# VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL APRIL 1, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M.

## **AGENDA**

I. Call to Order

**Prayer** 

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

**III.** Committee Reports

IV. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

V. Non-Legislative Business

All Council Sympathy Emma Denise Davis
Cabrera Sympathy Carol Ann Nordheimer
Congo Sympathy Beatres R. Dunn
Harlee Sympathy Barry Golding

B. Fields Recognize Earl and Aaron Cooper, Earl Cooper Golf and CarPlug Factory LLC

Johnson Recognize U.S. President Joseph Biden and Administration on action taken on American

Rescue Plan

McCoy Congratulate St. Elizabeth Vikings Girls Basketball Team McCoy Recognize Ubaldo Carlos Valles (Bloomsberry Florist)

Oliver Sympathy Louise D. Smith
Oliver Sympathy Karen Reason
Oliver Sympathy James Robertson, Sr.
Walsh Sympathy Hughes Horning
Walsh Sympathy Frederick Charles Tate

#### VI. Public Comment

## VII. Legislative Business

## **GRAY**

#0043 A Resolution Identifying a Process and Focus for Federal Funds to be Received

by the City of Wilmington from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to Ensure Responsible Fiscal Oversight and to Ensure that Discretionary Funding Decisions Prioritize the Needs of Underserved Communities Most Impacted by COVID-19

**Synopsis:** This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. This Resolution identifies a process and focus for spending federal funds that will be received by City of Wilmington from the American Rescue Plan

Act of 2021 to ensure responsible fiscal oversight and to ensure that discretionary funding decisions prioritize the needs of underserved communities most impacted by COVID-19.

## **DARBY**

#0034 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4 of the City Code to Provide for Civil Fines for

Owners of Vacant Properties who Fail to Register Them (1st & 2nd Reading)

**Synopsis:** This Ordinance is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and

approval. The Ordinance approves the institution of civil penalties on property

owners who fail comply wit the registration requirements for vacant properties.

#0044 A Resolution Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Enact Legislation that

Requires Landlords to Have a Valid Business License in Order to File an Eviction

Action or Have a Judgment Entered Against Tenants

**Synopsis:** This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to enact legislation that will hold landlords of residential property to the same standards and licensing requirements as other Delaware businesses. Additionally, this Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to protect tenants from noncompliant landlords by prohibiting landlords operating in Delaware without a valid business license from filing an eviction action or having a judgment entered

against a tenant.

#### **OLIVER**

#0045 A Resolution Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Increase the Victims'

Compensation Funds

**Synopsis:** This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. This Resolution is urging the Delaware General Assembly to increase the Victims' Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) funeral and burial

allotment to a total of \$7,500 for eligible applicants.

#0046 A Resolution Encouraging the Wilmington Neighborhood Conservancy Land

Bank and the City of Wilmington Department of Real Estate and Housing to More Aggressively Market Vacant Lots in Their Inventory for the Purpose of

**Building Affordable Homes** 

**Synopsis:** This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. This Resolution encourages owners of vacant lots throughout the City to more aggressively market those lots to builders for the purpose of building

affordable homes.

#0047

A Resolution Urging that No Further Community Gardens be Established on Undeveloped Lots without Notifying the Appropriate Civic Association

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution encourages individuals and organizations who wish to set up community gardens to actively engage with the community where the garden is to be located. Engaging with the community before starting a new garden will improve the likelihood of long-term sustainability for new gardens by addressing common worries including year-round maintenance, and pest control.

#0023

Ord. 21-009 Authorize and Approve Two One-Year Extensions of Contract 21004WD Between the City of Wilmington and Diamond Mechanical, Inc. for HVAC and Related Systems Inspection and Maintenance (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to exercise two (2) one-year options to extend Contract 21004WD "HVAC & Related Systems Inspection & Maintenance" between the City of Wilmington and Diamond Mechanical, Inc.

#0024

Ord. 21-010 Authorize and Approve Two One-Year Extensions of Contract 21005WD Between the City of Wilmington and I.D. Griffith, Inc. for Boiler Inspection and Maintenance Services (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to exercise two (2) one-year options to extend Contract 21005WD "Boiler Inspection & Maintenance Services" between the City of Wilmington and I.D. Griffith, Inc.

#0025

Ord. 21-011 Authorize and Approve a One-Year Extension of Contract 21007WDPS Between the City of Wilmington and Merit Construction Engineers, Inc. for Building, Raceway and Facilities Management (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

**Synopsis**:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to extend Contract 21007WDPS "Building, Raceway & Facilities Management" between the City of Wilmington and Merit Construction Engineers, Inc. for one (1) year.

Rev. 1

#0026 Sub 1 Ord. 21-012 To Enact Certain Traffic/Parking Regulations (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

**Synopsis:** 

This Substitute Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance approves various traffic and parking regulations in the City.

#0035

Ord. 21-015 Approve the Riverside Phase 2 Major Subdivision Plan of the Wilmington Housing Authority and Pennrose, LLC, and to

Authorize the City of Wilmington to Accept as a Public Right of Way the Dedication of a New Section of East 28<sup>th</sup> Street (3<sup>rd</sup> &

**Final Reading**)

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance approves the Riverside Phase 2 Mayor Subdivision and authorizes the City to accept the dedication of a new section of East 28<sup>th</sup> Street.

**HARLEE** 

#0027 Ord. 21-013 Name the South Wilmington Wetlands Park Project the

"Southbridge Wilmington Wetlands Park" (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

**Synopsis:** This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and

approval. This Ordinance officially names the South Wilmington Wetlands park

project as the "Southbridge Wilmington Wetlands Park."

**DIXON** 

#0048 A Resolution Encouraging the State of Delaware to Take Action and Develop and

Support Legislation that would Further Prevent the Sale of Flavored Tobacco

Products to Kids

**Synopsis:** This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. This Resolution is to implore the State of Delaware to take action and develop and support legislation that would further prevent the sale of flavored

tobacco products.

**SPADOLA** 

#0049 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5 of the City Code Prohibiting the

Establishment of Police Ticket and Arrest Quotas (1st & 2nd Reading)

**Synopsis:** This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and

approval. This Ordinance amends the City Code to prohibit the City Police

Department from establishing ticket and arrest quotas.

#### WALSH

#0033 Ord. 21-014 Authorize and Approve Three One-Year Extensions of Contract

21001PDPS Between the City of Wilmington and Asset
Management Alliance for Professional Service Building
Management at the Public Safety Building (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

**VIII. Petitions and Communications** 

IX. Adjournment

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Meeting will be open to the public starting at 6pm, so members of the public can sign up to speak. To sign up for Public Comment, members of the public must go to the following website <a href="https://tinyurl.com/wccpubliccomment040121">https://tinyurl.com/wccpubliccomment040121</a> to fill out the information requested. Public Comment will take place after non-legislative business. The President will recognize speakers in the order listed on the website. When a member of the public is called on, their mic will be unmuted for comment. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

**Note:** In following Governor Carney's Proclamation #17-3292, due to the outbreak of the COVID-19, public meetings are currently being conducted virtually to maintain social distancing and to keep all constituents safe. Members of the public are invited to join the City Council meeting by accessing the meeting as follows:

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