

*Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
February 21, 2013*

Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr. presiding.

Invocation was given by Marchelle Basnight.

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, D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown, Cabrera, Walsh, Wright and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of February 7, 2013, upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Freel, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report dated February 21, 2013 was read into the record by the City Clerk, and upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Freel, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON February 21, 2013

102	Community Development Block Grant	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
104	Old Non-Uniform Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 1,072.22
105	Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 2,944.71
106	Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 2,911.23
107	Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$ 43,435.86
108	Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
110	Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$ 213,145.55
113	Non-Uniform Pension	M & T Bank	\$ 18,291.70
114	Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$ 10,519.88
117	Cement Workers	Wilmington Savings Fund	\$ 33,332.08
118	Worker's Comp. 3 rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$ 13,003.21
124	Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990	M & T Bank	\$ 3,395.67
130	Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 212,884.62
131	Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$ 9,649.76
139	Pension Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$ 32,925.73
	Total Cash on Hand		\$ 601,651.19

FUND CODE	FUND	INSTITUTION	INVEST. TYPE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	INVESTMENT AMOUNT
116	General	M&T Bank	RP	02/21/13	0.25%	\$ 66.56	\$ 9,717,402.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	02/22/13	0.30%	\$ 690.41	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital ²	TD	CD	02/22/13	0.25%	\$ 161.12	\$ 840,107.57
110	Capital ³	TD	CD	02/25/13	0.25%	\$ 791.20	\$ 1,540,195.00
106	Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	02/28/13	0.30%	\$ 43.73	\$ 190,000.00
124	Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	02/28/13	0.30%	\$ 975.78	\$ 4,240,000.00
105	Police Pension	WSFS	CD	02/28/13	0.30%	\$ 131.18	\$ 570,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	03/08/13	0.30%	\$ 690.41	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	03/22/13	0.30%	\$ 871.23	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	04/04/13	0.30%	\$ 1,134.24	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	04/05/13	0.30%	\$ 920.54	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	04/17/13	0.30%	\$ 6,164.38	\$ 10,000,000.00
116	General ¹	TD	CD	04/18/13	0.25%	\$ 6,852.72	\$ 14,292,802.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	05/01/13	0.30%	\$ 1,280.54	\$ 1,900,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	05/01/13	0.30%	\$ 18,105.53	\$ 24,464,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/03/13	0.30%	\$ 5,301.36	\$ 5,000,000.00
514	Risk Management	WSFS	CD	07/11/13	0.50%	\$ 7,564.25	\$ 1,512,851.52
515	Worker's Comp.	WSFS	CD	07/11/13	0.50%	\$ 7,564.25	\$ 1,512,851.52
104	Escrow Pension	Affinity Wealth					\$ 997,787.00
104	Escrow Pension	Vanguard					\$ 17,478,514.00
104	Escrow Pension	Merrill Lynch					\$ 52,102,844.00
104	Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$ 25,252,580.00
104	Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$ 30,818,669.00
104	Escrow Pension	Manning & Napier					\$ 23,881,270.00
104	Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$ 11,620,856.00
104	Escrow Pension	GMO					\$ 10,591,744.00
139	Medical Escrow	Merrill Lynch					\$ 9,614,622.00
116	The Hartford	Deferred Comp.					\$ 32,470,344.00
	Total Investments						\$ 300,609,439.61
	Total Cash on Hand						\$ <u>601,651.19</u>
	Grand Total						\$ 301,211,090.80

¹ Budget Reserve ² Lincoln Towers BAN ³ SEU

/s/Henry W. Supinski, City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

All Council	Sympathy Barry Hester Scott
All Council	Salute Delaware Technical Community College Black History Celebration
Brown M.	Appreciation Delaware Pet Cremations
Chukwuocha	Recognize 30 th Anniversary of Diamonds and Pearls
Shabazz	Sympathy Jacqueline Rebecca Ewell

President Gregory: Thank you. Any other presentations? We are going to go to our legislative business tonight. Mr. Chukwuocha.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Mr. Chukwuocha: None tonight Mr. President. Thank you sir.

President Gregory: Thank you. Mr. Congo.

Mr. Congo: Nothing tonight Mr. President. Thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Darius Brown.

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

Mr. D. Brown presented Resolution No. 13-010 as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington City Council has long recognized the disturbing truth that violence against women is committed on a daily basis and includes domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking; and

WHEREAS, the impact of this violence has an enormous emotional, physical and financial impact upon individuals, families and communities within the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, the United States Congress passed groundbreaking legislation through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to address such violence and its aftermath by supporting efforts to strengthen a coordinated community response in Delaware and throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, VAWA emphasized funding for police, prosecutors, victim services, and the courts to create a coordinated justice system that effectively responds to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking as well as education and social programs to prevent these crimes; and

WHEREAS, although victim response and services has improved over the past two decades, the City of Wilmington continues to need the support that VAWA offers to combat violence against women; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Wilmington Police Department's Victim Services Unit fielded over 1,500 reported cases of domestic violence and one-third of these reported victims accepted additional services from Wilmington Police; and

WHEREAS, the reauthorization of VAWA in 2001 and 2005 included amendments that strengthened the protections afforded to immigrant victims of violence, improved confidentiality and broadened services to include children and teenagers; and

WHEREAS, Congress has recently acted to reauthorize and strengthen VAWA by addressing gaps in safety and justice for Native American Women, expand protections to LGBTQ survivors, offer greater assistance with safe housing and maintain appropriations to the grant programs that have supported countless services assisting victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, to support the reauthorization of VAWA to expand and broaden existing services that continue to support and assist victims and survivors of domestic violence.

President Gregory: It's been properly moved and seconded the resolution be received, recorded, and filed and adopted by a ye or nay vote. *On the Question.*

Mr. D. Brown: Yes, Mr. President. This resolution supports the Reauthorization of the Violence against Women's Act of 2013 kindly known as VAWA. This act what it does it strengthens law enforcement and provides resources to service providers that can also respond to domestic violent and sexual assaults. In last year 2012, in the City of Wilmington the Wilmington Police Department Victim Service Unit received over 1,500 domestic violent cases. Of those 1,500, 500 of those cases also were provided other services from the Wilmington Police Department. I provide council with an info graphic of the reauthorization of the Violence against Women's Act which shows that one-third impact on women here in the City of Wilmington. I would just like to thank the co-sponsors of this resolution, the Women's Caucus members for co-sponsoring this with me. And that's all Mr. President.

President Gregory: Any other comments? Mr. Mike Brown.

Mr. M. Brown: Thank you Mr. President I would like to be ask the sponsor can I be co-sponsor to this as well.

Mr. D. Brown: Yes.

Mrs. Seijo: So noted.

President Gregory: Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: Yes, I want to thank Councilmen Brown for doing this, Council member Darius Brown. We did pass something last year with the previous council but this congress any bill that has the name women in it becomes a controversy. The Equal Rights Amendment has still not been passed in this country for women. They

want to dictate every medical procedure for women. They wouldn't do it to you guys, if you wanted to have a vasectomy you go to the doctor's nobody's protesting in front of that place.

President Gregory: Except for the person that's in there getting it probably.

Ms. Walsh: Probably, probably. Who probably should be the last person protesting but too - - but dead seriously this nonsense against women has to stop by congress that for anybody to think that they're becoming progressive because they might be able to corral one or two women in congress to go along with them. It's not the way women on the street are and that conservative women, liberal women, brown, women, black women, white women, whatever color it doesn't matter. That all women just want to be treated equally and this is an absolute disgrace. Just the fact that it has violence and women and they still playing their stupid little games down there over this, so thank you Darius I appreciate it.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: I would also be like to be added as a co-sponsor (inaudible).

Mrs. Seijo: So noted.

President Gregory: Okay, anybody else? Clerk will call the roll.

Mrs. Seijo: Mr. President, can we acknowledge Mr. Prado before I take the roll?

President Gregory: Yeah, note Mr. Prado's present.

Mrs. Seijo: Thank you.

President Gregory: Thank you.

Mrs. Seijo: So noted.

Upon a motion of Mr. D. 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, Congo, D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown, Cabrera, Walsh, Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen. Nays, none. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Ms. Shabazz.

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

President Gregory: Mr. Prado.

Mr. Prado: Nothing tonight Mr. President. Thank you.

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 three for 1st and 2nd reading.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 13-003 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 39 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE PENSION COMMISSION

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.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 13-004 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 09-031, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 10-003, 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 2013 ONLY

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.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 13-005 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO VARIOUS OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON TO FULFILL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2012 FISCAL YEAR

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.

Mr. Freel: Sir that's all I have.

President Gregory: Thank you. Mr. Michael Brown.

Mr. M. Brown: Yes, Mr. President. I have two Resolutions.

Mr. M. Brown presented Resolution No. 13-011 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 in any situation in which a City office or department is required to file an application or proposal for grant funds prior to the next regular meeting of Council, in which case the application may be submitted to Council for its approval and ratification subsequent to its submission to the issuing agency; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department, has sought to obtain grant funding from the State of Delaware State Aid to Local Law Enforcement ("S.A.L.L.E./E.I.D.E.") in the amount of \$28,144.02; and

WHEREAS, the said grants will provide funding for Taser Acquisition and Training Explosives; and

WHEREAS, the said grants do not require a local match; and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for the grant and receive the funding, the application for said grant had to be submitted in advance of City Council approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the Wilmington Police Department to accept the grants from the State of Delaware S.A.L.L.E./E.I.D.E. for \$28,144.02 for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington Police Department is hereby authorized to accept grant funding from the State of Delaware S.A.L.L.E./E.I.D.E. in the amount of twenty-eight thousand, one hundred and forty-four dollars and two cents (\$28,144.02).

President Gregory: It's been properly moved and seconded the resolution be received, recorded, and filed and adopted by a yea or nay vote. *On the question.*

Mr. M. Brown: Yes, Mr. President. This is a grant for the Wilmington Police Department and it's a Sallie Grant of \$228,144, from the local law enforcement. And it's no matching funds.

President Gregory: Any other comments? Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. M. 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, D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown, Cabrera, Walsh, Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Congo. Total, one. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Mr. Brown

Mr. M. Brown: Yes, Mr. President. I do have another Resolution.

Mr. M. Brown presented Resolution No. 13-012 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 in any situation in which a City office or department is required to file an application or proposal for grant funds prior to the next regular meeting of Council, in which case the application may be submitted to Council for its approval and ratification subsequent to its submission to the issuing agency; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department, has sought to obtain grant funding from the State of Delaware Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$43,600.00; and

WHEREAS, the said grants will provide funding for Body Video Camera Equipment Purchase; and

WHEREAS, the said grants do not require a local match; and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for the grant and receive the funding, the application for said grant had to be submitted in advance of City Council approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the Wilmington Police Department to accept the grants from the State of Delaware Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$43,600.00 for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the State of Delaware Office of Highway Safety in the amount of forty-three thousand, six hundred dollars (\$43,600.00).

President Gregory: It's been properly moved and seconded the resolution be received, recorded, and filed and adopted by a yea or nay vote. *On the question.*

Mr. M. Brown: Yes, Mr. President. This is also another grant that's coming from the this one is the Delaware Office of Highway Safety and its providing funds for the Body Video Camera Equipment and its \$43,600, and it's no matching funds.

Ms. Walsh: I have a question.

President Gregory: Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: Mr. Brown this is for them to put on their bodies correct?

Mr. M. Brown: The Chief is here but I think that is correct.

Ms. Walsh: Do you have any idea how many this will buy?

Mr. M. Brown: I have no number other than conversation that we had. They were supposed to get back to me and I didn't return it, it was my fault that I did not. I told them I'd get back to them I did not return their phone call.

President Gregory: You have other questions councilwoman Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: I just have one more on this. How much, oh, where is the video going to?

Mr. M. Brown: That I, I have no knowledge (inaudible).

Ms. Walsh: Mr. President would you like privilege (inaudible).

President Gregory: Motion to have privilege to the floor for the Chief to come and answer these three questions.

Mr. M. Brown: Thank you.

Ms. Walsh: So moved.

SECOND.

Chief Christine Dunning: In reference of this ma'am what we need to do is um one we have a policy that we developed for evidence preservation. You know at times that these types of video recordings are requested by court especially if we have court cases. And they will be stored as evidence and we follow our evidence procedure. I believe I don't have the exact number in here in front of me but I think there was at least fifteen (15) that they would equip the officers with.

Ms. Walsh: Mr. President. So these are more for interrogation purposes then in the car purposes?

Chief Dunning: We are able to purchase them from Office of Highway Safety. Some will be used on our DUI Strike Forces that we do with the new court and the other agencies, and also our patrol officers out there on the street. You know sometimes it takes a tragedy but I mean it would be nice if we would have been able to capture something like that when the shots were fired at Justin Wilkers.

Ms. Walsh: Sure, but its (inaudible) it's more of a storages.

Chief Dunning: No, it is storage and we have to consider them evidentiary, we have to follow the procedures for that. Because I am sure we know that if there is an incident that involves and arrest we know the lawyers and the other legal entities will probably ask for subpoenas for it.

Ms. Walsh: Okay. Thank you.

President Gregory: Okay. Any other questions for the Chief? Thank you very much.

Mr. Freel: Mr. President.

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: Chief, I am trying to find it now in the statement that was released from the Press Conference today. Was there mention of cameras in that too, about have cameras both on the officers and in the cars? Is that different from these cameras that we're talking about?

Chief Dunning: Yeah there were two of them. One was the actual in the car the patrol units and then also the ones we were talking about the wearable portable mikes. And unfortunately I don't have the paperwork in here in front of me.

Mr. Freel: Is that different from this, from this request for funds for these cameras?

Chief Dunning: Yes, I believe so yes.

President Gregory: Thank you very much.

Chief Dunning: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. M. Brown: Motion to return.

SECOND.

President Gregory: Any more questions? Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. D. 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, Congo, D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown, Cabrera, Walsh, Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, thirteen. Nays, none. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. That's it Mr. Brown?

Mr. M. Brown: That's it sir. Thank you.

President Gregory: Ms. Cabrera.

Ms. Cabrera: Nothing tonight sir. Thank you.

President Gregory: Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: No legislation. Thanks.

President Gregory: Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: Mr. President. I have a Resolution to present.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution No. 13-013 as follows:

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Council hereby opposes the passage of Senate Bill No. 7 of the Delaware General Assembly, an Act to amend the Home Rule Charter of the City of Wilmington by making the office of the City Auditor an elective office, commencing with the 2014 election; and

WHEREAS, presently, the Home Rule Charter, § 3-201, specifies that the City Auditor is appointed by the Mayor of Wilmington and confirmed by City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds this to be an historically effective practice that allows the City Administration the flexibility to select a candidate based on his or her qualifications to properly conduct the duties of the office of City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the office of the City Auditor should only be changed to an elected office upon the consensus of the Mayor, City Council and the Citizens of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Robert I. Marshall has made a unilateral decision to introduce Senate Bill No.7 without taking into account the position of the City Administration or City Council and has not considered the overall qualitative implications of said legislation; and

WHEREAS, the City Auditor has the fiduciary responsibility to provide independent, objective management advisory services, as the Auditor seeks to identify risks, evaluate controls and make recommendations that will strengthen City operations; and

WHEREAS, City Council has the highest confidence in the office of the City Auditor as an appointed post and believes it will continue to function prudently, efficiently and with the utmost integrity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that this Council opposes the passage of Senate Bill No. 7, changing the office of the City Auditor to an elective post, and would further implore all Members of the Delaware General Assembly to support the City of Wilmington by denying passage of Senate Bill No. 7.

President Gregory: It's been properly moved and seconded that the resolution be received, recorded, and filed and adopted by a yea or nay vote. *On the Question.*

Mr. Wright: Yes, as you know Mr. President Senate Bill No. 7 has been presented and is somewhat arbitrary or idiopathic in its being presented by Senator Marshall and we are opposed to this as the current process is working. I know you, as well as the Mayor as well I am. We just want to move forward into State opposition so that the (inaudible) aware.

President Gregory: Mr. Michael Brown.

Mr. M. Brown: Yes, Mr. President. I am asking to be added as a co-sponsor.

Mrs. Seijo: So noted.

President Gregory: Mr. Brown is added. Mr. Prado.

Mr. Prado: Mr. President. Would you mind stating why you're opposed to this again because I am not quite sure what the proper (inaudible).

President Gregory: Well we had a leadership meeting with the City Delegation and the State Delegation and um it was a good meeting. While there is a range of best practices for an auditor one could be have them appointed with the (inaudible) and send it to Council that would be to have him out right appointed. There is

a middle grounds because of advisory boards different buffers. In my opinion there are two thoughts on here. One in this particular case, if we go short-term we have someone who shut down a practice with employees to become City Auditor. And I think it would be really unfair to have that person have to run for office in 2014. So if you assume that this may be a good idea seems that they should be running in 2016 and not 2014. Second reason would be, while the City of Wilmington why not every municipality why you singling out the city. But there are different forms of best practices with respect to auditor. If you elect an auditor it's somewhat of a popularity contest where you get someone who's qualified to be the Auditor.

One could argue then that his or his staff would provide that support. If the Mayor appoints someone, we would have to assume that the Mayor's going to appoint some who is qualified because we have to (inaudible) that person in determining their qualifications. I think that there is sufficient checks and balance system in the process for council, and the auditor and the mayor and the treasurer and all eyes looking that the auditor can be sufficiently independent to do his or her work. Also, an Auditor in this case is a CPA so certainly they have a license and they have certain obligations they are not just beholdng to the Council and to the Mayor, but they are licensed. So if they don't do what they are supposed to do they do jeopardize their license. So I think there's building integrity in the process. That's the reason why I opposed the short-term and long-term.

I just don't think it should be changed, and also at a higher level I just don't like tinkering with the Charter. When you open up that box you just don't know it's a slippery slope where it's going to begin and where does it end. You may have the state deciding well let's do this and let's do that. So I think the Charter should be dealt with or change the very limited situations. Those are all my reasons and I can tell you everybody at the leadership meeting they're against it. When I think if I were to not speak for Bobby Marshall but Senator Marshall but try to interpret his body language, I think at the end I think he's not going to necessarily move forth with this aggressively. He may move forth with it but I don't think it's going to be aggressive because he got no support for it. He got strong, strong support across the board against it. That is the City Clerk who was there as well as the State Clerk. Did I answer your question?

Mr. Prado: Yes, you did. Thank you.

President Gregory: Anybody else. Councilman Wright I want to thank you for letting me join you on this legislation if you don't mind. Okay, I am not waiting on it but I want to thank you for doing that. Any more comments?

Mr. Wright: Yes, just want to say not a problem but also as you stated currently the state is only State Auditor is the only person that's elected as it pertains to auditors. So again, as you stated it just came out of nowhere didn't seem sensible and much of the points that you shared I do share as well as far as opinions around in and around this resolutions.

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

Upon a motion of Mr. Wright, 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, Congo, D. Brown, Shabazz, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown,
Cabrera, Walsh, Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, twelve. Nays, none.
Present, Council Member Prado. Total, one. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: We'll go to petitions and legislation.

Mrs. Seijo: Can you declare it?

President Gregory: Declared adopted.

Mrs. Seijo: Thank you.

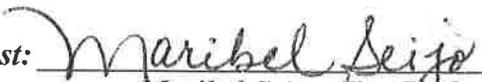
President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Council Members announced committee and civic meetings, and
community events in their districts. Several Council Members congratulated Chief of
Police Christine Dunning and Fire Chief Anthony Good and wished them both the best.
Several Council Members spoke of Black History Month and programs going on in their
districts. In addition, several Council Members spoke of Mayor Dennis William's Public
Safety Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Freel, Council adjourned
at 7:36 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk