

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

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Ernest M. Congo, II presiding.

The opening prayer was done by Akira Grenardo, Deputy City 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, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent with leave, Council Member B. Fields. Total, one.

**MINUTES**

After reading a portion of the minutes of October 7, 2021, upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, 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>Public Works &amp; Transportation<br/>Committee Member</b> | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent w/Leave</b> | <b>Absent<br/>w/out Leave</b> |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Zanthia Oliver, Chair   | X              |                       |                               |
| Loretta Walsh, Vice Chair                                     |                | X                     |                               |
| Linda M. Gray   | X              |                       |                               |
| Nathan Field  | X              |                       |                               |
| Bregetta A. Fields  |                | X                     |                               |
| James Spadola   | X              |                       |                               |
| Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio                          | X              |                       |                               |

President and Members of Council  
The City of Wilmington

October 18, 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee by **Virtual Meeting with anchor location**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 21-048** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY CODE TO ELIMINATE (I) LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR STATIONARY ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN, (II) ATTENDANT AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR POWER BOILERS, FIRED PRESSURE VESSELS AND INSTALLATIONS USING NUCLEAR FUEL, AND (III) THE BOARD OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS

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 Oliver, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Walsh, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

| Public Works & Transportation Committee Member | Present | Absent w/Leave | Absent w/out Leave |
|--|---------|----------------|--------------------|
| Zanthia Oliver, Chair                          | X       |                |                    |
| Loretta Walsh, Vice Chair                      |         | X              |                    |
| Linda M. Gray                                  | X       |                |                    |
| Nathan Field                                   | X       |                |                    |
| Bregetta A. Fields                             |         | X              |                    |
| James Spadola                                  | X       |                |                    |
| Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio           | X       |                |                    |

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

October 18, 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee by **Virtual Meeting with anchor location**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 21-049** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 OF THE CITY CODE TO ENSURE PRIVATELY OWNED OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ARE REMOVED WITHIN

A REASONABLE TIME AFTER COMPLETION OF A  
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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 Oliver, seconded by Council Members Dixon, McCoy and Walsh, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's Report for October 21, 2021 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Members McCoy, Dixon and 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.*

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# City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report October 21, 2021

### Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 10/20/2021):

|                                    |            |                         |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| General                            | M & T Bank | \$ 8,937,490.00         |
| Payroll                            | M & T Bank | \$ 901,916.31           |
| Law Department Court Costs         | M & T Bank | \$ 4,607.07             |
| Total Petty Cash                   | M & T Bank | \$ 6,329.89             |
| Police - Evidence Found (Currency) | M & T Bank | \$ 1,161,487.22         |
| Police & Fire Remembrance          | M & T Bank | \$ 8,444.49             |
| Police Department Discretionary    | M & T Bank | \$ 18,330.50            |
| Rent Withholding Escrow            | M & T Bank | \$ 4,137.97             |
| Grant-in-Aid                       | M & T Bank | \$ 112,760.87           |
| Community Development Block Grant  | M & T Bank | \$ 1.00                 |
| Capital Projects                   | M & T Bank | \$ 1.00                 |
| <b>Total Cash on Hand</b>          |            | <b>\$ 11,155,506.32</b> |

### Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 10/20/2021):

| Account Type & Fund       | Institution | Investment Type     | Number of Days | Interest Rate | Interest Receivable | Investment Amount        |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>LIQUIDITY:</b>         |             |                     |                |               |                     |                          |
| General                   | M&T         | Overnight Repo      | Daily          | 0.01%         | \$ 7.34             | \$ 26,861,630.59         |
| General                   | TD          | ARPA funds*         | 13             | 0.08%         | \$ 799.44           | \$ 27,672,951.71         |
| General                   | TD          | High Yield Checking | 13             | 0.08%         | \$ 549.30           | \$ 19,014,238.64         |
| General                   | TD          | High Yield Checking | 13             | 0.08%         | \$ 144.55           | \$ 5,003,821.30          |
| General                   | TD          | High Yield Checking | 13             | 0.10%         | \$ 1,125.87         | \$ 31,177,956.93         |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>         |             |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 109,730,599.17</b> |
| <b>RESERVE:</b>           |             |                     |                |               |                     |                          |
| General <sup>1</sup>      | TD          | High Yield Checking | 13             | 0.08%         | \$ 472.53           | \$ 16,356,886.47         |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL</b>          |             |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 16,356,886.47</b>  |
| <b>RESTRICTED:</b>        |             |                     |                |               |                     |                          |
| Capital Project           | TD          | High Yield Checking | 13             | 0.08%         | \$ 89.59            | \$ 3,101,054.81          |
| Capital Project           | TD          | High Yield Checking | 13             | 0.08%         | \$ 161.89           | \$ 5,603,929.99          |
| Capital Project           | TD          | High Yield Checking | 13             | 0.08%         | \$ 1,033.59         | \$ 35,777,983.45         |
| Water/Sewer               | TD          | High Yield Checking | 13             | 0.08%         | \$ 94.65            | \$ 3,276,408.05          |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL</b>          |             |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 47,759,376.30</b>  |
| <b>Total Investments</b>  |             |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 173,846,861.94</b> |
| <b>Total Cash on Hand</b> |             |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 11,155,506.32</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>        |             |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 185,002,368.26</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Budget Reserve

\*Restricted use per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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# City of Wilmington



## Treasurer's Report (Pensions) October 21, 2021

DaWayne Sims  
City Treasurer

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 10/20/2021):

|  |            |    |                     |
|--|------------|----|---------------------|
| Pension Payroll                        | M & T Bank | \$ | 328,946.11          |
| Retiree Healthcare                     | M & T Bank | \$ | 92,401.44           |
| Police Pension                         | M & T Bank | \$ | 231,472.26          |
| Fire Pension                           | M & T Bank | \$ | 31,902.89           |
| Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3 | M & T Bank | \$ | 525,840.25          |
| 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>1,213,655.76</b> |

Cash Equivalents (as of 10/20/2021) & Investments (Market Value as of October 15, 2021)

| Account Type & Fund       | Institution                | Investment Type | Maturity Date | Interest Rate | Interest Receivable | Investment Amount        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>LIQUIDITY:</b>         |                            |                 |               |               |                     |                          |
| Pension Plan III          | WSFS                       | CD              | 10/25/2021    | 0.01%         | \$ 7.50             | \$ 883,871.48            |
| Fire Pension              | WSFS                       | CD              | 10/25/2021    | 0.01%         | \$ 12.40            | \$ 1,459,893.53          |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>         |                            |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 2,343,765.01</b>   |
| <b>RESERVE:</b>           |                            |                 |               |               |                     |                          |
| Pension Trust             | Edgar Lomax                |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 28,504,016.00         |
| Pension Trust             | Vanguard Fixed             |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 22,342,594.00         |
| Pension Trust             | Earnest Partners           |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 17,901,971.00         |
| Pension Trust             | Vanguard Stock Index       |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 16,762,434.00         |
| Pension Trust             | Artisan Global             |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 15,687,056.00         |
| Pension Trust             | Dodge & Cox                |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 15,797,076.00         |
| Pension Trust             | Fidelity Market Index      |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 1,642,771.00          |
| Pension Trust             | Fidelity Total Intl. Index |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 5,127,939.00          |
| Pension Trust             | Fidelity Emerging Market   |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 4,629,496.00          |
| Pension Trust             | Fidelity Bond Index        |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 1,094,559.00          |
| Pension Trust             | AB Global Core             |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 15,407,279.00         |
| Pension Trust             | Hartford Schroder          |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 6,142,574.00          |
| Pension Trust             | Vanguard Global            |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 14,523,421.00         |
| Pension Trust             | Rhumbline Russell          |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 53,117,033.00         |
| Pension Trust             | LM Capital                 |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 43,739,612.00         |
| Pension Trust             | Clarion Lyon               |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 11,075,181.00         |
| Pension Trust             | Money Market               |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 22,271,527.00         |
| Pension Trust             | Morgan Stanley             |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 10,243,192.00         |
| Pension Trust             | Vanguard-OPEB              |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 32,242,384.00         |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL</b>          |                            |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 338,252,115.00</b> |
| <b>Total Investments</b>  |                            |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 340,595,880.01</b> |
| <b>Total Cash on Hand</b> |                            |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 1,213,655.76</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>        |                            |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 341,809,535.77</b> |

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

|                                |  |  |  |  |    |                       |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|----|-----------------------|
| Total Investments              |  |  |  |  | \$ | 514,442,741.95        |
| Total Cash on Hand             |  |  |  |  | \$ | 12,369,162.08         |
| <b>Grand Total<sup>1</sup></b> |  |  |  |  | \$ | <b>526,811,904.03</b> |

<sup>1</sup> 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 Dixon and Walsh, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| All Council | Recognize 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Omega Chapter |
| Cabrera     | Recognize Michaelangelo Rodriguez  |
| Cabrera     | Recognize José Somalo (Hoy en Delaware News)   |
| Cabrera     | Sympathy Eva L. Verplanck, Ph.D.   |
| Congo       | Recognize Ashley Christopher for HBCU Week   |
| Oliver      | Sympathy Leslie Rene Evans   |
| Walsh       | Sympathy Sowmya Srinivasan   |

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time, President Congo opened up the floor for public comments and the following individuals spoke:

- Deacon Earl Tate
- D. Marquee Hall
- Jennifer Sirois

## **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

Council Member Darby presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 21-050 (Agenda #0099) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE THAT INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IN STATE OF DELAWARE OR FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES WHO WERE CITY RESIDENTS BEFORE INCARCERATION BE COUNTED AT THEIR RESPECTIVE LAST KNOWN CITY ADDRESSES FOR REDISTRICTING PURPOSES

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

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Members Dixon and McCoy, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Intergovernmental Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 21-048 (Agenda #0097) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY CODE TO ELIMINATE (I) LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR STATIONARY ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN, (II) ATTENDANT AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR POWER BOILERS, FIRED PRESSURE VESSELS AND INSTALLATIONS USING NUCLEAR FUEL, AND (III) THE BOARD OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS

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

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Members Dixon 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. Council Member Gray made comments. Council Member Walsh raised questions and Council Member Gray responded. Council Members Johnson and Harlee made comments. Council Member Gray made additional comments. Council Member McCoy made comments. Council Member Harlee raised a question and made additional comments. Council Member Walsh made additional comments and raised a question. Council Member Oliver made comments and **held** the above-referenced Ordinance.

Council Member Oliver requested to be excused.

Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 21-044 (Agenda #0100) 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 Department of Parks and Recreation submitted a 2021 Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant Program (the "ORPT Program") application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in the amount of \$150,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the ORPT Program, formerly known as the Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund, is a matching grant program assisting with public park land acquisition and outdoor recreation facility development in Delaware, and has provided over \$32 million in matching grant assistance to eligible local, county, and state governments throughout Delaware since 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks and Recreation intends to use the grant funds to make improvements to the Christina Park pier; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is required to provide a one-third (1/3) match to the grant award, which would amount to \$50,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control has discretion to increase the grant award to \$175,000.00 if it determines that such increase is warranted during its review of the City's grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, if the City is awarded a grant of \$175,000.00, the total amount of the City's match would increase to \$58,333.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will fund its match through amounts already budgeted for this purpose; 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 Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in the amount of \$150,000.00 is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, 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 one-third (1/3) local match of the grant award, which will total \$50,000.00 to \$58,333.00 depending upon the final amount of the grant, sufficient funds have already been budgeted for this purpose.

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Dixon, 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 Johnson raised a question and Council Member Harlee responded. Council Member Walsh made comments. Council Member Harlee made closing 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, Darby, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Oliver and B. Fields. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee requested to be excused.

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



Council Member Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 21-051 (Agenda #0101) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 1  
TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET  
(BEING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSTITUTE  
NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 21-019)

**SYNOPSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT:** This Ordinance is the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget, which was enacted in Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 21-019. This amendment contains: (1) changes to the position allocation list for City Council and the Mayor's Office; (2) revised budget appropriations for City Council; (3) increased budget appropriations for the Department of Public Works and the Department of Information Technologies; and (4) a transfer from the Tax Stabilization Reserve portion of the General Fund Balance to the Economic Strategic Fund.

First, this Ordinance amends the Fiscal Year 2022 position allocation list (the "PAL") by making certain changes in City Council and the Mayor's Office including: (1) changing the title of City Council's Legislative & Public Affairs Director to the Director of Communications; (2) adding the new position of Legislative Policy Analyst in City Council; (3) deleting City Council's vacant Deputy Station Manager and Senior Producer positions; (4) adding two (2) new Producer positions in City Council; (5) changing the title of the Community Referral Specialist to the Best Practices/Innovation Specialist in the Mayor's Office and (6) reclassifying the Best Practices/Innovation Specialist in the Mayor's Office from Grade E-03 to Grade E-05. Overall, the PAL has a total net increase of one (1.00) Fulltime Equivalent position (FTE), consisting of a 0.65 FTE increase in the General Fund and a 0.35 FTE increase in the CATV Fund.

Second, this Ordinance changes the Fiscal Year 2022 budget appropriations as follows: (1) decreases City Council's General Fund Personal Services account group budget appropriation by \$39,359 and increases City Council's CATV Fund budget appropriation by \$39,359 to change the source of the funding for the Director of Communications position from being entirely funded by the General Fund to being sixty-five percent (65%) funded by the General Fund and thirty-five percent (35%) funded by the CATV Fund; (2) decreases City Council's CATV Fund budget appropriation by a net \$48,178 due to the deletion of the vacant Deputy Station Manager and Senior Producer positions and the addition of two (2) new Producer positions; (3) increases City Council's General Fund Personal Services account group budget appropriation by \$77,999 to fund the new Legislative Policy Analyst position; (4) decreases City Council's General Fund Materials, Supplies, and Equipment account group budget appropriation by \$40,000, including a \$10,000 reduction for consultants and a \$30,000 reduction for miscellaneous projects and grants; (5) increases the Department of Information Technologies General Fund Debt Service account group budget appropriation by \$140,000 to fund the replacement of the City's storage area network; and (6) increases the Department of Public Works Water/Sewer Materials, Supplies, and Equipment account group budget appropriation by \$2,000,000 to fund legal fees related to several sewage treatment related disputes. In

summary, this Ordinance will: (1) increase the total General Fund budget appropriation by \$138,640; (2) increase the Water/Sewer Fund budget appropriation by \$2,000,000; and (3) decrease the CATV Fund budget appropriation by \$8,819. The increase in the General Fund budget appropriation will be funded by using the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

Third, this Ordinance authorizes a transfer of \$1,200,000 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve portion of the General Fund Balance to the Economic Development Strategic Fund to replenish the Economic Development Strategic Fund for upcoming projects.

Finally, as a housekeeping matter, this Ordinance corrects a typographical error on the Executive and Managerial Position Level Salary Structure Matrix for Fiscal Year 2022, attached to this Ordinance as Attachment "B", to list the upper end of the salary range for Level 3 as \$81,248 instead of \$78,123.

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Members Dixon and Walsh, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member N. Field presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 21-049 (Agenda #0098) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 OF THE  
CITY CODE TO ENSURE PRIVATELY OWNED  
OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ARE  
REMOVED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER  
THE COMPLETION OF A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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

Upon a motion of Council Member N. Field, seconded by Council Member Dixon, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member N. Field spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance. Council Members Gray and Cabrera. Council Member Walsh raised a question and Council Member N. Field responded. Council Member Johnson raised a question and Council Member N. Field responded. Council Member Cabrera made additional comments and raised a question. Council Member Gray made additional comments. Council Member N. Field responded to questions.

President Congo 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, Darby, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo.

Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Oliver, Harlee and B. Fields. Total, three.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Members Cabrera, Dixon and Spadola did not have any legislation to present this evening.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 21-045 (Agenda #0102) 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, has submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the total amount of \$60,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$18,000.00 would allow for the upgrade of the Police Department's existing Crash Data Recorder equipment, which is utilized to collect crash data from vehicles when investigating accidents that have resulted in serious injury or death. The current equipment owned by the Police Department does not allow for the download of data from vehicles manufactured after 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 would allow for the purchase of twenty (20) new police package bicycles for use by patrol officers with the Police Department's Special Operations Division, which would replace an aging fleet of bicycles that are more than ten years old and require significant ongoing maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$17,000.00 would allow for the upgrade of mobile forensic equipment to enhance investigative capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed grant funds would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be covered by the Police Department's annual budget, continuing the Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to offset increases to the City budget; and

**WHEREAS**, no local matching funds are required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and proper 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 Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the total amount of \$60,000.00 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 local matching funds are required by this grant.

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Dixon, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Walsh spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. Council Members Darby, Cabrera, Gray, Johnson and Spadola 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, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Spadola and Walsh. Total, seven. Nays, Council Member Darby and Council President Congo. Total, two. Present, Council Member Dixon. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Oliver, Harlee and B. Fields. Total, three.

President Congo declared the Resolution adopted.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 21-046 (Agenda #0103) 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, has submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security Fund to Combat Violent Crime (FY 2022); and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department is eligible for \$419,208.06 in grant funding, which would be used to cover overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed grant funds would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be covered by the Police Department's annual budget, continuing the Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to offset increases to the City budget; and

**WHEREAS**, no local matching funds are required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and proper 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 2022) in the amount of \$419,208.06 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 local matching funds are required by this grant.

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

Council Member Walsh **held** the above-referenced Resolution.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 21-047 (Agenda #0104) 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, has submitted a grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department is eligible for \$219,891.00 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**, the proposed grant funds would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be covered by the Police Department's annual budget, continuing the Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to offset increases to the City budget; and

**WHEREAS**, no local matching funds are required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and proper 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 in the amount of \$219,891.00 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 local matching funds are required by this grant.

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

Council Member Walsh **held** the above-referenced Resolution.

In addition, Council Member Walsh **held Agenda #0105**, which is the grant Resolution for the FY21 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program to support the Victim Services Unit and violence reduction efforts that is listed on the agenda.

Council Member Walsh made comments as it relates to the grants. Council Member Johnson also made comments.

A moment of silence of made for General Colin Powell.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: sympathies were expressed to the family of Mary Ann Miller; Redistricting; IAFF Local 1590 were thanked; announcements of community events throughout the City; Council's return to Chambers; announcement of Health, Aging & Disabilities Committee meeting; condolences were expressed to the family of Colin Powell; announcement of Redistricting Committee meeting and the requirement of members of the committee to be present in the Chambers, and the public was encouraged to attend in-person or virtually; scholarships for college students; sympathies were expressed to Council's Chief of Staff Daniel Walker for the loss of his grandfather; and including but not limited to, announcement of an additional Public Safety Committee meeting to be scheduled in November on specific topics that Councilmembers would like to see address.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Members McCoy, Dixon and Darby, Council adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest:   
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk