

*Wilmington City Council  
Wilmington, Delaware  
November 17, 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 Darby (virtual), Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Mills and Spadola, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Absent with leave, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

At this time, a moment of silence was done for Council Member Linda M. Gray.

**MINUTES**

After reading a portion of the minutes of November 3, 2022, upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Oliver, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<b>Finance &amp; Economic Development Committee Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent w Leave</b>	<b>Absent w/out Leave</b>
Chris Johnson, Chair	x		
Michelle Harlee, Vice Chair	x		
Nathan Field	x		
Zanthia Oliver	x		
James Spadola	x		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	x		

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

November 7, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-041** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THE CREATION, PUBLICATION  
AND MAINTENANCE OF A REVISED CITY OF WILMINGTON  
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's Report for November 17, 2022 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

*Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 3 to Page 5.*

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# City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report November 17, 2022

**Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 11/16/2022):**


General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,691,918.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 965,541.34
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,082.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,119.35
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,205,020.40
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 9,444.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 18,503.78
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
Grant-in-Aid	M & T Bank	\$ 112,760.87
Community Development Block Grant	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
Capital Projects	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$ 11,017,530.27</b>

**Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 11/16/2022):**

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	0.01%	\$ 6.17	\$ 23,262,954.74
General	TD	ARPA funds*	13	2.07%	\$ 23,558.85	\$ 31,516,854.11
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.07%	\$ 6,780.58	\$ 9,071,004.58
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.07%	\$ 5.22	\$ 6,982.83
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.07%	\$ 23,449.98	\$ 31,371,208.74
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 95,229,005.00</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
General <sup>1</sup>	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.07%	\$ 12,982.65	\$ 17,368,089.26
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 17,368,089.26</b>
<b>RESTRICTED:</b>						
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.07%	\$ 1,593.91	\$ 2,132,315.54
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.07%	\$ 2,595.30	\$ 3,471,975.29
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.07%	\$ 19,946.17	\$ 26,683,832.83
Water/Sewer	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.07%	\$ 2,495.78	\$ 3,338,839.88
State Bonds Proceeds	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.07%	\$ 11,392.70	\$ 15,241,065.68
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 50,868,029.22</b>
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
General	TD	CD	11/21/2022	3.37%	\$ 130,587.50	\$ 45,000,000.00
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 208,490,994.94</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 11,017,530.27</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$ 219,508,525.21</b>

<sup>1</sup> Budget Reserve

\*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

  
DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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DaWayne Sims  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report - Pensions I November 17, 2022

### Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 11/16/2022):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	104,716.71
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	774,738.88
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	197,795.25
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	258,604.06
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	205,427.25
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	1,592.81
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,543,874.96</b>

### Cash Equivalents (as of 11/16/2022) & Investments (Market Value as of November 11, 2022)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
Pension Plan III	WSFS	CD	11/26/2022	1.50%	\$ 370.34	\$ 296,273.26
Fire Pension	TD	CD	12/9/2022	3.31%	\$ 10,280.94	\$ 3,727,229.87
Police Pension	TD	CD	12/5/2022	2.75%	\$ 2,285.59	\$ 1,099,366.63
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 5,122,869.76</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
Pension Trust	Rhumbline 3000					\$ 52,681,664.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Market Index					\$ 4,136,248.00
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 16,941,563.00
Pension Trust	Rhumbline 1000					\$ 14,310,915.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 17,314,599.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 14,693,543.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 11,539,311.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 13,573,673.00
Pension Trust	Hartford Schroder					\$ 3,922,283.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 13,111,792.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 1,237,351.00

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

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**DaWayne Sims**  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report - Pensions II November 17, 2022

Cash Equivalents (as of 11/16/2022) & Investments (Market Value as of November 11, 2022)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
Pension Trust	Wellington Emerging					\$ 3,281,988.00
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 16,596,849.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 11,405,429.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 13,286,000.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 30,743,993.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 26,767,596.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 3,805,777.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 577,598.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 27,858,111.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 297,786,283.00</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 302,909,152.76</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 1,543,874.96</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$ 304,453,027.72</b>

**Total Funds under Treasury Management:**

<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 511,400,147.70</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 12,561,405.23</b>
<b>Grand Total<sup>1</sup></b>						<b>\$ 523,961,552.93</b>

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

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**NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

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| All Council | Recognize Honorable Deputy Minister Amara Kallon of the Republic of Sierra Leone (Center of Global Africa)       |
| B. Fields   | Recognize St. Mathews Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star-PHA-100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Breakfast Conference |
| Harlee      | Recognize Maurice Pritchett  |
| Harlee      | Recognize NOR Enterprises Turkey Drive Giveaway  |
| McCoy       | Sympathy Gordon B. Sanders   |

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

- Harold Gray
- Deacon Earl Tate
- D. Marque Hall

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Council Member Darby presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-045 (Agenda #0230) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 22-031 TO ALLOW COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS FROM THE TEMPORARY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND TO BE MADE TO FOR-PROFIT SMALL BUSINESSES TO MITIGATE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ARISING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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

This 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 Finance & Economic Development Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 22-041 (Agenda #0234) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE THE CREATION, PUBLICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A REVISED CITY OF WILMINGTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Council Member Oliver presented **Substitute No. 1** (Rev. 1) in lieu of that Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE THE CREATION, PUBLICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A REVISED CITY OF WILMINGTON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** This Substitute Ordinance has minimal anticipated fiscal impact.

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

President Congo requested the Clerk 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 Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Mills and Spadola, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

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

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-046 (Agenda #0247) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 36 OF THE CITY CODE TO REGULATE THE AFTER-MARKET SALE, PURCHASE, AND REPAIR OF AUTOMOBILE CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

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

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

Council Member Oliver **held** Agenda #0248.

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

On behalf of Council Member Cabrera, Council Member N. Field presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-047 (Agenda #0249) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE  
CITY CODE TO IMPOSE CIVIL FINES ON OWNERS  
OF VACANT PROPERTIES

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** The fiscal impact as a result of the changes implemented by this Ordinance is unknown.

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 Community Development and Urban Planning Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Mills presented Resolution No. 22-074 (Agenda #0250) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, positive youth development is essential to children’s social, psychological, and emotional skills, as well as their academic performance. It is paramount to the health, safety, economic prosperity, and overall well-being of our youth, their families, and our City that young people know how to access community support at this critical stage of life. As residents increasingly rely on the internet for information about community resources, an online database for youth services can facilitate valuable connections between our City’s youth and the organizations that serve their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous governmental, quasi-governmental, and nongovernmental organizations working tirelessly to offer meaningful developmental opportunities to our youth. An online database would be instrumental to informing young people, their parents, and concerned community members about activities in close proximity to their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, more than one in five Wilmingtonians is under the age of 21. The Delaware Afterschool Network (DEAN) estimates that 47% of kids in Delaware would participate in extra-curricular programs if available, but only 11% take part in afterschool activities. In 2020, approximately 14% of kids in Delaware were left unsupervised between the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that children who lack parks are more likely to be physically inactive, have excessive screen-time, get less sleep, and have a greater probability of developing attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Recreational activities improve health, promote social development, and encourage physical activity. The City’s parks and recreational centers serve as gathering places for



people to explore and enjoy outdoor activities, build stronger communities, promote healthy living, and engage in positive youth development activities. Exposure to recreational facilities has also been shown to reduce childhood obesity. Although about 71% of U.S residents live within a walkable distance of a local park and other recreation opportunity, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that about 14.7 million American children are obese. Obesity prevalence was 26.2% among Hispanic children, 24.8% among Black children, 16.6% among White children, and 9.0% among Asian children; and

**WHEREAS**, youth service organizations play an invaluable role in helping youth socialize with peers, improve their communication, learn life skills, and benefit from seeing positive role models. Research shows that many children have problems with violence and aggression because they lack nonviolent conflict resolution skills. In 2021, the Wilmington Police Department reported 18 juvenile shooting victims, 16 juvenile shooting incidents, and 45 juvenile gun arrests; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness of youth-focused resources and safe spaces is cited as a component of violence prevention and intervention. The CDC “Accelerating Youth Violence Prevention and Positive Development: A Call to Action” report recommended that connecting youth to caring adults and activities prevents youth violence and creates protective community environments. According to the Community Based Public Safety Collective “Landscape Analysis Report for the City of Wilmington,” facilitating access to community services and resources is a key component of violence intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, 81% of Delaware parents says youth development programs, like after-school programs, would help them keep their jobs. As the City works to foster resilience, our youth service agencies also play a role in expanding our residents’ economic capacity and preparing our children for promising futures; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census approximates that 90% of Wilmington households have a computer and more than three-quarters have a broadband internet subscription. An online youth services directory would amplify the work of local organizations and aid the recruitment of young people who could benefit from their activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that this Legislative body supports the creation of online youth services directory to facilitate connections between Wilmington’s positive youth development organizations and the youth they seek to serve.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wilmington City Council strongly urges the Administration to take the necessary steps to implement an online youth services directory that will better position our City for the future.

Upon a motion of Council Member Mills, seconded by Council Members B. Fields and McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Mills spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. Council Member Johnson made comments and raised a question. Council Member Oliver requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Members Spadola, Harlee, B. Fields and McCoy made comments. Council Member Johnson requested to be added as a co-sponsor and made additional comments. Council Member Harlee requested to be added

as a co-sponsor and made additional comments. President Congo made comments. Council Member Mills 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, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Mills and Spadola, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Spadola presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-048 (Agenda #0251) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO EXPAND ELIGIBLE USES OF  
COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS MADE BY  
CITY COUNCIL

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no anticipated fiscal impact as a result of this legislation.

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

Council Member Spadola presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 22-032 (Agenda #0211) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE  
CITY CODE TO CREATE A LICENSING FEE  
PAYMENT STRUCTURE FOR STATIONARY  
ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN AND TO REDUCE  
THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON THE BOARD  
OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS

Council Member Spadola presented **Substitute No. 1, As Amended** (Rev. 1) in lieu of that Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE  
CITY CODE TO CREATE PAYMENT STRUCTURE  
FOR LICENSING FEES FOR STATIONARY  
ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN AND TO REDUCE THE

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON THE BOARD OF  
EXAMINING ENGINEERS FROM THREE TO TWO

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** The fiscal impact will be minimal.

Upon a motion of Council Member Spadola, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Substitute Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Spadola made comments. Council Member Harlee raised a question and Council Member Spadola responded.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Substitute Ordinance was read for the third and final reading 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, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Mills and Spadola, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Substitute Ordinance, As Amended, **adopted.**

Council Member McCoy requested to be excused.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: condolences were expressed to Mr. Harold Gray and family for the passing of Council Member Linda Gray; NOR Enterprises' final Turkey Drive Giveaway; announcement of community events throughout the various districts; small business pop up; concerns expressed regarding dangerous driving, sidewalks and bus stops in the Pennsylvania Avenue area; announcement of an official Tribute for Council Member Linda Gray on December 1<sup>st</sup>; announcement of a Committee of the Whole meeting (Nov. 28) to interview candidates for the At-Large vacancy; staff were thanked for assisting with Open Door Sessions; congratulations extended to Council's new Chief of Staff, Mona Parikh; Happy Thanksgiving expressed and including but not limited to, everyone was thanked for attending tonight's meeting whether in-person or virtually and the public was encouraged to continue to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion of Council Member B. Fields, seconded by Council Members Johnson and Harlee, Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest:   
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk