

*Wilmington City Council  
Wilmington, Delaware  
December 4, 2025*

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:32 p.m., President Pro-Tempore Yolanda M. McCoy, 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, Field, \*Bracy, \*Cabrera, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Darby and Hackett. Total, two.

**MINUTES**

After reading a portion of the minutes of the November 20, 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.

*\*Council Member Cabrera was recognized at this time.*

**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

November 3, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No.25-060** entitled:

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

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 Member  
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

November 3, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor  
location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No.25-063** 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

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

Community Development & Urban Planning Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Maria D. Cabrera, Chair		X	
Shané N. Darby, Vice Chair	X		
Nathan Field	X		
Alexander D. Hackett		X	
Yolanda McCoy	X		
Coby J. Owens	X		
Christian Willauer	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

November 13, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-068** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 OF THE WILMINGTON CITY CODE TO AUTHORIZE A VOLUNTARY RENT ESCROW PROGRAM

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Community Development & Urban Planning Committee

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

Community Development & Urban Planning Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Maria D. Cabrera, Chair		X	
Shané N. Darby, Vice Chair	X		
Nathan Field	X		
Alexander D. Hackett		X	
Yolanda McCoy	X		
Coby J. Owens	X		
Christian Willauer	X		

Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	X		
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President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

November 13, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-070** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE FOUR ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND NORTHEAST AND BUCKS COMPANY t/a MULLIN AND LONERGAN ASSOCIATES, INC.

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Community Development & Urban Planning Committee

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

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

November 17, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-065** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 OF THE CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH RULES FOR THE USAGE OF LOW-SPEED MOTORIZED

SCOOTERS AND ELECTRIC BICYCLES IN THE CITY OF  
WILMINGTON

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Public Works & Transportation Committee

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

*\*Council Member Bracy was recognized at this time.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's Report for December 4, 2025 was read into the  
record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Owens, seconded by  
Council Member Bracy, 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 9.*

# City of Wilmington



**DaWayne Sims**  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report December 04, 2025

### Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 12/03/2025):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,436,396.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,777,718.89
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,094.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 5,818.68
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,254,835.59
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 12,944.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 25,043.31
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
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$ 11,659,551.87</b>

### Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 12/03/2025):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.25%	\$ 1,478.70	\$ 17,813,671.71
General	TD	High Yield Checking	3	3.14%	\$ 3,569.70	\$ 13,642,161.54
General	TD	High Yield Checking	3	3.14%	\$ 2,472.29	\$ 9,448,242.01
General	TD	High Yield Checking	3	3.14%	\$ 1,224.98	\$ 4,681,457.98
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 45,585,533.24</b>
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	12/29/2025	3.70%	\$ 105,550.94	\$ 31,120,669.22
General	Citizens Bank	*CD	12/29/2025	3.70%	\$ 18,712.68	\$ 5,517,251.91
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 36,665,781.16</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
General <sup>1</sup>	PNC	T-Bills	12/9/2025	3.91%	\$ 58,031.00	\$ 20,810,169.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 20,810,169.00</b>
<b>RESTRICTED:</b>						
Capital Project	Citizens Bank	CD	12/29/2025	3.70%	\$ 2,565.73	\$ 756,481.76
Capital Project	Citizens Bank	CD	12/29/2025	3.70%	\$ 76.53	\$ 22,563.32
Capital Project	Citizens Bank	CD	12/29/2025	3.70%	\$ 20,448.34	\$ 6,028,994.43
Water/Sewer	PNC	T-Bills	12/9/2025	3.91%	\$ 47,604.00	\$ 17,080,596.00
State Bonds Proceeds-FY23	Citizens Bank	CD	12/29/2025	3.70%	\$ 4,741.67	\$ 1,398,036.03
People's Settlement	TD	High Yield Checking	3	3.77%	\$ 1,885.00	\$ 6,000,000.00
State Bonds Bill FY24	TD	High Yield Checking	3	3.77%	\$ 1,009.06	\$ 3,211,871.78
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	3	3.77%	\$ 272.86	\$ 868,534.01
State Bonds Bill FY26	Citizens Bank	CD	12/29/2025	3.70%	\$ 52,416.67	\$ 15,000,000.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 50,367,077.33</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 153,428,560.73</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 11,659,551.87</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$ 165,088,112.60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Budget Reserve

\*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

*DaWayne Sims*  
DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

### CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE

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# City of Wilmington



**DaWayne Sims**  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report - Pensions I December 04, 2025

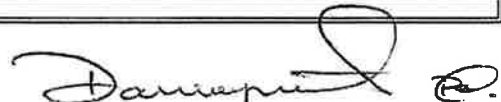
### Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 12/03/2025):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	140,253.59
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	3,201,589.16
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	75,084.99
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	310,407.66
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	141,705.45
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	1,592.81
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>3,871,633.66</b>

### Cash Equivalents (as of 12/03/2025) & Investments (Market Value as of Nov 28, 2025)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
Fire Pension IV	Citizens Bank	CD	12/29/2025	3.70%	\$ 13,516.67	\$ 3,985,259.72
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 3,985,259.72</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin (S&P 500)					\$ 129,153,741.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 19,128,529.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 10,109,515.00
Pension Trust	WCM Global Fund					\$ 9,875,038.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 9,678,202.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 30,366,860.00
Pension Trust	GQG Emerging					\$ 4,996,020.00

*Fire Pension IV CD currently being renewed.*

  
DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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**DaWayne Sims**  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report - Pensions II December 04, 2025

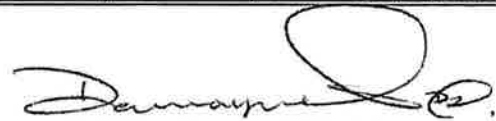
Investments (Market Value Nov 28, 2025)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 8,391,820.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 7,892,278.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 18,124,255.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 37,571,699.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 37,197,678.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 10,194,566.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 2,183,912.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 41,836,474.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						\$ 376,700,587.00
<b>Total Investments</b>						\$ 380,685,846.72
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						\$ 3,871,633.66
<b>Grand Total</b>						\$ 384,557,480.38

**Total Funds under Treasury Management:**

<b>Total Investments</b>						\$ 534,114,407.45
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						\$ 15,531,185.53
<b>Grand Total<sup>1</sup></b>						\$ 549,645,592.98

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

  
DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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## **NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

a. Recognition Resolutions

All Council	Recognize Chris Madden (Retirement)
Oliver	Recognize Fred C. Sears, II
Oliver	Recognize Commemorating the Social Security Act (90-Year Anniversary of Signing)
Owens	Recognize Lakia Allen (One Year Anniversary of The Selfie Restaurant)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Spadola	Sympathy John P. DalGesso
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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pro-Temp McCoy opened up the floor for public comments and the following individuals spoke:

- Deacon Earl Tate
- Tanya Williamson (virtual)
- Katrina Rothwell

## **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Council Member Oliver presented Resolution 25-062 (Agenda #0145) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BID OF THE BEST BIDDER FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 1331 VANDEVER AVENUE

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves the bid of Families Thriving, LLC for one (1) parcel real estate located at 1331 Vandever Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (being New Castle County Tax Parcel No. 26-037.10-081) as the best bidder and authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk, or their respective designees, to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the disposition of such property to Families Thriving, LLC.*

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

Council Member Oliver spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. Council Member Harlee made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

Pro-Temp McCoy 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, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Darby and Hackett. Total, two.

Pro-Temp McCoy declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Resolution 25-063 (Agenda #0146) as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO GRANT DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY A UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMER OVER AND ACROSS EAST SIXTEENTH STREET

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works to grant Delmarva Power & Light Company a utility easement in connection with Delmarva's installation, operation, maintenance, and/or removal of a pad-mounted transformer to provide Delmarva with the ability to independently shut down electric and communications services to the City's Brandywine pumping station when needed while allowing electric and communications services to the surrounding area to remain unaffected.*

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

Pro-Temp McCoy 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,

Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Darby and Hackett. Total, two.

Pro-Temp McCoy declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Resolution 25-064 (Agenda #0147) as follows:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE  
WILMINGTON PARKING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution confirms Mayor John Carney's appointments of Michael S. Purzycki, Dwight Holden, and Sylvia Banks and reappointments of Jeffrey Flynn and Larry Carson to the Board of Directors of the Wilmington Parking Authority to serve as members of said Board for terms to expire on June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028, June 30, 2029, and June 30, 2030, respectively.*

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

Pro-Temp McCoy 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, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Spadola and President Congo. Total, ten. Present Council Member Johnson. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Darby and Hackett. Total, two.

Pro-Temp McCoy declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Resolution 25-065 (Agenda #0148) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
WORKS' GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION  
OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR AN EMERGING CONTAMINANTS IN  
SMALL OR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES GRANT TO  
SUPPORT THE DESIGN AND FIRST PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION  
TO INCORPORATE THE MOST COST-EFFICIENT MEANS OF  
REMOVING PFAS FROM THE CITY'S SOURCE AT THE PORTER  
AND BRANDYWINE PLANTS

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works' grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Health and Social Services Division of Public Health for an Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant in an amount not to exceed One Million Nine Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$1,983,661.00), or such other amount that the DHSS awards. The proposed grant funds would be used to support completing the design and first phase of construction to incorporate the most cost-efficient means of removing PFAS from the City's source at the Porter and Brandywine Plants. No local matching funds are required.*

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

Pro-Temp McCoy 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, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Present Council Member Johnson. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Darby and Hackett. Total, two.

Pro-Temp McCoy declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 25-065 (Agenda #0133) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 OF THE CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH RULES FOR THE USAGE OF LOW-SPEED MOTORIZED SCOOTERS AND ELECTRIC BICYCLES IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

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

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

Pro-Temp McCoy 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, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Present Council Member Johnson. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Darby and Hackett. Total, two.

Pro-Temp McCoy declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 25-060 (Agenda #0124) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

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

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 and made comments.

Pro-Temp McCoy 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, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Present Council Member Johnson. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Darby and Hackett. Total, two.

Pro-Temp McCoy declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Owens presented Ordinance No. 25-068 (Agenda #0139) on behalf of Council Member McCoy, and called for the third and final reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 OF THE WILMINGTON CITY CODE TO AUTHORIZE A VOLUNTARY RENT ESCROW PROGRAM

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

Council Member Owens spoke to the Ordinance and made comments. Council Members Johnson, Spadola, Field, Oliver, Bracy, Harlee, Cabrera and President

Congo made comments. Council Members Johnson, Harlee, Owens, Oliver and President Congo requested to be added as co-sponsors.

Pro-Temp McCoy 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, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Present Council Member Johnson. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Darby and Hackett. Total, two.

Pro-Temp McCoy declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Bracy presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 25-073 (Agenda #0149) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 40 OF THE CITY CODE  
REGARDING PARENTAL LEAVE AND COMBINED LEAVE

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

Council Member Bracy presented Resolution 25-066 (Agenda #0150) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S AMENDED GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL FOR FUNDS ALLOCATED PURSUANT TO THE 2025 OUTDOOR RECREATION, PARKS AND TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO EASTLAKE PARK

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation's amended grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for funds allocated pursuant to the 2025 Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant Program in the amount of \$190,000.00. The funds will be used for improvements to Eastlake Park. A local match of one quarter (1/4) of the grant award is required.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Bracy, seconded by Council Member 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. Council Members Owens and Oliver made comments, and Council Member Owens requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

Pro-Temp McCoy 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, Bracy, Cabrera, Spadola and President Congo. Total, ten. Absent, Council Members Darby, Field and Hackett. Total, three.

Pro-Temp McCoy declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Cabrera presented Ordinance No. 25-070 (Agenda #0136), and called for the third and final reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE FOUR ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND NORTHEAST AND BUCKS COMPANY T/A MULLIN AND LONERGAN ASSOCIATES, INC.

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

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

Pro-Temp McCoy declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution 25-067 (Agenda #0151) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND PLANNING'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, FOR A FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024/CITY

FISCAL YEAR 2025 PASS-THROUGH GRANT FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLANNING PROGRAM

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Land Use and Planning's Federal Fiscal Year 2024/City Fiscal Year 2025 grant application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs ("DHCA") in the amount of \$15,707.00, or such other amount that DHCA awards. The funds will be used to support the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program, which has been in existence for over thirty-five (35) years.*

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

Pro-Temp McCoy 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, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Darby and Hackett. Total, two.

Pro-Temp McCoy declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution 25-068 (Agenda #0152) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND PLANNING'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, FOR A FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2025/CITY FISCAL YEAR 2026 PASS-THROUGH GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLANNING PROGRAM

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Land Use and Planning's Federal Fiscal Year 2025/City Fiscal Year 2026 grant application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs ("DHCA") in the amount of \$15,707.00, or such other amount that DHCA awards. The funds will be*



*used to support the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program, which has been in existence for over thirty-five (35) years.*

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

Pro-Temp McCoy 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, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Darby and Hackett. Total, two.

Pro-Temp McCoy declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Spadola presented Ordinance No. 25-063 (Agenda #0128), and called for the third and final reading as follows:

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

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

Council Member Spadola spoke to the Ordinance and upon a motion from Council Member Spadola, seconded by Council Member Bracy a Floor Amendment was before Council for consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Members Johnson and Oliver made comments on the amendment.

Council Members Spadola, Oliver, Owens and Johnson made comments on the Ordinance as amended.

Pro-Temp McCoy 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, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera,

Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Darby and Hackett. Total, two.

Pro-Temp McCoy declared the Ordinance As Amended **adopted**.

*\*Council Members Spadola, Harlee and Oliver were excused at this time.*

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following information including but not limited to: commending Council and the Turkey Drive, William Hicks Anderson Community Center Holiday Brunch; the community encouraged to contact Council Office with any questions and/or concerns.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion of Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Members Bracy and Willauer. Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m. Motion prevailed.

***Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the December 4, 2025 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=4658>.***

Attest:   
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk