

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
May 7, 2015*

“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 Emily Torres (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, 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 April 16, 2015, upon a motion of Donte Baker (Youth At-Large C), seconded by several youths, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Jewel Parker (Youth 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

DATE: April 27, 2015

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 15-017**
entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY
CODE BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 14-006 IN ORDER TO
AUTHORIZE THE CITY TREASURER ACCESS TO THE BUDGET
RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDS AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR
AND REPLENISHMENT OF THE BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT
FUNDS IN THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance Committee
/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Michael A Brown, Sr.
/s/Hanifa Shabazz

Upon a motion of Kayla Ramos (Youth 8th District), seconded by Semaj
Handy (Youth 7th District) and Javier Santos (Youth 5th District) and other youths, the
aforementioned Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report dated May 7, 2015 was read into the
record by the City Clerk, and upon a motion of Donte Baker (Youth At-Large C),
seconded by Semaj Handy (Youth 8th District) and other youths, the Report was received,
recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

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TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON MAY 7, 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	\$ 3,887.87
106	Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 784.67
107	Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$ 14,434.18
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	\$ 13,589.53
117	Cement Workers	Wilmington Savings Fund	\$ 33,435.82
118	Worker's Comp. 3 rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$ 13,003.23
124	Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990	M & T Bank	\$ 2,403.31
130	Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 200,481.33
131	Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$ 46,825.37
139	Pension Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$ <u>1,431.38</u>
	Total Cash on Hand		\$ 337,812.41

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FUND CODE	FUND	INSTITUTION	INVEST. TYPE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	INVESTMENT AMOUNT
116	General	M&T Bank	RP	05/07/15	0.01%	\$ 2.27	\$ 8,279,765.00
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
124	Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	05/28/15	0.30%	\$ 143.01	\$ 600,000.00
106	Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	05/28/15	0.30%	\$ 572.05	\$ 2,400,000.00
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
116	General	TD	CD	06/12/15	0.25%	\$ 1,150.69	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	06/25/15	0.25%	\$ 708.91	\$ 1,500,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	06/25/15	0.25%	\$ 452.06	\$ 1,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	06/26/15	0.25%	\$ 1,610.96	\$ 2,400,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	06/29/15	0.30%	\$ 16,808.05	\$ 19,476,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	07/10/15	0.30%	\$ 1,518.90	\$ 2,200,000.00
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
116	General	TD	CD	07/23/15	0.25%	\$ 934.94	\$ 1,500,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	07/24/15	0.30%	\$ 1,854.25	\$ 2,400,000.00
110	Capital ²	TD	CD	08/21/15	0.25%	\$ 1,192.07	\$ 1,540,195.00
104	Escrow Pension	Affinity Wealth					\$ 1,495,944.00
104	Escrow Pension	Vanguard					\$ 37,192,041.00
104	Escrow Pension	Black Rock					\$ 27,566,535.00
104	Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$ 22,180,970.00
104	Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$ 47,356,329.00
104	Escrow Pension	Manning & Napier					\$ 21,108,758.00
104	Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$ 18,752,337.00
104	Escrow Pension	GMO					\$ 11,921,765.00
104	Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$ 21,691,193.00
139	Medical Escrow	Black Rock-OPEB					\$ 13,048,872.00
116	Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$ 40,475,314.00
	Total Investments						\$ 346,899,622.48
	Total Cash on Hand						\$ <u>337,812.41</u>
	Grand Total						\$ 347,237,434.89

¹ Budget Reserve

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/s/Henry W. Supinski
City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Donte Baker (Youth At-Large C), seconded by Erika Collado Rodriquez (Youth At-Large A) and other youths, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

All Council	Recognize Youth in City Government
All Council	Recognize Tennis in the Street
All Council	Recognize National Fitness and Health Month
All Council	Sympathy John Harvey Taylor, Jr.
All Council	Sympathy Marina Capparuccini
All Council	Sympathy Dr. Blanche Fleming
All Council	Retirement Roland T. Marshall, Sr.
M. Brown	Sympathy Marian D. Rogers
M. Brown	Sympathy Mattie Flonnory
Cabrera	Recognize Rocco and Mary Abessinio
Cabrera	Recognize Dr. Christopher A. Bullock
Chukwuocha	Sympathy Yosef Ben-Jochannan
Gregory	Best wishes John Fitch – 100 th Birthday
Gregory	Sympathy Vendetta Stokes
Gregory	Sympathy Michael Reason
Williams	Congratulate Salesianum Team State Champions
Wright	Welcome Mid-Atlantic District of Mt. Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc.

***Note:** During this time, Mr. Wright was marked present.

The following students participated in the “Youth in City Government Day 2015”:

- *Emma Cordwell, President of City Council*
- *Kayiee Jones, 1st District*
- *Avaria Smith-Kent, 2nd District*
- *Darius Elliot, 3rd District*
- *Andrew Lloyd, 4th District*
- *Javier Santos, 5th District*
- *Ziort Carter, 6th District*
- *Semaj Handy, 7th District*
- *Kayia Ramos, 8th District*
- *Erika Coilado Rodriquez, At-Large A*
- *Marlando Frederick on behalf of Amanda Rosario, At-Large B*
- *Donte Baker on behalf of Nayeil Cordero-Morales, At-Large C*
- *Drama Barrett, At-Large D*
- *Emily Torres, Mayor*
- *Domingo Trujillo, Treasurer*
- *Nakaila Mosley, City Solicitor*
- *Jewel Parker, City Clerk*

- Lanaesha Brinkley, **Chief of Staff to Mayor**
- Deshonne Moore, **Chief of Staff to Council**
- Dante Baker, **Chief of Fire**
- Lanasia Boyd-Miller, **Chief of Police**
- Marlando Frederick, **Director of Parks & Recreation**
- Zranzia Ferrell, **Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation**
- Nakeema Ross, **Commissioner of Public Works**
- Jahkai Flannary, **Commissioner of Licenses & Inspections**
- Kevin Smith-Roach, **City Auditor**
- Orlando Canongo, **Director of Real Estate & Housing**
- Sewell Cooper, **Director of Risk Management**
- Hasan Hackett, **Director of Finance**
- Muhammad Woods, **Director of Economic Development**
- Dawine James, **Director of Constituent Services**
- Darnell Carter, **Director of Planning**
- Jamileth Chavez, **Director of Communications & Cultural Affairs**

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. In addition, the parents and teachers were acknowledged for their support of the Program.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Gregory: Mr. Chukwuocha.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Nothing tonight Mr. President. Thank you sir.

President Gregory: Mr. Congo.

Mr. Congo: Nothing tonight. Thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. Darius Brown: Yes Mr. President, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the first and second reading.

Mr. Darius Brown presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 15-019 (Agenda #4044) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DELAWARE
CENTER FOR HORTICULTURE TO LEASE FIVE
CITY OWNED PARCELS OF REAL ESTATE TO BE
USED AS A COMMUNITY GARDEN

The aforementioned Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. Darius Brown, seconded by Mr. Prado/Mr. Williams, it was received, recorded and referred to the Housing, Licenses & Inspections Committee. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Mr. Brown, that's it?

Mr. Darius Brown: That's it. Thank you.

President Gregory: Ms. Shabazz. Mr. Prado.

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

Mr. Prado presented Resolution No. 15-017 (Agenda #4045) 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 Plan, 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 2016 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 2016 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 2016 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which Plan allocates \$2,077,013 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$191,540 for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG); \$374,716 for HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME); \$629,494 for Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA); \$60,322 in prior years uncommitted HOPWA funds, which together will comprise a total Fiscal Year 2016 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Budget of \$3,333,085.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby endorses the specific enumeration of categories and amounts set forth in the Fiscal Year 2016 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Budget , with the Fiscal Years 2016-2020 Amendments, 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 2016 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).

On the question:

Ms. Walsh: Mr. President.

President Gregory: Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: I just have one quick comment to make. I really don't know when the term entitlement became like the sheik term to use but you know, entitlements, the way the Federal government keeps to referring to them, are actually things that people have earned. And, we in Delaware, what I was reading in New York Times article, was that Delaware per capita per ratio, is the highest amount of taxes go to Washington of any other state. So, I certainly don't look on this as being, we're entitlement community. I just wish we would eliminate that word when it came to economic things for our people.

Mr. Prado: Do you still want me to describe...

President Gregory: You don't have to.

Mr. Prado: ...what's going on or...

Ms. Walsh: Yeah.

President Gregory: Yeah.

Mr. Prado: It's just - it's just a Resolution authorizing the Administration to file the Fiscal Year 2016 Consolidated Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Including funding for CDBG otherwise known as Community Development Block Grant, HOME funding, HOPWA, which is Housing Opportunities for People with Aids.

Mr. Congo: I'm sorry Mr. President.

President Gregory: Mr. Congo.

Mr. Congo: Thank you. Just as a point of my transparency, I will be voting present because if this goes through, I do have affiliations with some of the companies that will be involved. Thank you.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Prado, seconded by Mr. Williams/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, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown, Walsh and Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, nine. Nays, none. Present, Council Members Congo and Shabazz. Absent, Council Members D. Brown and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Ms. Dorsey Walker.

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

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: Thank you Mr. President, mine is going to hold until next meeting. No legislative business now.

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: Mr. President, I have one for third and final and a Resolution.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 15-017 (Agenda #4041) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 14-006 IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TREASURER ACCESS TO THE BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDS AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR AND REPLENISHMENT OF THE BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDS IN THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

On the question:

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President, this is the eighth year that we've passed this Ordinance as a tool for the City Treasurer if we find ourselves short of cash at the end of the fiscal year. We give him the ability to access Budget Reserve Funds because it's cheaper than borrowing money and then he replenishes it once our property tax proceeds start coming in.

President Gregory: The Clerk will call the roll.

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

Mr. Freel: I have one Resolution.

Mr. Freel presented Resolution No. 15-018 (Agenda #4046) as follows:

WHEREAS, Section 2-363 of the City Code requires all grant funds to be approved by resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington, through its Department of Parks and Recreation (the "Department"), has been awarded grant funds from various entities to assist in the renovation of Conaty Park; and

WHEREAS, the funds to be received are as follows: \$125,000 from Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("DNREC"); \$50,000 from Wilmington Housing Authority; and \$12,000 from the 8th District Neighborhood Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, the Department is now ready to move forward with the renovation of Conaty Park; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and appropriate to authorize the Department to accept the grant funds and proceed with the renovation of Conaty Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department is hereby authorized to accept the grant funds as follows for the renovation of Conaty Park: \$125,000 from DNREC; \$50,000 from Wilmington Housing Authority; and \$12,000 from the 8th District Neighborhood Planning Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept the grant funds and move forward with the renovation of Conaty Park.

On the question:

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President, I also need to make a motion to change in two locations the number \$50,000 to \$51,000.

Ms. Shabazz: Second.

President Gregory: It's been properly moved and seconded that the Resolution be amended as noted. All those in favor of the amendment so note by saying "Aye" (Aye), Oppose, Abstentions. Ayes have it. Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President, as many Council members know, a Plan has been put forward to a - - to refurbish Conaty Park. A small park off Gilpin Avenue named after a fallen police officer. We had been diligently for probably the last year trying to raise funds to put the Plan in place. As you can see these are some of the organizations that would be helping out - - \$125,000 from DNREC, \$51,000 from the Housing Authority and that's really compiled of \$25,000 from Michael's Development, \$25,000 EDIS and \$1,000 Lee Sparks and then \$12,000 from the 8th District Neighborhood Planning Council. There will be more funds coming forward and once we've been able to identify them, we'll come back to Council with another Resolution.

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

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, 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: Declare it adopted. Mr. Michael Brown.

Mr. Michael Brown: Yes Mr. President, nothing tonight. Thank you.

President Gregory: Ms. Cabrera.

Ms. Cabrera: Nothing this evening sir.

President Gregory: Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: No legislation, thanks.

President Gregory: Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: No legislative business tonight.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members announced committee meetings, civic association meetings and community events throughout their districts. Council Members spoke on the following matters: Wilmington Flower Market; The Law and You (for youths 14 to 18 years old); memorial dedication for fallen officers at the police station; members of Council were thanked for their participation and attendance to the budget hearings; park renovations of the 4th & Rodney Street Park, Connell Street Park and Father Tucker Park; demolition of the Woodlawn Flats at 400 block and 500 block of Union Street; all students who participated in Youth in City Government Day were congratulated and also members of Council were thanked for hosting a student; farewell and congratulations was expressed to Rosa Rivera of the Henrietta Johnson Medical Center; Wilmington Youth Rowing Club (for ages 10 to 14); Resident Leadership Workshop Project; concerns of Diamond Oil Site dumping issues; update needed on the request for installation of playground apparatuses at Prices Run Park and installation of additional basketball courts at Kirkwood Park; unemployment in the City of Wilmington and the need to do more to improve the workforce development by connecting city residents to employment opportunities; a number of projects not completed and the need to get things moving along was noted for William "Hicks" Anderson Community Center issues, the cameras throughout the City of Wilmington and the renovations of One Love Park; development of a basketball league for girls; members of Council were encouraged not to schedule committee meetings during the summer break; the need to still designate Poet Laureate; and including but not limited to several individuals were thanked in taken care of trash collection issues and also for doing neighborhood clean-up.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Ms. Cabrera, Council adjourned at 8:01pm. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk