

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
March 3, 2022*

City Council met in regular session virtually 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 Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Absent with leave, Council Members Gray and McCoy. Total, two.

**Note: After being administered the Oath of Office, Mr. Albert Mills was placed on the Roll (See Suspension of the Rules).*

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of February 17, 2022, upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Member Walsh, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

Community Development & Urban Planning Committee Members	Present	Absent w/Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Maria D. Cabrera, Chair	✓		
Nathan Field, Vice Chair	✓		
Yolanda M. McCoy	✓		
Bregetta A. Fields	✓		
James Spadola	✓		
Shané N. Darby	✓		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio	✓		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

January 13, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute No. 2 to Ordinance No. 21-007** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 5 AND 34 OF THE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL VIOLATIONS RELATED TO THE FAILURE TO OBTAIN A BUSINESS LICENSE TO OPERATE A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL DWELLING UNIT PRIOR TO IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL FINE

Have given this Substitute 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 Oliver, seconded by Council Member 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

February 16, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-001** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF A PORTION OF NORTH PINE STREET, LOCATED BETWEEN EAST SIXTH AND EAST SEVENTH STREETS, FROM THE OFFICIAL CITY MAP

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 Member 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

February 16, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-004** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT CERTAIN PARKING REGULATIONS

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 Member Walsh, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for March 3, 2022 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, 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 4 to Page 5.

City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report March 03, 2022

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 03/02/2022):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,675,308.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,771,833.66
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,652.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,329.89
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,194,105.19
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 9,444.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 28,675.61
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
Total Cash on Hand		\$ 11,807,249.75

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 03/02/2022):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	0.01%	\$ 4.71	\$ 17,344,324.81
General	TD	ARPA funds*	2	0.08%	\$ 115.51	\$ 25,989,813.02
General	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.08%	\$ 40.09	\$ 9,019,854.28
General	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.08%	\$ 22.25	\$ 5,005,410.84
General	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.10%	\$ 173.28	\$ 31,190,514.75
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 88,549,917.70
RESERVE:						
General ¹	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.08%	\$ 72.72	\$ 16,362,082.49
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 16,362,082.49
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.08%	\$ 12.52	\$ 2,816,833.47
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.08%	\$ 22.81	\$ 5,132,802.04
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.08%	\$ 148.86	\$ 33,492,666.37
Water/Sewer	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.08%	\$ 14.57	\$ 3,277,448.85
State Bonds Proceeds	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.08%	\$ 28.00	\$ 6,300,264.17
Wilmington Parking	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.08%	\$ 22.22	\$ 5,000,207.18
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 56,020,222.08
Total Investments						\$ 160,932,222.27
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 11,807,249.75
Grand Total						\$ 172,739,472.02

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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City of Wilmington



Treasurer's Report - Pensions
March 3, 2022

DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 03/02/2022):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	299,830.26
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	189,963.98
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	230,409.39
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	16,276.63
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	180,333.41
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	1,592.81
Total Cash on Hand		\$	919,406.48

Cash Equivalents (as of 03/02/2022) & Investments (Market Value as of February 25, 2022)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Pension Plan III	WSFS	CD	3/25/2022	0.01%	\$ 4.55	\$ 554,104.15
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 554,104.15
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin 3000					\$ 51,415,297.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Market Index					\$ 4,820,089.00
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 19,294,856.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin 1000					\$ 16,602,610.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 17,909,451.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 15,731,497.00
Pension Trust	AB Global Core					\$ 14,406,271.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 13,716,776.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 14,283,359.00
Pension Trust	Hartford Schroder					\$ 2,780,716.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 5,822,119.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 1,440,476.00
Pension Trust	Wellington Emerging					\$ 4,260,827.00
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 15,060,707.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 11,125,539.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 38,157,419.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 36,710,259.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 7,309,285.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 1,049,024.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 30,959,835.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 322,856,412.00
Total Investments						\$ 323,410,516.15
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 919,406.48
Grand Total						\$ 324,329,922.63

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 484,342,738.42
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 12,726,656.23
Grand Total¹						\$ 497,069,394.65

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

DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

All Council	Sympathy Brian A. Mitchell, Sr.
N. Field	Recognize Sheila O’Callaghan
B. Fields	Sympathy Wilson Williams, Jr.
Harlee	Sympathy Noreen Maddox-Johnson
Oliver	Sympathy Mildred Wilson
Walsh	Sympathy James W. Berrien, Sr.
Walsh	Sympathy Joan Olivere

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- o Christian Willauer

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 22-010 (Agenda #0140) as follows:

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2022, the City Council, as required by Section 2-101 of the City Charter and Section 2-34 of the City Code, formally declared that an At-Large Councilmanic position was vacant as of January 7, 2022, due to former Council Member At-Large Rysheema J. Dixon’s resignation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 2-101, when such a vacancy occurs between general elections, it is the duty of City Council to appoint a resident of the City and a member of the same political party as the Council Member who resigned to fill the vacancy until the next succeeding general election held in the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Section 2-34, the Committee of the Whole of City Council has recommended Albert Mills to fill the vacated At-Large Councilmanic seat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Council appoints Albert Mills, a duly registered member of the Democratic Party residing in the City of Wilmington, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Council Member At-Large Rysheema J. Dixon until the next succeeding general election held in the City.

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members Walsh and B. Fields, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Harlee spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. Council

Members Cabrera, Spadola, Walsh, Oliver, Johnson and B. Fields made comments. President Congo made comments. Council Member Harlee made final 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 Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Gray and McCoy. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Cabrera, Council suspended the rules for the purpose of swearing in Mr. Albert Mills pursuant to Resolution No. 22-010 to fill the At-Large vacancy. Motion prevailed.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Mills virtually on Zoom platform by Judge James Hanby.

President Congo requested the Clerk to place newly appointed Council Member Albert Mills to the roll and is reflected in the minutes herein (*Note: Roll Call**).

RETURN TO REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, Council returned to regular order of the business.

Council Member Darby presented and called for third and final reading Ordinance No. 21-007 (Agenda #0021) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL FINES FOR OWNERS OF RENTAL PROPERTIES WHO FAIL TO SECURE A BUSINESS LICENSE TO OPERATE A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY

Council Member Darby presented **Substitute #3** in lieu of that Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 5 AND 34 OF THE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL VIOLATIONS RELATED TO THE FAILURE TO OBTAIN A BUSINESS LICENSE TO OPERATE A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL DWELLING UNIT PRIOR TO IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL FINE

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Substitute Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Substitute Ordinance was read for 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 Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Gray and McCoy. Total, two.

President Congo declared the **Substitute Ordinance adopted.**

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-008 (Agenda #0141) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TWO ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS OF CONTRACT 22002WDPS BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE COMPANY FOR PUMP, VALVE AND MISCELLANEOUS MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SERVICES

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is two (2) one-year contract extensions at an estimated price of Six Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$636,050.00) per extension, with the possibility of a price adjustment for each extension based upon the Consumer Price Index for the Philadelphia/Wilmington Metropolitan Area.

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

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-009 (Agenda #0142) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TWO ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS OF CONTRACT 22003WDPS BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND WILLIER ELECTRIC MOTOR REPAIR COMPANY, INC. FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is two (2) one-year contract extensions at an estimated price of Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$778,970.00) per extension, with the possibility of a price adjustment for each extension based upon the Consumer Price Index for the Philadelphia/Wilmington Metropolitan Area.

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

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-010 (Agenda #0143) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TWO ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS OF CONTRACT 22001PW-4 BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND DSC SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is two (2) one-year contract extensions at an estimated price of Ninety-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$99,432.00) per extension.

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

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 22-001 (Agenda #0124) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF A PORTION OF NORTH PINE STREET, LOCATED BETWEEN EAST SIXTH AND EAST SEVENTH STREETS, FROM THE OFFICIAL CITY MAP

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member Oliver, the 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 requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for 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 Darby, Oliver, Harlee,

B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Gray and McCoy. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 22-004 (Agenda #0136) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT CERTAIN PARKING REGULATIONS

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Harlee spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for 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 Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Gray and McCoy. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-011 (Agenda #0144) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE THREE PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF FOURTH AND SHIPLEY STREETS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS "HUMBLE PARK", FROM A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF O (OPEN SPACE) TO A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF C-3 (CENTRAL RETAIL)

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

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 22-011 (Agenda #0145) as follows:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-104 of the City Charter, City Council shall provide for such committees as it deems necessary; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it desirable to update the personnel assignments for its standing committees for the 108th Council Session; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted Resolution No. 21-006 establishing the 108th Session Standing Committees and the personnel assignments; and

WHEREAS, an At-Large Council seat was declared vacated on January 20, 2022 and Council intends to appoint a person to the vacated seat on March 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution amends Resolution No. 21-006 to update the personnel assignments for the 108th Session Standing Committees to appoint: (1) Albert Mills to former Council Member Rysheema J. Dixon's standing committee appointments; (2) Council Member Zanthia Oliver to the Education, Youth & Family Services Committee, the Health, Aging & Disabilities Committee, and the Public Safety Committee as Vice Chair; and (3) Council Member Bregetta A. Fields as the Chair of the Health, Aging, and Disabilities Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, this Resolution amends Resolution No. 21-006 to update the personnel assignments for the 108th Session Standing Committees to be as follows:

Finance & Economic Development

Chris Johnson, Chair

Michelle Harlee, Vice Chair
Nathan Field
Zanthia Oliver
Loretta Walsh
James Spadola

Education, Youth & Family Services

Yolanda M. McCoy, Chair

Linda M. Gray, Vice Chair
Shané N. Darby
Bregetta A. Fields
Zanthia Oliver*

Public Safety

Loretta Walsh, Chair

Zanthia Oliver, Vice Chair*
Linda M. Gray
Chris Johnson
James Spadola
Albert Mills*
Michelle Harlee

Health, Aging & Disabilities

Bregetta A. Fields, Chair*

Maria D. Cabrera, Vice Chair
Yolanda M. McCoy
Albert Mills*
Zanthia Oliver*
~~Michelle Harlee~~

Community Development & Urban Planning

Maria D. Cabrera, Chair

Nathan Field, Vice Chair
Yolanda M. McCoy
Bregetta A. Fields
James Spadola
Shané N. Darby

Intergovernmental

Linda M. Gray, Chair

Shané N. Darby, Vice Chair
Michelle Harlee
Yolanda M. McCoy
Zanthia Oliver

Public Works & Transportation

Zanthia Oliver, Chair

Loretta Walsh, Vice Chair
Linda M. Gray
Nathan Field
Bregetta A. Fields
James Spadola

Personnel Committee

Michelle Harlee, Chair

Chris Johnson, Vice Chair
Shané N. Darby
Nathan Field
James Spadola

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Harlee spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

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 Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Gray and McCoy. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member B. Fields did not have any legislation to present this evening. President Congo stated that Agenda #0146 was being held.

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-012 (Agenda #0147) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A
SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
WILMINGTON AND VERIZON DELAWARE LLC FOR
N11 DIALING SERVICE FOR VERIZON'S TELEPHONE
EXCHANGE END-USER SUBSCRIBERS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is a month-to-month contract with a price not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per year.

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

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

Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution No. 22-012 (Agenda #0148) as follows:

WHEREAS, 20 Del. C. § 3142-a (1) creates a health emergency commission that develops a public health emergency plan to be revisited every two years. The commission's original purpose included developing a "plan that ensures that 90% of the population is covered by a health alert network"; and

WHEREAS, Delaware's current emergency notification system is mainly dependent on landline-based notifications, which is primarily utilized only by 6.5% of the United States population on average. Additionally, wireless cellular devices are the only phone communication used by 62.5% of adults and 73.8% of children. Only 3% of Delawareans have manually registered with the States Emergency Notification System of those participating in wireless-only communication; and

WHEREAS, Wireless Emergency Alert System uses geographically targeted messaging to all available devices near emergency inducing incidents, ensuring high alerts are communicable and relevant to recipients; and

WHEREAS, catastrophic events are defined as having severe health consequences to the health and safety of public health, and alerts need to reach the most significant number of people as fast as possible; and

WHEREAS, 13% of the United States population speak Spanish primarily at home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington City Council supports House Bill 259 and its incorporation of the use of the Federal Wireless Emergency Alert, in both English and Spanish, to reach the highest percent of the population as quickly as possible in catastrophic situations.

Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Members Walsh and B. Fields, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Cabrera made 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 Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Gray and McCoy. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

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

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 22-013 (Agenda #0149) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City 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 Office of Emergency Management (the "Office") submitted a grant application for the 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant ("EMPG"), Supplemental American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"), a pass-through grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, supplemented with funding provided by the ARPA, in the amount of \$36,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the EMPG program is to provide federal funding to assist state and local governments in preparing for all hazards by implementing the national preparedness system and the national preparedness goal of a secure and resilient nation; and

WHEREAS, the Office intends to use the grant monies to support the administration and operation of the Office, including personnel salaries and benefits, supplies, equipment, services, maintenance and upkeep of the Emergency Operations Center, and expenses incurred during the activation of the Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to provide matching funds of fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of the project which will not exceed \$72,000.00, thereby creating a local match requirement of up to \$36,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City will fund this match requirement with amounts already budgeted for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, City 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 Office of Emergency Management's grant application to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$36,000.00 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, 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 fifty percent (50%) local match of the total cost of the project up to a maximum match of \$36,000.00, sufficient funds have already been budgeted within the Office of Emergency Management for this purpose.

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Walsh spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

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 Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Gray and McCoy. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: Walnut Street Project (DeIDOT Presentation); announcements of community meetings/events throughout the various districts; announcement of Finance & Economic Development Committee meeting; Council Member Mills thanked everyone for his appointment to Council; announcement of next Council meeting and the Mayor's Budget Address; everyone was encouraged to be engaged in the upcoming budget hearings; and including but not limited to it was mentioned a request from the community for Councilmembers to show their faces on Zoom during meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Members B. Fields and Johnson, Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk