

*Wilmington City Council  
Wilmington, Delaware  
January 15, 2025*

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:32 p.m., President Ernest M. Congo, II, presiding.

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

President Congo announced that the following legislation is being HELD by the Sponsor.

- #0158 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
- #0159 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
- #0160 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
- #0161 A Resolution Requesting the Delaware General Assembly Impose Term Limits for City Council Members
- #0162 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)
- #0163 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)

**MINUTES**

After reading a portion of the minutes of the January 8, 2025 City Council Meeting, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member

Harlee, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

<b>Finance &amp; Economic Development Committee Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent w Leave</b>	<b>Absent w/out Leave</b>
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

January 5, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-074** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE TO  
INCLUDE GENDER IDENTITY AS A PROTECTED CLASS

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's Report for January 15, 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 3 to Page 6.*

# City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report January 15, 2026

**Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 01/14/2026):**

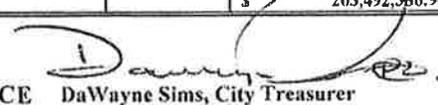
General	M & T Bank	\$	9,663,431.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	1,302,110.00
Paid Leave	M & T Bank	\$	335,016.00
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$	3,829.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$	25,965.89
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$	1,254,835.59
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$	14,044.49
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>\$</b>	<b>12,766,976.19</b>

**Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 01/14/2026):**

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%	\$ 1,491.55	\$ 24,597,093.47
General	TD	High Yield Checking	14	3.14%	\$ 4,472.99	\$ 3,663,047.75
General	TD	High Yield Checking	14	3.14%	\$ 12,008.67	\$ 9,834,214.98
General	TD	High Yield Checking	14	3.14%	\$ 5,990.39	\$ 4,905,690.36
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 43,000,046.56</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
Police & Fire Remem.	WSFS	CD	6/23/2026	2.96%	\$ 427.52	\$ 28,413.25
General	Citizens Bank	CD	1/26/2026	3.60%	\$ 80,651.62	\$ 31,019,854.69
General	Citizens Bank	*CD	1/26/2026	3.60%	\$ 14,217.62	\$ 5,468,314.07
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 36,516,582.01</b>
<b>RESTRICTED:</b>						
Capital Project - 2015	Citizens Bank	CD	1/26/2026	3.60%	\$ 1,931.62	\$ 742,931.16
Capital Project - 2018	Citizens Bank	CD	1/26/2026	3.60%	\$ 58.47	\$ 22,490.23
Capital Project - 2020	Citizens Bank	CD	1/26/2026	3.60%	\$ 9,499.62	\$ 3,653,700.15
Capital Project - 2025	Citizens Bank	CD	1/26/2026	3.60%	\$ 137,657.17	\$ 44,405,538.00
Water/Sewer	PNC	T-Bills	2/3/2026	3.60%	\$ 47,604.00	\$ 16,182,376.00
State Bonds Bill FY23	Citizens Bank	CD	1/26/2026	3.60%	\$ 2,993.54	\$ 1,151,360.91
People's Settlement	TD	High Yield Checking	14	3.61%	\$ 8,423.33	\$ 6,000,000.00
State Bonds Bill FY24	TD	High Yield Checking	14	3.61%	\$ 4,415.22	\$ 3,144,990.59
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	14	3.61%	\$ 1,020.16	\$ 726,665.14
State Bonds Bill FY26	Citizens Bank	CD	1/26/2026	3.60%	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 15,000,000.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 91,030,052.18</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 190,725,410.75</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 12,766,976.19</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$ 203,492,386.94</b>

<sup>1</sup> Budget Reserve

\*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE  DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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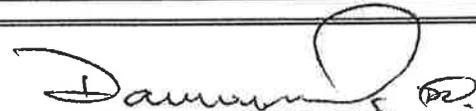
## Treasurer's Report - Pensions I January 15, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 01/14/2026):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	88,895.12
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	2,953,906.37
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	327,341.28
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	294,717.78
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	12,880.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	1,592.81
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>3,680,333.36</b>

Cash Equivalents (as of 01/14/2026) & Investments Market Value as of January 09, 2026)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
Fire Pension IV	Citizens Bank	CD	1/26/2026	3.60%	\$ 9,597.06	\$ 3,998,776.39
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 3,998,776.39</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin (S&P 500)					\$ 131,602,131.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 20,523,160.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 10,621,655.00
Pension Trust	WCM Global Fund					\$ 10,475,572.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 10,048,947.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 32,145,274.00
Pension Trust	GQG Emerging					\$ 5,062,974.00

  
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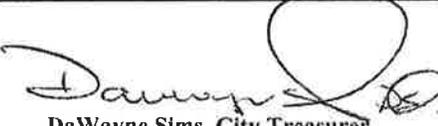
Investments (Market Value January 09, 2026)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 7,957,124.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 7,892,278.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 18,124,255.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 37,529,230.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 37,309,960.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 10,218,615.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 2,723,471.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 42,751,802.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						\$ 384,986,448.00
<b>Total Investments</b>						\$ 388,985,224.39
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						\$ 3,680,333.36
<b>Grand Total</b>						\$ 392,665,557.75

**Total Funds under Treasury Management:**

<b>Total Investments</b>						\$ 579,710,635.14
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						\$ 16,447,309.55
<b>Grand Total<sup>1</sup></b>						\$ 596,157,944.69

<sup>1</sup> 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 Cabrera, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

- a. Recognition Resolutions
  - Oliver Recognize the Commemoration of Louis L. Redding (100 Years Since Joining Law School)
  - Oliver Recognize Veda Wooley (Black History Month)
- b. Sympathy Resolutions
  - Harlee Sympathy David Nocho
  - Oliver Sympathy Harvey N. Turner, Jr.
  - Oliver Sympathy Mary E. Jones
  - Spadola Sympathy Gary Carl Linarducci

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Deacon Earl Tate
- Roberta Tatman
- Rob Bullock
- Danielle Covington
- Dora Williams
- Sophia Block
- Luther Bunting, Jr

### LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 25-074 (Agenda #0154) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE  
TO INCLUDE GENDER IDENTITY AS A PROTECTED CLASS

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 Owens, Willauer, Hackett and Bracy made comments. Council Member Owens requested to added as co-sponsor.

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **Adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-001 (Agenda #0164) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH CHARGES FOR INSPECTIONS MADE PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF WILMINGTON CROSS-CONTROL PROGRAM

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

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-002 (Agenda #0165) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS TO ISSUE CIVIL PENALTIES OR TAKE OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST CABLE, TELECOMMUNICATION, AND OTHER UTILITY PROVIDERS FOR FAILING TO REMEDIATE UTILITY WIRES

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

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-003 (Agenda #0166) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND ITRON, INC. FOR MOBILE AUTOMATED METER READING OPERATIONS AND

SYSTEM MAINTENANCE TO TRANSITION FROM AUTOMATED  
METER READING TO ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 26-001 (Agenda #0167) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT FUNDING FOR HEART TO  
THE CITY

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves grant funding for A Heart For the City DE from Council Community Support Funds for operational needs, including the expansion of the iRise Dining Hall to offer an additional hot meal weekly to those in need.*

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-004 (Agenda #0168) entitled:

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance establishes a temporary moratorium on smoke shops within the City of Wilmington.*

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

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following information including but not limited to: MLK Day events shared throughout the city, community meetings, Youth Council Applications are being accepted for students in Grades 8-12, Budget season is approaching and constituents are encouraged to get involved; 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 McCoy and Johnson. Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Motion prevailed.

*Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the January 15, 2026 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://www.wttn22.org/programs/#/?video=4713>.*

Attest: Akira Grenardo  
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk