

RES 17-026

Wilmington, Delaware  
April 6, 2017

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Shabazz

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**WHEREAS**, Henry Clay, in an 1829 speech, is credited with the claim that “government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people”; and

**WHEREAS**, as legislative representatives elected by the citizens of Wilmington, members of City Council are held to a higher standard in the way they conduct themselves in the public light, as well as the manner in which they conduct public business; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in this spirit that the City Council feels compelled to recognize behavior manifest in the words and actions of one of its members, and to censure that behavior while extending a request for the correction and remediation of such conduct for the good of this legislative body; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the position of this 107<sup>th</sup> Session of the Wilmington City Council, that Councilman At-Large Samuel L. Guy, Esq., has engaged in behavior which serves to cast a negative light on this body and to limit its effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, in several City Council and City Council Committee meetings, Councilman At-Large Samuel L. Guy, Esq., has engaged in conduct not in keeping with the provisions of decorum and propriety, particularly through asserting allegations of racism against his colleagues, and through questioning the personal motives of members of this Council (see Appendix 1); and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Robert’s Rules of Order, which provide guidance for this Council’s conduct of public meetings, offer clear restrictions against attacking the motives of members of an assembly, stating that a member “...must avoid personalities, and under no circumstances can he attack or question the motives of another member” (RONR [11<sup>th</sup> ed.], p. 392, Sec. 43); and

**WHEREAS**, in electronic communications sent from his official City of Wilmington email account, Councilman At-Large Samuel L. Guy, Esq., has employed language that has been received as abusive, berating, degrading and threatening towards both Members of Council and Council staff (see Appendix 2); and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Department of Human Resources Policy Manual includes express prohibitions against such conduct among City officers and employees, defining such harassment “as verbal or physical conduct that disrupts or interferes another’s work performance or creating an intimidating, offensive, or hostile environment” (Policy 101.2, Sec. 3) and further defining that such harassment can include “oral or written statements” (Policy 101.2, Sec. 4); and

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 2-339(c) of the City Code recognizes the importance of holding City officers and employees to a higher standard, asserting that “to ensure propriety and to preserve public confidence, officers and employees of the city must have the benefit of specific standards to guide their conduct and of some disciplinary mechanisms to guarantee uniform maintenance of those standards. Some standards of this type are so vital to government that violation thereof should subject the violator to criminal penalties”; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the prerogative of this legislative body, in cases in which a member has engaged in such unacceptable and uncivil conduct, to offer a censure, defined as “an official reprimand or condemnation; harsh criticism” (Black’s Law Dictionary, 9<sup>th</sup> Ed., p. 253), a measure that makes it clear to the public that such behavior constitutes a departure from the standards of public conduct which Council wishes to set forth for itself and its members; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilman At-Large Samuel L. Guy, Esq., has on several occasions engaged in the proffering of baseless allegations – including unsubstantiated, acrimonious and racially charged language – against members of City Council and City Council staff related to his unsubstantiated allegation of a concerted effort to hamper his

effectiveness as a member of Council, insinuations which have been manifest both in the form of electronic communications and in a lawsuit he filed against the Council President and two members of City Council senior staff, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, certain conduct of Councilman At-Large Samuel L. Guy, Esq., has served not only to hinder the effectiveness of this Session of City Council, but has also jeopardized and potentially tarnished its reputation in the eyes of the populace, to say nothing of the wasted time and resources dedicated to responding to the misconduct detailed in this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of this observed misconduct, this Council resolves that Councilman At-Large Samuel L. Guy, Esq., has engaged in conduct unbecoming of his office, and which constitutes a detriment to the office of a Member of Council, as well as this legislative body as a whole.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that the Council seeks to formally censure and admonish Councilman At-Large Samuel L. Guy, Esq., following the conduct observed and reported both by members of this legislative body as well as staff, and further, to respectfully remind this member of Council of his duties and responsibilities and encourage him to correct his behavior.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that the Council seeks to renew its resolve to the principles outlined in the City Code upheld by its members, and the Oath of Office taken by its members, and to reemphasize these critical guidelines as the Council and its individual members seek to serve the citizens of the City of Wilmington and to further the public interest. This Council stands at the ready to move forward, and to collaborate around matters of community importance in our City.

Passed by City Council,  
April 6, 2017

Attest: Maribel Seijo  
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 2017.

Jayraj Bhatnagar  
Assistant City Solicitor

## APPENDIX 1

### TRANSCRIPTION OF COMMENTS BY COUNCILMAN AT-LARGE SAMUEL L. GUY, ESQ. DURING CITY COUNCIL AND CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### February 16, 2017 – City Council Meeting

##### ***Debate on a Resolution to Amend the Rules of the Council of the City of Wilmington Regarding the Order of Business***

“So I don’t appreciate the theft, and now to go around the corner and put it back to the way we had it is really funny. So I support the amendment, but I am not stupid.”

#### March 8, 2017 – City Council Education, Youth and Families Committee Meeting

##### ***Discussion following Presentation from AliShah Watson, Executive Director of the Culture Restoration Project, Inc., regarding the Organization’s Beyond Those Bars Program***

“I have gone to college and obtained some six or some degrees. I am on City Council, where ‘Don’t Judge Me’ even applies to me. I have some white colleagues against me breathing air, because a black man ain’t supposed to know nothing, or be able to do nothing.”

#### March 9, 2017 – City Council Community Development and Urban Planning Committee Meeting

##### ***Debate on an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5 of the City Code Regarding Notification to Neighborhood Planning Councils***

“Anybody that I’m seeing trying to focus on this one word and this one sentence, given what I said, at some point in time it just becomes a point of folks having to make sure that they’re against whatever you’re doing, instead of letting whatever you’re doing go through the process that it’s going to go through.”

“It is your responsibility to maintain fairness and justice too. You can’t just speak for Bucchini Pollin.”

“People that are legislators are also supposed to come up with ideas and thoughts, not just be puppets and rubber stamps for what certain corporate interests and the mayor wants done.”

## **APPENDIX 2**

**ELECTRONIC MESSAGES SENT BY  
COUNCILMAN AT-LARGE SAMUEL L. GUY, ESQ.,  
FROM HIS CITY OF WILMINGTON EMAIL ACCOUNT**

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**From:** Samuel L. Guy  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2017 12:22 PM  
**To:** Andrea L. Queen; 'budfreel@aol.com'; Ciro Adams; Ernest Congo; Hanifa G. N. Shabazz; Loretta Walsh; Michelle H. Harlee; Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha; Robert A. Williams; 'Robert Williams'; Rysheema J. Dixon; Va'Shun A. Turner; Yolanda M. McCoy; Zanthia L. Oliver; Antoine L. Oakley; David Karas; Elaine Brown; Gary Fullman; Jordan M. Hines; Marchelle Basnight; Maribel Seijo; Luke W. Mette; Sanjay Bhatnagar; Michael S. Purzycki; Velda Jones-Potter  
**Subject:** A. I. Students-Opportunity To Be Heard  
**Attachments:** Harden v. Christina Sch. Dist.\_ 924 A.2d 247.PDF

Hello All,

As I see it, the 7 people (Chukwuocha, Oliver, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Walsh, Freel) who raised their hands and prevented there from being a Judiciary Committee are responsible for making sure these A. I. students have an opportunity to be heard. Otherwise their blood is on your hands for failing to help organize City Council to be in a position to help address the needs of regular people, in this instance, teenagers. You can count on their being many more issues like this and City Council is not ready to help the citizenry. When the call for all hands on deck is made, we show up with our hands tied behind our back and wonder why we can not be of significant assistance. We have our own hands tied behind our back on purpose.

If we as Wilmingtonians had any reasonable degree of local control over the educational system where Wilmington children attend, we would have a greater degree of say in the decision being made regarding Wilmington children in this case instead of looking in from the outside. I appreciate you guys recognizing that local control matters.

For the 6 people who demonstrated that you care about organizing for success through your vote when it mattered, please look at the attached case. Hopefully our Mayor and Law Department, that has no oversight or accountability to City Council since there is no Judiciary Committee, will file an action as was previously done. Harden v. Christian School District

All these law firms that we spend thousands of dollars supporting used to do these types of cases. They will help the Law Department.

The A. I. Students effort to obtain an opportunity to be heard continues.

Take care.

Sam Guy

cc: Public

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**From:** Samuel L. Guy  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 09, 2017 3:53 PM  
**To:** Hanifa G. N. Shabazz  
**Cc:** Ciro Adams; Ernest Congo; Hanifa G. N. Shabazz; Loretta Walsh; Michelle H. Harlee; Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha; Robert A. Williams; Rysheema J. Dixon; Va'Shun A. Turner; Yolanda M. McCoy; Zanthia L. Oliver; Gary Fullman; Marchelle Basnight; Antoine L. Oakley; Maribel Seijo; Luke W. Mette; Sanjay Bhatnagar; Tanya Washington; Andrea L. Queen; Jordan M. Hines; Velda Jones-Potter; Michael S. Purzycki  
**Subject:** Resolutions

Hello President Shabazz,

I submitted two resolutions yesterday. All of the items in your recent email through President Freel's staff are irrelevant to me. I am on another track.

- (1) a resolution discharging the Finance Committee from further consideration of Ord. 17-007 (This Resolution goes on the Agenda for a committee meeting and then comes to the entire City Council.)
- (2) changing the Council rules (This Resolution regarding a Rule change comes directly to the entire City Council.)

You personally only deviate from established practice if the source of the legislation is a black male. All this presidency of the Delaware Black Caucus and the National Black caucus is a fraud. Presidential behavior in the City of Wilmington reminds me of the way the leader of a racist organization would operate. I will probably need to visit with the National organization in Washington D.C.

In any event, you are obligated to schedule these items and the Law Department needs to approve them as to form.

Take care.

Sam Guy

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**From:** Samuel L. Guy  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 2:45 PM  
**To:** David Karas; Marchelle Basnight; Hanifa G. N. Shabazz  
**Cc:** Jordan M. Hines; Gary Fullman; Maribel Seijo; Samuel L. Guy; Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha; Ernest Congo; Zanthia L. Oliver; Michelle H. Harlee; Va'Shun A. Turner; Yolanda M. McCoy; Robert A. Williams; Charles M. Freel; Ciro Adams; Rysheema J. Dixon; Loretta Walsh; Hanifa G. N. Shabazz; Michael S. Purzycki; Velda Jones-Potter; Luke W. Mette; Maribel Seijo; Antoine L. Oakley; Traci Owens; Ivan C. Thomas  
**Subject:** Unethical Biased New At Large Council Budgets-Adams \$250, Dixon \$6,500, and Guy \$0-Who wants to explain this?  
**Attachments:** SubmittedAmendmentNo7.pdf; chartCityCouncilBalances.jpg

Hello David, Marchelle, and Hanifa,

Your response to my request for an Ordinance to appropriate scholarship money and discretionary funds for new members of City Council at a \$5,000 and \$500 level respectively is interesting for several reasons. I will only address a few.

My legislative request is designed to provide needed resources to members of City Council so that the children of Wilmington have access to scholarships.

Your plan to move as slow as possible reflects that you lack a sense of urgency in a city where young people are being shot with increasing frequency.

We pay you too much money to be unable to process a simple request to draft an Ordinance designed to add a few dollars to City Council's M, S & E budget line.

Attached is the completed 1st draft of the Ordinance that you guys are not capable of completing in a reasonable period of time. It can be placed on this April 6, 2017 Agenda without any changes. If required, subsequent to Introduction I can do a Substitute Ordinance. I fully expect that David, Marchelle, and Hanifa need to make sure this Ordinance is promptly forwarded to the Clerk of Council and the Law Department for processing. I do not need any recommendations for improvements at this time.

If I worked on legislative staff, there is no way I would engage in purposeful foot dragging.

I understand that one or both of you are trying to help cover up the fact of participation with President Shabazz and Councilman Freel in providing At Large members of City Council with varying amounts of money. Councilman Ciro Adams was provided with \$250, Councilwoman Dixon was provided \$6,500, and I was not provided any money (\$0.00). (Attached is the chart I have been requesting showing the distribution of money. It was provided on March 27, 2017). It is now apparent as to why each member of City Council was previously only told how much money they would individually receive.

This is objective evidence of a City Council Organization with significant character issues.

Your collective behaviors are causing me to start to believe that City Council is budgeting too much money on staff given the purposeful behavior of SOME of the staff to fail in their duty to provide assistance to all members of City Council.

I realize that the three of you have college educations so I could understand that the Ordinance probably can not help pay for your education.

I would think that as educated professionals you would recognize the harm you are really trying to impose on the children of Wilmington who are circumventing obstacles that make it difficult for many Wilmington children to ever make it to college.

Remember, each time you try to interfere with me helping my city wide Wilmington constituents, you are not harming me, you are harming your neighbors and fellow Wilmingtonians. I hope you are proud.

By the way who has to put their signatures on documents and send emails implementing the wrong doing.

"Based on the date of this request" language is irrelevant when all of the Ordinance has been drafted and the staff who should draft it merely has to receive a paycheck for doing nothing.

Take care.

Sam Guy

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**From:** David Karas  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 10:01:16 AM  
**To:** Marchelle Basnight; Samuel L. Guy  
**Cc:** Jordan M. Hines; Gary Fullman  
**Subject:** RE: Council Budget

Good morning Councilman Guy,

Based on the date of this request, we can add it to the May 4 City Council meeting agenda for First and Second reading. The next Finance Committee meeting after that is May 15, and then the next City Council meeting after that (the earliest at which it could be brought back for Third and Final reading) is May 18.

Thank you,  
David

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Legislative and Policy Director  
Wilmington City Council  
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**From:** Marchelle Basnight  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:53 AM  
**To:** Samuel L. Guy <slguy@wilmingtonde.gov>  
**Cc:** David Karas <dkaras@wilmingtonde.gov>; Jordan M. Hines <jmhines@wilmingtonde.gov>; Gary Fullman <gfullman@wilmingtonde.gov>  
**Subject:** Council Budget

Council Member Guy,

Your legislative request has been received. From my understanding and our conversation today, it is your intention to have every new Council Member for the 107<sup>th</sup> Session of Council to have minimum funding as follows:

- \$5,000 Scholarships Funds
- \$500 Discretionary Funds

Per your request, the funding is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

David will provide calendar dates for the legislative request.

Thanks  
Marchelle

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**From:** Samuel L. Guy  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 11:41 AM  
**To:** Ciro Adams; Amy Cherry; Bruce Schweiger; Carolina Cardona; Chris Carl (wdelnews@wdel.com); Christina Jedra; Claymore Senior Center; Anel Collins; Community News (editor@communitypub.com); Damian Giletto; Daniel Burroughs; Delaware Fire Service News; Delaware Firefighters; Fire News Executive Editor Tim Edwards; First State Update; Fox29 News Desk; George D. Kibby; Jan Carabeo (Carabeo@CBS3.com); John Jankowski; John Randolph; John Rawlins; Johnnie - Channel 6 (johnnie.braxton@abc.com); Jose Irizarry; KYW News Desk (newsdesk@kyw.com); John Looney; Margie Williams; Mark Fowser (mafowser@hotmail.com); Melissa Signs (melissa.signs@nbc.com); Mike Neilon; mnazir@univision.net; Natasha Brown (brown@kyw.com); NBC News Desk (wcaudesk@nbc.com); NCC PIO; News Journal; News Journal (newsdesk@delawareonline.com); Paul Colsey; Paul Kennard; Philly Fire News; Ryan Cormier (rcormier@delawareonline.com); Shawnette Wilson; T Lehman (WDEL); T.J. Healy; Ted Reaves (scoopus@aol.com); The Cecil Whig (Carl Hamilton); The Kennet Paper; The Kennet Paper (Wm. Shawn Weigel); Tim Furlong NBC10; Tim Furlong NBC10; Tim Taggart; WHY; WILM (newsroom@wilm.com); Ronald Wilmore; WPVI-TV Newsdesk (WPVI-TV.newsdesk@abc.com); Andrea L. Queen; Antoine L. Oakley; Charles M Freely; David Karas; Ernest Congo; Hanifa G. N. Shabazz; John Rago; Loretta Walsh; Maribel Seijo; Michael S. Purzycki; Michelle H. Harlee; Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha; Robert A. Williams; Rysheema J. Dixon; Tanya Washington; Va'Shun A. Turner; Marilyn Amaro-Valentin; Yolanda McCoy; Yolanda M. McCoy; nancyvwilling@yahoo.com; Zanthia L. Oliver; Jerry Crespo; Reginald M. Grinnell; William L. Lynch; Steven Colon; Bryant Cottman; Kenesia Jackson; Susan McGee; Harold Bozeman; Dennis Leahy; Charles Emory; Michael Hayman; cheryl.watson2@aol.com; mbegatto@council81.org; legalw@aol.com; turk1283@aol.com; tags223@comcast.net; stears1590@gmail.com; lhuet@wdel.com

**Subject:** RE: PRESS RELEASE-Apparent FOIA Violation; President of City Council leads City Council Members and Staff into Secret "Council Leadership Meeting" With the Mayor and Staff

**Attachments:** ReportsToCouncilFromLawDepartment.pdf; FOIAComplaint.pdf

Hello Ciro Adams,

The FOIA Complaint filed with the Attorney General is attached so you can actually read it before commenting again. City of Wilmington employees and residents like to monitor the affairs of the City of Wilmington. Secret meetings impacting their lives is contrary to the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT § 10001 Declaration of policy.

I'm glad you asked "Is this fake news?"

Why didn't you call the Law Department or the Attorney General and ask them is this fake. Because you are biased against the truth coming from the mouth of a black man. Get over it and read the substance of the FOIA complaint. If you have no substance you are fake. You reveal yourself as part of the cover up effort. Who are you advocating for in this instance?

If you were receiving monthly written reports from the Law Department as I have recommended, you would not have to ask such a question. You would know the answer.

You are one of the people preventing City Council members from receiving mandatory legal updates from the Law Department (Ordinance 17-007 To Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code Regarding the Requirement of Monthly Reports to Council from the Law Department).

The real question is are you a fake Councilman since you are viewed like most members of City Council of not being worthy of knowing about the City of Wilmington's legal affairs?

Your object is prevent this news from being reported. It will be interesting if your suggestion to the media is followed or if they call the Law Department or the Attorney General to confirm this is real.

I hope to hear what you have to say as this plays out.

Remember, I am not owned so I am free to represent the interest of the people of Wilmington. You might want to read the following because you are acting as though you oppose TITLE 29 CHAPTER 100.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT § 10001 Declaration of policy.

It is vital in a democratic society that public business be performed in an open and public manner so that our citizens shall have the opportunity to observe the performance of public officials and to monitor the decisions that are made by such officials in formulating and executing public policy; and further, it is vital that citizens have easy access to public records in order that the society remain free and democratic. Toward these ends, and to further the accountability of government to the citizens of this State, this chapter is adopted, and shall be construed.

I will remind you, in the future, stop allowing your predisposition to impact your ability to analyze substance.

Take care.

Sam Guy

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**From:** Ciro Adams

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**To:** Samuel L. Guy <slguy@wilmingtonde.gov>; Amy Cherry <acherry@wdel.com>; Bruce Schweiger <bschweiger121@gmail.com>; Carolina Cardona <carolina.cardona@nbcuni.com>; Chris Carl (wdelnews@wdel.com) <wdelnews@wdel.com>; Christina Jedra <cjedra@gannett.com>; Claymore Senior Center <theclaymoresc@msn.com>; Anel Collins <anel.collins@CJ.State.de.us>; Community News (editor@communitypub.com) <editor@communitypub.com>; Damian Giletto <dgiletto@delawareonline.com>; Daniel Burroughs <danielburroughs@msn.com>; Delaware Fire Service News <Fireservicenews@comcast.net>; Delaware Firefighters <dffcom@gmail.com>; Fire News Executive Editor Tim Edwards <Tim@FireNews.com>; First State Update <desk@firststateupdate.com>; Fox29 News Desk <fox29.newsdesk@foxtv.com>; George D. Kibby <kvfdpc@yahoo.com>; Jan Carabeo (Carabeo@CBS3.com) <Carabeo@CBS3.com>; John Jankowski <jankowjj@comcast.net>; John Randolph <Johnjrandolph2@gmail.com>; John Rawlins <john.h.rawlins@abc.com>; Johnnie - Channel 6 (johnnie.braxton@abc.com) <johnnie.braxton@abc.com>; Jose Irizarry <jirizarry@univision.net>; KYW News Desk (newsdesk@kyw.com) <newsdesk@kyw.com>; John Looney <john.looney@CJ.State.de.us>; Margie Williams <m.williams@cj.state.de.us>; Mark Fowser (mafowser@hotmail.com) <mafowser@hotmail.com>; Melissa Signs (melissa.signs@nbc.com) <melissa.signs@nbc.com>; Mike Neilon <mike.neilon@abc.com>; mnazir@univision.net; Natasha Brown (brown@kyw.com) <brown@kyw.com>; NBC News Desk (wcaudesk@nbc.com) <wcaudesk@nbc.com>; NCC PIO <EMS.PIO@nccde.org>; News Journal <newsjournalcops@delawareonline.com>; News Journal (newsdesk@delawareonline.com) <newsdesk@delawareonline.com>; Paul Colsey <pcolsey@wilmingtonde.gov>; Paul Kennard <pkennard@wilmingtonde.gov>; Philly Fire News <submissions.pfn@gmail.com>; Ryan Cormier (rcormier@delawareonline.com) <rcormier@delawareonline.com>; Shawnette Wilson <shawnette.wilson@foxtv.com>; T Lehman (WDEL) <tlehman@wdel.com>; T.J. Healy <healytj@verizon.net>; Ted Reaves (scoopus@aol.com) <scoopus@aol.com>; The Cecil Whig (Carl Hamilton) <cahamilton@cecilwhig.com>; The Kennet Paper <kennettpaper@gmail.com>; The Kennet Paper (Wm. Shawn Weigel) <education@kennettpaper.com>; Tim Furlong

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**Sent:** 3/30/2017 5:33 PM

**To:** Amy Cherry; Bruce Schweiger; Carolina Cardona; Chris Carl (wdelnews@wdel.com); Christina Jedra; Claymore Senior Center; Anel Collins; Community News (editor@communitypub.com); Damian Giletto; Daniel Burroughs; Delaware Fire Service News; Delaware Firefighters; Fire News Executive Editor Tim Edwards; First State Update; Fox29 News Desk; George D. Kibby; Jan Carabeo (Carabeo@CBS3.com); John Jankowski; John Randolph; John Rawlins; Johnnie - Channel 6 (johnnie.braxton@abc.com); Jose Irizarry; KYW News Desk (newsdesk@kyw.com); John Looney; Margie Williams; Mark Fowser (mafowser@hotmail.com); Melissa Signs (melissa.signs@nbc.com); Mike Neilon; mnazir@univision.net; Natasha Brown (brown@kyw.com); NBC News Desk (wcaudesk@nbc.com); NCC PIO; News Journal; News Journal (newsdesk@delawareonline.com); Paul Colsey; Paul Kennard; Philly Fire News; Ryan Cormier (rcormier@delawareonline.com); Shawnette Wilson; T Lehman (WDEL); T.J. Healy; Ted Reaves (scoopus@aol.com); The Cecil Whig (Carl Hamilton); The Kennet Paper; The Kennet Paper (Wm. Shawn Weigel); Tim Furlong NBC10; Tim Furlong NBC10; Tim Taggart; WHYY; WILM (newsroom@wilm.com); Ronald Wilmore; WPVI-TV Newsdesk (WPVI-TV.newsdesk@abc.com); Andrea L. Queen; Antoine L. Oakley; Charles M Freel; Ciro Adams; David Karas; Ernest Congo; Hanifa G. N. Shabazz; John Rago; Loretta Walsh; Maribel Seijo; Michael S. Purzycki; Michelle H. Harlee; Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha; Robert A. Williams; Rysheema J. Dixon; Tanya Washington; Va'Shun A. Turner; Marilyn Amaro-Valentin; Yolanda McCoy; Yolanda M. McCoy; Zanthia Oliver; nancyvwilling@yahoo.com

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If you have any questions text (302) 444-7195 , email [sguy41@comcast.net](mailto:sguy41@comcast.net) or call (302) 444-7195.

Remarks of At Large City Councilman Samuel L. Guy, Esq. are found in the attachments.

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**From:** Samuel L. Guy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 1:44 PM  
**To:** Charles M. Freel  
**Cc:** Andrea L. Queen; Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha; Ernest Congo; Zanthia L. Oliver; Michelle H. Harlee; Va'Shun A. Turner; Yolanda M. McCoy; Ciro Adams; Rysheema J. Dixon; Loretta Walsh; David Karas; Jordan M. Hines; Hanifa G. N. Shabazz; Marchelle Basnight; Gary Fullman  
**Subject:** Re: Rev. #1 April 5, 2017 Finance Committee Budget Hearing Agenda

Hello,

I already conveyed to you that the 26th is unacceptable. The legislation is supposed to be on the Agenda for April 5, 2017. You are appointed by the President of City Council. There is no need to fraudulently say you are sorry. You and the President have intentionally acted. The Agenda has been recently amended for other purposes.

The members of the 107th Session of Wilmington City Council have empowered you and Hanifa, on our collective behalf, to make sure we are NOT collectively fulfilling our responsibility to monitor all aspects of the City of Wilmington to include the legal affairs. We will probably go down in history as a group that, with knowledge, have willingly chosen to allow you and Hanifa to prevent all of us from knowing what we should know on behalf of the citizens of Wilmington.

What I do know is almost every time I warn City Council about the subsequent potential impact of an issue I raise, the negative consequence eventually takes place to the detriment of City Council and the citizens of Wilmington.

Although you, Hanifa, and your band of cronies may take great satisfaction in your mistaken belief you are victimizing me, I am not the victim, I am the victor. You are purposefully attempting to victimize the residents of Wilmington, Delaware. There is a God that Hanifa wanted to take out of the picture through the elimination of prayer. I am confident as to the outcome of all of this foolishness and you will not get to continue on your current path forever.

There is no blood on my hands according to the Watchman in Ezekial 33.

Take care.

Sam Guy

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**From:** Charles M. Freel  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017 6:33 AM  
**To:** Samuel L. Guy  
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**Subject:** Re: Rev. #1 April 5, 2017 Finance Committee Budget Hearing Agenda

Sam, I'm sorry but the ordinance is not on the agenda for the 5th.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2017, at 11:11 AM, Samuel L. Guy <[slguy@wilmingtonde.gov](mailto:slguy@wilmingtonde.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

I already conveyed to you that the 26th is unacceptable. It is supposed to be on the Agenda for April 5, 2017.

You are appointed by the President of City Council.

Take care.

Sam Guy

**From:** Charles M. Freel

**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 1:55 PM

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**Subject:** Re: Rev. #1 April 5, 2017 Finance Committee Budget Hearing Agenda

Sam, the ordinance and resolution on the April 5th agenda pertain to the budget hearings for the same night. Your ordinance will be on the April 26th agenda, the night of the Law Department hearing.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2017, at 3:51 PM, Samuel L. Guy <[slguy@wilmingtonde.gov](mailto:slguy@wilmingtonde.gov)> wrote:



Hello,

Your plan is unacceptable. As you can see below, there is an Ordinance and a Resolution on the Agenda. There is no reason for my Ordinance to be kept off of the Agenda.

By the way who are the sponsors of the Ordinance and Resolution?

Your efforts to delay my legislation are not acceptable. Back on Mar 21, 2017, I did not request that you put it on the Agenda for the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Make sure it is on the Agenda for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Take care.

Sam Guy

#### **REVISED AGENDA**

##### Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting

- ORD #17-013 An Ordinance Constituting Amendment No. 7 to the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget (Being an Ordinance to Amend Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 16-018, As Amended) by Amending the Declared Salary Rate for the Chief of Police (1st & 2nd Reading)
- Discuss a Resolution confirming the appointment of Tamara Thompson as Acting City Auditor

##### FY2018 Budget Hearings

- Office of the the City Treasurer
- Department of the City Auditor
- Wilmington Police Department

(Rev. #1, 03/20/17)

**From:** Charles M. Freel  
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**Subject:** Re: Rev. #1 April 5, 2017 Finance Committee Budget Hearing Agenda

Sam, your ordinance will be on the agenda for the April 26th Finance Committee. It is the same night as the Law Department budget review.

Sorry for the delay in responding.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 21, 2017, at 11:31 AM, Samuel L. Guy <[slguy@wilmingtone.gov](mailto:slguy@wilmingtone.gov)> wrote:

Hello All,

I reviewed Revised Agenda Notice 03/20/17.

I noticed that it does not include Agenda #4337 Ordinance 17-007, To Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code Regarding the Requirement of Monthly Reports to Council from the Law Department, Referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee on the Agenda for April 5, 2017.

Please add Ordinance 17-007 to the attached Agenda and place it on the City Council Meeting Agenda immediately following the committee meeting.

By now everyone has had an opportunity to review the sample reports I provided to you that are received by New Castle County Council on a monthly basis.

Take care.

Sam Guy

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**From:** Andrea L. Queen  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 2:40 PM  
**Subject:** Rev. #1 April 5, 2017 Finance Committee Budget Hearing Agenda

Revised Agenda Notice 03/20/17

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