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Education, Youth & Families Committee

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➤ **REVISED NOTICE**

Education, Youth & Families Committee Meeting

March 14, 2018

5:00 p.m.

1st Floor Council Committee Room

Agenda

- A Resolution Supporting the Work of Social Workers and Recognizing March as "Social Work Month"
- A Resolution Declaring May "National Foster Care Month" and Calling for Greater Awareness of the Importance of Foster Care
- A Resolution to Approve Parks and Recreation Grant Request to National Recreation and Parks Association
- A Resolution to Approve the Summer Youth Grant Application to the Department of Labor
- Discuss a Resolution Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept a conditional gift from Cornerstone West CDC to support City parks on Wilmington's Westside.
- Discuss a Resolution Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to Submit a Grant Application to the National Recreation and Parks Association to support the City's Mobile Play Spaces initiative
- Presentation by Dorrell Green, Director of the Department of Education's Office of Innovation and Improvement, relating to recent organization developments and progress
- Presentation by the Wilmington Community Advisory Committee (WCAC) relating to their 2017 Annual Report

Wilmington, Delaware
April 5, 2018

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Sponsor:

Council
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WHEREAS, social workers follow the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics, which calls on members of the profession to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, social work is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States, with almost 650,000 members of the profession; and

WHEREAS, social workers work in all areas of society to improve quality of life, health and prosperity, including in government, schools, universities, social service agencies, communities, the military, and mental health, health care and correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, social workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States and work daily to help people overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety, substance abuse, and other disorders so they can lead more fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, social workers help our nation's veterans recover from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD) and other effects of their military service, and it is also members of this profession that are on the frontlines dealing with the perpetrators, victims and survivors of gun violence with services to address health care, and mental health care, stress and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, social workers embody this year's Social Work Month Theme "Social Workers: Leaders. Advocates. Champions" by leading, advocating for, and championing their vital role in the empowerment process for millions of Americans each day; and

WHEREAS, social workers have helped this nation live up to its ideals by successfully pushing for decades to ensure equal rights for all, including women, African Americans, Latinos, people who are disabled, people who are LGBTQ+ and various ethnic, cultural and religious groups; and

WHEREAS, social workers have been behind and advocated for legislation and policies that reduce racial discord, including renewal of the Voting Rights Act, the Violence Against Women Act, the Civil Rights Act, the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, unemployment insurance, workplace safety and social security benefits; and

WHEREAS, thousands of child, family, and school social workers across the country provide assistance to protect children and improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families. Social workers help them find loving homes and create new families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, social workers in academic settings work with families and schools to foster future generations by ensuring students reach their full academic, social and personal potential; and

WHEREAS, social workers work with older adults and their families to improve their quality of life and ability to live independently as long as possible and get access to quality mental health and health care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Council officially recognizes March 2018 as Social Work Month. This legislative body thanks social workers throughout our city, county, state and nation for the numerous contributions they make each day and join in this celebration and support of the social work profession.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution supports the important work of social workers throughout Wilmington and the rest of the country, and recognizes March 2018 as Social Work Month.

Wilmington, Delaware
May 3, 2018

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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Chukwuocha

WHEREAS, recognizing May as “National Foster Care Month” is an opportunity to raise awareness about the unique challenges of children in the foster care system, and is also an opportune time to advocate for local, state and federal implementation of policies that seek to improve the quality of life for children in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month was established more than 20 years ago to highlight the needs of children in the foster care system, to promote the importance of permanency for every child and recognize the vital life-changing roles foster parents, social workers, and foster care and adoption advocates have on children in the system; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal for the care system is to ensure the safety and well-being of children, while working to provide a safe, loving, and permanent home for each child. According to Kids Count Delaware, over 1,200 children are in the foster care system in Delaware. Over 200 of these children have no reunification plans and are waiting for adoption; and

WHEREAS, children of color are more likely to stay in the foster care system for longer periods of time and are less likely to be reunited with their biological families; and

WHEREAS, foster parents are the front-line caregivers for children who cannot safely remain with their biological parents and provide physical care, emotional support, education and are the largest source of families to provide a permanent home for children leaving foster care for adoption; and

WHEREAS, in Delaware, as across the nation, the number of children entering into the foster care system is rising due to the Opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, an increase in prevention and reunification services is necessary to reduce the number of children that are forced to remain in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, (LAM) the Living Arms Ministry of the Resurrection Center located within the First District has a mission to advocate for, and recruit advocates for children in the foster care system in New Castle County, Delaware, along with inspiring and finding foster families; and

WHEREAS, LAM sponsors foster care information sessions for community and faith based groups, partners with community organizations to provide direct support to children in the foster care system, and provides contact for individuals interested in becoming Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Council officially recognizes May as “National Foster Care Month,” and in doing so, urges all citizens to support the efforts of the Living Arms Ministry of the Resurrection Center to raise awareness about the importance of foster care and the need for caring foster parents and foster homes.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution officially recognizes the month of May as “National Foster Care Month”, and calls on the people of Wilmington to support the efforts of the Living Arms Ministry of the Resurrection Center in their pursuit to raise awareness about the importance of foster care.

Sponsor: Councilman Chukwuocha

Wilmington, Delaware
April 5, 2018

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 Parks and Recreation submitted a grant application to the National Recreation and Parks Association in the amount of \$25,000.00 to support the City's nutrition literacy programming, recreation programming, and kitchen equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation intends to use the grant money to purchase a stove to support its food offerings to City residents and to supplement the Summer Food Service Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, recreation programs, and other summer programs; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to commit to the National Recreation and Parks Association's Commit to Health Initiative, which is a campaign that supports the implementation and evaluation of healthy eating and physical activity standards; and

WHEREAS, the City is not required to provide matching funds for receipt of these grant funds; 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 the Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to the National Recreation and Parks Association in the amount of \$25,000.00 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or his designee are 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.

Passed by City Council,
April __, 2018

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes a grant application of the Department of Parks and Recreation to the National Recreation and Parks Association in the amount of \$25,000.00. The funds will be used to support the City's nutrition literacy programming, recreation programming, and kitchen equipment. There is no local match required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no negative fiscal impact to the City by accepting this grant. The Resolution approves a grant application to the National Recreation and Parks Association for \$25,000.00 with no matching funds requirement.

Sponsor: Councilman Chukwuocha

Wilmington, Delaware
April 5, 2018

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; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation intends to submit a grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Labor in the approximate amount of \$225,000 to support approximately 170 youth for the City's Youth Career Development Program (the "Youth Program"), formally known as the Summer Youth Employment Program; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Department of Labor has been a longtime supporter and funder of the Youth Program; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Program offers job opportunities to the City's youth ages 14 to 20; and

WHEREAS, the City is not required to provide matching funds for receipt of these grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Program participants and employees will pay the City Wage tax, thereby having a positive financial impact on the City; 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 the Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to the

Delaware Department of Labor in the approximate amount of \$225,000 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or his designee are 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.

Passed by City Council,
April __, 2018

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for a grant from the Delaware Department of Labor in the approximate amount of \$225,000. The funds will be used to support approximately 170 youth for the City's 2018 Youth Career Development Program (the "Youth Program"), formally known as the Summer Youth Employment Program. There is no local match required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no negative fiscal impact to the City by accepting this grant. No matching funds are required.

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Sponsor:

**Council
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Chukwuocha**

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

WHEREAS, Cornerstone West CDC has offered a gift of \$92,427 to the City conditioned on its use to support improvements to the following parks: 4th and Rodney, Connell St., and Father Tucker; and

WHEREAS, the funding will be used to support equipment and construction costs that are part of planned improvements to the above listed parks.

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 \$92,427 from Cornerstone West CDC to support improvements to the following parks: 4th and Rodney, Connell St., and Father Tucker.

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

Passed by City Council,
April 5, 2017

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the City to accept an \$92,427 gift from Cornerstone West CDC to support improvements to the following parks: 4th and Rodney, Connell St., and Father Tucker.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City. No matching funds are required under the gift.

Sponsor: Councilman Chukwuocha

Wilmington, Delaware
April 5, 2018

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 Parks and Recreation submitted a grant application to the National Recreation and Parks Association in the amount of \$13,000.00 to support the City's Play Streets initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation intends to use the grant money to supplement its offerings in the Play Streets initiative that will provide children a safe place to play and adults a safe place to learn about available resources; and

WHEREAS, the City is not required to provide matching funds for receipt of these grant funds; 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 the Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to the National Recreation and Parks Association in the amount of \$13,000.00 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or his designee are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to apply for

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and accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Passed by City Council,
April __, 2018

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes a grant application of the Department of Parks and Recreation to the National Recreation and Parks Association in the amount of \$13,000.00. The funds will be used to support the City's Play Streets initiative. There is no local match required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no negative fiscal impact to the City by accepting this grant. The Resolution approves a grant application to the National Recreation and Parks Association for \$13,000.00 with no matching funds requirement.