

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
May 22, 2025*

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:32 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, Darby* (virtual), Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy*, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera*, Hackett, Spadola (virtual) and Council President Congo. Total, thirteen.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of the May 1, 2025 City Council Meeting, upon a motion of Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Member Oliver, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

**At this time Council Members Darby, McCoy and Cabrera were recognized as present and are reflected in the roll call.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

| Public Works & Transportation Committee Member | Present | Absent w Leave | Absent w/out Leave |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Zanthia Oliver, Chair | X | | |
| Nathan Field, Vice Chair | X | | |
| Christofer Johnson | X | | |
| Coby J. Owens | X | | |
| Christian Willauer | X | | |
| Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio | | X | |

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 15, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-020** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 OF THE CITY CODE TO
CLARIFY THE CONDITIONS WHEREBY THE CITY MAY IMMOBILE
AND/OR TOW A VEHICLE

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

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

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 19, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor
location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute 1 to Ordinance No. 25-
006** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION ON REAL
PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE ROPERTY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING
ON JUNE 30, 2026

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

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

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 19, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-007** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE SIX FISCAL YEARS 2026-2031

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

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

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 19, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-008** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

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

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

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 19, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute 1 to Ordinance No. 25-009** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2026

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

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

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 19, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute 1 to Ordinance No. 25-010** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES, WATER RATES AND CHARGES, AND STORMWATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for May 1, 2025 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Owens, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 6 to Page 8.

City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report May 22, 2025

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 05/21/2025):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| General | M & T Bank | \$ 8,094,739.00 |
| Payroll | M & T Bank | \$ 1,900,890.14 |
| Law Department Court Costs | M & T Bank | \$ 4,392.07 |
| Total Petty Cash | M & T Bank | \$ 5,871.68 |
| Police - Evidence Found (Currency) | M & T Bank | \$ 1,199,309.95 |
| Police & Fire Remembrance | M & T Bank | \$ 12,944.49 |
| Police Department Discretionary | M & T Bank | \$ 36,094.13 |
| Rent Withholding Escrow | M & T Bank | \$ 23,937.97 |
| 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 | | \$ 11,390,942.30 |

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 05/21/2025):

| Account Type & Fund | Institution | Investment Type | Number of Days | Interest Rate | Interest Receivable | Investment Amount |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| LIQUIDITY: | | | | | | |
| General | M&T | Overnight Repo | Daily | 3.25% | \$ 3,066.44 | \$ 34,348,594.20 |
| General | TD | High Yield Checking | 20 | 3.56% | \$ 26,448.96 | \$ 13,373,068.51 |
| General | TD | High Yield Checking | 20 | 3.56% | \$ 16,101.89 | \$ 8,141,404.04 |
| General | TD | High Yield Checking | 20 | 3.56% | \$ 7,237.88 | \$ 3,659,603.55 |
| SUB-TOTAL: | | | | | | \$ 59,522,670.30 |
| | | | | | | |
| Account Type & Fund | Institution | Investment Type | Maturity Date | Interest Rate | Int. Receiv. | Investment Amount |
| Police & Fire Remem. | WSFS | CD | 6/23/2025 | 3.92% | \$ 449.21 | \$ 27,320.51 |
| General | TD | CD** | 5/21//2025 | 4.18% | \$ 108,052.49 | \$ 31,019,854.60 |
| General | TD | CD* | 5/19/2025 | 4.18% | \$ 31,281.23 | \$ 8,690,571.09 |
| SUB-TOTAL: | | | | | | \$ 39,737,746.20 |
| | | | | | | |
| RESERVE: | | | | | | |
| General ¹ | PNC | T-Bills | 6/3/2025 | 4.24% | \$ 126,000.00 | \$ 20,037,000.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL: | | | | | | \$ 20,037,000.00 |
| | | | | | | |
| RESTRICTED: | | | | | | |
| Capital Project | TD | CD** | 5/19/2025 | 4.18% | \$ 2,738.07 | \$ 760,692.12 |
| Capital Project | TD | CD** | 5/19/2025 | 4.18% | \$ 80.94 | \$ 22,488.00 |
| Capital Project | TD | CD** | 5/19/2025 | 4.18% | \$ 21,742.58 | \$ 6,040,537.41 |
| Water/Sewer | PNC | T-Bills | 6/3/2025 | 4.24% | \$ 99,600.00 | \$ 15,841,500.00 |
| State Bonds Proceeds-FY23 | TD | CD** | 5/19/2025 | 4.18% | \$ 5,712.05 | \$ 1,586,924.92 |
| People's Settlement | TD | High Yield Checking | 20 | 4.29% | \$ 28,600.00 | \$ 12,000,000.00 |
| State Bonds Bill FY24 | TD | High Yield Checking | 20 | 4.29% | \$ 7,897.38 | \$ 3,313,586.83 |
| State Bonds Bill FY25 | TD | High Yield Checking | 20 | 4.29% | \$ 4,179.81 | \$ 1,753,765.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | | | \$ 41,319,494.28 |
| | | | | | | |
| Total Investments | | | | | | \$ 160,616,910.78 |
| Total Cash on Hand | | | | | | \$ 11,390,942.30 |
| Grand Total | | | | | | \$ 172,007,853.08 |

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use: Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

** Investments currently undergoing renewals

DocuSigned by:

DaWayne Sims 5/22/2025

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DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions I May 22, 2025

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 05/21/2025):

| | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Pension Payroll | M & T Bank | \$ | 591,126.57 |
| Retiree Healthcare | M & T Bank | \$ | 4,773,758.07 |
| Police Pension | M & T Bank | \$ | 231,883.36 |
| Fire Pension | M & T Bank | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3 | M & T Bank | \$ | 325,979.04 |
| 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 | | \$ | 5,926,339.85 |

Cash Equivalents (as of 05/21/2025) & Investments (Market Value as of May 16, 2025)

| Account Type & Fund | Institution | Investment Type | Maturity Date | Interest Rate | Interest Receivable | Investment Amount |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| LIQUIDITY: | | | | | | |
| Fire Pension III | TD | CD | 5/23/2025 | 4.28% | \$ 7,302.69 | \$ 1,023,741.77 |
| SUB-TOTAL: | | | | | | \$ 1,023,741.77 |
| RESERVE: | | | | | | |
| Pension Trust | Rhumblinc (S&P 500) | | | | | \$ 116,007,530.00 |
| Pension Trust | Earnest Partners | | | | | \$ 17,839,730.00 |
| Pension Trust | Dodge & Cox | | | | | \$ 9,117,207.00 |
| Pension Trust | WCM Global Fund | | | | | \$ 9,651,058.00 |
| Pension Trust | MFS Low Global | | | | | \$ 9,436,922.00 |
| Pension Trust | Fidelity Total Intl. Index | | | | | \$ 27,735,447.00 |
| Pension Trust | GQG Emerging | | | | | \$ 4,701,164.00 |

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DaWayne Sims

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DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions II May 22, 2025

Investments (Market Value May 16, 2025)

| Account Type & Fund | Institution | Investment Type | Maturity Date | Interest Rate | Interest Receivable | Investment Amount |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| RESERVE: | | | | | | |
| Pension Trust | Clarion Lion | | | | | \$ 9,467,769.00 |
| Pension Trust | Morgan Stanley | | | | | \$ 7,769,730.00 |
| Pension Trust | JP Morgan | | | | | \$ 17,240,839.00 |
| Pension Trust | LM Capital Core | | | | | \$ 34,173,084.00 |
| Pension Trust | Rhumblin Core | | | | | \$ 29,634,633.00 |
| Pension Trust | Fidelity Bond Index | | | | | \$ 9,689,191.00 |
| Pension Trust | Money Market | | | | | \$ 871,660.00 |
| Pension Trust | OPEB Trust Fund | | | | | \$ 37,444,677.00 |
| | | | | | | |
| SUB-TOTAL | | | | | | \$ 340,780,641.00 |
| Total Investments | | | | | | \$ 341,804,382.77 |
| Total Cash on Hand | | | | | | \$ 5,926,339.85 |
| Grand Total | | | | | | \$ 347,730,722.62 |

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|-------------------|
| Total Investments | | | | | | \$ 502,421,293.55 |
| Total Cash on Hand | | | | | | \$ 17,317,282.15 |
| Grand Total¹ | | | | | | \$ 519,738,575.70 |

¹ Excludes non-City funds held in trust on behalf of City employees (Mass Mutual)

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DaWayne Sims

5/22/2025

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DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Member Bracy, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

a. Recognition Resolutions

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|---------|--|
| Cabrera | Recognize Kim Doucette (20 th Anniversary Season with the Wilmington Children's Chorus) |
| Cabrera | Recognize Ezion-Mount Carmel United Methodist Church |
| Cabrera | Recognize Reverend HW Greer |
| Harlee | Recognize City of Wilmington Solicitor Robert "Bob" Goff, Jr., Esq. (Retirement) |
| Harlee | Recognize New Destiny Fellowship Church (45 th Anniversary) |
| Johnson | Recognize ChristianaCare Resident Union |

b. Sympathy Resolutions

| | |
|---------|---|
| Cabrera | Sympathy William C. Salamone |
| Cabrera | Sympathy Gail M. DeRouen |
| Harlee | Sympathy William V. Harris |
| McCoy | Sympathy Ronald B. Patton Jr. |
| McCoy | Sympathy Rev. Richard R. (Dick) De Lillio, OSFS |
| Oliver | Sympathy Karen Lyle James |
| Oliver | Sympathy Arnold Ellis McCray |

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Dwight Davis

At this time Council Member Owens made a motion to extend Public Comment past 7:30 pm, seconded by Council Member McCoy and motion prevailed.

- Tim Qualls
- Don Thomas
- Antonio Burk
- Ty Park
- Edwina Bell
- Cyndi Gibbs
- Rosalyn Ponzio
- Lourdes Rivera

- Carmen Silva
- Scott Foster (virtual)
- David Chen
- Jamila Davey
- Christina Panza
- Shyanne Miller

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 25-006 (Agenda #0019) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION ON
REAL PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025

Council Member Harlee presented a **Substitute** in lieu of that Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION ON
REAL PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025

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

Council Member Harlee spoke to the ordinance. Council Members Johnson, Owens, Bracy, Darby, Willauer, Oliver, Hackett, Spadola, McCoy and President Congo made comments regarding 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 Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera and Spadola. Total, eight. Nays, Council Members Owens, Darby, Willauer, Hackett and President Congo. Total, five.

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

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance 25-007 (Agenda #0020) as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE SIX
YEARS 2026-2031 INCLUSIVE

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members Johnson and McCoy, the Ordinance was before Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Harlee spoke to the ordinance.

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 Owens, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera and Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance 25-008 (Agenda #0021) as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, the Ordinance was before Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Harlee spoke to the ordinance.

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 Owens, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera and Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance 25-009 (Agenda #0022) as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2026

Council Member Harlee presented a **Substitute** in lieu of that Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025 AND
ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2026

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

Council Member Harlee spoke to the ordinance. Council Members Johnson, Oliver, Spadola, Hackett, Willauer, Bracy, Owens, Field, McCoy and President Congo made comments regarding 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 Owens, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera and Spadola. Total, eleven. Nays, President Congo. Total, One. Absent, Council Member Darby. Total, one.

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

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance 25-010 (Agenda #0023) as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES, WATER
RATES AND CHARGES, AND STORMWATER RATES AND
CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Council Member Harlee presented a **Substitute** in lieu of that Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES, WATER
RATES AND CHARGES, AND STORMWATER RATES AND
CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

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

Council Member Harlee spoke to the ordinance. Council Members Johnson, Willauer, Darby, Oliver, and Owens made comments regarding 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 Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett and Spadola. Total, nine. Nays, Council Members Owens, Darby, Willauer and President Congo. Total, four.

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 25-021 (Agenda #0048) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN
AGREEMENT FOR THIRD-PARTY CLAIM ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND PMA
MANAGEMENT CORP.

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

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 25-022 (Agenda #0049) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 4, 5, 13, 34, AND 44 OF
THE CITY CODE TO STANDARDIZE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE
APPLICATION OF PARTIAL PAYMENTS OF FEES, CIVIL FINES,
CIVIL PENALTIES, AND TAXES DUE AND OWING TO THE CITY

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

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 25-023 (Agenda #0050) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE TO
SUPPLEMENT THE CITY'S ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance 25-020 (Agenda #0047) as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 OF THE CITY CODE TO CLARIFY THE CONDITIONS WHEREBY THE CITY MAY IMMOBILE AND/OR TOW A VEHICLE

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Johnson, the Ordinance was before Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Oliver spoke to the ordinance. Council Members Willauer and Owens made comments and requested to be added as co-sponsors.

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 Owens, Darby, Oliver, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Harlee and Bracy. Total, two.

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution 25-028 (Agenda #0051) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SLEAF) TO REPLACE EXISTING EQUIPMENT

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in The amount of \$86,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase (i) 10 Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) to replace outdated, nonfunctioning equipment and (ii) 300 flashlights to replace aging flashlights that are mounted on Department-issued weapons. No local matching funds are required.*

Upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Oliver and Owens, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member McCoy spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was received, adopted as read and recorded to be filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Oliver, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, ten. Nays, Council Member Darby. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Harlee and Bracy. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution 25-029 (Agenda #0052) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE SPECIAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SLEAF) FOR THE
PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$63,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase (i) a Zodiac rescue boat to replace the Department's current vessel, which is more than 25 years old and in need of replacement and (ii) a concession trailer that would be used during community engagement and recruitment events. No local matching funds are required.*

Upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Oliver and Owens, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member McCoy spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was received, adopted as read and recorded to be 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, Council Member Darby. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution 25-030 (Agenda #0053) as follows:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DELAWARE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE
REGARDING REISSUANCE OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION
NUMBERS

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. The Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan prioritizes a "Safe and Secure Wilmington" by supporting legislative action that deters illicit activity. This Resolution requests that the honorable members of the Delaware General Assembly amend Title 21 of the Delaware Code regarding conditions permitting reissuance of vehicle registration numbers to require an extended timeframe for reissuing vehicle registration numbers associated with license plates that have not been surrendered to the Division of Motor Vehicles. As our State works to keep pace with the technological threats to the vehicle registration number system, this adaptation can provide meaningful relief for motorists who have experienced the impacts of license plate duplication.*

Upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Owens, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member McCoy spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. Council Members Owens, Harlee, Willauer, Johnson, Cabrera, Field, Oliver, Spadola, Bracy and President Congo made comments and requested to be added as co-sponsors.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was received, adopted as read and recorded to be 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. Absent, Council Member Darby. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 25-024 (Agenda #0054) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 44 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING THE EXEMPTION OF ELDERLY AND DISABLED
PERSONS FROM REAL ESTATE TAXATION

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

Council Member Willauer presented Resolution 25-031 (Agenda #0055) as follows:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT OF THE
CITY OF WILMINGTON TO WITHDRAW ITS CERTIFICATION OF
ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. The City's Board of Assessment is vested with the exclusive authority to determine the assessments of taxable real property in the City. For Fiscal Year 2026, the Board of Assessment adopted the recently completed reassessment done by New Castle County through Tyler Technologies. The reassessment values for property in the City are disproportionately high in comparison to the reassessed values of property outside the City and also fail to meet industry standards. This resolution urges the Board of Assessment to withdraw its certification and adopt assessed values for property in the City which meet industry standards and do not result in disproportionate assessment values.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Willauer, seconded by Council Member Owens, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Willauer spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. Council Members Hackett, Spadola, Oliver, McCoy, Harlee, Johnson, Bracy, Owens, Cabrera made comments. Council Member Owens requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was received, adopted as read and recorded to be 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. Absent, Council Member Darby. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver was excused at this time.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following information including but not limited to: Neighborhood Planning Councils Beautification event at Delaware Technical Community College, Wilmington Memorial Day Parade, Open Streets event and other community meetings were shared, 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 Member Owens and Willauer, seconded by Council Member Johnson, Council adjourned at 10:01 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the May 22, 2025 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=4365>.

Attest: Akira Grenardo
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk