

***Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
January 21, 2021***

City Council met in “**virtual**” regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Ernest M. Congo, II presiding.

The opening prayer was done Akira Grenardo, Legislative Administrative Assistant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by City Council.

ROLL CALL

The following members responded to the Call of the Roll: Council Members Gray, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields*, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, thirteen.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of December 10, 2020, upon a motion of Council Member N. Field, seconded by Council Members Dixon and Gray, it was moved they be accepted as written.

After reading a portion of the minutes of January 5, 2021, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Walsh, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The following Treasurer’s Report for January 21, 2020 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, 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 2 to Page 3.

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City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report January 21, 2021

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 1/20/2021):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 11,529,595.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,512,419.27
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,156.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,173.31
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,126,458.16
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 7,469.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 33,528.56
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
Total Cash on Hand		\$ 14,364,077.48

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 01/20/2021):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	1/20/2020	0.01%	\$ 5.63	\$ 21,426,998.58
General	TD	CD	1/25/2020	0.15%	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 7,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	1/25/2020	0.15%	\$ 3,325.00	\$ 19,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	1/25/2020	0.14%	\$ 894.44	\$ 5,000,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 52,426,998.58
RESERVE:						
General ¹	TD	CD	1/25/2020	0.15%	\$ 2,929.29	\$ 16,738,774.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 16,738,774.00
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	CD	1/25/2020	0.15%	\$ 803.42	\$ 4,590,963.53
Capital Project	TD	CD	1/25/2020	0.15%	\$ 1,665.83	\$ 9,519,037.38
Capital Project	TD	CD	1/25/2021	0.15%	\$ 13,951.16	\$ 53,147,276.13
Water/Sewer	TD	CD	1/25/2020	0.15%	\$ 533.74	\$ 3,049,927.70
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 70,307,204.74
Total Investments						\$ 139,472,977.32
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 14,364,077.48
Grand Total						\$ 153,837,054.80

¹ Budget Reserve

DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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Treasurer's Report (Pensions)
January 21, 2021

DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 01/20/2021):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	12,682.28
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	120.92
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	770,138.46
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	65,925.41
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	541,839.16
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	13,380.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	1,592.81
Total Cash on Hand		\$	1,405,679.04

Cash Equivalents (as of 01/20/2021) & Investments (Market Value as of January 19, 2021)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Pension Plan III	WSFS	CD	2/12/2021	0.01%	\$ 4.10	\$ 527,564.73
Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	1/27/2021	0.01%	\$ 29.04	\$ 3,605,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 4,132,564.73
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 24,785,552.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard Fixed					\$ 34,779,262.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 33,647,921.00
Pension Trust	Wilmington Trust					\$ 41,768,365.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard Stock Index					\$ 25,858,973.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 11,919,579.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 13,502,854.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity					\$ 16,370,669.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 12,549,596.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard Global					\$ 17,025,850.00
Pension Trust	MFS Management					\$ 27,041,040.00
Pension Trust	Clarion Lyon					\$ 9,945,863.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 645,963.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 9,510,468.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 25,858,973.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 305,210,928.00
Total Investments						\$ 309,343,492.73
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 1,405,679.04
Grand Total						\$ 310,749,171.77

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 448,816,470.05
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 15,769,756.52
Grand Total¹						\$ 464,586,226.57

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

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NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

All Council	Recognize United States President Joe Biden
All Council	Recognize Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Congo	Recognize Frontline Workers
Darby	Recognize National Mentorship Month – Ascending Queens, No Limit Football Team, I am My Sister’s Keeper, Network Connect, Game Changers and One Village Alliance
Darby	Recognize lives loss due to gun violence in 2020
B. Fields	Sympathy Damotte Matt Chittum
Oliver	Recognize Howard High School 2020 Division II Football State Championship
Oliver	Recognize National Blood Donor Month

*Note: Council Member B. Fields was recognized and marked present and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).

President Congo noted that per the Council Rules, the Legislation Business is supposed to start at 7:30p.m., however, Council has the ability to allow for public comments to occur before going into legislative business. Upon a motion of President Congo, seconded by Council Member Gray, for Council to continue into the public comment period.

A point of order was made by Council Member Johnson of the need of an actual determinant time pursuant to Rule 2 (J) as an indefinite extension is not a proper motion. Council Member Johnson deferred to the Law Department.

Parliamentarian Taylor West provided clarity of the actual language referenced in Council Rules 2 (J). She added that she agreed for the sake of efficiency a time certain should be set but that the Rule that Council Member Johnson is referring to is a separate rule.

While Council Member Walsh had a question on the point of order, she was not given the floor to proceed.

President Congo moved to continue with public comments for forty minutes, seconded by Council Member Cabrera. Motion prevailed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Speakers:

- Dayle Thomas
- Michaelena Dejesus

During Ms. Dejesus' public comments, a point of order was made by Council Member Johnson of Ms. Dejesus being over the time limit of three (3) minutes for public comments.

President Congo extended the floor to Ms. Dejesus for additional time to continue with her public comments.

- Carmen Silva
- Shyanne Miller

During Ms. Miller's public comments, a point of order was made by Council Member Johnson on certain rules that Council has to be followed, however, President Congo extended the floor for Ms. Miller to continue with her public comments.

- Chandra Pitts
- India Colon-Diaz
- Delsey Morales

President Congo thanked the speakers for taking the time to provide feedback and express their concerns. He mentioned that he does plan to make amendments to the Council rules to specifically address some of the concerns that were raised this evening.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 21-008 (Rev. 1, Agenda #0009) as follows:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-104 of the City Charter, City Council shall employ such persons as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its business; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it desirable to appoint the following person necessary for the proper discharge of its business, who shall serve at the pleasure of City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the following person is hereby appointed as an employee of City Council and shall be placed on the payroll of the City of Wilmington in the Office of the City Clerk:

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| 1. | Akira Grenardo | Legislative Administrative Assistant/
Deputy City Clerk |
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Director of Human Resources, the City Treasurer, and the City Auditor.

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Gray made comments. Council Member Harlee made comments. Council Member Oliver made comments. Council Member Walsh made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Cabrera made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Oliver requested to be added as a co-sponsor and President Congo noted that Council Member Oliver is a co-sponsor. Council Member McCoy made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member B. Fields made comments. Council Member Darby made comments. Council Member Dixon made comments. President Congo made comments.

President Congo 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, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

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

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 21-001 (Agenda #0011) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE WHEREIN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON ACCEPTS THE DEDICATION OF FOUR STREETS AT THE RIVERFRONT, NAMING THEM "JUDY JOHNSON DRIVE," "SOUTH MADISON STREET," "SHIPYARD DRIVE," AND "FRAWLEY DRIVE"

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

Council Members B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, and Dixon did not have any legislation to present this evening.

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member Spadola presented Resolution No. 21-009 (Rev. 1, Agenda #0008) as follows:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-104 of the City Charter, City Council shall employ such persons as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its business; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it desirable to appoint the following person necessary for the proper discharge of its business, who shall serve at the pleasure of City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the following person is hereby appointed as an employee of City Council and shall be placed on the payroll of the City of Wilmington in the Office of the City Clerk:

1. Raina Harper Allen Legislative & Community Director

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Director of Human Resources, the City Treasurer, and the City Auditor.

Upon a motion of Council Member Spadola, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Spadola made comments. Council Member Johnson made comments. Council Member Oliver made comments. Council Member Walsh made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Cabrera made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. President Congo made comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call the roll.

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President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: social media taking on a new face; meeting with President to discuss Resolutions; focus on major hurdles and the need to work together; MLK Day; community being at the forefront; folks were thanked for getting involved in political process; inclusive Council;

the need to revisit public comments; continuing communication; commitment to President; civic association and community meetings; moving the city forward; it was noted to communicate is to educate; constituents were encouraged to attend community meetings and committee meetings; conversations with Councilpersons; passage of legislation to benefit citizens; different programs offered by Wilmington Public Library; congratulations expressed to U.S. President Joe Biden and U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris; congratulations expressed to Dr. Tony Allen; Council Rules; community engagement and staying engaged; the need to continue to listen; and including but not limited, it was clarified that FOIA was not violated when members of Council met; checks and balances.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Oliver and Cabrera, Council adjourned at 9:31 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk