

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 7, 2019 @ 6:30 P.M.**

**Council Chambers
Louis L. Redding City/County Building
800 N. French Street - Wilmington, DE 19801
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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
 - Prayer**
 - Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Roll Call**

- II. Approval of Minutes**

- III. Committee Reports**

- IV. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report**

- V. Non-Legislative Business**

All Council	Sympathy Sonia Schorr Sloan
All Council	Sympathy U.S. Representative Elijah Cummings
All Council	Sympathy U.S. Representative John Conyers
Harlee	Recognize Cavanaugh's Restaurant
McCoy	Recognize Rainbow of Grace Community Service
Oliver	Sympathy Jordan Righter
Oliver	Sympathy Ben F. Martin, Sr.
Oliver	Sympathy John M. Kwiatkowski
Oliver	Sympathy Edith V. Williams
Oliver	Sympathy Agnes Sampson
Oliver	Sympathy Gwendolyn Jeffers
Oliver	Sympathy Charles A. Scully
Shabazz	Recognize Barbara Cooper
Shabazz	Sympathy Herbert James Porter, Sr.
Shabazz	Sympathy Helen C. Street
Turner	Sympathy Emma L. Hussey Grady

VI. Legislative Business

OLIVER

#4731 A Resolution Approving the Department of Public Works' Grant Application to the Delaware Water Infrastructure Advisory Council to Assist in Design of Green Stormwater Improvements Associated with the Park Improvement Project at 15th and Walnut Street

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works' application for a grant from the Delaware Water Infrastructure Advisory Council in the amount of \$50,000. The remaining \$50,000 is in loan proceeds from anticipated SRF funding. The grant will assist the City in creating the Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Information Documents related to stormwater improvements needed as part of a park improvement project at 15th and Walnut Street.*

SHABAZZ (Harlee presenting on behalf of Shabazz)

#4732 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 44 of the City Code Regarding the Duration of the Riverfront Wilmington Business Improvement District **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance extends the duration of the Riverfront Wilmington Business Improvement District for another ten-year period until October 1, 2029. This extension is retroactive to October 1, 2019.*

TURNER

#4733 An Ordinance to Enact Certain Traffic/Parking Regulations **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance approves various traffic and parking regulations in the City.*

SHABAZZ (Turner presenting on behalf of Shabazz)

#4734 A Resolution Approving the Department of Public Works' Grant Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to Assist in Developing Hazard Mitigation Strategies for South Wilmington

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works' application for a grant from FEMA for advance assistance related to the development of cost-effective and impactful hazard mitigation strategies for the vulnerable neighborhood of South Wilmington including Southbridge.*

SHABAZZ (Johnson presenting on behalf of Shabazz)

#4735 A Resolution Adopting the Comprehensive Development Plan Entitled "Wilmington 2028: A Comprehensive Plan for Our City and Communities" **(Public Hearing)**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution adopts the comprehensive development plan entitled "Wilmington 2028: A Comprehensive Plan for Our City and Communities", as*

amended by the City Planning Commission in its Resolution 12-19, thereby replacing all components of the existing Citywide comprehensive development plan.

FREEL

#4736

An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve a Contract Between the City of Wilmington and Rehrig Financial Services for the Lease of, and Option to Purchase, Municipal Solid Waste Containers **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to enter into a five-year contract with Rehrig Financial Services for the lease of, and option to purchase, municipal solid waste containers.

Rev. 2

#4654 Sub. 2 Ord. 19-026 Amend Chapters 4, 5 and 34 of the City Code to Increase the Rental Dwelling Unit Business License Fee; Provide for Civil Fines for Owners of Rental Properties and Vacant Properties; and Increase Vacant Registration Fees **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Substitute Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Substitute No. 2 to Ordinance No. 19-026 ("Ordinance") amends Chapter 5 section 5-101 entitled "Schedule of Fees" by amending the section to increase the business license fee for rental dwelling units to \$100 per unit, not to exceed a total business license fee of \$10,120.00. This Ordinance amends Chapter 34 of the City Code by changing the enforcement of Chapter 34 with respect to vacant and rental properties from criminal enforcement to civil enforcement with civil fines for non-compliance. The provision in this Ordinance imposing a civil fine for any person owning a vacant property or a rental dwelling unit who violates any provision of Chapter 34 will expire on January 1, 2023 unless such provision is re-enacted prior to the expiration date. The Ordinance also makes additional changes to update and modernize Chapter 34. In addition, this Ordinance amends Chapter 4 by deleting Section 4-27, 119.0 (authorization for exterior improvements to vacant structures) and Section 4-27, 120.0 (annual vacant property registration fees), and incorporates these provisions into Chapter 34. Further, this Ordinance amends the annual vacant property registration fee provisions (previously found at Chapter 4, Section 4-27, 120.0; now located at Chapter 34, Section 34-210) to: (1) increase the registration fees for properties vacant 3 or more years; (2) require registration of buildings vacant for 6 consecutive months rather than 45 consecutive days; (3) impose a civil fine of \$500.00 for failing to register a vacant building within 30 days of the required time to register; (4) exempt vacant buildings owned by the Wilmington Neighborhood Conservancy Land Bank Corporation ("Land Bank") from registration requirements; and (5) provide that purchasers of a vacant building from the Land Bank be billed a vacant registration fee based on the duration of

vacancy from the time he or she received the building from the Land Bank, rather than a vacant registration fee based on the duration of the vacancy prior to receiving the building. This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2020.

#4696 Ord. 19-040 Amend Article IX, Division 2, Subdivision III of Chapter 48 of the City Code to Provide Penalty and Enforcement Provisions Relating to Neighborhood Conservation Districts **(Public Hearing - 3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 48, Article IX, Division 2, Subdivision III of the Wilmington City Code to provide penalty and enforcement provisions for violations of code requirements relating to Neighborhood Conservation Districts. Such provisions include, but are not limited to, the imposition of fines, removal of work undertaken without the appropriate authorization(s), restoration of original elements and replacement of unauthorized materials.*

ADAMS

#4737 An Ordinance Inducing the Orderly Wind-Down of the Wilmington Parking Authority **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance induces the Wilmington Parking Authority to wind-down its operations via an orderly sale of its real estate holdings and use those sale proceeds to paydown the WPA Bonds and payoff other debts owed by the WPA. Thereafter the WPA would convey its property to the City and effectuate the termination of its existence.*

DIXON

#4738 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 13, Article II of the City Code Regarding Nuisances Caused by Vacant Properties **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 13, Article II of the City Code by requiring all vacant properties located within the City of Wilmington to be maintained in a safe, secure and sanitary condition so as not to endanger the health, safety, or welfare of City residents. This Ordinance authorizes the Commissioner of Licenses and Inspections or his authorized representative or designee to enforce City Code Section 13-42, and establishes the procedure for enforcement including the issuance of civil fines for violations of this Section and the property owner's right to appeal a notice of violation pursuant to this Section.*

WALSH

#4739

A Resolution Approving the Wilmington Police Department's Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Justice's ("DOJ") Justice Assistant Grant ("JAG") to Obtain Funding to Implement an Anti-Violence Initiative and a Cold Case Investigator Position

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's application for a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$215,521. The grant will enable the Wilmington Police Department to implement an Anti-Violence Initiative and to fund a Cold Case Investigator position within the Department.*

#4740

A Resolution Approving the Wilmington Police Department's Grant Application to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security for Violent Crime Overtime Funds

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's application for a grant from the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security in the amount of \$403,608.20. The grant will enable the Wilmington Police Department to implement an overtime program which will deploy Officers and resources to combat violent crime in areas identified by intelligence-driven data.*

#4741

A Resolution Approving the Wilmington Police Department's Grant Application to the Delaware Department of Justice for Special Law Enforcement Assistance Funds to be Used to Obtain Upgraded Hostage Negotiation Equipment

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's application for a grant from Delaware Department of Justice for funding from the Special Law Enforcement Assistant Fund in the amount of \$30,000. The funds will be used to purchase equipment upgrades for the Crisis Management Hostage Negotiation Team. No local matching funds are required.*

#4742

A Resolution Regarding the Wilmington Police Department Commencing an Academy Class

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. In this Resolution, the City Council recognizes that the Chief of the Police Department has represented that it is anticipated that the manpower of the Police Department will fall below ninety-five percent of the number of police officers set forth in the position allocation list attached to the fiscal year 2020*

annual operating budget ordinance by the end of 2019 and has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of an academy class for the Police Department once manpower falls below the requisite threshold.

#4743 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve a Contract Between the City of Wilmington and Saint Francis Hospital, Inc. for Emergency Ambulance Service **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the execution of a no-cost four (4) year contract between the City of Wilmington and Saint Francis Hospital, Inc. to provide emergency ambulance service, without regard to the ability to pay, from calls received by the New Castle County Emergency Communications Center via the E-9-1-1 System.*

VII. Petitions and Communications

VIII. Adjournment