

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
November 20, 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, Johnson, Field, Bracy and President Congo. Total, ten. Absent, Council Members Cabrera, Hackett and Spadola. Total, three.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of the November 6, 2025 City Council Meeting, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Yolanda M. McCoy, Chair	X		
James Spadola, Vice Chair		X	
Latisha Bracy	X		
Shané N. Darby	X		
Christofer Johnson		X	
Zanthia Oliver	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio		X	

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

November 10, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Safety Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-067** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND LEADSONLINE, LLC
FOR AN INTEGRATED BALLISTIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Public Safety Committee

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

Public Safety Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Yolanda M. McCoy, Chair	X		
James Spadola, Vice Chair		X	
Latisha Bracy	X		
Shané N. Darby	X		
Christofer Johnson		X	
Zanthia Oliver	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio		X	

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

November 10, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Safety Committee met by **anchor location and remote
participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-061** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 39 OF THE CITY CODE TO
ALLOW RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS TO SERVE ON THE POLICE
PENSION BOARD

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Public Safety Committee

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for November 20, 2025 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Owens and Oliver, 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 November 20, 2025

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 11/19/2025):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 9,752,325.97
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,299,144.33
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	\$ 1,266,356.59
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 12,944.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 25,902.81
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		\$ 12,509,287.78

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 11/19/2025):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.25%	\$ 3,695.10	\$ 50,000,000.00
General	TD	High Yield Checking	14	3.34%	\$ 17,674.62	\$ 13,607,490.40
General	TD	High Yield Checking	14	3.34%	\$ 12,201.12	\$ 9,393,505.90
General	TD	High Yield Checking	14	3.34%	\$ 5,908.19	\$ 4,548,652.97
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 77,549,649.27
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	11/26/2025	3.90%	\$ 100,814.53	\$ 31,019,854.69
General	Citizens Bank	*CD	11/26/2025	3.90%	\$ 17,872.98	\$ 5,499,378.93
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 36,547,093.65
RESERVE:						
General ¹	PNC	T-Bills	12/9/2025	3.91%	\$ 58,031.00	\$ 20,810,169.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 20,810,169.00
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	Citizens Bank	CD	11/26/2025	3.90%	\$ 2,450.60	\$ 754,031.16
Capital Project	Citizens Bank	CD	11/26/2025	3.90%	\$ 73.09	\$ 22,490.23
Capital Project	Citizens Bank	CD	11/26/2025	3.90%	\$ 19,530.76	\$ 6,009,463.67
Water/Sewer	PNC	T-Bills	12/9/2025	3.91%	\$ 47,604.00	\$ 17,080,596.00
State Bonds Proceeds-FY23	Citizens Bank	CD	11/26/2025	3.90%	\$ 4,528.90	\$ 1,393,507.13
People's Settlement	TD	High Yield Checking	14	4.02%	\$ 9,380.00	\$ 6,000,000.00
State Bonds Bill FY24	TD	High Yield Checking	14	4.02%	\$ 5,021.23	\$ 3,211,871.78
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	14	4.02%	\$ 1,357.81	\$ 868,534.01
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 35,340,493.98
Total Investments						\$ 170,247,405.90
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 12,509,287.78
Grand Total						\$ 182,756,693.68

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 November 20, 2025

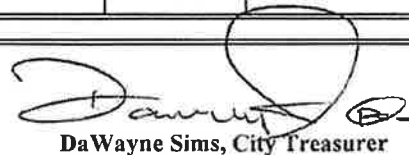
Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 11/19/2025):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	67,661.64
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	3,282,697.83
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	158,221.19
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	955,711.33
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	297,130.14
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		\$	4,764,014.94

Cash Equivalents (as of 11/19/2025) & Investments (Market Value as of Nov 14, 2025)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension IV	Citizens Bank	CD	11/26/2025	4.00%	\$ 18,511.50	\$ 3,966,748.22
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 3,966,748.22
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin (S&P 500)					\$ 126,962,497.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 18,525,452.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 9,947,137.00
Pension Trust	WCM Global Fund					\$ 9,866,107.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 9,657,017.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 30,384,373.00
Pension Trust	GQG Emerging					\$ 5,051,133.00

Fire Pension IV CD currently being renewed.


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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions II November 20, 2025

Investments (Market Value Nov 14, 2025)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
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					\$ 37,177,039.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 36,952,496.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 10,127,370.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 2,183,912.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 41,360,631.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 372,603,517.00
Total Investments						\$ 376,570,265.22
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 4,764,014.94
Grand Total						\$ 381,334,280.16
Total Funds under Treasury Management:						
Total Investments						\$ 546,817,671.12
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 17,273,302.72
Grand Total¹						\$ 564,090,973.84

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

a. Recognition Resolutions

Darby	Recognize Troy "PC Beatz" Thompson
Darby	Recognize National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. (12th Annual Fundraising Gala)
McCoy	Recognize First Tee-Delaware (Legacy of Impact Gala)
McCoy	Recognize WPD Firefighters (Transition to EMS)
Oliver	Recognize 46th President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (83rd Birthday)
Owens	Recognize AIDS Delaware (HIV/AIDS Awareness Month)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Former State Representative John Adam Kowalko, Jr.
Harlee	Sympathy Linda Harrison
Oliver	Sympathy Eugene Coston

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Deacon Earl Tate
- Tony Dunn
- Dora Williams

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

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member McCoy presented Ordinance No. 25-067 (Agenda #0135) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND

LEADSONLINE, LLC FOR AN INTEGRATED BALLISTIC
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

Council Member McCoy spoke to the ordinance and 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, Johnson, Bracy and President Congo. Total, nine. Absent, Council Members Field, Cabrera, Hackett and Spadola. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented Ordinance No. 25-061 (Agenda #0125) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

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

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

Council Member McCoy spoke to the ordinance and 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, Johnson, Bracy and President Congo. Total, nine. Absent, Council Members Field, Cabrera, Hackett and Spadola. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

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

Council Member Owens presented Resolution 25-072 (Agenda #0140) on behalf of President Congo, as follows:

A RESOLUTION FOR ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS TO
DUFFY’S HOPE, INC. FOR CITY COUNCIL TURKEY DRIVE

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. In alignment with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of supporting a “Healthy Wilmington,” this Resolution approves grant funding to Duffy’s Hope, Inc. from City Council President Ernest “Trippi” Congo, II’s Community Support Discretionary Funds to purchase up to 2,500 turkeys that will be distributed to Wilmington’s high-rise residents and local community centers.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Members Bracy and Johnson, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Owens spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. Council Members Johnson, Oliver, Harlee and President Congo 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, Johnson, Bracy and President Congo. Total, eight. Absent, Council Members McCoy, Field, Cabrera, Hackett and Spadola. Total, five.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

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

Council Member Darby presented Resolution 25-073 (Agenda #0141) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO AMEND TITLE 22 OF THE DELAWARE CODE BY REPEALING 22
DEL . C . § 101A , WHICH WILL ESTABLISH A UNIFORM
ANNEXATION PROCESS FOR ALL CITIES AND TOWNS IN
DELAWARE (INCLUDING WILMINGTON)

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to amend Title 22 of the Delaware Code by repealing 22 Del. C. § 101A (Annexation by large municipalities; special elections), which only applies to the City of Wilmington, as it is the only municipality in*

Delaware with a population in excess of 50,000. The repeal of 22 Del. C. § 101A (Annexation by large municipalities; special elections) would establish a uniform annexation process for all cities and towns in Delaware, including the City of Wilmington, by subjecting all cities and towns to the same streamlined annexation procedures set forth in 22 Del. C. § 101 (Annexation by city or town).

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

Council Member Darby spoke to the resolution and made comments. Council Members Bracy, Owens, Johnson and President Congo made comments. President Congo and Council Member Owens 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, Darby, Oliver, Willauer, Johnson, Bracy and President Congo. Total, seven. Absent, Council Members Harlee, McCoy, Field, Cabrera, Hackett and Spadola. Total, six.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution 25-074 (Agenda #0142) as follows:

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO AMEND DELAWARE CODE REGARDING MUNICIPALITIES
WITH POPULATION OF 50,000 OR MORE PERTAINING TO
REGULATION OF LIQUOR STORES**

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges the Delaware General Assembly to enact legislation enabling municipalities with populations of 50,000 or more to pass ordinances more restrictive than state law regarding the placement of liquor stores. The proposed legislation would require the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner of Delaware to deny licenses that violate these local ordinances. A draft proposed General Assembly bill is attached to the Resolution.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member Oliver, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Council Member Darby spoke to the Resolution and made comments. President Congo and Council Members Johnson, Bracy, Oliver, Willauer and Owens 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, Willauer, Johnson, Bracy and President Congo. Total, seven. Absent, Council Members Harlee, McCoy, Field, Cabrera, Hackett and Spadola. Total, six.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following information including but not limited to: Northwest Civic Association community clean up, Crestview Holiday party, PAL Senior Ball event; Wilmington Jaycees Parade on November 29th; Congratulations to DSU Football team on making it to the Championship; the community encouraged to contact Council Office with any questions and/or concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Member Oliver. Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the November 20, 2025 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=4638>.

Attest: 
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk