

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
February 15, 2018*

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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Adams, Guy, and Council President Shabazz. Total, nine. Absent with leave, Council Members Congo, Freel, Dixon and Walsh. Total, four.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of February 1, 2018, upon a motion of Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Chukwuocha, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

Mrs. Seijo: Madam President, I have correction on the Roll Call. It's nine present and four absent.

President Shabazz: Thank you.

Mrs. Seijo: Thank you.

Note: Correction noted and reflected correctly (Roll Call) in the minutes herein.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Education, Youth & Families Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha, Chair	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II		X	
Va'Shun "Vash" Turner	X		

Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Michelle Harlee, Vice-Chair		X	
President Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

February 14, 2018

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Education, Youth & Families Committee, to who was referred
Ordinance No. 18-001 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on it
accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Education, Youth & Families Committee
/s/Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha, Chair
/s/Va'Shun "Vash" Turner
/s/Charles M. Freel
/s/Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio Member

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report as of February 15, 2018, was read into the
record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Chukwuocha, seconded by
Council Members Turner and Williams, the Report was received, recorded and filed.
Motion prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 3 to Page 4.

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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 February 15, 2018

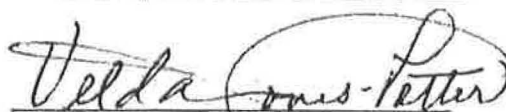
Cash on Hand:

General Account	M & T Bank	\$8,074,887.36
Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$22,360.30
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$293,106.01
Total Petty Cash Accounts	M & T Bank	\$11,877.37
Grant-In-Aid	M & T Bank	\$231,734.67
Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$866,261.49
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	\$30,383.69
Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$19,262.66
Old Non-Uniform Pension Account -Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$34.81
Non-Uniform Pension-Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$2.30
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$206,133.59
Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$295,464.61
Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$59,923.73
Worker's Comp 3rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$32,168.20
Retiree Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$242,625.44
SubTotal		\$10,423,902.75
Total Cash on Hand		\$10,423,902.75

INVESTMENTS FEBRUARY 15, 2018:

Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
GENERAL FUND:						
General	WSFS	CD	2/15/2018	1.38%	\$4,631.50	\$2,500,000.00
General	TD	CD	2/22/2018	1.32%	\$4,730.00	\$3,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	2/27/2018	1.37%	\$5,820.52	\$2,507,342.36
General	WSFS	CD	2/27/2018	1.38%	\$4,622.37	\$2,004,234.52
General	TD	CD	3/8/2018	1.32%	\$5,150.59	\$2,508,402.08
General	WSFS	CD	3/15/2018	1.45%	\$5,164.38	\$2,500,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	3/22/2018	1.45%	\$4,687.67	\$2,000,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	3/29/2018	1.45%	\$10,487.67	\$4,000,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	4/5/2018	1.45%	\$6,852.74	\$2,500,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	4/12/2018	1.45%	\$7,547.95	\$2,500,000.00
General	TD	CD	4/19/2018	1.42%	\$6,094.45	\$2,006,586.67
General	WSFS	CD	4/26/2018	1.45%	\$8,373.43	\$2,509,282.15
General ¹	TD	CD	5/2/2018	1.52%	\$60,532.28	\$15,583,254.04
SUB-TOTAL:						\$46,119,101.82
CAPITAL FUND:						
Capital	TD	CD	4/26/2018	1.25%	\$126,388.89	\$20,000,000.00
Capital	WSFS	CD	4/26/2018	1.45%	\$10,790.98	\$2,985,000.00
Capital	WSFS	CD	4/26/2018	1.45%	\$23,118.36	\$6,395,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$29,380,000.00
RISK MGMT:						
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					\$20,179,434.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$36,018,736.00
PENSION FUND:						
Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	2/27/2018	1.45%	\$5,469.32	\$4,917,000.00
Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	2/27/2018	1.45%	\$251.03	\$225,685.00
Police Pension	WSFS	CD	2/7/2018	1.45%	\$232.61	\$209,121.00
Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$23,550,065.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Fixed					\$37,184,691.00
Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$24,317,698.00
Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$37,232,477.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Stock Index					\$43,476,606.00
Escrow Pension	Artisan Global					\$8,599,243.00
Escrow Pension	Dodge & Cox					\$11,931,626.00
Escrow Pension	Fidelity					\$20,776,982.00
Escrow Pension	Harding Loevner					\$8,783,028.00
Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$24,720,692.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$245,924,914.00
OTHER:						
Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$46,145,375.59
Total Investments						\$403,588,127.41
Total Cash on Hand						\$10,423,902.75
Grand Total						\$414,012,030.16

¹ Budget Reserve


 Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

All Council	Retirement Inspector Clayton Smith (Wilmington Police Department)
Freel	Recognize Cynthia Primo Martin – Delaware Tech’s 2018 Black History Month Honoree
Oliver	Retirement Derrick Lightfoot
Oliver	Sympathy Terry Moore
Williams	Recognize Stefan Talabisco
Williams	Recognize Wilmington Sanitation Employees

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Shabazz: Council Member Chukwuocha.

Council Member Chukwuocha: Yes Madam President, I have a Resolution to present.

Council Member Chukwuocha presented Resolution No. 18-008 (Agenda #4474) 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 Parks and Recreation submitted a grant application through CityFest, Inc., a non-profit corporation that is a component unit of the City of Wilmington, to the Laffey-McHugh Foundation (Laffey-McHugh) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the City’s 2018 Summer Youth Employment Program (the “Youth Program”); and

WHEREAS, Laffey-McHugh first granted funds to the Youth Program in 2016 and supported the program again in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds sought in this application will be used to provide training and technical assistance for the Youth Program;

WHEREAS, the Youth Program offers employment opportunities to the City’s youth ages 14 to 20;

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 that the above-mentioned grant request to Laffey-McHugh in the amount of \$15,000.00 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: This grant would not have any negative impact on the City. No matching funds are required.

Upon a motion of Council Member Chukwuocha, seconded by Council Member Williams, the above Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member Chukwuocha spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

President Shabazz: The Clerk will 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Adams, Guy, and Council President Shabazz. Total, nine. Nays. none. Absent, Council Members Congo, Freel, Dixon and Walsh. Total, four.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. Council Member Oliver.

Council Member Oliver: Yes Madam President, I have a Resolution to present.

Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 18-009 (Agenda #4475) as follows:

WHEREAS, Old Brandywine Village, Inc. is the owner of the following real properties located in Wilmington, Delaware: (i) 70 Race Street, being Tax Parcel No. 26-029.10-084; (ii) 80 Race Street, being Tax Parcel No. 26-029.10-082; and (iii) 90 Race Street, being Tax Parcel No. 26-029.10-085 (collectively, the "Old Brandywine Properties"); and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington UDAG Corporation ("UDAG") is the owner of the following real property located in Wilmington, Delaware: 86 Race Street, being Tax Parcel No. 26-029.10-185 (the "UDAG Property", together with the Old Brandywine Properties, the "Properties"); and

WHEREAS, the Properties comprise part of Brandywine Mills Park; and

WHEREAS, Old Brandywine Village, Inc. and UDAG have expressed an interest in donating the Properties to the City of Wilmington in order for the City to continue to use the Properties as part of Brandywine Mills Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington is willing to accept a donation of the Properties from Old Brandywine Village, Inc. and UDAG.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council, acting pursuant to 1 Wilm. C. (Charter) § 8-204, hereby approves the acceptance by the City of Wilmington of the Old Brandywine Properties from Old Brandywine Village, Inc. and the acceptance of the UDAG Property from UDAG, and authorizes the Department of Real Estate and Housing to take all actions necessary, including the payment of any recording fees, to finalize the transfer of the Properties to the City of Wilmington.

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Williams, the above Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

President Shabazz: The Clerk will 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Adams, Guy, and Council President Shabazz. Total, nine. Nays. none. Absent, Council Members Congo, Freel, Dixon and Walsh. Total, four.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Oliver: Madam President, I have a Resolution to present.

Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 18-010 (Agenda #4476) as follows:

WHEREAS, in January of 2018, the Delaware House of Representatives adopted a sexual harassment policy explicitly stating that lawmakers should not engage in sexual harassment or harassment based on any protected characteristics, establishing a system for reporting such harassment, and requiring lawmakers to attend training on sexual harassment and workplace harassment; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Senate is also working to establish and adopt a similar policy; and

WHEREAS, Council commends our fellow lawmakers in the Delaware General Assembly for recognizing the need for an anti-harassment policy and for working toward creating a better workplace environment for City employees and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, workplace harassment remains a persistent problem across the country, and all persons have the right to be free from of unlawful sexual harassment and harassment otherwise based on sex, race, disability, age, ethnicity/national origin, color, religion, and any other protected characteristic; and

WHEREAS, Council is committed to fostering an organizational culture in which harassment is not tolerated and civility and respect are promoted, and recognizes the value of implementing a comprehensive anti-harassment policy coupled with anti-harassment compliance training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Council requests that the Office of the Mayor, the Law Department, and the Department of Human Resources work with City Council to review the harassment policy enacted by the Delaware House of Representative, review the City's current Code of Conduct, and work diligently to explore and propose amendments to the Code of Conduct that will allow for the inclusion of a comprehensive anti-harassment policy as well as provisions providing guidance related to general civility and the respectful conduct of business among and between all City employees and elected officials.

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Members Williams and McCoy, the above Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

President Shabazz: The Clerk will 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Adams, Guy, and Council President Shabazz. Total, nine. Nays. none. Absent, Council Members Congo, Freel, Dixon and Walsh. Total, four.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. Council Member Harlee.

Council Member Harlee: No legislation tonight, thank you Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Turner.

Council Member Turner: No legislation tonight, thank you Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member McCoy.

Council Member McCoy: Ah, nothing tonight Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Williams.

Council Member Williams: Madam President, I have a Resolution to present.

Council Member Williams presented Resolution No. 18-011 (Agenda #4477) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to 1 Wilm. C. (Charter) § 1-101, the City may acquire, hold, manage, and dispose of property on such terms as it deems proper for any municipal purpose; and

WHEREAS, Wilm. C. § 2-621(a) authorizes the Department of Real Estate and Housing to conduct disposition proceedings of real property owned by the City; and

WHEREAS, Wilm. C. § 2-621(c) provides that governmental agencies, governmental authorities organized pursuant to Title 22 of the Delaware Code, and non-profit organizations are exempt from the City's bid procedures and that upon the declaration of a property as approved for disposition by resolution of City Council, the Department of Real Estate and Housing may negotiate an agreement of sale, lease, exchange, or other transfer of such property owned by the City to any such governmental agency, governmental authority, or non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, the City currently owns real property located at 1506 West Fourth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, being New Castle County Tax Parcel ID No. 26-027.30-210 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware, Inc. and Be Ready Community Development Corporation are partnering to redevelop several parcels at the intersection of West Fourth Street and North Rodney Street, including the Property; and

WHEREAS, as part of the redevelopment project, United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware, Inc. and Be Ready Community Development Corporation will be purchasing eight parcels from the Wilmington Housing Partnership and the Property from the City for seventy-five percent of the acquisition and demolition costs incurred by the respective sellers; and

WHEREAS, the Council, upon the recommendation of the Department of Real Estate and Housing, wishes to declare the Property surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Council further wishes to approve the disposition of the Property to United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware, Inc. and Be Ready Community Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Council hereby declares the Property to be surplus and approves the Property for disposition to United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware, Inc. and Be Ready Community Development Corporation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate disposition proceedings for the Property, including any and all further undertakings and assurances that may be appropriate.

Upon a motion of Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the above Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member Williams spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. Council Members Adams, Turner, Harlee and Guy, and President Shabazz also made some comments.

President Shabazz: The Clerk will 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Adams, Guy, and Council President Shabazz. Total, nine. Nays. none. Absent, Council Members Congo, Freel, Dixon and Walsh. Total, four.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. Councilman Freel will be presented by Councilman Chukwuocha.

Council Member Chukwuocha: Yes Madam President, I have on behalf of Councilman Freel two Ordinances to present for first and second.

On behalf of Council Member Freel, Council Member Chukwuocha presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 18-002 (Agenda #4480) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO VARIOUS OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON TO FULFILL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2017

The above Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Chukwuocha, seconded by Council Member Williams, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee. Motion prevailed.

On behalf of Council Member Freel, Council Member Chukwuocha presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 18-003 (Agenda #4481) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 OPERATING BUDGET (BEING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 17-012)

The above Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Chukwuocha, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee. Motion prevailed.

President Shabazz: Council Member Adams.

Council Member Adams: No legislation this evening ma'am.

President Shabazz: Council Member Guy.

Council Member Guy: No legislation this evening President.

President Shabazz: Thank you sir. Council Member...you also, I believe you're presenting on behalf Council Member Walsh, Councilman Chukwuocha?

Council Member Chukwuocha: Yes Madam President, on your behalf, on behalf of Councilwoman Walsh I would be holding agenda number item 4473 as well as holding agenda item 4482 as well as holding 4483. And, then I have two Resolutions to present on your behalf.

Note: Council Member Chukwuocha held Agenda Nos. 4473 (Ord. 18-001), 4482 (Res.) and 4483 (Res.).

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Chukwuocha presented Resolution No. 18-012 (Agenda #4484) as follows:

WHEREAS, on the fifth anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School mass shooting, a group of Delaware state legislators introduced a bill* that would prohibit "bump stocks" and similar devices designed to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic rifle; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 300 would make the possession, buying and selling of a device that accelerates the rate of fire of a semiautomatic weapon a class E felony and punishable by up to five years in prison; and

WHEREAS, news reports and analyses indicate that mass shootings are becoming more prevalent, and increasingly deadly; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2017, a gunman in Las Vegas utilized a "bump stock" device that enabled him to fire some 1,100 rounds in 15 minutes, senselessly killing 58 innocent concert-goers and harming another 550, making it the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has yet to pass legislation addressing the issue of devices that accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic rifle, though Massachusetts has passed legislation prohibiting "bump stocks" and there are several states, including New Jersey, that are considering implementing a ban on "bump stock" devices as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Wilmington City Council supports House Bill 300, and encourages the Delaware General Assembly to adopt this legislation in order to effectively prohibit devices that have the capacity to accelerate the rate of fire of semiautomatic weapons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wilmington City Council encourages the United States Congress to pass similar legislation that would prohibit the use and possession of "bump stock" devices.

Upon a motion of Council Member Chukwuocha, seconded by Council Member Williams, the above Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member Chukwuocha spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

Council Member Guy: Yes Madam President, in the first paragraph of this Resolution, it says that the state legislator introduced a bill that would prohibit bump stocks and I guess I just want to make sure that we don't forget our own history here because sometimes history is re-written and depending on who's telling the story they leave things out and they put things out. On October the 19th, this City Council was the organization that requested the State of Delaware to look into addressing bump stocks. That's Resolution 17-074 and it passed unanimously, I sponsored it. As a result of us sending that to Dover, a bill was introduced and so, I don't know how the first paragraph does not say that the State legislature introduced a bill *"*at the request of Wilmington City Council*". So, this started here. So, I'm going to make a motion that we insert: State legislature introduced a bill and then at the request of Wilmington City Council.

Council Member Turner: Second.

Council Member Guy: That's my motion.

Council Member Turner: Second.

President Shabazz: It's been moved and seconded that a – amendment, um to this Resolution be noted as presented by Councilman Guy. All those - - it's been seconded – all those in favor for the amendment ("Aye"), any oppose? Amendment accepted.

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

President Shabazz: Thank you Councilman.

*Note Amendment: First Whereas clause, 2nd line, after the word "bill" insert: *at the request of Wilmington City Council*.

President Shabazz: The Clerk will call the roll.

The Resolution, **As Amended**, 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Adams, Guy, and Council President Shabazz. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Congo, Freel, Dixon and Walsh. Total, four.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. You have one more Resolution?

Council Member Chukwuocha: There's a Resolution to present. Resolution 4485.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Thank you.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Chukwuocha presented Resolution No. 18-013 (Agenda #4485) as follows:

WHEREAS, a diverse coalition of organizations involved with education, faith, health care, law enforcement, criminal justice reform and civic engagement who all care about long-term investment in our young people created the “Hope Trust” proposal for kids; and

WHEREAS, Delaware currently has over \$55 million in unanticipated revenues from the previous fiscal year. We believe this money should be spread out over four years in a “Hope Trust” rather than spent all at once. This money should be dedicated entirely to programs that will benefit Delaware’s children, particularly those living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, there are enormous long-term benefits to putting our kids in a position to succeed – including improving educational outcomes, boosting the future of our economy, and preventing young people from slipping into the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the proposed “Hope Trust” calls for home visitation programs for infants and toddlers born in low-income households, increased financial support for high-poverty elementary schools, expanded after-school and summer programs for low-income students, improved re-entry services for juveniles exiting the state’s juvenile correctional system, the creation of a recovery high school for students being treated for substance abuse, expanded enrollment of three and four year old children in Pre-K and early education programs, and implementation of the data sharing plan recommended by the CDC in its report on youth firearm violence in Wilmington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Council supports the “Hope Trust” proposal for Delaware’s kids and believes it will have a positive long-term impact on our youth, criminal justice system, and economy. Council respectfully encourages the members of the Delaware General Assembly to vote in favor of the “Hope Trust.”

Upon a motion of Council Member Chukwuocha, seconded by Council Member Turner, the above Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member Chukwuocha spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

President Shabazz: The Clerk will 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Adams, Guy, and Council President Shabazz. Total, nine. Nays. none. Absent, Council Members Congo, Freel, Dixon and Walsh. Total, four.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. We will now accept - - um, go into our petitions and communications part of our agenda.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members announced civic associations/community meetings, and committee meetings as well as community events/activities throughout their districts. Council Members spoke on the following matters: Black History month; the City of Wilmington residents were reminded that City offices will be closed on Monday, February 19 and that the sanitation scheduled would be changed and those dates were announced; the announcement of a soft opening of "The Learning Foundation", which is an after-school program; the Resolution regarding the bump stock that initiated here with the Wilmington City Council; articles in the News Journal; the need of a Wilmington School District; the statue of Helen Chambers; the courthouse that was named "The Leonard L. Williams Justice Center"; the Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park; the African American Medal of Honor Monument at Brandywine Park; Parking Authority; NAACP; the launching of City Council's 1st ENewsletter; Commissioner Kelly Williams was congratulated for the 1st woman to hold that role; reminder of civic association meetings on WITN22 as well as on Council's website and including but not limited to folks were encouraged to not just take what you see in the newspaper but to do the research and get the facts.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Members Williams and Turner, seconded by Council Member McCoy, Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk