

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
August 29, 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Guy, and Council President Shabazz. Total, ten. Absent with leave, Council Member Walsh. Absent without leave, Council Member Congo. Total, two.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes, of August 22, 2019, upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Dixon, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

No committee reports this evening.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report as of August 27, 2019, was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Dixon, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 2 to Page 3.

City of Wilmington Delaware

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City of Wilmington Treasurer's Report as of August 27, 2019

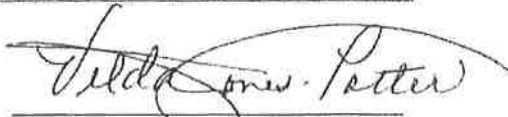
Cash on Hand:

General Account	M & T Bank	\$9,722,747.26
Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$955,479.10
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$1,110,059.73
Total Petty Cash Accounts	M & T Bank	\$11,323.61
Grant-In-Aid	M & T Bank	\$153,396.30
Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$1,080,840.01
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$4,137.97
Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$1.00
Cement Workers Escrow	WSFS Bank	\$33,635.58
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$21,192.38
Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$129,735.77
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	\$387,138.47
Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$451,022.61
Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$27,598.10
Worker's Comp 3rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$35,583.26
Retiree Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$423,469.50
SubTotal		\$14,550,857.25
Total Cash on Hand		\$14,550,857.25

INVESTMENTS August 27, 2019:

Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
GENERAL FUND:						
General	TD	CD	8/27/2019	2.17%	\$3,978.33	\$2,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	9/5/2019	2.02%	\$3,927.78	\$2,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	9/12/2019	2.18%	\$8,901.67	\$3,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	9/19/2019	2.09%	\$6,502.22	\$2,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	9/26/2019	2.31%	\$41,997.08	\$5,500,000.00
General	WSFS	CD	9/26/2019	2.00%	\$8,103.82	\$3,521,301.49
General	TD	CD	10/3/2019	1.95%	\$6,987.50	\$3,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	10/10/2019	1.92%	\$10,453.33	\$3,500,000.00
General	TD	CD	10/17/2019	1.95%	\$9,262.50	\$3,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	10/24/2019	1.95%	\$12,133.33	\$3,500,000.00
General	TD	CD	10/30/2019	1.96%	\$19,055.56	\$5,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	10/30/2019	1.90%	\$10,925.00	\$3,000,000.00
General ¹	WSFS	CD	11/13/2019	2.45%	\$221,372.60	\$17,000,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$56,021,301.49
CAPITAL FUND:						
Capital ≤ 2015	TD	CD	9/19/2019	2.12%	\$61,624.46	\$16,610,367.37
Capital ≥ 2018	WSFS	CD	9/5/2019	2.16%	\$73,035.67	\$17,144,524.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$33,754,891.37
RISK MGMT:						
Risk Management	TD	CD	9/29/2019	2.04%	\$41,832.17	\$8,202,385.97
Worker's Comp	TD	CD	9/29/2019	2.04%	\$41,832.17	\$8,202,385.97
Retiree Medical Escrow	Vanguard-OPEB					\$23,798,123.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$40,202,894.94
PENSION FUND:						
Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	8/29/2019	2.05%	\$7,612.90	\$4,610,000.00
Fire	WSFS	CD	8/29/2019	1.94%	\$875.15	\$560,000.00
Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$23,214,670.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Fixed					\$39,291,355.00
Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$24,433,163.00
Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$36,094,069.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Stock Index					\$39,261,505.00
Escrow Pension	Artisan Global					\$7,862,016.00
Escrow Pension	Dodge & Cox					\$11,025,523.00
Escrow Pension	Fidelity					\$18,851,173.00
Escrow Pension	Harding Loevner					\$8,650,913.00
Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$22,355,538.00
Escrow Pension	Clarion Lyon					\$6,295,527.00
Escrow Pension	Morgan Stanley					\$5,980,512.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$248,485,964.00
OTHER:						
Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$48,016,553.18
Contractual Requirements	WSFS	CD	10/17/2019	1.92%	15,875.25	\$3,037,356.74
Port Debt	WSFS	CD	12/12/2019	2.30%	\$24,119.43	\$2,025,211.00
Total Investments						\$428,506,815.98
Total Cash on Hand						\$14,550,857.25
Grand Total						\$443,057,673.23

¹ Budget Reserve


 Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Members Dixon and McCoy, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

All Council	1619 Commemoration of the First Africans Captured and Brought to Virginia 400 Years Ago, to be Enslaved
Harlee	Recognize Downtown Wigs
Harlee	Recognize Steve Gonzer
Shabazz	Sympathy Jonathan Peter Whitcomb
Shabazz	Recognize Judy Johnson Memorial Foundation
Shabazz	Sympathy James DeShields
Shabazz	Sympathy Vivian H. Reynolds

The City Clerk read into the record the Resolution pertaining to the “1619 Commemoration of the First Africans Captured and Brought to Virginia 400 Years Ago to be Enslaved”. President Shabazz requested a minor amendment to some of the language that was read into the record from the Resolution. Where it states African “slaves”, to change to stated, African “enslaved”.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Shabazz: Council Member Gray, do you have any legislation this evening?

Council Member Gray: No Madam President.

President Shabazz: Councilwoman Oliver, any legislation this evening?

Council Member Oliver: No Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Harlee.

Council Member Harlee: Yes, Council President, I have an Ordinance to present on your behalf and call for the first and second reading.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 19-042 (Agenda #4698) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY’S GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES OF 2019D-SRF, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON RELATING TO PHASE III 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

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member Freel, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee. Motion prevailed.

President Shabazz: Council Member Turner, any legislation this evening?

Council Member Turner: No, no legislation tonight Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member McCoy.

Council Member McCoy: Nothing tonight Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Freel.

Council Member Freel: One Ordinance for first and second.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 19-043 (Agenda #4699) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 44 OF THE
CITY CODE REGARDING THE INSPECTION OF
STATE OF DELAWARE TAX RETURNS BY THE
CITY OF WILMINGTON

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Dixon, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Freel: That's all, thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member Adams.

Council Member Adams: No legislation this evening ma'am, thank you.

President Shabazz: Council Member Dixon.

Council Member Dixon: Nothing tonight Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Guy.

Council Member Guy: Yes, Madam President, first of all, um, I'd like to make a motion that the agenda be modified, it's minor, on the 2nd Page, on the second line (audible)...

Council Member Turner: Second.

President Shabazz: It's been moved and second that the agenda, second line, change it, amend from the word "directing" to "authorizing" the Treasurer's Office. Be it so moved, all those in favor?

Ayes by several members of Council.

President Shabazz: Any opposed? Amendment carried.

Council Member Guy: Thank you Madam President.

President Shabazz: Mr. Mr., Councilman Guy, could you speak into the microphone sir?

Council Member Guy: Madam President, I have a Resolution to present.

Council Member Guy presented Resolution No. 19-042 (Agenda #4700) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 708 of Title 18 of the Delaware Code, the Delaware General Assembly created a special fund in the hopes of supplementing and ensuring adequate pensions for police officers and firefighters, and their surviving spouses; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 11 of the 149th General Assembly amended *18 Del. C. §708* to allow for an additional manner of providing distributions from the related special fund established for police and fire pensions; and

WHEREAS, after amendment *18 Del. C. §708* provides, "[T]he State Board of Pension Trustee shall distribute funds from the account within this special fund to the county or municipality for the benefit of all eligible individuals ..."; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to support the State's efforts to distribute the special funds established for police and fire pensioners; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to authorize the Treasurer's Office to receive such funds from the State Board of Pension Trustees and distribute them to eligible retirees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Council authorizes the Treasurer's Office to receive funds from the State Board of Pension Trustees pursuant to *18 Del. C. §708(c)(4)* and to distribute such funds to eligible retirees, all in accordance with *18 Del. C. §708*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to the extent necessary, Council authorizes the Treasurer's Office to execute any and all documents necessary to receive such funds and make such distributions.

Upon a motion of Council Member Guy, seconded by Council Member Freel, the above-referenced Resolution was before Council for consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Guy made comments and spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

Council Members Gray, McCoy, Oliver, Turner, Dixon and Harlee requested to be added as co-sponsors.

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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Guy, and Council President Shabazz. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Congo and Walsh. Total, two.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Guy: That's all I have Madam President.

President Shabazz: Thank you Councilman. We'll now go to petitions and communications.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council President and Council Members spoke on the following: the Administration as well as Councilman Turner were thanked for Peace on the Streets; announcement of community events and civic association meetings throughout the various districts; news article regarding the Administration's lawsuit against the City Treasurer; Charlotte Miller-Lacy and I Am My Sister's Keeper were congratulated with their Up Start Program in reaching their limit in registering children for the Pre-K Program (orientation at Parkway Academy); announcement of committee meeting; tickets will be available for sale for Annual Senior Ball on September 3; the success of the Homestead Program; the hold-up of streets being paved; the community as well as Councilmembers were thanked for coming out for community conversations regarding the blight bill and the alternative panel; comments regarding the City Treasurer;

Councilman Guy requested a Resolution to be drafted for the next meeting for the City Treasurer to have representation for lawsuit; Councilmembers were reminded of the deadline to submit information to the Communications and PR Director for the newsletter which is due tomorrow (August 30); everyone was thanked for welcoming students to their first day of school; the issues at Bayard and Bancroft Schools for which a letter was sent to the Superintendent and to the Governor and duly noted some progress has been made concerning those issues; Census 2020 and the training being offered to Councilmembers to serve as ambassadors; participation was also offered to Councilmembers for the City's Comprehensive Review Plan; Councilwoman Harlee was thanked for pulling together the legislation that help chose the process for Council vacancies and was duly noted how this time around the process worked wonderfully for the 7th District vacancy for which a vote on the individual that was recommended by the Committee of the Whole will take place at the September 5 Council meeting; and including, but not limited to, a reminder of the upcoming Labor Day holiday and for everyone to remember to thank all unions for their hard work and to be safe.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Dixon, Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk