

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
January 5, 2023*

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, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Mills, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent with leave, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

MINUTES

Council Member Johnson stated the following correction: “Mr. President, from the last Council meeting that took place on December 8, let the record reflect that the minutes that were accepted into the record, the correct date for those minutes is actually December 1.”

After reading a portion of the minutes of December 8, 2022, As Corrected, upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harlee, it was moved they be accepted as written and corrected. 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		
James Spadola	yes		
Ernest “Trippi” Congo, Ex-Officio	yes		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

December 5, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-048** entitled:

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

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 Oliver and B. Fields, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for January 5, 2023 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Harlee, 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 January 05, 2023

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 01/04/2023):

General	M & T Bank	\$	8,319,189.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	1,605,655.33
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$	4,332.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$	6,054.35
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$	1,233,803.97
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$	9,544.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$	27,923.25
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		\$	11,323,403.30

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 01/04/2023):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	0.01%	\$ 3.79	\$ 13,758,802.15
General	TD	ARPA funds*	4	2.58%	\$ 9,070.14	\$ 31,640,011.80
General	TD	High Yield Checking	4	2.58%	\$ 2,610.52	\$ 9,106,451.14
General	TD	High Yield Checking	4	2.58%	\$ 2.01	\$ 7,010.12
General	TD	High Yield Checking	4	2.58%	\$ 6,156.74	\$ 21,477,000.11
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 75,989,275.32
RESERVE:						
General ¹	TD	High Yield Checking	4	2.58%	\$ 4,998.31	\$ 17,435,958.14
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 17,435,958.14
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	4	2.58%	\$ 613.65	\$ 2,140,647.94
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	4	2.58%	\$ 999.19	\$ 3,485,542.65
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	4	2.58%	\$ 7,679.26	\$ 26,788,104.62
Water/Sewer	TD	High Yield Checking	4	2.58%	\$ 960.87	\$ 3,351,886.99
State Bonds Proceeds	TD	High Yield Checking	4	2.58%	\$ 4,386.17	\$ 15,300,598.82
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 51,066,781.02
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	1/21/2023	4.33%	\$ 168,355.18	\$ 45,152,250.00
Total Investments						\$ 189,670,135.94
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 11,323,403.30
Grand Total						\$ 200,993,539.24

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions I January 5, 2023

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 01/04/2023):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	119,266.46
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	593,458.91
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,752,319.24
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	836,487.51
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	140,691.45
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		\$	3,444,816.38

Cash Equivalents (as of 01/04/2023) & Investments (Market Value as of December 30, 2022)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension	TD	CD	1/9/2022	4.18%	\$ 8,037.41	\$ 2,232,958.42
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 2,232,958.42
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin 3000					\$ 50,622,679.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Market Index					\$ 3,488,793.00
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 15,810,873.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin 1000					\$ 13,473,230.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 15,248,326.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 14,707,722.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 11,037,783.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 12,841,518.00
Pension Trust	Hartford Schroder					\$ 3,974,562.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 11,734,058.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 1,240,431.00

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

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City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions II January 5, 2023

Investments (Market Value as of December 30, 2022)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Wellington Emerging					\$ 2,696,250.00
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 16,596,849.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 10,939,948.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 13,319,190.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 31,106,185.00
Pension Trust	Rhumbline Core					\$ 27,263,336.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 2,569,386.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 910,921.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 27,493,865.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 287,075,905.00
Total Investments						\$ 289,308,863.42
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 3,444,816.38
Grand Total						\$ 292,753,679.80

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 478,978,999.36
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 14,768,219.68
Grand Total¹						\$ 493,747,219.04

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

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NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

All Council	Recognize Chief of Police Wilfredo Campos
Congo	Sympathy Pauline Cloretta Motley
Congo	Recognize John Robinson
Congo	Sympathy Frankie Marva Congo
Darby	Recognize Parking Coalition Group
Darby	Recognize Wilmington Cities and Counties Fees and Fines Justice Team
Darby	Recognize Motorcycle Santa
B. Fields	Sympathy Josephine Thomas
Harlee	Sympathy Vernon L. Taylor, Jr.
Harlee	Sympathy Cynthia Lorraine Lee
Oliver	Sympathy Jacqueline B. Selby
McCoy	Recognize Marchelle Basnight
McCoy	Recognize Council President Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Congo dispensed from calling each Councilmembers name for legislative business.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 23-001 (Rev. 1, Agenda #0259) as follows:

WHEREAS, Wilm. Ch. (Charter) § 1-101 grants the City broad powers of local self-government under home rule authority, which includes the authority to enforce its legislation "by the imposition of fines, forfeitures, penalties and imprisonment"; and

WHEREAS, Wilm. Ch. § 1-102 vests the legislative power of the City in City Council; and

WHEREAS, Wilm. Ch. § 2-300 states that it is "the duty of the council, at least thirty (30) days before the end of the fiscal year, to adopt the annual operating budget ordinance for the next fiscal year"; and

WHEREAS, Wilm. Ch. § 2-302 requires that "[n]ot later than the passage of the annual operating budget ordinance, the council shall ordain such revenue measures as will, in the opinion of the mayor, yield sufficient revenue to balance the budget"; and

WHEREAS, nevertheless, City Council recognizes the fundamental role of examining fees, fines, and administrative sanctions imposed by the City's various

departments because of the potential impact on residents, visitors, and businesses in the City; and

WHEREAS, this includes, but is not limited to, the City's Department of Finance in the department's pursuit of fairly and equitably enforcing parking requirements and restrictions in the City, the City's Department of Licenses & Inspections' granting of business licenses and collecting inspection fees in the department's pursuit of ensuring proper business operations and preventing housing code violations, as well as those fines and fees imposed by the City's Fire Marshal's Office; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ("NAACP"), the Delaware Center for Justice ("DCJ"), Network Delaware and its Campaign to End Debtors' Prison, the Latin American Community Center ("LACC"), the nonprofit, public interest law firm Institute for Justice ("IJ"), and the American Automobile Association ("AAA"), City Council has questions and concerns about the implementation and oversight of parking enforcement in the City, including towing and booting fees and fines; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it prudent to create a taskforce to review fees, fines, and administrative sanctions administered by the City in order to ensure fairness in the administrative process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that this Legislative body names the following individuals to serve on the taskforce of City Council to review fees, fines, and administrative sanctions in the City: District 2 Council Member, Shané N. Darby; Finance & Economic Development Committee Chair, Christofer C. Johnson; Council Member At-Large, Maria D. Cabrera; Shyanne Miller of Network Delaware; Coby Owens of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Kailyn Richards of Delaware Center for Justice; Haneef Saleem of South Bridge Civic Association; Jennifer Thompkins of Wilmington Urban League; Christian Willauer of the Fifth District Neighborhood Planning Council; David Ross, 4th District Neighborhood Planning Council; and Andre Harris, 3rd District Civic Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chair shall convene the first meeting of the Taskforce sixty (60) days following the effective date of this Resolution. A quorum of the Taskforce is a majority of the members and is necessary for the Taskforce to conduct business at the meeting. Following its first meeting, the Taskforce shall meet at least once every February. If necessary, the Chair may convene additional meetings with an agreement of a majority of the Taskforce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the purpose of the Taskforce is to review fees, fines, and administrative sanctions administered by the City, make findings, and, if the Taskforce determines that changes are necessary, submit recommendations to City Council. The recommendation must be written and provide the required data points for any recommended changes, such as the fiscal impact and how any deficiency in the budget resulting from the lowering of fees will be covered. The Taskforce will begin its review process by developing an inventory of all fees, fines, and administrative sanctions imposed by any City department, division, or agency as well as determine when such measures were last reviewed and whether the measures are consistent with the

department's stated goals. When requested, the relevant City department will make a good faith effort to provide data and information to the Taskforce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Taskforce shall make its first findings and recommendations, if any, to the City Council within one-hundred and eighty (180) days of its appointment.

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Darby spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. Council Member Darby motioned to amend the Resolution as follows:

- On Page 2, the first whereas clause, add the following sentence: Any data provided to the taskforce is limited to non-confidential information that is permissible by request for freedom of information (FOIA).

The new whereas clause now reads as follows:

WHEREAS, City Council deems it prudent to create a taskforce to review fees, fines, and administrative-sanctions administered by the City in order to ensure fairness in the administrative process. Any data provided to the taskforce is limited to non-confidential information that is permissible by request for freedom of information (FOIA).

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member Bracy, the above-referenced motion was received, recorded and filed by voice vote. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Darby made additional comments on the above-referenced Resolution as amended. Council Members Johnson and Oliver made comments. President Congo made comments. Council Members B. Fields and Spadola made comments. Council Member Harlee made comments and raised a question. Council Member Spadola responded. Council Member McCoy raised a question and Council Member Darby responded and made additional comments. Council Member B. Fields made additional comments. President Congo made a point of order. Council Member Darby made additional comments and stated she will be holding the legislation this evening. Council Member Harlee made additional comments. President Congo noted as the legislation was held, there should not be any further discussion.

Note: After considerable discussion, Resolution No. 23-001 As Amended, was held.

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 23-002 (Agenda #0260) as follows:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-104 of the City Charter, City Council shall employ such persons as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its business; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it desirable to appoint the following person necessary for the proper discharge of its business, who shall serve at the pleasure of City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the following person is hereby appointed as an employee of City Council and shall be placed on the payroll of the City of Wilmington in the Office of the Cable & Communications/WITN, City Council:

1. Paul Kennard Sr. Producer/On-Air Talent

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Director of Human Resources, the City Treasurer, and the City Auditor.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 23-003 (Agenda #0261) as follows:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-104 of the City Charter, City Council shall employ such persons as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its business; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it desirable to appoint the following person necessary for the proper discharge of its business, who shall serve at the pleasure of City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the following person is hereby appointed as an employee of City Council and shall be placed on the payroll of the City of Wilmington in the Office of the City Clerk:

2. Anita Hawkes Legislative Administrative Assistant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Director of Human Resources, the City Treasurer, and the City Auditor.

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members B. Fields and Johnson, 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, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Mills, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 23-004 (Agenda #0267) as follows:

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Agreement to Establish the Wilmington Learning Collaborative (the “Agreement”), dated November 1, 2022, at Section 3.2, and consistent with Article XI of the Certificate of Incorporation of Wilmington Learning Collaborative, Inc., (the “Charter”) an individual nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Council of the City of Wilmington shall be appointed to serve on the Wilmington Learning Collaborative Council (the “WLC Council”); and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Wilmington Learning Collaborative (the “WLC”) is “to create consistency for students, empower educators, school leaders, and communities, and improve outcomes for students in City of Wilmington schools”; and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan of the Wilmington City Council seeks to facilitate a “Wilmington for All Ages” through “Advocacy and Support for Wilmington’s Youth in the Educational Process”; and

WHEREAS, the WLC Agreement was developed through engagement with Wilmington families, educators, students, and community members, with support from State and City leaders. In October 2022, it was approved unanimously by the Brandywine, Christina, and Red Clay School Boards at their respective meetings; and

WHEREAS, in the interests of promoting shared decision-making, the governing Council of the WLC consists of 12 members, consisting of each participating

district's superintendent or designee; each participating district's City school board member; one parent or other legal guardian of a child at a WLC school from each participating district; one former City educator; one appointee by the City of Wilmington, who is nominated by the Mayor and approved by members of the Wilmington City Council; and one high school senior who is a resident of Wilmington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Legislative body hereby approves the nomination of Donald Patton to serve as a member of the Wilmington Learning Collaborative Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as a member of the governing Council of the Wilmington Learning Collaborative, Donald Patton will have an obligation to ensure that the Wilmington Learning Collaborative Council performs its delegated responsibilities and obligations in a manner consistent with the guidance set forth in the Agreement to Establish the Wilmington Learning Collaborative; the Certificate of Incorporation of Wilmington Learning Collaborative, Inc.; and in accordance with applicable State and local laws.

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 and made comments. Council Members Johnson, Darby, Spadola, Oliver, Mills and B. Fields made comments. President Congo made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Members Oliver, B. Fields, Mills, Spadola and Darby 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 Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Mills, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 23-001 (Agenda #0262) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (PRICE'S RUN INTERCEPTOR REHABILITATION PROJECT), SERIES OF 2023-WPCRF, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE CITY OF WILMINGTON'S PRICE'S RUN INTERCEPTOR REHABILITATION PROJECT;

PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE 2023 BOND TO THE DELAWARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, 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 Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 23-002 (Agenda #0263) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (11TH STREET PUMP STATION PHASE 2 PROJECT), SERIES OF 2023-WPCRF, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AND CERTAIN UPGRADES TO THE 11TH STREET PUMP STATION; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE 2023 BOND TO THE DELAWARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

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 Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 23-003 (Agenda #0264) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (DIGESTER REHABILITATION PHASE 2 PROJECT), SERIES OF 2023-WPCRF, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE CITY OF WILMINGTON'S REHABILITATION OF DIGESTER #5 AT THE WILMINGTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE 2023 BOND TO THE DELAWARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

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 Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 23-004 (Agenda #0265) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (AERATION PROCESS PHASES 1 & 2 PROJECT), SERIES OF 2023-WPCRF, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE CITY OF WILMINGTON'S AERATION PROCESS UPGRADES (PHASES 1 & 2) AT THE WILMINGTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE 2023 BOND TO THE DELAWARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

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 Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 23-005 (Agenda #0266) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (DEWATERING PROCESS REHABILITATION PROJECT), SERIES OF 2023-WPCRF, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE CITY OF WILMINGTON'S DEWATERING PROCESS REHABILITATION PROJECT AT THE WILMINGTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE 2023 BOND TO THE DELAWARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

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 Spadola presented and called for the third and final 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.

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

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Spadola requested to be excused.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: announcements of community events throughout the various districts; congratulations were expressed to newly appointed Police Chief Wilfredo Campos and Inspectors Anthony Bowers and Matthew Hall; Wilmington Police Department Year-End Report; Christmas tree disposal; health awareness challenge and including but not limited to, everyone was wished a Happy New Year.

Note: During this time, Council Members Oliver and B. Fields requested to be excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Members Darby and Johnson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, Council adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk