

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
May 4, 2017*

Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Hanifa Shabazz presiding along with Youth President Jomara Drummond.

The opening prayer was done by Ms. Andrea Queen, Deputy City Clerk.

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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, thirteen.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of April 20, 2017, upon a motion of Zarah Lucca (Youth At-Large D), seconded by Donovan Walker (Youth District 8), it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Jomara Drummond (Youth President): Committee Reports.

Sanice Francis (Youth City Clerk): None this evening Madam President.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report as of May 1, 2017 was read into the record by Sanice Francis (Youth City Clerk) and upon a motion of Zarah Lucca (Youth At-Large D), seconded by Donovan Walker (Youth District 8), the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 2 to Page 3.

City of Wilmington Delaware

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City of Wilmington Treasurer's Report as of May 1, 2017


Cash on Hand:

General Account	M & T Bank	\$10,549,005.39
Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$209,133.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$423,632.25
Total Petty Cash Accounts	M & T Bank	\$11,132.77
Grant-In-Aid	M & T Bank	\$388,121.00
Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$692,685.67
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$4,137.97
Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$1.00
Cement Workers Escrow	WSFS Bank	\$33,506.43
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$17,856.10
Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$108,857.11
Old Non-Uniform Pension Account -Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$715.81
Non-Uniform Pension-Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$1,072.18
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$185,855.45
Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$4,365.46
Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$149,356.45
Worker's Comp 3rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$3,142.42
Retiree Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$538,291.60
SubTotal		\$13,320,868.06
Total Cash on Hand		\$13,320,868.06

INVESTMENTS AS OF MAY 1, 2017:

Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
GENERAL FUND:						
General	TD	CD	5/11/2017	0.65%	\$3,526.03	\$3,000,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	5/11/2017	0.85%	\$2,561.64	\$2,500,000.00
General	TD	CD	5/25/2017	0.85%	\$1,589.04	\$2,500,000.00
General	TD	CD	5/30/2017	0.83%	\$1,201.83	\$1,601,568.00
General ¹	TD	CD	5/31/2017	0.88%	\$11,177.68	\$15,453,998.92
General	TD	CD	6/8/2017	0.85%	\$2,503.42	\$2,500,000.00
General	TD	CD	6/22/2017	0.85%	\$3,318.49	\$2,500,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$30,055,566.92
CAPITAL FUND:						
Capital	WSFS	CD	5/5/2017	0.55%	\$50,630.13	\$20,000,000.00
Capital	WSFS	CD	5/17/2017	0.65%	\$7,052.05	\$5,500,000.00
Capital	TD	CD	5/17/2017	0.69%	\$17,013.70	\$10,000,000.00
Capital	WSFS	CD	7/19/2017	0.80%	\$15,277.81	\$7,745,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$43,245,000.00
RISK MGMT:						
Risk Management	WSFS	CD	7/10/2017	0.50%	\$35,245.13	\$7,068,391.71
Worker's Comp	WSFS	CD	7/10/2017	0.50%	\$35,245.13	\$7,068,391.71
Retiree Medical Escrow	Vanguard-OPEB					\$16,552,582.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$30,689,365.42
PENSION FUND:						
Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	5/30/2017	0.80%	\$2,842.52	\$3,930,000.00
Fire Pension	TD	CD	5/30/2017	0.84%	\$2,894.40	\$2,620,000.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard					\$41,502,483.00
Escrow Pension	Black Rock					\$23,604,506.00
Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$25,976,742.00
Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$48,956,244.00
Escrow Pension	Manning & Napier					\$13,780,877.00
Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$21,270,474.00
Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$25,356,677.00
Escrow Pension	American Funds					\$13,745,479.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$220,743,482.00
OTHER:						
Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$43,670,558.00
Total Investments						\$368,403,972.34
Total Cash on Hand						\$13,320,868.06
Grand Total						\$381,724,840.40

¹ Budget Reserve


Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Zarrah Lucca (Youth At-Large D), seconded by Donovan Walker (Youth District 8), the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

All Council	Sympathy Delaware State Police Corporal Stephen J. Ballard
Chukwuocha	Celebrate Tennis In The Streets 2017 and National Senior Health & Fitness Day
Congo	Sympathy Mary King
Shabazz	Retirement Trevor Knight
Shabazz	Celebrate Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church 25 th Anniversary
Shabazz	Celebrate 50 th Anniversary of The Committee of 100
Shabazz	Sympathy Phillip Lee McManus
Shabazz	Sympathy Edgar H. Johnson, II
Shabazz	Sympathy Patricia A. Livingston
Shabazz	Celebrate Bishop Boston Ford, Jr., & Evangelist Willia Ford (35 th Anniversary of Outreach Holy Word Christian Church)
Turner	Recognize Quadree Khalid Henderson
Turner	Commend Coach Stan Waterman

The following students participated in the “*Youth in City Government Day 2017*”:

- *Jomara Drummond, President of City Council*
- *Lyric Jeter, 1st District*
- *Katelyn Houser, 2nd District*
- *Jurnee Ward, 3rd District*
- *Mykal Brown, 4th District*
- *Deja West, 5th District*
- *Joanna Vergara, 6th District*
- *Tierra Butler, 7th District*
- *Donavan Walker, 8th District*
- *Amara Brown, At-Large A*
- *Brianna Villobos, At-Large B*
- *Jaydon Wells-Huff, At-Large C*
- *Zarrah Lucca, At-Large D*
- *Joey Scarborough, Mayor*
- *Jada Phillips, Treasurer*
- *Raheem Lee, City Solicitor*
- *Sanice Francis, City Clerk*
- *Eduardo Amaro, Chief of Staff to Mayor*
- *Alberto Delgado-Serrano, Chief of Staff to Council*
- *Michael Hernandez, Chief of Fire*
- *Zarria Foster, Chief of Police*

- Ameerah Lyles, **Director of Human Resources**
- Virgilio Napier, **Director of Parks & Recreation**
- Armondo Corona Lopez, **Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation**
- Tasir Harris, **Commissioner of Public Works**
- Jesse Manwaring, **Commissioner of Licenses & Inspections**
- Alayna Elmore, **City Auditor**
- T'sai Bolden, **Director of Real Estate & Housing**
- Ashlynn Richard, **Director of Risk Management**
- Naomi Mejia, **Director of Finance**
- Naim Benson, **Director of Economic Development**
- Kamani Hayman, **Director of Constituent Services**
- Araina Bennett, **Director of Planning**
- Cornelius Johnson, **Director of Integrated Technologies**
- Zhaira Wright, **Director of Communications & Cultural Affairs**

Although students participated in the Program throughout the course of the day, not all were available to participate during the actual City Council meeting. The students that participated in the City Council meeting introduced themselves and the district they were representing. In addition, the parents and teachers were acknowledged for their support of the Program.

Upon a motion of Council Member Chukwuocha, seconded by Council Member Williams, Council recessed for three minutes. Motion prevailed.

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Freel, Council reconvened back to the official business of the meeting.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Shabazz: Councilman Chukwuocha.

Council Member Chukwuocha: Thank you, Madam President. I have nothing to - - no legislation this evening. I will ask to be excused.

President Shabazz: Yes, sir.

Council Member Chukwuocha: Thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member Congo.

Council Member Congo: I have nothing tonight Madam President. May I also be excused?

President Shabazz: Yes, sir.

Council Member Congo: Thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member Oliver.

Council Member Oliver: Nothing tonight Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Turner. Excused me Council Member Harlee.

Council Member Harlee: Thank you Council President. I have no legislation tonight.

President Shabazz: Council Member Turner.

Council Member Turner: Thank you Madam President. Madam President I have an Ordinance to present and call for the 1st and 2nd reading.

Council Member Turner presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 17-016 (Agenda #4353) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A THREE YEAR
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH ARTESIAN
WATER COMPANY, INC.

The above Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Turner: That's all I have tonight Madam President.

President Shabazz: Thank you Mr. Turner. Council Member McCoy.

Council Member McCoy: Nothing tonight Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Williams.

Council Member Williams: No legislation this evening; thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member Freel.

Council Member Freel: Yes, I have one Resolution to present.

Council Member Freel presented Resolution No. 17-027 (Agenda #4354)
as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Auditor is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority vote of Council, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-201 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor Earl T. Jeter has resigned from his position and the Mayor and Council believe that in keeping with the spirit of the referenced Charter provision, the Mayor should designate and the Council confirm an Acting City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has proposed that Tamara S. Thompson be confirmed as Acting City Auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council hereby confirms the appointment by Mayor Michael S. Purzycki, of Tamara S. Thompson as Acting City Auditor who, upon her confirmation, shall perform the duties of the City Auditor until her successor is duly appointed and confirmed.

Council Member Freel: Madam President, I moved this resolution be received, recorded and filed and adopted by a Yea or Nay vote.

Council Members Walsh and Williams: Second.

President Shabazz: It's been moved that resolution be received, recorded and filed and adopted by a yea or nay vote.

On the question:

Council Member Freel: Yes, Madam President. This Resolution confirms the appointment of Tamara S. Thompson as the Acting City Auditor. On Monday evening at a Finance Committee Ms. Thompson came before us. She has about fourteen years of experience in auditing. She's been with the City for about ten years and I want to thank her for willing to step up and fill this position while they are going through a transition.

President Shabazz: Thank you Councilman Freel. I'd like to be added as a sponsor.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): So noted.

President Shabazz: Councilman Guy.

Council Member Guy: Yes, Madam President. I just want to point out I know in the past we didn't have acting auditors and there was a charter changed several years ago to allow for Acting City Auditors. And so, this position that we are voting on today is for an Acting City Auditor, which is limited in the Charter to 90 days. So, I just wanted to make sure that the public understood what the acting component meant. That's all I have Madam.

President Shabazz: Thank you. Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Williams, the above 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 Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Chukwuocha and Congo. Total, two.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. Council Member Adams.

Council Member Adams: I have no legislation tonight ma'am.

President Shabazz: Council Member Dixon.

Council Member Dixon: Yes, Madam President, I have four Resolutions to present.

Council Member Dixon presented Resolution No. 17-028 (Agenda #4355) as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington is an Entitlement Community for purposes of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") regulations require a consolidated application process for funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA); and

WHEREAS, the Council desires that the City of Wilmington participate in the Consolidated Plan process of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the Community Development & Urban Planning Committee of City Council has completed its review of the proposed Consolidated Plan, pursuant to a determination that such review should be completed prior to, and, in effect, be separate from the enactment of the City's Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development & Urban Planning Committee and the Mayor's Office have reached a consensus with respect to specific categories of spending and the amount of funds to be allocated to each such category, as set forth in the Fiscal Year 2018 Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan Budget (Exhibit "A"), a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development & Urban Planning Committee and the Mayor's Office have agreed further that any substantial changes as defined in the Consolidated Plan regulations in the aforesaid categories and funding amounts will be

reviewed in full by the Mayor's Office with the Community Development & Urban Planning Committee before implementation; and

WHEREAS, the referenced HUD regulations require that funding applications for the above-referenced funding sources must meet the public action requirements of the Consolidated Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Mayor Michael Purzycki, or his designee, is hereby authorized to submit the Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2018 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which Plan allocates \$1,927,015 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$177,624 for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG); \$369,177 for HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME); \$604,960 for Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA), which together will comprise a total Fiscal Year 2018 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Budget of \$3,078,776.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby endorses the specific enumeration of categories and amounts set forth in the Fiscal Year 2018 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Budget, with the Fiscal Years 2018-2022 Amendments, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and so endorses said enumeration, with the understanding that the Mayor's Office will expend funds and administer the funding program in a manner consistent with said enumeration and will review substantial changes, as defined by the Consolidated Plan regulations, in the enumeration of categories and amounts with the Community Development & Urban Planning Committee of City Council prior to the implementation of any such changes.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michael Purzycki, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, is hereby authorized to execute and submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development the Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2018 and he is hereby further authorized to certify to such matters as the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may require with the application, to provide additional information as may be required, and to administer and expend such funds as are received or become available in accordance with the Consolidated Plan regulations and the regulations governing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA).

Council Member Dixon: I move that this Resolution be received, recorded and filed and adopted by a Yea or Nay vote.

Council Members Walsh and Williams: Second.

President Shabazz: It's been properly moved second that resolution be received, recorded and filed and adopted by a Yea or Nay vote.

On the question:

Council Member Dixon: Yes, Madam President, this is a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to file the Fiscal Year 2018 Consolidated Plan as far as with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The allocated in the plan is one million nine hundred and twenty-seven thousand fifteen dollars for the Community Development

Block Grants. One hundred and seventy-seven thousand six hundred and twenty-four for Emergency Solutions Grants and three hundred and sixty-nine thousand one hundred and seventy-seven dollars for the Home Investment Partnerships and six thousand and four nine hundred and sixty for the Housing Opportunities for persons with AIDS.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Council Member Dixon, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Williams, the above 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 Oliver, Harlee, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, nine. Nays, none. Present, Council Members Turner and McCoy. Total, two. Absent, Council Members Chukwuocha and Congo. Total, two.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Dixon: Madam President, I have another Resolution to present.

Council Member Dixon presented Resolution No. 17-029 (Agenda #4356) 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 Department of Planning and Development submitted a grant application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs in the amount of \$8,984 to continue the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program, which has been in existence for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior provides funding to the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs to act as a pass through for this grant; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development intends to use the grant, as it has in past years, to partially fund the position of Historic Preservation Planner; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires matching funds that equal or exceed 40% of the total project costs and the City has proposed to provide matching funds of \$49,394, which is the balance of the City's Historic Preservation Program's salary and benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application, for the aforesaid purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department of Planning and Development's

grant application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs in the amount of \$8,984 to support the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Planning and Development or his designee is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to apply for and accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Council Member Dixon: I move that this Resolution be recorded, received, and filed and adopted by a Yea or Nay vote.

Council Members Williams and Walsh: Second.

President Shabazz: It's been properly moved second the resolution be received, recorded and filed and adopted by a yea or nay vote.

On the question:

Council Member Dixon: Yes, Madam President, this is the City's - this has been a grant that has been given to us over thirty years now and the amount is for eight thousand nine hundred and eighty-four dollars for continuation for the City's Historical Preservation Planning Program.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Council Member Dixon, seconded by Council Members Williams and Walsh, the above 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 Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Freeland, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Chukwuocha and Congo. Total, two.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Dixon: Madam President, I have another Resolution to present.

Council Member Dixon presented Resolution No. 17-030 (Agenda #4357) as follows:

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Code Section 8-204 provides that conditional gifts of money to the City are subject to Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware State Housing Authority, Development Section has offered a gift of \$175,000 to the City conditioned on its use to maintain, demolish, or otherwise address public safety and health issues related to vacant properties in Wilmington; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Council hereby approves and grants authority to accept a gift of \$175,000 from the Delaware State Housing Authority, Development Section to work on vacant properties in Wilmington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Real Estate and Housing or his designee is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to accept and utilize this gift.

Council Member Dixon: I move that this Resolution be recorded, received, and filed and adopted by a Yea or Nay vote.

Council Members Walsh and Williams: Second.

President Shabazz: It's been properly moved second the Resolution be received, recorded and filed and adopted by a Yea or Nay vote.

On the question:

Council Member Dixon: Madam President, this is just the acceptance of the hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars from the gift of Delaware State Housing Authority and we would definitely appreciate them giving us this grant and for the opportunity to take care of our vacant properties.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Council Member Dixon, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Williams, the above 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 Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Freeland, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Chukwuocha and Congo. Total, two.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Dixon: Madam President, I have one last Resolution to present.

Council Member Dixon presented Resolution No. 17-031 (Agenda #4358) as follows:

WHEREAS, the West Side Revitalization Plan is a neighborhood revitalization plan completed in June 2012 (the "Plan");

WHEREAS, the Plan represents a grass-roots collaborative effort among residents, businesses, community groups, and non-profit organizations aimed at addressing business redevelopment, housing rehabilitation, transportation, economic development, safety, parks, and other community concerns; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of a local Steering Committee comprised of local residents, community leaders and business owners, this unprecedented display of community input as evidenced by the 400 resident surveys, 120 comments on the collaborative map, 20 confidential interviews, 16 business surveys, 5 focus groups, and 2 public meetings, could serve as a model for other areas of the City undertaking similar endeavors; and

WHEREAS, while other planning documents including, but not limited to, the Hilltop/Little Italy Blueprint Communities Revitalization Plan (January 2009), the West Side Comprehensive Plan (2009), and the Wilmington 5th District Neighborhood Plan (2002), focused on specific locations or topics, the West Side Revitalization Plan seeks to reinforce and incorporate aforementioned documents into one comprehensive overarching vision for the West Side; and

WHEREAS, implementation of elements of the Plan can already been seen in Wilmington, notably through the Flats Redevelopment – the first phase of which is complete, and the second phase underway; and

WHEREAS, although still a “work in progress” Council supports and will continue to work with the community to implement the stated goals and objectives of the West Side Revitalization Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 106th Session of City Council formally endorsed the West Side Revitalization Plan in 2012, and now the members of the 107th Session of City Council seek to renew this body’s commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that this Council endorses the West Side Revitalization Plan and applauds the dedication and hard work undertaken to bring it to fruition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council hopes this Plan can be a catalyst to further strengthen the West Side of Wilmington, as well as be used as a template for other communities throughout the City to do the same.

Council Member Dixon: I move that this Resolution be received, recorded, and filed and adopted by a Yea or Nay vote.

Council Member Williams and Walsh: Second.

President Shabazz: It’s been properly moved and second the resolution be received, recorded and filed and adopted by a Yea or Nay vote.

On the question:

Council Member Dixon: Yes, this is just a us just kind of endorsing the Westside Revitalization Plan based on their work that they had since 2012.

President Shabazz: Councilman Turner.

Council Member Turner: Thank you Madam President. I’d like to be added as a sponsor to this legislation.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): So noted.

President Shabazz: Councilman Williams.

Council Member Williams: Thank you Madam President, also, be added as a co-sponsor. I believe I was already on it.

President Shabazz: Yes sir.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): So noted.

Council Member Williams: It's very important to recognize the hard work and the commitment that this organization has made for the Westside of Wilmington. There is some rapidly developing projects that are taking place and that are taking root. This is a – this is a win-win for the City and I'm more than happy to support this resolution.

President Shabazz: Councilman Guy.

Council Member Guy: Yes, just generally speaking how does this group define Westside? What area does it encompass generally?

President Shabazz: Council Member Dixon would you like to give him the (inaudible).

Council Member Guy: I don't need exact streets and all that.

Council Member Dixon: Can I ask, can I defer that actually to Yolanda if possible, Councilwoman McCoy?

President Shabazz: Yes. Council Member McCoy.

Council Member McCoy: Council Member Guy the footprint for the Revitalization Plan is actually at Jackson Street, Pennsylvania Avenue, Lancaster Avenue and the Railroad tracks up at the Flats.

Council Member Guy: Thank you.

President Shabazz: Councilwoman Harlee.

Council Member Oliver: Yes, I would like to be added as a co-sponsor as well.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): So noted.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Council Member Dixon, seconded by Council Members Williams and Walsh, the above 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 Oliver, Harlee, Turner, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Nays, none. Present, Council Member McCoy. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Chukwuocha and Congo. Total, two.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Dixon: Thank you Madam President that's it for me tonight.

President Shabazz: Thank you. Councilman Guy.

Council Member Guy: Yes, Madam President, I have an Ordinance to present, Agenda item 4359 and call for the 1st and 2nd reading.

Council Member Guy presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 17-017 (Agenda #4359) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING BUDGET 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)

The above aforementioned Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Guy, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Finance Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Guy: That's all I have Madam President.

President Shabazz: Thank you Councilman. Council Member Walsh.

Council Member Walsh: Yes, Madam President, I have two Resolutions to present on your behalf.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 17-032 (Agenda #4360) as follows:

WHEREAS, Council is elected by the people of the City of Wilmington, and it is the duty of elected officials to serve the public good and represent the interests of all citizens in the city; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 27, sponsored by Delaware State Senator Bryon Townsend, would amend Title 29 of the Delaware State Code relating to the redistricting of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 27 would establish an Independent Redistricting Commission for the State of Delaware. The Commission would be responsible for drawing the boundaries of Delaware's legislative districts every ten years, following each decennial census; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 27 would help to increase the political independence of the redistricting process. The Commission would have nine members, comprising of attorneys or former judges, and Delaware citizens, with three individuals each from the state's two largest political parties and three individuals not a member of those political parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council strongly supports Senate Bill 27 and its efforts to establish an Independent Redistricting Commission for the State of Delaware.

Council Member Walsh: Madam President, I move that that be known as the Resolution that it be received, recorded and filed and adopted by a Yea or Nay vote.

Council Member Williams: Second.

President Shabazz: It's been properly moved and second the Resolution be received, recorded and filed and adopted by a Yea or Nay vote.

On the question:

Council Member Walsh: This was a motion ask for support of a Senate Bill, Senate Bill 27 in Dover that would have an independent group of folks (inaudible) including elected officials and outsiders to do the redistricting for all of the elections. I think its high time we did something like this. If people ever wondered by their districts are so oddly shaped it usually means a representative or senator is protecting their own hinny by redrawing lines. So, that either political opponents or neighborhoods that they don't want voting for or against them don't have that right any more. So, I think it's a grand bill.

President Shabazz: Thank you. Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Williams, the above 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 Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, ten. Nays, none. Present, Council Member Guy. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Chukwuocha and Congo. Total, two.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 17-033 (Agenda #4361) as follows:

WHEREAS, The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is a landmark piece of federal legislation in the United States, signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson during the height of the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, Voting is an important right of all eligible citizens, and remains among the primary means of political participation; and

WHEREAS, Delaware State Representative David Bentz has introduced House Bill 79, which would amend Title 15 of the Delaware Code related to the registration of voters. Presently, when Delawareans apply for, renew, or replace a driver's license or identification card, they must choose to register to vote, update an existing registration, or decline registration. This bill would require eligible voters to instead "opt out" of having their information automatically shared with the Delaware Department of Elections for registration; and

WHEREAS, Delaware State Representative Stephanie T. Bolden has introduced House Bill 89, which would amend Title 15 of the Delaware Code relating to primary voting by moving the date of primary elections for statewide office, county office, and municipal office to the fourth Tuesday in April, which is the date of the presidential primary in presidential election years; and

WHEREAS, Delaware State Representative David Bentz has also introduced House Bill 90, which would amend Title 15 of the Delaware Code relating to early voting by allowing registered voters to vote in-person for at least ten days prior to an election, up to and including the Saturday and Sunday immediately prior to the election; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington City Council wishes to join State Representatives David Bentz and Stephanie T. Bolden in their efforts to promote and encourage voting, and to consider State law changes to make voting easier and more convenient for Delawareans – including those living in Wilmington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that City Council supports House Bills 79, 89, and 90, and the efforts before the Delaware General Assembly to encourage residents of the First State, as well as Wilmington, to exercise their civic duty.

Council Member Walsh: Madam President, I move known as the reading of that Resolution that it be received, recorded and filed and adopted by a Yea or Nay vote.

Council Member Williams: Second.

President Shabazz: It's been properly moved and second the resolution be received, recorded and filed and adopted by a Yea or Nay vote.

On the question:

Council Member Walsh: This is a piece of legislation again in Dover. Its House Bill 79 that will automatically register one to vote if they get a driver's license. The people that don't want to register to vote can do is to check the opt out box. Other than that, they will automatically be registered to vote. So, you know, people use excuses all the time – I didn't remember to register, it's too hard to do it. So, this just gives another easy way for people to be registered.

President Shabazz: It also addresses the Bill 89 ...

Council Member Walsh: Oh, I'm sorry yes it does. It moves the primary.

President Shabazz: Yes.

Council Member Walsh: Which I think lots of people have complained about because the elections are so close especially municipal elections and this give people – somewhat of a chance to heal between a primary election and the elections in November. But it will move the primary elections from a statewide all the way down to the 4th Tuesday in April.

President Shabazz: And, also 90, House Bill 90 relating to early voting to allow registered voters to go in person from these ten days prior to election or up to including Saturday and Sunday and immediately prior to the election.

Council Member Walsh: Maybe because I don't like the way that was worded I chose to ignore that. It does. I think it's going to be a problem but it is part of the bill. It mainly a problem because as you know the Department of Elections is the one who finds where voting places are. I can't see places allowing themselves to be used for that amount of days. But anybody can go into the Department of Elections during that period and vote in person. So, your absolutely correct thank you for correcting me.

President Shabazz: Not a problem. Council Member Guy.

Council Member Guy: Yes, okay now, this subject matter was this discussed at any committee meeting so that we could get in the substance of these pieces of legislation?

President Shabazz: No, it was brought directly to the floor.

Council Member Guy: Ok. I guess procedurally its somewhat dangerous.

Council Member Walsh: Well, I don't think it's dangerous if I may.

Council Member Guy: Well hold on. I'm on the floor right now.

Council Member Walsh: Ok...

Council Member Guy: Yeah.

Council Member Walsh: ...you paused, I thought you were finished.

Council Member Guy: (inaudible) somewhat dangerous when we're - when Dover's proposing changes to an election system and we don't like have a committee meeting to discuss it because I thought all the resolutions have to go to the committees. And so, what seems to me this is something that we should really be discussing as a group of people who if we say ok to something folks may end up doing something that's harmful to the City of Wilmington then we don't know about it because we didn't have any kind of presentation or discussed it. So, it may well be find but it concerns me that we had absolutely no discussion nor do we even have a committee I don't think that we even have a committee that's set up to be able to discuss something like this. So, I'm just I'm not going to vote against it but I know I'm going to vote present and I think we need to start getting back to at least what use to happen to with my resolutions they would go to a committee get discussed first this is a dangerous practice. That's all I have Madam Chair.

President Shabazz: Well the President does shall have - does have the ability to determine a resolution requires committee review and this was one that I felt was (inaudible) that we would bring to the floor and get it - our position down to Dover. Councilman Turner.

Council Member Turner: Yes, Madam Chair, I mean Madam President, I have the same resentments, you know, we are making a decision on the fly of changing changes statewide, county office and municipal office to the Tuesday of April. And, also the opt out notion of with the license I know we making it easier for them to have the option to opt out but I think as of now when they go through the license even if they don't select a party they still registered to vote they just go right into an independent party so they're at least they are registered on the books. You know, I just think that this might add a little more confusion just to have the opt out from somebody that doesn't know. I would rather everybody that get their license or ID at least be registered to vote at some party if it's not the democratic party or the republican party but they would be just an independent they would be - they would be eligible to vote. So, I think with myself I need - I need more time to even make a decision on this. I mean, I know you want to move this forward and this is the vetting process but I think that we need to put this in a committee so we can vet this, this right here. So, I will be voting "no" on this. Forget the "present", I'm just going to vote no and that's all I have to say.

President Shabazz: Councilman Guy.

Council Member Guy: Yes, I want to say this because as a person who's spent a long time involved with civil rights and especially the election system, what I

know from history of being trained and having expertise in everything from the census all the way around the creating the political system, the election districts every aspect of it I've been involved in it. And, what I know is that whenever somebody's proposing on the fly changing the rules to the game that's not something that you just want to blindly just say yeah I'm with that because its political. The little tampering with the political system is what has been used over the years to change outcomes of election. So, I know where I live in the City of Wilmington there is a whole lot of people happy that for the first time ever there's an African American that's part of the federal delegation that's never happened in Delaware before. And all I am saying to everybody in here is that in Wilmington whether its redistricting or whatever it may be the size of Council whatever it maybe any kind of change in the system is not just to be lightly agreed to without serious studying review by the people who are knowledgeable as to what those changes actually mean with respect to boots on the ground and political representation for everybody throughout this whole state. So, this is dangerous practice that we're about to engage in. That's all I have Madam.

President Shabazz: Council Member McCoy.

Council Member McCoy: Thank you Madam Chair. I actually – will you summarize HB 89 and 90, I understood. I am not understanding what is actually HB 79 again if someone can give the explanation again?

President Shabazz: 79 is the state – State Representative David Bentz has introduced House Bill 79 which amends Title 51 of the Delaware Chapter relating to the registration of voters. Presently when Delaware applying for renewing in place of Delaware's Driver's license, identification card they must – they must chose to register to vote, update an existing register or decline registration. This Bill will require eligible voters to opt out of having their information automatically shared with the Delaware Department of Elections.

Council Member McCoy: Okay, follow up, I'm sorry. I thought that was 89, so then what is 89?

President Shabazz: Oh, 89 is related to department of voting by moving the date of the primary elections for a statewide office and county office and municipal office so the 4th Tuesday of April which is the date of the Presidential primary elections. Right now, we – the dates are different and we are trying to make everybody vote all - the primary be all the same time that you vote for the President. We vote for the President in April and then we come back and do ours in September. So, the voting will be all at one time. Councilman Williams.

Council Member Williams: Thank you Madam President. Historically Wilmington voter turnout has been low. There have been numerous articles that have been written about it that's it not by popular vote it's by a percentage vote. And in my opinion if we are going to move the election date into a date in April, we're coming out of winter cycle not a whole lot happening. I think they are just coming out of their shell

they're starting to get their homes cleaned and ready for the spring and I don't think it gives the candidate much opportunity to engage with the public. I think it would be counterproductive. Wilmington is known for its festival, parades, activities and that allows candidates the opportunity to engage and be part of the fabric and get to know people and people get to know the candidate. So, I really think this is going to put us at a disadvantage that the candidate will be an unknown or not somebody that's been able to circulate as we are coming out of the winter months. A Presidential candidate that's a completely different animal. There's a lot of television, radio ads, newspaper, etc., it's not a whole lot for local candidates that are coming out other than to be able to partake in our festivals, parades, etc., to get to know the public. I'm not very comfortable moving the dates.

President Shabazz: Did you already speak twice?

Council Member Turner: No, once.

President Shabazz: Ok, go ahead. Councilman Turner.

Council Member Turner: Thank you Madam President. I'd like to table this and move this to the Public Works and Transportation Committee.

President Shabazz: The sponsor is the one that tables.

Council Member Turner: That's not – that's no, we checked that with San last time it doesn't have to be a sponsor.

Council Member Walsh: Council President.

Council Member Turner: I can table it. I table it and move it to the Public Works Transportation Committee.

President Shabazz: Table it's not the appropriate motion for what you're asking to do.

Council Member Turner: I can – it's in the Rules.

President Shabazz: I'll turn it over to the parliamentary.

Council Member Turner: I make a motion to table and move this to the Public Works and Transportation Committee.

Council Member Guy: Second.

President Shabazz: I'd like to get that approved by – get that reviewed...

Council Member Turner: I make a motion to table this and move this to the Public Works and Transportation Committee.

President Shabazz: You may speak.

Mr. William Larson (Assistant City Solicitor): Tabling a motion - you cannot table a motion and - I'm sorry, you can't move to table a Resolution and then have it directed to a committee it's not a proper motion.

Council Member Turner: I think it's Rule 3 and I don't have my Rules in front of me but I think it's the third rules of table motions - you can move it to a committee.

Mr. Larson: Tabling just puts a - just stops it essentially for the time being.

Council Member Turner: We need -- we need more conversation.

President Shabazz: Could you let me recognize and let him talk please.

Mr. Larson: Rule 3 is convening of the City Council.

Council Member Turner: In the table motions.

President Shabazz: Please allow him to . . .

Council Member Turner: I'm sorry.

President Shabazz: Thank you sir.

Council Member Walsh: Council President if I could do a point.

President Shabazz: Yes.

Council Member Walsh: Tabling means just that its put on the table. It's put on the table so that the sponsor can bring it back up...

President Shabazz: Right.

Council Member Walsh: ...but it's certainly it's never assign to a committee. It's on your table.

President Shabazz: Ok, I (inaudible) the Parliamentary.

Mr. Larson: Just to clear it up a motion to table is a - it interrupts the business so Council can consider something of immediate urgency so there isn't that pending issue of immediate urgency that needs to be addressed by the Council right now, so a motion to table is not appropriate.

President Shabazz: This is just a Resolution going to the state – for the state so that we are in support of those in those of these particular bills.

Council Member Turner: But it's asking for a vote, correct?

President Shabazz: Right. Councilman Guy you've spoken twice already.

Council Member Guy: I'm on this motion. She spoke on.

Mr. Larson: A motion to table is not debatable.

Council Member Walsh: Exactly. Okay.

President Shabazz: I give the floor back to the sponsor.

Council Member Walsh: Thank you Madam President. First of all, we are not passing anything.

President Shabazz: No, we are not.

Council Member Walsh: We are passing an opinion onto the state legislature that's all we are doing. We don't have the power to do anything else. We can't change the state law, we can't change voting laws, we can't change any of the above. Secondly, one of bills down there is by a pioneer of the African American neighborhood in the City of Wilmington who has had her boots on the ground for many years and that's Representative Stephanie Bolden. She wouldn't do anything to harm the people of the City of Wilmington and she's very much for the one of moving the primary date. We come up with one excuse after another as to why we think people do or don't vote but the way an argument is being presented as it's just not the best thing to happen to us. Who's us? Is us the people sitting in the seats or is us anybody who wants to run for election? If you do a job and your elected, you shouldn't have any problem getting reelected. If you're not doing your job and the people actually discover that when that's usually when somebody fails. These bills are as I said we are not passing anything except a simple opinion to representatives and senators in Dover. So, that if you don't want your opinion sent to them then vote no, or vote as non-voting because the count goes down to them too as to how this did pass this Council. So, they can decide for themselves how seriously we want to take anything this Council sends down to them.

President Shabazz: Call for the vote please.

Council Member Harlee: My hand was up.

Council Member Guy: I had my hand up.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Ms. Oliver.

President Shabazz: The sponsor...

Council Member Oliver: Yes.

President Shabazz: ...last words.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Ms. Harlee.

Council Member Harlee: ...hands up.

Council Member Guy: Motion to refer to committee.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Ms. Harlee. I'm sorry. I called for the vote.

Council Member Harlee: Okay.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Ms. Harlee.

Council Member Harlee: Present.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Mr. Turner.

Council Member Turner: No.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Mrs. McCoy.

Council Member McCoy: Present.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Mr. Williams.

Council Member Williams: No.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Mr. Freel.

Council Member Freel: Yes.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Mr. Adams.

Council Member Adams: No.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Ms. Dixon.

Council Member Dixon: Present.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Mr. Guy.

Council Member Guy: No.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Ms. Walsh.

Council Member Walsh: Yes.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): President Shabazz.

President Shabazz: Yes.

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Williams, the above aforementioned Resolution was received, **Defeated** as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Oliver, Freel, Walsh and Council President Shabazz. Total, four. Nays, Council Members Turner, Williams, Adams and Guy. Total, four. Present, Council Members Harlee, McCoy and Dixon. Total, three. Absent, Council Members Chukwuocha and Congo. Total, two.

President Shabazz: Call it **Defeated**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members announced Christina school board district election, civic association meetings/committee meetings and community events/activities and the various community clean-up throughout their districts. Council Members spoke on the following: budget hearings and the need to make some tough choices; condolences were expressed to the family of Corporal Stephen J. Ballard; fire academy class; Mayor Purzycki's leadership; scholarship money; legislation; fairness and justice; the need to prepare for the upcoming festivals and including but not limited to Council Members were thanked for coming out to the budget prep, information sessions, budget wrap-ups as well as budget updates and the need to work together as a cohesive Council. It was noted that the completion of Council's Strategic Plan was postponed due to all the meetings prior to the budget and the work that was done with the Centers for Disease Control and the Community Advisory Council was noted. In addition, it was noted that Council is coming up to their one-hundred days and of some of the things that were accomplished in that time were mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Freel, Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk