

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
September 15, 2022*

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 (virtual), B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field (virtual), Cabrera*, Mills and Spadola, and Council President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent with leave, Council Member Walsh. Total, one.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of September 1, 2022, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Gray and B. Fields, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

September 6, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met with **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-038** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE
TO CLARIFY THE FUNDING OF AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM
THE BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT, THE TAX STABILIZATION
RESERVE, THE WATER/SEWER FUND OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE RESERVE, AND THE WATER/SEWER FUND
RATE STABILIZATION RESERVE

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for September 15, 2022 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Gray and B. Fields, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 3 to Page 4.

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City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report September 15, 2022

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 09/14/2022):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,334,300.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 849,239.24
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,412.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,232.55
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,217,956.40
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 9,444.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 20,466.66
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		\$ 10,558,952.25

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 09/14/2022):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo**	Daily	0.01%	\$ 10.38	\$ 42,966,874.75
General	TD	ARPA funds*	14	1.40%	\$ 24,428.02	\$ 44,867,787.42
General	TD	High Yield Checking	14	1.40%	\$ 4,922.12	\$ 9,040,635.99
General	TD	High Yield Checking	14	1.40%	\$ 3.79	\$ 6,959.46
General	TD	High Yield Checking	14	1.40%	\$ 17,022.70	\$ 31,266,181.83
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 128,148,439.45
RESERVE:						
General ¹	TD	High Yield Checking	14	1.40%	\$ 9,424.30	\$ 17,309,943.06
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 17,309,943.06
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	14	1.40%	\$ 1,157.04	\$ 2,125,176.82
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	14	1.40%	\$ 2,363.05	\$ 4,340,291.23
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	14	1.40%	\$ 15,851.26	\$ 29,114,565.76
Water/Sewer	TD	High Yield Checking	14	1.40%	\$ 1,811.73	\$ 3,327,661.86
State Bonds Proceeds	TD	High Yield Checking	14	1.40%	\$ 3,437.73	\$ 6,314,195.31
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 45,221,890.98
Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Int. Receiv.	Investment Amount
Police & Fire Remem.	WSFS	CD	1/23/2024	0.15%	\$ 59.18	\$ 25,871.46
Total Investments						\$ 190,706,144.95
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 10,558,952.25
Grand Total						\$ 201,265,097.20

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
September 15, 2022

DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 09/14/2022):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	22,262.09
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	1,102,429.95
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	402,685.19
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	11,702.66
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	380,587.63
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		\$	1,922,260.33

Cash Equivalents (as of 09/14/2022) & Investments (Market Value as of September 09, 2022)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Pension Plan III	WSFS	CD	9/26/2022	0.05%	\$ 12.17	\$ 296,261.09
Fire Pension	TD	CD	10/10/2022	2.50%	\$ 5,912.99	\$ 3,702,046.32
Police Pension	TD	CD	12/5/2022	2.75%	\$ 2,285.59	\$ 1,099,366.63
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 5,097,674.04
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumbline 3000					\$ 50,205,526.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Market Index					\$ 4,005,060.00
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 16,171,537.00
Pension Trust	Rhumbline 1000					\$ 15,021,654.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 17,053,520.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 14,639,483.00
Pension Trust	AB Global Core					\$ 12,697,515.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 12,032,479.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 13,528,851.00
Pension Trust	Hartford Schroder					\$ 2,390,469.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 4,989,167.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 1,206,845.00
Pension Trust	Wellington Emerging					\$ 3,428,150.00
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 17,233,926.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 12,154,605.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 13,000,000.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 31,601,014.00
Pension Trust	Rhumbline Core					\$ 27,824,797.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 2,293,733.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 502,397.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 28,290,613.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 300,271,341.00
Total Investments						\$ 305,369,015.04
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 1,922,260.33
Grand Total						\$ 307,291,275.37

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 496,075,159.99
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 12,481,212.58
Grand Total¹						\$ 508,556,372.57

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

Cabrera	Recognize Hispanic Heritage Month
Cabrera	Recognize National Suicide Prevention and Action Month
Cabrera	Recognize Ventas Latinas Delaware
Gray	Recognize Phillip Anderson, DSU Hall of Fame
Spadola	Recognize Heart in the Game (Greer Firestone)

*Note: During this time, Council Member Cabrera 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 comments and the following individuals spoke:

- Deacon Earl Tate
- County Council Member Jea Street

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. 22-039 (Agenda #0214, Rev. 1) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY CODE TO PROTECT THE EXPLOITED CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE, PROMOTE LOCAL HIRE OF WILMINGTON RESIDENTS, AND INCREASE SKILLED LABOR IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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

Council Member Darby **held** Agenda #0221 and #0222.

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

Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 22-057 (Agenda #0223) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 8-204, every department, board and commission may accept on behalf of the City a gift of an interest in real estate with authority from Council so to do; and

WHEREAS, the Riverfront Development Corporation of Delaware (“RDC”) is the owner of two properties located at 610 South Market Street (being Tax Parcel No. 26-057.00-005 and a yet-to-be-determined tax parcel number) (collectively, the “Properties”); and

WHEREAS, there is an existing drainage ditch located on a portion of the Properties that is essential to the stormwater management of the City (the “Ditch”); and

WHEREAS, RDC intends to install two underground reinforced concrete pipes within a portion of the Properties to carry stormwater flow through the Properties (collectively, the “Pipes”); and

WHEREAS, the City has agreed to be responsible for the repair, maintenance, and replacement of the Ditch and the Pipes (collectively, the “Maintenance”); and

WHEREAS, RDC would like to donate two easements to the City upon and over the Properties, as more particularly described on the agreements attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, in order for the City to perform the Maintenance (the “Easements”); and

WHEREAS, the City would like to accept the donation of the Easements from RDC to perform the Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, City Council, upon the recommendation of the Department of Public Works, wishes to authorize the City to accept the donation of the Easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Council hereby authorizes the City to accept the donation of the Easements, as more particularly described in the agreements attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, from the RDC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the donation of the Easements from the RDC to the City, including any and all further undertakings and assurances as may be appropriate.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee requested to be excused from the meeting.

Council Members B. Fields and McCoy did not have any legislation to present this evening.

Council Member Johnson presented and called Ordinance No. 22-038 (Agenda #0220) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE TO CLARIFY THE FUNDING OF AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT, THE TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE, THE WATER/SEWER FUND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE RESERVE, AND THE WATER/SEWER FUND RATE STABILIZATION RESERVE

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

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

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

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

On behalf of Council Member Walsh, Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 22-058 (Agenda #0224) as follows:

WHEREAS, City Council enacted City Code Section 2-233 establishing procedures for the Chief of the Wilmington Fire Department to call for the commencement of an academy class if the manpower of the Fire Department falls below ninety-five percent (95%) of the number of firefighters set forth in the position allocation list attached to the annual operating budget ordinance for the applicable fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2022, Council approved the annual operating budget ordinance for fiscal year 2023 (the “Budget Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Fire Department has represented that the manpower of the Fire Department has fallen below ninety-five percent (95%) of the number of firefighters set forth in the position allocation list attached to Budget Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Section 2-233(b), the Chief of the Fire Department has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of an academy class for the Fire Department and presented it to Council for its review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that City Council hereby recognizes that the Chief of the Fire Department has represented that the manpower of the Fire Department has fallen below ninety-five percent (95%) of the number of firefighters set forth in the position allocation list attached to the Budget Ordinance and has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of academy class for the Fire Department.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

On behalf of Council Member Walsh, Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 22-059 (Agenda #0225) 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 ("WPD"), has submitted a grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the WPD is eligible for \$223,454 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, no local matching funds are required; and

WHEREAS, in applying for this funding, the WPD seeks to continue its efforts to secure funding from other entities to help offset the fiscal impact of crime prevention activities on the City budget; 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, 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 Oliver, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. Council Member Darby made comments. Council Member Oliver made comments. Council Members Cabrera, McCoy, Johnson, Spadola, and B. Fields made comments. Council Member Darby made additional comments. Council Member Mills made comments. President Congo made comments. Council Member Gray made comments. Council Member Oliver 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, Oliver, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Spadola. Total, nine. Nays, Council Member Darby and Council President Congo. Total, two. Absent, Council Members Harlee and Walsh. Total, two.

President Congo declare the Resolution **adopted**.

On behalf of Council Member Walsh, Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 22-060 (Agenda #0226) 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 ("WPD"), has submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Fund to Combat Violent Crime; and

WHEREAS, the WPD is eligible for \$407,430.88 in grant funding, which would be used to cover overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, no local matching funds are required; and

WHEREAS, in applying for this funding, the Wilmington Police Department seeks to continue its efforts to secure funding from other entities to help offset the fiscal impact of crime prevention activities on the City budget; 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, 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 Oliver, seconded by Council Members Cabrera and B. Fields, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver 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 Gray, Oliver, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Spadola. Total, nine. Nays, Council Member Darby and Council President Congo. Total, two. Absent, Council Members Harlee and Walsh. Total, two.

President Congo declare the Resolution **adopted**.

On behalf of Council Member Walsh, Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 22-061 (Agenda #0227) 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 for funding from the State Aid to Local Law Enforcement ("SALLE") grant program in the amount of \$33,763.72; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would be used to cover the cost of providing advanced and specialized training for police officers; and

WHEREAS, no 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 in the total amount of \$33,763.72 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, 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 as no local matching funds are required by this grant.

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. Council Member Darby made comments and raised a question, and Council Member Oliver responded. Council Member Gray made comments. President Congo 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, Oliver, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Spadola. Total, nine. Nays, Council Member Darby and Council President Congo. Total, two. Absent, Council Members Harlee and Walsh. Total, two.

President Congo declare the Resolution **adopted**.

On behalf of Council Member Walsh, Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 22-062 (Agenda #0228) 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 amount of \$97,600.00; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$14,500.00 would allow for the purchase of water rescue dry suits and accessories and an equipment trailer to support the department's Marine Unit operations and to support officers who are part

of the Marine Unit when responding to calls for service and conducting water rescues or searches; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 would allow for the replacement of a trailer used to transport bicycles and other equipment for special operations. The department's current trailer is more than 12 years old and is in disrepair; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$69,500.00 would allow for the replacement of two Unmanned Aerial Vehicles - including batteries, accessories and warranties - as well as communication headsets, to be utilized by the Forensic Services Unit in connection with investigations and special events; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$3,600.00 would be used to purchase electronic hearing protection equipment with enhanced noise reduction capabilities for use by officers while completing State-mandated training and firearms qualifications at the department's range; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be absorbed 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 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 in the total amount of \$97,600.00 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 Oliver, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. Council Members Darby, Spadola, Mills Gray, Cabrera and B. Fields made comments. Council Member Darby made additional comments. Council Member Oliver 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, Oliver, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Spadola, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Nays, Council Member Darby. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Harlee and Walsh. Total, two.

President Congo declare the Resolution **adopted**.

On behalf of Council Member Walsh, Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 22-063 (Agenda #0229) 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 amount of \$205,492.00; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$155,000 would allow for the replacement of tactical vests for members of the Crisis Management Tactical Team. This protective equipment ensures the safety of officers responding to calls involving armed, barricaded subjects, as well as hostage situations and active shooter situations. This grant would support the replacement of existing ballistic vest equipment that has reached the end of its lifecycle and is no longer effective; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$35,992 would allow for the purchase of two forensic workstations and one forensic laptop, which would support investigations; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 would support the purchase of a portable training facility to support ongoing training for police officers. This trailer includes a mock structure that can be used to facilitate a variety of trainings; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$4,500 would allow for the purchase of 12 inflatable devices that can be deployed from land during a water rescue incident; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be absorbed 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 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 in the total amount of \$205,492.00 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.

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

Council Members McCoy, Johnson, B. Fields, Cabrera and Darby made comments. President Congo made comments. Council Member McCoy made additional comments. Council Member Oliver 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, Oliver, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Spadola, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Nays, Council Member Darby. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Harlee and Walsh. Total, two.

President Congo declare the Resolution **adopted**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Spadola requested to be excused.

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: announcements of community events and community meetings throughout the city; Fees and Fines Program (\$50,000 grant); condolences expressed to the family of John Kwiatkowski; announcement of Special Public Safety Committee meeting on September 16 to discuss the Landscape Analysis Report; street closures; announcement of Community Development Committee meeting for October to discuss landlord initiative; the upcoming #OneCouncil event on Saturday; various individuals, Council colleagues and entities were thanked for their participation and/or contributions; and including but not limited to sympathies were expressed to the family of Shirley Pritchett.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Members McCoy and Oliver, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, Council adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk