

*Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
May 9, 2013*

“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 Abby Leach (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, 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 April 18, 2013, upon a motion of William Santacecilia (At Large A, Youth), seconded by Veronica Dougherty (8th District Youth), it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

No committee reports presented this evening.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The following Treasurer’s Report dated May 9, 2013 was read into the record by Edna Hughes (City Clerk Youth), and upon a motion of William Santacecilia (At Large A, Youth), seconded by several “youths”, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

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TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON May 9, 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	\$ 4,961.25
106	Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 4,683.09
107	Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$ 215,222.83
108	Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
110	Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$ 382,481.89
113	Non-Uniform Pension	M & T Bank	\$ 1,291.70
114	Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$ 81,382.15
117	Cement Workers	Wilmington Savings Fund	\$ 33,339.63
118	Worker's Comp. 3 rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$ 13,003.21
124	Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990	M & T Bank	\$ 2,286.52
130	Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 222,909.12
131	Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$ 27,281.57
139	Pension Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$ <u>16,411.54</u>
	Total Cash on Hand		\$ 1,010,465.69

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FUND CODE	FUND	INSTITUTION	INVEST. TYPE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	INVESTMENT AMOUNT
116	General	M&T Bank	RP	05/09/13	0.25%	\$ 62.32	\$ 9,097,597.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	05/17/13	0.30%	\$ 1,282.19	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital ²	TD	CD	05/24/13	0.25%	\$ 81.58	\$ 425,345.22
124	Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	05/29/13	0.30%	\$ 1,216.85	\$ 4,935,000.00
106	Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	05/29/13	0.30%	\$ 776.71	\$ 3,150,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	05/31/13	0.30%	\$ 1,380.82	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	06/03/13	0.30%	\$ 3,863.01	\$ 10,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/03/13	0.30%	\$ 5,301.36	\$ 5,000,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	06/03/13	0.30%	\$ 986.30	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/10/13	0.30%	\$ 1,084.93	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General ¹	TD	CD	06/14/13	0.25%	\$ 5,580.07	\$ 14,292,802.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/14/13	0.30%	\$ 920.54	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	06/28/13	0.30%	\$ 1,035.61	\$ 2,000,000.00
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
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	07/12/13	0.30%	\$ 1,124.38	\$ 1,900,000.00
110	Capital ³	TD	CD	07/15/13	0.25%	\$ 738.45	\$ 1,540,195.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	07/30/13	0.30%	\$ 18,105.53	\$ 24,476,000.00
104	Escrow Pension	Affinity Wealth					\$ 1,008,168.00
104	Escrow Pension	Vanguard					\$ 18,340,100.00
104	Escrow Pension	Black Rock					\$ 52,504,966.00
104	Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$ 26,942,130.00
104	Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$ 31,026,119.00
104	Escrow Pension	Manning & Napier					\$ 23,930,712.00
104	Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$ 12,006,904.00
104	Escrow Pension	GMO					\$ 10,708,350.00
139	Medical Escrow	Merrill Lynch					\$ 9,848,519.00
116	The Hartford	Deferred Comp.					\$ 33,588,371.00
	Total Investments						\$ 309,746,981.26
	Total Cash on Hand						\$ <u>1,010,465.69</u>
	Grand Total						\$ 310,757,446.95

¹ Budget Reserve

² Lincoln Towers BAN

³ SEU

/s/Henry W. Supinski
City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion of William Santacecilia (At-Large A, Youth), seconded by a youth, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record:

All Council	Welcome Sister City Kalmar, Sweden Mayor and Delegation
All Council	Recognize Youth In City Government
All Council	Wilmington Parks & Recreation's Tennis In The Streets
D. Brown	Congratulate Jean Richardson Court #1 and Omega Lodge of Perfection #1, A.A. S. R. F.
Cabrera	Recognize Former Wilmington Police Department Inspector Sean Finerty
Cabrera	Sympathy Luz Divina Diaz
Chukwuocha/Cabrera	Recognize Our Time organization and founder Lorraine Thomas
Congo	Commend Joseph Schorah
Gregory/M. Brown	Sympathy Jerome "Romie" Waters
Shabazz	Rev. Dr. Vincent P. Oliver 27 th Pastoral Anniversary
Shabazz	Sympathy Brandon Smith
Williams	Commend Charter School of Wilmington Girls Swimming Team

The following students participated in the City Council meeting as part of "Youth in City Government Day 2013":

- Abby Leach, **President** of City Council
- Dymone Kelly, **1st District**
- Dyon Dyer, **2nd District**
- Jocelyn Liles, **3rd District**
- Aaliyah Lewis, **4th District**
- Nyaejah Robinson, **5th District**
- Angel Mendenilla, **6th District**
- Oliver Conaty, **7th District**
- Veronica Dougherty, **8th District**
- William Santacecilia, **At-Large A**
- Joseph Orth, **At-Large B**
- Drake Walsh, **At-Large C**
- Zane Hines, **At-Large D**
- Tess McMenamin, **Mayor**
- Isabella Gioffre, **Treasurer**
- Helena McKnight, **City Solicitor**
- Edna Earl-Hughes, **City Clerk**

Each student introduced themselves and the district they were representing as well as introduced their parents and/or other family members and teachers.

President Gregory thanked Traci Owens and staff for the job they did in coordinating the reception and all the ceremonies surrounding the Kalmar, Sweden celebration. In addition, he thanked Council Members Cabrera, Chukwuocha and Dorsey Walker for their participation in Youth in City Government's process this year. Also, President Gregory congratulated WITN staff, Yesenia Taveras for being awarded 1st Place by the Delaware Press Association 2013 Communications Contest for the show she did (Latinos in Action) which was a show about the cultural experience in the Latino community in the City of Wilmington; Paul Kennard and Paul Colsey for being awarded 2nd Place in the Best Television News Cast for WITN's Update News and for Best Television Prepared Report, Paul Kennard received an honorable mentioned for a video tribute to former Mayor, James M. Baker and in the category of Best Television Special Programming, Paul Kennard also received a 3rd Place award for "Where in Wilmington" segment which featured a profile in history of St. Hedwig's Church. President Gregory thanked them for the good work that they are doing.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Gregory: Councilman Chukwuocha.

Mr. Chukwuocha: None tonight Mr. President, thank you.

President Gregory: Councilman Congo.

Mr. Congo: Nothing tonight Mr. President, thank you.

President Gregory: Councilman D. Brown.

Mr. D. Brown: Nothing tonight Mr. President.

President Gregory: Councilwoman Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Yes Mr. President. I have two (2) Ordinances to present for first and second reading.

Ms. Shabazz presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 13-014 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF
CITY CONTRACT 13020WD – WATER DISTRIBUTION
SYSTEM MAINTENANCE WITH BRANDYWINE
CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

This Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Mr. Williams, was received, recorded, and referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee. Motion prevailed.

Ms. Shabazz: I have a second Ordinance to present and call for the first and second reading.

Ms. Shabazz presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 13-015 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF
CITY CONTRACT 13036PW – SEWER CONSTRUCTION
WITH BRANDYWINE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

This Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Mr. Williams, was received, recorded, and referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Councilman Prado.

Mr. Prado: Yes Mr. President. I have three Resolutions tonight to present.

Mr. Prado presented Resolution No. 13-033 as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington, through its Department of Real Estate and Housing, has expressed an interest in obtaining ownership of the property known as Tax Parcel No. 26-036.10-408, which is located at 606 E. 11th Street, Wilmington, Delaware (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, Inter-Neighborhood Foundation of Wilmington, being the owner of the Property, is willing to accommodate the City of Wilmington’s request to transfer title to the Property to the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Real Estate and Housing intends to utilize the Property to temporarily house participants in the City’s De-Lead Program; and

WHEREAS, following the completion of the City’s De-Lead Program, the Department of Real Estate and Housing intends to cause the Property to be listed for sale to an owner-occupant for homeownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Council, acting pursuant to 1 Wilm. C. (Charter) §8-204, hereby approves the acceptance of the Property by the City of Wilmington from its current owner, Inter-Neighborhood Foundation of Wilmington, and authorizes the Department of Real Estate and Housing to take all actions necessary, including the payment of any recording fees, to finalize the transfer of the Property to the City of Wilmington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby approves of the use of the Property to temporarily house participants in the City’s De-Lead Program and the listing of such Property for sale to an owner-occupant for homeownership when it is no longer needed for the De-Lead Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the Department of Real Estate and Housing to execute any and all documents and to take all actions necessary to effectuate the temporary housing of participants from the City's De-Lead Program in the Property and the subsequent listing of the Property for sale to an owner-occupant for homeownership.

Mr. Prado: Yes Mr. President. This Resolution would allow the City to acquire a property from Inter-Neighborhood, what's it called, Inter-Neighborhood Foundation, at no cost and it's to be used as a lead free location home for families and children whose home are undergoing lead remediation. The City spent over a hundred thousand to fix this house and now that we're doing De-Lead in the city, it would actually, it will come in handy by - - instead of having to put them up in hotels, we can use this home as a place - - as a temporary residence until their homes are - - until they can remediate all the lead in a home.

President Gregory: Clerk, call the roll.

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

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Mr. Prado.

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

Mr. Prado presented Resolution No. 13-034 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 2014 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 2014 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which allocates \$1,914,703 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); \$200,000 in prior years reprogrammed CDBG funds; \$182,996 for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG); \$47,313 in prior years uncommitted ESG funds; \$378,976 for HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME); \$38,000 in HOME Program income; \$575,240 for Housing Opportunities for People With Aids (HOPWA); \$11,292 in prior years reprogrammed HOPWA funds, which together will comprise a total Fiscal Year 2014 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Budget of \$3,348,520.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby endorses the specific enumeration of categories and amounts set forth in the Fiscal Year 2014 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 2014 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: Yeah, this is a Resolution - - this is from the Department of Real Estate and Housing and this is to authorize the CDBG funds that are used for housing opportunity with people with Aids and emergency solution grants. It's in the amount of three million, three hundred forty eight thousand and five hundred and twenty dollars. This is something that we do every year. Unfortunately, it was cut a little bit this year but I had some issues with particularly one organization on this list but I had - - the staff looked at it and it was better - it was decided that it was better to just move forward with it because it was a little late in the game. But I had the staff check into whether next year I could have a say or whoever is in charge of the Housing Committee, I think should have a say where this funds are distributed because I had another concern about this was I don't think geographically it's been spread around the City like it should be. There was some organizations particularly that serve in my part of town that were shut out from this but it's - - I understand I'm new to this and I'm willing to give them a chance and I believe it was done with the best intentions. I don't think it was anything intentional was done. So, I will be supporting it but I would like to - - myself or whoever on the Housing Committee, I think we should have a little bit of say in this next time these decisions are made as where federal money can be allocated to. But other than that, I will be supporting this tonight.

President Gregory: Mr. Prado, let me respond to both of your concerns and rightful concerns in two (2) ways. One, with respect to how the money was allocated and to certain organizations that you may have not approved of, I believe there some dialogue taken place and I was in a meeting where people are talking and I know that some concessions have been made with respect to one organization. They're in fact closing in or they've have moved at homeless shelter. So, people are being responsive to our concerns as legislators. Secondly, I was on City Council for twenty-four years but twenty of those years a CDBG was severely influenced by Wilmington City Council. Then I think in my last four (4) that influence went across the hall and coming back as President, I've made it point to say that the City Council should be and will be involved in the process. The process changed since my first twenty (20) years to a process of where a committee make the decisions and we had some inclusion in that process with Chief of Staff but will - - we were ensure that you involved as Housing Chair more next year in that process. Okay?

Mr. Prado: Thank you. I appreciate that.

President Gregory: Thank you. Anybody else?

Ms. Shabazz: Mr. President.

President Gregory: Yes.

Ms. Shabazz: Thank you Mr. President. As a very strong advocate of the CDBG grant, my participation in the National League of Cities, we've gone to the federal delegation and fought hard for them not to cut it so that the monies could come down to

the small municipalities and some of the organizations that on this list are doing great work for those who are less fortunate - - that protected class of people and I do have an even stronger passion for the homeless because when you don't know what it feels like to be outside with no place to stay and this grant would be able to provide those types of services. I'd also like to say that I will be voting present even though I am support of it because I do work for the agencies that are receiving funds. Thank you Mr. President.

President Gregory: Thank you. Mr. Chukwuocha.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Thank you Sir. I will also be voting present because I too work for one of the agencies that would be receiving community development block grants and I'm also would like to say I think a great that some of the community development block grants have went to youths service funds this year. Thank you.

President Gregory: We aggressively are trying to direct policy in that direction. I think the good thing is that both the Mayor and myself have a strong agenda for supporting youth. So, that's a good thing. Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Prado, 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 Congo, D. Brown, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown, Cabrera, Walsh, Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, eleven. Nay, none. Present, Council Members Chukwuocha and Shabazz. Total, two.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. D. Brown: Mr. President, from yes to present.

Mrs. Seijo: I already called it.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mrs. Seijo: Just for clarity. I tallied the vote, 11 Yeas and 2 Present.

President Gregory: The record is noted as to what just transpired. So there was still that attempt. So, we're okay.

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

Mrs. Seijo: I'm sorry Mr. President. Can you clarify for me please?

President Gregory: Whatever you called was the vote.

Mrs. Seijo: Thank you Sir.

Mr. Prado presented Resolution No. 13-035 as follows:

WHEREAS, by its Ordinance No. 97-051, amending Section 2-363 of the City of Wilmington Code, Council of the City of Wilmington (“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 of Wilmington (“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 \$17,272.00 of funding to continue the City’s Historic Preservation Planning Program for the Federal Fiscal Year 2013; 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 twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, 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 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 \$17,272.00 to fund the City’s Historical Preservation Planning Program for the Federal Fiscal Year 2013.

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. Prado: This will – with the approval of this Resolution it would authorize the City to allocate - - it’s a small grant of \$17,272.00 to Historical and Cultural Affairs - - actually no, I’m sorry that’s where it comes from - - from the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs and they use this money for part of the salary of the Historic Preservation Planner and they use it for some other things in terms of historic preservation in the City.

Ms. Walsh: Can I ask a question?

President Gregory: Councilwoman Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: I guess the question I wanted to ask is on something like this right now, I understand that the Planning Department is going in a kind of whole new direction again where they’re not going to be so much about real planning issues but more societal issues and does anybody know how these are kept under check, these grants? I don’t need an answer tonight but I think we should get an answer on it.

President Gregory: We can go ahead. Ms. Hanson you can come up to speak to the matter. Yes.

Ms Walsh: Sorry. I didn't see you in the audience I would have asked for you.

Ms. Sophia Hanson: Good evening. This grant has been around in our department for over twenty (20) years. It supports a consultant that does the programmatic work with State through the Department of Cultural Affairs. Most of the funds come from the General Fund. This is a small portion of the grant and I'm not sure what your question is. Could you clarify?

Ms. Walsh: That what I wanted somebody to tell me what the grant did.

Ms. Hanson: Oh okay. This is just to continue our historic preservation work. It's absolutely no change to the normal process and protocol of our department.

Ms. Walsh: Okay, thank you.

Ms. Hanson: Thank you. Is there any other questions?

President Gregory: Thank you.

Ms. Shabazz: Identify yourself please.

Ms. Hanson: Sophia Hanson, Director of Department of Planning, thank you.

President Gregory: Clerk will call the roll.

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

President Gregory: Are you holding the ordinance?

Mr. Prado: Yes. I'll be holding Ordinance 3822.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mrs. Seijo: Thank you.

President Gregory: Okay. Ms. Dorsey Walker.

Ms. Dorsey Walker: Nothing tonight Mr. President. Thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: No legislative business tonight. Thank you Sir.

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: Nothing. Thank you Sir.

President Gregory: Mr. Brown.

Mr. M. Brown: Thanks for asking Mr. President. I think you're talking about me, nothing tonight Sir.

President Gregory: Ms. Cabrera.

Ms. Cabrera: Nothing this evening.

President Gregory: Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Walsh: No legislation, thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: Mr. President, nothing tonight. Thank you.

President Gregory: Let me quickly comment on the budget process. Chief of Staff, Romain Alexander, had an initial conversation today with Mr. Matlusky and Ms. Barnes assumed that they're going to be holding conversation. I had conversation with a couple of other Councilpersons...

Mr. M. Brown: Can you talk in the mic?

President Gregory: ...have a conversation with a couple of other Councilpersons tomorrow, then we will be having our Finance Committee meeting on Monday and presumably and hopefully be voting on the budget ordinances on Thursday. Keep in mind that we did not vet the capital budget as much as we did the operating budget which is the tradition but I would encourage you to just read through it and if you have any questions, ask the questions.

Mr. M. Brown: I make a motion to adjourn except to given Councilman Freel ninety seconds.

Mr. Williams: Second.

President Gregory: It's been properly moved to adjourn the meeting except for given Councilman Freel ninety second. Mr. Freel.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Freel: Mr. President, I just want to stress that as you mentioned that we are scheduled to vote on the budget package next Thursday evening. The Finance Committee meeting will be Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the Workshop and it's our responsibility at that meeting to vote out of committee the five (5) ordinances that we should voting on next Thursday night. I did want to stress though that there is still I think one major issue between the Operating Budget and the Water/Sewer Fund Budget and the fact that we have increased the indirect cost to the Water/Sewer Fund and we have not heard from the Administration yet the reciprocal of that and what the General Fund owes to the Water/Sewer Fund. I'm being told we will have the information tomorrow and I hope so - - so that we can complete our work next week and have a revenue package.

President Gregory: Also....

Mr. Wright: Mr. President.

President Gregory: ...we asked for some follow-up documents and Ms. Basnight has a lot of those documents and I can't say that she specifically has the one that you may have asked for as an individual Councilperson but they did deliver package yesterday. Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: Thank you Mr. President. I just want to say that please everyone that's watching, on Tuesday, May 14th is the school board election. So, please exercise your right to vote and go out and make your vote count in the school board election on Tuesday and govern yourselves accordingly. Finally, if I may, I just like to say, Happy Mother's Day to my mother and all the mothers that are present as we look towards Sunday. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Freel, Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest:


Maribel Seijo, City Clerk