

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

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 the audience this evening. He also acknowledged the men and women in blue from the Wilmington Police Department and the Wilmington Fire Department.

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.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

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

Council Members Chukwuocha and Cabrera escorted Mayor Dennis P. Williams into the Council Chambers.

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS - FISCAL YEAR 2014

Mayor Dennis P. Williams: Good evening President Gregory, members of City Council, Treasurer Supinski, distinguished guests, city employees, my fellow Wilmingtonians and my good friend Tom Gordan. Thank you for the opportunity for me to present the State of the City Address. On January 8th I made a promise to deliver the change the voters demanded. For years, politics have played a major part in not getting tough decisions done in our city. Tonight, I am here to draw the line and set Wilmington on a new course in the future. The people have given me a mandate, change. We can no longer proceed with that will do. It's a new day. On February 3, 2013, Wilmington police officer Justen Wilkers was shot in the line of duty by a thug who should never had been on our streets to begin with. The good Lord spared Justen and is still with us recovering well today. Justen or his family, will they please stand, please? Thank you so much. John Shehee, a veteran 40 years at Parks and Recreation, has put in his paperwork

to retire in April. He has touched so many young lives and turned a lot of young people around. John, will you please stand if you're here? Thank you so much for your service John. Women in leadership: Sophia Hanson, the Director of Planning and Urban Design, has compassion, creativity, and a drive to make things move and will take Wilmington to new heights. She's working on an Eastside initiative that's going to be very powerful when they get it completed. Sophia, would you please stand? Coby Owens is a senior, honor student at Salesianum High School. He's very active in community service in Wilmington. He's part of the Wilmington Fire Department's Explorer League. He had an opportunity to come to my office last week and talked to me and told me he wanted to be a Forensic Scientist when he graduated from college. Coby, would you please stand if you're here? Thank you. Justen, John, Sophia and young Coby, they represent character and commitment Wilmington needs to survive in the future. I take my hat off to each and every one of you. Thank you so much.

It's a new day ladies and gentlemen. I love this city. I was born and raised in this city. I'm a homeboy. I came from the Riverside housing projects with the process of people thinking that we weren't going to make it, my brothers and I. We all were very successful and I'm a proving fact that's standing here today. I want to thank the citizens of Wilmington for standing by me and still believing in me. We're going to take this city to new heights. My vision for Wilmington is simple. Developing city employees into true public servants; uniting and energizing neighborhoods; motivating parents and share them to shape their features; creating economic prosperity; job retention, new jobs coming in; business incentives. The Masley Glove Company is one of the shining examples that happen in our city. Mr. Frank Masley, would you please stand? Thank you anyway if you're streamlining or watching us on television. Thank you. This is a company that came to Wilmington, Delaware and hired local employees, giving everybody an opportunity. This is a company that didn't have to locate in Wilmington. It could have went somewhere else but they came into the City of Wilmington.

Wilmington is at a crossroads. Poor decisions from the past still haunt us. There will be difficult days ahead but we will face them together. It's a new day! After 73-days in office, I faced the wounding of a police officer, a courtroom shootout, the death of three (3) city employees, things going hay wire, lights didn't work, computers didn't work, telephones didn't work, vehicles – couldn't find, key broke off in the vehicle that I was getting in, but we made it. I want to say to our Police Department, since January 8th, Wilmington's finest has seized numerous handguns, one AK47 assault rifle, 700,000 of narcotics in cash, numerous arrest have been made. They are doing a union's job. We will work very close with our friend Tom Gordon the County Executive and the New Castle County Police. We have cross jurisdiction authority but let me make it understandably clear; there will be no metropolitan police force.

Well, I talked about some good things, here's the thing you have to brass yourself for. I have no recourse but to raise our Water and Sewage tax 12%. This will contain the support on infrastructure and our clean drinking water. I want to thank my predecessor and City Council for working to bring this organization, the Water Board to the point where we had to face these increases. We have to keep our infrastructure solid and I want to again thank City Council and predecessor for getting the job done. I do not

like it - - I repeat, I do not like it but leadership comes today with a price in making tough decisions. That is a leader. I've asked my leadership team, my Finance team, to bring me a budget with a bottom line. They came a couple of times, I sent them back - we can do better. They finally came back, I agreed. FY'2014 Operating Budget will be \$146,926,834 with a 2.8% increase over FY'13. Pensions and pension healthcare, increase in medical benefits have gone up, annual employee steps, SAFER Grant that we didn't want to get - that we didn't get, and I want to commend the Budget Office for factoring that in before we lost that grant. I got to take my hat off to you because when I found out we didn't get the SAFER Grant, I didn't know whether to jump out the window or just roll over and just get on the floor and go to sleep but we made it. As I made my commitment during the campaign, no tax increase, not one city employee laid off.

Ladies and gentlemen, I can stand up here all night, talk about numbers and other things but I think you guys have business to deal with and I really appreciate your time here in this honorable Chamber. Once this budget is brought before City Council and you guys decide you want to do with it, we will already be working on 2015. We have no choice. Again, as I stated earlier, Wilmington is at a crossroads. We are going to run this City like a business. There's no more that will do. There's no more status quo. We will attack waste; we will attack fraud and we will deal with it. Thank you.

President Gregory: On behalf of my colleagues on City Council, I extend my thanks to Mayor Williams for coming before us tonight to deliver his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014. City Council's Finance Committee through the leadership of its Chair, Charles "Bud" Freel, is prepared and eager to review the proposal and seek additional information from the Administration during formal budget hearings that start on April 10th. Our goal is to be in a position over the next several weeks to develop a final budget for Fiscal Year 2014 that will be presented to Council in late May for a vote. It will be this legislative body in conjunction with the Mayor and with input from the public that would be the determining factors in approving a budget plan for the next fiscal year. We are just beginning to learn in details of the budget tonight so it is difficult to offer an informed assessment individually or collectively of the plan at this time. I can assure you that Council will look very closely at the Administrations' revenue projection and its proposed expenditure which fund employees' salaries, benefits as well as an entire range of government programs and services. Council's review will shed additional light on the Administration's plans for public safety, housing and neighborhood development, new job development and large and small business growth, as well as education and youth initiatives. We will also focus on plans to preserve and improve our water, sewer and wastewater infrastructure and the conditions of our streets. We will be responsible, fair and inclusive. While it's good to start any budget process from the standpoint of not having to request Council's approval for a property tax increase, there is much more to this budget that the public should know and will know as Council moves forward with its review of what the Mayor has proposed. I invite citizens to observe and participate in Council's budget hearings by joining us here in City Council Chambers beginning April 10th, or by watching the proceedings live and on replay over WITN, Channel 22 on the Comcast system." Thank you.

Upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. D. Brown/Ms. Cabrera, Council returned to regular order of business. Motion prevailed.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS - MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON March 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	\$ 1,945.02
106	Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 876.97
107	Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$ 239,629.24
108	Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
110	Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$ 1.89
113	Non-Uniform Pension	M & T Bank	\$ 1,291.70
114	Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$ 132,950.41
117	Cement Workers	Wilmington Savings Fund	\$ 33,335.66
118	Worker's Comp. 3 rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$ 13,003.21
124	Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990	M & T Bank	\$ 2,153.00
130	Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 222,700.22
131	Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$ 2,543.24
139	Pension Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$ <u>23,847.98</u>
	Total Cash on Hand		\$ 679,489.73

FUND CODE	FUND	INSTITUTION	INVEST. TYPE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	INVESTMENT AMOUNT
116	General	M&T Bank	RP	03/21/13	0.25%	\$ 47.89	\$ 6,991,800.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	03/22/13	0.30%	\$ 871.23	\$ 2,000,000.00
124	Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	03/27/13	0.30%	\$ 985.32	\$ 4,440,000.00
105	Police Pension	WSFS	CD	03/27/13	0.30%	\$ 67.02	\$ 302,000.00
110	Capital ²	TD	CD	03/28/13	0.25%	\$ 188.06	\$ 807,552.69
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
116	General	WSFS	CD	04/19/13	0.30%	\$ 902.54	\$ 2,000,000.00
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	05/03/13	0.30%	\$ 1,052.05	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital ³	TD	CD	05/06/13	0.25%	\$ 738.45	\$ 1,540,195.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	05/17/13	0.30%	\$ 1,282.19	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	05/31/13	0.30%	\$ 1,380.82	\$ 2,000,000.00
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					\$ 1,000,735.00
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.					\$ 32,879,607.00
	Total Investments						\$ 302,005,493.73
	Total Cash on Hand						\$ <u>679,489.73</u>
	Grand Total						\$ 302,684,983.46

¹ Budget Reserve ² Lincoln Towers BAN ³ SEU

/s/Henry W. Supinski, City Treasurer

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Gregory: We're going to just go to Mr. Freel. I'm not going to call everyone out because that's the only legislation. Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: Yes Mr. President. We have five (5) first and seconds to be read this evening.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 13-009 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM UNIT CHARGES, WATER RATES AND CHARGES AND STORM WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

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. 13-010 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION ON REAL PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014

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. 13-011 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE SIX FISCAL YEARS 2014 – 2019, 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.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 13-012 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

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. 13-013 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON
JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2014

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. M. Brown/Ms. Shabazz, Council adjourned at 6:22 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk