

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
July 3, 2024*

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 White, Darby*, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields (virtual), McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera*, Mills (virtual) and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent with leave, Council Member Spadola.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of June 20, 2024, upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Members Oliver and Harlee, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

Community Development & Urban Planning Committee Members	Present	Absent w/Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Maria D. Cabrera, Chair	X		
Nathan Field, Vice Chair	X		
Shané N. Darby		X	
Bregetta A. Fields	X		
Yolanda M. McCoy		X	
James Spadola	X		
Vincent M. White	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio		X	

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

June 13, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 24-037** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY
CODE RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF VACANT
PROPERTIES

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on
it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Community Development & Urban Planning Committee

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members
McCoy and Oliver, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

Public Works & Transportation Committee Member	Present	Absent w/ Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Zanthia Oliver, Chair	X		
Vincent M. White, Vice Chair		X	
Latisha Bracy	X		
Nathan Field	X		
Bregetta A. Fields		X	
James Spadola	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio		X	

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

June 17, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee met by **anchor
location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 24-034** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF THE
CITY CODE TO REVISE THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on
it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Public Works & Transportation Committee

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Members
McCoy and White, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for July 3, 2024 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harlee, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 4 to Page 6.

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City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report
July 03, 2024

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 07/02/2024):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,354,989.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,207,302.54
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,555.60
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 5,913.65
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,136,695.04
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 11,744.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 28,546.73
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 9,087.97
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		\$ 10,871,597.89

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 07/02/2024):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.99%	\$ 2,221.29	\$ 19,408,026.17
General	TD	High Yield Checking	2	4.58%	\$ 784.68	\$ 3,083,897.05
General	TD	High Yield Checking	2	4.58%	\$ 1,144.36	\$ 4,497,477.22
General	TD	High Yield Checking	2	4.58%	\$ 1,893.54	\$ 7,441,857.67
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 34,431,258.11
Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Int. Receiv.	Investment Amount
Police & Fire Remem.	WSFS	CD	1/23/2025	4.88%	\$ 1,168.38	\$ 26,124.17
General	TD	CD**	6/18/2024	5.28%	\$ 356,852.83	\$ 40,551,457.57
General	TD	CD*	7/15/2024	5.24%	\$ 77,943.70	\$ 17,273,906.23
General	TD	CD**	6/17/2024	5.28%	\$ 277,737.03	\$ 31,043,632.80
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 88,895,120.77
RESERVE:						
General ¹	TD	CD**	6/20/2024	5.24%	\$ 84,388.79	\$ 18,702,268.84
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 18,702,268.84
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	CD	7/15/2024	5.24%	\$ 6,755.71	\$ 1,497,203.28
Capital Project	TD	CD	7/15/2024	5.24%	\$ 772.30	\$ 171,157.67
Capital Project	TD	CD	7/15/2024	5.24%	\$ 61,557.71	\$ 13,642,437.40
Water/Sewer	TD	CD**	6/20/2024	5.24%	\$ 16,222.89	\$ 3,595,322.44
State Bonds Proceeds	TD	CD	7/15/2024	5.24%	\$ 15,696.76	\$ 3,478,720.70
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 22,384,841.49
Total Investments						\$ 164,413,489.21
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 10,871,597.89
Grand Total						\$ 175,285,087.10

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use, Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

** Investments currently undergoing renewals

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DaWayne Sims 7/3/2024

DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions I
July 03, 2024

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 07/02/2024):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	125,024.95
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	2,149,920.45
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	508,554.12
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,591.00
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	147,834.62
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		\$	2,935,517.95

Cash Equivalents (as of 07/02/2024) & Investments (Market Value as of June 28, 2024)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension III	TD	CD	7/8/2024	5.27%	\$ 34,255.00	\$ 3,900,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 3,900,000.00
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin (S&P 500)					\$ 103,325,999.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 17,266,415.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 13,557,385.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 13,995,554.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 14,387,242.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 17,519,491.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 2,411,096.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Emerging					\$ 2,976,017.00

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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions II
July 03, 2024

Investments (Market Value June 28, 2024)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 10,094,200.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 8,145,743.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 15,632,334.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 32,735,688.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 28,652,652.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 9,315,121.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 1,673,782.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 34,471,830.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 326,160,549.00
Total Investments						\$ 330,060,549.00
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 2,935,517.95
Grand Total						\$ 332,996,066.95

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 494,474,038.21
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 13,807,115.84
Grand Total¹						\$ 508,281,154.05

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

a. Recognition Resolutions

Congo	Recognize Violet Jane Dixon (100 th Birthday)
Oliver	Recognize The Monday Club

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Shawn L. Allen
Cabrera	Sympathy Anthony N. Fusco, Sr.
Cabrera	Sympathy Alice M. McMillan
Oliver	Sympathy Antoinette White-Gore

**Note: During this time, Council Members Cabrera and Darby were recognized as being present and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- o Christian Willauer

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 24-040 (Agenda #0452) as follows:

WHEREAS, Substitute 2 to Ordinance 23-040 established residency requirements for all non-elected City employees and created a Residency Taskforce, consisting of nine (9) members. Members include one (1) member from the Department of Human Resources, one (1) member of the Administration, and at least three (3) members of the public who reside in the geographical boundaries of the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 24-023 named five (5) members of the public who were appointed to serve on the Residency Taskforce. The responsibilities of the Residency Taskforce involve providing findings and recommendations on strategies to recruit residents to fill vacancies, create incentives for prospective employees to become residents, and address the financial implications of moving, renting, and/or purchasing a home within the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the Residency Taskforce was tasked with submitting a final report no later than July 1, 2024. This Council finds it necessary and appropriate to extend the submission date for the Residency Taskforce's findings and recommendations to October 31, 2024, and name two (2) additional members to contribute to the development of a final report on residency recruitment strategies suitable to the City of Wilmington's workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Resources and the Administration have the capacity to provide critical data and nuanced perspectives on the City's workforce and current recruitment efforts. The addition of individuals representing each of these operational units will advance the Residency Taskforce's capacity to make well-conceived, evidence-based findings to improve the City's ability to recruit and retain employees who are invested in the Wilmington community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Legislative body approves an extension of the time allotted for the Residency Taskforce to submit a final report from July 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative body names Director of Human Resources, Charlotte Barnes, and the Mayor's Chief of Staff, Tanya Washington, to serve as members of the Residency Taskforce for the City of Wilmington.

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member White, 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 Members Johnson and Oliver made comments. Council Member White requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Oliver requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Harlee made comments. Council Member McCoy made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Members Johnson and Harlee requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 24-041 (Agenda #0453) as follows:

WHEREAS, Eastlake Park is located at the intersection of North Madison Street and 30th Street in the 19802 neighborhood. Constructed in 1939, the park features Eastlake playground, basketball courts, a sitting area, and common space for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, parks are a significant conduit of positive youth development. They provide recreation and facilitate the strengthening of community bonds. Access to outdoor activities and greenspace has been associated with improved physical and emotional well-being, as well as community violence reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington City Council's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan prioritizes a "Wilmington for All Ages." Kaboom!, a nationally known non-profit dedicated to achieving "playspace equity;" has extended an invitation for the City of Wilmington to apply to participate in a community-led process to renovate the Eastlake Playground, which is located in Eastlake Park. To defray the costs of building playgrounds, Kaboom! assists in mobilizing volunteers as well as identifying financial support for the projects, provided the municipality submits an application for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has entered into discussions with the 76ers franchise regarding the feasibility of sponsorship for the basketball courts located at Eastlake Park; and

WHEREAS, residents of the community, including the members of the 30th Street Community Civic Association, have expressed their willingness to work collaboratively with both Kaboom! and the 76ers franchise to renovate Eastlake Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Council encourages the Administration to make every effort to work in tandem with the community members residing in the vicinity of Eastlake Park, Kaboom!, the Philadelphia 76ers Franchise, and all other relevant parties to acquire the resources and requisite technical assistance to renovate Eastlake Park, including but not limited to the Eastlake Playground and basketball courts located on the site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges the Administration to designate a time and manner to meet with community members, representatives of both Kaboom! and the 76ers franchise, and other relevant parties to confer about the feasibility of the renovation process and to develop meaningful steps for advancing this project by December 31, 2024.

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. President Congo requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Harlee raised questions and Council Member Darby responded. Council Member B. Fields raised a question and Council Member Darby responded and made closing comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call 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 White, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Spadola.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 24-034 (Agenda #0435) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF THE
CITY CODE TO REVISE THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE

Council Member Oliver presented a **Substitute (Rev. 1)** in lieu of that ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF THE
CITY CODE TO REVISE THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
PRETREATMENT ORDINANCE

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

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Harlee, the Substitute Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance.

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

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

Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 24-042 (Agenda #0454) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic Development has submitted a grant application to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control for a Surface Water Matching Planning Grant in the amount of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would support the City's (i) analysis of the riverine, tidal, and shoreline characteristics of the Seventh Street Peninsula

shoreline and (ii) exploration of and recommendations for shoreline protection approaches for the Seventh Street Peninsula shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the grant would require local matching funds of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Office of Economic Development's grant application to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control for a Surface Water Matching Planning Grant in the amount of \$50,000 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Office of Economic Development, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City. Although the grant requires a \$50,000 local match, the matching funds will be sourced from previously budgeted funds.

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 24-043 (Agenda #0455) as follows:

WHEREAS, with the participation of an advisory committee of federal, state, local, and community stakeholders, the final report and recommendations of Safe Streets for All in New Castle County have been issued, which commit to a goal of Vision Zero, a road safety philosophy which states that no loss of life due to traffic collisions is acceptable; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has submitted a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would support the development of a Safe Streets for All Action Plan for the City, which will build on the City bike plan's Vision Zero goal, the Delaware Department of Transportation's pedestrian safety study, and the final report and recommendations of Safe Streets for All in New Castle County; and

WHEREAS, this grant will require local matching funds of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and proper to (i) authorize the grant application for the aforesaid purposes, (ii) endorse the final report and recommendations of Safe Streets for All in New Castle County, and (iii) commit to a goal of Vision Zero.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department of Public Works' grant application to the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of \$200,000 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Public Works, or her designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administration and City Council hereby endorse the final report and recommendations of Safe Streets for All in New Castle County and commit to a goal of Vision Zero, reducing serious injury and fatal crashes by fifty percent by 2030, compared with 2021 numbers, and eliminating them by 2040.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City. Although the grant requires a \$50,000 local match, the matching funds will be sourced from previously budgeted funds.

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 24-044 (Agenda #0456) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Employment & Training, would like to provide grant funds to the Department of Public Works of up to \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would support training of new City employees and current City employees who are promoted to a higher pay grade; and

WHEREAS, no local matching funds are required; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the Department of Public Works to accept the grant funds from the Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Employment & Training, for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to accept grant funds from Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Employment & Training, in an amount up to \$40,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Public Works, or her designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant and to fulfill the grant requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City because no local matching funds are required by this grant.

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

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 24-045 (Agenda #0457) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has submitted a grant application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of \$333,558; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would support the City's planning project to produce designs for the restoration and enhancement of 12.7 acres of degraded wetland habitat along the Christina River in the Southbridge community. The implementation of these designs will help the community reduce flooding, enhance resiliency, accomplish ecological restoration, improve water quality in the Christina River, and create recreational opportunities for the City's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, no local matching funds are required by this grant; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department of Public Works' grant application to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of \$333,558 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Public Works, or her designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City because no local matching funds are required by this grant.

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member McCoy, 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 Member Oliver made comments.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 24-038 (Agenda #0458) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 40 OF THE
CITY CODE REGARDING SALARY STEPS, PAY
ADJUSTMENTS FOR PROMOTIONS, VOLUNTARY
DEMOTION, STARTING SALARIES, COMBINED
LEAVE PAYOUT, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR CITY-
SPONSORED BENEFITS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance will be approximately Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) annually. For Fiscal Year 2025, the adopted annual operating budget is sufficient to support this *de minimus* amount.

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

Council Member Cabrera presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 24-037 (Agenda #0441) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE
CITY CODE RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION
OF VACANT PROPERTIES

FISCAL IMPACT: Assuming no change in property owner behavior, annual vacant property fee revenue is projected to increase by \$1.5 million, to a new total of \$2.4 million. However, as the legislation is intended to result in a reduction in vacant properties, actual revenues are expected to be less than this. On average, for every 10% reduction in vacant properties or vacant property payment compliance, additional revenue will be reduced by \$237,000. A 64% or greater reduction in vacant properties/ payment compliance will result in a decrease in total revenue relative to the current fee structure. See the table below for details.

Reduction in Vacant Properties/Payment Compliance	Total Revenue	Revenue increase/ (decrease) vs FY'23 actual
No reduction	\$2,368,518	\$1,526,101
10.0%	\$2,131,666	\$1,289,249
20.0%	\$1,894,815	\$1,052,398
30.0%	\$1,657,963	\$815,546
40.0%	\$1,421,111	\$578,694
50.0%	\$1,184,259	\$341,842
60.0%	\$947,407	\$104,990
70.0%	\$710,555	(\$131,862)
80.0%	\$473,704	(\$368,713)
90.0%	\$236,852	(\$605,565)
100.0%	\$0	(\$842,417)

Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Cabrera spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance and made comments. Council Member Oliver made comments. Council Member McCoy made comments and raised a question and Council Member Cabrera responded. Council Members Johnson, White and Darby made comments. Council Member Mills made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Bracy raised a question and made comments. Council Member Cabrera responded. Council Member McCoy made additional comments. Council Member B. Fields made comments. Council Member Oliver made additional comments. Council Member White made additional comments. Council Member Harlee made comments. Council Member Darby made additional comments. President Congo raised a question and made comments. Council Member Cabrera responded to several members concerns and made closing comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call 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 White, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Bracy. Total, ten. Nays, Council Member Darby and Council President Congo. Total, two. Absent, Council Member Spadola. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: announcement of upcoming joint meeting of Finance & Economic Development and Community Development & Urban Planning Committees; announcement of community events; suggestion of school buildings being open during the summer for kids (safe/cool haven); 4th of July celebration and the need to be safe with fireworks; trash/recycle modified schedule due to holiday; and including but not limited to, everyone was thanked for attending tonight's meeting whether in-person or virtually and were encouraged to continue to participate as well as contact Council's Office with any questions and/or concerns.

Note: During this time, Council Members Oliver and N. Field were excused from the remainder of the meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member White, seconded by Council Member Cabrera, Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the July 3, 2024 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://wilmingtonde.new.swagit.com/videos/309557>.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk