

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
April 7, 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 Gray, Darby*, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Absent with leave, Council Members Oliver, Johnson and Spadola. Total, three.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of March 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:

Finance & Economic Development Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Chris Johnson, Chair	YES		
Michelle Harlee, Vice Chair	YES		
Nathan Field	YES		
Zanthia Oliver	YES		
Loretta Walsh		YES	
James Spadola	YES		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	YES		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

March 7, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 22-007** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO FINANCE VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS SPECIFIED IN THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND 2022 CAPITAL BUDGETS; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND THE NOTE; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of Finance & Economic Development Committee

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

Finance & Economic Development Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Chris Johnson, Chair	YES		
Michelle Harlee, Vice Chair	YES		
Nathan Field	YES		
Zanthia Oliver	YES		
Loretta Walsh		YES	
James Spadola	YES		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	YES		

President and Members of Council of The City of Wilmington

March 7, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-012** 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

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of Finance & Economic Development Committee

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member McCoy, 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

March 21, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-008** 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

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 B. Fields, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

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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

March 21, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-009** entitled:

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

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 B. Fields, 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

March 21, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-010** entitled:

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

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 B. Fields, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for April 7, 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 6 to Page 7.

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City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report April 07, 2022

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 04/06/2022):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,069,218.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,542,673.67
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,652.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,298.39
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,213,581.47
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 9,444.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 27,898.87
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		\$ 10,990,667.80

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 04/06/2022):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	0.01%	\$ 4.10	\$ 15,083,328.19
General	TD	ARPA funds*	7	0.08%	\$ 404.31	\$ 25,991,578.90
General	TD	High Yield Checking	7	0.08%	\$ 140.32	\$ 9,020,497.14
General	TD	High Yield Checking	7	0.08%	\$ 77.87	\$ 5,005,750.93
General	TD	High Yield Checking	7	0.10%	\$ 606.53	\$ 31,193,163.81
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 86,294,318.97
RESERVE:						
General ¹	TD	High Yield Checking	7	0.08%	\$ 268.67	\$ 17,271,368.57
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 17,271,368.57
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	7	0.08%	\$ 38.29	\$ 2,461,579.55
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	7	0.08%	\$ 76.39	\$ 4,910,935.73
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	7	0.08%	\$ 481.09	\$ 30,927,399.04
Water/Sewer	TD	High Yield Checking	7	0.08%	\$ 51.65	\$ 3,320,234.18
State Bonds Proceeds	TD	High Yield Checking	7	0.08%	\$ 98.01	\$ 6,300,692.24
Wilmington Parking	TD	High Yield Checking	7	0.08%	\$ 64.71	\$ 4,160,168.65
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 52,081,009.39
Total Investments						\$ 155,646,696.93
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 10,990,667.80
Grand Total						\$ 166,637,364.73

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

DocuSigned by:

DaWayne Sims 4/7/2022

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DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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City of Wilmington



Treasurer's Report - Pensions April 7, 2022

DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 04/06/2022):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	192,738.06
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	185,129.66
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	58,004.98
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		\$	440,465.51

Cash Equivalents (as of 04/06/2022) & Investments (Market Value as of April 1, 2022)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Pension Plan III	WSFS	CD	4/25/2022	0.01%	\$ 4.55	\$ 554,104.15
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 554,104.15
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin 3000					\$ 53,275,932.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Market Index					\$ 4,992,922.00
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 19,778,060.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin 1000					\$ 16,928,731.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 18,110,901.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 16,142,354.00
Pension Trust	AB Global Core					\$ 14,551,697.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 13,766,929.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 14,664,348.00
Pension Trust	Hartford Schroder					\$ 2,769,725.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 5,792,218.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 1,425,595.00
Pension Trust	Wellington Emerging					\$ 3,986,220.00
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 15,060,707.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 11,125,539.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 37,256,240.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 35,913,503.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 7,153,580.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 1,158,707.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 31,193,907.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 325,047,815.00
Total Investments						\$ 325,601,919.15
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 440,465.51
Grand Total						\$ 326,042,384.66

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 481,248,616.08
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 11,431,133.31
Grand Total						\$ 492,679,749.39

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

DocuSigned by:

DaWayne Sims 4/7/2022

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 McCoy, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

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| All Council | Sympathy Dr. Terrance D. Newton, Sr. |
| Darby | Recognize Black Maternal Health Week |
| Harlee | Sympathy Barbara Washam |
| Harlee | Sympathy Elaine Camper |
| Oliver | Sympathy Donald Lee Black |
| Oliver | Sympathy Jeffrey Alan Snow |
| Oliver | Sympathy Vernon "Magic" Williams |
| Oliver | Sympathy Diane Michelle Adams-Williams |
| Oliver | Sympathy Clinton Moultrie |
| Oliver | Recognize Mark Murowany, Laura Wisniewski, and Father Stephen Hutnick (Ukraine) |
| Oliver | Recognize Shirley Posey |
| Walsh | Recognize Ronald Wilmore (Retirement Wilmington Fire Department) |
| Walsh | Recognize Jose Prado (Retirement Wilmington Fire Department) |
| Walsh | Sympathy Patrick Hemphill |

****Note: During this time, Council Member Darby was recognized and marked present, and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).***

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, President Congo opened up the floor for public comment; however, nobody desired the privilege of the floor.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Members Gray and Darby did not have any legislation to present this evening.

On behalf of Council Member Oliver, Council Member B. Fields presented and called for the third and final 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.

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

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

On behalf of Council Member Oliver, Council Member B. Fields, presented and called for the third and final 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.

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

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, Harlee, B. Fields,

McCoy, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver, Johnson and Spadola. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

On behalf of Council Member Oliver, Council Member B. Fields presented Ordinance No. 22-010 (Agenda #0143) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE TWO ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS OF CONTRACT 22001PW-R 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 extensions at an estimated price of Ninety-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$99,432.00) per extension.

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

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

President Congo mentioned that Council Member Darby requested to be excused after her Resolution.

On behalf of Council Member Oliver, Council Member B. Fields presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-018 (Agenda #0155) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY CODE TO INCREASE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS COMMITTING HEALTH AND SANITATION VIOLATIONS

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

Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 22-014 (Agenda #0156) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wilm. C. (Charter) § 1-101, the City may acquire, hold, manage, and dispose of property on such terms as it deems proper for any municipal purpose; and

WHEREAS, Wilm. C. § 2-621(a) authorizes the Department of Real Estate and Housing to conduct disposition proceedings of real property owned by the City; and

WHEREAS, Wilm. C. § 2-622(1) provides that the Council shall by resolution declare a property to be approved for disposition and authorize the conduct of disposition proceedings by the Department of Real Estate and Housing; and

WHEREAS, Wilm. C. § 2-622(2) provides that the Department of Real Estate and Housing shall cause public notice of the request for proposals for the disposition of a property to be given by publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the City and make available all pertinent information to persons interested in submitting a bid on the property that has been approved for disposition; and

WHEREAS, Wilm. C. § 2-622(5) provides that the bids for a property, together with the recommendations of certain City departments, including the Department of Real Estate and Housing, shall be submitted to Council which, by resolution, shall approve the bid of the best bidder; and

WHEREAS, the City currently owns three parcels of real estate located at the southeast corner of Fourth and Shipley Streets, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (being New Castle County Tax Parcel Nos. 26-043.10-188, 26-043.10-189, and 26-043.10-190) (collectively, the “Properties”), which are commonly known as “Humble Park”; and

WHEREAS, the Council, upon the recommendation of the Department of Real Estate and Housing, wishes to: (i) declare the Properties to be surplus; (ii) approve the Properties for disposition; and (iii) authorize the conduct of disposition proceedings by the Department of Real Estate and Housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Council hereby declares the Properties to be surplus and approved for disposition and authorizes the Department of Real Estate and Housing to conduct disposition proceedings.

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members McCoy and B. Fields, 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 Members Gray raised questions and made comments. Council Member Harlee made additional comments. Council Member McCoy made comments. Council Member Gray 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, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver, Johnson and Spadola. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-019 (Agenda #0146) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE
TWO ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS OF CONTRACT
21029PR BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
AND PREFERRED MEALS SYSTEMS, INC. FOR
THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is two (2) one-year contract extensions at an estimated price of Two Million Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$2,023,798.00) per extension, with the possibility of a price increase of up to two percent (2%) for each extension.

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Education, Youth & Family Services Committee. Motion prevailed.

On behalf of Council Member Johnson, Council Member Harlee presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 22-007 (Agenda # 0139) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE
CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND GENERAL
OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE IN ORDER TO
PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO FINANCE VARIOUS
CAPITAL PROJECTS SPECIFIED IN THE CITY'S FISCAL
YEAR 2022 CAPITAL BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE
OF THE BONDS AND THE NOTE; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER
NECESSARY ACTION

Council Member Harlee presented a **Substitute** in lieu of that Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE
CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND GENERAL
OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE IN ORDER TO

PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO FINANCE VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS SPECIFIED IN THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2022 CAPITAL BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND THE NOTE; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

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

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for 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, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver, Johnson and Spadola. Total, four.

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

On behalf of Council Member Johnson, Council Member Harlee presented and called for the third and final 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.

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, 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 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, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver, Johnson and Spadola. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

On behalf of Council Member Johnson, Council Member Harlee **held** Agenda #0157.

On behalf of Council Member Johnson, Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-020 (Agenda #0158) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND THIRDLINE, INC. FOR MONITORING & AUDITING SERVICES

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: This Ordinance has an anticipated fiscal impact of \$550,000 over a five (5) year period.

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

Council Member N. Field presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-021 (Agenda #0159) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A PRIVATE STREET THAT EXTENDS IN A NORTHWEST DIRECTION FROM THE 2400 BLOCK OF RIDDLE AVENUE, ADD THE STREET TO THE OFFICIAL CITY MAP, AND NAME THE STREET AS "RIDDLE AVENUE"

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 N. Field, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Cabrera presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-022 (Agenda #0160) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 22004LI BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND R&A CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR VACANT PROPERTY SERVICES

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is a one-year contract extension at an estimated price of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$120,350.00).

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

Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution No. 22-015 (Agenda #0161) as follows:

WHEREAS, the VICTIM (Violent Incident Clearance and Technological Investigative Methods) Act of 2021, H.R. 5768 was introduced in response to a more than 30% rise in the national murder rate between 2019 and 2020, and clearance rates for homicides have been trending downward for decades; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington has a homicide rate of 44.2 per 100,000 people which is the 13th highest in the nation. Wilmington Police Chief Robert Tracy reported that the Wilmington Police Department was only able to clear and close 40% of murder cases in 2020, which was below the national average. This is also down from a 67% clearance rate in 2019, and 62% in 2018. To date, more than half of the cold cases in the State of Delaware are concerning Wilmington residents; and

WHEREAS, the VICTIM Act of 2021, H.R. 5768 would authorize \$1 billion in appropriations over ten years to fund grants aimed at improving clearance rate for homicides and shootings by the following: 1) hiring, training, and retention of homicide detectives, 2) purchasing and upgrading evidence processing technology, and 3) ensuring that victims have access to resources including timely mental health treatment, grief counseling, funeral and burial expenses, relocation expenses, emergency shelter and transportation, and lost wages assistance; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington Police Department's (WPD) Cold Case Unit is part of the Department's Criminal Investigations Division and includes WPD cold case investigators. The Unit specifically handles cases that have remained unsolved for more than one year, and after all investigative leads have been exhausted by the primary investigator, the members of the Cold Case Unit work tirelessly to pursue new leads in these cases, and to deliver justice on behalf of those who have been affected by violent crime; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence in the City of Wilmington is a persistent problem. Wilmington Police Department made 307 gun arrests in 2020, which was 80% more than in 2019, and 27% more in the past five years. Of the 293 people arrested in 2020 with guns, 148 had prior gun charges; and

WHEREAS, the VICTIM Act of 2021, H.R. 5768 bill was proposed on the House on October 28, 2021 by Representative Val Butler Demings of Florida, and currently has 32 co-sponsors. The Wilmington City Council urges the Honorable U.S. Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester to support H.R. 5768. This bill has been applauded and endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, The Major Cities Chiefs Association, the

National Association, the National Association of Police Organizations, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and the National Police Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington City Council supports VICTIM Act of 2021, H.R. 5768 aimed at increasing clearance rates and compensating victims of homicides and shootings or their families.

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. Council Member Harlee raised a question and Council Member Cabrera responded. Council Member Harlee requested to be added as a co-sponsor. President Congo requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Note: It was duly noted by President Congo to add Council Members Walsh and Mills as a co-sponsor to the above-referenced Resolution (Res. 22-015, Agenda #0161).

Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution No. 22-016 (Agenda #0162) as follows:

WHEREAS, House Bill 303 would amend Chapter 33, Title 18 of the Delaware Code by adding a new § 3370E to require coverage of annual behavioral health well check. This bill also amends Chapter 35, Title 18 of the Delaware Code by adding a new § 3571Z to require coverage of annual behavioral health well check. This bill also amends Chapter 5, Title 31 of the Delaware Code by adding a new § 530 to require coverage of annual behavioral health well check. This bill also amends Chapter 52, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by adding a new § 5215 to require coverage of annual behavioral health well check; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 53 million Americans have a mental illness, and of those, 14.2 million have a serious mental illness. Approximately one-half of the 53 million Americans with mental illness and one-third with severe mental illness are not receiving treatment. Insurance coverage for regular mental health check-ups will increase access to mental health professionals who can identify and treat those with behavioral issues to mitigate the impact on the individuals and their communities; and

WHEREAS, poor mental health causes an increase in unhealthy behaviors, including, but not limited to, binge drinking, illegal drug use, smoking, and

poor diet choices. These behaviors are risk factors associated with increased preventable premature deaths and suicides. In 2019, suicide was the second leading cause of death among American adolescents aged 12 to 17 years old, and in 2018, alcohol and tobacco were the lead causes of preventable deaths; and

WHEREAS, one in five New Castle County residents reported experiencing depression, binge drinking, or using tobacco products. In 2017, the City of Wilmington's overdose rate was 67.7 per 100,000 population, the highest in the state. One in ten New Castle youth reported prescription pill abuse, one in five reported tobacco abuse, and 12 percent said they had made suicide plans. Many of these behaviors could be prevented with access to appropriate mental health treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington City Council strongly urges the Delaware General Assembly to support House Bill 303 to require annual behavioral health well checks to be covered by insurance providers in the state.

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

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution No. 22-017 (Agenda #0163) as follows:

WHEREAS, as many as forty percent of deaths in the United States are avoidable with the proper preventative care. Many U.S. citizens avoid preventative care due to high costs and the lack of health insurance. The delay of preventive care puts vulnerable people at a higher risk of medical complications and more costly emergency visits. Sixty-four percent of Americans report that \$400 in unexpected expenses can cause financial hardship, which Immigrant households (both documented and undocumented) are especially vulnerable because they are typically lower-wage earners than U.S. citizens; and

WHEREAS, an estimated forty-six percent of undocumented immigrants and thirty-five percent of undocumented children do not have health insurance in the United States, compared to five percent of U.S. household children; and

WHEREAS, in Delaware, as many as five thousand children in low-income households lack health insurance, despite meeting the CHIP or Medicaid income threshold. In the City of Wilmington, six percent of the population is foreign-born. The current median household income for City residents is \$45,032, which is lower than Delaware's median household income of \$68,287 and the national average of \$62,843. Income is a crucial determinant of the affordability of unexpected expenses; and

WHEREAS, there is precedent for ensuring undocumented children in other states, including Oregon, California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont, New York, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, leveraging the preexisting infrastructure of Medicaid would limit the logistical challenges of developing a separate program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington City Council strongly urges the members of the Delaware General Assembly to support House Bill 317 to establish a medical coverage program to ensure children who are undocumented (or otherwise not insured) and meet income thresholds, have access to medical coverage.

Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Member McCoy, 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 Gray, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver, Johnson and Spadola. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: City of Wilmington Community Clean-Up event; congratulations were expressed to Master Corporal Cynthia Dodson; congratulations expressed to community groups; announcements of community meetings and community events throughout the various districts; reminder of Spring break and the need to find things for kids to do; congratulations expressed to Justice Jackson; and including but not limited to, announcement of in-person Council/Committee meetings to begin in May and everyone

was encouraged to come and participate as well as thanked for joining tonight's Council meeting and encouraged to continue to stay engaged.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Members Harlee and McCoy, Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk