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➤ **REVISED NOTICE** **JOINT MEETING**

Public Safety Committee & Education, Youth and Families Committee Meeting

October 8, 2018

5:00 p.m.

1st Floor Committee Room

Agenda

1. Discussion with the Wilmington Fire Department about the Fire Academy in Progress
2. Discuss a Resolution Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation's Grant Application to the State of Delaware for the Child and Adult Care Food Program
3. Discuss a Resolution Recognizing October as National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month and Encouraging the Delaware Attorney General to Consider Issuing a New Anti-Bullying Report

REV. 2 (10/8/18-item removed)

Any members of the public who wish to speak during the committee meeting will be limited to three minutes per agenda item. If the public's permission to comment is abused, the Chair may exercise greater discretion in limiting public comment.

Wilmington, Delaware
October 18, 2018

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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Chukwuocha

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 State of Delaware in the amount of \$645,102.79 to fund the Child and Adult Care Food Program (the "Food Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation intends to use the grant money to fund the Food Program, which provides aid to child and adult care institutions and family or group day care homes for the provision of nutritious foods that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children, and the health and wellness of older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons; 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 State of Delaware in the amount of \$645,102.79 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,
October 18, 2018

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes a grant application of the Department of Parks and Recreation to the State of Delaware in the amount of \$645,102.79. The funds will be used to support the Child and Adult Care Food Program. 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 State of Delaware for \$645,102.79 with no matching funds requirement.

Wilmington, Delaware
October 18, 2018

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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Oliver

WHEREAS, according to the Delaware Department of Education, there are currently 138,371 students attending elementary, middle and high schools across the state of Delaware – 57% of whom attend school in New Castle County. During the 2016-2017 academic year, the DOE reported a total of 1,978 alleged bullying incidents – 557 of which were found to be substantiated incidents of bullying; and

WHEREAS, Bullying is defined in the Delaware State Code as any intentional, written, electronic, verbal, or physical act or actions that a reasonable person under the circumstances should know will have the effect of:

- (1) Placing a student, school volunteer or school employee in reasonable fear of substantial harm to his or her emotional or physical well-being or substantial damages to his or her property; or
- (2) Creating a hostile, threatening, humiliating or abusive educational environment due to the pervasiveness or persistence of actions or due to a power differential between the bully and the target; or
- (3) Interfering with a student having a safe school environment that is necessary to facilitate educational performance, opportunities, or benefits; or
- (4) Perpetuating bullying by inciting, soliciting, or coercing an individual or group to demean, dehumanize, embarrass or cause emotional, psychological or physical harm to another student, school volunteer, or school employee; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have defined bullying as any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths who are not

siblings or current dating partners that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. Bullying can inflict harm or distress, including physical, psychological, social, or educational harm; and

WHEREAS, bullying has been found to have many negative consequences for children in schools. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Stop Bullying website, bullying can lead to depression, anxiety, feelings of loneliness or sadness, changes in eating or sleeping behaviors, loss of interest, health concerns, and decreased academic achievement – not to mention potentially contributing to other factors which might lead to suicidal thoughts or violent behavior. Additionally, 5.4 million students skip school at some point in the year due to bullying, according to STOMP Out Bullying; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware General Assembly passed anti-bullying legislation outlined in Title 14, Chapter 41 of the Delaware Code, in 2012 to mandate school crime reporting, school bullying prevention and criminal youth gang detection training, and child safety awareness, prevention, and other nonacademic trainings. The law also mandates that each school district establish an anti-bullying policy for schools to share with students and personnel and requires the Department of Education to prepare annual reports of reported and substantiated bullying incidents; and

WHEREAS, Delaware's Attorney General issued Anti-Bullying Reports in 2014 and 2015 to evaluate implementation of the State laws, explain reports issued by the Department of Education, and offer recommendations for further implementation; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized as National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, with the goal of encouraging communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on children

of all ages. Schools, students, teachers, and the community are encouraged to participate in educational and awareness activities to encourage bullying prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Council declares its support of all students, residents and visitors to Wilmington by promoting the recognition of October as National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. Further, Council respectfully encourages the Delaware Attorney General to issue an updated Anti-Bullying Report to assess implementation of State anti-bullying legislation, and to take stock of conditions in Delaware schools in the most recent school year.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution recognizes October as National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, and respectfully requests the Delaware Attorney General to issue an updated Anti-Bullying Report to assess implementation of State anti-bullying legislation, and to take stock of conditions in Delaware schools in the most recent school year.