

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MAY 2, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M. – Youth in City Government Day**

**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

All Council	Recognize Youth in Government Day
Congo	Recognize Marie Foreman (104 th Birthday)
Congo	Recognize Omega Psi Phi Psi Zeta (50th Anniversary)
Mills	Recognize Tennis in the Streets
Oliver	Recognize Marlean Brown

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Cabrera	Sympathy David Paul Roselle
B. Fields	Sympathy Deborah Ann Sargent
B. Fields	Sympathy LaQuenta V. Daniels
White	Sympathy Richard E. Williams

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 <https://tinyurl.com/wccpubliccomment050224> 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**WHITE**

#0422

An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve a Contract Between the City of Wilmington and the Division of Public Health, Department of Health & Social Services, State of Delaware to Enforce Delaware Dog Control and Dangerous Dog Statutes **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the execution of an MOU between the City of Wilmington and the State of Delaware Division of Public Health, Department of Health & Social Services, Office of Animal Welfare. The Office of Animal Welfare will provide animal control services throughout the City. These services will be provided over a three (3) year period for a total cost of \$904,166.16.

DARBY

#0423

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Prohibit Water Service Disconnections for Non Payment of Utility Charges **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance prohibits the Department of Finance from disconnecting water service for nonpayment of sewer, stormwater, and water service charges.

#0424

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code to Establish an Affordable Water Program and to Retain a Third-Party Vendor to Perform a Financial Feasibility Study **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 45 of the City Code to require the Department of Finance to Establish an Affordable Water Program. Additionally, this Ordinance requires the Department of Finance to retain a Third-Party Vendor to perform a financial feasibility report on the proposed water rates required to implement the Affordable Water Program. Last, this Ordinance requires the Department of Finance to present its findings to City Council by January 1, 2025.

CONGO (Darby presenting on behalf of Congo)

#0425

A Resolution to Accept the Report of the City Council Reparations Taskforce to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, with a Special Consideration for African Americans Who are Descendants of Persons Enslaved in the United States

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution formally accepts the report produced by the members of the City Council Reparations Taskforce to Study and Develop Reparation

Proposals for African Americans, with a Special Consideration for African Americans Who are Descendants of Persons Enslaved in the United States, or the "Taskforce," pursuant Resolution 20-080 as amended and Resolution 23-050.

OLIVER

#0426

A Resolution Recommending a Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Pension Beneficiaries as a Budget Priority

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. The 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan prioritizes a "Prosperous and Sustainable Wilmington". This Resolution recommends that the Administration include a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for pension beneficiaries among its top budgetary priorities going forward.

#0427

An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve Three One-Year Extensions of Amended Contract 22002WDPS (Pump, Valve and Miscellaneous Mechanical Equipment Maintenance Services) Between the City of Wilmington and Municipal Maintenance Company **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to enter into three (3) one-year extensions of amended Contract 22002WDPS (Pump, Valve and Miscellaneous Mechanical Equipment Maintenance Services) with Municipal Maintenance Company.

#0428

An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve Three One Year Extensions of Amended Contract 22003WDPS (Water Distribution System Electrical Equipment Management and Maintenance Services) Between the City of Wilmington and Willier Motor Electric Repair Co, Inc. **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to enter into three (3) one-year extensions of amended Contract 22003WDPS (Water Distribution System Electrical Equipment Management and Maintenance Services) with Willier Motor Electric Repair Co, Inc.

#0429

An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve Two One-Year Extensions of Amended Contract 24009PWPS (Municipal Complex Facilities Management) Between the City of Wilmington and Asset Management Alliance **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to enter into two (2) one-year extensions of amended Contract 24009PWPS (Municipal Complex Facilities Management) with Asset Management Alliance.

#0430 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 42 of the City Code to Revise the Underground Facilities Coordination Manual **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Section 42-722 of the City Code to revise the Underground Facilities Coordination Manual regarding backfilling of excavations involving gas lines.*

JOHNSON

#0431 An Ordinance Adopting a New Methodology for Calculating City Council Salaries and Establishing Salaries of City Council Members for the 109th Council Session to be Effective as of January 7, 2025 **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance adopts a new methodology to calculate future City Council Session salaries and adopts the February 2024 PFM Compensation Study/Executive and Legislative Salary Benchmarking Report. Pursuant to City Charter Section 2-100 and City Council Rule 26, this Ordinance establishes increased salaries for the Council Members to be elected in November 2024 to comprise the 109th Council Session and take office on January 7, 2025.*

#0432 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Create a Water Review Board **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 2 of the City Code by creating a Water Review Board authorized to consider appeals of residential water bills. The Water Review Board will only consider appeals that have gone through the formal dispute process with the Department of Finance and where the customer has received a water service shut-off notice. Customers will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person, to present witnesses and documentary evidence, and to cross examine employees or agents of the City as to the basis for determining the amount billed. The Water Review Board will be authorized, where appropriate, to make adjustments and/or apply credits to a water bill or sewer bill, or both.*

#0420 Ord. 24-020 Approve and Authorize the Financing of a Project for Salesianum School, Inc.; Making Certain Findings with Respect Thereto; Authorizing the Issuance of City of Wilmington Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000,000; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to issue tax-exempt and/or federally taxable revenue bonds (the "Bonds") for the financing of a project for Salesianum School, Inc. (the "School"). The Bonds will be special revenue*

obligations of the City, payable exclusively from (i) payments made by the School under a bond purchase and loan agreement entered into between the School and a lender selected by the School, (ii) a promissory note executed by the School and delivered to the City in the aggregate amount of the Bonds, and (iii) available funds under a limited continuing guaranty from OSFS Real Estate Trust, a Delaware charitable trust.

N. FIELD

#0415

Ord. 24-019 Approve the Removal of a Portion of West Sixteenth Street, Located Between Brinckle and Greenhill Avenues, from the Official City Map (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the removal of a 150.5-foot-long by 60-foot-wide portion of West Sixteenth Street, located between Brinckle and Greenhill Avenues, from the Official City Map.*

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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