Wilmington, Delaware Louis L. Redding City/County Building February 20, 2020

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, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, thirteen.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of February 6, 2020, upon a motion of Council Member Congo, seconded by Council Members Freel and Dixon, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

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

President and Members of Council of The City of Wilmington February 3, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 20-005** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES ON A TAX-EXEMPT AND/OR BASISK IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO REFUND CERTAIN OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

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/Ciro Adams /s/Linda M. Gray /s/Christofer C. Johnson

Upon 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:

Public Works & Transportation Committee Member	Present	Absent with Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Va'Shun "Vash" Turner, Chair	X		
Ciro Adams, Vice Chair		X	
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II	X		
Michelle Harlee	X		
Zanthia Oliver	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio		X	

President and Members of Council of The City of Wilmington

February 5, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 20-001** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 20011PW BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND BRANDYWINE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR SEWER MAINTENANCE

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of Public Works & Transportation Committee /s/Va'Shun "Vash" Turner, Chair /s/Ernest Congo, II /s/Michelle Harlee /s/Zanthia Oliver

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

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

Public Works & Transportation Committee Member	Present	Absent with Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Va'Shun "Vash" Turner, Chair	X		
Ciro Adams, Vice Chair		X	
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II	X		
Michelle Harlee	X		
Zanthia Oliver	X		
Loretta Walsh		X	
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio		X	

President and Members of Council of The City of Wilmington

February 5, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 20-002** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 20012WD BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND BRANDYWINE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of Public Works & Transportation Committee /s/Va'Shun "Vash" Turner, Chair /s/Ernest Congo, II /s/Michelle Harlee /s/Zanthia Oliver Upon motion of Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Members Freel and Dixon, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report as of February 20, 2020, 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 5 to Page 6.

City of Wilmington Delaware

Velda Jones-Potter City Treasurer

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City of Wilmington Treasurer's Report as of February 20, 2020

Cash on Hand:

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General Account	M & T Bank	\$9,004,727.56
Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$422,854.52
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$1,124,282.99
Total Petty Cash Accounts	M & T Bank	\$11,322.43
Grant-In-Aid	M & T Bank	\$152,196.30
Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$982,749.70
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$4,137.97
Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$1.00
Cement Workers Escrow	WSFS Bank	\$33,655.33
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$28,354.40
Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$136,735.54
Old Non-Uniform Pension Account -Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$1,592.81
Non-Uniform Pension-Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$1,500.00
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$373,750.25
Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$400,983.13
Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$22,806.30
Worker's Comp 3rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$27,198.00
Retiree Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$332,605.41
SubTotal		\$13,061,453.64
Total Cash on Hand		\$13,061,453.64

INVESTMENTS February 20, 2020:

Fund	Institution	Invest.	Maturity	Interest	Interest	Investment
Fund	Institution	Туре	Date	Rate	Receivable	Amount
GENERAL FUND:						
General	TD	CD	2/20/2020	1.54%	\$8,026.03	\$3,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	2/27/2020	1.54%	\$8,256.18	\$3,509,120.42
General	TD	CD	3/11/2020	1.70%	\$8,783.33	\$3,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	3/16/2020	1,49%	\$6,596.24	\$3,007,022.50
General	TD	CD	3/26/2020	1.70%	\$12,726.39	\$3,500,000.00
General	TD	CD	4/28/2020	1.50%	\$15,833.33	\$4,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	5/28/2020	1.50%	\$31,250.00	\$6,000,000.00
***************************************	WSFS	CD	6/18/2020	1,62%	\$95,625.00	\$17,000,000.00
General ¹	Wara		0/10/1020	2,0270	432,000	\$43,016,142.92
SUB-TOTAL:				1		
CAPITAL FUND:					T I	<u></u>
Capital ≤ 2015	Т	CD	5/21/2020	1.65%	\$47,356.82	\$10,651,955.58
Capital ≥ 2018	TD	CD	3/22/2020	1.41%	\$1,938.42	\$1,455,633.59
Capital ≥ 2018	TD	CD	3/11/2020	1.41%	\$19,071.05	\$14,321,192.26
SUB-TOTAL:	110					\$26,428,781.43
SUB-TOTAL:				1		
RISK MGMT:				<u> </u>		
Risk Management	TD	CD	6/30/2020	1.63%	\$64,915.02	\$8,287,317.11
Worker's Comp	TD	CD	6/30/2020	1.63%	\$64,915.02	\$8,287,317.1
Retirce Medical Escrow	Vanguard-OPEB					\$25,348,434.00
SUB-TOTAL:	141184444 (71.17)		<u> </u>			\$41,923,068.22
SOB-TOTAL.		1		1		
PENSION FUND:			<u> </u>	T	T T	// / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /
Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	2/28/2020	1.45%	\$5,910.20	\$4,355,000.00
Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$24,566,406.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Fixed					\$40,695,765.00
	Earnest Partners					\$26,655,876.00
Escrow Pension					-	\$39,861,535.00
Escrow Pension Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust Vanguard Stock Index				-	\$39,360,183.00
Escrow Pension	Artisan Global					\$8,497,858.00
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Escrow Pension	Dodge & Cox				-	\$10,736,752.00
Escrow Pension	Fidelity					\$9,387,081.0
Escrow Pension	Harding Loevner					\$25,019,494.0
Escrow Pension	MFS Management	~ ·			_	\$9,806,396.0
Escrow Pension	Clarion Lyon Money Market					\$315,677.0
Escrow Pension Escrow Pension	Morgan Stanley					\$6,157,618.0
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SUB-TOTAL:	<u> </u>					WED7,072474010
OTHER:	72/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/2/					
Deferred Comp.	MassMutual			***************************************		\$51,905,250.9
Contractual Requirements	WSFS	CD	7/1/2020	1.45%	\$20,638.07	\$3,049,961.7
Port Debt	WSFS	CD	7/15/2020	1.40%	\$11,537.20	\$1,978,890.0

Total Investments						\$422,344,876.5
Total Cash on Hand						\$13,061,453.6
Grand Total						\$435,406,330.1

¹ Budget Reserve

Velda Cores-Totter

Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

All Council Recognize Black History Month All Council Retirement Elouise G. Watson

Congo Recognize Blue Diamond Dental Group/Dr. Daniels

Congo Recognize Delaware Elite

Guy Recognize Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the month of February 2020 as "African

American History Month"

Oliver Recognize Essence YMCA Drill Team

Oliver Sympathy Melvin Scruggs
Oliver Sympathy Mary E. Pettaway
Oliver Sympathy Kevin L. Bolden
Shabazz Recognize Maurice Simms
Shabazz Recognize Herman Holloway, Jr.

Shabazz Recognize Delaware Technical Community College Black History Month

Honoree Wali W. Rushdan, II

Shabazz Sympathy Barbara S. Frye Turner Sympathy Kobe Bryant

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Shabazz: We're going to take – make a little change in the order of presentations this evening. Um, Council Member Gray, any legislation this evening?

Council Member Gray: None this evening Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Congo, any legislation?

Council Member Congo: Nothing tonight Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Oliver.

Council Member Oliver: Nothing tonight.

President Shabazz: Council Member Freel.

Council Member Freel: Ah yes, I have one Ordinance to present for first and second, a Resolution, and a Resolution on your behalf.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 20-008 (Agenda #4774) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR THE MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE WILMINGTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND BIOSOLIDS FACILITY, MAIN PUMP STATIONS, STORAGE AND CONTROL STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONTROL OF COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS (INCLUDING GLOBAL OPTIMAL REAL TIME CONTROL SYSTEM), AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is a professional services agreement for twenty (20) years with two (2) two-year extension options with an estimated year one cost of Nineteen Million, Nine Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Forty-Eight Dollars (\$19,962,048.00). The cost of the agreement will increase annually at a minimum rate of one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) and a maximum rate of three and three-quarters percent (3.75%) as determined by the indices incorporated in the agreement; provided, however, in the event that the actual rate of increase as calculated by the indices equals or exceeds six percent (6%) for two consecutive years, then the parties shall negotiate an appropriate adjustment to address such inflationary conditions.

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

Council Member Freel presented <u>Resolution No. 20-010</u> (Agenda #4775) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>Wilm</u>. <u>C</u>. (Charter) §1-101, the City may acquire, hold, manage, and dispose of property on such terms as it deems proper for any municipal purpose; and

WHEREAS, Wilm. C. §2-621(a) authorizes the Department of Real Estate and Housing to conduct disposition proceedings of real property owned by the City; and

WHEREAS, <u>Wilm.</u> <u>C.</u> §2-622(1) provides that the Council shall by resolution declare a property to be approved for disposition and authorize the conduct of disposition proceedings by the Department of Real Estate and Housing; and

WHEREAS, Wilm. C. §2-622(2) provides that the Department of Real Estate and Housing shall cause public notice of the request for proposals for the disposition of a property to be given by publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the City and make available all pertinent information to persons interested in submitting a bid on the property that has been approved for disposition; and

WHEREAS, Wilm. C. §2-622(5) provides that the bids for a property, together with the recommendations of certain City departments, including the Department of Real Estate and Housing, shall be submitted to Council, which by resolution, shall approve the bid of the best bidder; and

WHEREAS, the City currently owns the parcel of real estate located at 1814 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware 19806, being New Castle County Tax Parcel ID No. 26-013.10-205 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2019, the Council passed Resolution No. 19-084 declaring the Property to be surplus, approving the Property for disposition, and authorizing the Department of Real Estate and Housing to conduct disposition proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Real Estate and Housing thereafter caused public notice of the request for proposals (the "RFP") for disposition of the Property to occur in accordance with <u>Wilm</u>. <u>C</u>. §2-622(2); and

WHEREAS, two proposals were submitted in response to the RFP: and WHEREAS, the Department of Real Estate and Housing, the Department of Planning, and the Office of Economic Development evaluated both proposals based upon the criteria contained in the RFP and ranked the proposal submitted by J. Douglas Patterson, M.D. as the best bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to approve the bid of J. Douglas Patterson, M.D. as the best bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Council hereby approves the bid of J. Douglas Patterson, M.D. for the Property as the best bidder.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate disposition of the Property, including any and all further undertakings and assurances that may be appropriate.

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

Council Member Walsh: Madam President, I'd like to make a point of order on this please.

President Shabazz: Your point of order is?

Council Member Walsh: The point of order is we're addressing this Resolution. We're not addressing any other issues other than this Resolution right now and that's it.

Council Member Guy: So, I get to respond to the point of order?

President Shabazz: The point of order is...

Council Member Walsh: His request is inappropriate.

President Shabazz: Your request – and your point of order is correct. You can continue with your debate Mr. Guy.

Council Member Guy continued with his comments.

President Shabazz: Seeing no other comments from members of Council, we'll call for the public. Comments from the public?

Public Comment Speakers:

o D. Marque Hall

Council Member Johnson: Point of order. This, this (inaudible) ...

President Shabazz: Mr. Marque, can you speak to (inaudible) ...

Mr. Hall continued with his comments.

- o Paul Merrill
- Guy DeLillio

Note: During this time, in an effort to maintain order, President Shabazz had to request an officer to have Mr. Marque Hall removed from the Council Chambers.

o Deacon Earl Tate

Council Member Congo: Madam President, Madam President, may I make a request? I make a request that you retract, your, um, your request to have Mr. Marque removed.

Council Member Gray: I second that.

Council Member Oliver: He's asking her a question.

President Shabazz: How to maintain order sir if we...

Council Member Congo: I understand but can, can you please retract your request to have him removed?

President Shabazz: If Mr. Marque promises that he will conduct himself properly, then he can stay officer...

Council Member Oliver: No.

President Shabazz: ...and to be quiet. But any other outburst I'm going to ask you to leave so we can conduct the business of the City.

Mr. Marque Hall: (inaudible)...conduct myself, I would ask if I can make another comment (inaudible)...

President Shabazz: See, see, no sir. Please have him removed.

Council Member Oliver: This is a place of order.

President Shabazz: Any other comments from the public?

Public Comments continued:

Bishop Ronald Hayes

Council Member Congo made comments. Council Member Turner made comments.

President Shabazz: Sir, can you stick the, can you stick to the legislation at hand please?

Council Member Turner continued with his comments.

Council Member Walsh: Council President, point of order.

President Shabazz: Point of order.

Council Member Turner continued with his comments and made a request of information. Council Member Guy made comments. President Shabazz made comments. Council Member Guy made additional comments.

Council Member Guy: I make a motion that we table this item, well actually, that we refer it to a committee meeting. Refer it a committee meeting of the — I'm trying to think which committee would be the appropriate one. That we refer it to a committee meeting — I'm trying to find a committee where we can have a fair meeting. I refer this to a committee meeting of the Committee of the Whole…

Council Member Gray: I second it.

Council Member Guy: ...for next month where the Mayor can give us a presentation on what steps he did after our nine to one vote in good faith negotiating with the Fire Department – with the firefighter's union. That's my motion, refer it...

Council Member Gray: I second it.

Council Member Guy: ...to the Committee of the Whole.

President Shabazz: And I'm checking with the Parliamentarian because I don't believe that's a proper motion.

Note: During this time, President Shabazz was consulting with parliamentarian Taylor West. In addition, during this time, Council Member Guy made comments.

Council Member Walsh: Council President, on my point of order, I would say that he is again making a motion for something that isn't even on our agenda.

Council Member Turner: Point of order.

Council Member Walsh: This is not the Resolution.

Council Member Turner: Point of order. Councilwoman Walsh wasn't recognized.

Council Member Walsh: I apologize for not waiting for you to recognize me Council President. Something that you get very few of.

Council Member Guy: It's City Council Rule 17.

President Shabazz: Can I have quiet while I check with the Parliamentarian please.

Note: During this time, President Shabazz was consulting with parliamentarian Taylor West.

President Shabazz: Mr. Guy, can you repeat your motion please?

Council Member Guy: Yes. I'ma use the cheat sheet to reiterate my motion. Pursuant to Rules 17 and 18, my motion is to refer this to a Committee of the Whole or other appropriate standing committee so that we have a venue for the firefighter's union to come in and share with us what negotiations took place and for the Administration to share with us what negotiations took place after our nine to one vote. And, that take place at a time certain, so, that would either be, you can either do it in March, at our second meeting or our first meeting in March, or at a date that you want to designate.

Council Member Walsh: Council President.

Council Member Guy: And, I'd like a second.

Council Member Congo: Second.

Council Member Walsh: With a point of order Council President.

President Shabazz: Yeah, a motion was made and second. On the question, Councilwoman Walsh.

Council Member Walsh: I, I believe he's actually answered the question himself. On Rule 17, for the bottom line is, debate on the merits of the main question is improper. I'm one of the co-sponsors in the main Resolution and everything he's talking has nothing to do with this Resolution. So, the motion is improper.

President Shabazz: On the question Mr. Freel.

Council Member Freel: Yeah, I just wanted to say that you know this was brought before a proper venue, one of our sub-committee Public Safety, um, the doctor was there, he made his presentation because the Resolution stated his name in the, in the, as winning applicant, but there was public comment and anybody who wanted to speak at that Public Safety meeting could have spoken. That was the proper venue to do it.

Council Member Congo: Madam President.

President Shabazz: So, on the question. I think Council Member Gray, we're on the question.

Council Member Gray: I'm on the question. I'm addressing that Mr. Guy, ah, Councilman Guy is not on the point. The whole point that we're trying to determine is should we even be voting on this because there's a Resolution that was passed prior and it hasn't been dissolved and I think that's

President Shabazz: You have to speak to the motion.

Council Member Gray: That's the motion.

Council Member Walsh: No, it isn't.

President Shabazz: It's not.

Council Member Gray: The motion is to have a meeting, correct? The motion is to have a meeting.

President Shabazz: That's (inaudible) discussions. You're talking about whether or not we should. We're talking about the motion ...

Council Member Gray: Councilwoman Walsh had said that he wasn't on the point. She made that comment. I'm addressing her comment that he is on the point.

President Shabazz: But you should be addressing the motion not her comment.

Council Member Gray: Well my comment on the motion then is that I think that we need to know if the City negotiated in good faith with the firemen. So, I think that I agree with um, Councilman Guy's motion.

President Shabazz: Councilman Congo.

Council Member Congo: Yes, um, Madam President, this wouldn't be the first time that we would refer a Resolution back to committee because we did the same thing around the um, commencement of the police academy because we wanted further discussion. So, it is in order. Thank you.

Council Member Oliver: Point ... I thought we was moving on ...

President Shabazz: We, we, we are on the question regarding the motion to refer and there's a point of order and we spoke towards the point of order.

Council Member Walsh: And to add to that point of order Mr., Madam President.

President Shabazz: Councilwoman Walsh.

Council Member Walsh: If we send this back to committee, we'll be addressing this Resolution.

President Shabazz: All over again.

Council Member Walsh: All over again. Just this Resolution. That's it. Nothing else. Not who shot John. Not when this happen. This Resolution. That's what we would be discussing.

President Shabazz: It's my understanding per the Rules, he does have the privilege to make the order to refer.

Council Member Gray: So, we should vote on it.

Council Member Oliver: Can we vote on it?

President Shabazz: I'm going – I just want to get clarity.

Council Member Oliver: It makes no sense.

President Shabazz: And, we, we're on the question. There was a point of order and so we now need to vote on the motion. Ok, and, we're still on the question. Council Member Harlee.

Council Member Harlee: Thank you ah Council President, so the City conducted an RFP process already I thought to determine to this. I know that the Fire Department came and shared a presentation, the Doctor came and shared a presentation and we have the RFP process. So, based on the meeting that I sat in and listened to the data points that were considered, I'm just trying to understand, um, that's what we've already conduct. That has already been conducted. That's all I have to say.

President Shabazz: On the question. Councilman Adams.

Council Member Adams: Ah yes ma'am. I'd like to follow-up with what Council lady Harlee said, ah, I feel the same way. This went through an RFP process one more time. Both parties had a chance to present. It's in front of us for a Yea and Nay decision. I don't understand why delaying this another month would have any effect on that decision whatsoever. So, ah, hey, I, ah, I say we don't delay this and refer this one back and we make a decision on this property this evening. Thank you.

President Shabazz: Ok, I've heard the question and I want, and I now, heard the motion, it was second, and we're on the question, and now I'd like to make vote on the ...

Council Member Guy: The maker of the motion has had the hand up for ten minutes. I made the motion.

President Shabazz: And we're on the question on the motion, and I've heard the question, and I'm asking for a roll call for the ...

Council Member Guy: The maker of the motion ...

President Shabazz: I heard you, but I also have the authority to call roll call when I feel like it.

Council Member Guy: No, you don't have authority to violate the rules.

President Shabazz: Roll call.

VOTE TO REFER:

Upon a motion of Council Member Guy, seconded by Council Member Congo, to *Refer* the above-referenced Resolution to Committee was <u>DEFEATED</u> by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Congo, Turner and Guy. Total, four. Nays, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, nine.

President Shabazz: Declare it Defeated. We now move back to the original, the original discussion of the Resolution as presented.

Council Member McCoy made comments. Council Member Harlee made comments. Council Member Guy made comments and President Shabazz noted several times to speak to the Resolution at hand.

Council Member Walsh: Council President.

Council Member Guy: I'm in a middle of a motion. This is a motion of point of information. So read Rule 33 and then you'll see that there's a request for a "Point of Information". Now, you got to read. So, that's what I'm requesting that we refer this, and I wanted to do it right here, but you wouldn't allow it. So, I refer for a "Point of Information" to be set-up.

Council Member Gray: Is that a motion?

Council Member Walsh: There's no Rule 33.

Council Member Guy: Yes, it's a motion. According to Rule 33.

President Shabazz: But it's under Rule 14, on the motion that it's not one of the types of motion under, under debate that you can make and therefore, your motion is not accepted, and I am not giving the privilege of the floor to the Administration. I have the right to give the privilege of the floor. They have the right to ask for it ...

Council Member Guy: Yes, they do.

President Shabazz: ...and I have the right to deny it and I am denying it sir.

Council Member Guy: Well, you can't deny the request. You can't deny the request. They haven't made a request because they're covering up ...

President Shabazz: I'm denying you're asking for it sir. Councilwoman Walsh.

Council Member Walsh made comments.

President Shabazz: Clerk call the roll.

VOTE ON ACTUAL RESOLUTION:

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 Oliver, Harlee, Johnson, Freel, Adams and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, seven. Nays, Council Members Gray, Congo, Turner, McCoy and Guy. Total, five. Present, Council Member Dixon. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Freel: Madam President, I have one additional Resolution to present on your behalf.

Council Member Freel presented <u>Resolution No. 20-011</u> (Agenda #4776) as follows:

WHEREAS, the average size of a home in the United States is 2,687 square feet (the highest it has ever been) which is an increase of 1,000 square feet over the last four decades. The size of homes is growing fast, along with the cost of a home; and

WHEREAS, a residence is deemed "affordable" if the members of the household spend no more than 30% of their income in meeting the mortgage or rent of that residence. Based on this definition, in order to afford a two-bedroom home in New Castle County the household needs to make on average at least \$48,000 annually. The average price of a house in New Castle County based on research in 2019 was \$300,000. The median household income in Wilmington in 2017 was \$40,221. The median sales price for a single-family home in Wilmington that year was \$62,730, which is not affordable for households that earn the median household income. There are strong indicators that the cost of housing in a number of Wilmington neighborhoods will experience a sizeable increase in price due to expected new housing and real estate developments; and

WHEREAS, the "Tiny House Movement" is becoming very popular in the United States. Tiny Houses now range anywhere from 150 square feet to 1,000 square feet. Tiny Houses are no longer primarily On Wheels, nor are they the sole interest or focus of DIY (Do It Yourself) individuals. Tiny Houses/Tiny Homes are attracting and being marketed to millennials, retirees, veterans, and seniors as they are looking to downsize, reduce their carbon footprint, and/or live in an affordable home; and

WHEREAS, several City governments and Non-Profits have begun taking this affordable housing concept and implementing it to address homelessness, increasing the growth of starter homes, and combating rising housing costs. As far back as 2014, and as recently as May 2019, communities have been developing various types of "Tiny Houses/Tiny Homes" in response to housing affordability issues for various constituent groups which also positively impacts neighborhood stabilization; and

WHEREAS, there have been many initial reports of success in the incorporation of "Tiny Houses/Tiny Homes" in the Housing Codes of several cities, such

as Austin and Dallas, Texas; Eugene and Portland, Oregon; Fresno, California; Nashville, Tennessee, Seattle and Olympia WA, and Syracuse NY, to name a few. Tiny Houses/Tiny Homes in these Cities are serving a range of constituents who are seeking affordable housing. By taking best practices from existing approaches in other Cities, the inclusion of "Tiny Houses/Tiny Homes" has great potential to become equally successful (if not more so) in the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of Tiny Houses/Tiny Homes in Wilmington will not only create an answer for various constituent groups who need and will benefit from being able to access affordable housing through the availability of Tiny Houses/Tiny Homes in our City of Wilmington, Delaware, the economic impact of creating a new business in the City will bring new employment opportunities for Wilmingtonians through the creation of a new industry thereby benefiting the City as a whole.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the City Council supports the inclusion of Tiny Homes/Tiny Houses without wheels in the Wilmington Housing Code at a minimum of 400 square feet to a maximum of 1,000 square feet of permanent housing that is congruent with the existing Wilmington and State of Delaware Housing Codes, that is not on wheels, and is located in areas designated as residential. Tiny Homes/Tiny Houses will substantially address the dwindling supply of affordable housing in Wilmington while also adding a new economic engine in the City of Wilmington that will create potentially hundreds of new jobs in the building of Tiny Homes/Tiny Houses in the City.

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. President Shabazz spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. Council Member Turner raised questions and made comments, and President Shabazz responded. Council Member Turner continued with his comments. President Shabazz made comments and Council Member Turner made additional comments. Council Member Oliver made comments. Council Member Harlee made comments and raised a question, and President Shabazz responded. Council Member Guy requested that the Clerk read the Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, clause. At this time, the Clerk read the clause.

Council Member Guy made comments. Council Member Gray made comments. Council Member Walsh made comments. Council Member Adams made comments. President Shabazz made additional comments. Council Member Adams made additional comments. Council Member Gray made additional comments. Council Member Guy made additional comments.

President Shabazz: Well, Mr. Guy, I accept, um, your friendly recommendation as adding that language and I would like to make an amendment on the um, the *Therefore* clause, that say that we support the um, "considering and making awareness of tiny houses".

Council Member Guy: Thank you Madam Chair.

Council Member Turner: Second.

President Shabazz: It's been moved and seconded that the amendment as stated will be made to the um, the Therefore clause of this Resolution. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye". Any Opposed?

Council Member Adams: Ah, yes ma'am.

President Shabazz: We have one opposed?

Council Member Adams: Yeah. Yes, I'm going to oppose the ...

President Shabazz: Ok. Motion, motion carried; thank you Mr. Guy.

Council Member Guy: Thank you.

President Shabazz: Any other comments? Councilwoman Dixon.

Council Member Dixon made comments. President Shabazz made additional comments. Council Member Harlee made comments and raised questions, and President Shabazz responded. Council Member Harlee made additional comments. Council Member Turner made comments.

Council Member Adams: Ah, yes Madam President, um, seems to be a lot of variables here, is it ah, can I ah, politely suggest that we make a motion to ah table this or send it back to a committee instead of ah going on record on a Yea or Nay vote on this?

Council Member Gray: Well make the motion.

President Shabazz: I thought that the, the change – the amendment that was made to consider and it was not ...

Council Member Adams: Well, the amendment was voted to change and so, my motion is can we ah move this back to a committee?

Council Member Gray: Second.

Council Member Adams: Move the amended one now back to committee.

Council Member Oliver: It's a recommendation.

Council Member Gray: I seconded it.

President Shabazz: Um ...

Council Member Adams: And, the committee would be ah ...

President Shabazz: No, no problem sir. I got it.

Council Member Adams: ...Council lady's Dixon, yes.

President Shabazz: The motion has been made to refer this back to

committee.

Council Member Adams: Yes ma'am.

President Shabazz: Yes. It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye". Any Opposed?

Several Members: No.

President Shabazz: Roll Call please.

Upon a motion of Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Gray, the above-referenced Resolution was <u>Referred back to the Committee</u> by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Congo, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Adams, Dixon and Guy. Total, eight. Nays, Council Members Oliver, Freel and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, four. Present, Council Member Johnson. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted. The Resolution is referred back to the Community Development & Urban Planning Committee.

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

President Shabazz: Thank you sir.

Council Member Adams: Thank you Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Adams.

Council Member Adams: Ah, yes ma'am. Madam President, I have a Resolution to present.

Council Member Adams presented <u>Resolution No. 20-012</u> (Agenda #4771) as follows:

WHEREAS, to give members of the public more opportunity to attend and participate in public meetings, City Council would like to add the public comment period to the order of business at regular Council meetings, extend the sign-up deadline for the public comment period from 5:45 p.m. to 6:25 p.m., provide each member of the

public up to three minutes to speak in the public comment period, and place no limit on the number of speakers allowed to speak during the public comment period and the overall time period for public comment; and

WHEREAS, City Council would like to afford all Council Members until 6:30 p.m. to arrive at and participate in regular Council meetings and hear public comment; and

WHEREAS, City Council previously amended its Rules to provide for: (1) a second round of public comment after the close of debate on each legislative item at regular Council meetings and (2) a second round of debate by Council Members after the second round of public comment; and

WHEREAS, the second rounds of public comment and debate may be duplicative and can lead to excessively long and inefficient regular Council meetings; and WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to amend City Council Rules 2 and 3 to: (1) add public comment to the order of business at regular meetings of City Council; (2) move the start time of the public comment period from the 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole meetings to immediately prior to legislative business at regular Council meetings; (3) change the sign-up deadline for members of the public who would like to speak during the public comment period from 5:45 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.; (4) allow any person who has signed up with the City Clerk by 6:25 p.m. to speak for up to three minutes during the public comment period; (5) provide for no limit on the number of speakers allowed to speak during the public comment period; (6) eliminate the duplicative public comment period after the close of debate on each legislative item; and (7) eliminate the duplicative second round of debate by Council Members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Rule 2 of the City Council Rules is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read as follows:

RULE 2 - ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at official regular meetings of the City Council shall be as follows:

- A) Convening of the City Council.
- B) Prayer.
- C) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- D) Roll Call: At the scheduled time for the meeting and before the Council proceeds to the consideration of any business, the Clerk shall call the name of each Council Member in the order of the district each represents beginning with the First Council District and ending with the at-large Councilmembers in alphabetical order.

- E) Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting shall be read and include a statement as to members that were present, absent with leave and absent without leave by the Clerk and adopted and approved or corrected on motion by the President Pro Tempore or in the President Pro Tempore's absence, the Chairman of the Finance Committee. In the absence of such motion, the minutes shall be deemed approved.
- F) Committee Reports: Reports from standing committees shall be signed by a majority of committee members, read by the Clerk, and filed, on motion and voice vote. The reading of the minutes shall include a statement as to committee members that were present, absent with leave and absent without leave. Non committee members present need not be mentioned.

G) City Treasurer's Report.

H) Non-Legislative Business: Unless a separate vote is requested by the sponsor of any resolution, all items of non-legislative effect shall be adopted by a single motion to receive and adopt by voice vote the agenda measures listed under Non-Legislative Business. While the motion is pending, a Council Member may speak to any measure under the agenda heading "Non-Legislative Business" for which separate consideration has not been requested by the sponsor. Unless otherwise authorized by the President, there shall be a limit of five (5) non-legislative resolutions that may be presented at each Council Meeting, which shall be done on a first come, first served basis by request to the Legislative & Policy Director.

I) Public Comment.

4 J) Legislative Business: This portion of the meeting shall be for the consideration of resolutions with legislative effect and ordinances only.

Each member is entitled to speak twice to any matter subject to debate for periods not to exceed five minutes each time, including any time yielded to other members. No member shall exceed these limits except by leave granted by a two-thirds vote of the members present, without debate. No member shall speak twice to a matter until every other member choosing to speak has been recognized. The member on whose motion the matter was brought before Council is first entitled to the floor, and also to close the debate, but not until every other member has had an opportunity to speak for a second time.

After the close of debate on an item of legislative business, but before a vote is started, there shall be an opportunity for public comment in three-minute increments.

After the close of public comment each member is entitled to speak twice to any matter subject to debate for periods not to exceed five minutes each time, including any time yielded to other members. No member shall exceed these limits except by leave granted by a two thirds vote of the members present, without debate. No member shall speak twice to a matter until every other member choosing to speak has been recognized. The member on whose motion the matter was brought before Council is first entitled to the floor, and also to close the debate, but not until every other member has had an opportunity to speak for a second time.

J \underline{K}) Presentation of Petitions and Communications: Any petition or communication, written or oral, from Council Members, the Mayor, city departments, or from the public, or any communication or comment relating to city business, other than a matter on the agenda for action, is presented at this time. Each member shall be limited to five minutes for presentation of petitions and communications, to include any time yielded to other members. Any debatable motion made shall not be subject to this limit, but instead to the debate limits in Paragraph I \underline{J}), Legislative Business.

KL) Public Hearings (if needed).

 $\vdash \underline{M}$) Adjournment.

The above order of business may be changed at any time by the Council President, or on motion duly seconded and passed by a majority of Council.

Pursuant to FOIA, an agenda as determined by the President shall be prepared for each meeting in a sufficient number of copies, for distribution to members of the public. Council Members and the administration shall be provided an agenda in an electronic format. The agenda shall list all legislative and non-legislative matters proposed by their sponsors for consideration at the meeting, and once copies of the agenda have been reproduced, a sponsoring member of Council may not remove a matter from the agenda, although the sponsor may hold it for consideration at a subsequent meeting, subject to the provisions of Rules 8 and 9.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rule 3 of the City Council Rules is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read as follows:

RULE 3 - CONVENING OF CITY COUNCIL

Thirty minutes before the time appointed for each regular meeting of Council (6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.), the President may convene the Committee of the Whole to meet in open public forum in Council

Chambers, at which time comments not to exceed three (3) minutes in length by each person may be heard from members of the public. This constitutes the convening of the whole for (Date). Thereafter, the President shall call the first person to offer comments. This thirtyminute public comment period shall be televised in its entirety. Prior to the start of legislative business at each regular meeting of City Council, a public comment period shall occur during which members of the public may make comments not to exceed three (3) minutes in length by each person. There shall be no limit on the number of speakers allowed to speak during the public comment period. The President shall establish and enforce rules for speakers to ensure proper decorum is maintained including, but not limited to, enforcing the three-minute time-limit for each speaker and/or prohibiting the use of obscene or profane language. Any person desiring to exercise this privilege shall register with the City Clerk no later than 5:45 6:25 p.m. prior to the convening of the Committee of the Whole City Council meeting, and the person's signature on the City Clerk's register will acknowledge agreement to observe the time limit and the prohibition of obscene or profane language.

At the scheduled time for the meeting, the President of City Council shall call the City Council to order.

When Council convenes, each Council Member shall be in the seat assigned to that Member.

No Council Member shall be absent from the service of City Council without leave.

The attendance of at least seven (7) Council Members is required to establish quorum for official meetings of City Council.

When a quorum is not present on the initial roll call, Council shall consider only the following motions: to fix a time to which to adjourn; to adjourn; to recess; to secure attendance of absent members; or to proceed as if in Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering informally and reporting to the Council upon any matter on the agenda.

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

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President Shabazz: Thank you. I would like to call a "Recess" before we continue with, um, on the question.

Council Member Guy: Second.

President Shabazz: All those in favor signify by saying "Aye". Ok, we'll recess for five-minutes.

RETURNED BACK TO REGULAR ORDER

President Shabazz: The meeting will come back to order. We will continue with the comments – "On the Question". I believe Mr. Turner.

Council Member Turner – Call for a roll call vote.

President Shabazz: We're "On the Question". We're "On the Question". Councilman Johnson.

Council Member Johnson made comments. Council Member Gray made comments. Council Member Congo made comments. Council Member McCoy made comments. Council Member Gray made comments. Council Member Gray made additional comments. Council Member Harlee made comments. Council Member Johnson made additional comments.

President Shabazz: Seeing there's no more comments from members of Council, are there any comments from the public? Please come forward.

Public Comment Speakers:

- Nadine Frost
- o Erin Goldner
- o Deacon Earl Tate

President Shabazz:

Council Member Guy made comments and raised a question to the Parliamentarian.

Council Member Guy: Does this require a super majority vote based on the ruling of the Law Department about extinguishing a right of member of a Council? So, we need to know. What's the vote standard for this piece of legislation that's going to be um, used tonight?

President Shabazz and Taylor West (Parliamentarian) were consulting during this time.

President Shabazz: What you're asking Mr. Guy would require an opinion from the Law Department and the Parliamentarian here is for, um, to maintain our procedure and for her to be – without having done any research on it, she would have to do an opinion off the cuff.

Council Member Guy: I didn't ask for a legal opinion. I asked for a parliamentarian ruling on how many votes it takes. You can't hide your number of votes that it takes to pass something when you already declared at the previous meeting it takes two-thirds if a right is extinguished. So, we really only need confirmation that some of our rights are being taken away, but it was a parliamentarian who you all, who wanted to do what you wanted to do...

President Shabazz: The parliamentarian you're speaking about and the opinion we had requested, and they had time to do the research. Now you're – now you're speaking from the research opinion that we had asked for, um, on the – on the issue.

Council Member Guy: The issue is Rule 23.

Council Member Adams: Ah, ah, "Point of Order" ma'am. Ah, the Resolution here speaks about format change. The format change when it was made before, was made with a seven vote, ah majority. It was not made with the super vote majority.

President Shabazz: Correct.

Council Member Adams: So, we're talking about a format change here. Not denying any Councilman any right.

President Shabazz: Correct.

Council Member Adams: So, we're changing format (inaudible), so the "Point of Order" is that the vote should be a majority vote and not a super majority vote because we're not denying any rights here. Thank you.

Council Member Johnson made comments.

Council Member Gray: Point of Order.

Council Member Turner: Point of Order.

Council Member Johnson continued with his comments.

Council Member Gray: This is "Point of Order". He is lecturing us on committees. He's not discussing ...

Council Member Johnson: I am discussing why this is essential, why this is necessary for us to move forward because people care about the crime ...

President Shabazz: Hold on Mr. Johnson.

Council Member Johnson: ...violence and education going on in the City.

Council Member Gray: He's still talking. Point of Order.

President Shabazz: And I'm trying to talk to you. Your "Point of Order"?

Council Member Gray: Is that he's discussing where we should get our information, lecturing us on committee meetings and he's not on point with the Resolution, which is public comment.

President Shabazz: Well, I, I don't agree with the – with your "Point of Order".

Council Member Johnson made additional comments.

Council Member Gray: Madam President, "Point of Order" Madam President.

President Shabazz: Councilman, please Councilman, please stick to – I hear your point.

Council Member Johnson continued with his comments.

Council Member McCoy: Thank you Madam President. I actually wanted to offer a motion for an amendment. I would like strike number 6, which would be public comment between the um, what is that – that would – yeah, so that eliminate the duplicative public comment period after the close of debate of each legislative item.

Council Member Oliver/Council Member Turner: Second.

President Shabazz: Let her finish her information.

Council Member McCoy: I feel the public should still have the in real time to go ahead and still speak because one of the things that ah Ms. Frost stated was, if you're only giving three minutes in the beginning, they only have the chance to maybe address one thing, if there's multiple things on the agenda. Striking #6 I can support this Resolution.

President Shabazz: So is your – your – just for clarity of what your amendment is.

Council Member McCoy: My amendment is to strike #6 to eliminating the duplicative public comments period after the close of debate on each legislative item, which would basically allow the public to speak between each legislative item.

President Shabazz: Just for clarity you're saying that after the – so there will not be a second round of two times for each Councilmember to speak?

Council Member McCoy: Yeah.

President Shabazz: So, we would only (inaudible) public comment and then we will not come back and speak again the second time.

Council Member McCoy: Yes.

President Shabazz: The motion is on the floor, is there a second?

Council Member Guy: What's the change? Point of Order.

President Shabazz: The change is ...

Council Member Guy: What's the change in the Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved clause because that's the synopsis?

Council Member Turner: Right.

Note: During this time, President Shabazz and Taylor West (Parliamentarian) were consulting.

President Shabazz: Excuse me Councilmembers. Councilmembers, can we come back to order please?

Council Member Oliver: I mean no, she made a motion and I seconded. She said eliminate ...

Council Member Johnson: At this time

President Shabazz: Hold on, hold on.

Council Member Oliver: Well, let him finish. He was talking.

President Shabazz: There's a - there's a motion on the floor.

Council Member Johnson: At this time, I'd like to make a motion to postpone this vote, um, I think there's a lot of ...

Council Member Turner: There's a motion on the floor.

Council Member McCoy: I'm waiting to hear ...

President Shabazz: Hold on ...

Council Member Johnson: I would like to make a motion to postpone ...

President Shabazz: Hold on Mr. Johnson. Hold on.

Council Member Freel: Are we "On the Question" or?

President Shabazz: That's what I'm trying. Everyone keeps interrupting not allowing me ...

Council Member Freel: I'd like to ask the sponsor of the motion if she would withdraw the motion so we can make a motion to refer this to the March 19 Council meeting?

Council Member Turner: Council meeting or Council committee?

Council Member Freel: To March 19 Council meeting.

Council Member Oliver: Council meeting.

President Shabazz: Council Member McCoy, are you in agreement with Council Member Freel's um, suggested motion, cancellation? Please quiet please so we can get passed this. Are you willing to, are you willing to hold – postpone, to, to, withdraw your motion so that we can accept a motion to postpone to the March 19 Council meeting?

Council Member McCoy: Ah yes, I will withdraw my motion, um, so that we can, ah, I want to withdraw my motion so that we can actually converse with Councilman Adams so we can get ...

President Shabazz: Well, that's what we're doing. We're postponing so that we could ...

Council Member McCoy: Okay.

President Shabazz: Yes ma'am, will you accept?

Council Member McCoy: Yes.

Council Member Oliver: So, moved.

Council Member Johnson: Second.

President Shabazz: It's been moved and seconded that we will postpone this until the March 19. We will accept your withdraw of your motion and accept a post, Councilman Freel.

Council Member Freel: Madam President, I'd like to make a motion that we ah, ah, refer this ah, ah Ordinance to the March 19 Council meeting. Defer it to the March 19 Council meeting.

Council Member McCoy: Second.

President Shabazz: It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye". I mean excuse me ...

Council Member Turner: On the Question.

President Shabazz: ...I'm sorry, it's late.

Council Member Turner: On the question.

Council Member Freel: Did the roll – you already did the roll on.

Note: During this time, a lot of back and forth.

President Shabazz: Please ladies and gentlemen. Everything is not a conspiracy. Can I have order please? May I have order please? On the Question. Councilman Guy.

Council Member Guy: Now, on the interim, we need to know how many votes it takes to pass, if, if it stays like this or if they got some other version, then they need to have the Law Department to tell us how many votes it takes since before Rule 23 was invoked to say a super majority was required to take away any rights or privileges. So, that needs to be part of it or else we'll be back here again and don't know how many votes it takes. So, we need, we need, we need that to part of the delay.

President Shabazz: Councilwoman Gray.

Council Member Gray: My question is, did this come out of a committee? Did this go through a committee, this Resolution? It is a new Resolution. And, if it did go through a committee, what committee did it go through?

President Shabazz: It did go through committee.

Council Member Dixon: It haven't.

President Shabazz: It didn't go through committee?

Council Member Gray: So, since ...

President Shabazz: Resolution can come on the agenda. It don't have to go through committee. I can put it a Resolution on an agenda without going to committee.

Council Member Gray: Well, in between now and then, I'd like this to go to the Youth & Education Committee. That's a motion.

President Shabazz: Right, right now, we have a postponement to the March 19 meeting. We're "on the question" of his um, motion to postpone.

Council Member Gray: Ok, I agree with that.

President Shabazz: Councilman Turner.

Council Member Turner: Yes, um, for the motion to postpone, there was a lot of discussion about um, you have time at committee meetings to do – do things and talk to constituents and here we are talking about this Resolution and it never went through a committee. So, how do we have an opportunity to vet it and now we're going to put it back on another Council meeting instead of being in a committee. I think this should be refer to a committee so constituents can come and talk that rather than coming here to Council meeting. So, I mean, I hear a lot of dialogue about committees and people not doing their job and knocking on doors and everything like that, so, I think that this needs to be refer to a committee, so that we can also have discussion and have dialogue and we also can get the legal opinion that you, you may need.

President Shabazz: Ok, Councilwoman Oliver.

Council Member Oliver: Um, I'm just floored. We've been here for how many years and I just think some Councilmembers, um, need to read their information. I think Councilwoman McCoy said she's going to talk to the sponsor and some of the cosponsors. You talked about some um, I missed – that's over my head. Um, but I think as McCoy said, she can talk to, just to make that – sit down and talk to Adams and Johnson, whatever, because nobody coming here to talk about – this been in – like he said, this been over a month or something – it's been going on for hundred years, we don't need – it makes the sense to me. I think we need to be leaders and not – and act it.

President Shabazz: Councilman Congo.

Council Member Congo: Yes, thank you Madam President. Why wouldn't this go to committee? I don't understand that. So, we're, we're telling our residents to come to committee to talk about legislation but we're not willing to put this important legislation that has everything to do with their, their speech and their involvement in Council and we're not willing to put that in committee. So, why wouldn't? Have it already been in committee and why wouldn't you send it to committee

when several Councilmembers have said committee meetings are to vet and committee meetings are for the residents to come in and talk about legislation? But now we're saying we're not even going to give them that opportunity and then will comes back before our Council meeting, they're going to say we should have come to a committee meeting – (inaudible), why wouldn't we send it to a committee? It makes no sense. Thank you.

President Shabazz: Councilwoman Walsh and then Councilman Freel. We're still "On the Question".

Council Member Walsh: Um, Madam President, on the question still. On the Question, we've just went – gone through this now for over forty-five minutes I believe, in real time, um, maybe we should be concentration more on the two boys that were shot at the Boys and Girls Club tonight because this is really important.

President Shabazz: Councilman Freel.

Council Member Freel: Madam President, I believe Robert's Rule of Order say if you're going to postpone a vote, you have to postpone it to a specific date when Council meets to vote again and that's all I'm doing whether it goes to a committee in between that's fine. But this – but this motion has to give a specific date when we're going to vote on this.

President Shabazz: Correct.

Council Member Congo: Point of Order.

Council Member Freel: I'm suggesting the next meeting March 19.

Council Member Congo: Point of order.

President Shabazz: We're "On the Question".

Council Member Congo: Point of Order on the statement that was just made just so I can have clarity.

President Shabazz: What is your question?

Council Member Congo: So, we can't refer legislation back to a committee on a certain date?

President Shabazz: The motion was to postpone. It was postponed – and he's postponing to a certain date.

Council Member Congo: That can't be post – that can't be refer to a Committee? I thought that's what he said. Maybe I misunderstood.

President Shabazz: To a meeting of Council, which is a meeting of

Council.

Council Member Congo: But not a committee?

President Shabazz: No.

Council Member Congo: Can I get the Parliamentarian's ruling on that

please?

President Shabazz: It was postponed to Council meeting and not to a committee. The motion – the motion is on the floor to postpone. A motion to postpone goes to another meeting of Council. If you want it to refer to a committee, it would be a motion to refer. We are now doing a – on a motion to postpone.

Council Member Oliver: It's already done.

President Shabazz: And that's first and second. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye". All those "Opposed".

Council Member Guy: Call for a Roll Call vote.

Council Member Congo: It needs to go to committee.

Council Member Turner: Yes.

Council Member Oliver: Call for the vote.

Council Member Guy: Call for a Roll Call vote.

Council Member Gray: I had my hand up.

Council Member Oliver: What is the vote on? She's done.

Council Member Gray: What is the vote on?

President Shabazz: I'm trying to get - I'm trying to maintain order. I'm mean - no one respect process at all and no wonder our children are in the condition that they're in because they watch us adults - no respect for authority - no respect to order.

Council Member Guy: Point of Order.

President Shabazz: Roll Call.

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Johnson, the Resolution was **Postponed until March 19, 2020** Council meeting by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, ten. Nays, Council Members Congo, Turner and Guy. Total, three.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Adams: Thank you Madam President.

Note: Resolution No. 20-12 (Agenda #4771) was postponed until March 19, 2020.

President Shabazz: Councilwoman Harlee, your legislation.

Council Member Harlee: Yes, I have three pieces of legislation um, to present tonight.

President Shabazz: Oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. Go ahead Councilwoman Harlee continue.

Council Member Harlee: Ah yes, I have three pieces of legislation – um, the first piece is, um, Ordinance 20-001 and a piece of Ord – a legislation, an Ordinance, I'm sorry, to present and call for the third and final reading.

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the third and final reading <u>Ordinance No. 20-001</u> (Agenda #4756) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 20011PW BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND BRANDYWINE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR SEWER MAINTENANCE

Council Member Harlee: Council President, I have a **Substitute** to present in lieu of this Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 20011PW BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND BRANDYWINE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR SEWER MAINTENANCE

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Substitute Ordinance is one (1) one-year contract extension for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, at an

estimated price of One Million, Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$1,285,880.00) plus a one percent (1%) increase for the extension period.

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

President Shabazz: Can you please mark, um, Mr. Guy off the floor please?

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

Council Member Harlee: Yes Madam President, I would like to make a motion to strike all the amendments made in Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 20-001 and return Ordinance No. 20-001 to its original state as it existed when it was introduced for first and second readings at the January 9, 2020 Council meeting.

Council Member Freel: Second.

President Shabazz: It's been properly moved and seconded that be known as the Substitute Ordinance and call for Yea and Nay vote. On the Question.

Council Member Harlee spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance.

President Shabazz: Seeing there's no comments from members of Council, are there any comments from the public? Seeing there's no comments from public ...

Council Member Freel: Madam President, "Point of Order", I want to make sure, she made a motion to take the Substitute back to the original, is that correct?

President Shabazz: Oh, okay.

Council Member Harlee: Yes.

Council Member Freel: Do we have to vote on that first and then vote on the Ordinance?

President Shabazz: Yes, I'm sorry. You're correct.

Council Member Oliver: On the amendment.

President Shabazz: So, I am - so we're taking a vote on the amendment as posed, as presented by the Councilperson.

Council Member Harlee: Yes.

President Shabazz: Did I get a second?

Council Member Freel: I seconded it.

President Shabazz: Ok. So, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye". Any Opposed? So, we now will continue on the amended original Ordinance.

Council Member Harlee spoke again on the purpose of the Ordinance.

President Shabazz: Now, I see there's no comments from members of Council, are there any comments from the public? Seeing none, there's no other comments from members of Council, Clerk will call the roll.

The above-referenced **Substitute** Ordinance, **As Amended**, 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, Johnson, Freel, Adams and Dixon, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Guy. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Harlee: Council President, I have Ordinance 20-002 to present and call for the third and final reading.

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 20-002 (Agenda #4757) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 20012WD BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND BRANDYWINE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is four (4) one-year extension options, at an estimated price of Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$2,977.00) per day not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00), plus an increase of up to two percent (2%) for each extension period.

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.

President Shabazz: I see no comments from members of Council, are there any comments from the public? Seeing none, are there any other comments from members of Council? Seeing none, 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, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Guy. Total, one.

Council Member Harlee: Ah yes Council President, I have my last um, Ordinance to present, item #4773 on your behalf, um and to present 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. 20-009 (Agenda #4773) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO NAME THE SOUTH WILMINGTON WETLANDS PARK PROJECT THE "SOUTHBRIDGE WILMINGTON WETLANDS PARK"

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no fiscal impact on the City as a result of this Ordinance.

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 Public Works & Transportation Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Harlee: Thank you that's all I have.

President Shabazz: Councilwoman Walsh.

Council Member Walsh: I have a Resolution to pass or to introduce on your behalf.

Council Member Walsh presented <u>Resolution No. 20-013</u> (Agenda #4780) as follows:

WHEREAS, a Confidence & Puberty Survey done by Always, a well-known brand of feminine hygiene products, found that almost 1 in 4 teenage girls in the United States have not attended school because they didn't have feminine products, and 1 in 5 teenage girls in the United States do not have the means to consistently afford feminine products; and

WHEREAS, the Free the Tampons Foundation found that 86% of women who menstruate will have their periods start unexpectedly in public without the necessary feminine products on hand. While 48% of these women will attempt to use tampon or pad dispensers in public restrooms, only 8% say that those dispensers worked or were stocked; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Senate Bill 166, which provides feminine products for free for those in custody at facilities operated by the Department of Corrections, and facilities operated by the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, was passed and signed by the Governor on September 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Delaware does not have a sales tax, therefore feminine products don't have additional taxes when purchased. However, feminine products are not covered by the government Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). 50% of Wilmington households with children under 18 years old receive SNAP benefits, therefore a significant population of girls in our city may not have reliable access to feminine products in their homes; and

WHEREAS, Illinois, New Hampshire, California, and New York schools with students from 6th grade to 12th grade are now required to provide free feminine products in the restrooms themselves due to recent state legislation; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 285 sponsored by Representative Valerie Longhurst, and co-sponsored by Representative Dorsey-Walker, Senator Darius Brown, and Senator Elizabeth Lockman, who all represent Wilmington was passed by the House of Representatives on January 30, 2020. House Bill 285 requires schools with students "grades 6-12 to provide free feminine hygiene products in 50% of the bathrooms used by students who can have a menstrual cycle"; and

WHEREAS, feminine products are bathroom necessities just as much as toilet paper, paper towels, soap, and water. The over 4,000 girls in Wilmington middle Schools and high Schools need to have reliable and affordable access to feminine products as this will remove barriers for them to receive the quality education they deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the City Council strongly supports House Bill 285 pertaining to providing free menstrual products in Delaware public and private middle and high schools. In addition, the City Council strongly encourages the Honorable Senators of the Delaware General Assembly to vote in favor of House Bill 285 as it provides positive support for our students.

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Members Freel and Dixon, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Walsh spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. Council Member Johnson made comments and requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Member McCoy made a comment for clarity and Council Member Walsh responded.

President Shabazz: Seeing no more comments from members of Council, is there any comments from the public? Seeing no comments from the public, is there any comments from Council? Seeing none, roll call.

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, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Guy. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Councilman Johnson, legislation?

Council Member Johnson: Yes ah, Madam President.

President Shabazz: Excuse me, excuse me. Council Member Turner, any legislation tonight?

Council Member Turner: None tonight Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member McCoy.

Council Member McCoy: Nothing tonight Madam President.

President Shabazz: Council Member Johnson.

Council Member Johnson: Yes, Madam President, I have one item to present.

Council Member Johnson presented Resolution No. 20-008 (Agenda #4770) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department ("WPD), has submitted grant applications to the State of Delaware Criminal Justice Council in the amount of \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funds would be used purchase ten (10) Trikke Police Interceptor mobile vehicles along with safety equipment and training; and

WHEREAS, the mobile vehicles will help officers maintain an increased presence in public areas where traditional vehicles cannot gain access (ex. River Walk, bike paths, city parks, etc.); and

WHEREAS, the vehicle has been tested on site, and officers found that they were more readily able to interact with the community while using those vehicles as opposed to patrol cars.; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle is able to put officers in direct contact with the community while simultaneously enabling the officer to respond quickly to an incident; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds are required; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application, for the aforesaid purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington Police Department's grant applications to the State of Delaware Criminal Justice Council in the total amount of \$100,000.00 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City as no local matching funds are required by the grants.

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

President Shabazz: Councilman Guy would you like to be recognized to be back on the floor?

Note: During this time, there was a lot of back and forth between President Shabazz and Council Member Guy on whether he was requesting to be recognized to be back on the floor.

President Shabazz: So, there's no other comments from members of Council, is there any public comments? You can come forward.

Public Comment Speakers:

- Nadine Frost
- o Helen Furhmann

President Shabazz: Your time is up. Are there any other comments from the public? Seeing none, are there any comments from members of Council? Seeing none, Mr. Johnson, would you like to close up please?

Council Member Johnson made closing 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 Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eight. Nays, Council Members Gray, Congo, Turner and Dixon. Total, four. Absent, Council Member Guy. Total, one.

Note: Once again, during this time, there was a lot of back and forth between President Shabazz and Council Member Guy on whether he was requesting to be recognized back on the floor.

Council Member Adams: Can I have a motion to adjourn?

Council Member Walsh: Second.

Council Member Turner: Roll Call.

Council Member Guy: Roll Call.

President Shabazz: It's been moved and seconded, all those in favor with adjournment, signify by saying Aye. Any "Opposed". The "No's" have it. Councilman Guy, one more time, would you like to be recognized to bring forth your legislation?

Council Member Guy: Yes, and I am recognized.

President Shabazz: Thank you. Will you recognize Mr. Guy, he's back on the floor with permission?

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

Council Member Guy: Madam President, I have a Resolution to present, Agenda item 4777.

Council Member Guy presented <u>Resolution No. 20-014</u> (Agenda #4777) as follows:

WHEREAS, City Council member Samuel L. Guy seeks to award a grant of \$1,000 to Culture Restoration Project, Inc., from his portion of Council's Discretionary funds and this grant must be approved by Council since it will cause the grant total for this budget year to exceed a threshold amount; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-369 of the City Code requires grants awarded by City Council in the amount of \$5,000 or more to be approved by resolution of City Council; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Culture Restoration Project, Inc. is "to provide supplemental educational programming that will inspire our future leaders to excel in school and beyond."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that authorization for City Council member Samuel L. Guy to award a grant of \$1,000 to Culture Restoration Project, Inc., from his portion of Council's Discretionary Funds is approved.

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

Council Member Turner: Point of order. Point of order.

President Shabazz: Can you please mark Councilwoman Oliver off the floor please?

Council Member Turner: Thank you.

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

President Shabazz: Any comments from members of Council? Seeing none, is there any from the public? Seeing there's no other comments from members of Council. Mr. Guy, you have any closing comments?

Council Member Guy: Um, no that's all to it Madam President.

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, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Oliver. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

Council Member Guy: Madam President, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the third and final reading, Agenda item 4760.

Council Member Guy presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 20-005 (Agenda #4760) entitled:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES ON A TAX-EXEMPT AND/OR TAXABLE BASIS, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY

TO REFUND CERTAIN OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

Upon a motion of Council Member Guy, seconded by Council Members Freel and Dixon, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Guy spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance and made comments. Council Member Harlee made comments and requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Member Adams made comments. Council Member Harlee made additional comments. Council Member Johnson made comments. Council Member Adams made additional comments. Council Member Freel made comments. Council Member Gray raised questions and Council Member Freel responded.

President Shabazz: Seeing no other comments from members of Council, is there any comments from the public? Seeing none, is there any comments from members of Council? Councilman Guy.

Council Member Guy made additional comments.

President Shabazz: Councilman Freel.

Council Member Freel: I'm fine.

President Shabazz: Seeing no other comments from members of Council, um, I take it as your closing remarks and 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, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, Council Member Adams. Total, one. Absent, Council Member Oliver. Total, one.

President Shabazz: Declare it adopted.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council President and Council Members spoke on the following: announcement of community meetings and events throughout the City; shootings in the City; statement read by Council Member Freel in which he announced he will not be a seeking re-election and thanked all his colleagues for the opportunity to work with them; best wishes were expressed to Council Member Freel; and including, but not limited to, Black History Month was noted and how history was made in this session with the most African Americans on Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion Council Members Johnson and Walsh, seconded by Council Member McCoy, Council adjourned at 11:21 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest:

Maribel Seijo, City Clerk