

*City of Wilmington
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
January 9, 2014*

Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., presiding.

Invocation was given by Joe Garcia.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by City Council.

ROLL CALL

The following members responded to the Call of the Roll: Council Members Congo, D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown, Cabrera, Walsh, Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Chukwuocha. Total, one.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of December 12, 2013, upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Ms. Shabazz, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Public Safety Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Michael A. Brown, Sr.	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II			X
Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	
Robert A. Williams	X		

December 19, 2013

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Safety Committee, to who was referred **Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 13-042** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 40 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING TAKE HOME VEHICLES

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Public Safety Committee
/s/Michael A. Brown, Sr., Chair
/s/Charles M. Freel
/s/Robert A. Williams
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Mr. Williams/Mr. Freel, the aforementioned Report was received, recorded, and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Michael A. Brown Sr.	X		
Samuel Prado			X
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz		X	
Loretta Walsh		X	

January 6, 2014

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 13-045** entitled:

A PROJECT ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING OF A PROJECT FOR THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING CORP.; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS WITH RESPECT THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF WILMINGTON REVENUE BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000,000; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

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/Michael A. Brown, Sr.
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh/Ms. Shabazz, the
aforementioned Report was received, recorded, and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Public Safety Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Michael A. Brown, Sr.	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II			X
Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	
Robert A. Williams	X		

Date: December 19, 2013

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Safety Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 13-046**
entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
NIXLE, LLC, FOR AN INTERNET-BASED PUBLIC EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Public Safety Committee
/s/Michael A. Brown, Sr., Chair
/s/Charles M. Freel
/s/Robert A. Williams
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Freel, the aforementioned Report was received, recorded, and filed. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report dated January 9, 2014 was read into the record by the City Clerk, and upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Freel, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON January 9, 2014

102	Community Development Block Grant	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
104	Old Non-Uniform Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 1,527.81
105	Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 3,537.44
106	Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 5,258.94
107	Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$ 118,860.03
108	Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
110	Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$ 243,533.59
113	Non-Uniform Pension	M & T Bank	\$ 19,111.82
114	Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$ 26,868.56
117	Cement Workers	Wilmington Savings Fund	\$ 33,373.68
118	Worker's Comp. 3 rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$ 13,003.24
124	Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990	M & T Bank	\$ 7,784.36
130	Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 58,314.52
131	Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$ 63,668.06
139	Pension Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$ <u>2,460.92</u>
	Total Cash on Hand		\$ 601,441.94

FUND CODE	FUND	INSTITUTION	INVEST. TYPE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	INVESTMENT AMOUNT
116	General	M&T Bank	RP	01/09/14	0.01%	\$ 1.70	\$ 6,206,818.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	01/10/14	0.30%	\$ 2,219.17	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	01/24/14	0.30%	\$ 2,449.31	\$ 2,000,000.00
124	Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	01/30/14	0.30%	\$ 760.11	\$ 2,720,000.00
106	Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	01/30/14	0.30%	\$ 298.36	\$ 1,210,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	02/05/14	0.30%	\$ 18,105.54	\$ 24,476,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	02/07/14	0.25%	\$ 2,205.48	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	02/19/14	0.30%	\$ 2,515.07	\$ 3,400,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	02/21/14	0.25%	\$ 2,397.26	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General ¹	TD	CD	02/25/14	0.25%	\$ 4,978.64	\$ 14,537,615.00
110	Capital ³	TD	CD	03/03/14	0.25%	\$ 949.44	\$ 1,540,195.00
116	General	TD	CD	03/07/14	0.25%	\$ 2,520.55	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	03/21/14	0.25%	\$ 2,424.66	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	04/01/14	0.30%	\$ 2,576.71	\$ 1,900,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	04/04/14	0.25%	\$ 2,232.88	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	04/17/14	0.30%	\$ 2,745.20	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	04/25/14	0.25%	\$ 1,816.44	\$ 1,700,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/02/14	0.30%	\$ 3,871.23	\$ 3,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/10/14	0.30%	\$ 2,260.27	\$ 1,375,000.00
514	Risk Management	WSFS	CD	07/11/14	0.30%	\$ 8,687.31	\$ 2,895,775.55
515	Worker's Comp.	WSFS	CD	07/11/14	0.30%	\$ 8,687.31	\$ 2,895,775.55
104	Escrow Pension	Affinity Wealth					\$ 1,519,263.00
104	Escrow Pension	Vanguard					\$ 21,600,802.00
104	Escrow Pension	Black Rock					\$ 55,258,679.00
104	Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$ 31,318,785.00
104	Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$ 35,096,577.00
104	Escrow Pension	Manning & Napier					\$ 22,665,934.00
104	Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$ 13,954,753.00
104	Escrow Pension	GMO					\$ 11,555,738.00
139	Medical Escrow	Black Rock-OPEB					\$ 11,481,613.00
116	Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$ 37,297,659.00
	Total Investments						\$ 325,606,982.10
	Total Cash on Hand						\$ 601,441.94
	Grand Total						\$ 326,208,424.04

¹ Budget Reserve

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/s/Henry W. Supinski
City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Ms. Shabazz/Mr. Freel, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

D. Brown	Congratulate Anna Hargraves
D. Brown	Sympathy Lucy Davis
Cabrera	Sympathy Paulina Burgos
Dorsey Walker	Moorish Americans Celebration Week
Freel	Sympathy Sophie C. Krzyzanowski
Williams	Retirement Master Corporal Alvin Boardley

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Gregory: Mr. Chukwuocha is out. Mr. Congo.

Mr. Congo: Nothing tonight Mr. President. Thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. D. Brown: Thank you Mr. President. Nothing tonight.

President Gregory: Ms. Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Nothing tonight Mr. President. Thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Prado.

Mr. Prado: Nothing tonight Mr. President. Thank you.

President Gregory: Ms. Dorsey Walker.

Ms. Dorsey Walker: Nothing tonight Mr. President. Thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: Thank you Mr. President. Nothing tonight.

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President. I believe I have two ordinances for third and final.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 13-038 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 OPERATING BUDGET (BEING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 13-013, AS AMENDED), THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2014

Mr. President, I have a **Substitute** to present in lieu of that Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 OPERATING BUDGET (BEING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 13-013, AS AMENDED), THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2014

Mr. Freel: Mr. President if you recall on our last meeting in December, I held this Ordinance because there was some concern about a footnote that was on there. We brought this Ordinance back, the substance of the Ordinance has not changed at all and just briefly we are adding \$350,000 to the Budget to cover animal control in the Department of Licenses & Inspections; we are putting \$100,000 in the Mayor's Office for contingency funding and \$30,000 in City Council's Office to provide funding for some legal and financial aid that we received. The only change is the fact that we took the footnote off the Ordinance.

President Gregory: Mr. Brown.

Mr. D. Brown: Thank you Mr. President. I think Mr. Freel just answered my question. I just want to make sure that I didn't - - there was no over site on my part. That there's nothing written or typed that was an issue at our last meeting.

Mr. Freel: I don't see anything on there. So, we're good to go.

President Gregory: Thank you. Clerk call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Mr. Williams, the aforementioned **Substitute Ordinance (Rev. #2)**, 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 Members Congo, D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown, Cabrera, Walsh, and

Council President Gregory. Total, eleven. Nays, Council Member Wright. Total, one. Absent, Council Member Chukwuocha. Total, one.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 13-045 entitled:

A PROJECT ORDINANCE APPROVING AND
AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING OF A PROJECT FOR
THE COMMUNITY EDUCATION BUILDING CORP.;
MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS WITH RESPECT THERETO;
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF WILMINGTON
REVENUE BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000,000; AND
AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President. I want to just touch on some of the financial aspects and then I'm going to defer to Council Member Shabazz. This is giving the City Treasurer's Office the ability to go ahead and issue bonds not to exceed thirty-five million dollars. These are revenue bonds - - usually for these types of projects, for non-profits, education uses and some others, you need a government entity to go ahead and issue these bonds at a better than market interest rate. We will issue the bonds but the proceeds will go to the Community Education Building Corporation to basically pay off first of all their short-term construction debt and then their long-term debt and also provide any fees to cover all their costs with the bonds. I want to make it clear that the City has no money in this project and that this does not impact our borrowing ability, our credit rating in any way. I also want to mention that this debt actually will be guaranteed by the Longwood Foundation. So, I will answer any questions once Council Member Shabazz when she's up on any aspects of financial.

Ms. Shabazz: I don't have any other aspects on the financial but I would know that - - I want to just talk about...

President Gregory: Yes.

Ms. Shabazz: ...okay. I've been involved with this project from the onset and I was not able to make the Finance Committee meeting but I really appreciate my colleagues' extensive questioning to ensure that this was going to be something beneficial to the children of Wilmington. As you see in the excerpt of their lease, one the major things we wanted to ensure that this was going to do exactly what it says long-term and that was to provide the quality and equable education for our young people. It's named the Community Education Building and not only there's emphasis of community is very strong throughout their complete objective, they've made a lot of partnerships and collaborations with community service organizations to provide services.

They provided jobs on this demolition and construction and looking forward there as long-term conversation ensure that a lot of the hire of the employees would come from the local residents and local citizens of Wilmington. I am in support of this and I think it's going to be something that's beneficial to our young people. I want to also add to, the state of art education that our young people behave would be pristine. It's very holistic, they have - - there will be exposure to not only arts but the science as well as - - there's a health center inside - - that there is support systems for the parents. So, I think this is going to be just something that's going to be really great for our children in Wilmington.

President Gregory: Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. D. Brown: Thank you Mr. President. This project is physically located in the 4th District but butts up against the 3rd District. Walnut Street is the divider between my district and Councilwoman Shabazz's and a lot of the impact for traffic flow will impact the residential area of the 3rd Council District. Over the last year I met with representatives from the CEB – they've met with upper Eastside Neighborhood Civic Association they've presented their plan for the building to that civic association, to the neighbors in that area. I've also had the opportunity of touring the facility about three times, I've seen it as a shell, I've seen what they've done with the library, with the wellness center, what they're doing with the classrooms and the science, technology, engineering and mathematic - - the stem focus that they're providing in the classrooms and also one of the educational institutions in our city is Kuumba Academy, which is one that would be located in that building. So, thus far many of the things that they have - - that I've met about and I've talked to them about, they've met those goals and accomplishments in preparing to educate city children. I think we've brought some other issues up at our Finance Committee meeting that I believe missionarily they may have an attempt to but we wanted to emphasize the importance articulating that and we've had that verbal commitment and we look forward to having that commitment implemented as we move forward. Thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Michael Brown.

Mr. M. Brown: Thank you Mr. President. I was very pleased at the meeting for all that I've heard and while I have yet to tour the building, I was invited to do and I was not able to do so as of yet. But one thing crossed my mind after I went home and starting playing back some things in my mind - -I should have asked - - is a few months last year rather, Councilman Wright put in an ordinance to eliminate the "box". Is that in effect still here in Wilmington that when they do - - they say about 150 jobs - - 150 permanent jobs, 150 part-time jobs - - is that going to be available still when our citizens come to eliminate the "box" and not ask?

Ms. Shabazz: That's only for city jobs.

President Gregory: That's for city jobs.

Mr. M. Brown: Oh, that's only for city jobs? Well I figure since, you know, we're putting in some city elbow that should have a bearing on that ordinance that Councilman Wright passed. I mean, you know, it's like federal dollars - - you know, you do certain things because there's federal dollars involved and state dollars. Let's do the right thing and do certain things because we're sticking our necks out there with our signature on that big bond.

President Gregory: Ms. Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Yes if I may Mr. President. I do understand what you're saying Councilman Brown but we have to also understand there is - because it is a school an educational institution, there are certain criteria of who can be in the building and who cannot. They do have a state of art - - they do have a state of the art security, which would allow people that only have certain passes to allow to get on certain floors because of the tight security - - but we still have to conscience that we're having children there and that there are certain individuals who have pass that cannot be around our children.

Mr. M. Brown: I agree to that.

Ms. Shabazz: Yes sir, thank you.

Mr. M. Brown: There are some that don't.

Ms. Shabazz: I understand that and they will be eligible to meet the criteria of the state employment.

Mr. M. Brown: I'm sorry Mr. President. I was just reminding her that there are still some that don't - - that can get....

President Gregory: I want you to remind all of us. So, you have to talk up this way.

Mr. M. Brown: Yes Mr. President. I was talking to Councilwoman Shabazz and I should not have and should have been directing to you Mr. President. So, let me correct that thank you sir.

Ms. Shabazz: And Council Member Shabazz is an advocate for those individual very strongly so you know that I be ensuring that they would be able to get employment.

President Gregory: Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: Thank you Mr. President. Actually, I raise this point in the committee meeting - - one of things I think we need to do that I'm working towards is require entities that receive any type of assistance from the City to have a diversity plan.

Also, I believe if you put things in black and white people are more prone to try to adhere to it. It was stated in the meeting that as far as DBE participation, currently it's only about 3% and that's been the norm. No entity has really reached to that 10% mark or (inaudible) in quite some time it seems to be. Let's just throw a few pennies here a few pennies there - - we talked about possibly phasing projects out and things - - they were receptive to some of our concerns. However, I still - - there were a number of concerns raised during the meeting and I think at some point, if not now, then when? So, I'm really not totally sure - - I'm sure that there will be superb superior education service given to the young people - while is it going to majority served - - the young people - - majority of the young people will they be from the City of Wilmington? Probably not - - or half of them - - I don't know but I just think at some point, you know, I represent Wilmington, we represent Wilmington as you stated in the meeting Mr. President, we have to ensure we're advocating for our young people and for the citizens also as it pertains to the various jobs that could be offered. There was a conversation about possibly starting an apprenticeship program within a project such as this magnitude and those ideas were kind of embraced but I'm not too sure that I will be supporting this tonight and it's nothing against CEB or the entity. It's just, I think at some point, we have to stand up and say "look some of these things need to be met" and move forward. I think it's an awesome idea. I do but I just don't think I'm going to support it tonight and I just wanted to say that publicly. Thank you.

President Gregory: Thank you. Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: Thank you Mr. President. I actually am somewhat on the same page as Mr. Wright. I keep parking back in mind to the same - - my parents tried to teach me that their parents tried to teach them and when we hear this especially from bankers and financial people about how it doesn't affect the City of Wilmington and it's not going to cost us anything and that is that there is no such thing as a free lunch. And while I do wish this corporation a lot of success, and I'm still weighing it, I don't know how I'm going to vote tonight and I have to do it in like 30 seconds. On the one hand, I want to see something really good in that building. On the other hand, buildings that big even though I know Kuumba is not going to be in the whole building, but buildings like that that are high-rises never buy well in the end with educational systems or with people living in them. And, the maintenance of that building is going to be extremely costly down the road. Fine, that's not something we have to worry about right now but it is something I do worry about because we're suppose to make the future better for those we're leaving it to. So, if we somehow end up getting settled with all sort of things because of this building, it just makes me really, really nervous. That's all I have to say. I mean I watched the committee hearing, I do, you know, support the concept of it but I'm just not quite sure on - - I just don't know. I don't why this vote is this hard but I just been thinking about it for the like the last week and I keep going back and forth.

President Gregory: Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh/Ms. Shabazz, the aforementioned 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 Members Congo, D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown, Cabrera, and Council President Gregory. Total, ten. Nays, Council Member Walsh. Total, one. Present, Council Member Wright. Total, one. Absent, Council Member Chukwuocha. Total, one.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 14-001 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT CERTAIN TRAFFIC/PARKING REGULATIONS

This aforementioned Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, was received, recorded, and referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Mr. Brown.

Mr. M. Brown: Yes Mr. President. I have two ordinances to present for third and final.

Mr. M. Brown presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 13-042 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 40 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING TAKE HOME VEHICLES

Mr. President, I have a **Substitute** to present in lieu of that Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 40 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING TAKE HOME VEHICLES

Mr. M. Brown: Yes Mr. President. We talked - this is the City of Wilmington take home vehicles and this Ordinance is being presented for Council's review and approval and if approved, Council will be amending City Code to require all city-issued government vehicles which are designated as take home vehicles for city employees must carry the City's official seal in the front door, side door, on top, around the bottom, it don't matter. All that exception is the Mayor - - three elected officials, the Mayor, the City President - Council President, the Treasurer as well as the Mayor's Chief of Staff and Council's Chief of Staff and police officers who carry out their official issued duties during undercover and unmarked vehicles.

President Gregory: Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. M. Brown, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned **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: Yeas, Council Members Congo, D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown, Cabrera, Walsh, Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Chukwuocha. Total, one.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. M. Brown: Mr. President, I have another Ordinance to present please for third and final.

Mr. M. Brown presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 13-046 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A SERVICE
AGREEMENT WITH NIXLE, LLC, FOR AN INTERNET-
BASED PUBLIC EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM

Mr. M. Brown: Yes Mr. President, this Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval and if it's approved, Council will be authorizing the Wilmington Police Department to enter into a three-year contract at \$16,274.92 per year with Nixle, LLC for Nixle 360, an internet-based public emergency communications system that would replace the Department's current reverse 911 emergency notification system. It will also provide enhanced reverse 911 services as well as a police tip line service to include text messages and photographs. In addition, and also services will be provide access to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's public alert and warning system and is integrated with Google.com and various social media platforms. Madame President.

*Note: At this time, Council President Gregory had to step out of the meeting and President Pro Temp Walsh took over presiding the meeting.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Thank you. Through the magic of television, I have changed my sex up here. Does anyone else have any questions? Council Member Williams.

Mr. Williams: Thank you Madame President. It's important to point out that this will allow the communications department to interact with those persons with cell phones. Right now our 911 system only interacts on the reverse bases with landlines. However, the caveat is that you need to subscribe.

So, they're encouraging persons to subscribe this so they can receive emergency responses via their cell phone. That will enable the department to interface with them with texting and the photos and things of that nature to get into the tip line. I just want as a side note, New Castle County Police just started an app on your Smartphone for interviewing - - or for relaying information back and forth and I'm hoping we're trending in that direction with this program.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Council Member Freel.

Mr. Freel: Yes Ms. President, I was happy to see this because I think this is another tool to kind of improve communications between the police and the community and the community police and I echo Councilman Williams' comments, I think we should keep going and look at that app and I also hope that we will still look at trying to get the town watch website up and running also because I think that could be another positive tool. So, I'm glad to see it's moving in this direction.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Council Member Cabrera.

Ms. Cabrera: Do we have details in terms when you say subscribing if somebody uses their cell phone is it as simple enough as saying "yes I want to be added to your list" or is there a special place they need to go to subscribe to this service?

President Pro Temp Walsh: Council Member Brown, do you want to defer to Council Member Williams?

Mr. M. Brown: I'm going to defer to Council Member Williams because I think or I will defer if - - privilege for the Chief of Police to come to the floor - -

President Pro Temp Walsh: Do we really need that?

Mr. M. Brown: If they have questions about this particular enhancement that's going to help the Wilmington Police Department. If anybody should tell it, it should come from the Chief of Police who can tell it her way and the best way. Madame Chair - - Madame President.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Any objections to the privilege of the floor for the Chief?

Mr. M. Brown: Can I make a motion?

President Pro Temp Walsh: Do I have a second on your motion?

Mr. Williams: Second.

It was moved and seconded to allow the privilege of floor to Chief of Police Christine Dunning.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Chief Dunning, do you have a moment? Can you come here please? I think we should have a bible up here and everybody has to be sworn in when they testify but that's just my thoughts.

Chief Dunning: In regards to Nixle, the program, Corporal Ivey will be doing press releases that would specify the exact steps for how to sign up this. This is going to be big press campaign we're going to have to do for about two or three months. But, I honestly can't tell you the exact technical details, the ins and outs of the IT stuff unfortunately.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Anyone from the floor? Chief, I have one question. I don't know if you can answer this or perhaps Council Member Williams could. Because cell numbers are now going to be listed too with information, does that change it because that's very comparable to landlines?

Chief Dunning: I will look into it. I thought this was very similar to what we have - - the 888-1800 number where it - - there's nothing that comes back on the screen but that's something I'll have to verify.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Alright, thank you. Anyone?

Chief Dunning: Plus we have a third-party, which was nice with the Nixle. As far as the things with subpoenaing and everything, it helps alleviate that portion because I know that people want to remain truly anonymous.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Council Member Cabrera.

Ms. Cabrera: Now I'm just thinking with all the technology that we have now, text alerts and things like that, in order for this work and for people to subscribe, it's got to be as simple as pushing a button. If you got to start going to websites, filling out things, we're not going to capture them. It's not going to happen that way and again, I understand you don't have the details but there's apps and things out there now that people are creating, we should have our own app now-a-days to be able to report the crime and stay in touch.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Council Member Williams, you have a question for the Chief?

Mr. Williams: Oh no ma'am. I was just going to....

President Pro Temp Walsh: Anyone else has a question for the Chief?

Mr. D. Brown: No.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Thank you Chief.

Chief Dunning: Alright, like I said this is one direction where the Police Department has to move for better communications and we're working to update things. Thank you.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Thank you. Council Member Williams.

Mr. Williams: Just to go off what Councilwoman Cabrera said. I believe the way its set up is similar to any of the other apps you'll get on your handheld device, text the word "WPD" to 218 and you're in. It would something that simple.

Mr. D. Brown: Motion to revert, to return to regular business.

Mr. M. Brown: Second.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Anyone else? Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. M. Brown, seconded by Mr. Freel/Ms. Shabazz, the aforementioned 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 Members D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown, Cabrera, Wright and Walsh. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo and Council President Gregory. Total, three.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Declare it adopted. Anything else Mr. Brown?

Mr. M. Brown: Madame President, thank you but nothing else. Thank you Council Members.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Okay. Ms. Cabrera.

Ms. Cabrera: Nothing this evening. Thank you.

President Pro Temp Walsh: I have nothing. Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: Thank you.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Legislation?

Mr. Wright: Oh, I'm thinking petitions and communications.

President Pro Temp Walsh: No.

Mr. Wright: Nothing tonight. Thank you. I'm used to him switching the roll on me.

President Pro Temp Walsh: Thank you.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members announced committee and civic meetings, community events and community projects in their districts. Council Members spoke on the following matters: 3rd District Annual Report; quality of life issues in the 3rd District; large response to the request of support of the Center for Disease Control; support to entrepreneurs; MET Charter School's proposal to be housed in the old Layton Home; bad sidewalk repairs (black asphalt) on the 400 block of New Castle Avenue and the need to reach out to Delmarva Power to address properly repairing the sidewalk; concerns were expressed of the cold weather and the need to especially check up on the elderly and in addition, those in need of heating assistance should reach out to agencies such Catholic Charities and United Way; water main breaks should be reported to the City at 576-3877 or contact the non-emergency number at 654-5151; Affordable Healthcare enrollment has been extended to March 31st – enrollment can be done through healthcare.gov or the local website choosehealthy.com; reminder of "211" service for those needing assistance to various agencies; public safety concerns in the City of Wilmington and the need for solutions and the need to work together; parenting workshops titled Healing the Home and Community; it was duly noted of a procedural matter that was questioned at a previous Council meeting as it relates to the ability to call for a roll call vote and how Rule 8 of the Council Rules allows that action to take place; it was noted that the elected officials in Dover also bear just as much as responsibility as the elected officials in Wilmington and everyone should be held accountable including those members in DC; a peaceful Rally in Dover is being organized to take place on January 22nd with the hope to change the direction of Delaware and all are welcome; back to back meetings of Council (i.e. next week, Jan. 16th); and including, but not limited to, comments made regarding the incident with the young man who spoke during the public comment segment as to how he was treated by police. Council Members expressed Happy New Year greetings to everyone as well as expressed Happy Birthday wishes to Ms. Edythe Pridgen.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Shabazz/Mr. Freel, Council adjourned at 7:39 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk