

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
July 2, 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 June 18, 2020, upon a motion of Council Member Congo, seconded by Council Members Freel and Walsh, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The following Treasurer’s Report as of July 2, 2020, was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Congo, seconded by Council Members Freel and Walsh, 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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Treasurer's Report as of July 2, 2020

Cash on Hand:

General*	M & T Bank	\$ 15,526,352.17
Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$ 130,416.47
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 604,084.02
Worker's Comp 3rd Party	M & T Bank	\$ 16,844.31
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,406.39
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,070.07
Grant-in-Aid	M & T Bank	\$ 152,196.30
Capital Projects	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
Evidence/Found Currency	M & T Bank	\$ 1,046,570.32
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 7,469.49
Police Department Discretionary		\$ 21,858.51
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
Sub-total		\$ 17,520,407.02
Total Cash on Hand		\$ 17,520,407.02

*Excludes \$8 Million Account Maintenance Reserve. Earns Interest (Overnight "Repo")

Cash Equivalents & Investments

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	WSFS	CD	7/15/2020	1.40%	\$ 11,537.20	\$ 1,978,890.00
General	TD	CD	8/3/2020	0.17%	\$ 1,756.66	\$ 12,000,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 13,978,890.00
RESERVE:						
General ¹	TD	CD	7/20/2020	0.17%	\$ 2,488.61	\$ 17,000,000.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 17,000,000.00
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	CD	7/9/2020	0.08%	\$ 849.45	\$ 7,645,036.68
Capital Project	TD	CD	7/9/2020	0.08%	\$ 1,515.00	\$ 13,635,005.47
Water/Sewer	WSFS	CD	7/1/2020	1.45%	\$ 20,638.07	\$ 3,049,961.78
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 24,330,003.93
Total Investments						\$ 55,308,893.93
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 17,520,407.02
Grand Total						\$ 72,829,300.95

¹Budget Reserve

Velda Jones-Potter
Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report (Pensions)

Cash on Hand July 2, 2020:

Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	4,918.00
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	1,500.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	1,592.81
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	192,381.94
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	4,883.14
Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	249,210.29
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	243,010.26
Sub-total		\$	697,496.44
Total Cash on Hand		\$	697,496.44

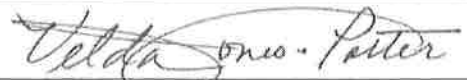
Cash Equivalents & Investments

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Pension Plan III	TD	CD	7/29/2020	0.17%	\$ 580.12	\$ 4,095,000.00
Fire Pension	TD	CD	7/29/2020	0.17%	\$ 219.58	\$ 1,550,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:					\$	5,645,000.00
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 20,318,460.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard Fixed					\$ 34,080,109.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 22,538,328.00
Pension Trust	Wilmington Trust					\$ 40,821,914.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard Stock Index					\$ 38,867,281.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 8,183,122.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 9,403,089.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity					\$ 10,638,792.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 8,871,120.00
Pension Trust	MFS Management					\$ 24,085,868.00
Pension Trust	Clarion Lyon					\$ 9,851,965.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 501,343.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 7,019,889.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 23,809,663.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 258,990,943.00
Total Investments						\$ 264,635,943.00
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 697,496.44
Grand Total						\$ 265,333,439.44

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 319,944,836.93
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 18,217,903.46
Grand Total¹						\$ 338,162,740.39

¹ Excludes non-City funds held in trust on behalf of City employees (Mass Mutual)



Velda Jones-Poffner, City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Oliver	Sympathy Julie P. Cawley
Oliver	Sympathy Cashona Tate
Oliver	Sympathy Robert H. Roane
Oliver	Sympathy Brenda Lynn Boardley
Oliver	Sympathy Luther L. Truitt, Jr.
Oliver	Sympathy Mary Elizabeth Fisher Owens

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Members Gray, Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel and Adams did not have any legislation to present this evening.

Council Member Dixon presented Resolution No. 20-046 (Agenda #4836) as follows:

WHEREAS, the first enslaved Africans were brought to America as captives to what is now the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1619; and

WHEREAS, Black people were bought and sold as slave labor for nearly 250 years and suffered unspeakable acts of violence, including: assault, rape, mutilation, and murder at the hands of their captors; and

WHEREAS, even at the founding of Wilmington, Delaware, and by no accident, many Africans were brought to the Swedish colony as enslaved skilled workers, because very few artisans were willing to make the trip from Sweden. Still, no records show that Africans had social status in the Swedish colony, because none were included by name in any documents, except for one, "Black Anthony." Historical documents record Anthony as the first Black in Delaware territory, who was captured by the skipper of the Fogel Grip in 1638. In 1639, "Black Anthony" was delivered to Fort Christina and nine years later, he served as special assistant to Governor Printz; and

WHEREAS, in what has been called the Red Summer of 1919, here in the City of Wilmington, Delaware, on November 13, 1919 there was a violent racial riot between White and Black residents, when a robbery lead to the shooting of one police officer and the death of another. In retaliation, a mob of 300 Whites went rampaging through the Black part of town, when they encountered four Black men. The two parties shot an one another, and African American Bannel Fields was wounded with a shot to the head; and

WHEREAS, in April of 1968, yet another race riot occurred in the City of Wilmington, following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The riot ensued after peaceful protest in the City's Rodney Square, transgressed to looting. No fatalities occurred, however significant injuries and arrests were recorded and many of the City's iconic buildings and businesses burned. The calamitous events culminated in then-

Governor Terry ordering the National Guard to patrol the streets of the city for the remaining nine months of that year – reportedly the longest occupation of an American city by armed forces since the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2020 thousands gathered, in Wilmington’s Rodney Square to join Americans – White and Black, across the country - who decried the treatment and ultimate death of George Floyd, an African American man who was killed as a result of police brutality in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This well-planned, peaceful gathering devolved into looting and extensive property damage, not only to Downtown Wilmington, its businesses and residents, but then spread across northern Delaware; and

WHEREAS, just one week later, on June 5, 2020 a peaceful rally was held at the City’s beloved Tubman-Garrett Park. Protestors marched up North King Street to the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center. At the event’s culmination, despite heavy rain, heated verbal discourse between ralliers and the police, ended peacefully, when Police Chief Tracey and fellow Wilmington police officers agreed to leave their positions and walk with the group for eight minutes – which is about the length of time that the Minnesota police officer had his kneed on George Floyd’s neck, ultimately leading to his death; and

WHEREAS, the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution were enacted following the end of this country’s Civil War, which resulted in the abolishment of the practice of slavery and the extension of civil and legal protections to Black people who were formerly enslaved; and

WHEREAS, Jim Crow laws perpetuated the racist legal and social system existing prior to the Civil War and resulted in Black people being treated as second-class citizens; and

WHEREAS, as articulated in peaceful gatherings, this country’s ugly history of state-sanctioned violence against Black people persists despite the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments and the adoption of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968; and

WHEREAS, even in our city, Black people, still generally, are unfairly targeted and profiled by law enforcement throughout this country at rates beyond what can be reasonably explained; and

WHEREAS, racial profiling of Black people by law enforcement and general citizenry results in disproportionate rates of arrest, incarceration, and overall exposure to the criminal legal system for Black people; and

WHEREAS, Black people continue experience inequalities across many aspects of daily living, including, but not limited to, housing, education, employment, and health as a result of this country’s aforementioned history, laws, and law enforcement practices, which erodes the quality of life for Black people; and

WHEREAS, Black people are justifiably outraged by this country’s devaluation of Black life and humanity; and

WHEREAS, approximately fifty-five percent (55%) of the residents of the City of Wilmington identify as Black or African American; and

WHEREAS, these residents deserve to be treated fairly, with dignity, and to have their humanity, existence, and contributions valued; and

WHEREAS, it is indisputable that Black lives matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Wilmington, Delaware will commit to enacting and supporting policies that unequivocally defend Black life and aim to undo the effects of systemic racism affecting Black people in the City of Wilmington.

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

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, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

Council Member Guy presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 20-033 (Agenda #4837) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE PROHIBITING THE USE OF NECK RESTRAINTS

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Guy, the Ordinance was referred to the Health, Aging & Disabilities Committee. President Shabazz noted that the above-referenced Ordinance should go to Public Safety Committee. Council Member Guy responded that his motion was to refer to the Health, Aging & Disabilities Committee. President Shabazz noted again that it should go the appropriate committee.

Upon a motion of Council Member Guy, seconded by Council Members Gray and Turner, the above-referenced Ordinance was referred to the Health, Aging & Disabilities Committee. Motion prevailed.

Note: The Clerk also noted to Council Member Guy that the above-referenced Ordinance is on the notice that went out for Public Safety Committee meeting.

Council Member Walsh did not have any legislation to present this evening.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: The importance for everyone to continue to wearing face mask and maintaining social distance; individuals and members of Council were thanked for assisting with donations of masks as well as food drives; Zoom meeting with High School and College students; no fireworks this year at the Riverfront; COVID-19 testing sites; issues around fireworks in the city and the importance of safety as well as knowing the law of what is permissible and not permissible as it relates to fireworks; organizers of event were thanked; announcement of Public Safety Committee meeting; upcoming construction projects; concerns expressed on destruction and taking down of statues; Dr. Hicks was thanked for his presentation at the Health, Aging & Disabilities Committee; announcement of cancellation for Play Streets; problems with racism and white supremacy and the inaccuracies stated of statues; press release regarding body cameras; and including but not limited to, the need to stay safe and check up on families and seniors.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Dixon, Council adjourned at 7:17 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 

Maribel Seijo, City Clerk