

**VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
JULY 9, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.**

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order
Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Committee Reports

IV. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

V. Non-Legislative Business

Shabazz Sympathy Jean Jenkins

Shabazz Recognize Last Stop to Freedom and The Call to Bury Racism

VI. Legislative Business

OLIVER

#4838 A Resolution Requesting Transparency and Direct Action to Reduce Bias and Improve Community Relations Between Officers and Citizens

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. Those who serve and protect our communities should be familiar with, and value equally, all members of the community, regardless of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, or sexual orientation. Incorporating implicit bias, sensitivity, and diversity trainings and programs long-term is essential so that the Wilmington Police Department may identify and correct dangerous biases within officers and other employees. The Department needs to also become familiar with racist and gang-related symbology so that they can reject applicants with ties to such organizations. The Wilmington City Council encourages the immediate and permanent introduction and use of such programs and standards.*

#4839 A Resolution Strongly Urges the Delaware General Assembly to Reform Police Practices and Statewide Code to Remove the Option for Judges to Issue "No Knock" Warrants on Delaware Residents, for Any Reason

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution makes formal Wilmington City Council's request for the Delaware General Assembly to reform police practices and statewide code such that No Knock Warrants are suspended and then banned, statewide.*

SHABAZZ (Oliver presenting on behalf of Shabazz)

#4840 A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Seven Members to the Civil Rights Commission.

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution confirms the appointment of seven members to the Civil Rights Commission.*

SHABAZZ (Harlee presenting on behalf of Shabazz)

#4841 A Resolution to Encourage the Establishment of a Department of Education Commission to Review Textbooks and Course Curriculums in K Through 12 Grades to Assess Their Accurate Portrayal of the Histories of African-Americans and Other People of Color Communities in the United States

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. Wilmington City Council strongly recommends the Department of Education to establish a Commission in the Department of Education that will review and assess the accuracy of the portrayal in textbooks and curriculums taught on the histories and contributions of African-Americans, Native Indigenous, Hispanic and Latinos and other persons of color in the United States.*

JOHNSON

#4833 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 35 of the City Code to Establish a Citizen Complaint Review Board **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance establishes a Citizen Complaint Review Board to address and participate in the resolution of complaints filed by citizens against the Wilmington Police Department and/or its officers.*

#4842 A Resolution Strongly Recommending the Delaware General Assembly to Repeal the Delaware Law Enforcement Bill of Rights (LEBOR)

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. The Wilmington City Council strongly recommends the Delaware General Assembly to repeal the Delaware Law Enforcement Bill of Rights due to the major issues of lack of transparency, accountability and trust many of its provisions have fostered between law enforcement officers, Police Departments*

and their fellow citizens due to the actions of some police officers involved in questionable, seemingly racially oriented shootings that according to a WHYY study from 2005 to the present have taken the lives of 56 people statewide, with nearly half of those lives lost being Black people, as well as, provisions in the LEBOR that prevent access to lawyers representing accused persons of police internal records relevant to files on the arresting officer(s), and lack of public access to reports filed by police officers use of force incidents.

FREEL

#4843

An Ordinance Constituting Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget (Being An Ordinance to Amend Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 20-016) **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance is the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget Ordinance. It contains changes to the position allocation list and increased budget appropriations for the Police Department to fund a body camera program.

GUY

#4561

Ord. 18-041 Amend Chapter 8 of the City Code to Require that Developers who Received Financial Assistance from the City of Wilmington on Residential Construction Projects Require their Construction Contractors to Hire Workers from Class A Apprentice Programs **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 8 of the City Code to require that developers who receive financial assistance from the City of Wilmington on residential construction projects require their construction contractors to participate in and hire workers from Residential Construction Apprentice Programs.

#4837

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code Prohibiting the Use of Neck Restraints **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 2 of the City Code to add a section prohibiting the use of neck restraints by any regular police officer and any emergency police officer.

VII. Petitions and Communications**VIII. Adjournment**

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