

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
October 16, 2025*

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 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, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Johnson. Total, one.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of the October 2, 2025 City Council Meeting, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Owens and Harlee, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

October 6, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-054** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM
ON FORECLOSURES DUE TO PROPERTY TAX INCREASES AS**

LONG AS THE OWNER IS ON A PAYMENT PLAN

Have given this Ordinance careful review and recommend Council vote on it at an upcoming Council Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Owens, 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

October 6, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-057** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET (BEING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 25-009)

Have given this Ordinance careful review and recommend Council vote on it at an upcoming Council Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Owens, 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

October 6, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-058** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 44 OF THE CITY CODE TO EXEMPT FROM THE CITY'S EARNED INCOME TAX THE WAGES AND COMPENSATION PAID BY THE UNITED STATES TO ANY PERSON FOR ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES

Have given this Ordinance careful review and recommend Council vote on it at an upcoming Council Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for October 16, 2025 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, 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 7.

City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report October 16, 2025

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 10/15/2025):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,878,900.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,293,010.78
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,517.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 5,863.68
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,293,141.65
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 12,944.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 28,546.29
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 29,937.97
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		\$ 11,659,624.80

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 10/15/2025):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.25%	\$ 2,596.79	\$ 37,034,258.99
General	TD	High Yield Checking	15	3.47%	\$ 19,619.28	\$ 13,569,532.88
General	TD	High Yield Checking	15	3.47%	\$ 13,249.60	\$ 9,163,990.49
General	TD	High Yield Checking	15	3.47%	\$ 6,558.77	\$ 4,536,327.25
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 64,304,109.61
Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Int. Receiv.	Investment Amount
Police & Fire Remem.	WSFS	CD	12/23/2025	3.92%	\$ 555.44	\$ 27,860.03
General	Citizens Bank	CD	10/27/2025	4.05%	\$ 111,671.36	\$ 31,019,854.69
General	Citizens Bank	*CD	10/27/2025	4.05%	\$ 28,046.08	\$ 7,790,553.51
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 38,838,268.23
RESERVE:						
General ¹	PNC	T-Bills	11/12/2025	4.01%	\$ 66,431.00	\$ 20,810,169.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 20,810,169.00
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	Citizens Bank	CD	10/27/2025	4.05%	\$ 2,718.08	\$ 755,024.19
Capital Project	Citizens Bank	CD	10/27/2025	4.05%	\$ 80.96	\$ 22,490.23
Capital Project	Citizens Bank	CD	10/27/2025	4.05%	\$ 21,724.48	\$ 6,034,571.75
Water/Sewer	PNC	T-Bills	11/12/2025	4.01%	\$ 54,604.00	\$ 17,080,596.00
State Bonds Proceeds-FY23	Citizens Bank	CD	10/27/2025	4.05%	\$ 5,057.60	\$ 1,404,869.13
People's Settlement	TD	High Yield Checking	15	4.21%	\$ 10,525.00	\$ 6,000,000.00
State Bonds Bill FY24	TD	High Yield Checking	15	4.19%	\$ 5,692.76	\$ 3,260,768.52
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	15	4.19%	\$ 1,788.77	\$ 1,024,594.19
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 35,582,914.01
Total Investments						\$ 159,535,460.85
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 11,659,624.80
Grand Total						\$ 171,195,085.65

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions I October 16, 2025

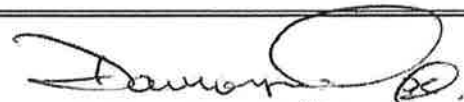
Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 10/15/2025):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	117,009.47
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	3,455,579.13
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	81,506.34
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,600,000.00
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	158,024.17
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		\$	5,414,711.92

Cash Equivalents (as of 10/15/2025) & Investments (Market Value as of Oct 10, 2025)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension IV	Citizens Bank	CD		0.00%	\$ -	\$ 3,966,748.22
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 3,966,748.22
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin (S&P 500)					\$ 128,198,903.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 18,443,850.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 9,730,634.00
Pension Trust	WCM Global Fund					\$ 9,857,175.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 9,589,930.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 30,255,138.00
Pension Trust	GQG Emerging					\$ 4,770,055.00

Fire Pension IV CD currently being renewed.


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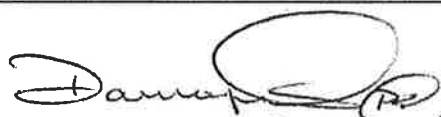
Investments (Market Value October 10, 2025)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 8,697,442.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 7,894,121.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 17,628,817.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 37,279,853.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 30,956,498.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 10,153,576.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 1,872,422.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 40,637,273.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 365,965,687.00
Total Investments						\$ 369,932,435.22
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 5,414,711.92
Grand Total						\$ 375,347,147.14

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 529,467,896.07
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 17,074,336.72
Grand Total¹						\$ 546,542,232.79

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

a. Recognition Resolutions

Cabrera	Recognize Hispanic Heritage Month 2025 (Community Leaders)
Cabrera	Recognize India Colon
Cabrera	Recognize Victor Rodriguez
Harlee	Recognize Martha Morgan (46-Year Anniversary of Morgan's of Delaware)
Harlee	Recognize LaFate Gallery Vision Center (10 th Anniversary Celebration)
Harlee	Recognize Wilmington International Film Festival
McCoy	Recognize I Am My Sister's Keeper Tea Party 2025
Owens	Recognize Monrovia Fashion Week USA 2025 (Previously listed on September 4, 2025 agenda)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Master Corporal Richard Arnold Sutton, Sr. (Retired)
Cabrera	Sympathy Harvey Alexander Harvey
Harlee	Sympathy Richard Lamotte Ellington

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Congo opened up the floor for public comments and the following individuals spoke:

- Deacon Earl Tate
- Jesse Samluk (virtual)

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member Owens presented Ordinance No. 25-054 (Agenda #0113) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM
ON FORECLOSURES DUE TO PROPERTY TAX INCREASES AS
LONG AS THE OWNER IS ON A PAYMENT PLAN

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

Council Member Owens spoke to the ordinance and upon a motion from Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Member Willauer a Floor Amendment was before Council for consideration. Motion prevailed.

Council Members McCoy, Hackett, Spadola, Harlee, Willauer, Darby, Cabrera, Oliver, Bracy and President Congo made comments. Council Members Spadola, Harlee, Darby, Cabrera, Bracy and President Congo requested to be added as co-sponsors.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Darby stated that she will be holding Agenda #0122.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution 25-055 (Agenda #0123) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMBERS OF THE
REINTEGRATION SUBCOMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING A
MODIFIED TIMELINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A
PRELIMINARY AND FINAL REPORT

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. In alignment with the Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan priority of a "Stabilized Wilmington," this Resolution approves the appointment of nine Wilmington residents to the Reintegration Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Community Development and Urban Planning standing committee. It further authorizes a modified timeline for the submission of a final report to accommodate the appointment of the Reintegration Subcommittee members and the requirements associated with FOIA open meetings regulations.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Owens, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Darby 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, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Field, Bracy, Spadola, Hackett and President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Johnson. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

** Council Member Darby was excused at this time.*

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 25-057 (Agenda #0117) and called for the third and final reading entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET (BEING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 25-009)

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

Council Member Harlee spoke to the ordinance and upon a motion from Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Owens a Floor Amendment was before Council for consideration. Motion prevailed.

Council Members Hackett, McCoy, Owens, Willauer, Spadola and Oliver made comments. Council Members Owens and President Congo asked to be added as co-sponsors.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 25-060 (Agenda #0124) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND RINGCENTRAL, INC. FOR A COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM

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

Council Member McCoy presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance 25-061 (Agenda #0125) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 39 OF THE CITY CODE TO ALLOW RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS TO SERVE ON THE POLICE PENSION BOARD, AS THE SAME IS PERMISSIBLE FOR THE FIRE PENSION BOARD

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

Council Member McCoy presented Ordinance 25-058 (Agenda #0118) and called for the third and final reading entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 44 OF THE CITY CODE TO EXEMPT FROM THE CITY'S EARNED INCOME TAX THE WAGES AND COMPENSATION PAID BY THE UNITED STATES TO ANY PERSON FOR ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES

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

President Congo, Council Members Cabrera, Harlee and Willauer made comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Bracy presented Resolution 25-056 (Agenda #0126) as follows:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE CITY OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE RESIDENCY REVIEW BOARD

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution confirms Mayor John Carney's appointments of Rourke Moore and Doreen Robinson to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor as members of the City Officer and Employee Residency Review Board.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Bracy, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Owens, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Bracy 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, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Field, Bracy, Spadola, Hackett and President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Johnson. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Bracy presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance 25-062 (Agenda #0127) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE TO REPEAL THE DEFUNCT WILMINGTON ADVISORY COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES AND TO ESTABLISH THE WILMINGTON YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL UNDER THE AUSPICES OF CITY COUNCIL

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Bracy, seconded by Council Members Owens and McCoy, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Health, Environmental, Aging & Disabilities Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Spadola presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance 25-063 (Agenda #0128) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE ALL LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC A WAY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS VIRTUALLY

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following information including but not limited to: community events, classes offered at the Wilmington PAL, 86th Annual YMCA Gala, Delmarva Power events, United Neighbors event, Family Fall Event at Rodney Reservoir. Milburn Orchards event with Council Member McCoy, and many housing opportunities available in the 4th District. Also, the community encouraged to contact Council Office with any questions and/or concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Members Cabrera and Owens, seconded by Council Members Bracy and McCoy. Council adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the October 16, 2025 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=4590>.

Attest: Akira Grenardo
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk