

*Wilmington, Delaware  
Louis L. Redding  
City/County Building  
June 4, 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, Adams, Dixon and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Absent with leave, Council Member Freel. Absent without leave, Council Member Guy. Total, two.

### **MINUTES**

After reading a portion of the minutes of May 28, 2020, upon a motion of Council Member Congo, seconded by Council Members Dixon and Walsh, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

There were no committee reports to present this evening.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

The following Treasurer’s Report as of June 4, 2020, was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Congo, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Dixon, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

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

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**City of Wilmington Treasurer's Report**  
as of June 4, 2020

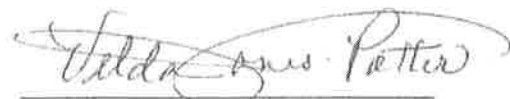
**Cash on Hand:**

|                                         |            |                        |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| General Account                         | M & T Bank | \$15,986,345.16        |
| Central Deposit                         | M & T Bank | \$108,387.86           |
| Payroll                                 | M & T Bank | \$4,325,623.48         |
| Total Petty Cash Accounts               | M & T Bank | 9,957.74               |
| Grant-In-Aid                            | M & T Bank | \$152,196.30           |
| Evidence/Found Currency Account         | M & T Bank | \$1,046,570.32         |
| Rent Withholding Escrow                 | M & T Bank | \$4,137.97             |
| Capital Projects Account                | M & T Bank | \$1.00                 |
| Cement Workers Escrow                   | WSFS Bank  | \$33,675.31            |
| Police Department Discretionary         | M & T Bank | \$22,177.68            |
| Pension Payroll Account                 | M & T Bank | \$241,213.37           |
| 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 | \$20,014.24            |
| Police Pension Account                  | M & T Bank | \$3,236.13             |
| Fire Pension Account                    | M & T Bank | \$1,314.53             |
| Worker's Comp 3rd Party Account         | M & T Bank | \$25,000.00            |
| Retiree Healthcare Account              | M & T Bank | \$191,238.57           |
| <b>SubTotal</b>                         |            | <b>\$22,174,182.47</b> |
| <b>Total Cash on Hand</b>               |            | <b>\$22,174,182.47</b> |

**INVESTMENTS JUNE 4, 2020:**

| Fund                      | Institution          | Invest. Type | Maturity Date | Interest Rate | Interest Receivable | Investment Amount       |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND:</b>      |                      |              |               |               |                     |                         |
| General <sup>1</sup>      | WSFS                 | CD           | 6/18/2020     | 1.62%         | \$95,625.00         | \$17,000,000.00         |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>         |                      |              |               |               |                     | <b>\$17,000,000.00</b>  |
| <b>CAPITAL FUND:</b>      |                      |              |               |               |                     |                         |
| Capital ≤ 2015            | TD                   | CD           | 7/9/2020      | 0.08%         | \$849.45            | \$7,645,036.68          |
| Capital ≥ 2018            | TD                   | CD           | 7/9/2020      | 0.08%         | \$1,515.00          | \$13,635,005.47         |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>         |                      |              |               |               |                     | <b>\$21,280,042.15</b>  |
| <b>RISK MGMT:</b>         |                      |              |               |               |                     |                         |
| 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        |              |               |               |                     | \$23,809,663.00         |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>         |                      |              |               |               |                     | <b>\$40,384,297.22</b>  |
| <b>PENSION FUND:</b>      |                      |              |               |               |                     |                         |
| Non-Uniform 1990          | TD                   | CD           | 6/29/2020     | 0.06%         | \$222.93            | \$4,180,000.00          |
| Fire Pension              | TD                   | CD           | 6/29/2020     | 0.06%         | \$96.22             | \$2,165,000.00          |
| Escrow Pension            | Edgar Lomax          |              |               |               |                     | \$20,318,460.00         |
| Escrow Pension            | Vanguard Fixed       |              |               |               |                     | \$34,080,109.00         |
| Escrow Pension            | Earnest Partners     |              |               |               |                     | \$22,538,328.00         |
| Escrow Pension            | Wilmington Trust     |              |               |               |                     | \$40,821,914.00         |
| Escrow Pension            | Vanguard Stock Index |              |               |               |                     | \$38,867,281.00         |
| Escrow Pension            | Artisan Global       |              |               |               |                     | \$8,183,122.00          |
| Escrow Pension            | Dodge & Cox          |              |               |               |                     | \$9,403,089.00          |
| Escrow Pension            | Fidelity             |              |               |               |                     | \$10,638,792.00         |
| Escrow Pension            | Harding Loevner      |              |               |               |                     | \$8,871,120.00          |
| Escrow Pension            | MFS Management       |              |               |               |                     | \$24,085,868.00         |
| Escrow Pension            | Clarion Lyon         |              |               |               |                     | \$9,851,965.00          |
| Escrow Pension            | Money Market         |              |               |               |                     | \$501,343.00            |
| Escrow Pension            | Morgan Stanley       |              |               |               |                     | \$7,019,889.00          |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>         |                      |              |               |               |                     | <b>\$241,526,280.00</b> |
| <b>OTHER:</b>             |                      |              |               |               |                     |                         |
| Deferred Comp.            | MassMutual           |              |               |               |                     | \$50,380,626.71         |
| 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          |
| <b>Total Investments</b>  |                      |              |               |               |                     | <b>\$375,600,097.86</b> |
| <b>Total Cash on Hand</b> |                      |              |               |               |                     | <b>\$22,174,182.47</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>        |                      |              |               |               |                     | <b>\$397,774,280.33</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Budget Reserve



Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

At this time, a moment of silence and statement was made for the death of George Floyd.

### NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

|         |                                                                 |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Harlee  | Recognition Moms Demand Action for Gun Violence Awareness Month |
| Shabazz | Recognition Reentry Awareness Month                             |

### 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. 20-030 (Agenda #4815) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A ONE YEAR  
EXTENSION TO THE EDUCATIONAL ACCESS  
CHANNEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN RED CLAY  
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE  
CITY OF WILMINGTON

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** This Ordinance has no anticipated fiscal impact.

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

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

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 20-031 (Agenda #4816) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT CERTAIN TRAFFIC/  
PARKING REGULATIONS

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee meeting. Motion prevailed.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Johnson presented Resolution No. 20-029 (Agenda #4817) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Equitable Data Collection and Disclosure on COVID-19 Act, sponsored by United States Representative Robin L. Kelly of Illinois, require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to collect and report certain data concerning COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as stated in the Bill, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern” on January 30, 2020. In the United States, cases of COVID-19 have quickly surpassed those across the world, and as of April 12, 2020, over 500,000 cases and 20,000 deaths have been reported in the United States alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the burden of morbidity and mortality in the United States has historically fallen disproportionately on marginalized communities. That is to say that historically, structures and systems, such as racism, ableism and class oppression, have rendered affected individuals more vulnerable to inequities and have prevented people from achieving their optimal health even when there is not a crisis of pandemic proportions; and

**WHEREAS**, communities of color experience higher rates of chronic disease and disabilities, such as diabetes, hypertension, and asthma, than non-Hispanic White communities, which predisposes them to greater risk of complications and mortality should they contract COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, communities of color are more likely to generally suffer as a result of lack of access to adequate healthcare, these communities are experiencing alarmingly higher incidences of COVID-19, nationwide and in the State of Delaware, than the majority population; and

**WHEREAS**, to illustrate this point, in the State of Delaware, according to the State website, <https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state>, while Hispanic/Latino and Non-Hispanic/Black Delawareans constitute but a small fraction of the state population, however, the incidence of positive incidents within those communities far surpasses those incidents among Non-Hispanic/White Delawareans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equitable Data Collection and Disclosure on COVID-19 Act emphasizes that, without clear understanding of how COVID-19 impacts marginalized racial and ethnic communities, there will be exacerbated risk of endangering the most historically vulnerable of our Nation, and for that reason, Emergency Funding for Federal Data Collection on the Racial, Ethnic, and Other Demographic Disparities or COVID-19, has been recommended and should be considered by the United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, such Emergency Funding would make it possible for state and local agencies to conduct or support data collection on the racial, ethnic, and other demographic implications of COVID-19 in the United States and its territories, including support to assist in the capacity building for State and local public health departments to collect and transmit racial, ethnic, and other demographic data to the relevant Department of Health and Human Services agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Wilmington, Delaware is not only the largest city in the State of Delaware, but a City with over 50% of its permanent residents self-

identifying as Black, Hispanic and as low-to-moderate income households. The operational shortfalls we will experience by virtue COVID-19 will have real, and possibly long-lasting effects on our City, and the resources afforded to our State agencies to do thorough data collection will be key to our efforts to address public health emergencies caused by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, by raising our voices, Members of the 107<sup>th</sup> Session of the City Council of the City of Wilmington, Delaware raise our voices, along with leaders of municipalities across the country. We ask that you support H.R. 6585 and that you encourage your colleagues in Washington to do the same.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** we ask that the United States Congress vote to pass the **EQUITABLE DATA COLLECTION AND DISCLOSURE ON COVID-19 ACT**, which requires that data collection on racial, ethnic and other demographic implications of COVID-19 in the United States, including support to assist in the capacity building for state and local public health departments to collect and transmit racial, ethnic and other demographic data to the relevant department of health and human services agencies.

Upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Members Dixon and Walsh, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member Johnson spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. Council Member Walsh made comments. Council Member Oliver requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

At this time, President Shabazz opened up the floor for public comments and nobody desired the privilege of the floor.

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, Adams, Dixon and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Freel and Guy. Total, two.

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

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

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Council President and Council Members spoke on the following: Condolences were expressed to the family of George Floyd; public comment period during legislation; protests/rally in the City of Wilmington as it relates to George Floyd and hopeful of peaceful rally; everyone was reminder that there is still a pandemic and to mindful and safe while out public; food drive announced; the Administration and

Council were thanked for listening and helping with movement of the protest; Christina School District referendum; the new Wilmington Strong Fund; small businesses to apply for relief funds; Delaware racism; Town Hall meeting; announcement of committee meeting; the need to wear mask at rally; issues in this country; the tools that we have such as the Charter/Code to maintain order as well as the Civic Association/NPCs, Standing Committees, which are open to the public; and including but not limited to, citizens were encouraged to know and learn the process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Dixon, Council adjourned at 7:19 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest:   
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk