

*Wilmington, Delaware  
Louis L. Redding  
City/County Building  
December 7, 2017*

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

The opening prayer was done by Andrea Queen, Deputy 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, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy\* and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Absent with leave, Council Member McCoy. Total, one.

### **MINUTES**

After reading a portion of the minutes of November 16, 2017, upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Freel, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

The Clerk read the following committee report:

<b><u>Finance &amp; Economic Development Committee Member</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent with Leave</u></b>	<b><u>Absent w/out Leave</u></b>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel, Chair	X		
Robert A. Williams	X		
Zanthia Oliver	X		
Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha, Vice-Chair	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	
Ciro Adams	X		
President Hanifa Shabazz, Ex Officio		X	

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

December 4, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 17-047** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH  
 LERRO CORPORATION TO PROVIDE ON-SITE ENGINEERING  
 SERVICES FOR WITN TV

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/Robert A. Williams  
 /s/Zanthia Oliver  
 /s/Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha, Vice-Chair  
 /s/Ciro E. Adams

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Members  
 Walsh and Williams, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance &amp; Economic Development Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel, Chair	X		
Robert A. Williams	X		
Zanthia Oliver	X		
Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha, Vice-Chair	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	
Ciro Adams	X		
President Hanifa Shabazz, Ex Officio		X	

President and Members of Council of  
 The City of Wilmington

December 4, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was  
 referred **Ordinance No. 17-048** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY CODE  
 REGARDING HOURS OF OPERATION FOR LIQUOR STORES  
 ON SUNDAYS

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/Robert A. Williams  
/s/Zanthia Oliver  
/s/Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha, Vice-Chair  
/s/Ciro E. Adams

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Dixon, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's Report as of December 7, 2017, was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Freel, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

*Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 4 to Page 5.*

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*City of Wilmington*  
Delaware

**Velda Jones-Potter**  
City Treasurer

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**City of Wilmington Treasurer's Report**  
as of December 7, 2017


**Cash on Hand:**

General Account	M & T Bank	\$8,069,875.38
Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$46,775.53
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$2,437,720.37
Total Petty Cash Accounts	M & T Bank	\$11,234.05
Grant-In-Aid	M & T Bank	\$231,734.67
Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$684,859.60
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$4,137.97
Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$1.00
Cement Workers Escrow	WSFS Bank	\$33,537.55
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$30,899.04
Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$52,143.09
Old Non-Uniform Pension Account -Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$34.81
Non-Uniform Pension-Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$1,072.18
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$21,124.44
Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$94.08
Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$42.34
Worker's Comp 3rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$33,833.20
Retiree Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$389,907.75
<b>SubTotal</b>		<b>\$12,049,027.05</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$12,049,027.05</b>

**INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 7, 2017:**

Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>						
General	TD	CD	12/7/2017	1.06%	\$6,772.22	\$2,500,000.00
General	TD	CD	12/20/2017	1.06%	\$6,183.33	\$2,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	12/28/2017	1.09%	\$7,342.36	\$2,500,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	12/28/2017	1.12%	\$4,234.52	\$2,000,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	1/4/2018	1.12%	\$6,443.84	\$3,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	1/11/2018	1.09%	\$8,402.08	\$2,500,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	1/18/2018	1.12%	\$8,208.22	\$2,500,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	2/1/2018	1.12%	\$9,282.19	\$2,500,000.00
General	TD	CD	2/1/2018	1.14%	\$6,586.67	\$2,000,000.00
General <sup>1</sup>	WSFS	CD	1/30/2018	1.25%	\$40,453.86	\$15,542,800.82
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$37,042,800.82</b>
<b>CAPITAL FUND:</b>						
Capital	TD	CD	4/26/2018	1.25%	\$126,388.89	\$20,000,000.00
Capital	TD	CD	1/25/2018	1.25%	\$11,284.25	\$6,590,000.00
Capital	WSFS	CD	1/25/2018	1.25%	\$11,592.47	\$6,770,000.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$33,360,000.00</b>
<b>RISK MGMT:</b>						
Risk Management	WSFS	CD	7/11/2018	1.25%	\$98,995.64	\$7,919,651.00
Worker's Comp	WSFS	CD	7/11/2018	1.25%	\$98,995.64	\$7,919,651.00
Retiree Medical Escrow	Vanguard-OPEB					\$19,057,941.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$34,897,243.00</b>
<b>PENSION FUND:</b>						
Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	12/28/2017	1.15%	\$4,223.93	\$4,788,000.00
Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	12/28/2017	1.15%	\$249.32	\$282,625.00
Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	12/28/2017	1.15%	\$686.34	\$778,000.00
Police Pension	WSFS	CD	12/28/2017	1.12%	\$518.65	\$734,900.00
Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$21,458,356.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Fixed					\$37,592,680.00
Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$22,515,316.00
Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$37,604,525.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Stock Index					\$40,707,752.00
Escrow Pension	Artisan Global					\$7,765,238.00
Escrow Pension	Dodge & Cox					\$10,866,080.00
Escrow Pension	Fidelity					\$19,150,248.00
Escrow Pension	Harding Loevner					\$7,931,607.00
Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$22,213,898.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$234,389,225.00</b>
<b>OTHER:</b>						
Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$46,249,538.80
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$385,938,807.62</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$12,049,027.05</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$397,987,834.67</b>

<sup>1</sup> Budget Reserve

  
 Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

*\*Note: At this time, Council Member Guy was marked present.*

**NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Freel, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

Dixon	Recognize Dwana B. Street Bias
Dixon	Recognize Bernice Ryle Street Thomas
Oliver	Recognize National Association of Black Veterans – Chapter 94
Oliver	Sympathy Gladys M. Taylor
Shabazz	Recognize Pastor Mark Migliore
Shabazz	Sympathy Arnold Brown
Shabazz	Sympathy John Land
Williams	Sympathy Sgt. Rodney Bond (Delaware State Police)

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

President Shabazz: Council Member Chukwuocha.

Council Member Chukwuocha: Yes Madam President, I have three Resolution to present on your behalf.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Chukwuocha presented Resolution No. 17-088 (#4454) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-100 of the Wilmington City Charter includes provisions about the regular review of Council salaries, and over time, the Council has studied compensation and other more substantial matters pertaining to the City’s legislative branch; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 86-135 established a Council Compensation Commission to provide a careful study and review of Council’s structure and operations, and the resulting report was accepted into the record; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 16-060, passed by the previous session of City Council, established the Council Organization Commission, which was charged with reviewing Council’s size and structure, as well as the nature of the Council President’s commitment and the reasonableness of staggering Council terms; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 30, 2017, the Council Organization Commission issued its final report with a set of findings and recommendations for Council’s consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, Council seeks to formally accept the report (attached herein) of the Council Organization Commission into the record.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that City Council hereby accepts into the record the

report of the Council Organization Commission, which was established by Resolution 16-060.

*Note: The above referenced Report is on file in the City Council Office.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Chukwuocha, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Freel, the above Resolution was before the Council for its consideration.

Council Member Chukwuocha noted the purpose of the Resolution, which he stated this was accepting into record the Council's Organization Commission Report. Several members of Council spoke on the Resolution as well. President Shabazz noted as well that if Council wanted to move on any of the recommendation there would be action but that this Resolution is solely to accept the Report into record.

Council Member Guy stated that he wanted to ensure that the Attorney General's Report related to the violation of FOIA was attached to the Resolution. President Shabazz responded that it is.

President Shabazz moved for the Clerk to call the roll.

The 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, Adams, Dixon, Walsh, and President Shabazz. Total, nine. Nays, Council Members Williams, Freel and Guy. Total, three. Absent, Council Member McCoy. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Chukwuocha presented Resolution No. 17-089 (#4455) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, following the 2016 primary and general elections, members of the 107<sup>th</sup> Session of City Council gathered and commenced the Wilmington City Council Strategic Planning Process; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this initiative was to engage in strategic and critical thinking exercises designed to help members of this legislative body to reflect on and devise missions and priorities for their term in office, and the institution of City Council more generally; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of these intensive efforts include a set of mission statements for Council and its standing committees, as well as a comprehensive collection of policy priorities and objectives identified by members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Strategic Planning Process has been engineered to be flexible, so that it can be updated and modified to accommodate developments, challenges and opportunities that might come in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, with the first Strategic Planning Process report in hand, Council wishes to accept and adopt this plan (attached herein) as a dynamic resource to help guide policy, advocacy and governance objectives through the rest of the 107<sup>th</sup> Session of City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that City Council hereby accepts and adopts the results of the Wilmington City Council Strategic Planning Process.

Upon a motion of Council Member Chukwuocha, seconded by Council Member Freeland, the above Resolution was before the Council for its consideration.

Council Member Chukwuocha spoke on the purpose of the Resolution, which he stated was to review and approve to accept and adopt the results of the Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan.

President Shabazz moved for the Clerk to call the roll.

The Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Member Chukwuocha, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, Freeland, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, Council Member Williams. Total, one. Absent, Council Member McCoy. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Chukwuocha presented Resolution No. 17-090 (#4456) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, in a time of great division in our country, it is crucial for state and local governments to be engaged with federal officials on matters and policies that particularly affect leaders at the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, cities presently face particular challenges related to funding the provision of local services, and city leaders across the country have raised concerns about how cities will fare in light of tax reform solutions that have been proposed in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation was recently introduced in the United States Congress that would eliminate the State and Local Tax (SALT) Deduction, which has been in place since the establishment of the federal income tax in 1913; and

**WHEREAS**, the SALT Deduction provides some of the funding that state and local governments utilize to provide public resources and services, including education, law enforcement, fire protection and roads. Aside from these public resources, the SALT Deduction also makes it easier for people to become homeowners, and removes the possibility for income to be taxed twice; and

**WHEREAS**, the elimination of the SALT Deduction could cause considerable harm to state and local governments, and by extension, residents of those jurisdictions. According to an intensive report prepared by the Government Finance



Officers Association, approximately 30% of taxpayers would be negatively impacted by the elimination of the SALT Deduction; and

**WHEREAS**, the National League of Cities and the United States Conference of Mayors, among other organizations, have recently formulated campaigns joining cities advocating against the elimination of the SALT Deduction and encouraging the federal government to stand with cities when considering any form of tax reform.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that the Council strongly encourages the United States Congress to consider the financial challenges and responsibilities facing cities when reviewing proposed tax reform, and to consider the implications of eliminating the SALT Deduction for state and local governments.

Upon a motion of Council Member Chukwuocha, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the above Resolution was before the Council for its consideration.

Council Member Chukwuocha spoke on the purpose of the Resolution, and several members of Council also made some comments.

Council Members Harlee and Oliver requested to be added as a cosponsor.

President Shabazz moved for the Clerk to call the roll.

The 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, Williams, Freil, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nay, Council Member Adam. Total, one. Absent, Council Member McCoy. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. Council Member Congo.

Council Member Congo: Nothing tonight Madam President, thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member Oliver.

Council Member Oliver: Nothing tonight Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Harlee.

Council Member Harlee: Yes Council President, I have Ordinance 4457 to present and call for the first and second reading.

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 17-049 (#4457) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT CERTAIN TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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

Council Member Harlee: That's all for me.

President Shabazz: Thank you. Council Member Turner.

Council Member Turner: Thank you Madam President, I have one piece of legislation. Madam President, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the first and second reading.

Council Member Turner presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 17-050 (#4458) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 36 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING WEAPONS AND RELATED OFFENSES TO INCLUDE IMITATION FIREARMS

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 Safety Committee. Motion prevailed.

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

President Shabazz: Thank you sir. Council Member McCoy is not here. Council Member Williams.

Council Member Williams: Madam President, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the first and second reading.

Council Member Williams presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 17-051 (#4449) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 39 OF THE CITY CODE TO ALLOW RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS TO SERVE ON THE FIRE PENSION BOARD

The above Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the

Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Public Safety Committee. Motion prevailed.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Excuse me Madam President, can I make a correction please? Agenda 4458 should be 17-050 and Agenda 4449, the Fire Pension should be agenda, ah, excuse me, Ordinance 052...so, ***Agenda #4458 should be Ordinance 17-050 and Agenda #4449 should be 17-051.***

*Note: The above stated correction is reflected herein in the minutes as noted.*

President Shabazz: Thank you for that correction

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Thank you.

Council Member Williams: Madam President, I have an Ordinance to call for the first and second reading.

Council Member Williams presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 17-052 (#4459) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 OF  
THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE PASSING OF  
MUNICIPAL VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS

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

Council Member Williams: Nothing further.

President Shabazz: Thank you. Council Member Freel.

Council Member Freel: Yes, I have two Ordinances for third and final and one Resolution.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 17-047 (#4450) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT  
WITH LERRO CORPORATION TO PROVIDE  
ON-SITE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WITN TV

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member

Freel spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance including the term and the amount of the agreement. He added that this is basically the same contract for the past three years and that this Ordinance is to enter into a new three-year agreement.

President Shabazz moved for the Clerk to call the roll.

The above 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 Member Chukwuocha, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member McCoy. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 17-048 (#4453) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 OF THE  
CITY CODE REGARDING HOURS OF OPERATION  
FOR LIQUOR STORES ON SUNDAYS

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Williams, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration.

Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance, which is changing the hours of operation for liquor stores on Sundays.

President Shabazz moved for the Clerk to call the roll.

The above 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 Member Chukwuocha, Oliver, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eight. Nays, Council Members Congo, Harlee, Turner and Guy. Total, four. Absent, Council Member McCoy. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Freel presented Resolution No. 17-081 (Rev. 1, #4441) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-369 of the City Code requires grants awarded by the Mayor, City Council or the City Treasurer in the amount of \$5,000 or more to be approved by resolution of City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council wishes to award a grant to the Culture Restoration Project (Behind Those Bars) in the amount of \$10,000; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant funding will support the facilitation of Beyond Those Bars, a violence prevention education program which uses hip-hop as a medium to teach youth the skills necessary to reduce or altogether eliminate involvement in risky behavior such as violent crime and delinquency – a valuable and critically important message to convey to our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, this cause is closely aligned with the priorities of the City Council Strategic Planning Process, specifically in its focus on youth and its connection to the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report on Wilmington.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that City Council hereby approves the issuance of a grant from City Council to the Culture Restoration Project (Behind Those Bars) in the amount of \$10,000.

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Williams, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration.

Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and Council Member Guy made some comments on the Resolution as well.

Council Member Turner asked for clarity of President Shabazz being the lead sponsor on the Resolution.

President Shabazz responded that Councilman Freel is the lead sponsor on the Resolution.

Council Member Turner asked President Shabazz if Councilman Freel wanted to hold it and she didn't want to hold, could it had been up for discussion on the day that Councilman Guy spoke of?

President Shabazz stated that Council is speaking towards the Resolution and that Councilman Turner is asking about process. Several comments were made by both President Shabazz and Councilman Turner as well as additional questions raised by Councilman Turner.

Councilman Freel pointed out that the discussion is on the Resolution for tonight and not previous Resolutions. Councilman Turner responded to Councilman Freel's statement.

President Shabazz noted several times that Council Member Turner was out of order.

Council Member Guy made some comments on the process that took place when the Resolution was previously up for vote. He mentioned the amendment that previously took place to increase the amount.

President Shabazz noted that process and rules should be known by the members sitting at the table. She added that there's rules and regulations of how things are done.

Council Member Chukwuocha made some comments.

Council Member Turner responded to President Shabazz's previous statement and how she was out of order with her statement. He added that the people don't know the process and made some additional comments.

Council Member Congo also spoke on President Shabazz's previous statement and stated that her statement was not fair. Council Member Congo made additional comments.

President Shabazz moved for the Clerk to call the roll.

The above 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member McCoy. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. Council Member Adams, any legislation tonight sir?

Council Member Adams: No ma'am. Nothing this evening.

President Shabazz: Council Member Dixon.

Council Member Dixon: Nothing tonight Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Guy.

Council Member Guy: Yes, I have two pieces of legislation. Oh, that's right...

President Shabazz: Not on the agenda.

Council Member Guy: ...you didn't put them on the agenda, again.

President Shabazz: Council Member Walsh.

Council Member Walsh: Yes Madam President, I have two Resolutions and an Ordinance.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Thank you.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 17-091 (#4451) 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, applied for a subgrant in the amount of \$10,000.000 from the Delaware Criminal Justice Council, which was awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed grant funds would be used for advanced training to assist in the implementation of a group violence reduction strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, no matching funds are required; 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 Wilmington Police Department's subgrant application to the Delaware Criminal Justice Council in the amount of \$10,000.00 is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief of Police, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Williams, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration.

Council Member Walsh spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

President Shabazz moved for the Clerk to call the roll.

The above 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member McCoy. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Walsh: I have another Resolution.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 17-092 (#4452) 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 grant applications to the State of Delaware for funding from the State Aid to Local Law Enforcement and Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement funds for a total of \$60,742.81; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed grant funds would be used to provide advanced training including S.W.A.T. training, Pro-active Internal Affairs Investigation Training, and Supervisory Leadership Training as well as overtime funding for the Wilmington Police Department's Drug, Vice and Organized Crime Division; and

**WHEREAS**, no matching funds are required; 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 Wilmington Police Department's grant applications to the State of Delaware in the total amount of \$60,742.81 is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief of Police, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Williams, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration.

Council Member Walsh spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

President Shabazz moved for the Clerk to call the roll.

The above 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member McCoy. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Walsh: I have an Ordinance for introduction.

Council Member Walsh presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 17-053 (#4460) entitled:



AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 36 OF THE  
CITY CODE TO REPEAL SECTION 36-9 THEREOF  
REGARDING REGULATIONS OF ITINERANT  
PERFORMERS

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

Council Member Oliver: Madam President...

Council Member Walsh: That's all I have this evening. Thank you.

Council Member Oliver: ...may I be excused?

President Shabazz: Thank you. Petitions and communications...you're excused.

Council Member Oliver: Thanks.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Members announced civic association/community and committee meetings as well as community events/activities throughout their districts. Council Members also spoke about the following matters: the Governor's hearings and initiative around education for our children; complaints regarding elevators not working in senior high rises; negativity in the News Journal; the need to do a better job in respecting each other and respecting the Council as a whole as well as respecting the constituents in the City of Wilmington; the current 2028 plan; residents were reminded of the final week of leaf removal; vigil tonight at 8pm for the young man that was murdered in Cools Springs recently; constituents were reminded of safety techniques during the holiday season; the dangers of space heaters; collection of toys to be donated; the need to call the police department when witnessing crime as it is happening in the neighborhoods; 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the Constitution to get rid of prohibition to have liquor stores again; ratification of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which abolished slavery in the United States and overseas; the Mayor's absence with regards to school districts and the need for leadership as far as schools are concern; Affordable Care Act open enrollment ends on December 15<sup>th</sup> and folks were encouraged to sign up for healthcare; a lot of changes happening all at the same time from transportation to health issues, to seniors to young people, to the school districts and, therefore, folks were encouraged to stay connected in understanding of what's happening in our city; communication sent to members of Council and other folks regarding petitions and communications; the need to stick to the subject matter of the legislation; the lack of respect to the Council President in the last eleven months; and including but not limited to Council was thanked for their continued participation, coming to committee meetings and to continue with open dialogue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member  
Freel, Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo  
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk