

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
December 4, 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 Traci Owens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by City Council.

ROLL CALL

The following members responded to the Call of the Roll: Council Members Chukwuocha, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Congo and Michael Brown. Total, two.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of November 20, 2014, upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Freel/Mr. Williams, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Joint Meeting of Finance and Public Safety Committees</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	
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II	X		
Robert Williams	X		

Date: 12/1/14

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your **JOINT** Finance and Public Safety Committees, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 14-034** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE CONTROL,
REVIEW AND RECONCILIATION

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance Committee and
/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Hanifa Shabazz
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

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

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

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Public Works & Transportation Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz, Chair		X	
Michael A. Brown, Sr.		X	
Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha	X		
Samuel Prado			X
Robert A. Williams	X		

November 19, 2014

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 14-046** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF NEW
STREET FROM THE OFFICIAL CITY MAP

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Public Works & Transportation Committee
/s/Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha
/s/Robert A. Williams
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

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

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Public Works & Transportation Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz, Chair		X	
Michael A. Brown, Sr.		X	
Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha	X		
Samuel Prado			X
Robert A. Williams	X		

November 19, 2014

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee, to who was referred
Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 14-047 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE SUBDIVISION PLAN KNOWN
AS “WALNUT RIDGE AT 15TH AND WALNUT STREETS” AND
TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A NEW CITY STREET TO BE
NAMED “KOINONIA DRIVE”

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Public Works & Transportation Committee
/s/Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha
/s/Robert A. Williams
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

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

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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	

DATE: 12/1/14

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 14-051** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH LERRO CORPORATION TO PROVIDE ON-SITE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WITN TV

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/Hanifa Shabazz
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, 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	

DATE: 12/1/14

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 14-052**
entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 44 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING ADOPTION OF COUNTY ANNUAL AND
QUARTERLY ASSESSMENTS OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

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/Hanifa Shabazz
/s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, 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	

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

December 1, 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 14-054**
entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY
CODE REGARDING THE WILMINGTON WATER, SEWER
AND STORMWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD ("CAB")

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/Hanifa Shabazz
 /s/Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr., Ex Officio

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report dated December 4, 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 DECEMBER 4, 2014

102	Community Development Block Grant	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
104	Old Non-Uniform Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 1,963.81
105	Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 5,479.39
106	Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 4,641.94
107	Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$ 157,172.32
108	Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
110	Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
113	Non-Uniform Pension	M & T Bank	\$ 1,111.82
114	Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$ 146,104.16
117	Cement Workers	Wilmington Savings Fund	\$ 33,412.62
118	Worker's Comp. 3 rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$ 13,003.23
124	Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990	M & T Bank	\$ 9,875.94
130	Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 110,329.97
131	Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$ 25,234.04
139	Pension Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$ <u>40,566.65</u>
	Total Cash on Hand		\$ 553,035.86

FUND CODE	FUND	INSTITUTION	INVEST. TYPE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	INVESTMENT AMOUNT
116	General	M&T Bank	RP	12/04/14	0.01%	\$ 2.31	\$ 8,427,017.00
116	General	TD	CD	12/12/14	0.25%	\$ 1,452.06	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	12/17/14	0.30%	\$ 1,541.09	\$ 2,500,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	12/23/14	0.25%	\$ 1,602.74	\$ 2,000,000.00
124	Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	12/29/14	0.30%	\$ 1,521.78	\$ 5,290,000.00
106	Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	12/29/14	0.30%	\$ 43.15	\$ 150,000.00
105	Police Pension	WSFS	CD	12/29/14	0.30%	\$ 74.79	\$ 260,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	01/05/15	0.25%	\$ 1,181.51	\$ 1,500,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	01/09/15	0.30%	\$ 1,873.97	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital ²	TD	CD	01/15/15	0.25%	\$ 1,287.02	\$ 1,540,195.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	01/23/15	0.30%	\$ 2,071.23	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	01/30/15	0.25%	\$ 1,181.51	\$ 1,500,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	02/06/15	0.30%	\$ 1,841.10	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	02/20/15	0.25%	\$ 3,835.62	\$ 5,000,000.00
116	General ¹	TD	CD	03/02/15	0.25%	\$ 10,482.23	\$ 15,003,965.00
116	General	TD	CD	03/06/15	0.25%	\$ 1,260.28	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	03/16/15	0.30%	\$ 23,134.84	\$ 24,476,000.00
514	Risk Management	WSFS	CD	07/10/15	0.35%	\$ 14,938.32	\$ 4,279,819.74
515	Worker's Comp.	WSFS	CD	07/10/15	0.35%	\$ 14,938.32	\$ 4,279,819.74
104	Escrow Pension	Affinity Wealth					\$ 1,490,564.00
104	Escrow Pension	Vanguard					\$ 35,697,884.00
104	Escrow Pension	Black Rock					\$ 27,118,856.00
104	Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$ 22,117,419.00
104	Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$ 46,565,023.00
104	Escrow Pension	Manning & Napier					\$ 20,865,115.00
104	Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$ 17,396,585.00
104	Escrow Pension	GMO					\$ 11,880,713.00
104	Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$ 20,522,867.00
139	Medical Escrow	Black Rock-OPEB					\$ 12,884,964.00
116	Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$ 39,795,349.00
	Total Investments						\$ 342,542,155.48
	Total Cash on Hand						\$ 553,035.86
	Grand Total						\$ 343,095,191.34

¹ Budget Reserve

² SEU

/s/Henry W. Supinski
City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

M. Brown	Sympathy Kenneth Oates
M. Brown	Sympathy Anthony J. Ciotti, Sr.
M. Brown	Retirement Delores Nelson
Gregory	Sympathy James Edward Bryan
Gregory	Sympathy Julio Rodriguez
Gregory	Sympathy Dr. Emma Burgess
Shabazz	Retirement Terry Toliver
Shabazz	Recognize Mimi Brown
Shabazz	Retirement Lonnie Edwards
Walsh	Celebration of Life – Mason Webster Dunn

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Mr. Chukwuocha: Nothing tonight Mr. President, thank you sir.

President Gregory: I'm going to get this right tonight. Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. Darius Brown: Thank you Mr. President, nothing tonight.

President Gregory: Ms. Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Yes Mr. President, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the third and final reading.

Ms. Shabazz presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 14-046 (Agenda #3984) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF NEW STREET FROM THE OFFICIAL CITY MAP

Ms. Shabazz: Yes Mr. President, is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. Council would be authorizing the change of the official city map for Wilmington to remove New Street from the map and New Street is near Vandever Avenue, Palmers, Maple Street. The Delmarva Power recently renovated a substation on that site based on the City's Review and Preservation Commission's recommendations and now New Street is being renamed and placed - - excused me completed surrounded by the substation and removed from the official city map and the City's Planning Commission approved this Ordinance at its October 21st meeting.

President Gregory: Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. Darius Brown: Thank you Mr. President. Since this legislation is in my Council district, New Street and project that was done by Delmarva Power was a project over a year and half period. New Street used to be a street in the 3rd District that had houses on it, residents lived in, with the expansion of the power station there are no longer homes there and so with the support of not only the Planning Commission but also the support of the community and neighboring community and civic associations alike, I am in favor of the removal of this from the city map. Thank you.

President Gregory: Thank you. The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Mr. Williams, 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 Chukwuocha, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Cabrera, Walsh, and Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Congo and Michael Brown. Total, two.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Ms. Shabazz: Mr. President, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the third and final reading.

Ms. Shabazz presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 14-047 (Agenda #3985) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE SUBDIVISION PLAN KNOWN AS “WALNUT RIDGE AT 15TH AND WALNUT STREETS” AND TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A NEW CITY STREET TO BE NAMED “KOINONIA DRIVE”

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

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE SUBDIVISION PLAN KNOWN AS “WALNUT RIDGE AT 15TH AND WALNUT STREETS” AND TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A NEW CITY STREET TO BE NAMED “DYSON WAY”

Ms. Shabazz: Yes Mr. President, this Ordinance if approved by Council is a subdivision plan known as Walnut Ridge Way to create nine parcels of residential development and the Ordinance would also add a street to official city map to be named Dyson Way. As you heard in the reading of the first ordinance it originally had a different - - another name, the community discussed it with the developer and they came to the agreement and understanding and respect of the community’s wishes and renamed the street Dyson Way and this was approved by the City’s Planning Commission at their October 21st meeting.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: Thank you Mr. President. I just wanted to point out that during our public comment that Ms. Barbara Washam gave us some very detailed history as to why Dyson Way. This will be the 4th generation that is in that area and I think that's very important for us to know.

President Gregory: Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, 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 Chukwuocha, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Cabrera, Walsh, and Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Congo and Michael Brown. Total, two.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Mr. Prado.

Mr. Prado: Nothing tonight Mr. President.

President Gregory: Ms. Dorsey Walker.

Ms. Dorsey Walker: No legislative business tonight Mr. President. Thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: No legislative business this evening Mr. President.

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: Mr. President, I have four for third and final.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 14-034 (Agenda #3954) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE CONTROL, REVIEW AND RECONCILIATION

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING EXPENDITURE AND GRANT FUNDING CONTROL AND REVIEW

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President, first I'd like to offer a friendly amendment to this ordinance. I'd like to move that in Section 5 on Page 2, in the second line after year comma, I would like to insert "after the tenth calendar day of January" comma. The second change I would like to make in Section 7, in the second line, I would like to delete the word "first". I would also like to delete the words "and then during". I would like to insert "at that point prior to". Just let me read that real quick, the Budget Director shall be required in a timely manner to notify City Council in written form prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting and the Council's Finance Committee. Those are the - - that's the motion sir.

President Gregory: Can I get a second to the motion?

Ms. Shabazz: Second.

President Gregory: It's been properly moved and second that the Ordinance be amended accordingly. On the question. All those in favor so note by saying Aye, Oppose, Abstention. Aye's have it. We're now on the comment, on the question with respect to the ordinance.

Mr. Freel: Thank you Mr. President. I think Council Members require - - remember that during the last budget hearing there was just a lot of discussion during the spring hearings about the amount of information really that needs to be absorbed and decisions made and there was just a lot of questions and comments about how do we keep up to date on information throughout the twelve months and not just two or three months for the budget hearings? So, we're trying to - - we're trying to incorporate in this Ordinance some items that would kind of be red flags so that Council would be notified. One is the fact that if we find by the end of the second quarter that a department in certain budget lines that are (inaudible) to have expended seventy-five percent of their budget we'll be notified by the Budget Director. If we find at any time doing - - when WEFAC meets and their revenue projections and that we find that their projection has been adjusted three percent down, in other words a short-fall three percent, Council Members will be notified of that change. The other thing that came up at the last budget hearing is that though we are notified about some grants in resolution form, we learned during some of the hearings that there were other grants coming to the City whether from other government entities or whatever, that we were not aware of until we discussed them at the budget hearing. So, basically what this establishes is any grants whether it's Federal, State, or New Castle County, local of any kind, Council will be notified of those grants. So, hopefully this helps as we've talked before about making the budget process a twelve month a year process, it makes more transparent and it actually - - through some of the discussions that would take place at Finance Committee meetings hopefully it opens it up also to the public for their review. I'll try to answer questions at this time.

President Gregory: Yes, again, it was a lot of discussions about accountability coming out of the last budget process and thanks to Mr. Freel and myself a lot of dialogue and discussion with members of the Administration. I think it was very

good, healthy, give and take in our part and the Administration's part working together, incorporating together to try to come up with a better frame work for budget discussion and understanding. I believe we have an agreement on this. Now I know there was dialogue or discussion before the meeting on glitch. I believe we got it worked out but even if we didn't get it worked out, the kind of dialogue and discussion we engaged in was very healthy - - very healthy to come to this product and we'll move forth from here but thank you Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: Mr. President, I'd also like to acknowledge the members of our staff that worked on this in great length to get this right.

President Gregory: Yes. The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, 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 Chukwuocha, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Cabrera, Walsh, and Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, ten. Nays, none. Present, Council Member Prado. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Congo and Michael Brown. Total, two.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 14-051 (Agenda #3995) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT
WITH LERRO CORPORATION TO PROVIDE ON-SITE
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WITN TV

Mr. Freel: Mr. President, this allows us to enter into another three year agreement with Lerro Corporation for engineering services for WITN and its equipment. The rate is staying at \$15,000 a year, which is what we're paying now and it will stay the rate for the next three years. In our committee meeting and discussion with staff and WITN they seem very pleased with their services and their response time when any issues arise.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, 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 Chukwuocha, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Cabrera, Walsh, and Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Congo and Michael Brown. Total, two.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 14-052 (Agenda #3997) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 44 OF THE CITY
CODE REGARDING ADOPTION OF COUNTY ANNUAL
AND QUARTERLY ASSESSMENTS OF MUNICIPAL
PROPERTY

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President, I'm going to defer to you because you've been taking the lead on this - - on this piece of legislation.

President Gregory: Yes, when we came into office in 2013, the records reflected that we had had a reassessment of one or two properties in the City and those properties had been reassessed in such a way that we lost \$800,000.00 in tax revenue and investigating the matter we learned that there was rather an informal process for the City's participating in the reassessment process. We had a contracted person held over from the previous administration who had some experience and that they had worked for the County. We had discussion, again, very cooperative discussion with the Administration and that person then became a fulltime employee as opposed to a contracted employee given emphasis to the assessment process. In previous administrations there had been cooperation between the County and City in the assessment processes. That cooperation had kind of waned in the latter years of the previous administration not through any malice or intent it was just something that happened because it wasn't a formal process. What this does is make it a formal process codified so that that relationship would not dissipate from one administration to another or during the course of an administration.

So, we have a fulltime person on board now looking at assessments of City properties. Most of the properties that are reassessed in the City are commercial properties worth a lot of money so you can see any assessment on a percentage basis would cause us to lose money. So, we can't afford to lose money. It's my understanding that we have someone at the table but there was one reassessment where it's a \$300,000.00 that we lost but it could have been more than that and we attribute to that failure to lose more as a result of this formal process that we've put in place. One of the things we really need to look at and encourage the Administration to look at is the resources that we give to fulltime person that is involved in the assessment process. That is experts that would assist the City in doing their own assessments, it's really important. We're talking a lot of money as oppose to raising taxes. We're trying to keep properties from being reassessed so that we lose revenue. So, with that in mind, I ask that my colleagues support the legislation. The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Mr. Williams/Ms. Walsh, 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 Chukwuocha, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Cabrera, Walsh, and Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Congo and Michael Brown. Total, two.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 14-054 (Agenda #4003) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE WILMINGTON WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD (“CAB”)

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President, quickly, about four or five years ago Council with the support of the Administration formed a Wilmington Water, Sewer and Stormwater Citizens Advisory Board to kind of look at the Water/Sewer Fund both on the revenue side and expenditure side. It’s a very good board. It was established with seven members and seven members would be appointed by the Mayor but there would be two recommendations from the President of City Council and two recommendations from the New Castle County Executive. The original ordinance read that all members appointed – all members recommended by the Mayor or President of Council would be residents of City of Wilmington. Recently both the Administration and the Board came to us and asked if we would make a change where one member, one of the five appointed by the Mayor or recommended by President of Council, could either reside or work in the City of Wilmington. So, we’re making that one change and you’ll see it on Page 2. So, only one of the five, can either work or live - - live or work in the City of Wilmington and be a member of the Board. That’s the only change.

President Gregory: Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. Darius Brown: Thank you. Mr. Freel, my question around it – maybe, I’m hoping this is for you to answer, if it be one of five, what is the reasoning around, you know, us looking at people with certain specialties, being engaged and involved on this Board and now we’re going to one of five people having - - having to be able to live outside the City limits. Aren’t reducing our pool?

Mr. Freel: Well, at one point I saw some language where you could either live or work in the City of Wilmington, which mean we could actually have all seven living outside the City. So, we’re very careful just to say one, which you could technically have three people now living outside the City but one of them obviously would be working in. I would say this, since this Board has been formed, I’ve been pleased with the type of membership we’ve had on there. They’ve been people with expertise either in engineering, finance, legal backgrounds and it’s been a very good board and they’ve worked hard and - - and to get up to speed had to consume a lot of - - a

lot of information. And, I'll be honest with you, one of the Board members, one of the five, had lived in the City, he just recently moved out of the City but still works here in the City and has a lot of, you know, investment in the City. So, they came to us with this request, after reviewing it carefully, I actually met and talked with that member, I felt that we could move forward with this change being that there will still be a makeup of three versus four in and out of the City. I hope that helps a little bit.

President Gregory: And again, this request among other requests relating to this Board came from the CAB Board as well as the Administration, not the City Council through healthy, friendly, sometimes contentious discussion but healthy, we came to this conclusion and I want to emphasize that because so often it gets emphasized when we don't agree and we don't talk to one another. But, I just want to emphasize that this came from healthy discussion between the Council and the Administration. The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, 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 Chukwuocha, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Cabrera, and Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, ten. Nays, Council Member Walsh. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Congo and Michael Brown. Total, two.

Mr. Freel: That's all I have.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Ms. Cabrera.

Ms. Cabrera: No legislation this evening sir.

President Gregory: Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: No legislation, thanks.

President Gregory: Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: No legislation tonight. Thank you.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members announced committee meetings/civic association meetings and community events throughout their districts as well as expressed birthday wishes to individuals in the community. Council Members spoke on the following matters: PAL accepting donations for families; the opening of the Ice Skating Rink at the Riverfront on December 12th; acknowledgment was given to those individuals who made it possible for the groundbreaking demolition of the first housing component of the

Eastside Rise initiative; Westside Coalition is accepting donations for toy and/or monetary giveaways; Council Members Congo and Williams were thanked for co-sponsoring the Thanksgiving Dinner at Pulaski School in conjunction with Christian Love Worship Center; the Department of Public Works was thanked for their immediate response in addressing trash issues and also for their excellent job with the leaf removal; constituents were reminded to practice safety during holidays in terms of not having packages visible in vehicles as well as it was suggested to speak with a neighbor to grab packages delivered to homes as there has been frequent removal of packages off of people's porches; condolences were expressed to families of individuals in the community; an article in the newspaper about the Rick VanStory Resource Center (RVRC), which is located at the former Channel 6 Studio (500 West 2nd Street) in which primarily works with members of the community that suffer from mental illness and opens its doors to the homeless community and also, this year RVRC has Christmas trees available for sale to support their cause; open enrollment for Affordable Care until February 15th; Council Members Shabazz and Darius Brown were congratulated for their respective election with the National League of Cities; Christmas trees available for sale at the Boys & Girls Club; and including but not limited to Happy Founders Day was expressed to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Ms. Shabazz, Council adjourned at 7:29 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk