

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
February 6, 2025*

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 Mariaelena Rivera, 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 Owens, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson (virtual), N. Field, Bracy (virtual), Cabrera*, Hackett, Spadola and Council President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent with leave, Council Member Darby.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of January 16, 2025, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Owens, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

Finance & Economic Development Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Michelle Harlee, Chair	y		
Latisha Bracy, Vice Chair	y		
Shané N. Darby		y	
Alexander D. Hackett	y		
Zanthia Oliver	y		
James Spadola		y	
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	y		

President and Members of Council of

February 3, 2025

The City of Wilmington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-002** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND THE
LERO CORPORATION FOR ON-SITE ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR THE WITN TV STATION

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for February 6, 2025 was read into the
record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by
Council Member Owens and Harlee, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion
prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 3 to Page 5.

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City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report February 06, 2025

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 02/05/2025):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,166,904.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,879,571.63
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,502.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 25,811.06
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,233,929.95
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 12,844.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 17,576.46
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 20,637.97
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		\$ 11,474,540.50

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 02/05/2025):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.25%	\$ 3,309.23	\$ 37,089,481.71
General	TD	High Yield Checking	5	3.56%	\$ 6,556.13	\$ 13,259,586.00
General	TD	High Yield Checking	5	3.56%	\$ 118.87	\$ 240,406.12
General	TD	High Yield Checking	5	3.56%	\$ 429.73	\$ 869,109.99
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 51,458,583.82
Account Type & Fund						
Police & Fire Remem.	WSFS	CD	6/23/2025	3.92%	\$ 449.21	\$ 27,320.51
General	TD	CD	2/19/2025	4.24%	\$ 109,603.49	\$ 31,019,854.60
General	TD	CD*	2/17/2025	4.24%	\$ 38,117.79	\$ 10,113,801.26
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 41,160,976.37
RESERVE:						
General ¹	PNC	T-Bills	2/11/2025	4.32%	\$ 126,400.00	\$ 19,775,200.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 19,775,200.00
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	CD	2/17/2025	4.24%	\$ 3,086.78	\$ 819,016.12
Capital Project	TD	CD	2/17/2025	4.24%	\$ 84.75	\$ 22,488.00
Capital Project	TD	CD	2/17/2025	4.24%	\$ 25,132.23	\$ 6,668,340.41
Water/Sewer	PNC	T-Bills	2/11/2025	4.32%	\$ 99,900.00	\$ 15,634,500.00
State Bonds Proceeds-FY23	TD	CD	2/17/2025	4.24%	\$ 6,634.51	\$ 1,760,334.92
People's Settlement	TD	High Yield Checking	5	4.21%	\$ 7,016.67	\$ 12,000,000.00
State Bonds Bill FY24	TD	High Yield Checking	5	4.21%	\$ 1,999.84	\$ 3,420,159.69
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	5	4.21%	\$ 5,397.36	\$ 9,230,646.35
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 49,555,485.49
Total Investments						\$ 161,950,245.68
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 11,474,540.50
Grand Total						\$ 173,424,786.18

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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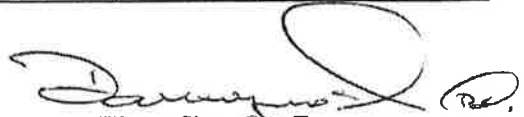
Treasurer's Report - Pensions I February 06, 2025

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 02/05/2025):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	157,865.71
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	21,681.78
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	498,984.74
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,090,822.40
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	15,694.76
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	12,880.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	1,592.81
Total Cash on Hand		\$	1,799,522.20

Cash Equivalents (as of 02/05/2025) & Investments (Market Value as of Jan 31, 2025)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension III	TD	CD	2/20/2025	4.24%	\$ 3,590.92	\$ 1,016,297.94
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 1,016,297.94
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin (S&P 500)					\$ 115,158,652.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 18,785,037.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 14,263,055.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 15,080,118.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 15,419,880.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 18,075,106.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 2,460,546.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Emerging					\$ 3,019,739.00


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Treasurer's Report - Pensions II February 06, 2025

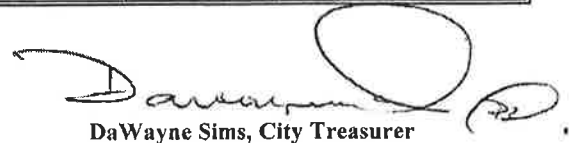
Investments (Market Value Jan 31, 2025)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 9,395,404.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 7,752,152.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 16,835,506.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 33,616,854.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 29,344,983.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 9,539,248.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 2,814,316.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 36,990,882.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 348,551,478.00
Total Investments						\$ 349,567,775.94
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 1,799,522.20
Grand Total						\$ 351,367,298.14

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 511,518,021.62
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 13,274,062.70
Grand Total¹						\$ 524,792,084.32

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

a. Recognition Resolutions

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| All Council | Recognize John Rago (Retirement) |
| All Council | Recognize Director Ian Smith,
Commissioner Michael Boykin, and
Transitioning Staff of Mayor Purzycki's
Administration |
| All Council | Recognize Black History Month (Howard
High School Addition to the Brown vs
Board of Education National History Park) |
| All Council | Recognize Flowers by Yukie (Over 40 years
in business) |
| Harlee | Recognize Joyce Woodlen (40 year business
Anniversary) |

b. Sympathy Resolutions

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| All Council | Sympathy UD Figure Skating Club |
| Cabrera | Sympathy John Donald Daniello |
| Cabrera | Sympathy Charles W. Tomlinson |
| Oliver | Sympathy Joseph J. Hussey |
| Oliver | Sympathy Paula A. Dozier |
| Spadola | Sympathy Kristin Ann Strouss-Peyton |

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- o Tony Dunn

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

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member Hackett presented Ordinance No. 25-002 (Agenda #0006) on behalf of President Congo and called for the third and final reading as follows:

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF WILMINGTON AND THE LERRO CORPORATION FOR
ON-SITE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WITN TV STATION

Upon a motion of Council Member Hackett and seconded by Council Member Oliver, the ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Hackett spoke to the ordinance and 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 the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Darby. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Resolution 25-005 (Agenda #0007) as follows:

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Charter Section 3-201 requires the Mayor's appointment of a City Auditor to be confirmed by a majority vote of City Council; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington City Charter Section 3-401 provides that the City Auditor shall serve until his successor is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority vote of City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council confirmed the appointment by Mayor Michael S. Purzycki of Terence J. Williams as the City Auditor via Resolution 17-080; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable John Carney has notified the President of City Council and the City Clerk of his intent to refrain from appointing a new City Auditor, thereby allowing Mr. Williams to continue his appointment as the City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Carney would like to collaborate with and request for City Council to pass a resolution regarding Mr. Williams' continued appointment as the City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2025, City Council's Committee of the Whole discussed Mr. Williams' continued appointment as the City Auditor and allowed for public comment regarding such appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the continued appointment of Terence J. Williams as the City Auditor is hereby confirmed.

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, and second by Council Member Oliver, the resolution was before Council for consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Harlee spoke to the resolution and Council Member Willauer made comments. Council Member Harlee 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 Owens, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett and Spadola. Total, eleven. Nays, President Congo. Total, one. Absent, Council Member. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Resolution 25-006 (Agenda #0008) as follows:

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the United States Congress formed the nonpartisan U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to support the America250 initiative, which seeks to coordinate with partners around the country to facilitate an inclusive observance that “ignite[s] our imaginations, elevate[s] our diverse stories, inspire[s] service in our communities, and demonstrate[s] the lasting durability of the American project”; and

WHEREAS, as home to some of the earliest colonial settlements, the site of some of the most pivotal battles in the fight for independence, and having the proud distinction of being the first state to ratify the Constitution of the United States of America, the semiquincentennial milestone holds special significance for the Delaware Valley region, State of Delaware, and the City of Wilmington. Municipalities in Delaware, and across our region, will be marking the occasion with various initiatives that educate the public on our nation’s unique path to independence and reinforce each locality’s contributions to America’s story; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Heritage Commission has established Delaware 250 to support a “full and inclusive interpretation” of our country’s anniversary. The initiative’s intended purpose is to mobilize Delawareans to “tell the full and honest story of Delaware’s past which allows more people to see themselves reflected in our State’s history”; “frame 1776 as a beginning, not the end, of our American story, as we continually strive toward creating ‘a more perfect union’”; and “cultivate a deeper appreciation for Delaware’s history among state residents and visitors, so that we may celebrate our history and inspire the next generation of caretakers of the rich and diverse histories of our State”; and

WHEREAS, the City now known as Wilmington has existed for over 350 years. Since the American Revolution, the City has played pivotal roles in shaping our national trajectory throughout the 250-year journey. Its strategic location alongside key bodies of water, its industrial development, and its resilient population have been integral to the eventual liberation of our country from colonial rule. The contributions of Wilmingtonians merit recognition and acknowledgement during this collective commemoration of our nation’s path to independence and its continual evolution; and

WHEREAS, the 2022–25 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan prioritizes a “Connected, Informed, and Engaged Wilmington.” It is the desire of this Council to be at the forefront of showcasing the City’s unique place in the fabric of our nation and State; to give Wilmingtonians a platform to take part in a more inclusive

narrative of the founding and continual evolution of our nation; and to act in coordination with national and statewide efforts to commemorate the semiquincentennial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Legislative body encourages the Administration to develop an initiative to facilitate a Wilmington 250 commemoration of the semiquincentennial of the signing of the declaration of Independence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wilmington 250 initiative should involve collaboration with institutions and experts, including, but not limited to, the City's Historic Preservation Planner and the Delaware Historical Society, to produce initiative that reflect the distinctiveness of our City's story.

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, and second by Council Members McCoy and Owens, the resolution was before Council for consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke to the resolution and Council Members Owes and Harlee made comments. Council Member Cabrera 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 Owens, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Darby. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance 25-003 (Agenda #0009) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PORTION OF THE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 1600 WEST EIGHTH STREET FROM A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-3 (ONE-FAMILY ROW HOUSES) TO A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-5-A-1 (LOW-MEDIUM DENSITY APARTMENT HOUSES)

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: community events, 4th District Town Hall meeting in February, and community meetings were shared, including but not limited to everyone was thanked for joining tonight's

meeting and was encouraged to contact Council Office with any questions and/or concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Members Harlee and Owens seconded by Council Member Cabrera, Council adjourned at 7:13 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the February 6, 2025 City Council meeting at the following link:

<https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=4179>

Attest: Akira Grenardo
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk