

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
May 4, 2023*

“Youth in City Government Day”

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:48 p.m., President Ernest M. Congo, II presiding along with Youth President Jaeden Davis.

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 White, Darby*, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, thirteen.

MINUTES

After Layla Lopez (Youth City Clerk) read a portion of the minutes of April 20, 2023, upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

There were no committee reports this evening.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The following Treasurer’s Report for May 4, 2023 was read into the record by Layla Lopez (Youth City Clerk) and upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Members Oliver and McCoy, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer’s Report is included herein as an insert from Page 2 to Page 4.

City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report May 04, 2023

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 05/03/2023):

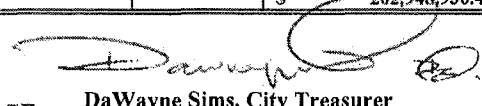
General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,265,729.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,258,514.40
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,652.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,005.73
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,218,451.47
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 10,644.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 24,402.94
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		\$ 10,905,300.94

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 05/03/2023):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	0.01%	\$ 3,412.99	\$ 31,145,396.36
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	4.25%	\$ 14,133.79	\$ 9,209,344.27
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	4.25%	\$ 4,437.34	\$ 2,891,298.18
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	4.25%	\$ 33,333.66	\$ 21,719,667.15
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 64,965,705.96
INVESTMENTS:						
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	6/20/2023	5.28%	\$ 354,089.99	\$ 45,847,450.86
General	TD	CD	7/17/2023	5.33%	\$ 351,276.42	\$ 26,072,513.23
General	TD	CD	6/27/2023	5.28%	\$ 42,301.73	\$ 4,807,014.77
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 76,752,850.32
RESERVE:						
General ¹	TD	CD	8/14/2023	4.91%	\$ 431,846.93	\$ 17,493,321.25
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 17,493,321.25
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	CD	7/17/2023	5.33%	\$ 25,215.11	\$ 1,871,521.60
Capital Project	TD	CD	7/17/2023	5.33%	\$ 21,051.25	\$ 1,562,470.53
Capital Project	TD	CD	7/17/2023	5.33%	\$ 227,915.97	\$ 16,916,427.65
Water/Sewer	TD	CD	8/14/2023	4.91%	\$ 83,018.21	\$ 3,362,914.47
State Bonds Proceeds	TD	CD	7/17/2023	5.33%	\$ 122,853.03	\$ 9,118,423.75
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 32,831,758.00
Total Investments						\$ 192,043,635.53
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 10,905,300.94
Grand Total						\$ 202,948,936.47

¹ Budget Reserve

^{*} Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines


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City Treasurer


Treasurer's Report - Pensions I May 4, 2023

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 05/03/2023):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	128,097.10
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	1,202,163.06
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	\$	16,576.34
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	15,226.95
Total Cash on Hand		\$	1,365,063.45

Cash Equivalents (as of 05/03/2023) & Investments (Market Value as of April 28, 2023)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension	TD	CD	5/10/2023	5.01%	\$ 5,276.32	\$ 1,249,194.14
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 1,249,194.14
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin 3000					\$ 54,831,679.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Market Index					\$ 3,779,479.00
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 15,376,703.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin 1000					\$ 15,733,772.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 15,699,628.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 15,780,767.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 11,944,712.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 13,819,721.00
Pension Trust	Hartford Schroder					\$ 4,275,076.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 12,746,133.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 1,330,064.00


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Treasurer's Report - Pensions II May 4, 2023

Investments (Market Value as of April 28, 2023)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Wellington Emerging					\$ 2,714,059.00
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 13,677,582.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 9,961,381.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 13,778,955.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 32,254,999.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 28,666,430.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 2,665,580.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 2,469,783.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 29,350,773.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 300,857,276.00
Total Investments						\$ 302,106,470.14
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 1,365,063.45
Grand Total						\$ 303,471,533.59

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 494,150,105.67
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 12,270,364.39
Grand Total¹						\$ 506,420,470.06

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

a. Recognition Resolutions

All Council	Recognize Youth in Government Day
All Council	Recognize Housing Opportunities of Northern
Oliver	Recognize Delaware Afro Sports Hall of Fame
Mills	Recognize Providers Appreciation Day
Spadola	Recognize Yuko Thomas

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Maurice Pritchett
Oliver	Sympathy Tyerra Jonviea Arrianna Weddington

The following students participated in the “2023 Youth in Government Day”:

- Jaeden Davis, President of City Council
- Ethan Clark, 1st District
- Nahjee Williams, 2nd District
- Chase Robinson, 3rd District
- Jaden Bethea, 4th District
- Jeffrey Flores, 5th District
- Kandyce Hardy, 6th District
- Karl Durant, 7th District
- Skye Sanchez, 8th District
- Jameel Weddington, At-Large A
- Heaven’Lea Snell, At-Large B
- Katana Gatlin, At-Large C
- Asiyah Thomas, At-Large D
- Basil McCoy, Mayor
- Nilynne Noel, Treasurer
- Logan Johns, Chief of Staff to Mayor
- Jack Gonzales, Chief of Fire
- Jeffrey Delgado, Chief of Police
- Eric Guzman Sanchez, City Auditor
- Nylin Boggs, City Solicitor
- Layla Lopez, City Clerk
- Israel Epps, Director of Parks and Recreation
- Abdul Quiles, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation

- Noah Paul, Commissioner of Public Works
- Hyanize Malloy, Commissioner of Licenses & Inspections
- Josiah Harmon, Director of Finance
- Ibn Branch, Director of Human Resources
- Jada Montgomery, Director of Real Estate and Housing
- Payton Staab, Director of Integrated Technologies
- Nhy'Airah Romeo, Director of Constituent Services
- Angel Mena, Director of Risk Management
- Dylan Ramos, Director of Cultural Affairs
- Isaac Leonard, Director of Planning
- Jared Gutierrez-Lopez, Director of Economic Development
- Symphony Byard, Director of Emergency Management

Although students participated in the Program throughout the course of the day, not all participated during the actual City Council meeting. The parents and teachers were acknowledged for their support of the Program. In addition, Councilman Mills mentioned the non-official resolution (Teacher Appreciation Week) that was created by the youth students representing Council seats, which Youth President Jaeden Davis read in part. The students who participated in the City Council meeting introduced themselves and the district and/or department they were representing.

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

Upon a motion of Council Members B. Fields, seconded by Council Member Johnson, Council extended the public comment segment. Motion prevailed.

At this time, Council Member Spadola requested to be excused.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Deacon Earl Tate
- Dwight Davis
- Abdullah Bey
- D. Marque Hall (virtual)
- Kristina Kelly (virtual)
- Yvonne Brown

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Council Member McCoy presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 23-018 (Agenda #0296) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 OF THE
CITY CODE TO ALLOW RESIDENTIAL TENANTS
IN CITY PROPERTIES TO DEPOSIT WITHHELD
RENT IN A CITY-HELD ESCROW ACCOUNT

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: This Ordinance’s fiscal impact should be de minimis.

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

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 23-019 (Agenda #0297) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE
CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT WATER
UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance cannot be precisely quantified because it will change depending upon the given fiscal year. As a point of reference, the City will spend approximately Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) in Fiscal Year 2024 on the predecessor program to the permanent water utility assistance program.

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. 23-020 (Agenda #0298) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE
CITY CODE TO REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
WATER, SEWER, AND STORMWATER RATES AND
CHARGES FOR CONSECUTIVE THREE-YEAR PERIODS

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 Johnson, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Johnson presented Resolution No. 23-020 (Agenda #0299) as follows:

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2 (SB No. 2), An Act to Amend Title 11, Title 24, and Title 29 of the Delaware Code Relating to Deadly Weapons, would amend Titles 11, 24, and 29 of the Delaware Code to establish an application process that would require handgun purchasers to obtain a qualified purchaser permit and to present proof that they have completed a firearms training course within 5 years prior to applying for a permit; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, firearm-related injuries were among the 5 leading causes of death for Americans under the age of 44 years old. Every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, and more than 230 are injured. In an average year, more than 40,000 die, and another 84,000 are wounded by guns nationally. Nearly eight in 10 murders and more than half of deaths by suicide in the United States involve a firearm. According to the National Safety Council, there was a 13.9 percent increase in all gun-related deaths and a 10 percent rise in accidental gun deaths in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Delaware has the 25th highest rate of gun-related fatalities in the U.S. An average of 111 Delawareans are killed by firearms each year. Firearm deaths and injuries cost the State of Delaware an estimated \$714 million annually; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, nearly one in four of Wilmington's violent crimes involved a handgun. In recent years, our City has experienced 7.3 firearm suicides per 100,000 population and 34.7 firearm homicides per 100,000 population. There were 19 shooting incidents with 23 victims in Wilmington between January 1 and April 9, 2023. There were 83 shooting incidents and 106 shooting victims in 2022 and a total of 118 shootings with 149 victims and 39 homicides in 2021; and

WHEREAS, SB No. 2 sets forth an application process for obtaining a handgun qualified purchaser card that preserves the Second Amendment rights of responsible, lawful gun owners; ensures that cardholders are adequately trained to safely operate firearms; closes loopholes in access to guns by mandating that all legal gun sales or transfers verify that an individual possesses a handgun qualified purchaser permit; prohibits access to weapons for individuals convicted of certain criminal offenses, and provides vouchers to low-income purchasers to ensure that cost is not a barrier to the lawful exercise of their Second Amendment rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that City Council is strongly in favor of Senate Bill 2 (SB No. 2), An Act to Amend Title 11, Title 24, and Title 29 of the Delaware Code Relating to Deadly Weapons, which would require that handgun purchasers possess a

handgun qualified purchaser permit to buy or obtain a firearm through a transfer of ownership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges the members of the Delaware General Assembly to support SB No. 2 to better regulate the sale of firearms and promote responsible gun ownership.

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

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member N. Field presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 23-021 (Agenda #0300) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 OF THE
CITY CODE TO EXTEND SUNDAY HOURS OF
OPERATIONS FOR NON-CONFORMING LIQUOR
STORES

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 N. Field, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Community Development and Urban Planning Committee. Motion prevailed.

On behalf of Council Member Cabrera, Council Member Johnson presented and called for first and second reading Ordinance No. 23-022 (Agenda #0301) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 OF THE
CITY CODE TO REDUCE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR
CERTAIN PARKING VIOLATIONS AND TO ELIMINATE
THE DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT OF CERTAIN
PENALTIES

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of the reduction of the parking fines currently set at \$40 to \$30 is projected to be between \$750,000 to \$900,000. This includes the loss of revenue from the reduction and the future loss of uncollectible accounts over the next four years.

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 Oliver, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Upon a motion of Council Member B. Fields, seconded by Council Member Cabrera, Council dissolved into the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of addressing the matter pertaining to the prior vacancy for the At-Large seat vacated by the late Council Member Loretta Walsh from the November 28, 2022 meeting, and the 1st District seat vacated by the late Council Member Linda M. Gray from the February 1, 2023 meeting as recommended by the Attorney General's Office pursuant to the opinion dated March 22, 2023. Motion prevailed.

Note: At this time, Council Member Spadola was recognized as being present (virtually).

President Congo: The first of order of business, I will announce the members that were present during the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole that occurred on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 5:48 p.m.: Council Member Shané Darby, Council Member Zanthia Oliver, Council Member Michelle Harlee, Council Member Yolanda McCoy, Council Member Al Mills, Council Member Bregetta Fields, Council Member Nathan Field, Council Member Maria Cabrera, Council Member Chris Johnson, Council Member Spadola and I, President Congo was present and presided over the meeting.

Pursuant to the Attorney General's recommendation dated March 22, 2023 regarding Council's FOIA violation pertaining to the November 28, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting to fill the Council seat vacated by the late Councilwoman Loretta Walsh, it's recommended that the Committee's voting on the candidates, be repeated in a future meeting in open session. Therefore, no debate is required on the floor today, we are here this evening solely to announce the voting publicly.

The following 15 qualified candidates were interviewed: Nancy Lopez, Justen Wright, William Wilmore, Waynna Dobson, Andre Harris, Latisha Bracy, John Johnson, Kathleen Patterson, Charles Vincent, Davon Hall, Deborah Kraak, Gary Linarducci, Donald Farrell, James Taylor, and Jeffrey Santoro.

Per City Code, each member of the Committee of the Whole shall identify up to three candidates to fill the vacancy.

As I call your name, please state who you voted for. Council Member Darby.

Council Member Darby: Who we on? I'm sorry, I just walked in.

President Congo: So right now, we are -

Council Member Darby: Which one? The At-Large or 1st District?

President Congo: Yes, At-Large.

Council Member Darby: We're saying the name of the candidate?

President Congo: Yes, that you voted for.

Council Member Darby: Alright, so, I had two votes. So, my first candidate was Dobson, Waynna Dobson and then my second choice was Latisha Bracy.

President Congo: Council Member Oliver.

Council Member Oliver: For At-Large, I voted for Justen Wright.

President Congo: Thank you. Council Member Harlee.

Council Member Harlee: Ah, Justen Wright.

President Congo: Council Member Fields.

Council Member B. Fields: Yes, I voted for Justen Wright.

President Congo: Council Member McCoy.

Council Member McCoy: Justen Wright.

President Congo: Council Member Johnson.

Council Member Johnson: Bracy.

President Congo: Council Member Field.

Council Member N. Field: Bracy and Santoro.

President Congo: Council Member Cabrera.

Council Member Cabrera: I voted for Bracy, Santoro and Patterson.

President Congo: Council Member Mills.

Council Member Mills: Bracy and Patterson.

President Congo: Council Member Spadola.

Council Member Spadola: Latisha Bracy.

President Congo: And I voted for Waynna Dobson. Latisha Bracy received the majority of the votes with six (6), followed by Wright with four (4), and Dobson, Patterson, and Santoro with two (2) each.

President Congo: For the second order of business, I will announce the members of the committee that were present during the Executive Session of the Committee of the Whole that occurred on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 @ 6:48 p.m.: Council Member Shané Darby, Council Member Zanthia Oliver, Council Member Michelle Harlee, Council Member Yolanda McCoy, Council Member Al Mills, Council Member Bregetta Fields, Council Member Nathan Field, Council Member Maria Cabrera, Council Member Chris Johnson, Council Member James Spadola and Council Member Latisha Bracy. I, President Congo was present and presided over the meeting. Again, pursuant to the Attorney General's recommendation dated March 22, 2023 regarding Council's FOIA violation pertaining to the February 1, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting to fill the Council seat vacated by the late Councilwoman Linda Gray, it's recommended that the Council Committee's voting on the candidates, be repeated in a future meeting in open session. Therefore, no debate is required, we are solely here to announce the voting publicly. The following 3 qualified candidates were interviewed: Coby Owens, Vincent White, and Harold Gray. Per City Code, each member of the Committee of the Whole shall identify up to three candidates to fill the vacancy. As I call your name, please state who you voted for. Council Member Darby.

Council Member Darby: Um, Coby Owens.

President Congo: Thank you. Council Member Oliver.

Council Member Oliver: Vincent White.

President Congo: Thank you. Council Member Harlee.

Council Member Harlee: Vincent White.

President Congo: Thank you. Council Member Fields.

Council Member B. Fields: Vincent White.

President Congo: Thank you. Council Member McCoy.

Council Member McCoy: Coby Owens.

President Congo: Thank you. Council Member Johnson.

Council Member Johnson: Gray.

President Congo: Thank you. Council Member Field.

Council Member N. Field: Gray.

President Congo: Thank you. Council Member Cabrera.

Council Member Cabrera: Vincent White.

President Congo: Thank you. Council Member Mills.

Council Member Mills: Owens.

President Congo: Thank you. Council Member Spadola.

Council Member Spadola: Vincent White.

President Congo: Thank you. Council Member Bracy.

Council Member Bracy: Owens.

President Congo: Thank you. Council Member – and, I voted for Gray. White received the most votes with five (5), followed by Owens with four (4), and Gray with three (3). It was shared by the Parliamentarian that seven (7) votes are required. As I call your name, please state who you voted for. Council Member Darby.

Council Member Darby: Who I voted for, Coby Owens.

President Congo: Council Member Oliver.

Council Member Oliver: Vincent White.

President Congo: Council Member Harlee.

Council Member Harlee: Vincent White.

President Congo: Council Member Fields.

Council Member B. Fields: Vincent White.

President Congo: Council Member McCoy.

Council Member McCoy: Owens.

President Congo: Council Member Johnson.

Council Member Johnson: Owens.

President Congo: Council Member Field.

Council Member N. Field: White.

President Congo: Council Member Cabrera.

Council Member Cabrera: White.

President Congo: Council Member Mills.

Council Member Mills: White.

President Congo: Council Member Spadola.

Council Member Spadola: White.

President Congo: Council Member Bracy.

Council Member Bracy: White.

President Congo: And I voted for Owens. White received the majority votes, with eight (8) votes. Owens received four (4) votes. For full transparency and as recommended by the Attorney General's Office pertaining to Council FOIA violation, Council has publicly announced the vote counts that were previously done in executive session pertaining to filling the last 2 council vacancies vacated by the late Councilwoman Walsh and Councilwoman Gray.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Members B. Fields and McCoy, Council returned to regular order of business. Motion prevailed.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: announcements of community events/community meetings throughout the various districts; announcement of upcoming Finance and Economic Development Committee meetings (May 8th and May 15th); Mental Health Awareness; Council staff were thanked

for assisting with Youth in Government Day; a walk from Wilmington, Delaware to Dover in support of safe and affordable housing; former Chief of Staff of Council, Daniel Walker was recognized as being present at tonight's meeting; all the graduates from Delaware State University were congratulated; and including but not limited to, everyone who attended in-person and virtually were thanked for joining tonight's meeting and were welcomed to call the Council Office with any questions/concerns and/or scholarship needs.

Note: During this time, Council Member Harlee and Council Member Cabrera were excused from the remainder of the meeting. In addition, more detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the May 4, 2023 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://wilmingtonde.swagit.com/play/05052023-578/2/>.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member B. Fields, seconded by Council Member McCoy, Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk