

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
March 4, 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 by Akira Grenardo, 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, 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 February 18, 2021, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members B. Fields and Walsh, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Public Works & Transportation Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Zanthia Oliver, Chair	YES		
Loretta Walsh, Vice Chair	YES		
Linda M. Gray	YES		
Nathan Field	YES		
Bregetta A. Fields	YES		
James Spadola		YES	
Ernest “Trippi” Congo II, Ex-Officio	YES		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

February 17, 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee by **Virtual Meeting**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 21-001** 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”

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Public Works & Transportation Committee

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

The following Treasurer’s Report for March 4, 2021 was read into the
record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by
Council Members Walsh and 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



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report March 04, 2021

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 03/03/2021):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,112,434.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,503,396.60
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 3,921.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,353.92
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,124,771.16
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 7,469.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 33,278.54
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		\$ 10,935,902.40

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 03/03/2021):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	3/4/2021	0.01%	\$ 7.00	\$ 26,115,381.35
General	TD	High Yield Checking*	14	0.15%	\$ 408.42	\$ 7,001,470.00
General	TD	High Yield Checking*	14	0.15%	\$ 1,108.53	\$ 19,003,325.02
General	TD	High Yield Checking*	14	0.15%	\$ 291.72	\$ 5,000,894.45
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 57,121,070.82
RESERVE:						
General*	TD	High Yield Checking*	14	0.15%	\$ 976.60	\$ 16,741,703.30
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 16,741,703.30
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking*	14	0.15%	\$ 267.85	\$ 4,591,766.95
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking*	14	0.15%	\$ 555.37	\$ 9,520,703.22
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking*	14	0.15%	\$ 3,101.07	\$ 53,161,227.29
Water/Sewer	TD	High Yield Checking*	14	0.15%	\$ 177.94	\$ 3,050,461.44
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 70,324,158.90
Total Investments						\$ 144,186,933.02
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 10,935,902.40
Grand Total						\$ 155,122,835.42

*Budget Reserve

*High Yield Checking DDA Effective 02/18/2021


DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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Treasurer's Report (Pensions)
March 4, 2021

DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 03/03/2021):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	19,765.09
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	184,413.85
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	-
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	-
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	105,818.46
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		\$	313,090.21

Cash Equivalents (as of 03/03/2021) & Investments (Market Value as of February 26, 2021)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Pension Plan III	WSFS	CD	3/14/2021	0.05%	\$ 4.40	\$ 527,568.78
Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	3/29/2021	0.01%	\$ 21.92	\$ 2,581,731.13
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 3,109,299.91
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 24,425,086.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard Fixed					\$ 39,642,972.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 34,589,487.00
Pension Trust	Wilmington Trust					\$ 40,882,965.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard Stock Index					\$ 24,270,456.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 11,715,798.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 13,881,984.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity					\$ 16,261,386.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 12,740,067.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard Global					\$ 13,294,289.00
Pension Trust	MFS Management					\$ 27,434,468.00
Pension Trust	Clarion Lyon					\$ 9,942,492.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 705,127.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 9,510,468.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 29,580,730.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 308,877,775.00
Total Investments						\$ 311,987,074.91
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 313,090.21
Grand Total						\$ 312,300,165.12

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments					\$ 456,174,007.93
Total Cash on Hand					\$ 11,248,992.61
Grand Total					\$ 467,423,000.54

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

All Council	Retirement Nellie Moore
All Council	Recognize March as Women's History Month
Darby	Honor Dr. Carter G. Woodson (Father of Black History)
B. Fields	Recognize Rob Pheiffer and Danielle Johnson (Tilton Park)
B. Fields	Sympathy Jacqueline Carter
Oliver	Sympathy Odessa Futrell
Oliver	Sympathy Terry Johnson
Oliver	Sympathy Wayne Johnson
Oliver	Sympathy Michelle Pegram
Oliver	Sympathy Tommy Steele, Jr.
Spadola	Honoring Women in Construction for Women's History Month
Spadola	Recognize Greek Independence Day

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, President Congo opened up the floor for public comments and reminded individuals of the google link in the chat to sign-up to speak and of the three (3) minute time limit. The following individual spoke:

- William Majett, Jr.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Note: While Council Member Darby was present for Roll Call, it was noted that she was offline when called for Legislative Business.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 21-015 (Agenda #0035) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO 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 28TH STREET

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: This Ordinance has no significant anticipated fiscal impact.

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Dixon, the Ordinance was received, recorded, and referred to the Community Development & Urban Planning Committee. Motion prevailed.

President Congo formally noted that Council Member Darby's two pieces of legislation (Agenda #0020 and #0034) will be held this evening.

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the third and final 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"

Council Member Harlee presented a **Substitute** (Rev. 1) in lieu of that ordinance:

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"

FISCAL IMPACT: This Substitute Ordinance has no significant anticipated fiscal impact.

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Substitute Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Harlee spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance and made comments. President Congo made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Cabrera requested to be added as co-sponsor and made comments. Council Member Oliver requested to be added as co-sponsor. Council Member Walsh requested to be added as a co-sponsor and made comments. Council Member B. Fields requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Dixon requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Johnson requested to be added as a co-sponsor and made comments. Council Member Harlee made additional comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call the roll.

The above-referenced Substitute 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, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Dixon, Spadola and

Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Darby. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Substitute Ordinance adopted.

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 21-017 (Agenda #0036) 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. Azsana Wing Legislative Administrative Assistant

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 Harlee, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Johnson made comments. Council Member Oliver made comments. President Congo made comments. Council Member B. Fields made comments. Council Member Harlee 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, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Darby. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution adopted.

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

Council Member Dixon presented Resolution No. 21-018 (Agenda #0037) as follows:

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is devastating to the economic, social, and political impact to the residents and businesses in the city of Wilmington, which the impact have not yet been fully determined; however, the dismantling of previous systems of support for the most vulnerable and disenfranchised populations are clear; and

WHEREAS, a lack of data-collection in the areas of disadvantaged businesses and individuals, economic development, and health access for Wilmington residents makes it difficult to advance policy research and decisions regarding equitable business and health practices; and

WHEREAS, consistent data collection is needed to authorize and commission various studies as a Disparity Study, a best practice recommended by the National League of Cities, to be conducted periodically every 5 years in order to have substantive knowledge of disparities in the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the Council is committed to the elimination of racial and social disparities across key indicators of success including health, education, criminal justice, the environment, employment, and the economy, and seeks to promote equity within the City workplace and in the delivery of City services; and

WHEREAS, disparity studies in neighboring cities such as Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Asheville have revealed, according to the City of Asheville in 2018, “disparities between the percentage of contract dollars that the City spent with minority- and women-owned businesses during the study period (utilization) and the percentage they might be expected to receive based on their availability to perform specific types and sizes of City contracts (availability),” increasing concerns that the same “large, adverse, and statistically significant disparities” (NERA, 2014) may be present in Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, no Disparity Study has been conducted in the City of Wilmington despite this growing concern; and

WHEREAS, a 2010 Supplier Diversity Council Report recommended the implementation of a comprehensive data collection plan to gather and organize such data as would be required to implement a race/gender neutral contracting and procurement policy, and,

WHEREAS, studies have shown the link between healthcare outcomes and various determinants of health including but not limited to economic and job opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington City Council is committed to being supportive of and responsive to all constituents, including those already at a disadvantage due to various circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Council is requesting for the City to have a Disparity Study completed by December 31, 2021. Furthermore, Council is requesting to be informed on the progress of the Disparity Study and to be included in the selection process for determining the selected vendor and assisting with determining the key indicators for the disparity study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that City Departments are strongly encouraged to develop better data-collection methods and procedures, and to be more transparent with the data-sharing practices regarding the number and types of Disadvantaged Businesses

and their economic impact on the City of Wilmington and the health burden of these disparities on residents. Additionally, the City Council encourages all City Departments to be more transparent in their data collection practices, and receptive to requests for information, in order to expedite and support the process of creating equitable policies in the City for all individuals. Actionable data needs to be collected systematically, updated at least annually, and made available to the public and to Wilmington City Council.

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 Member Harlee made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Spadola made comments. Council Member Johnson requested to be added as a co-sponsor and made comments. Council Member B. Fields requested to be added as co-sponsor and made comments. Council Member Harlee made additional comments. President Congo requested to be added as a co-sponsor and made comments. Council Member Oliver made comments. Council Member Dixon made comments. President Congo made additional comments.

President Congo 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, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Darby. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution adopted.

Council Members Spadola and Walsh did not have any legislation to present this evening.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: Delmarva Power providing funds for assistance (Delaware Department of Health & Social Services); I-95 Project; the need to continue to wear mask and the importance of getting vaccinated; water/utilities program expansion to assist in paying delinquent water bills; funds available through Neighborhood Planning Council; announcements of food drive giveaways; Wilmington Alliance grant; individuals were thanked for the vaccination registration; WITN staff were thanked regarding the Brown Mansion meeting; Neighborhood Planning Council award for 2020 Census; DoMore24 Delaware; members of Council were thanked for a good meeting; phone call scams for vaccine costing \$75.00 and the need to report the scam; Affordable Healthcare and deadlines announced; new vaccine by Johnson & Johnson (single shot) and testing sites; school board elections; order by CDC for pharmacy to begin COVID-19 vaccinations again; everyone was thanked for community engagement whether through public comments or

attending meetings on Zoom; announcement of One Council food drive giveaway date changed to March 27, and including but not limited to, community events announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Gray, Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk