

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
May 1, 2014*

“Youth in City Government Day”

Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr. presiding along with Treasure Douglass (Youth President).

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, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Congo. Total, one.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of April 17, 2014, upon a motion of Hunter Douglas (Youth Director of Communications & Cultural Affairs), seconded by Arkeal Green (Youth 8th District), it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

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		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

April 23, 2014

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 item was discussed:

- Office of the Medical Examiner presentation on drugs, addiction, suicide, and death in Delaware

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Health, Aging & Disabilities Committee
/s/ Robert A. Williams, Chair
/s/Sherry Dorsey Walker
/s/Justen A. Wright

Upon a motion of Harkiran Kaur (Youth 7th District) and duly seconded, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report dated May 1, 2014 was read into the record by the City Clerk, and upon a motion of Hunter Douglas (Youth Director of Communications & Cultural Affairs) and duly seconded, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON May 1, 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	\$ 2,446.31
106	Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 5,743.65
107	Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$ 50,062.53
108	Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
110	Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$ 52,785.14
113	Non-Uniform Pension	M & T Bank	\$ 1,111.82
114	Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$ 16,912.61
117	Cement Workers	Wilmington Savings	\$ 33,385.20
118	Worker's Comp. 3 rd Party Account	Fund	\$ 13,003.23
124	Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990	M & T Bank	\$ 5,531.46
130	Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 65,266.57
131	Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$ 162,259.01
139	Pension Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$ 34,470.09
	Total Cash on Hand	M & T Bank	\$ 448,644.40

FUND CODE	FUND	INSTITUTION	INVEST. TYPE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	INVESTMENT AMOUNT
116	General	M&T Bank	RP	05/01/14	0.01%	\$ 1.85	\$ 6,720,740.00
116	General	TD	CD	05/02/14	0.25%	\$ 958.91	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	05/06/14	0.30%	\$ 18,105.53	\$ 24,476,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	05/16/14	0.30%	\$ 1,298.63	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	05/23/14	0.25%	\$ 326.03	\$ 1,700,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	05/28/14	0.25%	\$ 383.57	\$ 2,000,000.00
124	Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	05/29/14	0.30%	\$ 888.90	\$ 3,605,000.00
106	Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	05/29/14	0.30%	\$ 416.71	\$ 1,690,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	05/30/14	0.30%	\$ 1,528.77	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital ³	TD	CD	06/02/14	0.25%	\$ 959.99	\$ 1,540,195.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/02/14	0.30%	\$ 3,871.23	\$ 3,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/02/14	0.30%	\$ 2,878.35	\$ 3,400,000.00
116	General ¹	TD	CD	06/05/14	0.25%	\$ 9,957.28	\$ 14,537,615.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/10/14	0.30%	\$ 2,260.27	\$ 1,375,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/10/14	0.30%	\$ 1,503.08	\$ 1,375,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/13/14	0.30%	\$ 1,298.63	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/27/14	0.30%	\$ 1,167.12	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	07/11/14	0.25%	\$ 1,386.99	\$ 2,500,000.00
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
116	General	TD	CD	07/25/14	0.25%	\$ 1,246.58	\$ 2,000,000.00
104	Escrow Pension	Affinity Wealth					\$ 1,499,472.00
104	Escrow Pension	Vanguard					\$ 33,175,725.00
104	Escrow Pension	Black Rock					\$ 26,683,555.00
104	Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$ 20,330,868.00
104	Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$ 45,791,223.00
104	Escrow Pension	Manning & Napier					\$ 23,253,836.00
104	Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$ 16,624,578.00
104	Escrow Pension	GMO					\$ 11,819,770.00
104	Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$ 19,186,205.00
139	Medical Escrow	Black Rock-OPEB					\$ 11,694,856.00
116	Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$ 37,680,525.00
	Total Investments						\$ 333,451,714.10
	Total Cash on Hand						\$ <u>448,644.40</u>
	Grand Total						\$ 333,900,358.50

¹ Budget Reserve

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/s/Henry W. Supinski
City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Hunter Douglas (Youth Director of Communications & Cultural Affairs), and duly seconded, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

All Council	Recognize Youth in City Government Day
All Council	Sympathy Reverend Lolita Jackson
All Council	Recognize National Health and Fitness Day
All Council	Recognize Tennis in the Streets
D. Brown	Recognize YMCA Youth in Government Day
M. Brown	Sympathy Doris V. Matthews
Dorsey Walker	Recognize Mecca Cartwright
Freel	Sympathy Mary S. McDermott
Prado	Sympathy James A. Dolan
Shabazz	Recognize Public Allies Delaware – 20 Years of Service
Walsh	Congratulate the Latin American Community Center’s Early Childhood Assistance Program STARS Level 5

The following students participated in the “*Youth in City Government Day 2014*”:

- Treasure Douglass, **President** of City Council
- Joshua McCrae, **1st District**
- Kimaya Davis, **2nd District**
- Saniyah Watson, **3rd District**
- Keasia Flowers, **4th District**
- Shayla Weston, **5th District**
- Thalia Sanchez, **6th District**
- Harkiran Kaur, **7th District**
- Arkeal Green, **8th District**
- Mary Dukor, **At-Large A**
- Miguel Maldonado, **At-Large B**
- Amanda Rosario, **At-Large C**
- Sofia Valladares, **At-Large D**
- Felix Oyola-Perez, **Mayor**
- Anaya Patterson, **Treasurer**
- Dawn McDaniels, **City Solicitor**
- Donovan Nieves-Church, **City Clerk**
- Sandra Lee, **Chief of Staff to Mayor**
- Riquel Buford, **Chief of Staff to Council**
- An Nguyen, **Chief of Fire**
- Zimani Barrett, **Chief of Police**
- Donald Miller, **Director of Parks & Recreation**
- Kaysha Hawkins, **Deputy of Parks & Recreation**

- Jaylah Williams, **Commissioner of Public Works**
- Teonshae Thomas, **Commissioner of Licenses & Inspections**
- Calea Alcaide, **City Auditor**
- Ja'Quell Czerny, **Director of Integrated Technologies**
- Valentine Bucksner, **Director of Real Estate & Housing**
- Aribethzy Castillo, **Director of Risk Management**
- D'vonte Williams, **Director of Finance**
- Stefan Rampersad, **Director of Economic Development**
- Nicholas Lennon, **Director of Constituent Services**
- Sade Ayodeji, **Director of Planning**
- Hunter Douglas, **Director of Communications & Cultural Affairs**

**Note: Although students participated in the program during the course of the day, not all were available to participate during the actual City Council meeting.*

The students that participated in the City Council meeting introduced themselves and the district they were representing as well as introduced their parents and/or other family members and teachers. In addition, Nevaeh Spencer (1st grader at St. Peter's Cathedral School and a member of the Council family, Marchelle Basnight's daughter) also introduced herself.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Mr. Chukwuocha presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 14-021 (Agenda #3923) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY
CODE REGARDING THE USE OF CLOTHING DONATION
BINS

This Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. Chukwuocha, seconded by Ms. Walsh, was received, recorded and referred to the Housing, Licenses & Inspections Committee. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Chukwuocha held Agenda #3924.

Mr. Chukwuocha presented Resolution No. 14-012 (Agenda #3925) as follows:

WHEREAS, the Coalition for Fairness and Equity in Schools (collectively, the "Coalition"), a group of community-based organizations, community leaders and elected officials, have convened and formulated a mission to work collaboratively with educators and policy-makers to ensure a quality public education for all Delaware students; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition envisions an educational system that fosters a positive environment where students are educated and respected; has discipline policies and procedures that are fair, equitable, applied consistently and clearly understood; provides children opportunities to learn from their mistakes and grow; and engage families and communities in the process; and

WHEREAS, Delaware is part of a disturbing national trend known as the “school to prison pipeline” where in the 2012-2013 school year 39% of public school students in the State received in-or-out of school suspensions and students with disabilities were suspended at about twice the rate as their peers; and

WHEREAS, the odds for suspension and expulsion soar even higher depending on the race of the student as evidenced by African American and Latino students being suspended three to four times more than their white peers, even when they represent a substantially low enrollment rate overall; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that extended absences and exclusionary practices cause students, many of whom are already struggling academically, to fall behind and never catch up to their peers, which leads to a series of negative consequences affecting their lives and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, federal discipline guidance developed in partnership with the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Justice instructs schools to commit to the regular evaluation of the school discipline policies and practices, and to monitor progress toward the schools climate and discipline goals; and

WHEREAS, this process requires schools to collect and publicly report Disaggregated student discipline data, and to solicit feedback from the full array of community stakeholders including students, staff, families and community representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition in conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware is focused on eliminating the use of zero tolerance practices and ending discriminatory practices; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition seeks to partner with districts and schools to implement the following recommendations:

- Priority 1: Request public annual release of discipline data for each district and school, including disaggregated data, types of offenses, data by grade level and length of time for in-school and out-of school suspensions.
- Priority 2: Create district level community-based advisory committees to annually review discipline policies, data, and provide recommendations that promotes equity and restorative strategies.
- Priority 3: Create school level teams (school staff, parents, community advocates, and student representatives) in schools with excessive or disparate discipline rates.

- Priority 4: Increase professional development opportunities for school personnel focused on cultural competency, classroom management, trauma-informed interventions and asset development, including a follow-up component to monitor effectiveness.
- Priority 5: Provide advocacy training to families in various venues that include topics such as school codes of conduct, asset management, cultural competency and leadership opportunities sponsored by school districts.
- Priority 6: Create student-led councils to provide input and leadership that support positive behavior.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the City Council respectfully supports the Mission, Vision and Priorities of the Coalition for Fairness and Equity in Schools and requests the school districts representing the City of Wilmington and the State of Delaware to collaborate with the Coalition to accomplish its recommendations.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Yes Mr. President, this is a Resolution regarding supporting the Coalition for Fairness (inaudible). I really think it really speaks (audible) to the environment that we would like to create within our schools not only within Wilmington but within our state.

President Gregory: Ms. Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Yes Mr. President, I also helped worked with - - on this initiative and would love to be added on as a co-sponsor.

President Gregory: So noted. Mr. Chukwuocha.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Thank you Mr. President. I'm sorry for that, I would also like to Councilwoman Dorsey as well if she could be added as a co-sponsor.

President Gregory: So noted.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Thank you Mr. President.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Chukwuocha, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the above 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, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael

Brown, Walsh, and Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Congo and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. D. Brown: Thank you Mr. President. I have a Resolution to present.

Mr. Darius Brown presented Resolution No. 14-013 (Agenda #3926) as follows:

WHEREAS, workers from several fast-food restaurants in and around Wilmington have in recent months staged job actions on behalf of the estimated 11,200 fast-food workers in Delaware as their first step in a campaign for higher wages and the right to unionize without interference; and

WHEREAS, their campaign, called Delaware Fast Food Forward, is supported by Americans for Democratic Action, the Delaware Alliance for Community Advancement, the Service Employees International Union and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, fast-food workers are paid a median national wage of \$8.80 per hour, which amounts to \$18,304 a year for a 40-hour work week, falls \$5,000 below the federal poverty line for a family of four; and

WHEREAS, once regarded as entry-level work for high school students, today most new jobs created in Delaware and nationally are in low-wage industries such as fast-food, with about 68% of the workers over 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the rise in low-wage service sector work, combined with the disappearance of higher paying manufacturing jobs, is one reason for the growing income inequality in our country; and

WHEREAS, if fast-food workers prevail in their efforts to secure the \$15 per hour wage and the right to unionize, it will help tens of thousands of working people to support their families, ultimately benefiting their communities and the country's economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that City Council supports the Delaware Fast Food Forward's campaign for decent wages and the right to unionize and wishes them a successful outcome in their endeavor.

Mr. D. Brown: Yes Mr. President, I'd ask that Councilwoman Walsh be added as a co-sponsor and this Resolution is presented to City Council for Council review and approval. If approved, Council will be supporting the campaign by local fast-food workers for increased wages. The campaign entitled "Delaware Fast-Food Forward" is considered that fast-food workers are paid a median national wage of \$8.80 per hour or \$18,304.00 annually, which places them \$5,000 below the federal poverty rate for a family of four.

President Gregory: Ms. Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Thank you Mr. President. I ask respectfully that of the sponsor that I too can be added as co-sponsor and as one who works (inaudible) and advocate for self sustaining employment for individuals I definitely think - - would like to be added as a co-sponsor.

President Gregory: Mr. Chukwuocha.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Thank you Mr. President. I would respectfully ask to be added as co-sponsor as well.

President Gregory: So noted and so noted. Mr. Brown.

Mr. M. Brown: So do I Mr. President.

President Gregory: So noted Mr. Brown. So noted Ms. Cabrera.

Mrs. Seijo: Ms. Cabrera too?

President Gregory: Yeah.

Mrs. Seijo: Thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams. Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Darius Brown, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the above 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, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh, and Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Congo. Total, one.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Ms. Shabazz.

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

President Gregory: Mr. Prado.

Mr. Prado: Mr. President, I have a Resolution to present.

Mr. Prado presented Resolution No. 14-014 (Agenda #3927) as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington is an Entitlement Community for purposes of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") regulations require a consolidated application process for funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA); and

WHEREAS, the Council desires that the City of Wilmington participate in the Consolidated Plan process of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Licenses and Inspections Committee of City Council has completed its review of the proposed Consolidated Annual Action Plan Budget pursuant to a determination that such review should be completed prior to, and, in effect, be separate from the enactment of the City's Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Licenses and Inspections Committee and the Mayor's Office have reached a consensus with respect to specific categories of spending and the amount of funds to be allocated to each such category, as set forth in the Fiscal Year 2014 Consolidated Plan Annual Action Plan Budget (Exhibit "A"), a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Licenses and Inspections Committee and the Mayor's Office have agreed further that any substantial changes as defined in the Consolidated Plan regulations in the aforesaid categories and funding amounts will be reviewed in full by the Mayor's Office with the Housing and Licenses and Inspections Committee before implementation; and

WHEREAS, the referenced HUD regulations require that funding applications for the above-referenced funding sources must meet the public action requirements of the Consolidated Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Mayor Dennis P. Williams, or his designee, is hereby authorized to submit the Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2015 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which allocates \$2,148,839 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); \$129,385 in CDBG Program Income; \$177,850 for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG); \$436,410 for HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME); \$630,341 for Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA); which together will comprise a total Fiscal Year 2015 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Budget of \$3,522,825.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby endorses the specific enumeration of categories and amounts set forth in the Fiscal Year 2015 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Budget, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and so endorses said enumeration, with the understanding that the Mayor's Office will expend funds and administer the funding program in a manner consistent with said enumeration and will review substantial changes, as defined by the Consolidated Plan regulations, in the enumeration of categories and amounts with the Housing and Licenses and Inspections Committee of City Council prior to the implementation of any such changes.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dennis P. Williams, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, is hereby authorized to execute and submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development the Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2015 and he is hereby further authorized to certify to such matters as the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may require with the application, to provide additional information as may be required, and to administer and expend such funds as are received or become available in accordance with the Consolidated Plan regulations and the regulations governing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA).

Mr. Prado: This is a Resolution that authorizes the Administration to file their Consolidated Action Plan with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the CDBG funds, HOME Improvement and Emergency Solutions Grants and HOPWA funds. I thought it was - - I mean I looked at and I thought it was - - it looked like it was pretty evenly spread out around this City, which one of things I always lobby for every year with this – when they award this money. I still think that a Council member should be on this Board but other than that - - I think that it's - - it looks pretty fair to me so I hope the other members of Council will support it.

President Gregory: Ms. Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Yes Mr. President, as a board member of the National Black Caucus (inaudible) officials who've done a lot in advocating (inaudible) a continuation in the distribution of community development grant funds to local city government and I am a great advocate of this program but as an employee of one of the receiving companies/organizations, I will be voting present tonight.

President Gregory: Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: Mr. President, I just have one question and sorry if you discussed this in your meeting. A) I like to – I would like the word entitlement to vanish because it's almost like the word bleak, it's very over used these days and because a lot of these programs are programs that end up saving local and state governments thousands upon thousands upon thousands of dollars because of the services that they provide. And, that's all I had to say.

President Gregory: Thank you. Mr. Chukwuocha.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Thank you Mr. President. I am in favor of the Resolution; however, I will be voting present as well because I'm employed with one of the non-profits.

President Gregory: Thank you. Mr. Brown.

Mr. M. Brown: Just an observation for me. I'm looking at the amount of money that the men residents get from the Y. I'm hoping that maybe in the near future that small amount of money that we can probably find some more to increase for men. It's in Exhibit "A" and it's on - - it's there, they're only get a certain amount of dollars, a low amount of dollars and I think that's to my opinion a little bit unfair if we're supposed to be reaching out to help. So, maybe in the future who ever does this will write for more and maybe we'll get more. Thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Brown.

Mr. D. Brown: Thank you Mr. President. I want to say that I am supportive of the Resolution. It is my understanding that the department in this process of RFP part of it is about need. Another part of the application is about simply being able to write a concise grant towards the question of the department for the RFP. So, it's not necessarily the within the actual scope of the department. I do know that they provide a pre-bid meeting to educate those that may want to apply for some funding. It's not a whole lot of dollars. I mean really, when you look at what these organizations are doing, we're not providing them a whole lot of dollars. It's really seed money to these organizations but I'm hoping that the City's Department of Housing, Real Estate and Housing, in the future maybe they can look at - - I know they have capacity issue, some way of providing some type of grant training towards - - for some of the organizations in the City so that they can be more competitive in this process. Thank you.

President Gregory: Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Prado, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the above 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 Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh, and Wright. Total, eight. Nays, none. Present, Council Members Chukwuocha, Darius Brown, Shabazz and Council President Gregory. Total, four. Absent, Council Member Congo. Total, one.

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: Mr. President, I have a Resolution and an Ordinance for first and second reading.

Mr. Freel presented Resolution No. 14-015 (Agenda #3928) as follows:

WHEREAS, by its Ordinance No. 97-051, amending Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including a requirement for Council approval by resolution and including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary, prior to Council's resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Department of Planning, has sought to obtain grant funding from the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs in the amount of \$17,848.00 of funding to continue the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program for the Federal Fiscal Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, the said grant will provide grant funding to continue the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program which has been in existence for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the Department of Planning to submit the aforesaid application to the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department of Planning is hereby authorized to apply to the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs for grant funds in the amount of \$17,848.00 to fund the City's Historical Preservation Planning Program for the Federal Fiscal Year 2014.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Planning shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to complete the filing of the grant application, including all undertakings and assurances taken heretofore, and, if and when the grant is forthcoming, to administer the grant and the grant program for the City of Wilmington.

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President, this is annual grant request by the Department of Planning to the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs. In this case we're asking for a \$17,848.00 and this helps fund the City's Historical Preservation Planning Program here in Wilmington.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the above 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, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh, and Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Congo. Total, one.

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: I have one Ordinance for first and second also.

Mrs. Seijo: Declare that.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mrs. Seijo: Thank you.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 14-022 (Agenda #3929) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CITY CONTRACT
14052HRPS – THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION OF
INSURANCE CLAIMS WITH PMA MANAGEMENT CORP.

This Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Mr. Williams, the above aforementioned Ordinance was received, recorded, and referred to the Finance Committee. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Freel: That's all, thank you sir.

President Gregory: Mr. Michael Brown.

Mr. M. Brown: Yes Mr. President. Thank you for asking but I do not have anything tonight.

President Gregory: Ms. Cabrera.

Ms. Cabrera: Yes Mr. President, I have a Resolution to present.

Ms. Cabrera presented Resolution No. 14-016 (Agenda #3930) as follows:

WHEREAS, the Army Appropriations Bill created by Congress on March 2, 1889 authorized the first body of native troops in Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, the "Porto Rico Provisional Regiment of Infantry" was organized in 1901 and during World War I, the infantry defended the Panama Canal and upon its return to Puerto Rico in 1919 was renamed "The 65th Infantry Regiment," and

WHEREAS, in 1950, after arriving in Pusan, Korea, the 65th Infantry (also known as "The Borinqueneers") joined the United States 3rd Infantry Division and were amongst the first infantrymen to meet the enemy on the battlefields of Korea; and

WHEREAS, the 65th Infantry bravely defended their regiment against the Chinese People's Liberation Army, who had joined the war on the North Korean side, thereby enabling the U.S. 1st Marine Division to retreat back to Hungnam avert a potential catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of the Korean War, Puerto Rico's 65th Infantry Division proportionally suffered more casualties than a majority of the states; and

WHEREAS, the 65th Infantry was awarded 9 Battle Campaign Awards for bravery and over the span of WWI, WWII and the Korean War, the 65th Infantry earned 10 Distinguished Service Crosses, 258 Silver Stars, 628 Bronze Stars, more than 2,700 Purple Hearts and many other individual awards; and

WHEREAS, the 65th Infantry loyally defended America against all enemies despite facing discrimination, segregation and unusual obstacles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Council joins the national effort in recognizing Hispanic Veterans who courageously served our Country and further urges the United States Congress to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment “Borinqueneers”.

Ms. Cabrera: Yes, I did allow for the whole Resolution to be read because I thought that it was important. In synopsis I would say that the 65th Infantry Regiment pride itself on its long rich tradition of military history, service and achievement. Since the first shot of World War I, which originated from “El Morro” in San Juan, Puerto Rico to the end of the Korean War where they perhaps distinguished themselves with high valor. Over a 100,000 Borinqueneers have distinguished themselves as true American war heroes. After all, the Borinqueneers motto is “*Honor Et Fidelitas*”, which is Honor and Fidelity. So, we’re urging that the U.S. Senate awards them this medal of honor.

President Gregory: I just wanted to say thank you for bringing this to our attention. I think this - - it’s really important given the history of this country. The Clerk will call the roll.

Mr. Prado: Mr. President.

President Gregory: Mr. Prado.

Mr. Prado: I just want to be co-sponsor, that’s all.

President Gregory: So noted. The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Ms. Cabrera, seconded by Mr. Freel/Ms. Walsh, the above 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, Darius Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, Michael Brown, Cabrera, Walsh, and Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Congo. Total, one.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Before we go to Petitions and Communications, Ms. Shabazz has to leave, Mr. Wright has leave and Mr. Williams has to leave.

Mr. Wright: Mr. President, I have legislation. Nah, I'm teasing.

President Gregory: Oh, I'm sorry. Ms. Walsh and then Mr. Wright, I apologize. Mr. Chukwuocha has to leave.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Thank you Mr. President.

Ms. Walsh: I don't have any legislation this evening Mr. President but I have to leave too.

President Gregory: Ms. Walsh has to leave.

Ms. Walsh: I'm not sure if you're going to have seven (7) on this floor.

President Gregory: We got seven (7). Just that we got to get the air conditioning on here next time.

Ms. Walsh: Seriously. I'm about to pass out.

President Gregory: It's too hot in here. Now, I was going to say be mindful of the time, I guess that still holds even though a lot of people had to leave but just be mindful of the time if you would please in going through the petitions and communications. I'm not suggesting you cut your five (5) minutes short but I'm asking you to adhere to the five (5) minute rule.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members announced community meetings, community events/programs and community projects in their districts. The Honorable Ezra Temko, former member of Newark City Council was recognized sitting in the audience as well as members of Delaware Fast-Food Forward. Council Members spoke about the following matters: camera at 8th & Monroe not working and the need to research who is responsible for it; Neighborhood House is seeking for volunteers for their after school programs; active participation in this year's budget hearings; Westin Hotel grand opening; and including but not limited to the Affordable Care enrollment.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Mr. Darius Brown, seconded by Mr. Freel, Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest:



Maribel Seijo, City Clerk