



# **Wilmington City Council Strategic Planning Process**

***Moving Wilmington Forward***  
**2017-2021**  
**Wilmington, DE**

***Progress Report – April 2019***

# Wilmington City Council Strategic Planning Process Overview

Members of the 107<sup>th</sup> Session of the Wilmington City Council commenced the Strategic Planning Process even before taking office, with discussions centering on the formulation of a document inspired by the needs of our residents, businesses and visitors, as well as the responsibilities and interests of elected legislators. Over the course of nearly a year, Council Members worked collaboratively and with an expert in strategic planning to discuss and identify priorities and set objectives for our term in office.

In addition to devising mission statements for City Council and each of its committees, Council Members also identified a set of priorities to help guide future endeavors and actions undertaken by this legislative body. These are comprehensive, and touch nearly every facet of City government and daily life in Wilmington.

The pages that follow capture actions taken by the 107<sup>th</sup> Session of City Council to address each of the priorities and objectives set forth in the Strategic Planning Process – which was adopted by Resolution 17-089 on December 7, 2017. The actions recorded in this progress report take a variety of forms: in addition to legislation (ordinances and resolutions), actions also include committee meetings and other public hearings during which City Council facilitated discussions and the dissemination of critical information to Wilmingtonians. And while City Council – as a legislative branch of government – is not able to address each of the priorities on its own, members can play a role in advocating for policies and initiatives. This report, therefore, includes a wide range of actions taken by this Council in the various categories encompassed by the priorities.

As the title implies, the Strategic Planning Process is not a single, defined effort – rather, it is a commitment to an organized manner of thinking and planning, and one which involves deep reflection and critical thinking. In keeping with this understanding, this progress report – much like the Strategic Planning Process report itself – is a living document, and one which will be updated on a regular basis as this session of City Council continues to work diligently and collectively to move Wilmington forward.

# Wilmington City Council Strategic Planning Process Priorities

City Council is committed to working towards a...





## Safe and Secure Wilmington

City Council has identified priorities surrounding public safety and security in Wilmington, including:

### Crime Prevention and Suppression

- [Update](#) on Recruitment and Station Renovations for Wilmington Fire Department (March 11, 2019)
- [Update](#) on Body Cameras for Wilmington Police Department and Staffing Levels (March 11, 2019)
- [Resolution 18-063](#) – Encouraging the Delaware General Assembly to Introduce Legislation Related to Expungement (Sept. 20, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-061](#) – Encouraging the Wilmington Fire Department and Wilmington Police Department to Continue Education and Enforcement Efforts Concerning Fireworks (Sept. 20, 2018)
- [Ordinance 18-040](#) – Amending Chapter 37 of the City Code regarding off-highway vehicles (July 12, 2018)
- Letter sent to members of the Delaware General Assembly supporting various measures designed to combat gun violence and promote public safety (March 19, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-012](#) – Supporting House Bill 300, which would ban devices designed to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic rifle (Feb. 15, 2018)
- [Resolution 17-074](#) – Requesting that the Attorney General conduct a study on bump stocks (Oct. 19, 2017) (The General Assembly took subsequent action on this topic, introducing House Bill 300, which Council further supported with [Res. 18-012](#))
- [Resolution 17-070](#) – Opposing proposed concealed carry reciprocity measures at the federal level (Sept. 21, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-039](#) – Opposing House Bill 125, which would effectively reinstate the death penalty in Delaware (June 1, 2017)
- Review and approval of several grant applications and fund acceptances to support initiatives of the Wilmington Police Department and the Wilmington Fire Department (2017 and 2018) (Examples include [Resolution 17-017](#), [Resolution 17-018](#) and [Resolution 17-076](#))
- WITN 22 Programming related to Crime Prevention and Suppression (Including [Governor Carney reestablishes the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group](#))

## Community Policing and Outreach

- [Resolution 18-041](#) – Supporting the bipartisan efforts of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Campaign for Smart Justice (May 17, 2018)
- Community Conversations Series in each Councilmanic District with Police Chief Robert J. Tracy (Examples of programs: [District 4](#), [District 5](#), [District 6](#), [District 7](#), [District 8](#)) (Summer 2017)
- [Presentation](#) by Stephanie Hamilton, Victim Services Supervisor, on the Wilmington Police Department’s Victim Services Unit (May 10, 2017)
- [Discussion](#) with Wilmington Police Chief Robert J. Tracy about his plans for the Wilmington Police Department (May 8, 2017)
- WITN 22 Programming related to Community Policing and Outreach (Including [Coverage of the Community Engagement Forum held on Police and Community Engagement](#), [The Mayor welcomes the newest members of the WPD](#), and [National Night Out](#))

## Implementing the Recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Report Related to Youth Firearm Violence

- [Resolution 18-037](#) – Concerning trauma-informed treatments for children exposed to violence (May 17, 2018)
- [Resolution 17-081](#) – Grant to the Culture Restoration Project (“Behind Those Bars”) to support youth anti-violence programming (Approved by Resolution on Dec. 7, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-043](#) – Accepting funds from other Delaware governmental entities to support the work of the Wilmington Community Advisory Council (formerly the CDC Community Advisory Council) (June 15, 2017)
- WITN 22 Programming related to implementation (Including [Gun Violence Roundtable held at Eastside Charter School with input from Wilmington City Council and the Wilmington Police Department](#))



## Growing Wilmington

City Council has identified priorities related to growth, development and neighborhood revitalization in Wilmington, including:

### Neighborhood Revitalization Plans

- [Resolution 19-012](#)- *A Resolution Approving a Lease of a Portion of Kirkwood Park to New Castle County Vocational Technical School District (Howard High School of Technology) for the Installation of a Turf Practice Field (April 18, 2019)*
- [Resolution 18-074](#) – *Approving the disposition by lease of Baynard Stadium to Salesianum School establishing a public private partnership to preserve the athletic facility and provide increased public access (Oct. 18, 2018)*
- [Ordinance 18-033](#) - *Amending Chapter 48 of the City Code to update the zoning code (July 12, 2018)*
- [Ordinance 18-019](#) – *Rezoning two blocks (seven parcels) of land located in Wilmington within the area bounded by Front, Walnut, Second and Lombard Streets (July 2, 2018)*
- [Ordinance 18-018](#) – *Annexing and rezoning eight parcels of land (in South Wilmington and on the Riverfront) (July 12, 2018)*
- [Resolution 18-026](#) – *Supporting continued funding of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) at the federal level (Apr. 5, 2018)*
- [Presentation](#) by the Department of Planning and Development related to updates of the City's Bike Plan (Mar. 8, 2018)
- [Ordinance 17-029](#) – *Authorizing the annexation of the Cathedral Cemetery (Sept. 21, 2017)*
- [Resolution 17-064](#) – *Approving the lease agreement between the Urban Bike Project and Wilmington, and Wilmington and Cityfest, Inc. (Sept. 21, 2017)*
- [Resolution 17-031](#) – *Supporting the West Side Revitalization Plan (May 4, 2017)*
- [Presentation](#) by Herbert White, Urban Forest Administrator for the City of Wilmington on the plan for beautification and the planting of trees throughout the City, and the role of the Wilmington Youth Leadership Commission in assisting the Urban Forest Administrator (April 27, 2017)
- [Presentation](#) by Laura Wilburn, Executive Director of the Urban Bike Project, on the organization's goals, capital campaign and statistics on bicycle usage throughout the City (March 9, 2017)

- [Presentation](#) by David Buches of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, on *Blueprint Communities* (Jan. 17, 2017)
- WITN 22 Programming highlighting various programs and events that contribute to neighborhood revitalization (Including [Cityfest and the Urban Bike Project](#), [New City Park at 4th and Rodney Streets](#), [Hope Run Housing Project](#), [Groundbreaking of the H. Fletcher Brown Retirement Apartments](#), [Connell Street Park Dedication](#), [Rock Lot Dedication](#), and [Father Tucker Park Reopening](#))
- WITN 22 Programming related to the Wilmington Renaissance Corporation (Including [Wilmington Renaissance Corporation over the Last 25 Years Featuring Trevor Koenig](#) and [Wilmington Renaissance Corporation over the Last 25 Years Featuring Christian Willis](#))

## Comprehensive Development Plan

- WITN 22 Programming related to the City's Comprehensive Development Plan (Including [Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting](#))

## Infrastructure Development and Revitalization (Repairs, Water, Sewer, Sidewalks, Roads)

- [Resolution 19-008](#)- A Resolution urging the Delaware General Assembly to adopt policies enhancing Delaware's long-term natural resource stewardship and protection of waterways (April 4, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) by Sun Edge LLC regarding Solar Technology (March 18, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) by WestSide Grows on Renovations to School Springs & Tilton Park (February 13, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) by The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) regarding the long-range transportation plan for New Castle County, DE and Cecil County, MD (January 23, 2019)
- [Ordinance 18-039](#) – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 42 of The City Code Relating to the Installation of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in the Public Rights of Way (December 6, 2018)
- [Ordinance 18-050](#) – An Ordinance to (I) Approve the Removal of a Portion of Garasches Lane from the Official City Map and (II) Accept the Dedication of an Unnamed City Street Between South Walnut Street and Garasches Lane and Add it the Official City Map (December 6, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-086](#) – A Resolution Declaring a Portion of Garasches Lane to be Surplus and Approving the Property for Disposition to the Riverfront Development Corporation (December 6, 2018)
- [Presentations](#) by Anthony DePrima, on the Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility, Inc.; and Jeffrey Richardson, on Imani Energy, Inc. (June 18, 2018)

- [Presentation](#) by the Department of Public Works related to capital projects (March 19, 2018)
- [Presentation](#) by the Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the status of City parks, recreation facilities and future proposals (Feb. 28, 2018)
- [Public Meeting](#) regarding DART bus service changes at Rodney Square (Feb. 7, 2018)
- [Presentation](#) by Delmarva Power regarding gas odors and gas meter replacement locations (Feb. 7, 2018)
- [Resolution 17-087](#) – Requesting the addition of a City Council Representative to the Canby Park Working Group (Nov. 16, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-067](#) – Supporting proposals for a direct-to-airport train line (Sept. 21, 2017)
- [Presentation](#) by Director Kevin Kelley of the Department of Parks and Recreation with updates on the City Park Projects, including: Connell Street Park; Father Tucker Park; Fourth and Rodney Park; Kosciuszko Park (Feb. 8, 2017)
- [Presentation](#) by Dave Gula of WILMAPCO and John Sisson of the Delaware Transit Corporation on Wilmington transit, Rodney Square improvements, an operational analysis, the Fourth Street Transit Corridor, bus shelter prototype, traffic analysis, Orange Street two-way conversion, Tatnall Street bus holdover site, and the Wilmington Transit Center (Jan. 18, 2017)
- [Presentation](#) by Christian Willauer, Director of Community and Economic Development at Cornerstone West CDC on the West Side Grows Park Project (Jan. 11, 2017)
- Review and approval of several grant applications and fund acceptances supporting park improvements and revitalization, environmental action, historic preservation and other measures in various neighborhoods (2017 and 2018) (Examples include [Resolution 17-023](#), [Resolution 17-025](#) and [Resolution 17-050](#))
- WITN 22 Programming related to infrastructure developments in Wilmington (Including [Wilmington Transportation Infrastructure Improvements](#), and [\\$20-million contract to create new roadways and the new Christina River Bridge](#))

## Brownfields Remediation, Cleanup and Redevelopment

- [Resolution 17-013](#) – Authorizing the Department of Planning and Development to accept a Brownfield Area-wide Planning Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (EPA) for funding a brownfield area-wide action plan and implementation plan for the Brandywine Riverfront Northeast Community (Feb. 16, 2017)

## Mixed Housing Development



- [Resolution 19-010](#) *A Resolution Approving a Grant Application to and the Acceptance of Grant Funds from JPMorgan Chase Foundation in Support of the West Center City Neighborhood Stabilization Plan (April 4, 2019)*
- [Presentation](#) *by Renee Spruiel of Greater Wilmington Housing Providers on community support resources for landlords who provide housing opportunities in Delaware (June 8, 2017)*



## Stabilized Wilmington

City Council has identified priorities related to enforcement of the City Code, the management of vacant properties and the initiatives of the Land Bank in Wilmington, including:

### Code Enforcement

- [Ordinance 19-007](#) *Authorize a Multi-Year Extension of Contract 15054DFPS (Traffic Signal Violation Monitoring Systems) Between the City of Wilmington and Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc. (March 14th, 2019)*
- [Ordinance 17-041](#) – *Adjusting requirements for landlord training as a condition for Rental Business Licenses to apply to new landlords and those with provisional business licenses (Dec. 14, 2017)*
- [Ordinance 17-040](#) – *Extending the time period during which nuisance points can accumulate in the hopes of better identifying properties that constitute a public nuisance (Dec. 14, 2017)*

### Vacant Properties

- [Resolution 19-011](#) *A Resolution Declaring the Property Known as 1814 Gilpin Avenue to be Surplus and Approving the Property for Disposition to the Wilmington Firefighter’s Association, Local 1590 (April 4, 2019)*
- [Presentation](#) *by the Wilmington Housing Partnership related to housing projects (March 8, 2018)*

### Land Bank

- *WITN 22 Programming related to the Wilmington Neighborhood Conservancy Land Bank (Including the [Land Bank's Demolition Event](#))*



## **Resident and Visitor Friendly Wilmington**

City Council has identified priorities related to the provision of basic municipal services – including trash and recycling collection and the enforcement of parking regulations – and the importance of fostering a Wilmington that is friendly and welcoming to residents and visitors:

Trash and Recycling Services

Parking Enforcement

Parking Enhancements and Planning (Commercial, Residential, Downtown, Smart Meters, etc.)

- [Ordinance 19-002](#) *An Ordinance to Enact Certain Parking Regulations (April 4, 2019)*
- [Resolution 19-007](#) *- A Resolution to Reappoint Jereline Coleman and to Appoint Buck Simperts and Jeffrey Flynn to the Wilmington Parking Authority Board (April 4, 2019)*
- [Resolution 19-003](#) *- A Resolution to Request the Mayor to have a Property Valuation Report Performed on Each of the Parking Lots Held by the Wilmington Parking Authority—Wilmington City Council (March 14th, 2019)*
- [Ordinance 18-047](#) *– Enacting Certain Traffic/Parking Regulations (Oct. 18, 2018)*
- [Ordinance 18-030](#) *– Enacting Certain Parking Regulations (June 21, 2018)*
- [Ordinance 18-029](#) *– Amending Chapter 37 of the City Code regarding the boundaries of special residential parking areas/districts "X", "Y", and "W" (June 21, 2018)*
- [Ordinance 18-017](#) *– Enacting Certain Traffic/Parking Regulations (June 7, 2018)*
- [Presentation](#) *by the Department of Public Works regarding smart parking meters (Feb. 7, 2018)*
- [Ordinance 17-054](#) *– Enacting certain parking regulations (Jan. 11, 2018)*

- [Ordinance 17-037](#) – Enacting various parking and traffic regulations (Nov. 17, 2017)
- [Ordinance 17-027](#) – Enacting various parking and traffic regulations (Sept. 21, 2017)
- [Ordinance 17-015](#) – Enacting various parking and traffic regulations (May 18, 2017)
- [Ordinance 17-014](#) – Enacting various parking and traffic regulations (May 18, 2017)
- WITN 22 programming regarding parking enhancements and planning (Including [Parkmobile Parking Payment System](#))



## **Business Friendly Wilmington**

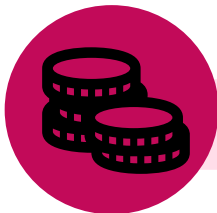
City Council has identified priorities related to fostering an environment that is ripe for business development as a key to broader economic development and growth, including:

### **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Minority Business Enterprise Development**

- [Presentation](#) on the City of Wilmington Minority Business Development Program (March 6, 2017)

### **Business Plan Development and Resources for Neighborhood Business Corridors**

- [Ordinance 18-026](#) – Amending Chapter 5 of the City Code regarding the head tax abatement/exemption program (May 18, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-007](#) – Supporting Old Brandywine Village’s application for Commercial District Affiliate Program participation (Jan. 18, 2018)
- [Ordinance 17-048](#) – Extending the hours of operation for liquor stores on Sundays (Dec. 7, 2017)
- [Ordinance 17-022](#) – Expanding the Downtown Business Improvement District to include the 800 block of Washington Street (July 6, 2017)



## **Prosperous and Sustainable Wilmington**

City Council has identified priorities related to City government operations in Wilmington, with the objectives of enhancing revenue opportunities, controlling for expenditures and instituting personnel and financial policies, including:

### Revenue Enhancements

- [Resolution 17-090](#) – *Calling on the United States Congress to consider cities in the proposed Tax Reform Plan (Dec. 7, 2017)*

### Budget and Expenditure Controls

- [Budget Hearing](#) with the Mayor's Office of Economic Development & the Parks and Recreation Department (April 22, 2019)
- [Budget Hearing](#) with City of Wilmington Auditor's Department and Office of Information Technology (April 17, 2019)
- [Budget Hearing](#) with the Wilmington Police Department & Wilmington Fire Department (April 15, 2019)
- [Budget Hearing](#) with the Planning & Development Department, Licenses & Inspections Department, & Real Estate & Housing Department (April 10, 2019)
- [Budget Hearing](#) with the Mayor's Office, City Treasurer's Office, & Wilmington City Council (April 8, 2019)
- [Budget Hearing](#) on the Human Resources Department & Law Department Presentations- (April 3, 2019)
- [Discussion](#) to Review the 2018 Compensation Study (Executive & Managerial Employees) by the Human Resources Department (Monday, April 1, 2019)
- [Mayor's budget address](#)- March 28th, 2019
- [Ordinance 19-004](#) Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code in Order to Authorize the City Treasurer to Access the Budget Reserve Account Funds for Fiscal Year 2019 and Require Replenishment of the Budget Reserve Account Funds in the Ensuing Fiscal (March 14th, 2019)
- [Ordinance 19-003](#) Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Repeal Section 2-358 Thereof Regarding the Annual Reconciliation of Operating Budget Account (March 14th, 2019)
- [Ordinance 18-053](#) – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the City's General Obligation Bond, Series of 2018-SRF, in Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for Capital Projects of the City of Wilmington Relating to Phase II of the City's Transmission and Distribution Water Main Improvements; Providing for the Sale of the Bond to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action (December 13, 2018)

- [Ordinance 18-051](#) – A Project Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Financing of a Project for the Community Education Building Corp; Making Certain Findings with Respect Thereto; Authorizing the Issuance of City of Wilmington Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$35,000,000; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action (December 13, 2018)
- [Ordinance 18-055](#) – Constituting Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget (Being an Ordinance to Amend Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 18-011) (December 13, 2018)
- [Ordinance 18-045](#) – Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to Establish (I) a Tax Stabilization Reserve within the General Fund and (II) an Operation and Maintenance Reserve and a Rate Stabilization Reserve within the Water/Sewer Fund (Oct. 4, 2018)
- [Discussion](#) on the Fiscal Year 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Audit on the City’s Financial Statements by external auditor (Feb. 26, 2018)
- [Ordinance 17-031](#) – Adjusting bidding requirement thresholds consistent with a City Charter change enacted by the Delaware General Assembly (Sept. 7, 2017)
- [Budget Hearings](#) on City departments for Fiscal Year 2018 and Fiscal Year 2019 (April and May 2017; April and May 2018)
- WITN 22 Programming related to City Council’s budget review process (Including [Information on the City Council budget hearing process](#), [City Council Budget Response](#), and [April 11th Budget Hearings Announcement](#))

## Policies and Strategies Regarding Risk Management, Workers Compensation and Human Resources

- [Resolution 18-054](#) – Asking the Mayor and the Department of Finance to provide City employees an advance opportunity to bid on motor vehicles being disposed by the City (July 12, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-024](#) – Acknowledging the importance of a safe and healthy workplace and calling upon the Delaware General Assembly to adopt Healthy Workplace Legislation (Apr. 5, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-010](#) – Requesting City officials to collaborate to conduct a study regarding harassment policies and the City’s Code of Conduct (Feb. 15, 2018)
- [Ordinance 17-052](#) – Modifying regulations pertaining to the safe passing of municipal vehicles on City streets to protect public employees and promote safety (Dec. 14, 2017)
- [Ordinance 17-051](#) – Allowing retired firefighters on Fire Pension Board (Dec. 14, 2017)
- [Ordinance 17-019](#) – Regarding direct deposit requirements for City employees (July 6, 2017)



## Wilmington for All Ages

City Council has identified priorities related to fostering a Wilmington that is inclusive of all ages, and which provides opportunities for residents and visitors at every stage of life, including:

### Advocacy and Support for Wilmington's Youth in the Educational Process

- [Presentation](#) by Dr. Abdullah R. Muhammad, Chairman, NCCo Library Advisory Board (March 20, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) by Christiana School District Superintendent Richard Gregg on the District Consolidation Plan (February 13, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) by New Castle County Councilman Jea Street on Equitable School Funding Lawsuit (February 13, 2019)
- [Resolution 18-081](#) – Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Mandate the Inclusion of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct and Consent Information in Sex Education Courses (Nov. 15, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-071](#) – Recognizing October as National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month and Encouraging the Delaware Attorney General to Consider Issuing a New Anti-Bullying Report (Oct. 18, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-057](#) – Approving a Grant from City Council to the Wilmington Education Strategies Think Tank (July 12, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-039](#) – Encouraging the adoption of an ethnic studies curriculum for school districts serving students from the City of Wilmington (May 17, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-038](#) – Encouraging the prohibition against the suspension and expulsion of pre-kindergarten through second grade students (May 17, 2018)
- [Presentation](#) by the Wilmington Education Strategy Think Tank (WESTT) proposing the creation of an Office of Education and Public Policy in Wilmington Chukwuocha (May 9, 2018)
- [Presentation](#) by Dorrell Green, Director of the Department of Education's Office of Innovation and Improvement, on the topic of organizational developments and progress related to Wilmington education (Mar. 14, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-005](#) – Supporting proposed Delaware Department of Education regulations preventing discrimination (Jan. 18, 2018)
- [Participation](#) in literacy initiative with donated books and guest reading for Wilmington Head Start program (Dec. 11, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-086](#) – Supporting the Delaware Governor's efforts around a partnership with the Christina School District (Nov. 16, 2017)

- [Resolution 17-085](#) – Opposing the U.S. Department of Education’s actions regarding Title IX policies pertaining to investigations of sexual assault on college and university campuses (Nov. 16, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-062](#) – Encouraging the Delaware Department of Education to implement a uniform policy related to school bus video retention (Sept. 21, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-044](#) – Opposing the House Resolution 610 in the United States Congress, the “Choices in Education Act” (June 15, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-009](#) – Supporting Delaware House Bill No. 17, which would extend the compulsory age for education from 16 to 17 (Feb. 16, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-015](#) – Regarding local control of education (Feb. 16, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-007](#) – Requesting the names of outstanding Wilmington students (Feb. 2, 2017)
- WITN 22 Programming related to advocacy and support for youth in the educational process (Including [Warner Youth in Government Elections](#), [Wilmington Family Services Cabinet Council](#), [Governor Carney Coordinates Support for Basic Needs Closets for Students in High-Needs Schools](#), [Attorney General Matt Denn on School Bullying](#), [Mariano Rivera Backpack Giveaway](#), [Delaware Center for Horticulture Regional Intern Outreach Day](#), and [2018 Miss Juneteenth Jovanna Cardenti Interpretive Dance Performance](#))

## Youth Master Plan

## Adult and Youth Workforce Development

- [Resolution 19-005](#)- A Resolution Approving the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Grant Application to the Laffey McHugh Foundation for the 2019 Youth Career Development Program (April 4, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) on Drone Workforce Education & Employment Program (Monday, April 1, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) by Kevin Kelley, Director of Department of Parks & Recreation, regarding the Youth Career Development Program (March 20, 2019)
- Review and approval of several grant applications and fund acceptances to support the City’s Summer Youth Employment Program (2017 and 2018) (Examples include [Resolution 17-010](#) and [Resolution 17-011](#))
- WITN 22 Programming highlighting events and opportunities around adult and youth workforce development in Wilmington (Including [Zip Code Wilmington](#), [Mobile Job One Stop](#), [Leep Job Fair](#), and [City & City Council sponsored Job & Opportunity Fair](#))

## Implementing the Recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Report Related to Positive Youth and Family Development Activities

- [Presentation](#) by DNREC regarding Brandywine Zoo Master Plan (December 12, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-053](#) – Approving the acceptance of requested grant funds, if awarded, from the State of Delaware and New Castle County to support the efforts of the Wilmington Community Advisory Council to combat youth firearm violence in Wilmington (July 12, 2018)
- [Presentation](#) by the Wilmington Community Advisory Committee (WCAC) relating to its 2017 Annual Report and the launch of the P.O.W.E.R. Campaign (April 2, 2018)
- [Council-Facilitated Screenings](#) of 'Black Panther' film for youth throughout Wilmington (February-March 2018)
- [Grant](#) to Neighborhood House, Inc., to support programming to engage youth in positive activities (Approved by Resolution on Nov. 2, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-061](#) – Encouraging trauma-informed care training (Sept. 21, 2017)
- Update on the [CDC Report](#) Recommendations (March 7, 2017)
- Review and Approval of several grant applications and fund acceptances to support programming by the Department of Parks and Recreation in support of youth, as well as to support Safe Haven programming (2017 and 2018) (Examples include Resolution [17-020](#), [Resolution 17-022](#) and [Resolution 17-058](#))
- WITN 22 Programming on the implementation of the POWER Campaign (Including [Big Picture programming on the WCAC Report and POWER Campaign](#), [Big Picture programming on the Launch of 2017 Annual Report and POWER Campaign](#))
- WITN 22 Programming on events relevant to the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Related to Positive Youth and Family Development Activities (Including [2017 Delaware Teen Idol Finals](#), [Delaware 87er Summer Youth Neighborhood Hoops Program](#), [Governor Carney Launches New Initiative for Delaware's Children](#), [First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney and the Delaware Department of Education provide information on the availability of free meals this summer for children in need](#), [Raising Kings Young Leadership Conference](#), and [Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Signing](#))



### Healthy Wilmington

City Council has identified priorities surrounding the promotion of health and wellness in Wilmington, including:

Mental and Physical Health Services



- [Resolution 19-009](#) A resolution in support of the Delaware State Senate Bill 25 to raise the tobacco and tobacco substitute purchasing age from 18 years old to 21 years old (April 4, 2019)
- [Resolution 19-006](#)- A Resolution Approving the Department of Parks and Recreation's Grant Application to the State of Delaware for the 2019 Summer Food Service Program (April 4, 2019)
- [Resolution 19-004](#)- A Resolution Calling Upon the Delaware General Assembly to Enact Legislation Requiring a Full-time Mental Health Counselor on Staff at Every Elementary and Middle School (April 4, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) by Henrietta Johnson Medical Center (March 27, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) by Wilmington Youth & Leadership Commission on the HIV AIDS Awareness Project (February 27, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) by Nora Katurakes of Christiana Care "Story of Brenda" – Triple Negative Breast Cancer (February 27, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) by Christiana Care on Tobacco and Our Youth: "The New Vaping Epidemic" (January 30, 2019)
- [Resolution 18-075](#) – Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Enact Legislation Regarding the Maintenance and Abatement of Public Nuisance Animals within the City of Wilmington (Nov. 1, 2018)
- [Ordinance 18-046](#) – Amending Chapter 5 of the City Code Regarding Beverages Offered in Children's Meals (Oct. 4, 2018)
- [National League of Cities Prescription Discount Program](#) – Distribution of more than 7,000 free prescription discount cards to community organizations throughout Wilmington (Summer/Fall 2018)
- [Ordinance 18-028](#) – Amending Chapter 38 of the City Code regarding inclusive parks and playgrounds (June 7, 2018)
- [Presentation](#) by the Department of Licenses and Inspections regarding bed bugs and tips for residents about bed bug extermination and support (May 23, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-025](#) – Designating March 6th as "Black Balloon Overdose Awareness Day" and promoting awareness of opioid-related overdose deaths (Apr. 5, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-018](#) – Supporting the work of social workers and recognizing March as "Social Work Month" (Apr. 5, 2018)
- [Discussion](#) on the topic of opioid overdoses and resources available to Delawareans with Greg Valentine, Director of Community Behavior Health Services (Mar. 28, 2018)
- [Ordinance 17-026](#) – Amending the City Code to allow for the use of support animals consistent with federal regulations and laws (Jan. 18, 2018)
- [Presentation](#) by the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition in recognition of the month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (Oct. 25, 2017)

- [Presentation](#) by the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence in recognition of the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Oct. 25, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-055](#) – Urging the U.S. Congress to reject proposals to cut funding for human and environmental needs in favor of military budget increases (Sept. 7, 2017)
- [Presentation](#) by Paul Beane, Director of Employment Programs at Delaware Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, on the association’s work and how it can assist with the employment of those with disabilities (May 24, 2017)
- [Presentation](#) by the Wilmington Youth Leadership Commission on the Group’s AIDS Awareness Project (May 10, 2017)
- Review and approval of grant applications and fund acceptances supporting health-related initiatives (2017 and 2018) (Examples include Resolution [17-060](#))
- WITN 22 Programming – weekly “Healthy Wilmington Update” (Including [Vaccines for Children](#), [Clean Hands Count](#), and [Zika Virus: Protecting Women and Babies](#))
- WITN 22 Programming related to Mental and Physical Health Services (Including [World AIDS Day Events 2017](#), [Proclamation Recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#), and [Ribbon Cutting for the Spine Group](#))
- WITN 22 Programming regarding mental health and addiction (Including [Battling the Opioid Epidemic](#), [Highmark's \\$325,000 Grant to fight Opioid Addiction](#), and [Community Forum on Mental Health and Addiction](#))

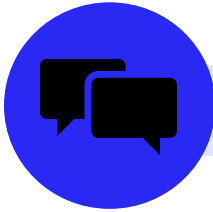
## Adult, Family and Youth Homelessness

- [Resolution 17-073](#) – Supporting Charity Crossing’s petition to recognize February 14, 2018 as “Socks for the Homeless Day” (Oct. 19, 2017)
- [Presentation](#) by Deborah White, Executive Director of Herstory Ensemble, on homelessness in Wilmington and tools to help combat homelessness (June 8, 2017)

## Senior Services

- [Resolution 18-077](#) – Requesting that the Administration Launch a Senior Identification Program (Nov. 15, 2018)
- [Public Meeting](#) regarding public concerns about elevators in Wilmington Housing Authority properties (Jan. 24, 2018)
- [Participation](#) in 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Drive organized by NOR Enterprises (October-November, 2017)
- [Presentation](#) by Michelle Hond about St. Francis LIFE and Resources for Wilmington Residents (June 28, 2017)

- WITN 22 Programming related to services and events for seniors (Including [2018 Senior Health & Fitness Day](#) and [United Health Senior Spa Day at the WHACC](#))



## **Transparent and Well-Represented Wilmington**

City Council has identified priorities related to fostering a transparent and well-represented Wilmington, including:

### Transparency of City Government

- [Presentation](#) by the Division of Procurement regarding bid procedures and departmental policies (March 18, 2019)
- [Resolution 19-002](#)- A Resolution Confirming Appointment of Robert M. Goff Jr., Esquire as City Solicitor (March 14, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) by Wilmington City Treasurer Velda Jones-Potter on information related to the financial outlook and direct City liability between the City of Wilmington and the Wilmington Housing Partnership (March 7, 2019)
- [Presentation](#) by Bob Weir, Director of the Department of Real Estate and Housing, regarding updates concerning the Wilmington Housing Partnership (WHP) (March 7, 2019)
- [Resolution 19-001](#) – A Resolution for City Council to Fill the Vacancy in the First City Council District (February 14, 2019)
- [Ordinance 18-043](#) – Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to update the ethics provisions (Oct. 4, 2018)
- [Ordinance 18-020](#) – Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code regarding official names of streets, parks, playgrounds, plazas, buildings, facilities, statutes and monuments, other lands reserved for public use (May 17, 2018)
- [Ordinance 18-001](#) – Amending Chapter 35 of the City Code regarding human rights (May 17, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-015](#) – Requesting a legal opinion regarding Councilmanic salaries (March 1, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-016](#) – Declaring Wilmington to be a Human Rights City (March 1, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-017](#) – Declaring Wilmington to be a City for CEDAW (the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women) (March 1, 2018)
- [Ordinance 17-053](#) – Repealing a regulation pertaining to itinerant performers (Code Cleanup Initiative) (Dec. 14, 2017)
- [Ordinance 17-035](#) – Regarding the allocation, approval and notification of grant awards (Oct. 5, 2017)

- [Committee Meeting](#) with discussion about Council and City grant funding supporting community organizations and causes (Sept. 8, 2017)
- [Ordinance 17-025](#) – Regarding the requirement of bi-monthly reports from the Law Department (July 6, 2017)
- WITN 22 Programming – Council President Hanifa Shabazz’s Weekly Address (Various topics including [Annual Operating Budget Hearings](#), [the on-going effort to clean-up the City code](#), and [the three factors that must be considered when addressing youth-related gun violence](#))

## Redistricting

- [Ordinance 19-005](#)- To Approve the Removal of a Portion of Ball Place from the Official City Map (April 4, 2019)
- [Resolution 17-032](#) – Supporting Senate Bill No. 27, which would establish an Independent Redistricting Commission for the State of Delaware (May 4, 2017)



## Connected, Informed and Engaged Wilmington

City Council has identified priorities related to encouraging communication, sharing information and fostering engagement in Wilmington, including:

## Constituent, Civic and Community Engagement

- [Resolution 18-065](#) – Naming the Playground in Father Tucker Park as the "Barbara Delle Donne Memorial Playground" (Sept. 20, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-052](#) – Encouraging the Mayor to sub-name a portion of the street in the area of East 28th Street and Speakman Place as "Wilbert "Wilby" B. Fletcher Way" (July 2, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-048](#) - Supporting Wilmington joining the Cities of Service Coalition and encouraging the Mayor to sign a Declaration of Service (June 21, 2018)
- [Resolution 18-006](#) – Condemning the Libyan slave trade (Jan. 18, 2018)
- [Resolution 17-093](#) – Supporting efforts by the Wilmington Professional Firefighters Union to preserve the property at 1927 Lakeview Road as a memorial to fallen firefighters (Dec. 14, 2017)

- [Resolution 17-083](#) – Recognizing diverse holidays in Wilmington and encouraging inclusivity among city departments (Nov. 16, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-063](#) – Establishing a partnership between Delaware State University, University of Delaware and Wilmington (Sept. 21, 2017) ([WITN 22 Coverage of the signing ceremony](#))
- [Resolution 17-041](#) – Proposing an amendment to the City Charter related to the age requirement of the Mayor (July 6, 2017)
- [Presentation](#) by Donna Snyder, Director of Delaware 2-1-1, with an overview of the program and the resources available to Wilmington residents (June 14, 2017)
- [Resolution 17-037](#) – Recognizing Muslim holidays of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al Adha (May 18, 2017)
- [Presentation](#) by Jennifer Prado, Director of the Office of Constituent Services, on the Adopt-A-Block Program and the Upcoming Citywide Clean Up (April 27, 2017)
- WITN 22 Programming – Coverage of Wilmington’s federal representatives and developments in Washington, DC (Including Donald Trump's Weekly Address ([June 14, 2017](#), [March 19, 2017](#), [April 13, 2018](#)), Senator Tom Carper ([Senator Carper on Health Care](#), [Senator Carper on Healthcare Open Enrollment](#), and [Senator Carper at the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee](#)), Senator Chris Coons ([Senator Coons talks about Affordable Health Care](#), [Senator Coons on DACA](#), [Senator Coons discusses food aid](#)), and “News to You” ([March 29, 2018](#), [April 17, 2018](#), [June 1, 2018](#), [August 3, 2018](#)))
- WITN 22 Programming – WHY?’s “First” exploring issues related to Delaware (Including [July 14, 2017](#), [July 28, 2017](#), and [March 9, 2018](#))
- WITN 22 Programming related to community events, festivals and civic and community engagement (Including [Blood Bank of Delmarva and Hurricane Harvey](#), [Peace on the Streets Event](#), [Hispanic Festival Parade](#), [Kalmar Nyckel 20th Anniversary](#), [2018 MLK Jr. Day Events](#), [DTCC Black History Month Celebration](#), [2018 Lady Bug Festival](#), [St. Anthony's Italian Festival](#), [Habitat for Humanity and Women Build Day](#), [Wilmington Flower Market](#), [DMV Mobile Unit in Wilmington](#), [2017 Millennial Summit](#), [Delaware's Byway Bucks Program](#), and [Solar Park Opening](#))
- WITN 22 Programming – “In Focus” show on various topics (Including [Discussion on the collaboration between the two sides of government](#), [Discussion on community challenges and youth employment](#), and [Discussion on underprivileged youth with the nonprofit 4 Youth Productions](#))
- WITN 22 Programming – “Two Minute Drill” featuring Council Members (Including [Council Member Zanthia Oliver](#) and [Council Member Bob Williams](#))
- WITN 22 Programming – “What’s Good” program highlighting the actions of millennials in Wilmington (including [Richard Labbee](#) and [Council Member Rysheema Dixon](#))

- *WITN 22 Programming highlighting fire safety tips for residents (Including [The Smoke Alarm Hotline](#), [The Smoke Alarm Hotline en Espanol](#), [Unattended Cooking Fires](#), [Removing Dryer Lint](#), and [Professionally Clean Furnace and Fireplace](#))*

## Oversight of Franchise Agreement for Cable Services

- *[Substitute Number 1 Ordinance 19-006](#)- Approve and Authorize the Public Access and Leased Access Management Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and DETV Foundation, Inc. (March 14, 2019)*
- *[Discussion](#) on a recommendation to Council of an ordinance to approve and authorize the Third-Party Operator (TPO) agreement between the City of Wilmington and DETV Foundation (March 1, 2019)*
- *[Updates](#) on proposals submitted by DETV & LAPA to be selected as the Third Party Operator (TPO) of the City's leased access television station (February 11, 2019)*
- *[Discussion](#) on the approval of the Leased Access Preservation Association's (LAPA) final one-year renewal agreement to extend until March 31, 2019 (Mar. 23, 2018)*
- *[Report](#) from Leased Access Preservation Association (LAPA) regarding the operations of LAPA 28 TV, and regarding the assessment of equipment that is being leased from the City (Mar. 23, 2018)*
- *[Presentation](#) by the Leased Access Preservation Association on its year-end report and the City's Public Channel (March 10, 2017)*

## Providing Access to PEG (Public, Education, Government) for Access to Television for Local Community, Schools and Government

- *[Ordinance 18-023](#) – Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code regarding storage of tapes of Council Meetings (June 7, 2018)*
- *[Ordinance 18-022](#) – Authorizing the Educational Access Channel Agreement between Red Clay Consolidated School District and the City of Wilmington (June 7, 2018)*
- *[Discussion](#) on the Request for Proposal (RFP) timeframe process for the Educational Access Channel Manager Agreement (Mar. 23, 2018)*
- *[Report](#) from Red Clay Consolidated School District regarding the operations of the Educational Access Channel Manager Agreement (Mar. 23, 2018)*
- *[Presentation](#) from the Red Clay Consolidation School District regarding its year-end report and the Education Channel (March 10, 2017)*