approval of City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City has been approved by the Laffey McHugh Foundation, (“Laffey McHugh”) to receive \$10,000.00 in grant funds for the operation and cost of the 2016 Summer Youth Employment Program (the “Youth Program”); and

WHEREAS, the City is not required to provide matching funds for receipt of these grant funds, thereby having no net financial impact on the City; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has recommended that City Council approve the City’s use of the grant funds for the Youth Program in accordance with the terms of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the use of the herein described grant funds received from Laffey McHugh for the 2016 Summer Youth Employment Program be accepted and approved, and the Mayor or his designee, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all appropriate grant documents or other undertakings pursuant thereto as may be necessary.

On the question:

Mr. Chukwuocha: Yes Mr. President, this is grant from the Laffey McHugh Foundation of \$10,000 to support additional summer youth jobs and these funds can be used not just for the summer but for can be used throughout the year until they are all finish.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll please.

Upon a motion of Mr. Chukwuocha, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Congo. Total, one.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. Darius Brown: Nothing.

President Gregory: Ms. Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Mr. President, I have an Ordinance to present and call for third and final reading.

Ms. Shabazz presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 16-026 (Agenda #4202) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER EXTEND CERTAIN
TRAFFIC/PARKING REGULATIONS

On the question:

Ms. Shabazz: Yes Mr. President, this Ordinance calls for further extension of – another one year extension to the various traffic and parking regulations affecting East 12th Street, East 13th Street, North French and Wilson Street for a temporary period of one year until May 14, 2017. Mr. President, this is like I said a one-year extension. We did this a year to deal with the traffic for the Community Education Building. We've been meeting with the community and this (inaudible) was every type – ill effects to the community. There were some – we made the compromises and but this particular specifics of the ordinance we wanted to move forward for one more year and to see how it continues to allow for a smooth transition of traffic dealing with parents bringing in children and picking them up.

President Gregory: Mark Mr. Congo present and Mr. Darius Brown.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): So noted.

****Note: At this time, Mr. Congo was marked present and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).

Mr. Darius Brown: Thank you Mr. President.

Ms. Shabazz: I wasn't finish talking.

President Gregory: You were not finished?

Ms. Shabazz: No sir. No problem.

President Gregory: Let her finish. You paused.

Ms. Shabazz: Well, I'm sorry, you cut me off.

President Gregory: I'm sorry, go ahead.

Ms. Shabazz: I was breathing.

President Gregory: I'm sorry.

Ms. Shabazz: I wanted to say just at the committee meeting yesterday, we did have representatives from the community, Upper Eastside Community, the Civic Association came and said how they were working with the Community Education Building and that they were in favor of this and will continue to work with them and monitor if there's any ill effects and make any adjustments. But right now, they approved of the one more extension – one more year extension of this. I'm finish.

President Gregory: Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. Michael Brown: Sounds like a Mike Brown move there.

Mr. Darius Brown: Thank you Mr. President. As my colleagues know I have been in opposition of this for the last two years and as the Councilmember for the district where Section 1 and Section 2 of this Ordinance impacts, my Councilmembers can remember as this initially came to us, we had housing projects that were under development, which are now completed – an 88 unit apartment building, a 44 unit apartment building; we have 8 townhomes that will be completed in this summer; another 8 townhomes or so that will be completed this fall and in Upper Eastside Neighborhood as many of my colleagues know, is a very compacted area of the City of Wilmington and so, as I have been in opposition in years past, tonight I will still be in opposition of this Ordinance because it does not reflect the wishes of the residents of my district.

As a district Councilmember – most of my district Councilmembers, even At-Large Councilmembers could understand there is some great – well there's not some – there's great concerns I have when another district Councilmember sponsors legislation that impacts another person's district. I would not go into the 1st District and sponsor legislation that would impact the traffic patterns around Harlan Elementary School or PS. I would not go into the 2nd District and do the same around Shortlidge or Warner. I would not go into the 4th District and do that around Bancroft or any school in that district. I would not go into the 8th District and do that around the school in the 8th District or the 7th District or the 6th. But, for three years now, we continue to have this legislation impacting a part of our community when the Councilmember that represents that district those wishes have not been heard by this body. And, so, I'm asking for the respect of my colleagues in that wish and also acknowledging that along East 12th Street there is great congestion. Not only do we have the housing developments; not only do we have Stubbs Elementary School; Howard High School; the Community Education Building but I want you to also remember that we have Elwyn and many of those Paratransit buses come out of Elwyn's and onto East 12th Street. This is not high probably, I literally sat there this morning to make sure that the things that I thought were

occurring and that I heard were occurring from residents' actually occurred. And, I sat in that traffic on East 12th Street for ten minutes because of the traffic from these five different locations, which I've brought before you tonight. So, vote it up or down, continue to support this but my vote is "no" tonight.

President Gregory: Ms. Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Thank you Mr. President. And in all due respect and I understand exactly the concerns of my colleague. The building is in my district, the traffic pattern is in his district and that's we have the issue that we have and our districts boarder each other. We knew this legislation was coming up again; we have been monitoring it the entire time; we have had extended – many comments – calls – the Community Education Building has extended many calls to the Councilmember so that we can talk to find out what their concerns might be so we can take them in consideration. As you heard me say, per the beginning of the Ordinance, there were some other issues that were causing congestion and (inaudible) and issues with the community and we made compromises to those concerns. We only can make compromises if we know what they are. So, in our outreach to the Councilmember to come to the table and give us his concerns – we've had a traffic patterns taken so we could see that it wasn't just hypothetical, that we were monitoring it through our traffic monitor; we've talked to the community civic associations there as I said at the community – at the committee meeting yesterday – we had the President of the Upper Eastside come and give us support to this. And, so, from that is the reason why I'm moving forward. I'm listening to the constituents and we're listening to who would come to the table to talk and we will make the necessary compromise. But if we can't compromise if we don't know what the concerns are.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown and Council President Gregory. Total, eight. Nays, Council Members Congo, Darius Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright. Total, five.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Ms. Shabazz: Mr. President, I have an Ordinance to present and call for first and second reading.

Ms. Shabazz presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 16-029 (Agenda #4213) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CAPITAL PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON RELATING TO UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO (1) THE CITY'S PORTER FILTER WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND (2) VARIOUS WATER MAINS THROUGHOUT THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TWO SERIES OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES OF 2016-SRF, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR SUCH PROJECTS, RESPECTIVELY; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF EACH SERIES OF BONDS TO THE DELAWARE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION °

This aforementioned Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee. Motion prevailed.

Ms. Shabazz: Mr. President, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the first and second reading.

Ms. Shabazz presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 16-030 (Agenda #4214) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CITY CONTRACT 17002PW – HVAC PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE, GENERAL AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – WITH MODERN CONTROLS, INC.

This aforementioned Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Finance Committee. Motion prevailed.

Ms. Shabazz: And if I may make a correction that the previous Ordinance (#4213) be referred to the Finance Committee as well.

°Note: At this time, correction made to refer Ordinance No. 16-029 (Agenda #4213) be referred to Finance Committee.

President Gregory: So noted. Mr. Prado.

Mr. Prado: Nothing tonight Mr. President.

President Gregory: Ms. Dorsey Walker.

Ms. Dorsey Walker: No legislative business tonight Mr. President.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: Mr. President, I have a Resolution to present.

Mr. Williams presented Resolution No. 16-041 (Agenda #4215) as follows:

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Police Department's creation of a specialized homicide unit has led to improvements in case handling and clearance; and

WHEREAS, police officials in Wilmington have pointed to the operation of criminal gangs in the City, and the suspected commission of crimes by the same; and

WHEREAS, many cities across America have created specialized gang units in their police departments, aimed at establishing a team of dedicated investigators to gather intelligence and file charges against members of such street gangs; and

WHEREAS, research funded by the National Institute of Justice has found that contemporary law enforcement approaches to investigating gang activity have begun to take a more data-driven, intelligence-based approach to crime control and suppression; and

WHEREAS, these approaches to establishing gang units in American law enforcement agencies have grown in popularity, and have evolved to coalesce with broader community policing strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Police Department should consider forming its own Gang Intelligence Unit, which could potentially benefit from partnerships with similar initiatives of the Delaware Attorney General's Office and the Delaware State Police.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council respectfully encourages the Administration and the Wilmington Police Department to consider establishing a specialized Gang Intelligence Unit, to include a civilian computer expert as well as an experienced member, or members, of the department, with the charge of gathering intelligence on criminal street gangs operating in the City of Wilmington, and taking proactive steps to build cases against such operations and suppressing anti-social acts committed by these groups.

On the question:

Mr. Williams: Mr. President, this Resolution after some discussion at the Public Safety Committee with the Chief of Police, would promote the department to file for an application through Criminal Justice Council to fund a civilian to do a lot of the computer work that's necessary to monitor some of this illegal activity. As we're well aware, we get complaints throughout the City of shots being fired or a subject being struck there's no fight that precipitates this crime. Suddenly two individuals run into one another, shots running out that's because their fight took place online. It happened via social media; it happened via Twitter, Instagram, Facebook – you name it. They're

having these running battles back and forth. And, then when they meet up with one another the violent act takes place. This would allow us to get a civilian person to monitor this activity. Right now our Wilmington Department of Police has a sergeant who is one of the most noted gang investigators on the east coast. This would allow them to utilize his talents. It wouldn't create a new unit or anything because we already have the Vice Squad - the Vice Organized Crime and Vice Unit. So, we would utilize their services based on the intelligence that's driven via these officers.

President Gregory: Thank you. Ms. Dorsey Walker.

Ms. Dorsey Walker: Thank you Mr. President. Having many conversations with a lot of the young people in our community, we can't ignore the fact that we do have some issues with young involved with gangs not only in the City but throughout the State but specifically dealing with the City. So, one of the things that we need to do is be mindful of it, recognize it and start dealing with the issue and, I wholeheartedly agree with Councilman Williams. So, I'd like to ask if it's possible for me to be a cosponsor on this legislation.

President Gregory: So noted.

Ms. Dorsey Walker: Thank you.

President Gregory: So noted. Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: Yes, I guess my only question is it doesn't seem to read that way that you explained it Council Member Williams and I just remember sitting here for years having Councilmembers and members of the public say to the Police Department, "just put together employees for a homicide unit". That you have current employees that could do it, you don't have to go out there hiring more people and civically it's Chief's thought and then wanted to add more people to their budgets and in the end didn't and what did they do, they just named people as homicide unit that were currently working. So, I can't see why the Police Department can't do the same on this but we again have had arguments with chiefs about whether or not there is even any gang activity in the City of Wilmington. All this believer is – the people on the streets tells us there is. But the people who are doing the investigating and besides Vice, I would think the Criminal Investigate Unit would have gang activity too; so I understand the intent, I agree that all of this information should be there and it shouldn't just be us, it should be shared with County Police, the Elsmere Police in the City of Wilmington. So, that's all I have to say on it.

President Gregory: Mr. Congo.

Mr. Congo: Yes, thank you Mr. President. Just trying to listen on some clarity around the monitoring on social media, so, how would that work?

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: A lot of the Facebook pages are open; a lot of these discussions take place out in the open. We would need to get civilian that is computer person that really knows the ins and outs of these social media sites and then you have the Sergeant that would assist with any kind of warrants that would be needed to gain more intelligence.

Mr. Congo: Just a follow-up.

President Gregory: Mr. Congo.

Mr. Congo: How would they even on whom to follow or who monitor it? Just based on like intelligence?

Mr. Williams: That's correct, based on a street level intelligence. A lot of this stuff is out there. It's plain as the nose on your face but you also need somebody dedicated to start gathering this.

Mr. Congo: Wouldn't they have...just another follow-up...

President Gregory: Go ahead.

Mr. Congo: ...wouldn't they have to be friends with that person on social media?

Mr. Williams: Not necessarily. There's all kinds of ways - they have profiles, etc. I don't want too into the technical side of it but there are ways that they're able to infiltrate.

Mr. Congo: Oh ok. All right; thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Michael Brown.

Mr. Michael Brown: Yes Mr. President, thank you. To support what Councilman Williams is saying, before I brought this to the Committee to be heard, I had a conversation with the Chief, I just want to give you an insight that - I mean, up to date, the Chief while he informed me that there are two people in his department already paying attention to what is perceived gangs in the City. And, as Council Member Walsh said for years, we're all been saying that they're out there. The Chief agrees himself and I explained to him that Councilman Williams wanted to bring forth this piece of Resolution to be supported for him getting more in depth with for the community's sake. And, after having talked with Councilman Williams, who is a former police officer and after I drilled him a little bit and said, well, when you were a cop, you didn't make this kind of noise but I appreciate you making it now. I support this piece of legislation so

that's where we're at; the Chief is in support of it and I just want that to be known and that any help that we can give the men and women in blue is very much needed. Thank you.

President Gregory: Ms. Cabrera.

Ms. Cabrera: My question is, and, and I know that there's gang activity and there was a story that came out in the paper as well as the Hispanic paper and Tony Asion when he was with the State Police, did a whole investigation and actually you can see the different names of the gangs. He talked about the ones in northern Delaware and then he talked about the ones in southern Delaware. So, I don't think there's any question there is. However, my question to you is, is this going to be a separate unit because I thought I heard you say that it won't be separate unit but it would be having that Sergeant and a civilian paying special attention to it?

Mr. Williams: It would come under the Vice Squad. The civilian would be the new additional and they would get the money through a grant. Having a gang unit also opens you up to additional funds via the State and via the Feds. So, a lot of these activities take place with these loosely fit organized groups and this would also allow them to utilize the (inaudible) statute to try to go some federal prosecutions for some these high offenders.

Ms. Cabrera: And, last but not least, with the ceased violence and the interrupters, I mean, I imagine that they have to be somewhat involved with this or knows a shooting they're supposed to be out getting information and data and maybe they might have a better feel of what's going to work with this particular, you know, group of people?

Mr. Williams: That would be some advice that I would take.

Ms. Cabrera: Ok, thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. Darius Brown: Thank you Mr. President. The Resolution, I do understand maybe the intent of the sponsor but the Resolution does not speak of the Criminal Justice Council as a source for us to apply, to receive funds for this position. And, so, I'm, I'm not certain or what we're voting on exactly. Are we're just voting on an idea? Yeah, the Resolution really just doesn't speak to much more than that. So, I'm not sure if we're just voting on an idea. We talked about two positions already in the Police Department, does that mean if we apply to CJC and they happen to fund us for a year or three years, does that mean we now have three people doing this job or two people doing this job? It's just very vague.

Mr. Williams: Correct.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: Thank you sir. This is just encouraging the department to pursue this. That this is something that we recognize is a problem and we're asking them to pursue this.

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: I just want to offer a suggestion, you know, on tonight's budget, we're adding another position in IT, so, I mean, I think any kind of this stuff should be coordinated with the IT Department because they might be able to assist in some way and even be able to share, you know, a person with the Police Department to help in this endeavor. Just an idea; just a suggestion that we don't always just operate in separate little silos when we try to get the departments working with each other and helping each other.

President Gregory: Mr. ...

Mr. Chukwuocha: Thank you Mr. President.

President Gregory: Chukwuocha.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Thank you sir. I just wanted to comment – just raising concern, not sure about the intent of the ordinance but being what I've been my whole life in community base social worker. I've seen the label gang in – thrown around on some children who really didn't deserve it when they were just misguided youth who happen to stumble upon or have placed in their hand a gun and now they're sitting in prison for - - no one is speaking about the failure of the school system, failure of the community and other support systems but now this kid has some gang related charges and I'm sure most of my colleagues have traveled where there are truly are gangs and the discipline and the culture of gangs very, very, you know, and my colleague used the word loosely fit organized groups, you know, I would think that may be what we state here, I think that, that gang culture that mentally applying that to ever youth who ends up with a gun shooting somebody is, is, is hard to swallow sometimes when a group of young men that I know are on the front page of the newspaper being called this or called that and they – two weeks before that they, you know, begging me to help them get a summer job but now they're gangsters. I, I, I just don't accept that without us accepting some of the other failures in our community and how this project would address some of those areas. Thank you sir.

Ms. Shabazz: Here, here.

President Gregory: You, you (inaudible) fresh up yourself on the new Jim Crow. That's what the new Jim Crow talks about...

Mr. Chukwuocha: Yes sir.

President Gregory: ...we said get tough without realizing that that's not necessarily the issue or the answer, it's education, economics and jobs. So, I, you know, would encourage my colleagues to read the new Jim Crow if you haven't read and kind of become a little enlighten on what we need to do to really fix this. So, as adamant as we are about this gang theory, we should be as adamant about the other supports that our inner city kids need; that they need; the other ones are just as important as doing something like this. So you got prevention, intervention, you do have law enforcement but we should look at as important on all fronts not just this front. The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Nays, Council Member Walsh. Total, one.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: Mr. President, I have one for first and second and I believe eight for third and final.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 16-031 (Agenda #4216) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EXPRESS SCRIPTS, INC., FOR A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

The aforementioned Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Mr. Williams/Ms. Walsh, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Finance Committee. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 16-014 (Agenda #4183) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION ON REAL PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

On the question:

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President, as you know, this is the – it sets the property tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year and there was – the Mayor did not propose a property tax increase for the next fiscal year.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final time Ordinance No. 16-015 (Agenda #4184) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM UNIT CHARGES AND WATER RATES AND CHARGES AND STORM WATER RATES AND CHARGES SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE

On the question:

Mr. Freel: Yes sir, this sets the water/sewer and storm water rates for the upcoming fiscal year. There was a recommendation made by the Utility Citizens Advisory Board to increase the rates but the Mayor decided for the second year in a roll not to increase the water, storm water or sewer rates.

President Gregory: Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. Darius Brown: Thank you Mr. President. I'm going to support the Ordinance tonight but I believe there's also some commitments to looking at assessing how we're operating the fund. And, so I'm hoping that as a part of the budget, we actually get a resolution on the budgeting of these dollars and what's actually being spent.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Congo, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Michael Brown and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, eight. Nays, Council Members Chukwuocha, Williams, Freel, Cabrera and Walsh. Total, five.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 16-016 (Agenda #4185) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL PROGRAM
FOR THE SIX FISCAL YEARS 2017-2022 INCLUSIVE

On the question:

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President, this is the Capital Program, it's a six year program. As Council know, we only go to the market every other year and Fiscal Year 2017 is not one of those years.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 16-017 (Agenda #4186) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

On the question:

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President, this is the companion budget for the Fiscal Year 2017 and once again, it's zero dollars because we will not be going to the market.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Nays, Council Member Walsh. Total, one.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 16-018 (Agenda #4187) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL
OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING ON
JUNE 30, 2017

Mr. Freel: Mr. President, I have a Substitute to present in lieu of that Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL
OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING ON
JUNE 30, 2017

On the question:

Mr. Freel: Mr. President, I would like to offer a friendly amendment to that budget. If Council would turn to Page 13, I'd like to move that we delete the word "*also*" in line 4 of Section 12 and replace it with the word "*not*" – not.

President Gregory: Can I get a second?

Ms. Walsh: Oh, second.

President Gregory: On the question. You know on the question, I'll just tell you that in last year it was "not" and the word of "not" was omitted in this budget which is a substantial difference whether you tell a person they can do something and they can't do something. That's the reason for it. All those in favor...

Mr. Wright: Reiterate that for – I mean, yeah, can I speak?

President Gregory: Mr. Freel is your motion. You want to speak to it?

Mr. Freel: Yeah, just, just briefly. First of all, if they want to use the Unassigned Fund Balance to cover any deficits, they should come back to Council to do that. Normally the deficits are covered or any changes are made by us passing a reconciliation ordinance every year and that's the way it should be handled.

President Gregory: In last year's budget the "not" that Mr. Freel is moving back into this budget is in that budget. The word "not". The Clerk will call the roll. Oh, wait a minute – wait a minute....

Ms. Walsh: That was on the

Mrs. Seijo: On the question.

President Gregory: Wait a minute. All those in favor of the amendment, so note by saying "I", all those Opposed, all those Abstaining. Now we go to the discussion on the Ordinance.

Mr. Freel: I just want to make some comments on the Operating Budget Ordinance if I could sir? As you know, once again this year we, we hosted – Council hosted hearings for each department and we had a hearing on revenue projections and a hearing on the Water/Sewer Fund. Some areas of concern that I think some of us had obviously our revenues are continuing that if there is any growth, it's a very, very slow pace. There were some concerns about the fact that we were transferring \$200,000 in the Mayor's Contingency Fund; there were some concerns that we were transferring \$2 million dollars from one fund to another fund to help balance the budget. And, as we heard during the hearings, we have a Housing Strategic Fund that is very low in balance, an Economic Development Fund that is low and even our Unassigned Funds – the cash part of it is getting very low.

We still seem to have problems getting a hand around the overtime in some of our departments and I know I was shocked when I heard that sick timing – Wilmington Fire Department was up 32% compounding that issue even more. We still have two outstanding union contracts that are out there that we have not settled yet. A positive was – we did delete five, five positions but this was like to two different, two different budgets. As we all know, we went back with a couple of recommendations. I don't think they were major, we've probably have done more in past year's than we did this year. We requested \$200,000 for some department studies. The Mayor finally came back and said \$100,000 but he placed the money in his office – in the Office of Management and Budget, which is part of the Mayor's Office. There was a request for \$1.5 million for some housing funds but we requested that to be – to be done by finding cuts. They answered saying that they now have \$1.5 million in uncashed checks that they would be able to use to, to meet that requirement. We still asked for some additional cuts – about \$500,000 and then we learned that we were going to have a new, a new program and it was going to be savings in prescriptions of over \$500,000 even though we hadn't even approved the program yet we are putting it in the budget. They did – they did delete five more positions but at the same time, they added six new positions. I guess I always wondered if they didn't need those five positions why (inaudible) as this part of the regular budget also.

So, even if I agreed with all of the changes, there were a number of made and I guess what concerns me the most is that we go through a process of having public budget hearings, we as a Council over the last several years have tried to take extra steps to make the process more transparent, to get more public involvement by having websites and email where people can respond and send comments and then we turn around and have these hearings and make all these changes and the only discussion was at the committee meeting on Monday evening and most people don't even know all these changes were going to take place to be at the meeting to – to discuss them. So, I just, I just had a real concern with the way things played out this year. I mean there's never

total agreement but usually when the hearings are done, they're done – we make a couple of recommendations – go back and forth and that's the budget. I don't think I've ever seen this many changes after the budget hearings have concluded. So, that's all I have to say. Thank you.

Mr. Wright: Mr. President.

President Gregory: Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: Thank you Mr. President. I really thought about this budget and was going over some of the figures and talking with financial people and Council Members who were very heavily involved in the whole process, so why not support this budget? No tax increases it should be no brainer but it's not. I think what this budget does is give a false hope to the citizens and the businesses owners in this City that our next Mayor is going to have to face whether it's the current Mayor who wins reelection or one of the arrays of folks that are running for that office this year. And, they're going to be out in very deep waters without a life raft. When the Mayor gave his State of City Address this year, one of things that he said and I paraphrase, but, anyone messing with his budget will be playing politics. So, when the budget hearings ends and negotiations start and the one who is changing the budget around quite a bit is the Administration. Job changes, desk jobs, special fund writing, which are funds which are not as strong as they should be, are really supposed to be there for an emergency that the City faces and not for the General Fund. Desk jobs that are always protected or upgraded while our worker bees – Parks & Recreation, Sanitation workers continue to have less employees or to do more with what we have and raised to a category are visual employees because all you have to do is ride by a park to see how well it's taken care of and all you have to do is go down the street to see how the trash has been picked up and you can pretty much figure whether or not were enough people out there doing those jobs. And all I have seen and all I have heard especially this past year are more complaints about that from our trash collections and from our parks situations and also with the amount of properties that don't seem to be getting addressed by the City.

So, for that reason alone, I'm not going to be voting for this budget tonight. I don't care if there aren't any tax increases. Next year, the folks in our City, our residents and our business owners, are going to be facing double digit tax increases if anything like what is in this budget tonight is on their desk at this time next year. And, we've all seen what happened in cities where that ended up happening and as Council Member Freel pointed out, we have contracts still out there and god knows what could happen through our Personnel Committee for some jobs that are currently making fairly high salaries that people might decide to be playing games with unknown too. So, I can't in a good conscience vote this evening. Thank you Mr. President.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: Thank you Mr. President. For the reasons that Madame Walsh – Councilwoman Walsh has stated, a couple of other things, you know, I was highly encouraged listening to the Mayor’s Budget Address when he specifically said in regards to contracts that “we’re gonna get her done”. That’s his words, not mine. We’re going to get these things done and there’s been no movement whatsoever, yet they’re going to come into this budget with the number that the City is presenting and not taking into factor what the counter offer is. I know we can make amends, I know we can change but to me that’s sends a very clear distinct message to - to the men and women. And then we’re holding on to some of these vacant positions – vacant positions that through the budget hearings we’ve learned they’ve been vacant since 2012. Like they’re a trophy or some kind of a prize and they haven’t been filled. So, I don’t that they’ve moved enough to try and satisfy me. Thank you.

President Gregory: The Clerk...

Mr. Congo: Mr. President.

President Gregory: call the roll.

Mr. Congo: Mr. President.

President Gregory: Mr. Congo.

Mr. Congo: Okay, thank you. Yeah, I have to agree with my colleagues who just spoke. I think there’s just too many games being played. And, for them, the Administration to come and say, “oh well, we found, look we found a million in a half dollars that we could use”, and then to come back say, “look at all these vacant positions that we just found that we can delete”, and that could have been done during the budget process and this going to take a strong administration to take a look at that, it’s a real issue and – just come to the realization that our workforce is still too big and that’s something that we have to take a look at. I know you have in past. I think we really have to start with ourselves here on Council and then go to each and every department to see what we can do to reduce our workforce and to be fair to the other departments. We have to look at ourselves first. So, I can’t – I’m not going to support the budget and again, like in years past, I just don’t – I don’t agree with how the budget is – the whole process is presented to the citizens. I still believe that we as Council need to be scrutinized and examined by another department and I think that the Administration does – I know it’s available online or in books but if that’s the case you might as well do every department that way but they don’t. We go through every department except ours and the Administration and it’s not fair. So, I’m, I’m not going to support it. Thank you.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Substitute Ordinance, As Amended, was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Michael Brown and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, six. Nays, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, Darius Brown, Williams, Freel, Cabrera and Walsh. Total, seven.

President Gregory: Declare it defeated.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 16-023 (Agenda #4196) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN INSTALLMENT
PAYMENT AGREEMENT AND A SECURITY
AGREEMENT WITH VAR RESOURCES, LLC D/B/A
VAR TECHNOLOGY FINANCE, TO FINANCE THE
PROCUREMENT OF CERTAIN COMPUTER HARDWARE
AND SOFTWARE

On the question:

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President, this authorizes the Director of IT to enter into an installment agreement – five (5) years installment agreement to purchase some needed hardware and software but along with that purchase, it would include service for five years and also some storage. I believe the payment for each year is \$221,619 and some change and like I said, it is a five year contract.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Mr. Williams/Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Nays, Council Member Darius Brown. Total, one.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 16-024 (Agenda #4200) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE
CITY CODE REGARDING THE TERM OF THE
CITY'S DEPOSITORY, M&T BANK

On the question:

Mr. Freel: Mr. President, this allows the City Treasurer to enter into a contract with M&T Bank to act as our depository through June 30, 2020.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Mr. Williams/Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 16-025 (Agenda #4201) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TREASURER ACCESS TO THE BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDS AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR AND REPLENISHMENT OF THE BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDS IN THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

On the question:

Mr. Freel: Mr. President, we've been passing this Ordinance for a number of years now. This allows the City Treasurer to access the Budget Reserve and if he finds himself short of cash before the end of the fiscal year, hopefully that won't happen but we find this a better way to go being that we have the reserve instead of borrowing money and costing interest. There is a clause in here that he – once our taxes start coming up, he needs to replenish the fund by October 1st of this – of 2016.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh/Mr. Williams, the aforementioned Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Freel: That's all I have. Thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Michael Brown.

Mr. Michael Brown: Yes Mr. President, I have three Resolutions. One for you and the other – the first, the first Resolution is #4217.

Mr. Michael Brown presented Resolution No. 16-042 (Agenda #4217) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary, prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department, has applied for a two (2) year grant from the Delaware Criminal Justice Council in the amount of \$110,000.00 and is awaiting award of such funds, subject to Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the funding will be utilized to hire a civilian crime analyst who will, among other things, review violent crime statistics, assess the City's violent crime trends and identify potential shooting suspects; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the application and the acceptance of the two (2) year grant from the Delaware Criminal Justice Council in the amount of \$110,000.00, for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington Police Department's application for a two (2) year grant from the Delaware Criminal Justice Council in the amount of \$110,000.00, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police of the Wilmington Police Department, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept the grant funds and move forward with the hiring of the crime analyst.

On the question:

Mr. Michael Brown: Yes Mr. President, this Resolution is being presented by the Administration by the City Council and if it's approved, the Council would be authorizing the Administration through the Wilmington Police Department, to apply for a two-year \$110,000 grant for the Delaware Criminal Justice Council – from the Delaware Criminal. The City would use the funding to hire a civilian crime analyst who would review violent crimes statistics, assess violent crime trends and identify potential shooting suspects. This grant requires no local matching funds.

Mr. Congo: I have a question.

President Gregory: Yes Mr. Congo.

Mr. Congo: This seems pretty similar to what we just talked about earlier – excuse me, with hiring a person to – to observe like the social media. What’s the difference between what we talked about earlier with Councilman Williams’ proposal and this one?

Mr. Michael Brown: May I?

President Gregory: Yes; Mr. Brown.

Mr. Michael Brown: From what I understand, this individual will be hired through this grant just as it says here to – to review violent crime statistics. Now, whether it’s done including with – might, which includes and it does not say, through the media – social media. I have no privy that. I’ve not seen the grant in its entirety to know what the language is fully calling for or whatever that language is in that grant, as you know, that’s why you have to work that grant. But, it’s a two-year grant and that’s the best that I can give you in terms of a definition of what the grant is called for. It’s, it’s – it tells you here.

President Gregory: This is a statistics analysis.

Mr. Michael Brown: Right.

President Gregory: I’m sorry Mr. Brown. The other is, you know, social media and relating to gangs, its two different things.

Mr. Michael Brown: May I Mr. President?

President Gregory: Yes.

Mr. Michael Brown: And as Mr. Williams stated in his presentation, there are grants all over the place and if that – if that’s so be it of the Police Department, six grants for social media to track social media, then – then that grant would be stated as such and it would come before public safety committee and we would move it out and bring it here to the floor.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: If I can just add to it. It’s similar to like I said with the homicide unit, the Wilmington Police Department has detectives but the Homicide Unit was dedicated specifically to run task. Whereas, the Gang Unit would also be specific to that task.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Michael Brown, seconded by Mr. Williams/Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Michael Brown presented Resolution No. 16-043 (Agenda #4218) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary, prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department, has submitted five (5) grant applications to the State of Delaware, State Aid to Local Law Enforcement Program (SALLE) totaling \$60,208.23; and

WHEREAS, the SALLE applications are as follows: (1) \$35,000.00 for advanced and specialized training in the area of law enforcement, (2) \$13,408.23 for automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) to be deployed in departmental vehicles, (3) \$5,000 for a specialized infrared lens for the Forensic Services Unit's unmanned aerial vehicle (drone), (4) \$3,800 for specialized response tools for technicians in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team (EOD) for explosive ordnance disposal activities, and (5) \$3,000 for specialized electronic materials to create improvised explosive devices, which will aid in training of EOD and department personnel.

WHEREAS, none of the grants require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the five (5) SALLE applications totaling \$60,208.23, for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington Police Department's five (5) SALLE grant applications in the total amount of \$60,208.23, copies of which are attached hereto, are hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police of the Wilmington Police Department, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the five (5) SALLE grant applications.

On the question:

Mr. Michael Brown: Yes Mr. President, this Resolution is being presented again by the Administration for the City Council's review and approval and if approved, Council would be authorizing the Administration through the Wilmington Police Department to apply for a five year grant totaling \$60,208.23 from the State of

Delaware's State Aid to Local Law Enforcement Program known as S.A.L.L.E. The funding would be used by the WPD for specialized drug enforcement training, automatic external defibrillators for department vehicles, and infrared lens for the department drone, tools for technicians of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team and electronic materials to create IED's to assist with the training of department personnel.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Michael Brown, seconded by Mr. Williams/Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Michael Brown: Mr. President, I have another final Resolution but this Resolution is from you and I'm presenting it on your behalf.

On behalf of President Gregory, Mr. Michael Brown presented Resolution No. 16-044 (Agenda #4219) as follows:

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental function and responsibility of government to promote the general safety and welfare of the governed, and the City of Wilmington remains committed to doing its part to promote the highest standard of living for its residents and to address threats to their safety; and

WHEREAS, Delaware, like many other states, has witnessed a dramatic increase in the abuse of heroin and opioids, and as a result has experienced an increase in the number of patients overdosing on these substances; and

WHEREAS, efforts have been made at the City level, as well as by New Castle County and the State of Delaware, to raise awareness of the growing number of overdoses and overdose deaths reported throughout the First State; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jack Markell recently signed a bipartisan bill creating the Drug Overdose Fatality Review Commission, a panel which would include high-ranking law enforcement and public health officials from throughout Delaware, as well as representatives of major advocacy organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will be tasked with studying the facts related to overdose deaths in Delaware involving prescription opiates, fentanyl or heroin, and reporting to the governor and General Assembly each year with recommendations for how to prevent such incidents; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to express its support of this Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council supports the creation of the Drug Overdose Fatality Review Commission, and the recognition on the part of State officials that the unacceptably high rate of overdose deaths being recorded across Delaware warrant careful attention and a diligent response.

On the question:

Mr. Michael Brown: Yes Mr. President, this Resolution is being presented by myself and Council for all of Council's review and approval and if approved, Council would be supporting the creation of a Drug Overdose Fatality Review Commission by Governor Markell to help stem the tide of abuse of heroin and opioids in Delaware and the resulting overdose and deaths. The new commission is tasked with studying overdose deaths in Delaware and reporting its findings on how to prevent opiate abuse and deaths for the Governor and General Assembly. Also, cosigning that is Mr. Williams and myself; we both put out some legislation on this particular topic and so this is presented on you to all of Council on behalf of Council.

President Gregory: Yes, Mr. Congo is first.

Mr. Congo: Thank you. It's just a question for anybody who can answer. Does Delaware have any long term rehabilitation facilities? Does anyone know?

Ms. Dorsey Walker: Just the one.

President Gregory: I would be guessing but I think they have some down at Terry Center.

Mr. Williams: That's what I was going to answer. Sir, I think it's in this upcoming budget. They're going to have five beds that are going to be assigned. It's not near enough but it's a start.

Mr. Congo: Five beds?

President Gregory: Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: Can I be added as a cosponsor?

President Gregory: Absolutely. Ms. Dorsey Walker.

Ms. Dorsey Walker: To answer your question Mr. President. There will be a new facility put up in Sussex County and Councilman Congo's question.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Michael Brown, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: No legislation; thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: No legislation tonight Mr. President.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams has a letter that needs to be read into the record but before we do that we're going to talk about a path forward. I think I'm optimistic and we'll get this budget fix. So, we'll either meet tomorrow night or Monday night or Tuesday night or next Friday. Next Monday we're tied up with matters that – at least two of us has to be someplace else for debates and forums. So, we'll look at this tomorrow night, Monday night, Tuesday night or next Friday night to come back and fix this. So, it should be an easy fix. Some folks want things severely to the right or to the left however you want to look at and that ain't going to happen...

Mr. Wright: At all.

President Gregory: ...so it'd be to pick the person with the easiest fix and try to fix it and get seven. If you shift too much than you're going to lose a least one or two people from the core six. So, we'll see what we can do and look for a notice. You may get it by email as early as for tomorrow night. It could be Saturday night or Sunday night also. So, we'll notice you and we'll get you back in here and we'll fix this with one more vote. Okay? Now, Mr. Williams' letter.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk read the following communication into the record:

May 6, 2016

The Honorable Robert A. Williams
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
800 N. French Street, 9th floor
Wilmington, De 19801

Dear Councilman Williams,

By way of this letter, you are hereby advised that Mr. Michael P. Bouchard, III, submitted an application to rezone the property located at 2303 Pyle Street, a copy of which is enclosed herein. The application is submitted to the City Clerk, which in turn is referred to the Council Member representing the affected district, for submission to City Council.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
/s/Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Cc: The Honorable Theopolis K. Gregory, Sr., Council President (via email; w/o encl.)
Mr. Romain L. Alexander, Council's Chief of Staff (via email; w/o encl.)
Ms. Tanya L. Washington, Council Legislative Director (via email; w/o encl.)
Ms. Edythe L. Pridgen, Legislative Analyst (via email; w/o encl.)

Upon a motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the communication was received, recorded and filed and referred to the Planning Commission. Motion prevailed.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Mr. Michael Brown, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk