

*Wilmington, Delaware  
Louis L. Redding  
City/County Building  
December 3, 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, Freil, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve.

### **MINUTES**

After reading a portion of the minutes of Nov. 19, 2020, upon a motion of Council Member Freil, seconded by Council Member McCoy, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<b><u>Community Development &amp; Urban Planning Committee Members</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent with Leave</u></b>	<b><u>Absent w/out Leave</u></b>
Rysheema Dixon, Chair	X		
Yolanda McCoy, Vice-Chair	X		
Linda M. Gray	X		
Zanthia Oliver	X		
Va'Shun “Vash” Turner	X		
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio		X	

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

Nov. 12, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee by **Virtual Meeting**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 20-049** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF A PORTION  
OF PALMERS ROW, LOCATED BETWEEN THE NEW STREET  
AND THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF TAX PARCEL NO.  
26-029.10-124, FROM THE OFFICIAL CITY MAP

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Community Development & Urban Planning Committee

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's Report for December 3, 2020 was read into the  
record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council  
Member McCoy, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

*Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 3 to Page 4.*

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*City of Wilmington*  
Delaware

Velda Jones-Potter  
City Treasurer

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**Treasurer's Report**  
**December 03, 2020**

**Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 12/03/2020):**

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,108,220.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,629,544.18
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,226.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,299.22
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,040,045.56
Police & Fire Rememberance	M & T Bank	\$ 7,469.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 34,643.11
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
Grant-in-Aid	M & T Bank	\$ 140,137.65
Community Development Block Grant	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
Capital Projects	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$ 10,974,725.25</b>

**Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 12/03/2020):**

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	12/3/2020	0.01%	\$ 9.74	\$ 28,036,208.16
General	TD	CD	12/14/2020	0.15%	\$ 3,325.00	\$ 19,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	12/28/2020	0.15%	\$ 425.00	\$ 3,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	1/25/2021	0.15%	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 7,000,000.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 57,036,208.16</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
General <sup>1</sup>	TD	CD	12/14/2020	0.15%	\$ 3,138.52	\$ 16,738,774.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 16,738,774.00</b>
<b>RESTRICTED:</b>						
Capital Project	TD	CD	12/14/2020	0.15%	\$ 860.31	\$ 4,590,963.53
Capital Project	TD	CD	12/14/2020	0.15%	\$ 1,784.82	\$ 9,519,037.38
Capital Project	TD	CD	1/25/2021	0.15%	\$ 13,951.16	\$ 53,147,276.13
Water/Sewer	TD	CD	12/14/2020	0.15%	\$ 571.86	\$ 3,049,927.70
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 70,307,204.74</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 144,082,186.90</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 10,974,725.25</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$ 155,056,912.15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Budget Reserve

Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report (Pensions)  
December 3, 2020**

**Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 12/02/2020):**

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	241,837.92
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	222,559.23
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	2,326.98
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	2,086.80
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	21,710.98
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	1,500.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	1,592.81
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>493,614.72</b>

**Cash Equivalents (as of 12/02/2020) & Investments (Market Value as of 10/31/2020)**

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
Pension Plan III	WSFS	CD	12/21/2020	0.05%	\$ 137.21	\$ 3,710,000.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>					<b>\$</b>	<b>3,710,000.00</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 19,957,994.04
Pension Trust	Vanguard Fixed					\$ 30,676,908.20
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 26,512,078.95
Pension Trust	Wilmington Trust					\$ 41,340,461.18
Pension Trust	Vanguard Stock Index					\$ 21,782,683.71
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 10,492,190.94
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 10,218,663.58
Pension Trust	Fidelity					\$ 13,350,654.90
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 10,752,335.25
Pension Trust	Vanguard Global					\$ 15,443,490.84
Pension Trust	MFS Management					\$ 28,467,157.77
Pension Trust	Clarion Lyon					\$ 9,767,124.86
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 552,252.53
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 9,464,319.62
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 26,176,410.63
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 274,954,727.00</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 278,664,727.00</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 493,614.72</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$ 279,158,341.72</b>

**Total Funds under Treasury Management:**

<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 422,746,913.90</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 11,468,339.97</b>
<b>Grand Total<sup>1</sup></b>						<b>\$ 434,215,253.87</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 Freeland seconded by Council Member McCoy, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

All Council	Sympathy Michael A. Johnson
Oliver	Sympathy Valerie Henry
Oliver	Sympathy Kimberly Sanders
Oliver	Sympathy Grace L. Evans

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Council Member Gray presented Resolution No. 20-078 (Agenda #4890) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the former DuPont Repauno Works facility located on the Delaware River in Gibbstown, New Jersey has been proposed as a major fuel export terminal site for the transfer of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG); and

**WHEREAS**, the Gibbstown LNG Export Terminal project intends to ship LNG from a proposed Dock 2 at a deep-water port in Gibbstown, Gloucester County, New Jersey, on the Delaware River for sale overseas; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 400 trucks per day, 365 days per year, would travel to the terminal, causing LNG to be continuously transported into the Gibbstown facility by rail and trucks, and then transferred directly onto ocean-going ships; and

**WHEREAS**, New Fortress Energy, the owner of the project, are planning the overland transport of LNG by truck and rail car for about 200 miles from Wyalusing, Bradford County, Pennsylvania to the proposed terminal dock located upriver from Delaware only 6.32 miles away, that is within a possible impact zone from a LNG release at Dock 2 and other related port facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, ships loaded with LNG will navigate the Delaware Bay, the Delaware River, and pass under both the Delaware Memorial and Commodore Barry bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, the LNG received at Gibbstown is not intended for regional consumption or benefit, but exclusively planned as a continuous site of transfer of LNG onto ships for export, and therefore the facility will not develop storage capacity for LNG delivered to the Gibbstown site; and

**WHEREAS**, the likely LNG truck transportation route across the Commodore Barry Bridge is only 2.85 miles upriver from Delaware, within the potential zone of impact should there be an LNG release incident; and

**WHEREAS**, inhalation of large quantities of LNG vapors may cause central nervous system depression, nausea, headache, dizziness, and vomiting, as LNG and associated vapor is a simple asphyxiant and may cause loss of consciousness, serious injury, or death by displacing air, thereby resulting in insufficient oxygen to support life (Council on Environmental Quality, 2020); and

**WHEREAS**, LNG is an extremely cold liquid that can cause cryogenic burns or injury, with a LNG fire or explosion affecting up to 2 miles or more from the source, with second-degree burns that can occur within 5 seconds for those exposed within .69 miles of the fire or explosion, with a fatality potentially occurring from 10 seconds of exposure to the deadly vapor cloud that moves quickly and far from its source (Council on Environmental Quality, 2020); and

**WHEREAS**, a typical LNG ship can transport at least 33 million gallons of fluid, which is equivalent to 115 million pounds of cold, explosive, hazardous liquid; and

**WHEREAS**, containers of LNG are typically under pressure and temperature-controlled conditions, and therefore these containers may explode if temperature control is not maintained, resulting in an uncontrollable LNG release as the LNG expands 600 times into a vapor with alarming energy; and

**WHEREAS**, transloading is one of the most dangerous operations in LNG handling and subject to technological failure and human error and is typically minimized at LNG facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the absence of a LNG site storage at Gibbstown demands a high volume of truck and rail connections and disconnections to transfer LNG from land to ship transportation, and the frequency of bulk connects and disconnects will increase the risk of mishaps that could cause catastrophic hazards to surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, an increased volume of LNG transport by trucks and rail cars will present a significant hazard to motorists and residents along the transit routes from Marcellus gas fields in Pennsylvania to Gibbstown, N.J.; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilmington, Delaware's downtown is approximately 26 miles from Gibbstown, NJ, but only 2 miles from the Delaware River, where the Port of Wilmington is directly situated, and

**WHEREAS**, the ships would traverse the Delaware River and Bay, passing many Delaware communities, including densely populated areas, environmental justice communities, and areas of unique and vulnerable environmental, economic, and natural value, to reach the Atlantic Ocean and foreign ports; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Delaware Administrative Code prohibits the development of LNG terminals in the coastal zone in Delaware under current law based on safety and environmental issues which are detailed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Delaware's coastal zone management plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Coastal Management Program FEIS concluded that "The main shipping channel up the Delaware River and Bay also passes, in places, within a mile or two, of Lewes, and not much farther from Rehoboth Beach--both densely populated in the summer. A tanker accident near either city could spell disaster"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware Coastal Management Program FEIS states that "...the still undefined dangers associated with LNG facilities in areas of population density and the potential impacts of shipments on environmental resources, appear to outweigh benefits related to the potential energy supply;" and

**WHEREAS**, many residential communities and cities along the inland navigational route will be directly assuming the risks associated with this LNG transport operation, but will not directly accrue the benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary benefits of the Gibbstown facility will go to investors in the Marcellus Shale Fracking operations, and to Wall St. investors who own an interest in the LNG export business; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor John Carney is a voting member of the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), along with the governors of the other Delaware River Watershed states (New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York) and the Army Corps of Engineers; and

**WHEREAS**, the DRBC will be voting in the coming weeks on whether to allow the project to proceed; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware refused to permit construction of a Pier and LNG Tanker-Loading facility on the Delaware River in 2008.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Delaware River transport and the Gibbstown, N.J. transfer of LNG are extremely risky and hazardous to the health and safety of residents, workers, and visitors within the City of Wilmington, with the deployment of such a facility and transport operations providing no direct benefit(s) to the local or regional communities of Wilmington and Delaware which are exposed in close proximity to the Delaware River, and thereby exposed to a clear and substantial risk of accidental or targeted catastrophe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that The Honorable John Carney, Governor of Delaware, in his role on the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) is urged to vote in opposition to the proposed development of a LNG transfer facility in Gibbstown, N.J., including the associated hazards of LNG trucks transporting such dangerous gas through public routes and freeways in Delaware and through the Delaware River and Bay waterways.

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

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

Public Comment Speakers:

- John Webber
- Dayl Thomas
- Brian Moran
- Tracy Carluccio
- Stephanie Harren
- Don Farrell
- Dwight Davis
- Coralie Pryde

Council Member Harlee made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Adams made additional comments. Council Member Oliver made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Members Johnson and Guy made comments. Council Member Harlee made additional comments. Council Members Walsh and Gray 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, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, Council Member Adams. Total, one.

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for third and final reading Ordinance No. 20-049 (Agenda #4868) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF A PORTION OF PALMERS ROW, LOCATED BETWEEN NEW STREET AND THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF TAX PARCEL NO. 26-029.10-124, FROM THE OFFICIAL CITY MAP

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Members Freel and Walsh, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance and 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 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, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none.

President Shabazz declared the Ordinance adopted.



Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 20-079 (Agenda #4891) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wilmington Charter Section 8-205, the City may sell or exchange any real estate belonging to the City or grant any license, easement, right-of-way, or other interest over or in such real estate with authority by general ordinance and later resolution from Council to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, City Code Section 2-621(c) provides that nonprofit organizations are exempt from the City's bid procedures and that, upon the declaration of a property as approved for disposition by resolution of City Council, the Department of Real Estate and Housing may negotiate a lease agreement with a nonprofit organization for property owned by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is the owner of 615 South Church Street, Wilmington, Delaware, being Tax Parcel No. 26-057.00-028 (the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, Future Soccer Stars Foundation (the "Foundation") is a nonprofit corporation that focuses on providing opportunities to underprivileged children to learn the game of soccer; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to lease a portion of the Property to the Foundation for the Foundation to construct and operate new multi-sports playing fields; and

**WHEREAS**, the playing fields will be used for sports programs, camps, games, and tournaments; and

**WHEREAS**, the playing fields will benefit City residents through tuition-free programs, community access, and the economic activity resulting from sports tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and appropriate to approve the disposition by lease of a portion of the Property to the Foundation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Council hereby approves the disposition by lease of a portion of the Property to the Foundation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate disposition proceedings for the Property, including any and all further undertakings and assurances as may be appropriate.

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members Freel and Walsh, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Harlee spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. Council Member Gray made comments and raised a question and Council Member Harlee responded. Council Members Walsh, Oliver, Adams and Johnson made comments. President Shabazz 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.

Public Comment Speakers:

- Dayl Thomas
- Don Farrell
- Jaivon Wesley
- Steve Cavalier

Council Members Oliver and Turner made comments. Council Member Guy made comments and raised questions. Council Member Harlee made comments. Mr. Jeff Flynn from the Department of Economic Development responded to Council Member Guy's questions. Council Member Guy made additional comments. Council Members Walsh and Turner made comments. President Shabazz made comments. Council Member Turner and President Shabazz made additional comments. Council Members Freel, Adams, Johnson and Harlee 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, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none.

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

Council Members Turner and McCoy did not have any legislation to present.

On behalf of President Shabazz, Council Member Johnson presented Resolution No. 20-080 (Agenda 4892) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, City Council recognizes the fundamental and critical role of promoting human rights and addressing discrimination at the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council recognizes the valiant efforts by congressional Representative Sheila Jackson Lee and Senator Cory Booker in the introduction of H.R. 40 and S. 1083, respectively, to establish a "Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans" in the United States in order to address the injustice, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States by studying the discriminating effects of slavery and recommending appropriate remedies to Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the institution of slavery was constitutionally and statutorily sanctioned by the government of the United States and adaptively adopted among colonies and states from 1789 through 1865; and

**WHEREAS**, slavery was facilitated as the result of approximately 4,000,000 Africans and their descendants who were kidnapped from their own lands and

enslaved in the United States and colonies that became the United States from 1619 to 1865; 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”; and

**WHEREAS**, the slavery that flourished in the United States constituted an immoral and inhumane deprivation of life, liberty, citizenship rights, and cultural heritage, and denied enslaved persons the fruits of their own labor; 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; however, 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**, Jim Crow laws perpetuated the racist legal and social systems, which existed prior to the Civil War and resulted in Black people being treated as second-class citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, following the abolition of slavery, the United States government, at the federal, state, and local levels, continued to perpetuate, condone, and often profit from practices that brutalized and disadvantaged African Americans, including sharecropping, convict leasing, Jim Crow laws, redlining, unequal education, and disproportionate treatment at the hands of the criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the historical and continued discrimination, African Americans still to this day suffer debilitating economic, educational, and health hardships, including, but not limited to, an unemployment rate more than twice the current White unemployment rate and an average of less than one-sixteenth of the wealth of White families, a disparity which has worsened, not improved, over time; and

**WHEREAS**, a preponderance of scholarly and legal evidentiary documentation constitutes the basis for inquiry into the ongoing effects of the institution of slavery and its legacy of persistent systemic structures of discrimination on living African Americans and society in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980, precedent for this legislation exists in the establishment by Congress of a Commission to investigate the legacy of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II and to recommend appropriate redress; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 10, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act to provide reparations to the more than 120,000 Japanese Americans who were incarcerated in America’s internment camps during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, in January of 1989, former Representative John J. Conyers Jr. of Michigan introduced the “Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act,” and reintroduced this measure each subsequent congressional term, which is currently sponsored by Representative Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, modern conceptualizations of reparations for descendants of African slaves have resulted in research without implementation of proposed recommendations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that a *City Council Taskforce to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, with a Special Consideration for African Americans Who are Descendants of Persons Enslaved in the United States* (hereinafter the "Taskforce"), consisting of nine (9) members, shall be established. The City Council President of the 108<sup>th</sup> Session of City Council (hereinafter "President") shall appoint the nine (9) members, and the appointments shall be approved by a majority of all members of City Council, by City Council's second meeting in February 2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Taskforce shall be composed of nine (9) issue area experts in fields closely related to African American history, economic development, finance and other related fields who have actively demonstrated an interest and expertise in efforts to promote diversity, equality, equity and understanding of civil and human rights, and to dismantle injustice, discrimination, bigotry, hatred and harassment within the city, as evidenced through the production of a resume, recommendation letter(s) and any other relevant documentation. The proposed members shall hold no other public office or paid public employment. The President shall designate one member as the chairperson and one as the vice chairperson.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Taskforce shall meet, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis with such additional meetings as it deems necessary to properly perform its duties.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Taskforce shall make findings and recommendations to City Council regarding issues of systemic racial disparity, racist practices and procedures and/or institutional discrimination against African Americans, resulting from the delivery or provision of City government services or the implementation or effect of City policies, and resulting from the delivery or provision of other government-provided services or widely implemented business practices or the implementation or effect of government policies or business practices. Specifically, the Taskforce shall recommend, among other things, the form of compensation that should be awarded, the instrumentalities through which it should be awarded, and who should be eligible for this compensation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in the performance of its duties, the Taskforce may coordinate with community organizations such as the National Conference for Community and Justice, the American Civil Liberties Union, The Urban League, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, as well as educational institutions of its choosing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Taskforce shall make findings and recommendations to the City Council within 180 days of its appointment.

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

made comments. President Shabazz made additional comments. Council Member Guy made comments. President Shabazz made additional comments. Council Members Oliver, Harlee, Gray, Guy and Johnson made comments.

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

**Public Comment Speakers:**

- Eugene Young
- Don Farrell
- Ernest
- AliShah Watson
- Dion Wilson

Council Members Oliver, Gray and Harlee made comments. Council Member Turner made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT**

Upon a motion of Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Member Guy, the above-referenced Ordinance was amended as follows:

On Page 3, in the Now, Therefore clause, after the language (hereinafter the “Taskforce”), *strike out: “consisting of nine (9) members”* and after the language, the City Council President of the 108<sup>th</sup> Session of City Council shall appoint, *strike out: “the nine (9)”*. Also, at the end of the paragraph, after the language, by a majority of all members of City Council, *strike out: “by City Council’s second meeting in February 2021”*.

In the Be it Further Resolved clause, after the language the Taskforce shall be composed of, *strike out: “nine (9)”*.

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to call for the roll for the floor amendment.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON FLOOR AMENDMENT**

The floor amendment was received and recorded by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Oliver, Turner, Freel, Dixon, Guy and Walsh. Total, seven. Nays, Council President Shabazz. Total, one. Present, Council Members Harlee, McCoy, Johnson and Adams. Total, four.

President Shabazz declared the floor amendment passed.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE ORDINANCE AS AMENDED**

Council Members Freel, Oliver and Johnson made comments. President Shabazz made comments.

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced 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 Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, ten. Nays, Council Member Adams. Total, one. Present, Council Member Gray. Total, one.

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


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

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Oliver, to bypass petitions and communications and to adjourn. Motion prevailed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Oliver, Council adjourned at 9:26 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest:   
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*Maribel Seijo, City Clerk*