

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
February 5, 2025*

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:35 p.m., President Ernest M. Congo, II, presiding.

The opening prayer was done by Mariaelena Rivera, Deputy 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, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of the January 15, 2025 City Council Meeting, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Harlee and Owens, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for February 5, 2026 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Harlee, 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 2 to Page 5.

City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report February 05, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 02/04/2026):

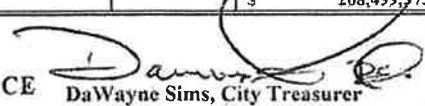
General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,153,507.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,728,319.00
Paid Leave	M & T Bank	\$ 335,016.00
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,057.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 25,973.89
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,246,852.44
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 14,044.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 24,711.26
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		\$ 11,675,181.99

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 02/04/2026):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.25%	\$ 2,365.40	\$ 34,386,730.84
General	TD	High Yield Checking	4	2.94%	\$ 1,199.54	\$ 3,672,069.89
General	TD	High Yield Checking	4	2.94%	\$ 3,329.28	\$ 10,191,679.78
General	TD	High Yield Checking	4	2.94%	\$ 1,639.28	\$ 5,018,194.79
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 53,268,675.30
RESERVE:						
Police & Fire Remem.	WSFS	CD	6/23/2026	2.96%	\$ 427.52	\$ 28,413.25
General	Citizens Bank	CD	2/27/2026	3.55%	\$ 94,825.97	\$ 31,019,854.69
General	Citizens Bank	*CD	2/27/2026	3.55%	\$ 14,455.75	\$ 4,728,824.23
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 35,777,092.17
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project - 2015	Citizens Bank	CD	2/27/2026	3.55%	\$ 2,271.10	\$ 742,931.16
Capital Project - 2018	Citizens Bank	CD	2/27/2026	3.55%	\$ 68.75	\$ 22,490.23
Capital Project - 2020	Citizens Bank	CD	2/27/2026	3.55%	\$ 10,092.44	\$ 3,301,478.15
Capital Project - 2025	Citizens Bank	CD	2/27/2026	3.55%	\$ 135,745.26	\$ 44,405,538.00
Water/Sewer	PNC	T-Bills	3/31/2026	3.67%	\$ 91,124.00	\$ 16,182,376.00
State Bonds Bill FY23	Citizens Bank	CD	2/27/2026	3.55%	\$ 3,519.65	\$ 1,151,360.91
People's Settlement	TD	High Yield Checking	4	3.52%	\$ 2,346.67	\$ 6,000,000.00
State Bonds Bill FY24	TD	High Yield Checking	4	3.52%	\$ 1,229.47	\$ 3,143,519.09
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	4	3.52%	\$ 215.11	\$ 550,000.00
State Bonds Bill FY26	Citizens Bank	CD	2/27/2026	3.55%	\$ 36,989.03	\$ 12,100,000.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 87,599,693.54
Total Investments						\$ 196,824,191.01
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 11,675,181.99
Grand Total						\$ 208,499,373.00

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

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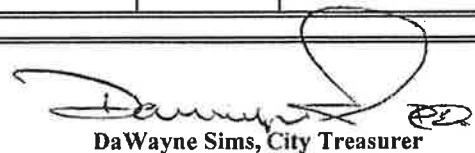
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Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 02/04/2026):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	165,066.33
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	5,906,812.58
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	357,947.75
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	12,437.05
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	12,880.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	1,592.81
Total Cash on Hand		\$	6,457,736.52

Cash Equivalents (as of 02/04/2026) & Investments Market Value as of January 30, 2026)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension IV	Citizens Bank	CD	2/27/2026	3.55%	\$ 9,196.43	\$ 3,008,373.45
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 3,008,373.45
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin (S&P 500)					\$ 125,970,746.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 20,895,909.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 10,099,263.00
Pension Trust	WCM Global Fund					\$ 9,815,842.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 10,179,590.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 30,430,825.00
Pension Trust	GQG Emerging					\$ 5,243,091.00


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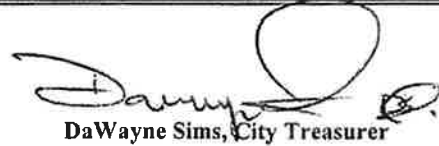
Investments (Market Value January 30, 2026)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 8,357,899.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 7,865,485.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 18,631,735.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 37,238,584.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 37,245,814.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 10,189,640.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 935,743.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 42,796,325.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 375,896,491.00
Total Investments						\$ 378,904,864.45
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 6,457,736.52
Grand Total						\$ 385,362,600.97

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 575,729,055.46
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 18,132,918.51
Grand Total¹						\$ 593,861,973.97

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

a. Recognition Resolutions

Cabrera	Recognize Senior Firefighter Luis A. Quinones (Retirement)
Oliver	Recognize the Commemoration of the Medicare and Medicaid Act of 1965 (60-year Anniversary)
Owens	Recognize Jennifer Thompkins (Service to the Redding Consortium and Wilmington Police Accountability Board)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Deborah Farmer
Cabrera	Sympathy Edgar Antonio Bruno
Cabrera	Sympathy Dy'Ker Ja'Quan Trotter
Harlee	Sympathy Jeffrey A. Washington
Harlee	Sympathy Evangelist Willie May Ford
Harlee	Sympathy Carolyn Collins
Johnson	Sympathy Deanna Tusso
Oliver	Sympathy Gary L. Price
Oliver	Sympathy David Harrigan, Jr.
Owens	Sympathy Thomas Green, Sr.
Owens	Sympathy Camron A. Brady
Spadola	Sympathy Nancy Bartoshesky Lynch
Spadola	Sympathy Alice Goodfellow Davis
Spadola	Sympathy Francis A. Mercante, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Tony Dunn
- James Purcell
- Sophia Black
- Gene Truono
- Jamilla Davy
- Brandon Brice
- Laura Felon
- Kristina Kelly
- Phyllis Mobley

- Dora Williams
- April Collins
- Sarah Laster
- Nicola Jacobucci
- Arnold Horowitz
- Michael Sharon

Upon a motion of Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Members Oliver and Bracy, public comment was extended past 7:30pm.

- Michael Reppy

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member Owens presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-005 (Agenda #0169) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BOTTLING GROUP, LLC FOR A PORTION OF 3505 GOVERNOR PRINTZ BOULEVARD FOR USE AS EASTLAWN PARK

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

Council Member Owens presented Resolution No. 26-002 (Agenda #0170) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL, AGING AND DISABILITIES STANDING COMMITTEE

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution appoints nine (9) members to the Homelessness Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Health, Aging, Environmental, and Disabilities standing committee. It further removes paid public employment as a disqualifying factor for service as a member of the Homelessness Subcommittee.*

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

Amendment was before Council for consideration. Council Members Darby, Bracy, Harlee, Owens, Spadola, Hackett, Johnson, McCoy and Oliver made comments on the amendment. After the discussion Council Member Oliver withdrew her Floor Amendment. Council Members Owens, Darby, and Oliver made comments on the resolution.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was voted on by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Darby, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Present, Council Member Oliver. Total, one. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 26-003 (Agenda #0158) as follows:

A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE 1 FOR
SENATE BILL 57 (SS 1 FOR SB 57) REGARDING
POSTCONVICTION REMEDY BASED ON CHANGES IN FORENSIC
SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution respectfully urges members of the Delaware General Assembly to give favorable consideration to Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 57 (SS 1 for SB 57), An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Postconviction Remedy, and to adopt the bill as amended to modernize post-conviction remedies, expand access to DNA testing, eliminate arbitrary time barriers, and update legal standards that advance fairness and justice for all Delaware residents.*

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. Council Member Harlee made comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was voted on by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 26-004 (Agenda #0159) as follows:

A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE 1 FOR
SENATE BILL 58 (SS 1 FOR SB 58) REGARDING
POSTCONVICTION LIMITATIONS ON ACCESS TO DNA TESTING
AND EVIDENCE

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution expresses strong support for Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 58 (SS 1 for SB 58), An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Postconviction Remedy, that would strengthen access to justice, protect the innocent, and uphold the integrity of Delaware's legal process.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member McCoy, 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 voted on by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 26-005 (Agenda #0160) as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND WILMINGTON CITY CHARTER
SECTION 2-101 TO CREATE FOUR-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS OF
OFFICE FOR CITY COUNCIL COMMENCING WITH THE 2028
ELECTION

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution requests the Delaware General Assembly to amend Section 2101 of the City Charter to provide for four-year staggered terms of office for City Council.*

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

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was voted on by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Darby, and President Congo. Total, three. Nays, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola. Total, nine. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **defeated**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 26-006 (Agenda #0161) as follows:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IMPOSE TERM LIMITS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution requests the Delaware General Assembly to amend Section 2- 100 of the City Charter to impose a term limit for City Council members of not more than three (3) terms in each representative capacity; council member elected from a councilmanic district, council member at large, and president of the council.*

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. Council Members Johnson, Owens and Harlee made comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was voted on by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Darby, Willauer, Johnson and President Congo. Total, five. Nays, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Field, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola. Total, seven. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **defeated**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 26-007 (Agenda #0162) as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE WILMINGTON CITY CHARTER SECTION 3-300 LOWERING THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT OF MAYOR FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO EIGHTEEN (18)

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 3-300 lowering the minimum age requirement of those desiring to serve as Mayor from twenty-five (25) to eighteen (18).*

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Oliver, 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 voted on by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Darby and President Congo. Total, three. Nays, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola. Total, nine. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **defeated**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 26-008 (Agenda #0163) as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE WILMINGTON CITY CHARTER SECTION 2-103 LOWERING THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO EIGHTEEN (18)

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution initiates a proposed amendment to Wilmington City Charter Section 2-103 lowering the minimum age requirement of those desiring to serve as members of Council from twenty-five (25) to eighteen (18).*

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member 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. Council Members Hackett, Johnson, Willauer, and Congo made comments. After the discussion, Council Member Darby **HELD** this resolution.

Council Member Darby presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-006 (Agenda #0171) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE TO DISSOLVE THE WILMINGTON WATER, SEWER, AND STORMWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD ("CAB")

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

Council Member Darby presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-007 (Agenda #0172) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE TO
CREATE AN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURAL
PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

Council Member Darby presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-008 (Agenda #0173) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 5 AND 34 OF THE CITY
CODE TO CREATE AN ONLINE RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRY

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

Council Member Darby presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-009 (Agenda #0174) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 OF THE CITY CODE TO
CREATE A LANDLORD EDUCATION AND RESOURCE
AWARENESS PROGRAM

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

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-010 (Agenda #0175) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (SUPPLEMENTAL ADAMS STREET GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT), SERIES A OF 2026-WPCRF, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE INCREASED CONSTRUCTION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THREE BIORETENTION GARDENS, 1900 LINEAR FEET OF STORMWATER PIPE, SIXTEEN MANHOLES, AND FIVE TRENCH DRAINS LOCATED IN AND AROUND THE ADAMS STREET COURTS AT 210 NORTH JACKSON STREET; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE 2026A BOND TO THE DELAWARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, second by Council Member McCoy, 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. 26-011 (Agenda #0176) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (LEAD REMOVAL PHASE IV PROJECT), SERIES A OF 2026-DWSRF, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY THREE TO FOUR MILES OF OLD CAST IRON WATERMAIN IN THE CITY'S WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE 2026A BOND TO THE DELAWARE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, second by Council Member McCoy, 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. 26-012 (Agenda #0177) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT RETAINING BELFINT, LYONS & SHUMAN, P.A. AS THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

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

Council Member Willauer presented Resolution No. 26-009 (Agenda #0178) as follows:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY OF WILMINGTON TO
RESTORE THE RODNEY RESERVOIR COMMUNITY GARDEN

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges the City of Wilmington's Administration to build the remaining 42 beds laid out in the approved Hinge design for the Rodney Reservoir Community Garden to meet the strong community interest in time for the garden beds to be put into use for the 2026 gardening season. It further recommends that the Administration to consider collaborating with the community on garden operations.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Willauer, seconded by Council Members McCoy and 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 Johnson, McCoy, Bracy, Spadola, Field, Oliver, Harlee, Darby, Owens and Hackett made comments. Council Members Owens, Spadola, Darby, Hackett, Johnson and President Congo requested to be added as co-sponsors.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was voted on by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Field, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Present, Council Member Oliver. Total, one. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-013 (Agenda #0179) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A ONE-YEAR
EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 26011LI (VACANT PROPERTY
SERVICES) BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND R&A
CONTRACTORS, LLC

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

Council Member Bracy presented Resolution No. 26-010 (Agenda #0180) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING MAYOR CARNEY'S APPOINTMENT
OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE WILMINGTON ETHICS COMMISSION

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution expresses City Council's concurrence with Mayor John Carney's appointment of Robert Katzenstein and James McClain Jr. to the Wilmington Ethics Commission to each serve a four-year term beginning on the date of passage of this Resolution.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Bracy, seconded by Council Member McCoy, 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 Darby and Hackett made comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was voted on by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Present, Council Member Darby. Total, one. Absent, Council Member Cabrera. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following information including but not limited to: Happy Black History Month, Community Garden workshop, BHM events, Parks & Recreation Spelling Bee, Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting with a discussion of snow removal process, Public Safety Committee meeting; 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 Oliver. Council adjourned at 9:21 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the February 5, 2026 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=4739> .

Attest: Akira Grenardo
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk