

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
March 1, 2018*

Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:33 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, McCoy**, Williams, Freel***, Adams, Dixon, Guy* and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, thirteen.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of February 15, 2018, upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Members Turner and Dixon, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance & 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

February 26, 2018

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 18-002** 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

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/Ciro Adams

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Members Turner and Oliver, the Report was received, recorded and filed.

The Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance & 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

February 26, 2018

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was referred **Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 18-003** 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)

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/Ciro Adams

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Oliver, the Report was received, recorded and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report as of March 1, 2018, was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Members Turner and Oliver, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

**Note: During this time, Councilman Guy was marked present and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call). In addition, Councilman Guy made some comments pertaining to the Capital Funds listed in the Treasurer's Report.*

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

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City of Wilmington
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City of Wilmington Treasurer's Report
as of March 1, 2018

Cash on Hand:

General Account	M & T Bank	\$9,818,503.10
Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$28,056.38
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$2,612,456.35
Total Petty Cash Accounts	M & T Bank	\$11,728.83
Grant-In-Aid	M & T Bank	\$231,734.67
Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$851,281.49
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	\$30,274.01
Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$119,387.36
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	\$901.65
Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$0.16
Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$48.47
Worker's Comp 3rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$33,833.20
Retiree Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$297,590.32
SubTotal		\$14,073,509.62
Total Cash on Hand		\$14,073,509.62

INVESTMENTS MARCH 1, 2018:

Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
GENERAL FUND:						
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	3/29/2018	1.55%	\$2,559.23	\$2,008,856.88
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	\$2,509,282.18
General	TD	CD	4/26/2018	1.46%	\$7,677.09	\$3,004,730.00
General	WSFS	CD	4/26/2018	1.55%	\$6,189.95	\$2,513,162.88
General ¹	TD	CD	5/2/2018	1.52%	\$60,532.28	\$15,583,254.04
SUB-TOTAL:						\$43,634,274.73
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	3/29/2018	1.55%	\$6,334.18	\$4,972,000.00
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:						\$245,545,108.00
OTHER:						
Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$47,753,645.19
Total Investments						\$402,331,763.92
Total Cash on Hand						\$14,073,509.62
Grand Total						\$416,405,273.54

¹ Budget Reserve


Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

***Note: At this time, Councilwoman McCoy was marked present and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).*

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

All Council	Sympathy Virginia Pridgen
All Council	Celebrate Harriet Tubman Day (March 10)
Congo	Recognize Bishop Ronald Hayes
Congo	Recognize Corner2Corner (Volunteer Safety Program)
Harlee	Recognize Clarence White
Oliver	Sympathy Elizabeth D. Ponder
Oliver	Sympathy Thomas Robinson
Oliver	Celebrate Fannie Marlene Aiken (80th Birthday)
Shabazz	Recognize Disability Awareness Month
Shabazz	Sympathy Shirley Elizabeth Rose
Shabazz	Retirement Dinah Davis Russ (47 Years)
Walsh	Sympathy Hugh Joseph McBride
Williams	Sympathy Fred Mason - Wilmington Police Department (Retired)

****Note: During this time, Council Members Freel and Chukwuocha were marked present and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).*

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Shabazz: Council Member Chukwuocha, any legislation?

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

President Shabazz: 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 Madam President, I have a letter for the Clerk to read into the record.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): It's during petitions and communications.

Council Member Harlee: Okay.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): Thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member Turner.

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

President Shabazz: 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: Ah, yes, I have two Ordinances for third and final and two for first and second.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final 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

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Williams, the above Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance. Council Member Adams made some comments. Council Member Congo also made some comments and raised questions.

President Shabazz: Clerk call the roll.

The Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was **defeated** by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Oliver, Harlee, McCoy and Freel, and Council President Shabazz. Total, six. Nays, Council Members Congo, Williams, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh. Total, six. Present, Council Member Turner. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it **defeated**.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final 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)

Council Member Freel: Madam President, I have a **Substitute** to present lieu of that Ordinance:

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)

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

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

The **Substitute** 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: Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 18-004 (Agenda #4486) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE
CITY CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TREASURER
TO ACCESS THE BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT
FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND TO REQUIRE
REPLENISHMENT OF THE BUDGET RESERVE
ACCOUNT FUNDS IN THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR

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

Council Member Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 18-005 (Agenda #4487) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES ON A TAX-EXEMPT AND/OR TAXABLE BASIS, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS TO FINANCE VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS OF THE CITY SPECIFIED IN THE CITY'S CAPITAL BUDGET FOR ITS FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; TO FUND CERTAIN GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

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

Council Member Freel: That's all I have. Thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member Adams.

Council Member Adams: No legislation tonight ma'am, thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member Dixon.

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

Council Member Dixon presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 18-006 (Agenda #4488) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH CINTAS CORPORATION TO PROVIDE RENTAL UNIFORMS

The above Ordinance was given two separate reading by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Dixon, seconded by Council Member Williams, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Community Development & Urban Planning Committee. Motion prevailed.

President Shabazz: Council Member Guy.

Council Member Guy: Um, yes Madam President, I have a Resolution to present, agenda item 4472.

President Shabazz: Not 4471?

Council Member Guy: Number 4472.

President Shabazz: Are you not presenting 4471?

Council Member Guy: Madam President, I'm presenting agenda item number 4472.

President Shabazz: I asked a question. Are you not presenting 4471 in the order of agenda?

Council Member Guy: I didn't put in order but right now I'm presenting 4472. I shouldn't have all this difficulty in something. That's why I specified the number.

Council Member Guy presented Resolution No. 18-014 (Agenda #4472) as follows:

WHEREAS, openness, transparency, and accountability are some of the important policies reflected through "Sec. 2-11. - Database of City of Wilmington Boards and Commissions ("COWBAC")" that reads as follows:

"(a) The mayor or his designee shall compile and maintain a computerized database of all city boards, commissions, task forces, committees, and similar entities, herein collectively referred to as the "City of Wilmington Boards and Commissions" ("COWBAC"). On or before January 1, 1998, the mayor or his designee shall provide a copy of such information to the president and each member of city council. The database items included shall be those used in the Delaware Governor's Database maintained in Dover. The COWBAC shall be updated not less than quarterly and copies of each update shall be provided to the president and each member of city council.

(b) Not later than the day of each city council meeting, the mayor, or his designee, shall file with the city clerk and provide to the president and each member of city council, written correspondence identifying any changes by way of resignation, removal from office, appointment, or creation of new organizations, that have occurred since the date of the last city council meeting as to any changes in membership of any of the organizations that are required to be listed in the COWBAC. The city clerk shall immediately notify the mayor, or his designee, of any changes occasioned by action of the city council regarding any organization required to be listed in the COWBAC. (Ord. No. 97-104, § 1, 12-18-97)"; and

WHEREAS, the 107th Session of Wilmington City Council has not received quarterly nor bimonthly updates from the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, it is not the intent of Wilmington City Council to allow such actions to continue; and

WHEREAS, including receipt of quarterly and bimonthly COWBAC Reports on the Agenda will ensure accurate information regarding the composition of City of Wilmington Boards and Commissions will be available to the public and media; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it appropriate to amend its Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Rule 2-ORDER OF BUSINESS of the Rules of the Council of the City of Wilmington, as adopted January 3, 2017 by Resolution 17-001 (subsequently amended), the phrase “F) Committee Reports: Reports from standing committees shall be signed by a majority of committee members, read by the Clerk, and filed, on motion and voice vote. The reading of the minutes shall include a statement as to committee members that were present, absent with leave and absent without leave. Non committee members present need not be mentioned.” be amended by deleting said phrase and inserting the following phrase in its place, “F) Committee Reports: Reports from standing committees shall be signed by a majority of committee members, read by the Clerk, and filed, on motion and voice vote. The reading of the minutes shall include a statement as to committee members that were present, absent with leave and absent without leave. Non committee members present need not be mentioned. City of Wilmington Boards and Commissions (“COWBAC”) Quarterly Reports and Bimonthly Reports from the Mayor, read by the Clerk, and filed, on motion and voice vote.”

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

Several members of Council made some comments as well as raised questions. In addition, President Shabazz made some comments.

President Shabazz: The Clerk will call the roll.

The 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 Congo, Harlee, Turner, Williams, Adams and Guy. Total, six. Nays, Chukwuocha, Oliver, McCoy, Freel, Dixon and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, seven.

President Shabazz: Declare it **defeated**.

Council Member Guy presented Resolution No. 18-015 (Agenda #4471) as follows:

WHEREAS, in Charter Sec. 2-100. - Number, terms and salaries of council members it reads: “Council shall consist of twelve (12) members, of whom eight (8) shall be elected from councilmanic districts and four (4) from the city at large, and the president of the council, who shall be elected by the people from the city at large. The

terms of council members shall be four (4) years, or until their successors have been elected and take office, commencing on the first Tuesday in the month of January following the year in which they were elected, except that a council member elected to fill a vacancy shall serve only the balance of the unexpired term. Each council member shall receive a salary at the rate of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) per annum, or such other sum as the council shall from time to time ordain, but the annual salary shall not be increased during the current term of council members enacting such ordinance. No change shall be made in the compensation of members of the city council during the final six (6) months of the terms of the members of the city council. The president of the council shall receive, in addition to the sum paid the council members, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per annum. The president of the council shall preside over meetings of the city council and shall have the same rights and duties including the right to vote and speak therein as other members.”; and

WHEREAS, the following table summarizes salary issues reflected below:

<u>City Council Positions</u>	<u>Charter Section 2-100</u>	<u>Ordinance No. 16-022</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>President of Council</u>	\$29,205.00	\$35,650.00	-\$6,445.00
<u>Finance Committee Chair</u>	\$28,205.00	\$33,150.00	-\$4,945.00
<u>President Pro Tempore</u>	\$28,205.00	\$32,030.00	-\$3,825.00
<u>Council Members</u>	\$28,205.00	\$28,205.00	\$0.00
			<u>\$-15,215.00</u>

WHEREAS, if the salary relationship outlined in the charter between council members and the president of the city council controls (Sec. 2-100. - Number, terms and salaries of council members. “The president of the council shall receive, in addition to the sum paid the council members, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per annum.”) then the salary of councilmembers would be as reflected in the second column above; and

WHEREAS, if the salary in the city code for council members, president, president pro tempore, and finance chair controls (Ordinance No. 16-022) then the salaries would be as reflected in the third column above with the total annual difference of **-\$15,215.00** reflected in the fourth column for a grand total over four (4) years being **-\$60,860.00**; and

WHEREAS, through the charter, code, and some other provision of law, if there is some justification or explanation for the inconsistencies reflected in the paragraphs above, it would be helpful for the City Solicitor/Law Department to provided City Council with a legal opinion regarding the above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, requests that the City Solicitor/Law Department

provide all members of City Council with a Legal Opinion that includes analysis of the Charter, City Code and any other relevant law, and that allows the City Solicitor/Law Department to provide a Legal Opinion on the lawfulness of the amount of the present salary actually being paid for the following four positions: Council Member, President of the Council, President Pro Tempore, and Finance Committee Chair.

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

Several members of Council raised questions as well as made some comments. In addition, President Shabazz 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 Congo, Harlee, Turner, Williams, Freel, Adams and Guy. Total, seven. Nays, Chukwuocha, Oliver, McCoy, Dixon and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, six.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

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

President Shabazz: Thank you. Councilwoman Walsh.

Council Member Walsh: Yes Madam President.

President Shabazz: If I may before you start, I just want to recognize the students from the Del Tech – um, students here for a political science project. I just want them to know that we recognize you in the audience before you had to leave. Thank you very much for joining us. You may continue Councilwoman Walsh.

Council Member Walsh: At least they got a to see a little session of problems and democracy. Um, yes, I have all sorts of things this evening on behalf of you and other people.

President Shabazz: Thank you.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Walsh presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 18-001 (Agenda #4473) entitled:

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

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Freel, the above Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member Walsh spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance. In addition, Council Member Williams made comments.

After lengthy discussion, upon a motion of Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Guy, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred back to Education, Youth & Families Committee by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Congo, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Adams, Dixon and Guy. Total, eight. Nays, Council Members Chukwuocha, Oliver, Freel and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, five.

President Shabazz: It's been passed and this Ordinance is referred back to committee for further consideration. Your next Resolution.

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

President Shabazz: Okay.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 18-016 (Agenda #4482) as follows:

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1948, the United Nations issued a Universal Declaration of Human Rights that proclaimed a set of fundamental human rights to be universally protected by all peoples and nations; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations passed a Resolution proclaiming the year commencing on December 10, 2008 as the international Year of Human Rights Learning; and

WHEREAS, the Year of Human Rights Learning inspired a movement known as the "Human Rights City" project, which aims to develop "Human Rights Cities" throughout the world to prevent conflict; promote racial justice, human security, and sustainable development; and inspire civic engagement at the local, national, and global level; and

WHEREAS, a Human Rights City is one in which residents and local authorities use the human rights framework provided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to influence meaningful and positive economic and social change; and

WHEREAS, spreading awareness of human rights has been an important component of the Human Rights Cities movement, and programs intended to educate citizens about human rights on the local, national and global levels have been implemented in other Human Rights Cities in the United States, including Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh and Boston; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 1-103 and 1-104 of the City Charter, the Wilmington Civil Rights Commission was established in 1992 to address issues of discriminatory treatment resulting from the delivery or provision of city government services or the implementation or effect of city policies; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Civil Rights Commission is currently inactive but could be reinstated to help the City protect the full range of universal human rights as enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and develop a curriculum for educating Wilmington citizens about human rights on a local, national and global level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Wilmington City Council does hereby affirm its commitment to human rights by declaring Wilmington a “Human Rights City.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wilmington City Council will work with the Mayor to ensure the reinstatement of the Civil Rights Commission, the duties of which can be expanded to include helping the City protect the full range of universal human rights as enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and developing a curriculum for educating Wilmington citizens about human rights on a local, national and global level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wilmington City Council will begin working to revise the City Code to reflect the full range of universal human rights as enumerated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Turner, the above Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member Walsh 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, Congo, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Oliver. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

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

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 18-017 (Agenda #4483) as follows:

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979 and became an international treaty on September 3, 1981, and 187 United Nations member nations have agreed to be bound by CEDAW’s provisions; and

WHEREAS, Cities for CEDAW is a grassroots effort that provides tools and leadership to empower local women’s organizations and municipalities to effectively adopt and implement CEDAW within their respective localities; and

WHEREAS, although women have made gains in the struggle for equality in many fields, much more needs to be accomplished to fully eradicate discrimination based on gender and to achieve full equality; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to express its desire that women and girls who live in Wilmington enjoy all the rights, privileges, and remedies that are bestowed on all people in the United States, no matter their race, national origin, gender or religious belief and with a purpose to proclaim that Wilmington is a city that will not tolerate discrimination against women and girls; and

WHEREAS, CEDAW provides a comprehensive framework for governments to examine their policies and practices in relation to women and girls and to rectify discrimination based on gender; and

WHEREAS, city and county governments have an appropriate and legitimate role in affirming the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the City of Wilmington is committed to eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, to promoting the health and safety of women and girls, and to affording them equal academic, economic and business opportunities.

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Williams, the above Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member Walsh spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. In addition, President Shabazz 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, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Williams, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Walsh: I don't have another damn thing Council President.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

President Shabazz spoke of Council's participation with schools to have students view the Black Panther movie. In addition, President Shabazz made some comments regarding the potential opportunities in the revitalization and improvements to city parks; gun violence and including but not limited to Council's budget review process.

The Clerk read the following communication:

VIA EMAIL

February 27, 2018

The Honorable Michelle Harlee
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
800 N. French Street, 9th floor
Wilmington, DE 19801

Dear Councilwoman Harlee,

By way of this letter, you are hereby advised that Mr. Melvyn I. Monzack of Monzack Mersky McLaughlin and Browder, P.A. submitted a petition to annex several properties on behalf of Riverfront Development Corporation. The proposed petition was submitted to Mayor Michael S. Purzycki, however, as the City Clerk I am to notify the Council Member representing the affected district, for submission to City Council.

Should you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
/s/Maribel Seijo

Enclosure

Cc: Honorable Hanifa Shabazz, Council President (via email w/encl.)
Marchelle Basnight, Chief of Staff to Council (via email w/encl.)
David Karas, Legislative & Policy Director (via email w/encl.)
Tanya Washington, Chief of Staff to Mayor (via email w/o encl.)
Luke W. Mette, City Solicitor (via email w/o encl.)
Herbert M. Inden, Director, Dept. of Planning and Development (via email w/o encl.)
Gwineth Kaminsky, Planning Manager (via email w/o encl.)
John Kurth, Planner II (via email w/o encl.)

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members Freel and Congo, the communication was received, recorded and referred to the Planning Commission. Motion prevailed.

Council Members spoke on the following: gun violence; Black Panther movie; condolences expressed to Councilman Chukwuocha's family; an incident regarding a dog being attacked; community events/activities throughout their districts; Mayor's Budget Address; clarity on comments pertaining to Christiana School District and closing of buildings; Ken Livingston was thanked for getting the ball rolling for the Black Panther movie and bringing in all the schools; announcement of committee

meetings; comments of rules and regulations that govern the police department; comments pertaining to DART and including but not limited to comments regarding capital funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Members McCoy and Dixon, seconded by Council Member Freel, Council adjourned at 8:39 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk