

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
April 16, 2020*

City Council met in “**virtual**” 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 April 2, 2020, upon a motion of Council Member Congo, seconded by Council Member Freel, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The following Treasurer’s Report as of April 14, 2020, was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Congo, seconded by Council Member Turner, 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

Velda Jones-Potter
City Treasurer

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City of Wilmington Treasurer's Report
as of April 14, 2020


Cash on Hand:

General Account	M & T Bank	\$18,515,318.00
Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$75,722.12
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$932,714.97
Total Petty Cash Accounts	M & T Bank	10,944.99
Grant-In-Aid	M & T Bank	\$152,196.30
Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$1,089,795.32
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$4,137.97
Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$1.00
Cement Workers Escrow	WSFS Bank	\$33,659.33
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$24,773.91
Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$140,557.38
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	\$369,833.57
Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$364,890.27
Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$24,584.72
Worker's Comp 3rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$25,000.00
Retiree Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$153,342.45
SubTotal		\$21,920,565.11
Total Cash on Hand		\$21,920,565.11

INVESTMENTS April 14, 2020:

Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
GENERAL FUND:						
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
General ¹	WSFS	CD	6/18/2020	1.62%	\$95,625.00	\$17,000,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$27,000,000.00
CAPITAL FUND:						
Capital ≤ 2015	TD	CD	5/20/2020	1.65%	\$47,356.82	\$10,651,955.58
Capital ≥ 2018	TD	CD	5/20/2020	0.68%	\$20,205.27	\$15,281,294.70
SUB-TOTAL:						\$25,933,250.28
RISK MGMT:						
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	\$8,287,317.11
Retiree Medical Escrow	Vanguard-OPEB					\$22,108,754.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$38,683,388.22
PENSION FUND:						
Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	4/28/2020	0.60%	\$2,234.66	\$4,190,000.00
Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$18,406,585.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Fixed					\$39,015,990.00
Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$19,956,023.00
Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$40,013,183.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Stock Index					\$31,010,070.00
Escrow Pension	Artisan Global					\$7,369,047.00
Escrow Pension	Dodge & Cox					\$8,414,806.00
Escrow Pension	Fidelity					\$8,491,644.00
Escrow Pension	Harding Loevner					\$7,916,027.00
Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$21,205,315.00
Escrow Pension	Clarion Lyon					\$9,806,396.00
Escrow Pension	Money Market					\$510,636.00
Escrow Pension	Morgan Stanley					\$6,982,619.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$223,288,341.00
OTHER:						
Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$46,650,971.83
Contractual Requirements	WSFS	CD	7/1/2020	1.45%	\$20,638.07	\$3,049,961.78
Port Debt	WSFS	CD	7/15/2020	1.40%	\$11,537.20	\$1,978,890.00
Total Investments						\$366,584,803.11
Total Cash on Hand						\$21,920,565.11
Grand Total						\$388,505,368.22

¹ Budget Reserve


Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

All Council Sympathy Bishop Emma Creamer
Harlee Sympathy Thomas Henry Harris, III

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Members Gray and Congo did not have any legislation to present this evening.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 20-017 (Agenda #4794) entitled:

AN ORDINANC TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 OF THE
WILMINGTON CITY CODE TO CHANGE THE
PERMISSIBLE HOURS OF OPERATIONS FOR
CERTAIN RETAILERS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no expected fiscal impact as a result of this legislation.

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

Council Members Harlee, Turner, McCoy and Johnson did not have any legislation to present this evening.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 20-018 (Agenda #4795) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES OF CITY
COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE 108TH COUNCIL
SESSION TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 5, 2021

FISCAL IMPACT: See the following page.

Per Council Rule# 26			Scenario#1			
Ord# 16-022			Council			
President Salary		\$35,650				
President Pro Tempore		\$32,030				
Finance Committee Chair		\$33,150				
Council Members		\$28,205				
Non Union	COLA	Cum %	Member	President	Finance	Pro Tem
FY17	0.00%	0.00%	\$28,205.00	\$35,650.00	\$33,150.00	\$32,030.00
FY18	1.00%	1.00%	\$28,487.05	\$36,006.50	\$33,481.50	\$32,350.30
FY19	0.00%	1.00%	\$28,487.05	\$36,006.50	\$33,481.50	\$32,350.30
FY20	2.00%	3.02%	\$29,056.79	\$36,726.63	\$34,151.13	\$32,997.31
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Per Council Rule#26						
Proposed Council Salary for 108th Session of City Council						
City Council	107th	Proposed				
Fiscal Impact 2% COLA	Current	108th Session	Fica	Med Tax	Pension	Total
	Salary	Salary	Difference			
President Salary	\$35,650	\$36,726.63	\$1,076.63	\$66.75	\$15.61	\$83.44
President Pro Tempore	\$32,030	\$32,997.31	\$967.31	\$59.97	\$14.03	\$74.97
Finance Committee Chair	\$33,150	\$34,151.13	\$1,001.13	\$62.07	\$14.52	\$77.59
Council Members (10)	\$28,205	\$29,056.79	\$851.79	\$52.81	\$12.35	\$66.01
Total Annual Additional Cost:						\$13,343.67
			ve 1/5/2021:			
Total FY2021 Fiscal Impact effecti						\$6,671.84
Proposed Recommendation per Council Rule# 26						
108th Session Salary						
President Salary	\$36,727					
President Pro Tempore	\$32,997					
Finance Committee Chair	\$34,151					
Council Members	\$29,057					

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

Council Members Adams and Dixon did not have any legislation to present this evening.

Council Member Guy presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 20-019 (Agenda #4797) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TREASURER TO ACCESS THE BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND REQUIRE REPLENISHMENT OF THE BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDS IN THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR

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

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 20-021 (Agenda #4798) 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 a grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program, to help defray the costs incurred in connection with the Covid-19 global health pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the WPD has applied for a total of \$694,400 in funding, which would be used to cover the cost of personal protective equipment and supplies (including masks, glove and hand sanitizer) and overtime incurred in connection with Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, no local matching funds are required; and

WHEREAS, in applying for this grant, the Wilmington Police Department seeks to secure outside funding to help defray the significant costs that are being incurred as a result of the Covid-19 global health pandemic, which is causing significant hardship for law enforcement agencies and governments throughout the region and across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Council deem 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 application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program, for funding to help defray the costs incurred in connection with the Covid-19 global health pandemic 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: No matching funds are required.

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

At this time, President Shabazz opened up the floor for public comment.

Public Comment:

- Nadine Frost

Council Member Walsh responded to Ms. Frost's comments. Other members of Council made comments and raised questions and both Council Members Johnson and Walsh responded to questions raised.

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to call the roll.

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

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council President and Council Members spoke on the following: COVID-19 pandemic and concerns of those incarcerated as well as for correctional officer and the need to wear mask; the need to practice safety; individuals, funeral homes, organizations and other entities were thanked for their various contributions (food boxes, face masks, monetary, etc.) and participation during these difficult times; assistance to homelessness; the City was thanked for being responsive so quickly; gratitude was expressed to first responders, healthcare workers, firefighters and other essential entities; announcement of upcoming budget hearings; Pay Roll Loan Program out of funds and how the small business community is in need as well; U.S. President Trump presenting a plan to leave it up to the governors of each state to determine reopening with a possible date of May 15; everyone was thanked for their efforts during this time; Chromebooks for schools; announcement of testing sites in Wilmington; government revenues being in jeopardy; Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note and the need to gain access to some money; the Administration was thanked for working with Council in trying to address racial disparity; employees of Wilmington Police Department, Parks & Recreation and Sanitation were thanked for all that they are doing; the need to adhere to social distancing and check on neighbors; caution was expressed of scams taken place regarding stimulus checks; collective efforts with the Administration in trying to get the message out deeper into the communities; establishment of assessment sites and the lack of data of hot spots; the need of local vendors to make face mask; and, including but not limited to, for further information view City Council's website, WITN Channel 22 and social media.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Dixon and Gray, Council adjourned at 7:33 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 

Maribel Seijo, City Clerk