

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
October 1, 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner*, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of September 17, 2020, upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

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

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

September 8, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee by **Virtual Meeting**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 20-035** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING BUDGET (BEING AN
ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE
NO. 20-016)

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

Upon a 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:

<u>Health, Aging & Disabilities Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II, Chair	N/A	N/A	N/A
Christofer C. Johnson	X		
Ciro Adams	X		
Rysheema Dixon		X	
Va'Shun "Vash" Turner	X		
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

September 23, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Health, Aging & Disabilities Committee by **Virtual Meeting**, to
who was referred **Ordinance No. 20-042** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 40 OF THE CITY
CODE BY REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 40-8
THEREOF REGARDING THE WILMINGTON EMPLOYEE
PLAN OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Health, Aging & Disabilities Committee

Upon a 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:

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

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

Sept. 28, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee by **Virtual Meeting**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 20-045** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY’S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES ON A TAX-EXEMPT AND/OR TAXABLE BASIS, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS TO FINANCE VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS 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

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

The following Treasurer’s Report for October 1, 2020, was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer’s Report is included herein as an insert from Page 4 to Page 5.

City of Wilmington Delaware

Velda Jones-Potter
City Treasurer

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Treasurer's Report October 1, 2020


Cash - Ledger Balance *(as of 09/30/2020):*

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,251,136.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,480,398.86
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,832.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 5,999.66
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,026,186.32
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 7,469.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 20,571.62
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
Grant-in-Aid	M & T Bank	\$ 152,196.30
Community Development Block Grant	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
Capital Projects	M & T Bank	\$ 3,000,000.00
Total Cash on Hand		\$ 13,952,929.29

Cash Equivalents & Investments *(as of 09/30/2020):*

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	10/1/2020	0.01%	\$ 4.76	\$ 17,507,750.55
General	TD	CD	10/30/2020	0.16%	\$ 5,111.11	\$ 23,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	10/30/2020	0.16%	\$ 2,773.33	\$ 12,000,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 52,507,750.55
RESERVE:						
General ¹	TD	CD	10/30/2020	0.15%	\$ 4,951.89	\$ 16,738,774.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 16,738,774.00
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	CD	10/2/2020	0.16%	\$ 874.08	\$ 6,145,866.24
Capital Project	TD	CD	10/2/2020	0.16%	\$ 1,726.10	\$ 12,136,643.70
Water/Sewer	TD	CD	10/30/2020	0.15%	\$ 902.27	\$ 3,049,927.70
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 21,332,437.64
Total Investments						\$ 90,578,962.19
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 13,952,929.29
Grand Total						\$ 104,531,891.48

¹ Budget Reserve


 Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report (Pensions)
October 1, 2020

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 9/30/2020):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	2,396,652.92
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	295,455.20
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,710.07
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,565.35
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	3,026.59
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	1,500.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	1,592.81
Total Cash on Hand		\$	2,701,502.94


Cash Equivalents (as of 9/30/2020) & Investments (Market Value as of 8/31/2020)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Pension Plan III	WSFS	CD	10/28/2020	0.05%	\$ 167.74	\$ 3,950,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 3,950,000.00
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 21,065,639.45
Pension Trust	Vanguard Fixed					\$ 32,332,148.58
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 26,094,004.23
Pension Trust	Wilmington Trust					\$ 41,585,712.22
Pension Trust	Vanguard Stock Index					\$ 28,191,251.35
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 10,779,689.68
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 10,899,907.82
Pension Trust	Fidelity					\$ 13,575,688.43
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 11,368,420.48
Pension Trust	Vanguard Global					\$ 16,247,084.07
Pension Trust	MFS Management					\$ 30,803,903.80
Pension Trust	Clarion Lyon					\$ 9,583,752.36
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 493,809.88
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 9,583,752.36
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 27,161,268.01
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 289,766,032.72
Total Investments						\$ 293,716,032.72
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 2,701,502.94
Grand Total						\$ 296,417,535.66

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 384,294,994.91
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 16,654,432.23
Grand Total						\$ 400,949,427.14

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


Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

All Council	Sympathy Reverend Lottie Lee
All Council	Recognize City of Wilmington HBCU Week 2020
Freel	Recognize OperaDelaware's 75 th Anniversary Season
Harlee	Sympathy Valerie Melton Swanson
Oliver	Sympathy Larry "Squeeze" Portis
Oliver	Sympathy Kenneth Saddler
Oliver	Sympathy TaQuan Davis
Oliver	Sympathy Carmella V. Jackson
Oliver	Sympathy Caroline Powell
Oliver	Sympathy Michael Amir Shabazz
Shabazz	Recognize International Peace Week 2020

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 20-035 (Agenda #4843) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING BUDGET
(BEING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSTITUTE NO. 1
TO ORDINANCE NO. 20-016)

FISCAL IMPACT: The total fiscal impact and budget appropriation increase to the FY 2021 budget for the Police Department body camera program is \$942,388, inclusive of all funds. The impact to the General Fund is \$400,000, which will be utilizing the Tax Stabilization Reserve. The impact to the Special Funds is \$542,388, which will be funded with a federal grant.

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

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Harlee, the above-referenced Ordinance was **amended** as follows:

- **On page 1, in the Second Whereas Clause:**
 - After the word “Department” insert “and to provide transition funds for the City Council President- elect and the City Treasurer-elect.”
- **On page 1, after the Fifth Whereas Clause, add a new Sixth Whereas Clause that provides:**
 - “WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary and appropriate to increase the City Council General Fund Materials, Supplies, and Equipment account group budget appropriation by \$30,000 to provide for transition funds for the City Council President-elect; and”
- **On page 1, after the new Sixth Whereas Clause, add a new Seventh Whereas Clause that provides:**
 - “WHEREAS, Council deems it necessary and appropriate to increase the City Treasurer General Fund Materials, Supplies, and Equipment account group budget appropriation by \$25,000 to provide for transition funds for the City Treasurer-elect; and”
- **On page 2, in Section 2, Line 1:**
 - Strike the dollar amount “\$179,142,896” **and** insert the dollar amount “\$179,197,896”
- **On page 3, in Section 2, Table Entitled “To the City Council”, Column Entitled “City”, Row Entitled “Materials, Supplies, and Equipment”:**
 - Strike the dollar amount “\$379,776” **and** insert the dollar amount “\$409,776”
- **On page 3, in Section 2, Table Entitled “To the City Council”, Column Entitled “City”, Row Entitled “Total”:**
 - Strike the dollar amount “\$1,750,183” **and** insert the dollar amount “\$1,780,183”
- **On page 3, in Section 2, Table Entitled “To the City Council”, Column Entitled “Total”, Row Entitled “Materials, Supplies, and Equipment”:**

- Strike the dollar amount “\$557,128” **and** insert the dollar amount “\$587,128”
- **On page 3, in Section 2, Table Entitled “To the City Council”, Column Entitled “Total”, Row Entitled “Total”:**
 - Strike the dollar amount “\$2,737,212” **and** insert the dollar amount “\$2,767,212”
- **On page 3, in Section 2, Table Entitled “To the City Treasurer”, Column Entitled “City”, Row Entitled “Materials, Supplies, and Equipment”:**
 - Strike the dollar amount “\$105,646” **and** insert the dollar amount “\$130,646”
- **On page 3, in Section 2, Table Entitled “To the City Treasurer”, Column Entitled “City”, Row Entitled “Total”:**
 - Strike the dollar amount “\$460,457” **and** insert the dollar amount “\$485,457”
- **On page 3, in Section 2, Table Entitled “To the City Treasurer”, Column Entitled “Total”, Row Entitled “Materials, Supplies, and Equipment”:**
 - Strike the dollar amount “\$5,216,598” **and** insert the dollar amount “\$5,241,598”
- **On page 3, in Section 2, Table Entitled “To the City Treasurer”, Column Entitled “Total”, Row Entitled “Total”:**
 - Strike the dollar amount “\$6,079,689” **and** insert the dollar amount “\$6,104,689”
- **On page 12, in the First Paragraph of the Synopsis, add a new Third Sentence that provides:**
 - “It also contains increased budget appropriations for the transitions of the City Council President- elect and City Treasurer-elect.”
- **On page 12, after the Fourth Paragraph of the Synopsis, add a new Fifth Paragraph that provides:**

- “Third, the amendment increases the Fiscal Year 2021 budget appropriation for the City Council to pay for the transition of the City Council President-elect. To fund the transition, the City Council’s FY 2021 General Fund Materials, Supplies, and Equipment budget appropriation is increased by \$30,000, which will be funded utilizing the Tax Stabilization Reserve.”
- **On page 12, after the new Fifth Paragraph of the Synopsis, add a new Sixth Paragraph that provides:**
 - “Fourth, the amendment increases the Fiscal Year 2021 budget appropriation for the City Treasurer to pay for the transition of the City Treasurer-elect. To fund the transition, the City Treasurer’s FY 2021 General Fund Materials, Supplies, and Equipment budget appropriation is increased by \$25,000, which will be funded utilizing the Tax Stabilization Reserve.”

Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance. Council Member Guy made comments. Council Member Harlee raised a question and President Shabazz and Council Member Freel responded. Council Member Harlee made comments and raised an additional question and Council Member Freel responded. Council Member Johnson made comments. Council Member Guy made additional comments. Council Member Harlee raised additional questions and Council Member Freel responded. Council Member Harlee requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Member McCoy made comments and raised a question and Council Member Freel responded. Council Member Guy made a motion; however, President Shabazz stated he was not given the privilege of the floor.

President Shabazz called for a voice vote on the amendment and all those present voted for the amendment with one opposition by Council Member Guy.

President Shabazz declared the amendment adopted. The floor was opened for comments to the Ordinance As Amended.

Council Member Freel made comments. Council Member Oliver made comments and requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Member Johnson made comments and requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Member Adams requested to be as a cosponsor and made comments. Council Member McCoy raised a question and Council Member Freel responded. Council Member Harlee made comments and requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Member Guy made comments. Council Member Johnson made a point of order. Council Member Guy made comments. President Shabazz requested for order on the floor. Council Member Guy made additional comments. President Shabazz made comments. Council Member Dixon requested to be added as a cosponsor and made comments. Council Member Walsh made

comments and requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Member Oliver made additional comments. Council Member Gray made comments. Council Member McCoy requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Members Guy and Johnson made additional comments.

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

Public Comment Speaker:

- Dubard

Council Member Guy made comments.

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to call the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for third and final time and was adopted **As Amended**, by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Member Gray, Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, ten. Present, Council Member Guy. Total, one. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Turner. Total, one.

President Shabazz declared the Ordinance **As Amended** adopted.

Council Member Freel presented and called for third and final reading Ordinance No. 20-045 (Agenda #4861) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES ON A TAX-EXEMPT AND/OR TAXABLE BASIS, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS TO FINANCE VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

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

At this time, President Shabazz opened up the floor for public comments; however, nobody requested the privilege of the floor.

Council Member Adams made comments. Council Member Harlee raised a question and Council Member Freel responded.

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to call the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for 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 Member Gray, Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Turner. Total, one.

President Shabazz declared the Ordinance adopted.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 20-046 (Agenda #4862) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE
A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WLMINGTON
AND AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR BODY CAMERAS
AND RELATED SERVICES

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is a contract for the period of five (5) years commencing on the date of its execution at a total estimated Price of One Million, Nine Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$1,954,836.00).

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was 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 third and final reading Ordinance No. 20-042 (Agenda #4854) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 40 OF THE
CITY CODE BY REPEALING AND REPLACING
SECTION 40-8 THEREOF REGARDING THE
WILMINGTON EMPLOYEE PLAN OF OCCUPATIONAL
SAFETY AND HEALTH

Upon a motion of Council Member Guy, seconded by Council Member Freel, 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 Johnson made comments. Council Member Adams made comments.

Council Member Harlee raised a question and Council Member Guy responded. Council Member Oliver raised a question and Council Member Guy responded.

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

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to call the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for 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 Member Gray, Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Turner. Total, one.

President Shabazz declared the Ordinance adopted.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 20-057 (Agenda #4863) 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, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the WPD is eligible for \$196,855.00 in grant funding, which would be used to cover the salary for a civilian cold case investigator in addition to overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, no local matching funds are required; and

WHEREAS, in applying for this funding, the WPD seeks to continue its efforts to seek funding from other entities to help offset the fiscal impact of crime prevention activities on the City budget; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and appropriate 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, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, or 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 because 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 comments; however, nobody desired the privilege of the floor.

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to call for 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, Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Turner. Total, one.

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 20-058 (Agenda #4864) 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 State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Fund to Combat Violent Crime FY 2021; and

WHEREAS, the WPD is eligible for \$413,084.82 in grant funding, which would be eligible to cover overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, no local matching funds are required; and

WHEREAS, in applying for this funding, the WPD seeks to continue its efforts to seek funding from other entities to help offset the fiscal impact of crime prevention activities on the City budget; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and appropriate 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 State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Fund to Combat Violent Crime FY 2021, is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, or 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 because 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. Council Member Johnson requested to be added as a cosponsor and made comments. Council Member Walsh made comment and stated all members should be added. President Shabazz requested to be added as a cosponsor and also agreed on all members to be added (there was no opposition). Council Member Harlee requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Member Oliver made comments. Council Member Harlee made additional comments.

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

Public Comment Speakers:

- Candance (raised question) and Council Member Walsh responded.
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Council Members Gray, Johnson, Guy, McCoy and Walsh made comments. President Shabazz made comments.

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to call for 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, Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Turner. Total, one.

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 20-059 (Agenda #4865) 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 Wilmington Fire Department (the "Department") submitted a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a component of the United States Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$75,000.00 to support routine marine maintenance of the Department's boat; and

WHEREAS, the Department intends to use the grant money for the following: (a) three (3) years of exterior maintenance on the Department's boat, which includes the ability to dry dock the boat annually, (b) two (2) years of complete painting of the hull, (c) one (1) year of touch-up paint for the hull; (d) motor jet maintenance, which includes annual new zincs, and (e) the stripping and re-barrier coating of the jet intake tunnels; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to provide a twenty-five percent (25%) match, via already budgeted funds, in the amount of \$18,750.00 over a three (3) year period; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and appropriate 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 Fire Department's grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a component of United States Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$75,000.00 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department, 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. Although the grant requires a twenty-five percent (25%) match, which amounts to \$18,750.00 over a three (3) year period, these monies will be provided by the Wilmington Fire Department via already budgeted funds.

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 comments; however, nobody desired the privilege of the floor.

Council Member Turner requested to be recognized.

**Note: At this time, Council Member Turner was marked present and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).*

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to call for 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none.

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 20-060 (Agenda #4866) 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 Wilmington Fire Department (the "Department") submitted a grant application to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$77,415.00 to support the placement of twenty (20) gamma neutron pagers on all Department apparatus, which will alert Department first responders to radiation incidents; and

WHEREAS, the gamma neutron pagers will greatly enhance Department first responder safety and the safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City is not required to provide matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary and appropriate 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 Fire Department's grant application to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$77,415.00 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department, 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 because 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 comments; however, nobody desired the privilege of the floor.

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to call for 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, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Oliver. Total, one.

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 20-061 (Agenda #4867) as follows:

WHEREAS, City Council enacted City Code Section 2-233 establishing procedures for the Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department to call for the commencement of an academy class if the manpower of the Fire Department falls below ninety-five (95) percent of the number of firefighters set forth in the position allocation list attached to the annual operating budget ordinance for the applicable fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2020, Council approved the annual operating budget ordinance for fiscal year 2021 (the “Budget Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Fire Department has represented that the manpower of the Fire Department has fallen below ninety-five percent of the number of firefighters set forth in the position allocation list attached to Budget Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Section 2-33 (b), the Chief of the Fire Department has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of an academy class for the Fire Department and presented it to Council for its review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that City Council hereby recognizes that the Chief of the Fire Department has represented that the manpower of the Fire Department has fallen below ninety-five percent of the number of firefighters set forth in the position allocation list attached to the Budget Ordinance and has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of academy class for the Fire Department.

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. Council Member Johnson requested to be added as cosponsor and made comments. Council Member Guy made comments.

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

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to call for 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, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Oliver. Total, one.

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council President and Council Members spoke on the following: an individual wearing a t-shirt with hate message on it; announcement of home going service and a project in near future honoring Pastor Lottie Lee-Davis; curbside Wednesdays now in full effect on Union Street corridor; announcement of Finance & Economic Development Committee meeting; the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and a 2003 commentary she wrote; announcement of New Castle County Census event; the need to wear mask and continue social distancing; announcement of Community Development & Urban Planning Committee meeting; importance of someone's record; Committee of Whole public hearing from September 30 as it relates to the 2nd District vacancy; community events; the need to assist the various charities; a public speaker was thanked who spoke about the violence; CDC and support services; the need for the public to attend civic association; the need to address social services; and including but not limited to, the spike of COVID-19 cases.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, Council adjourned at 8:32 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk