

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
February 5, 2015*

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 Chukwuocha, Congo, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of January 15, 2015, upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Freel, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

Ms. Walsh duly noted that the minutes of January 15, 2015 was to be corrected to add Ms. Dorsey Walker as a co-sponsor to one of the Bills (i.e. Res. 15-004) noted by the Clerk after January 15th Council meeting. President Gregory duly noted by consensus of the Council that the minutes are to be accepted as presented with the correction.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Health, Aging & Disabilities Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Robert A. Williams	X		
Darius J. Brown		X	
Charles M. "Bud" Freel		X	
Sherry Dorsey Walker	X		
Justen A. Wright	X		

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Health, Aging & Disabilities Committee, met on the above date at 5:00 p.m., Council Member Robert A. Williams presiding. The following items were discussed:

1. A presentation by Dr. Awele Maduka-Ezeh, Delaware Public Health Medical Director – Discuss the Flu and Flu Prevention
2. A presentation by Alyson Lang with Each One Teach One – Discuss National Black HIV awareness day*
3. A presentation by Dr. David Hack with St. Francis Hospital - Discuss Folic Acid
4. A presentation by Maggie Norris, Westside Family Health - Discuss the healthcare open enrollment in the Marketplace

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

***Note:** Although, Item #2 is listed on the Report, no presentation was done for this item.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report dated February 5, 2015 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.

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TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON FEBRUARY 5, 2015

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	\$ 5,661.54
106	Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 1,600.38
107	Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$ 24,918.76
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	\$ 1,431.94
114	Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$ 13,486.32
117	Cement Workers	Wilmington Savings Fund	\$ 33,420.43
118	Worker's Comp. 3 rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$ 13,003.23
124	Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990	M & T Bank	\$ 694.67
130	Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 107,771.67
131	Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$ 23,849.53
139	Pension Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$ <u>43,765.89</u>
	Total Cash on Hand		\$ 275,708.14

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FUND CODE	FUND	INSTITUTION	INVEST. TYPE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	INVESTMENT AMOUNT
116	General	M&T Bank	RP	02/05/15	0.01%	\$ 1.84	\$ 6,703,028.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	02/06/15	0.30%	\$ 1,841.10	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	02/06/15	0.25%	\$ 71.92	\$ 1,500,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	02/20/15	0.25%	\$ 3,835.62	\$ 5,000,000.00
124	Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	02/26/15	0.30%	\$ 1,360.11	\$ 5,910,000.00
105	Police Pension	WSFS	CD	02/26/15	0.30%	\$ 128.87	\$ 560,000.00
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
116	General	TD	CD	03/20/15	0.25%	\$ 1,342.47	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	03/26/15	0.25%	\$ 719.18	\$ 1,500,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	03/31/15	0.30%	\$ 2,136.99	\$ 2,500,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	04/01/15	0.25%	\$ 1,654.11	\$ 2,300,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	04/17/15	0.30%	\$ 1,573.15	\$ 2,200,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	04/28/15	0.25%	\$ 1,117.81	\$ 1,700,000.00
110	Capital ²	TD	CD	04/30/15	0.25%	\$ 1,107.68	\$ 1,540,195.00
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					\$ 1,482,654.00
104	Escrow Pension	Vanguard					\$ 36,545,710.00
104	Escrow Pension	Black Rock					\$ 27,215,798.00
104	Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$ 22,568,821.00
104	Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$ 46,677,577.00
104	Escrow Pension	Manning & Napier					\$ 20,670,022.00
104	Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$ 17,831,187.00
104	Escrow Pension	GMO					\$ 11,770,224.00
104	Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$ 20,958,409.00
139	Medical Escrow	Black Rock-OPEB					\$ 13,046,609.00
116	Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$ 39,124,593.00
	Total Investments						\$ 343,344,431.48
	Total Cash on Hand						\$ 275,708.14
	Grand Total						\$ 343,620,139.62

¹ Budget Reserve

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/s/Henry W. Supinski
City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

All Council	Sympathy Joseph H. Alston, Sr.
All Council	Sympathy former Wilmington City Councilman Eric D. Robinson
M. Brown	Sympathy Evelyn Perkins
Wright	Recognize Apostle Thomas Wesley Weeks

President Gregory duly noted that Dr. Nelson R. Santos who is being recognized this evening is not listed on the current agenda but noted that the presentation for Dr. Santo's was from the January 15th Council meeting agenda.

President Gregory noted a moment of silence for the late former City Council Member Eric D. Robinson.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Gregory: We'll go into legislative business at this time. Mr. Chukwuocha.

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

President Gregory: Mr. Congo.

Mr. Congo: Nothing tonight Mr. President, thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. Darius Brown: Yes Mr. President, I have a Resolution to present.

Mr. Darius Brown presented Resolution No. 15-006 (Agenda #4016) as follows:

WHEREAS, Loretta Lynch, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, has been nominated by President Barack Obama to be the Attorney General of the United States, the most powerful prosecutor in the country; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Lynch, a graduate of Harvard College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1981, received a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Lynch has had a distinguished career in private practice; as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York as a drug and violent-crime prosecutor; as the Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York, heading the Brooklyn Office; and as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District

of New York, after being nominated by President Bill Clinton in 1999. It was during this term as the U.S. Attorney that Loretta Lynch oversaw the prosecution of New York police officers in the infamous Abner Louima case; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Lynch left the United States Attorney's Office in 2001, became a partner in the law firm of Hogan and Hartson, and also served as a member of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from 2003 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2010, President Barack Obama nominated Loretta Lynch to serve again as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. In her second stint as the U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York, Loretta Lynch made the office known for its terrorism prosecutions. In 2012, her office prosecuted individuals who had conspired to set off bombs in the subways, a plot federal officials called one of the most dangerous the city faced; and

WHEREAS, President Obama stated when he nominated Loretta Lynch to be the Attorney General that Loretta Lynch doesn't look to make headlines, she looks to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that Loretta Lynch is eminently qualified to be the Attorney General of the United States and would be the first African-American woman to hold that Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council urges Delaware's two Senators to vote yes to ratify the nomination of Loretta Lynch to be the next Attorney General of the United States.

On the question:

Mr. Darius Brown: Yes, Mr. President, on January 20, 2014 President Barack Obama nominated Loretta Lynch to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. In her second stint as U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York, Loretta Lynch made her office known for its terrorism prosecutions. In 2012 her office prosecuted individuals who had conspired to set off bombs in subways of New York City. A plot Federal officials called one of the most dangerous the city had faced and so this Resolution expresses the wishes of this body to ask and recommend the two Senators from the Delaware Congressional Delegation to vote yes to ratify the nomination of Loretta Lynch.

President Gregory: Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Darius Brown, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the aforementioned 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, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Gregory: Ms. Shabazz. Declare it adopted. Ms. Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Nothing tonight Mr. President, thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Prado.

Mr. Prado: Nothing tonight Mr. President.

President Gregory: Ms. Dorsey Walker.

Ms. Dorsey Walker: Nothing tonight Mr. President, thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: No legislative action tonight.

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: Nothing, thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Michael Brown.

Mr. Michael Brown: Yes Mr. President, nothing tonight, thanks.

President Gregory: Ms. Cabrera.

Ms. Cabrera: Nothing this evening.

President Gregory: Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: No legislation, thanks.

President Gregory: Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: I hope it goes that fast. I have two Resolutions to present.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution No. 15-007 (Agenda #4017) as follows:

WHEREAS, approximately 3% of students in Delaware drop out of school each year and dropout rates continue to increase at an alarming rate for one-third of Delaware public schools; and

WHEREAS, students residing in the City of Wilmington drop out of school at a significantly higher rate than students residing elsewhere in Delaware; and

WHEREAS, schools in the City of Wilmington face dropout rates as high as 27%, exceeding the State's average annual dropout rate; and

WHEREAS, state law permits students to drop out of school at the age of 16, thus severely crippling their potential, success, welfare, and the welfare of this City and the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington is plagued with increasing crime rates and the highest unemployment rate among the major cities of the State; and

WHEREAS, education leads to better health, higher wages, increased job opportunities, and lower crime rates within cities and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of jobs in America require a high school diploma and the demand for such jobs will continue to grow over the next several years; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama, in his 2012 State of the Union Address, and Vice President Joseph Biden consistently challenge states to raise the dropout age from 16 to 18 years; and

WHEREAS, the Council, with the support of Mayor Dennis P. Williams, strongly supports local and statewide efforts to provide an education and prepare all students for higher education and a lifetime of success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council, with the support of Mayor Dennis P. Williams, supports all efforts by State legislators, the Delaware Secretary of Education and Governor Jack Markell to raise the compulsory school attendance age from 16 to 18 years in order to support the success of our youth, and to secure a better future for our families, the State, and the City of Wilmington.

On the question:

Mr. Wright: Yes, many say raising the age of compulsory school attendance isn't enough and I agree. I had the opportunity to speak with a few educators regarding this Resolution. This is just one tool in the tool box of helping to repair a somewhat broken path for our children. State Representative Heffernan during the 146th Session of the General Assembly introduced a bill to the Education Committee regarding this very topic. However, at that moment it wasn't passed due to the financial impact that bill had at that moment. This is being presented tonight in hopes of reigniting the conversation and actions by legislators about this somewhat sensitive matter. I've had the opportunity to speak with a few of our State legislators who are in support of this and who took - - and who too look forward to our support regarding this matter. Hopefully, I can get your support tonight. Thank you.

President Gregory: Councilwoman Dorsey Walker. Then we'll go with Councilman Chukwuocha and then Councilman Brown - - Michael Brown.

Ms. Dorsey Walker: Thank you. I'd like to thank Councilman Wright for bringing this to the attention of the City Council and I wholeheartedly agree with everything that he just stated and I'd like to, if it pleases him, I would like to be a co-sponsor on this legislation.

President Gregory: So noted. Mr. Chukwuocha.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Thank you Mr. President. I too would like to commend my colleague for bringing this forward and would like to be added as a co-sponsor and would also like to hopefully encourage that when we're presenting, I think it was substantive Resolutions that Mr. President said that we should bring them to committee because I would have loved to have had the opportunity to discuss not only this Resolution but the one that's to follow in committee. But I'm definitely in support and I thank my colleague for bringing it forward.

President Gregory: So noted. Mr. Brown.

Mr. Michael Brown: Yes, I too would like to thank Councilman Wright for bringing this back up again - - rather he may or may not know, I had sent a letter, a Resolution and a letter with this similar language down to Dover asking that they revisit the dropout rate age during that time and so I would love to be a co-sponsor. I'm glad that he's - - that - - maybe we could just say this is the second request, whatever but it is a good piece that I still - glad that somebody was pushing it besides myself but we did do this before and I'll continue to be supportive of it.

President Gregory: Councilwoman Shabazz; Councilwoman Walsh and then Councilman Congo.

Ms. Shabazz: Yes Mr. President, as I supported the first I went through, I would like to be a co-sponsor and support it a second time.

President Gregory: So noted. Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: Yes, I'd like to be added also. I do think the age needs to be increased. I have one question you might even be able to answer this. I'm not sure. If a child gets put into the criminal justice system say at the age of 15 and they're a freshmen or a sophomore in high school and they do receive some type of sentence, when they get out are they put back in the same grade or are they socially promoted? Does anybody know the answer to that?

President Gregory: I can tell you that in the institution that they are housed in they're supposed to receive an education. So, they should be matriculated in that context. That's the theory. Does it actually happen? The answer is no. Mr. Congo.

Mr. Congo: Yes this is for Councilman Wright, you mentioned that there was - - that the bill didn't passed in Dover because of the financial impact. Can you explain that if you're able to? What does that mean?

Mr. Wright: Essentially, when the bill was presented back 146th Session, they're in 148th right now, it was basically the component, the State did not want to pay -

it was like an incentive base for like teachers and different things. So, they felt as though it was going to cost the State too much. The first fiscal year it would have been in the range, if people hit their marks, it was \$600,000 up to like \$1.5 million; the second fiscal year went from \$850,000 to \$2.1 million; and then that following year it went from like \$880,000 to \$2.3 million and they just felt like that was going to cost the State too much money to move forward with pushing this out.

Mr. Congo: Oh so there was other pieces on the bill?

Mr. Wright: Yeah, it was – it was very in depth.

Mr. Congo: Ok, all right. All right, thank you.

President Gregory: Let me make this observation for you. Also, we don't have truant officers, truant....

Mr. Wright: Truancy, right.

President Gregory: ...truant, you would have to hire truant officers and again, I think this is a great bill and I want to be added to it, however, I think that the schools and the school districts should be held accountable because they don't really track folk down to get them back in school. They welcome them and counsel them out. So, if you're a bad egg sort of speak, and you are within this range, just like goodbye see you later, you go into a deep hole and they don't even – they don't want to find you anyway. So, I think there should be some accountability for the education system for letting folk walk away and not holding them accountable. Anybody else? Ms. Cabrera.

Ms. Cabrera: Yes, I would like to also be added as a co-sponsor. Now, I just had a question because I remember in Pennsylvania they had - - they said that after 16 or 17 you become an emancipated adult. So, would this apply if you had someone in that age bracket between 16 and you know between 16 and 17 that become emancipated adults?

President Gregory: Emancipation doesn't mean you don't go to school.

Ms. Cabrera: Ok, all right. Thank you. I want to be added as a co-sponsor.

President Gregory: Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: Just to your point Mr. President, as I say, I had talked to a number of educators regarding this and that was a topic that came up about truancy officers and how that is a strong need as well. So, that's it.

President Gregory: Absolutely and they're not held accountable. Kids walk out, their files are supposed to follow them from one school to another and they lose the files, you can't find them. As long as they fall into a deep hole and can't be find again, often times that's the case. A lot of times the kid hasn't dropout, they've been persuaded out - - they've been persuaded. They didn't dropout, they were persuaded out. Anybody else? I know that for a fact, I lived it. Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Williams, the aforementioned 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, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Wright: Resolution.

President Gregory: Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution No. 15-008 (Agenda #4018) as follows:

WHEREAS, an Act to amend Title 14 of the Delaware Code relating to public schools was proposed in the 148th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 30 sponsored by State Representative Kim Williams, provides State funding to kindergarten through third grade for basic special education; and

WHEREAS, special needs students fall within three categories under State rule including: basic, intensive and complex; and

WHEREAS, currently the "basic" special education funding covers grades four through twelve, whereby kindergarten through third grade receive State funding for intensive and complex special education; and

WHEREAS, students receiving services in the "basic" category include those with developmental delays, ADHD and similar conditions; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 30 would expand special education services to "basic" for students in Pre-K through third grade; and

WHEREAS, Federal law requires schools to meet the needs of disabled students, and last year the U.S. Department of Education named Delaware as one of only three States that "needed intervention" on fulfilling those duties; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this bill would not only address the Federal mandate but also promote earlier identification and assistance for "basic" special education needs, which should mitigate costs over the long term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council fully supports expanded services for special needs students, as reflected in House Bill No. 30, and further encourages the members of the Delaware General Assembly to vote to approve the legislation.

On the question:

Mr. Wright: Yes sir, Mr. President, I too had the opportunity to speak with State Representative Williams who is sponsoring House Bill 30 and she's appreciative of this support should this Resolution pass tonight. This bill helps to achieve a long time goal of needs base funding. Also, this bill comes as part of recommendation from the Wilmington Education Advisory Council. It's often times said that it's not how you start but how you finish. That saying does not hold true when it comes to our children's education. I'm hopeful tonight that we can support this Resolution. In closing, I've had the opportunity to visit a few of our schools and they're in desperate need of this type of assistance. Thank you.

President Gregory: Thank you. Ms. Dorsey Walker.

Ms. Dorsey Walker: Thank you Mr. President. Again, I want to thank my colleague Councilman Wright for bringing to the attention of the City Council - - excuse me - - State Rep. Williams and I were both people who testified in regards to Gateway Labs School, which deals with special needs children, so, I'd like to also be a co-sponsor on this legislation.

President Gregory: Mr. Chukwuocha.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Thank you Mr. President. I too would like to be added and thank my colleague for bringing this forward. Again, I would have loved to had the opportunity to discuss and I think that not only reflects the recommendations from the Governor's Task Force, the interim recommendations, but also it speaks a lot to the work that we've been doing internally with our Wilmington Think Tank about equity and funding and also reducing a lot of the barriers that our children have to a quality education. I think hopefully we will have an array of pieces of legislation coming from the General Assembly that will speak towards improving the education for our students in Wilmington. Thank you.

President Gregory: Absolutely. Ms. Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: I'd like to be a co-sponsor as well sir.

President Gregory: So noted. I want to be a co-sponsor. Actually, if you go back to year one - - you want to speak now? Ms. Cabrera.

Ms. Cabrera: I want to be a co-sponsor as well.

President Gregory: So noted. If you go back to year one in this session, there was a good discussion about a quarter of a million dollars - a hundred and fifty thousand dollars of that went to creating the Education Voices, Inc. That is a special needs non-profit agency that helps in this area. We're in the process, we're trying to versified that funding to get City Council out of sponsoring EVI (Education Voices, Inc.)

by tapping into this money and some other monies that we know of. So, the special needs phenomenon was there with this City Council creating an agency with three folk and I believe last year they handled eighty cases and as I tell Devon Hysnon, if we had a perfect world, we would still need Education Voices, Inc. because you'll need someone to advocate on behalf of these kids. So, it's a good piece of legislation; it's a good pot of money, let's hope it comes through but there's other monies out there that we're going to try to tap into to diversify the funding that Education Voices, Inc. get at this time. Education Voices, Inc., they're going to be doing in May I believe, a conference or some kind of an engagement where they're going to bring in someone from speaker - - a renounced speaker from California. He's going to be speaking on education of African American boys particularly in an urban community. So, I look - we look forward to that and there's some other things going on education. Anybody else? Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Ms. Walsh/Mr. Williams, the aforementioned 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, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Michael Brown: Mr. President, may I?

President Gregory: Mr. Brown needs to be excused; Ms. Walsh needs to be excused? Anybody else want to leave - be excused?

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members announced committee meetings/civic association meetings and community events throughout their districts. Council Members spoke on the following: Tweet My Job (Wilmington.tweetmyjob.com); the City's Department of Parks & Recreations, McLaughlin Dream Chasers and Brown's Boys & Girls were thanked for starting a Winter Basketball League; residents were encouraged to be engaged in the civic association meetings; trees that are obstructing cameras and lights in the neighborhoods; the Department of Parks & Recreations was thanked for getting the lights on in Herman Holloway Park; Black Achievers and Wilmington Youth Leadership Commission; ENewsletter; Job Fair at Williams "Hick's" Anderson Community Center; work being done by Delmarva on Harrison Street between 2nd & 5th Street in the Spring; February 15th is the last day to sign up for the Market Place Guide; celebration of Black History Month at Bethel A.M.E.; Darian Gray was thanked for a meeting that took place with the Wilmington Youth Council; Household Hazardous Waste event at the Riverfront to take place this year on March 7th and will run from 8:00am to 2:00pm; condolences were offered to family members for their lost due to the violence in the City for which was a topic of conversation on WDEL and the need to work together; a panel that will be

coming to Wilmington to do a crime study; a Wilmington Fatherhood Town Hall meeting sponsored by the Delaware Fatherhood and Family Coalition will take place on February 7th from 10:00am to 12:30pm at the Neighborhood House and including but not limited to Adam Wagner (new reporter from News Journal) was introduced.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Ms. Cabrera/Mr. Williams, Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk