

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
December 12, 2024*

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:34 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 (virtual), Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson (virtual), N. Field, Cabrera*, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent with leave, Council Members Oliver and Mills. Total, two.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of December 5, 2024, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member 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

December 2, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Sub. 1 to Ordinance No. 24-054** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE A PROBATE INFORMATION SHEET TO PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF A DECEDENT

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

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

December 2, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 24-055** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE FINE FOR DOG OWNERS WHOSE DOG BITES SOMEONE WHILE OFF-LEASH

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for December 12, 2024 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Harlee and B. Fields, 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 December 12, 2024

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 12/11/2024):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,536,017.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 941,552.90
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,652.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 5,913.65
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,236,077.95
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 11,744.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 18,020.81
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 17,337.97
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		\$ 10,884,079.71

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 12/11/2024):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.99%	\$ 2,766.27	\$ 30,280,277.31
General	TD	High Yield Checking	6	3.94%	\$ 8,658.40	\$ 13,185,375.76
General	TD	High Yield Checking	6	3.86%	\$ 15,188.83	\$ 23,609,579.28
General	TD	High Yield Checking	6	3.94%	\$ 3,355.48	\$ 5,109,866.02
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 72,185,098.36
RESTRICTED:						
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	12/18/2024	4.77%	\$ 123,303.88	\$ 31,019,844.60
General	TD	CD*	12/16/2024	4.77%	\$ 74,551.70	\$ 17,582,947.52
General	TD	CD	12/16/2024	4.77%	\$ 4,111.11	\$ 969,602.21
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 49,598,518.50
RESERVE:						
General ¹	PNC	T-Bills	12/19/2024	4.52%	\$ 56,200.00	\$ 19,719,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 19,719,000.00
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	CD	12/16/2024	4.77%	\$ 6,139.75	\$ 1,448,053.16
Capital Project	TD	CD	12/16/2024	4.77%	\$ 357.68	\$ 84,358.54
Capital Project	TD	CD	12/16/2024	4.77%	\$ 39,357.51	\$ 9,282,432.07
Water/Sewer	PNC	T-Bills	12/19/2024	4.52%	\$ 44,500.00	\$ 15,590,000.00
State Bonds Proceeds	TD	CD	12/16/2024	4.77%	\$ 9,460.39	\$ 2,231,224.42
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 28,636,068.19
Total Investments						\$ 170,138,685.05
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 10,884,079.71
Grand Total						\$ 181,022,764.76

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

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DaWayne Sims 12/12/2024

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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions I December 12, 2024

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 12/11/2024):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	49,993.88
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	492,391.45
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	116,441.55
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,404,398.75
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	179,347.46
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		\$	2,245,165.90

Cash Equivalents (as of 12/11/2024) & Investments (Market Value as of Dec 06, 2024)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension III	TD	CD	1/21/2025	4.78%	\$ 16,465.25	\$ 2,000,098.26
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 2,000,098.26
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumbline (S&P 500)					\$ 115,744,613.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 18,997,349.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 14,265,027.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 15,132,447.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 15,818,998.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 18,151,964.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 2,465,325.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Emerging					\$ 3,050,694.00

Fire pension CD currently undergoing renewal

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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions II December 12, 2024

Investments (Market Value Dec 06, 2024)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 9,521,609.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 7,914,405.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 16,376,951.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 34,190,867.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 29,839,341.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 9,715,071.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 2,317,942.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 37,427,424.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 350,930,027.00
Total Investments						\$ 352,930,125.26
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 2,245,165.90
Grand Total						\$ 355,175,291.16

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 523,068,810.31
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 13,129,245.61
Grand Total¹						\$ 536,198,055.92

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

a. Recognition Resolutions

All Council	Recognize Anaya Harrison
All Council	Recognize Gabriel Akinporoye
All Council	Recognize Mona A. Parikh, Esq.
B. Fields	Recognize Tramaine Smith (Executive Director of Born4Brothers)
McCoy	Recognize Corporal Avery Stewart

b. Sympathy Resolutions

B. Fields	Sympathy Helen P. Walker
Cabrera	Sympathy Javier A. Morales
Cabrera	Sympathy Jose Miguel Prado
Harlee	Sympathy Veronica Lemon
Spadola	Sympathy Addie M. Cole

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

Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, Council extended the public comments segment. Motion prevailed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Deacon Earl E. Tate, II
- Bayard Marin (virtual)
- Evette Tucker
- Josh Schoenberg
- Agnes Spruiell
- India Colon-Diaz
- Eric Spruiell
- Quincy Watkins

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member White presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 24-054 (Agenda #0487) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY
CODE TO REQUIRE FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDERS
TO PROVIDE A PROBATE INFORMATION SHEET TO
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF A DECEDENT

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY
CODE TO REQUIRE FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDERS
TO PROVIDE A PROBATE INFORMATION SHEET TO
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF A DECEDENT

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

Upon a motion of Council Member White, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Substitute Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed.

Council Member White presented the following Floor Amendment:

- 1) On Page 3 of Substitute No. 1 to Ord. 24-054, add in the underlined language to proposed Section 5-162(a) as follows:
 - a) *Disclosure.* A funeral service provider shall provide the probate information sheet to the personal representative of the decedent who is to be buried within the corporate limits of the City of Wilmington not later than the date of the final disposition of the deceased.

Upon a motion of Council Member White, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, the Floor Amendment was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Spadola raised a question and Council Member White responded. Council Members Cabrera and Harlee made comments.

President Congo did a **Voice Vote on the Floor Amendment**, and the amendment was adopted.

The Substitute Ordinance, As Amended, was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member White spoke on the Ordinance, As Amended. Council Members Cabrera, Harlee and Spadola made comments. Council Member Bracy made comments and raised a question. Council Member Harlee made additional comments.

Council Member McCoy raised a question. President Congo made comments. Council Member White made closing comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call the roll.

The above-referenced **Substitute** Ordinance, As Amended, 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, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field and Cabrera, and Council President Congo. Total, seven. Nays, none. Present, Council Members Harlee, Spadola and Bracy. Total, three. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver and Mills. Total, three.

President Congo declared the Substitute Ordinance, As Amended, **adopted**.

On behalf of Council Member Oliver, Council Member White presented Ordinance No. 24-055 (Agenda #0489) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY
CODE TO INCREASE THE FINE FOR DOG OWNERS
WHOSE DOG BITES SOMEONE WHILE OFF-LEASH

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

Upon a motion of Council Member White, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member White spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance. Council Member Harlee made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Cabrera made 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, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver and Mills. Total, three.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 24-056 (Rev. 1, Agenda #0490) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 44 OF THE
CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE INCOME THRESHOLD
FOR THE EXEMPTION OF CAREGIVER, ELDERLY,
OR DISABLED PERSONS FROM REAL ESTATE
TAXATION

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: This Ordinance's fiscal impact is unknown at this time.

Upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed.

Council Member McCoy presented the following Floor Amendment:

- Delete both references to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level; and
- Replace them with 200% of the Federal Poverty Level

Upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Bracy, the Floor Amendment was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Nobody desired the privilege of the floor to speak on the floor amendment.

President Congo requested the Clerk call the **Roll for the Floor Amendment**.

The above-referenced Floor Amendment was adopted by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members White, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver and Mills. Total, three.

President Congo declared the **Floor Amendment** adopted.

The Ordinance, As Amended, was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member McCoy spoke on the Ordinance, As Amended. Council Member Bracy requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Spadola made comments and raised a question, and Council Member McCoy responded and made comments. Council Member Johnson made comments. Council Member White raised questions, and Council Member McCoy responded. Council Member White made comments. Council Member Harlee made comments. Council Member B. Fields raised a question and made comments. Council Member Cabrera made comments. Council Member Bracy made comments and raised a question, and Council Member McCoy responded. Council Members Johnson, B. Fields and Harlee made additional comments. Council Member McCoy made closing comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance, As Amended, was read for the third and final time and was defeated by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members B. Fields, McCoy, N. Field and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, five. Nays, Council Members Johnson, Cabrera and Spadola. Total, three. Present, Council Members White and Harlee. Total, two. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver and Mills. Total, three.

President Congo declared the Ordinance, As Amended, **defeated**.

Note: At this time, Council Members N. Field and McCoy requested to be excused from the meeting.

Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution No. 24-069 (Agenda #0517) as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington (the “City”) is an “Entitlement Community” for purposes of the Community Development Block Grant Program (the “CDBG Program”), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (the “HOME Program”), the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (the “ESG Program”), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program (the “HOPWA Program”); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) regulations require a consolidated application process for funds for the CDBG Program, the HOME Program, the ESG Program, and the HOPWA Program; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2023, City Council adopted Resolution 23-022, which approved the City’s annual action plan for City fiscal year 2024/federal fiscal year 2023 (the “CFY24/FFY23 Plan”) and authorized the Mayor to submit it to HUD; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2023, City Council adopted Resolution 23-064, which approved the first substantial amendment to the CFY24/FFY23 Plan and authorized the Mayor to submit it to HUD; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2024, City Council adopted Resolution 24-057, which approved the second substantial amendment to the CFY24/FFY23 Plan and authorized the Mayor to submit it to HUD; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a third substantial amendment to the CFY24/FFY23 Plan (the “Substantial Amendment”), which provides for the following revisions to the CFY24/FFY23 Plan: (i) deletes the CDBG street improvement project and delivery costs funded for the streets near the Villa Maria project until a later date when the project is closer to implementation; (ii) terminates the CDBG Code Repair Program; (iii) reduces the CDBG Home Repair Program Delivery by \$130,000; and (iv) adds \$450,000 in reallocated CDBG funds to the New Castle County Lead-Hazard and Healthy Homes program; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the amended and restated CFY24/FFY23 Plan, which incorporates the Substantial Amendment, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment “A” (the “Amended and Restated CFY24/FFY23 Plan”); and

WHEREAS, City Council’s Community Development and Urban Planning Committee and the Mayor’s Office have reached a consensus with respect to specific categories of spending and the amount of funds to be allocated to each such category in the Substantial Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the referenced HUD regulations require that certain public participation requirements must be satisfied regarding proposed substantial amendments to Consolidated Plans, and the City has met such requirements with respect to the Substantial Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Mayor Michael S. Purzycki, or his designee, is hereby authorized to submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD, which provides for the following revisions to the CFY24/FFY23 Plan: (i) deletes the CDBG street improvement project and delivery costs funded for the streets near the Villa Maria project until a later date when the project is closer to implementation; (ii) terminates the CDBG Code Repair Program; (iii) reduces the CDBG Home Repair Program Delivery by \$130,000; and (iv) adds \$450,000 in reallocated CDBG funds to the New Castle County Lead-Hazard and Healthy Homes program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council hereby endorses the specific enumeration of categories and amounts set forth in the Amended and Restated CFY24/FFY23 Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment "A" and made a part hereof, and so endorses said enumeration, with the understanding that the Mayor's Office will expend funds and administer the funding program in a manner consistent with said enumeration and will review substantial changes, as defined by the Consolidated Plan regulations, in the enumeration of categories and amounts with the Community Development and Urban Planning Committee of City Council prior to the implementation of any such changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Michael S. Purzycki, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute and submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD and he, or his designee, is hereby further authorized to certify to such matters as the Secretary of HUD may require with the application, to provide additional information as may be required, and to administer and expend such funds as are received or become available in accordance with the Consolidated Plan regulations and the regulations governing the CDBG Program, the HOME Program, the ESG Program, and the HOPWA Program.

ATTACHMENT A

CDBG First-Start Homeownership Program	\$300,000
First-Start Homeownership Delivery	\$50,000
CDBG Property Rehabilitation for Homeownership	\$955,000
Public Improvements: Streets - East Side: Bennett	\$1,826,823
Demolition: Villa Maria Scattered site	\$100,000 \$170,000
New Castle County Lead-Hazard and Healthy Homes	\$900,000
CDBG Home Repair Program Delivery	\$170,000

Rehab Division MS&Es	\$20,500
CDBG Clearance Program Delivery	\$45,000
Public Improvements Street Improvements Delivery	\$30,000
CDBG Admin Salaries and Fringe	\$333,083
ERR/106 Reviews	\$20,842
MS&E	\$90,905
Catholic Charities - Bayard House	\$15,000
Catholic Charities, Inc. - Homeless Prevention Services	\$25,000
Christiana Cultural Arts Center - Future Entrepreneurs	\$11,000
Christiana Cultural Arts Center - Heart Under the Hoodie	\$12,000
DE Center for Horticulture - Branches for Chances	\$30,000
Family Counseling Center of St Paul (RCCSP)	\$8,000
Family Promise of Northern New Castle County - RRH	\$15,000
Housing Alliance of DE - Centralized Intake	\$15,000
Latin American Community Center - Homeless Prevention	\$10,000
Latin American Community Center - Summer Camp	\$15,000
Lutheran Community Services - Homeless Prevention	\$10,000
Ministry of Caring - Homeless Diversion Program	\$20,000
Salvation army Crisis Alleviation	\$15,000
Sojourners Place - Transitional Housing	\$25,000
STEHM, Inc. - Direct Case Management	\$10,000
The Challenge Program - Construction Training Program	\$25,000
Urban Bike Project	\$15,000
West End Neighborhood House - Above Xpectation Track	\$11,000

West End Neighborhood House Inc - Life Lines	\$30,000
YMCA of Delaware - Supportive Housing (PH operations)	\$15,000
YWCA Delaware - Home Life Management Center (HP)	\$35,000
CDBG Prior Year Funds	(2,995,839)
CDBG Actual Program Income	(\$184,161)
Total City Fiscal Year 2024/Federal Fiscal Year 2023 CDBG Allocation	

HOME

ME Program Administration (10%)	\$71,852
CHDO Project TBD - Homeownership (15%)	\$107,778
Sankofa Place - Habitat for Humanity	\$336,500
IMANI Village Phase III – Pennrose	\$511,500
Solomon’s Court Phase II - Be Ready CDC	\$250,000
HOME Program Delivery	\$43,702
HOME Prior Year Funds	(\$306,405)
HOME Program Income	(\$296,406)
Total City Fiscal Year 2024/Federal Fiscal Year 2023 HOME Allocation	\$718,521

HOPWA

HOPWA Program Administration	\$28,537
Delaware HIV Services, Inc. Sponsor Admin 7%	\$49,010 \$565,042
DHIV TBRA DHIV Supportive Services	\$135,096
Ministry of Caring, Inc. - House of Joseph II Operations Supportive Services Sponsor admin 7%	\$147,154 \$21,600 \$4,800
Total City Fiscal Year 2024/Federal Fiscal Year 2023 HOPWA Allocation	\$951,239

ESG

ESG Program Administration (7.5%)	\$14,794
Housing Alliance Delaware - CMIS (HMIS)	28,000
The Ministry of Caring, Inc. - MMHI, MMHII, III, SH (Shelter)	\$50,000
The Salvation Army - Emergency Shelter	\$15,000
WENH Youth (Prevention)	\$45,000
YWCA Delaware, Inc. - Rapid Re-Housing	44,472
Total City Fiscal Year 2024/Federal Fiscal Year 2023 ESG Allocation	\$197,266

Total City Fiscal Year 2024/Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan	\$4,066,179
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Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Member White, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Cabrera spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. Council Members White 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, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, Cabrera, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, eight. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver, McCoy, N. Fields and Mills. Total, five.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution No. 24-070 (Agenda #0518) as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington (the “City”) is an “Entitlement Community” for purposes of the Community Development Block Grant Program (the “CDBG Program”), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (the “HOME Program”), the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (the “ESG Program”), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program (the “HOPWA Program”); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) regulations require a consolidated application process for funds for the CDBG Program, the HOME Program, the ESG Program, and the HOPWA Program; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2024, City Council adopted Resolution 24-029, which approved the City's annual action plan for City fiscal year 2025/federal fiscal year 2024 (the "CFY25/FFY24 Plan") and authorized the Mayor to submit it to HUD; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a first substantial amendment to the CFY24/FFY23 Plan (the "Substantial Amendment"), which provides for the following revisions to the CFY25/FFY24 Plan: (i) deletes the \$15,000 CDBG grant to the Delaware Center for Horticulture ("DCH") for its Branches to Chances Re-Entry Program because DCH declined the grant and (ii) adds a \$15,000 CDBG grant to the YWCA Delaware (Home Life Management Center) ("YWCA") for the YWCA's homeless shelters for victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the amended and restated CFY25/FFY24 Plan, which incorporates the Substantial Amendment, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment "A" (the "Amended and Restated CFY25/FFY24 Plan"); and

WHEREAS, City Council's Community Development and Urban Planning Committee and the Mayor's Office have reached a consensus with respect to specific categories of spending and the amount of funds to be allocated to each such category in the Substantial Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the referenced HUD regulations require that certain public participation requirements must be satisfied regarding proposed substantial amendments to Consolidated Plans, and the City has met such requirements with respect to the Substantial Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Mayor Michael S. Purzycki, or his designee, is hereby authorized to submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD, which provides for the following revisions to the CFY25/FFY24 Plan: (i) deletes the \$15,000 CDBG grant to the DCH for its Branches to Chances Re-Entry Program because DCH declined the grant and (ii) adds a \$15,000 CDBG grant to the YWCA for its homeless shelters for victims of domestic violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council hereby endorses the specific enumeration of categories and amounts set forth in the Amended and Restated CFY25/FFY24 Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment "A" and made a part hereof, and so endorses said enumeration, with the understanding that the Mayor's Office will expend funds and administer the funding program in a manner consistent with said enumeration and will review substantial changes, as defined by the Consolidated Plan regulations, in the enumeration of categories and amounts with the Community Development and Urban Planning Committee of City Council prior to the implementation of any such changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Michael S. Purzycki, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute and submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD and he, or his designee, is hereby further authorized to certify to such matters as the Secretary of HUD may require with the application, to provide additional information as may be required, and to administer and expend such funds as are received or become available in accordance with the Consolidated Plan regulations and the regulations governing the CDBG Program, the HOME Program, the ESG Program, and the HOPWA Program.

ATTACHMENT A

CDBG Catholic Charities, Inc. - Bayard House	\$25,000
Catholic Charities, Inc. - Homeless Prevention	\$25,000
CDBG Home Repair Program Delivery	\$170,385
Christiana Cultural Arts Center, Inc.- Heart Under the Hoodie	\$15,000
Delaware Center for Horticulture - Wilmington Neighborhood Street Tree and Greening Program	\$85,000
Family Promise of Northern New Castle County, Inc. - Hospitality Center	\$20,000
First Start Homeownership Program	\$56,374
Housing Alliance Delaware - Centralize Intake	\$15,000
Housing Opportunities of Northern DE, Inc. - Fair Housing Law & Financial Education	\$10,000
Ingleside Homes, Inc. – Rehab	\$110,000
Interfaith Community Housing of Delaware - Housing Counseling	\$10,000
Jumpstart	\$560,962
Latin American Community Center – Homeless Prevention	\$10,000
Latin American Community Center- Lifelong Learning Program	\$15,000
Lutheran Community Services - Homeless Prevention	\$25,000
Ministry of Caring - Homeless Diversion Program	\$19,500
Public Infrastructure Project - East Side	\$1,118,780
Sojourners Place - Transitional Housing	\$25,000
STEHM, Inc. - Direct Case Management Services	\$10,000
The Challenge Program - Construction Training Program	\$25,000
The Salvation Army Crisis Alleviation –	\$10,000

Homeless Prevention	
West End Neighborhood House - Above Expectation Track	\$10,000.
West End Neighborhood House Inc - Life Lines	\$20,000
YMCA of Delaware - Supportive Housing (PH operations)	\$ 25,000
YWCA Delaware - Home Life Management Center (HP)	\$15,000
CDBG Administration	\$350,175
MS&E	\$100,000
Rehab Division MS&E	\$19,700
Housing Rehabilitation	\$50,000
CDBG Prior Year Funds	(\$700,000)
Total City Fiscal Year 2025/Federal Fiscal Year 2024 CDBG Allocation	\$2,250,876

HOME

The Vistas at St. Francis - Senior Housing Project	\$463,341
Pennrose LLC - Riverside Redevelopment Phase V	\$467,978
Tatnall West II LLC - Phase II	\$160,000
HOME Program Delivery	\$70,000
HOME Administration	\$62,368
HOME Prior Year Funds	(\$600,000)
Total City Fiscal Year 2025/Federal Fiscal Year 2024 HOME Allocation	\$623,687

ESG

Housing Alliance Delaware (HAD) – Delaware Community Management Information Systems	\$9,576
Ministry of Caring – House of Joseph I & II, Mary Mother of Hope House I, II & III, and Samaritan House	\$39,392
Salvation Army - Emergency Housing	\$24,392
West End Neighborhood House – Life Lines	\$32,642

Program - Rapid Rehousing	
West End Neighborhood House – Life Lines Program - Homeless Prevention	\$14,392
YWCA Delaware, Inc. - Rapid Re-Housing	\$58,392
ESG Administration	\$14,496
Total City Fiscal Year 2025/Federal Fiscal Year 2024 ESG Allocation	\$193,282

HOPWA

Cecil County Health Department - The Cecil County Housing Assistance Program	\$67,800
Delaware HIV Services - Delaware Housing Assistance Program (DHAP)	\$749,148
Ministry of Caring - House of Joseph II	\$110,291
HOPWA Administration	\$28,677
Total City Fiscal Year 2025/ Federal Fiscal Year 2024 HOPWA Allocation	\$955,916

Total City Fiscal Year 2025/Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Action Plan	\$4,023,761
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Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Members White and B. Fields, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Cabrera spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. President Congo raised a question, and Council Member Cabrera responded. Council Member Harlee made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member B. Fields made comments and 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, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, Cabrera, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, eight. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver, McCoy, N. Fields and Mills. Total, five.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: Farewell and well wishes expressed to outgoing Council Members Vincent White, Bregetta Fields and Albert Mills as well as outgoing staff, Chief of Staff Mona A. Parikh and City Clerk Maribel Seijo; on behalf of State Representative Stephanie T. Bolden announcement of the passing of Marva Richardson and sympathies were extended to the family; condolences also expressed to the family of Fred Bourbon and Jose Manuel Prado; announcements of community events throughout the city; Happy Holidays, farewell statements done by Council Members White and B. Fields, and including but not limited to, announcement of the 109th Session Inauguration to take place on January 7, 2025 at the Chase Center at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member B. Fields, seconded by Council Members Bracy and Cabrera, Council adjourned at 9:19 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the December 12, 2024 City Council meeting at the following link:

<https://wilmingtonde.new.swagit.com/videos/327022>.

Attest: Akira Grenardo
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk