

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
May 16, 2019*

City Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Hanifa Shabazz presiding.

The opening prayer was done by Andrea Queen, Deputy Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by City Council.

ROLL CALL

The following members responded to the Call of the Roll: Council Members Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy* and Walsh, and President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Absent with leave, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of May 2, 2019, upon a motion of Council Member Congo, seconded by Council Member Freel, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance & Economic Development Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel, Chair	X		
Ciro Adams	X		
Linda M. Gray	X		
Zanthia Oliver	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	
Robert A. Williams		X	
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

April 24, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 19-014** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 44 AND 45 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING (i) PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS FOR UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES AND WATER, SEWER, AND STORMWATER CHARGES AND (ii) THE APPLICATION OF PARTIAL PAYMENTS ON DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS OF UNPAID WATER, SEWER, AND STORMWATER CHARGES

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Linda M. Gray
/s/Hanifa Shabazz

/s/Ciro Adams
/s/Zanthia Oliver

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance & Economic Development Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel, Chair	X		
Ciro Adams	X		
Linda M. Gray	X		
Zanthia Oliver	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	
Robert A. Williams		X	
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

April 24, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 19-015** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 44 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 44-64 THEREOF TO ELIMINATE THE REAPPLICATION PROCESS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CAREGIVERS, ELDERLY PERSONS, AND DISABLED PERSONS

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Linda M. Gray
/s/Hanifa Shabazz

/s/Ciro Adams
/s/Zanthia Oliver

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance & Economic Development Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel, Chair	X		
Ciro Adams	X		
Linda M. Gray	X		
Zanthia Oliver		X	
Loretta Walsh		X	
Robert A. Williams		X	
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 6, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 19-017** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A MULTI-YEAR AMENDMENT
TO CONTRACT 18022DFPS (PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES)
BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND MAILROOM
SYSTEMS, INC.

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Linda M. Gray

/s/Ciro Adams
/s/Hanifa Shabazz

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance & Economic Development Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel, Chair	X		
Ciro Adams	X		
Linda M. Gray	X		
Zanthia Oliver		X	
Loretta Walsh		X	
Robert A. Williams		X	
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 6, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 19-020** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 44 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING THE DURATION OF THE WILMINGTON
DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Linda M. Gray

/s/Ciro Adams
/s/Hanifa Shabazz

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Gray, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance & Economic Development Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel, Chair	X		
Ciro Adams	X		
Linda M. Gray	X		
Zanthia Oliver		X	
Loretta Walsh		X	
Robert A. Williams		X	
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 13, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 19-009** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION ON
REAL PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF PUBLIC
UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH
JUNE 30, 2020

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on
it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Linda M. Gray

/s/Ciro Adams
/s/Hanifa Shabazz

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member
Gray, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

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Charles M. "Bud" Freel, Chair	X		
Ciro Adams	X		
Linda M. Gray	X		
Zanthia Oliver		X	
Loretta Walsh		X	
Robert A. Williams		X	
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 13, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 19-010** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING (I) SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES AND

WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND (II)
SEWER SYSTEM UNIT CHARGES

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Linda M. Gray

/s/Ciro Adams
/s/Hanifa Shabazz

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Gray, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance & Economic Development Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel, Chair	X		
Ciro Adams	X		
Linda M. Gray	X		
Zanthia Oliver		X	
Loretta Walsh		X	
Robert A. Williams		X	
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 13, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 19-011** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE
SIX FISCAL YEARS 2020 – 2025 INCLUSIVE

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Linda M. Gray

/s/Ciro Adams
/s/Hanifa Shabazz

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

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Charles M. "Bud" Freel, Chair	X		
Ciro Adams	X		
Linda M. Gray	X		
Zanthia Oliver		X	
Loretta Walsh		X	
Robert A. Williams		X	
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 13, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 19-012** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2020

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on
it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Linda M. Gray

/s/Ciro Adams
/s/Hanifa Shabazz

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Gray, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance & Economic Development Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. "Bud" Freel, Chair	X		
Ciro Adams	X		
Linda M. Gray	X		
Zanthia Oliver		X	
Loretta Walsh		X	
Robert A. Williams		X	
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 13, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was
referred **Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 19-013** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON
JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2020

Have given this Substitute Ordinance careful study and recommend
Council vote on it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

/s/Charles M. Freel, Chair
/s/Linda M. Gray

/s/Ciro Adams
/s/Hanifa Shabazz

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Members
Walsh and Gray, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report as of May 16, 2019, was read into the
record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Congo, seconded by Council
Member Freel, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 9 to Page 10.

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City of Wilmington Delaware

Velda Jones-Potter
City Treasurer

Louis L. Redding City/County Building
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City of Wilmington Treasurer's Report as of May 16, 2019

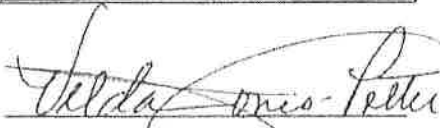
Cash on Hand:

General Account	M & T Bank	\$8,381,652.53
Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$42,203.15
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$910,388.76
Total Petty Cash Accounts	M & T Bank	\$10,889.38
Grant-In-Aid	M & T Bank	\$154,656.55
Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$1,029,961.27
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$4,137.97
Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$1.00
Cement Workers Escrow	WSFS Bank	\$33,619.84
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$25,223.50
Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$77,504.13
Old Non-Uniform Pension Account -Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$1,592.81
Non-Uniform Pension-Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$1,903.79
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$195,870.60
Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$163,983.58
Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$37,154.82
Worker's Comp 3rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$19,567.94
Retiree Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$542,684.84
SubTotal		\$11,632,996.46
Total Cash on Hand		\$11,632,996.46

INVESTMENTS MAY 16, 2019:

Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
GENERAL FUND:						
General	WSFS	CD	5/16/2019	2.35%	\$9,684.77	\$3,027,804.63
General	TD	CD	5/16/2019	2.35%	\$8,458.05	\$3,013,260.00
General	TD	CD	5/30/2019	2.33%	\$22,343.75	\$5,500,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	5/30/2019	2.35%	\$5,536.99	\$2,000,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	6/6/2019	2.35%	\$9,657.53	\$3,000,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	6/19/2019	2.40%	\$14,498.63	\$3,500,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	6/27/2019	2.35%	\$10,462.32	\$2,500,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	7/11/2019	2.35%	\$7,210.96	\$2,000,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	7/18/2019	2.40%	\$19,791.78	\$3,500,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	7/25/2019	2.35%	\$9,013.70	\$2,000,000.00
General ¹	WSFS	CD	11/13/2019	2.45%	\$221,372.60	\$17,000,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$47,041,064.63
CAPITAL FUND:						
Capital ≤ 2015	TD	CD	7/18/2019	2.34%	\$69,317.57	\$16,610,367.37
Capital ≥ 2018	WSFS	CD	6/26/2019	2.45%	\$94,357.27	\$20,081,867.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$36,692,234.37
RISK MGMT:						
Risk Management	TD	CD	7/1/2019	2.41%	\$142,446.01	\$8,059,939.96
Worker's Comp	TD	CD	7/1/2019	2.41%	\$142,446.01	\$8,059,939.96
Retiree Medical Escrow	Vanguard-OPEB					\$22,143,762.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$38,263,641.92
PENSION FUND:						
Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	5/29/2019	2.35%	\$9,288.93	\$4,975,000.00
Pire	WSFS	CD	5/29/2019	2.35%	\$4,930.09	\$2,069,565.00
Pire	WSFS	CD	5/29/2019	2.35%	\$74.68	\$40,000.00
Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$22,832,536.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Fixed					\$38,330,590.00
Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$24,398,914.00
Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$35,269,822.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Stock Index					\$38,360,566.00
Escrow Pension	Artisan Global					\$7,537,954.00
Escrow Pension	Dodge & Cox					\$11,320,132.00
Escrow Pension	Fidelity					\$19,179,020.00
Escrow Pension	Harding Loevner					\$8,685,896.00
Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$21,524,551.00
Escrow Pension	Clarion Lyon					\$6,221,101.00
Escrow Pension	Morgan Stanley					\$5,873,624.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$246,619,271.00
OTHER:						
Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$48,097,635.91
Port Debt	WSFS	CD	6/6/2019	2.40%	\$22,284.93	\$2,548,246.00
Total Investments						\$419,262,093.83
Total Cash on Hand						\$11,632,996.46
Grand Total						\$430,895,090.29

¹ Budget Reserve


Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Council Members Walsh and Congo, seconded by Council Members Freel and Gray, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

Oliver Sympathy Betty Lucille Henson

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Shabazz: Council Member Gray, any legislation tonight?

Council Member Gray: No Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Congo, any legislation tonight?

Council Member Congo: No Madam President, thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member Oliver.

Council Member Oliver: Yes, Madam President. Yes, Madam President, I have an Ordinance to present and call for third and final reading.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 18-021 (Agenda #s4525) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO (I) APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF A PORTION OF DOWNING DRIVE FROM THE OFFICIAL CITY MAP AND (II) ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A CUL-DE-SAC AS PART OF THE NEWLY CONFIGURED DOWNING DRIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY

FISCAL IMPACT: This Ordinance has no significant anticipated fiscal impact.

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Williams and Guy. Total, two.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. Council Member Harlee.

Council Member Harlee: Yes, Madam President, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the third and final reading.

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 19-020 (Agenda #4646) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 44 OF THE
CITY CODE REGARDING THE DURATION OF THE
WILMINGTON DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member Freel, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Harlee spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance and made some comments.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Williams and Guy. Total, two.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. Council Member Turner.

Council Member Turner: No legislation tonight Madam President; thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member McCoy.

Council Member McCoy: I have legislation to present on your behalf Madam President.

President Shabazz: Thank you.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 19-015 (Agenda #4655) as follows:

WHEREAS, 2018 has shown an unprecedented number of female candidates running for office as compared to previous years; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Election Commission ruled in May of 2018 that federal candidates can utilize campaign funds to pay for child care costs that result from time spent campaigning; and

WHEREAS, while many states have recently begun to adopt legislative provisions that permit the use of campaign funds for child care, Delaware does not currently have such provision; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington is supportive of those that fulfill the caregiver role in their families, and recognizes that running for office can place a heavier toll on families that may require additional child support because of time spent on the campaign trail; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that people with all different types of living situations should have the support to be civically engaged; and

WHEREAS, the City Council respectfully calls on the Delaware General Assembly to support caregivers by adopting legislation that permits the use of campaign funds for additional child care that arises due to campaigning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the City Council recognizes and supports caregivers that face the challenges of campaigning. City Council believes in providing equal opportunity to all people and calls on the Delaware General Assembly to pass legislation that would permit the use of campaign funds for child care needs.

Upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Freel and Walsh, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Walsh made some comments and stated she would not be supporting this Resolution. Council Member Adams made some comments and stated he would not be supporting this Resolution.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was received, **Defeated** as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Freel and Council President Shabazz. Total, three. Nays, Council Members Congo, Oliver, Turner, Adams and Walsh. Total, five. Present, Council Members Harlee, McCoy and Dixon. Total, three. Absent, Council Members Williams and Guy. Total, two.

President Shabazz: Declare it defeated.

Council Member Adams: Point of order ma'am. Are we recognizing Councilman Guy here this evening?

President Shabazz: He was not on the floor when we – when we did the attendance and hasn't asked to be considered to be recognized. Councilman Guy, do you wish to be recognized back on the floor?

Council Member Guy: Certainly, like everybody else has been for years. They recognize when they show up. So, you're starting a new rule. The Sam Guy rule. I'm here but you can keep playing this charade if you want to.

President Shabazz: The rule is that if you leave the floor, you ask to be excuse and you ask to be recognized to come back on the floor.

Council Member Guy: There's no such rule.

President Shabazz: Can you recognize Mr. Guy back on the floor please?

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): So, noted.

**Note: At this time, Council Member Guy was marked present and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).*

Council Member Adams: Thank you.

President Shabazz: Continue.

Council Member McCoy: Yes, I have another Resolution to present.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 19-016 (Agenda #4656) as follows:

WHEREAS, despite the United States spending more than any other country on health care, maternal mortality rates continue to climb throughout the country, including in Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware is currently ranked number 11 in the nation for maternal mortality and morbidity with 14 deaths per 100,000 births in the State; and

WHEREAS, Black women are at high risk for pregnancy-related mortality. According to a study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black women are three to four times as likely to die due to childbirth and pregnancy-related complications than white women; and

WHEREAS, the population in the City of Wilmington primarily identifies as Black. The City also has a slightly larger female population, with 53% of the population identifying as female. Recent research conducted on the demographics of Wilmington found that the average family size in Wilmington is 3.33 individuals, which indicates that many families have at least one child; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing body of evidence that suggests that the use of doulas or other non-clinical labor support may improve positive birth outcomes and experiences for both mothers and infants; and

WHEREAS, a doula is a trained professional that provides continuous physical and emotional support during and shortly after childbirth. Doulas typically serve as advocates for the mother and can help guide them through the birthing process with both vaginal and cesarean births. Doulas also provide support to mothers after childbirth with breastfeeding and with the transitional issues that come with adding an additional person to the family; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that doulas may improve birth outcomes for women at-risk for adverse birth outcomes due to racial disparities by decreasing mortality risks associated with cesarean births, operative vaginal births, use of analgesics and duration of labor; and

WHEREAS, there is also research that suggests that the usage of doulas may save state Medicaid dollars. Medicaid covers a large number of births, and a study published in 2016 found that women who received doula support had lower preterm and caesarean birth rates than Medicaid beneficiaries regionally, leading to an average cost-savings of \$986; and

WHEREAS, some states have begun to provide reimbursement through Medicaid or to introduce legislation that would add doula services as a covered benefit for Medicaid. In 2018, New Jersey and New York were two such states that have passed legislation with interest in the usage and support of doulas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council respectfully calls on the Delaware General Assembly to develop a taskforce to further investigate the potential maternal health benefits of doulas and Medicaid coverage of doulas for the state of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the taskforce must be racially and professionally diverse, and should include consumers from the City of Wilmington. Additionally, the taskforce should be equipped to examine the issue through a health disparities model; and

WHEREAS, considerations of the taskforce should include certification and training requirements of doulas, fair-market reimbursement and how to connect with the community and other partner organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the City Council recognizes that the increase in maternal mortality rates throughout the United States, despite spending the most on health care, is indicative of a massive problem in our health care system that puts Black women particularly at risk. By conducting further research on maternal mortality rates in Delaware and the potential for doulas to increase positive birth outcomes, we can lower these risks associated with pregnancy and childbirth.

Upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Freel, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member McCoy spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

The above-referenced 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 Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member McCoy: And this is the last Resolution please.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 19-017 (Agenda #4657) as follows:

WHEREAS, extensive research has shown that breastfeeding carries many positive benefits for both the mother and child; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that the cells, hormones and antibodies in breastmilk help protect babies from illness, and can lower risks for many different conditions for infants, including asthma, leukemia (during childhood), obesity (during childhood), lower respiratory infections and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS); and

WHEREAS, there are also several societal benefits to breastfeeding. Research shows that breastfeeding can lower medical costs for infants as they are less likely to need sick care visits and hospitalizations, and that mothers who breastfeed may miss less work to care for sick infants than mothers who feed their infants formula; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding has many positive benefits for mothers as well. Breastfeeding improves a mother's mental health and healing following childbirth, and has shown to reduce risk of type 2 diabetes, certain types of breast cancer and ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, due to the number of benefits associated with breastfeeding, all leading healthcare organizations recommend exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life and to continue to breastfeed for at least one year of age; and

WHEREAS, research shows that breastfeeding rates drop considerably by six months of life, particularly for women of color. Statistics indicate that 73% of Black mothers initiate breastfeeding, but only 18% are exclusively breastfeeding by six months of life; and

WHEREAS, under the Fair Labor Standards Act – Break Time for Nursing Mothers Provision, employees may request a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view to breastfeed; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we support mothers returning to work that choose to breastfeed by providing them with the appropriate accommodations that will support their needs and comfort; and

WHEREAS, City Council encourages the Delaware General Assembly to provide additional accommodations for working mothers that choose to breastfeed, such as requiring outlets and a refrigerator in a room designated as a lactation space, and to encourage employers to distribute their policies on lactation accommodations to their employees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council respectfully calls on the Delaware General Assembly to support mothers that choose to breastfeed by adopting and implementing appropriate legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the City Council recognizes and supports mothers that decide to breastfeed. City Council recognizes the many societal and health benefits of breastfeeding and calls on the Delaware General Assembly to pass legislation that would support breastfeeding in the workplace.

Upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Freel, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member McCoy spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made some comments.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

The above-referenced 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 Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. Thank you, Councilmember. Council Member Freel.

Council Member Freel: Yes, Madam President, I have I believe eight (8) Ordinances for third and final.

President Shabazz: Oh, excuse me. Council Member Turner, no legislation tonight?

Council Member Turner: No, yeah you asked me. No legislation.

President Shabazz: Ok, you're right. I always get y'all two mixed up. Council Member Freel.

Council Member Freel: Yes, I believe I have eight (8) Ordinances for third and final.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 19-009 (Agenda #4626) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION
ON REAL PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance and made some comments. Council Member Adams made some comments.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 19-010 (Agenda #4627) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE
CITY CODE REGARDING (i) SEWER SYSTEM RATES
AND CHARGES AND WATER RATES AND CHARGES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND (ii) SEWER SYSTEM
UNIT CHARGES

FISCAL IMPACT: This projected fiscal impact of this Ordinance is an annual increase of almost \$1.21 million in revenue (net of bad debt) to the Water/Sewer Fund. Below is a table showing the fiscal impact on a typical residential customer living in the City.

FY 2020 Rate Increase Impact on Typical Residential Customer				
Water, Sewer & Stormwater Typical Monthly Bill Impact (Inside City Residential 5/8 inch meter @ 4,000 gallons monthly consumption)				
Services	Monthly Charge FY 2019	Monthly Charge FY 2020	Monthly Increase	Monthly % Increase
Water	30.19	31.79	1.60	5.30%
Sewer	22.64	23.25	0.61	2.69%
Stormwater	4.95	4.95	0.00	0.00%
Total Bill	\$57.78	\$59.99	\$2.21	3.82%

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance and made some comments.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, Council Member Turner. Total, one. Absent, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 19-011 (Agenda #4628) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL PROGRAM
FOR THE SIX FISCAL YEARS 2020 – 2025 INCLUSIVE

CAPITAL PROGRAM IMPACT STATEMENT: The six-year Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2020-2025 is \$276,490,105. This is an estimate of funds necessary to meet the future capital needs of the City. The breakdown is as follows: \$101,552,605 General Fund; \$156,937,500, Water/Sewer Fund; and \$18,000,000, Other Funds.

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Freel made some comments on the Capital Program and the upcoming Capital Budget ordinance.

Council Member Turner: Point of order. Are we speaking to the um, the first capital project, capital budget or are we speaking of all these that we're voting on tonight? This the first time I've ever seen someone be able to speak on all items.

President Shabazz: I believe he's speaking on Capital Program and the Capital Budget. That's the two he's referring to. Capital Budget and Capital Program are accompanying legislation.

Council Member Turner: I thought he just mentioned Water/Sewer, so, that's a third.

Council Member Freel: No that's – that's the Capital Budget.

President Shabazz: Capital Projects that are in the Water/Sewer.

Council Member Turner: Ok.

Council Member Freel concluded his comments. Council Member Adams made some comments. Council Member Guy made some comments. Council Member Adams made additional comments. Council Member Guy made additional comments.

Council Member Walsh made some comments.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Oliver, Harlee, Freel, Adams and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, seven. Nays, Council Members Congo, Turner and Guy. Total, three. Present, Council Members McCoy and Dixon. Total, two. Absent, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 19-012 (Agenda #4629) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Freel made some comments. Council Member Guy made some comments. Council Member Adams made some comments. Council Member Guy made additional comments. Council Member Turner made some comments and noted for the record two documents (Exhibit B Schedule of Housing Properties, Sale Proceeds, Sale Proceeds Used for Payment of 2016 Bond, Scheduled Funding Date and Chase Line of Chase). Council Member Oliver made some comments. Council Member McCoy made some comments. Council Member Harlee made some comments. Council Member Congo made some comments. Council Member Turner made some additional comments.

Council Member Turner: I want to make a motion to amend and on Page 15, Section (g) Real Estate and Housing #2, strike out the whole \$3.4 million dollars underneath of Housing and Partnership debt assumption. Can I have a second?

Council Member Congo: I second.

Council Member Freel: Point of order. Point of order. I don't think it's an appropriate amendment. You can't just delete one line from a budget, you're going to have to amend the entire budget, subtotals, totals and everything. You can't just say, I'm going to cut this line out. So, I don't think it's an appropriate amendment; but I can be corrected if, if the City Solicitor feels I'm wrong.

Council Member Turner: Can I read – can I read section...

President Shabazz: Hold on please Mr. Turner.

Council Member Turner: Ok.

President Shabazz: Councilman Turner, what specific page and line are you referring to the legislation?

Council Member Turner: I'm specifically, um, page, page one – 110 on – well on the legislation it would be – I'm sorry, hold on. In the legislation it would be Page 15 – page...

President Shabazz: Of what ordinance.

Council Member Turner: We're talking about Ordinance, um, Ordinance 19-012.

President Shabazz: So, Councilman, you are proposing to make an amendment to the Program Ordinance, to the Program, which has already been adopted.

Council Member Turner: And that's where, that's where the confusion came in when you talked about both ordinances. All right. It's fine.

President Shabazz: Councilman Congo.

Council Member Congo made some additional comments. Council Member Adams made some additional comments. Council Member Walsh made some comments. Council Member Oliver requested clarity from the City Solicitor.

City Solicitor Robert Goff: Um, well my understanding is that we've already adopted Ordinance 19-011. Okay, so that's adopted. It's done. We're now debating Ordinance 19-012, that's also what I understand. Um, with regards to the motion to amend, the motion to amend made by Councilman Turner as I understand it, was to move to amend Page 15 of the Program, which is part of the adopted ordinance. The motion to amend an already adopted ordinance is not in order. And, that is the ruling I believe that the Chairperson, excuse me, the President has made. So, I stand by my position with regards to that parliamentary ruling and that doesn't have anything to do with policy or whether or not different budgets change. There's other issues related to that, that deal with the Charter but those are legal issues and not parliamentary issues.

Council Member Turner: Can I get clarity? Can I get clarity?

President Shabazz: Clarity – clarity.

City Solicitor Goff: Point of what?

President Shabazz: He wants clarity.

City Solicitor Goff: That's not a point. If you're asking a point of order, that would be something that would be up to the...

President Shabazz: Council Member Gray.

Council Member Gray: Yes, I'm asking a question. Can you amend 012 then?

City Solicitor Goff: Who we're asking?

President Shabazz: You're asking a question, can you...

Council Member Gray: We've already adopted 19-011, correct? We're working on 19-012, correct? So, can you amend that one?

President Shabazz: That's the one that we're speaking to. So, if there is –

Council Member Turner: Can I speak?

President Shabazz: No. No sir Turner, Councilman Turner. Council Member Gray.

Council Member Gray: I thought – we - I thought it was just said that we've already adopted 19-011.

President Shabazz: Correct.

Council Member Gray: So, we're discussing 19-012.

President Shabazz: So, I don't understand what the adoption of 011 has to do with amending 012, unless what he's asking is in 011.

Council Member Turner: Right. It's in 012 as well.

President Shabazz: His amendment referred to Page 15 of Ordinance 19-011. That's is already been adopted. So...

Council Member Turner: Point of information. Point of information.

President Shabazz: You cannot go back and amend an ordinance that's already been adopted. So, we're discussing and debating Ordinance 19-012. He has a debate with going to that.

Council Member Turner: Point of information.

President Shabazz: Can you let me talk please? I'll give you the floor.

City Solicitor: This is the Chair, this is the President. I am not President. She answers those questions.

President Shabazz: I'm answering Councilwoman Gray's question where we're talking regarding – we're discussing Ordinance 19-012, you can't – his, his amendment was to amend something that we've already adopted.

Council Member Gray: That's what I was asking for clarification if his amendment was on 011.

President Shabazz: Correct.

Council Member Adams: Point of order Madam President. We, we amend ordinances that have been adopted all the time and so, I'm trying to understand why there's a change in parliamentary procedures in trying to amend this one specific ordinance then.

President Shabazz: Well we rec – amend – not if it's already been adopted and passed. We don't go back into an amendment and then – that's already been adopted and amend it, not – we do not do that.

Council Member Turner: Point of information.

Council Member Adams: We've never amended an ordinance before on this Council? We've amended many ordinances before.

Council Member Turner: Point of information.

Council Member Walsh: Not if – Council President. My understanding is – did you recognize me or not?

President Shabazz: Councilwoman Walsh.

Council Member Walsh: Thank you. Well at least I'm polite enough to ask. Um, not once the tally is announced.

President Shabazz: Yes.

Council Member Walsh: The tally was announced. If you want to amend it before the tally, you can do it. Then you have to wait until the next meeting.

Council Member Turner: Point of information. Point of information. Relevant, relevant to the business at hand. Point of information.

City Solicitor Goff: I mean, what's the information he wants?

Council Member Turner: It's not a parliament information.

President Shabazz: What is – what is the information you want?

Council Member Turner: So, the information I'm asking is that, in this, in this Ordinance right here – 2020, this is what we have with this ordinance, the \$3.4 million that we spoke about in 20 – in 19-011, is a part of the Program – I agree, it's a part of the Program Budget, right? It's part of the Program with the Capital but we're also voting on this, which that \$3.4 million in the last ordinance wasn't part of the Program request, it's a part of the 2020 Capital Budget. We don't – this, this ord. – this right here doesn't give us anything but this. So, we don't have a section in here - - all of this - all of this that's going to be in the 2020 Capital Budget, is what we're voting on right here, which the Housing Partnership...

President Shabazz: What is your point of information you're trying to clear? You're...

Council Member Turner: ...so my point of information is there's no, there's no, there's no amendment on this, on this ordinance that I strike it but we're all – we know that \$3.4 million is in the Capital Budget of 2020, which we're on right now. So, you ask me to amend something, but you don't even have the lines – it's not even – it's not in the Capital, this Capital Budget but it's going to be a part of it Capital Budget in 2020, which this \$3.4, which we got to vote on. Ok, roll call vote. I asked for the roll call vote. I call for the roll call vote.

President Shabazz: Roll Call.

Council Member (?): On?

President Shabazz: On item, on Ordinance 19-012.

Council Member Turner: Capital Budget 2020.

President Shabazz: Councilman please, wait to be appointed to speak.

City Solicitor Goff: Actually, Councilman Freel as the mover of that has the last right to speak.

President Shabazz: Excuse, Councilman.

Council Member Guy: Point of order. Point of Order. The parliamentarian is not supposed to just interject in our meeting. You did not call on the parliamentarian. And, and if he can always interject to help you, then we can't do it. Now, if he's willing to help all of us. He can interject.

City Solicitor Goff: I am, I am here to help the President with the parliamentary rules...

Council Member Guy: So, then he's not supposed to be jumping in saying things whenever he wants to say it....

President Shabazz: Well, everybody does it.

City Solicitor Goff: ...(inaudible) speak on that issue...

Council Member Guy: ...parliamentary is not supposed to do that.

City Solicitor Goff: ...well...

President Shabazz: Neither a Councilman is supposed to be doing either and it's done all the time. So...

Council Member Guy: Not by the parliamentarian.

President Shabazz: ...we're trying to handle the business here properly (inaudible)...everybody wants to do the rules when it's a beneficial to them, so...

Council Member Guy: Right.

President Shabazz: ...thank you Councilman for providing me with that information. Councilman Freel.

Council Member Guy: But you violated our Council rules.

President Shabazz: Councilman Freel, would you like to have closing comments?

Council Member Freel made some closing comments.

President Shabazz: Roll call please.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Oliver, Harlee, Freel, Adams and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, seven. Nays, Council Members Congo, Turner and Guy. Total, three. Present, Council Members McCoy and Dixon. Total, two. Absent, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 19-013 (Agenda #4630) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON
JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2020

Council Member Freel: Madam President, I have a **Substitute** to present in lieu of that Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON
JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2020

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance and made some comments.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

The above-referenced **Substitute** Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was **Defeated** by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Harlee, Freel, Adams and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, six. Nays, Council Members Congo, Oliver, Turner and Guy. Total, four. Present, Council Members McCoy and Dixon. Total, two. Absent, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it defeated.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 19-014 (Agenda #4631) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 44 AND 45 OF
THE CITY CODE REGARDING (i) PENALTIES AND
INTEREST FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS FOR
UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES AND WATER, SEWER,
AND STORMWATER CHARGES AND (ii) THE
APPLICATION OF PARTIAL PAYMENTS ON
DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS OF UNPAID WATER,
SEWER, AND STORMWATER CHARGES

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is that it will reduce the amount of the City's accounts receivable by an undetermined amount. This Ordinance will not have an impact on the City's operating budget.

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance. Council Member Adams made some comments. Council Member Harlee made some comments and requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Member Oliver made some comments and requested to be added as a cosponsor.

President Shabazz made some comments and called for the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 19-015 (Agenda #4632) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 44 OF THE
CITY CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 44-64 THEREOF
TO ELIMINATE THE REAPPLICATION PROCESS FOR
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CAREGIVERS,
ELDERLY PERSONS, AND DISABLED PERSONS

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact resulting from this Ordinance is a decrease of approximately \$26,000 in reapplication fees. This decrease will be partially offset by a reduction in the costs of administration of the application process.

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance. Council Member Harlee made some comments and requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Member Oliver requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Member Adams made some comments. Council Member McCoy made some comments and raised a question. Council Member Dixon requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Member Turner made some comments. Council Member Walsh made some comments. Council Member Guy made some comments. Council Member Walsh made additional comments. Council Member Guy made additional comments.

President Shabazz made some comments and responded to Council Member McCoy's question, and called for the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. Council Member Adams, any legislation?

Council Member Adams: Madam President, no legislation this evening; thank you.

Council Member Freel: Do I have one – I'm sorry, do I have one more?

Council Member Dixon: You still have one.

President Shabazz: Oh, you have one more?

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 19-017 (Agenda #4640) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A MULTI-YEAR
AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT 18022DFPS (PRINTING
AND MAILING SERVICES) BETWEEN THE CITY
OF WILMINGTON AND MAILROOM SYSTEMS, INC.

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is a contract for the period from March 1, 2019 through September 21, 2020, at an estimated maximum price of fifty-one thousand, one hundred dollars (\$251,100.00) per year for an estimated maximum total price of three hundred ninety-one thousand, one hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$391,137.00), with the possibility of two (2) additional extensions of one (1) year thereafter at the same annual price.

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance. Council Member Adams made some comments. Council Member Guy raised a question. Council Member Freel responded to Council Member Guy and made some additional comments.

President Shabazz: Roll call.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz.

Total, eleven. Nays, Council Member Adams. Total, one. Absent, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Freel: Madam President, I am done.

President Shabazz: You're done. Council Member Adams, nothing tonight?

Council Member Adams: Ah, no Madam President, no legislation and I'm sure each of us is in title to a bad day, ok? Thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member Dixon.

Council Member Dixon: Thank you Madam President, I have a Resolution – two Resolutions to present.

Council Member Dixon presented Resolution No. 19-018 (Agenda #4658) as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington is an Entitlement Community for purposes of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons 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 Persons With AIDS (HOPWA); and

WHEREAS, the Council desires that the City of Wilmington participate in HUD's Consolidated Plan process; and

WHEREAS, City Council's Community Development and Urban Planning Committee has completed its review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan, 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 2020 Annual Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development and Urban Planning 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 2020 Annual Action Plan Budget, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development and Urban Planning 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 Community Development and Urban Planning 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 Michael S. Purzycki, or his designee, is hereby authorized to submit the Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which Plan allocates \$2,137,652 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); \$185,233 for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG); \$510,394 for Home Investment Partnerships (HOME); and \$789,218 for Housing Opportunities for Persons WITH AIDS (HOPWA), which together will comprise a total Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan Budget of \$3,622,497.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby endorses the specific enumeration of categories and amounts set forth in the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan Budget, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" 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 Community Development and Urban Planning Committee of City Council prior to the implementation of any such changes.

BE IT RUTHER RESOLVED that Michael S. Purzycki, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute and submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development the Annual Action Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 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 Persons With AIDS (HOPWA).

Upon a motion of Council Member Dixon, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Dixon spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Dixon presented Resolution No. 19-019 (Agenda #4659) as follows:

WHEREAS, under the Downtown Development Districts Act, 22 Del. C. §19-1 et seq. (the “Act”), the State of Delaware (“State” or “Delaware”) may designate districts within Delaware’s cities, towns and unincorporated areas that will qualify for significant development incentives and other State benefits (the “Downtown Development Districts Program”); and

WHEREAS, these districts are known as Downtown Development Districts (“Development Districts”); and

WHEREAS, the State designated the City of Wilmington’s (“City”) initial Development District (the “Wilmington District”) on January 11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the State has subsequently amended the Wilmington District’s boundaries four times between 2015 and 2017 in order to maximize incentives and benefits within the Wilmington District; and

WHEREAS, the Office of State Planning Coordination (the “OSPC”) has set 225 acres as the maximum territorial allowance for the Wilmington District; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington District’s boundaries currently contain 224.3 acres of land; and

WHEREAS, the OSPC has mandated that each local government appoint an administrator for its respective Development District (the “District Administrator”) who will serve as the chief point of contact for the Development District and will be responsible for all tasks involved in implementing the Development District, as well as all required record keeping and reporting; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, each participating government must submit a plan that includes the boundaries of, and a detailed planning and development strategy for, the Development District (the “District Plan”), and the City’s District Plan has been reviewed and approved on an annual basis by the OSPC since the Wilmington District was designated; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, each applicant must also propose incentives that address local economic and community conditions and that will help achieve the purposes set forth in the Act (the “Local Incentives”), and such Local Incentives were included in the City’s application (the “Application”) for the designation of the Wilmington District; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2019, the State announced the opportunity for existing Development Districts to apply for additional acreage to be added to their existing boundaries, with those cities with a population of over 30,000 residents being permitted to add up to twenty-five (25) acres to their Development Districts; and

WHEREAS, as illustrated on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A”, the City plans to submit an application to the State by the May 30, 2019 deadline to add 23.138 acres of the twenty-five (25) acres of territory available to the Wilmington District boundaries, bringing the total Wilmington District territory to 247.438 acres; and

WHEREAS, governmental agencies are not eligible to participate in the Downtown Development Districts Program to the extent that government-owned properties would benefit, and the boundaries of the Wilmington District established in 2015 included three governmental buildings – namely, the Louis L. Redding City/County Building, the Elbert N. Carvel State Building, and the J. Coleb Boggs Federal Courthouse (collectively, the “Buildings”) – and one public plaza – namely, the Peter Spencer Plaza (the “Plaza”); and

WHEREAS, the City will remove the 4.805 acres that contain the Buildings and the Plaza, including the street bed of the 800 block of French Street, from the Wilmington District, as illustrated on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A”, thereby bringing the final total Wilmington District territory to 242.633 acres, which leave approximately seven (7) acres of territory in reserve for use in future boundary expansions; and

WHEREAS, based upon the fact that the City’s four years of participation in the Downtown Development Districts Program has resulted in private investors and property owners completing or presently working on new construction and rehabilitation projects valued at over \$645 million, City Council reaffirms its strong belief that the Wilmington District stimulates investment in the City’s commercial business district and its adjacent neighborhoods, therefore strengthening the financial vitality and urban fabric of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that City Council supports the City’s application to the State’s Cabinet Committee on Planning Issues and the Office of State Planning Coordination to expand the Wilmington District’s boundaries from 224.3 to 242.633 acres.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City’s Director of the Department of Planning and Development (the “Planning Director”) is hereby appointed to serve as the District Administrator for the Wilmington District and the Planning Director, or his or her designee, is hereby authorized to (i) execute such documents and enter into such agreements as may be necessary or desirable in connection with Downtown Development Districts Program and the rights and the obligations of the City thereunder and (ii) carry out all Wilmington District administrative and reporting requirements on behalf of the City for the duration of the Wilmington District designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will adhere to the District Plan and the Local Incentives contained in the Application for the duration of the Wilmington District.

Upon a motion of Council Member Dixon, seconded by Council Members Freel and Walsh, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Dixon spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

President Shabazz: Clerk will call the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Williams. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Dixon: Thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member Guy.

Council Member Guy: Nothing this evening Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Walsh.

Council Member Walsh: Nothing this evening; thank you.

President Shabazz: We now move to petitions and communications.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council President and Council Members spoke on the following: board meeting regarding Wilmington Housing Partnership; announcement of yard sale; announcement of civic association meetings and community events throughout the districts; the City Treasurer was commended; Urban bike Project; My Healthy Community; Capital Projects and Capital Budget; historical facts - 65th Anniversary of Brown vs The Board of Education; everyone who came out and voted at the Christina School Board were thanked; and including, but not limited to, Council were inform of the need to come together once again to meet regarding the Operating Budget, which was defeated this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member McCoy, Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk