

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 18, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.**

**Virtual Meeting with Anchor Location In-Person and Remote Participation
Council Chambers
Louis L. Redding City/County Building
800 N. French Street - Wilmington, DE 19801
www.wilmingtoncitycouncil.com or www.WITN22.org**

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Committee Reports

IV. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

V. Non-Legislative Business

a. Recognition Resolutions

Oliver	Recognize Vikram Krishnamurthy (Delaware Center for Horticulture)
Spadola	Recognize Omega Project Physical Therapy (5 th Anniversary)
Spadola	Recognize Desmond Baker

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Harlee	Sympathy Laila Starr Bayard
Oliver	Sympathy Reggie Lacefield
Oliver	Sympathy Lady Leona Francine Hamilton
Oliver	Sympathy Derrick E. Lightfoot
Oliver	Sympathy Freddie Mae Anderson
Oliver	Sympathy Selena Anderson
Oliver	Sympathy Gloria Carson
Oliver	Sympathy Beverly Ann Barnes
Oliver	Sympathy Ruby Lynn Smith
Spadola	Sympathy Bernard Francis Kenny, Jr.
White	Sympathy Robert McKinley Thomas

VI. Public Comment

The meeting will be open to the public starting at 6pm, so members of the public can sign up to speak. To sign up for Public Comment, members of the public must go to the following website <http://tinyurl.com/wccpubliccomment011824> to fill out the information requested. Public Comment will take place after non-legislative business. The President of City Council will recognize speakers in the order listed on the website.

VII. Legislative Business**DARBY**

#0377

A Resolution for a Vote of No Confidence in Mayor Michael S. Purzycki for His Disparaging Comments Regarding Public Comment

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution is a vote of no confidence in Mayor Michael S. Purzycki for his disparaging comments calling public comment "mob rule" during the lively debate about the City's residency ordinance.

OLIVER

#0378

A Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing on February 15, 2024 on the Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 48 of the City Code to Revise the Height, Floor Area Ratio, and Building Coverage Ratio Requirements for the W-3 (Waterfront Low Intensity Manufacturing/Commercial Recreation) Zoning District

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution schedules a public hearing on February 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers regarding an ordinance proposing amendments to Chapter 48 of the City Code to revise the height, floor area ratio, and building coverage ratio requirements for the W-3 (Waterfront Low Intensity Manufacturing/Commercial Recreation) Zoning District. Members of the public will be allowed to participate in the public hearing (i) in person in the City Council Chambers and (ii) virtually in accordance with 29 Del. C. § 10006A. The instructions for virtual participation will be provided on the agenda for the February 15, 2024 Council meeting.

#0379

A Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing on February 15, 2024 on the Proposed Ordinance to Rezone the Parcel of Land Located at 1195 East Seventh Street from a Zoning Classification of W-4 (Waterfront Residential/Commercial) to a Zoning Classification of W-3 (Waterfront Low Intensity Manufacturing/Commercial Recreation)

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution schedules a public hearing on February 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers regarding an ordinance proposing the

rezoning of the parcel of land located at 1195 East Seventh Street (being Tax Parcel No. 26-052.00-004) from a zoning classification of W-4 (Waterfront Residential/Commercial) to a zoning classification of W-3 (Waterfront Low Intensity Manufacturing/Commercial Recreation). Members of the public will be allowed to participate in the public hearing (i) in person in the City Council Chambers and (ii) virtually in accordance with 29 Del. C. § 10006A. The instructions for virtual participation will be provided on the agenda for the February 15, 2024 Council meeting.

CONGO (Harlee presenting on behalf of Congo)

#0380 A Resolution to Amend Res. 23-050 and Res. 20-080 as it Relates to the Reporting of the Reparations Taskforce to Wilmington City Council

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution amends Res. 23-050 and Res. 20-080 to allow adequate time for the City Council Taskforce to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, with a Special Consideration for African Americans Who are the Descendants of Persons Enslaved in the United States, known as the Reparations Taskforce, to synthesize their findings and recommendations into a final report for presentation to the Council.*

MCCOY

#0381 A Resolution Regarding the Wilmington Police Department Commencing an Academy Class

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. In this Resolution, City Council recognizes that the Chief of the Police Department has represented that the manpower of the Police Department has fallen below ninety-five percent (95%) of the number of police officers set forth in the position allocation list attached to the Fiscal Year 2024 annual operating budget ordinance and has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of an academy class for the Police Department.*

#0382 A Resolution Approving the Police Department's Grant Application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SLEAF) to Purchase New Equipment

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$121,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase a laser measuring system used for crime scene reconstruction, a Gator utility vehicle for use during City-sponsored events and programs, special events, and*

community engagement initiatives, and six (6) electric bicycles for use during patrols by the Police Department's Community Engagement Unit and Special Operations Division. No local matching funds are required.

#0383 A Resolution Approving the Office of Emergency Management's Grant Application to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency for Funds Allocated Pursuant to the Fiscal Year 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Office of Emergency Management's grant application to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency for Fiscal Year 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant funds in the amount of \$245,000.00. The funds will be used to support the operation of the Office of Emergency Management and the Emergency Operations Center.*

#0384 A Resolution Regarding the Wilmington Fire Department Commencing an Academy Class

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. In this Resolution, City Council 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 Fiscal Year 2024 annual operating budget ordinance and has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of an academy class for the Fire Department.*

JOHNSON

#0376 Ord. 24-001 Constituting Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget (Being an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 23-030) Regarding Ambulance Services **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance is the second amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget, which was originally enacted in Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 23-012 and was amended and restated in its entirety in Ordinance No. 23-030. This amendment appropriates \$3.5 million to pay for ambulance services for the City for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024. The appropriation will be funded by a transfer from the Tax Stabilization Reserve.*

#0385 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the City's General Obligation Bond (Water Distribution & Transmission Improvements – Lead Removal Project), Series A of 2024-DWSF, in Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for the Replacement of Watermains in the City's Distribution System; Providing for the

Sale of the 2024A Bond to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the issuance of a General Obligation Bond (Water Distribution & Transmission Improvements - Lead Removal Project), Series A of 2024-DWSRF, in an amount not to exceed \$17,700,000 (the "2024A Bond"), which will be sold to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in order to (i) finance a project to eliminate any exposure potable water may have with lead material in the City's distribution system by the replacement of old cast iron pipe with modern day cement-lined, ductile iron pipe with an engineered rubber gasket, with the expectation the City will replace approximately four miles of watermains in its distribution system, as set forth in the City's capital budgets for its Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2020, June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2024, (ii) pay administrative costs relating to such capital projects, and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the 2024A Bond.*

#0386 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of the City's General Obligation Bond (PFAS Removal Project), Series B of 2024-DWSRF, in Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for Removing PFAS from the City's Treatment Facilities; Providing for the Sale of the 2024B Bond to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the issuance of a General Obligation Bond (PFAS Removal Project), Series B of 2024-DWSRF, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 (the "2024B Bond"), which will be sold to the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, in order to finance projects to implement the most cost-efficient means of removing Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) from the City's drinking water to gain compliance with impending changes to the Safe Drinking Water Act Water Quality Regulations and to add UV to elevate the log removal capabilities at the Porter Filter Plant to match the log removal capabilities at the Brandywine Membrane Plant, as set forth in the City's capital budget for its Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, (ii) pay administrative costs relating to such capital projects, and (iii) pay the costs of issuing the 2024B Bond.*

CABRERA

#0387 A Resolution Approving the Department of Land Use and Planning's Grant Application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, for a Federal Fiscal Year 2022/City Fiscal Year 2023 Pass-Through Grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior to Support the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Land Use and Planning’s Federal Fiscal Year 2022/City Fiscal Year 2023 grant application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, in the amount of \$26,004.00. The funds will be used to support the City’s Historic Preservation Planning Program, which has been in existence for over 35 years.*

#0388 A Resolution Approving the Department of Land Use and Planning’s Grant Application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, for a Federal Fiscal Year 2023/City Fiscal Year 2024 Pass-Through Grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior to Support the City’s Historic Preservation Planning Program

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Land Use and Planning’s Federal Fiscal Year 2023/City Fiscal Year 2024 grant application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, in the amount of \$15,707.00. The funds will be used to support the City’s Historic Preservation Planning Program, which has been in existence for over 35 years.*

#0375 Ord. 23-046 Authorize and Approve an Extension of Contract 24012LI (Vacant Property Services) Between the City of Wilmington and R&A Contractors, LLC (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to exercise a one-year extension option for Contract 24012LI “Vacant Property Services” with R&A Contractors, LLC.*

VIII. Petitions and Communications

IX. Adjournment

Note: This meeting will be conducted both in-person and via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

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