

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
March 19, 2015*

Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:00 p.m., President Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr. presiding.

Invocation was given by Joe Garcia.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by City Council.

President Gregory acknowledged dignitaries that were in attendance this evening.

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.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Williams, Mr. Freel and Mr. M. Brown, Council suspended the rules in order for Mayor Dennis P. Williams to present his Budget Address. Motion prevailed.

*Note: At this time, Council Members Wright and Cabrera were marked present.

Council Members Dorsey Walker and Williams escorted Mayor Dennis P. Williams and Mrs. Williams into the Council Chambers.

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS - FISCAL YEAR 2016

Good evening Mr. President, honorable members of City Council, City Treasurer Henry Supinski, my friend New Castle County Executive Tom Gordon, distinguished guest, my wife, First Lady Shayne Williams, my administration, city employees, my fellow Wilmingtonians.

First of all, I would like to thank City Council for their dedication of serving the citizens of this City and making a positive change. Specifically, Justen Wright for streamlining commercial services for parking permits process. I want to also thank Sherry Dorsey Walker and Councilman Bob Williams for champion the smoking ban for our parks and public places in the City of Wilmington. I want to thank Councilman Darius Brown for implementing TweetMyJobs. Darius was a pest but he got

it done. I want to also thank Hanifa Shabazz for her tireless work for Eastside Rising. She's committed to the eastside and works tirelessly and boy she can knock on my door. I want to thank Councilman Sammy Prado for his continual support for public safety, for the Wilmington Police Department and Fire Department and lastly I want to say thank you. A lot of people don't know him by this name but Charles "Bud" Freel and Loretta Walsh for their forty years of commitment and serving the citizens of City of Wilmington on City Council.

Ladies and gentlemen, Wilmington is moving forward. We are reclaiming our streets and energizing our youth and revitalizing our economy. Each day, men and women take steps to build Wilmington into a great example. Here's one example, James Zarate, the high school student who mentors children at the Fraim Boys and Girls Club. D'Von Stallings from Southbridge, whose one of 34 recruits in the Wilmington Police Academy and the other 200 employees working at Navient and Westin. All of these people are making Wilmington a better place to live and showing examples of great citizenship.

Approximately \$2 million of Fiscal Year 2016 General Fund Budget includes issues and increases the number of uncontrollable costs. The Debt service is \$1 million; employee medical cost, pension and healthcare \$863,000; and landfill fees cost \$131,400. These costs cannot be ignored. This year for the first time, the City will pay for its water services just like any other resident. Again, I want to thank Councilman Charles "Bud" Freel for his steadfast position on the City paying back. This will not come cheap. This will cost us \$264,000.

I have instructed my staff to get me a bare bones budget and we will face challenges to start tightening up our own belts. Well this bare bones budget as I asked for, my department heads worked tirelessly to come up with a budget. I especially want to thank my Administrative Assistant, Cleon Cauley, for slave driving and working hard to get those folks in order to save us \$943,000 in Fiscal Year 2016 for MS&E and also represents a 5% budget decrease. Also, the result in almost \$529,000 savings and a reduction of staff personal service and discretionary spending. Thank you Cleon.

This year the Fiscal Budget 2016 operating expenditures will total \$151,115,292. A modest .7 tenths of a percent increase from Fiscal Year 2015. I am pleased to state this Budget is balanced with no tax increases and a modest surplus. Let me repeat, with shared sacrifices from all City Departments, a hundred and nine lines were cut – there's no tax increases or increasing fees.

We are embracing the same attitude of fiscal responsibility towards the Water/Sewer Fund. The Fiscal Year 2016 operating expenditures will be \$71,309,382 – up a modest 4.9% from Fiscal Year 2015. This Fiscal Budget continues to support the high-priority initiatives, combined sewer overflows, filtration needs – it exceeds EPA standards. You can clap on that one. And last month, *Fitch Ratings* affirmed the City's general obligation bond rating AA- with a stable outlook. This AA- rating is the highest credit rating the City has had in recent history. I want to thank the Treasurer's Office, the Department of Finance and the Office of Budget and Management for their great work on bringing this to a great achievement. This is a great thing. And let me say to City employees – I haven't forgotten you. I know it's hard to balance a budget without a pay raise over the past six years – that's the last time you were ever offered anything. I truly

understand that. This Mayor has said for a long time, we going to try to find a way to give you a pay increase. As Mayor I have the responsibility to address that. I am determined to provide relief to our employees. This is the only responsible thing to do and I will do it.

Since taking office, Public Safety has remained a top priority. We all deserve a safe place to live in our home, sit on our porches, play in our parks and walk our streets. Some of the things we have done – we have created Truant Violence Network, which has mediated almost nineteen situations where firearms could be used. These mediations came to a great need where we stopped the problems that were continuously ready to happen. Are we finished? Absolutely not – with help of New Castle County Police and thank you New Castle County Police officers if you're here or Executive Gordon. We had to thank you for your support with helping us cover the streets and areas where we fell short. But, also in addition to that, the Wilmington Police Department has implemented "Operation Disrupt", which increases the number of people on the street in high-crime areas. Since we launched "Operation Disrupt", we have brought down violent crime ladies and gentlemen by sixty (62%) percent and we're not going to stop there. A lot of people think this is going to be a quick fix and it's going to be over. It's not – this will continue to run until the Chief decides he doesn't need it any longer. And, thank you Chief Cummings.

We're headed in the right direction. Still there's more to be done. Fortunately, we'll have 34 new police officers on the street sometime in June, to join the ranks of the Wilmington Police Department. Lynette Williams, will you please stand. Lynette Williams I want to thank you, we heard your cry. You're one of the main reasons why we created the homicide unit. I want to thank you. Thank you. This homicide unit consists of detectives that handle nothing but homicide that would be pulled for nothing else; they will handle homicide and investigation homicide and they won't be pulled for any other assignment. That will be their job and they've been doing a good job at it also. We must engage the community and build relationships and trust and the way to build relationships and trust, we have to go out and engage the community and not just pretend we want to engage. This Mayor wants to engage the community with the police. This is why I resurrected the Citizens Advisory Group again in the Police Department and let me say this; we have some young people that never had an opportunity to come in and expressed their opinion. Some as young as nineteen years old sitting at this table will be making decisions with business owners, clergy, people from the Education Committees, people from the community. It is a new day ladies and gentlemen and this business can no longer – can no longer be about people over thirty years old. We must bring young people to the table and that's what this Administration is going to do.

Let's us talk about downtown Wilmington and the Riverfront, the heartbeat and economic funding for our City. Our City is bringing in businesses like Navient, Starbucks and I want to thank Rob Buccini and the Buccini Pollin Group. I know people always say they're always building but here's people that are not afraid to take the risk and put their money in and, anybody that wants to build in Wilmington and put their money in Wilmington, well you're a friend of this Administration. I want to tell; scared money can't make money. Let me say this ladies and gentlemen, we have two Starbucks downtown – one on 11th Street and one that's down in the Riverfront. The

one on the Riverfront on Saturdays you have to stand in line for a half of hour or forty minutes to get there to get a cup of coffee. I know, I've tried it and that's a good thing. Let us not forget the small business folks here. Let's us not forget the three hundred new apartments we're going to get in downtown Wilmington and Riverfront communities; let us not forget that we have an ice skating rink that's here; let's us not forget we have Stratosphere Trampoline Park. We have a new skate park, which is going to be in the mix. We've already almost sealed the deal on it – this Administration got done. You can clap on that. We have new dining options to compliment the already IMAX Theater, Kalmar Nyckle, the Blue Rocks Baseball Team – this City has so much to offer. I mean, there's so much to do and we're trying to advance this city more to have more to do because we want people to stay in Wilmington and to spend their money here. And, we're going to make this safe ladies and gentlemen. I'm telling you, if my name is not Dennis P. Williams, we going to make this city safe; I do not care who gets upset; I don't care who we arrest; I don't care who gets caught up in the web. This City is going to be safe and I've said it over and over again. We will win because good always prevails over evil ladies and gentlemen.

Educating our children is a must but we cannot rely on others to get the job done. This is why I've directed Dr. Jackie Jenkins, Chief Strategy Advisor, to take charge of all city schools and our children – she will be the point person on education. She will do nothing else but focus on our kids and we will try to find funding from banks and other places to help her so she can build a staff but in the meantime, we're going to pull people from other departments because that is our job – to educate our children. We're going to try to double our Summer Youth Program. Last year, we hired six hundred kids – we want to hire twelve hundred. We want to keep them working until September. I will be meeting with members of the GA, talking to them – asking them - - General Assembly by the way, for more funding to help us keep these kids employed and keep these kids engaged. This is something that this Administration is very fond of. We have to help our children; we have them to keep them employed and find them things to do and we're going to keep our recs centers open until eleven o'clock at night when the weather starts to get warm on Fridays, Saturdays and Thursdays because it's the right thing to do. It is the right thing to do. It is not the right thing to do to cut children's programs and this Administration will not do.

Ladies and gentlemen, our City is stronger than ever before. We have to stand together and other generations are depending on us. So, the responsibility to build safe neighborhoods comes with all of us City Councilmembers – you, all of us. All of us, we have to roll our sleeves up and go to work. It's not just the Mayor's Office – it's all of us and if you're committed to do public service – if you're committed to do what the folks elected you to do, your commitment should be to the people of this City. Not the Mayor, not of the City Councilmembers, it should be to the people of this City. Thank you. Future generations, we need to continuously push our young people as hard as we can drive them. Just because they reside in the city, no one is no better than them – they're equal to everyone else. We have to continue to make our children understand, you are good. You can do better and we have to set the example because if we don't set the example as adults and elected officials, how do we expect them to respect themselves and respect us. We must build safe neighborhoods. It is our responsibility to develop young people. Constantly over and over again you hear me say that. It is our

responsibility to grow our local economy. It is our responsibility to build partnerships, friendships, come together as one with Wilmington pride ladies and gentlemen. Wilmington pride and God bless all of you and God bless the City of Wilmington.

Upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Williams, Council returned to regular order of business. Motion prevailed.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS - MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of March 12, 2014, upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Ms. Shabazz/Mr. Williams, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The following Treasurer’s Report dated March 19, 2015 was read into the record by the City Clerk, and upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Freel/Mr. Williams, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

**TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON MARCH 19, 2015
MAYOR’S BUDGET ADDRESS**

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	\$ 1,401.26
106	Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 3,621.62
107	Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$ 14,433.93
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	\$ 140,218.74
117	Cement Workers	Wilmington Savings Fund	\$ 33,428.00
118	Worker’s Comp. 3 rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$ 13,003.23
124	Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990	M & T Bank	\$ 2,911.15
130	Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 243,548.18
131	Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$ 37,170.11
139	Pension Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$ <u>1,791.79</u>
	Total Cash on Hand		\$ 499,063.73

FUND CODE	FUND	INSTITUTION	INVEST. TYPE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	INVESTMENT AMOUNT
116	General	M&T Bank	RP	03/19/15	0.01%	\$ 1.96	\$ 7,150,343.00
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
124	Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	03/27/15	0.30%	\$ 51.78	\$ 225,000.00
105	Police Pension	WSFS	CD	03/27/15	0.30%	\$ 54.08	\$ 235,000.00
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	WSFS	CD	04/27/15	0.30%	\$ 1,232.87	\$ 2,500,000.00
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
116	General	TD	CD	05/01/15	0.25%	\$ 863.02	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	05/15/15	0.25%	\$ 1,318.50	\$ 2,500,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	05/27/15	0.25%	\$ 719.18	\$ 1,500,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	05/29/15	0.25%	\$ 1,787.68	\$ 3,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	05/29/15	0.30%	\$ 3,345.21	\$ 5,500,000.00
116	General ¹	TD	CD	06/01/15	0.25%	\$ 9,351.79	\$ 15,003,965.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/10/15	0.30%	\$ 960.61	\$ 1,375,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/10/15	0.30%	\$ 960.61	\$ 1,375,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	06/29/15	0.30%	\$ 16,808.05	\$ 19,476,000.00
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					\$ 1,476,165.00
104	Escrow Pension	Vanguard					\$ 37,561,216.00
104	Escrow Pension	Black Rock					\$ 27,463,470.00
104	Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$ 22,606,621.00
104	Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$ 47,124,368.00
104	Escrow Pension	Manning & Napier					\$ 21,764,317.00
104	Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$ 18,751,270.00
104	Escrow Pension	GMO					\$ 12,270,164.00
104	Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$ 21,944,509.00
139	Medical Escrow	Black Rock-OPEB					\$ 13,137,929.00
116	Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$ 40,244,068.00
	Total Investments						\$ 348,484,239.48
	Total Cash on Hand						\$ 499,063.73
	Grand Total						\$ 348,983,303.21

¹ Budget Reserve

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/s/Henry W. Supinski
City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

No non-legislative business presented this evening.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: Mr. President, I have five (5) ordinances to introduce for first and second.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 15-009 (Agenda #4030) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION ON REAL PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016

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

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 15-010 (Agenda #4031) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM UNIT CHARGES AND WATER RATES AND CHARGES AND STORM WATER RATES AND CHARGES SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE

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

President Gregory: Mr. Freel

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 15-011 (Agenda #4032) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE SIX FISCAL YEARS 2016 – 2021, INCLUSIVE

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

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 15-012 (Agenda #4033) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

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

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: One more.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 15-013 (Agenda #4034) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL
OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2015 AND
ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2016

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No petitions and communications presented this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Williams/Ms. Shabazz, Council adjourned at 6:29 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk