

***Wilmington City Council  
Wilmington, Delaware  
March 5, 2026***

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:33 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, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Cabrera and President Congo. Total, eight. Absent, Council Members Oliver, Field, Bracy, Hackett and Spadola. Total, Five.

**MINUTES**

After reading a portion of the minutes of the February 19, 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.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

| <b>Community Development &amp; Urban Planning Committee Member</b> | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent w Leave</b> | <b>Absent w/out Leave</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 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

March 17, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-013** 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

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 from Council Member Cabrera and seconded by Council  
Member Owens, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

| Finance & Economic Development<br>Committee Member | Present | Absent w Leave | Absent<br>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

March 2, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor  
location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-015** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 2 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 from Council Member Harlee and seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

| <b>Public Works &amp; Transportation Committee Member</b> | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent w Leave</b> | <b>Absent w/out Leave</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 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

March 3, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 25-064** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A NETWORK-AS-A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

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 from Council Member Harlee and seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

| <b>Public Works &amp; Transportation Committee Member</b> | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent w Leave</b> | <b>Absent w/out Leave</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 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

March 3, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-001** 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

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 from Council Member Harlee and seconded by Council  
Member McCoy, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

| Public Works & Transportation<br>Committee Member | Present | Absent w Leave | Absent<br>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

March 3, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-003** 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

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 from Council Member Harlee and seconded by Council Members McCoy and 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

March 3, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-014** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE LINE PROTECTION PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES, LLC

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 from Council Member Harlee and seconded by Council Members McCoy and Owens, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

| <b>Public Works &amp; Transportation Committee Member</b> | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent w Leave</b> | <b>Absent w/out Leave</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 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

March 3, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 26-002** 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

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 from Council Member Harlee and seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's Report for March 5, 2026 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Owens and Harlee, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

*Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 7 to Page 10.*

# City of Wilmington



**DaWayne Sims**  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report March 05, 2026

### Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 03/04/2026):

|                                    |            |                         |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| General                            | M & T Bank | \$ 8,216,208.00         |
| Payroll                            | M & T Bank | \$ 1,763,962.68         |
| Paid Leave                         | M & T Bank | \$ 335,016.00           |
| Law Department Court Costs         | M & T Bank | \$ 3,747.07             |
| Total Petty Cash                   | M & T Bank | \$ 5,993.89             |
| Police - Evidence Found (Currency) | M & T Bank | \$ 1,199,605.44         |
| Police & Fire Remembrance          | M & T Bank | \$ 14,044.49            |
| Police Department Discretionary    | M & T Bank | \$ 44,098.52            |
| 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>\$ 11,725,376.93</b> |

### Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 03/04/2026):

| 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%         | \$ 2,075.91         | \$ 30,488,897.94         |
| General                   | TD            | High Yield Checking | 4              | 2.94%         | \$ 1,202.21         | \$ 3,680,238.99          |
| General                   | TD            | High Yield Checking | 4              | 2.94%         | \$ 3,442.44         | \$ 10,538,083.37         |
| General                   | TD            | High Yield Checking | 4              | 2.94%         | \$ 1,675.93         | \$ 5,130,395.09          |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>         |               |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 49,837,615.39</b>  |
|                           |               |                     |                |               |                     |                          |
| Account Type & Fund       | Institution   | Investment Type     | Maturity Date  | Interest Rate | Int. Receiv.        | Investment Amount        |
| Police & Fire Remem.      | WSFS          | CD                  | 6/23/2026      | 2.96%         | \$ 427.52           | \$ 28,413.25             |
| General                   | Citizens Bank | CD                  | 3/30/2026      | 3.55%         | \$ 94,825.97        | \$ 31,019,854.69         |
| General                   | Citizens Bank | *CD                 | 3/30/2026      | 3.55%         | \$ 14,064.98        | \$ 4,600,994.51          |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>         |               |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 35,649,262.45</b>  |
|                           |               |                     |                |               |                     |                          |
| <b>RESERVE:</b>           |               |                     |                |               |                     |                          |
| General <sup>1</sup>      | PNC           | T-Bills             | 3/31/2026      | 3.67%         | \$ 113,670.00       | \$ 20,178,730.00         |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>         |               |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 20,178,730.00</b>  |
|                           |               |                     |                |               |                     |                          |
| <b>RESTRICTED:</b>        |               |                     |                |               |                     |                          |
| Capital Project - 2015    | Citizens Bank | CD                  | 3/30/2026      | 3.55%         | \$ 2,263.31         | \$ 740,384.16            |
| Capital Project - 2018    | Citizens Bank | CD                  | 3/30/2026      | 3.55%         | \$ 68.75            | \$ 22,490.23             |
| Capital Project - 2020    | Citizens Bank | CD                  | 3/30/2026      | 3.55%         | \$ 9,408.38         | \$ 3,077,707.40          |
| Capital Project - 2025    | Citizens Bank | CD                  | 3/30/2026      | 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                  | 3/30/2026      | 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%         | \$ 1,189.94         | \$ 3,042,466.59          |
| State Bonds Bill FY25     | TD            | High Yield Checking | 4              | 3.52%         | \$ 215.11           | \$ 550,000.00            |
| State Bonds Bill FY26     | Citizens Bank | CD                  | 3/30/2026      | 3.55%         | \$ 36,899.28        | \$ 12,070,640.35         |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL</b>          |               |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 87,242,963.64</b>  |
|                           |               |                     |                |               |                     |                          |
| <b>Total Investments</b>  |               |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 192,908,571.48</b> |
| <b>Total Cash on Hand</b> |               |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 11,725,376.93</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>        |               |                     |                |               |                     | <b>\$ 204,633,948.41</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Budget Reserve

\*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

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*DaWayne Sims*

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DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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# City of Wilmington



**DaWayne Sims**  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report - Pensions I March 05, 2026

### Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 03/04/2026):

|                                        |            |           |                     |
|----------------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Pension Payroll                        | M & T Bank | \$        | 175,082.46          |
| Retiree Healthcare                     | M & T Bank | \$        | 5,500,094.55        |
| Police Pension                         | M & T Bank | \$        | 1,000.00            |
| Fire Pension                           | M & T Bank | \$        | 1,000.00            |
| Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3 | M & T Bank | \$        | 17,535.98           |
| 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>5,697,305.80</b> |

### Cash Equivalents (as of 03/04/2026) & Investments Market Value as of February 27, 2026)

| Account Type & Fund | Institution                | Investment Type | Maturity Date | Interest Rate | Interest Receivable | Investment Amount      |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| <b>LIQUIDITY:</b>   |                            |                 |               |               |                     |                        |
| Fire Pension IV     | Citizens Bank              | CD              | 3/30/2026     | 3.55%         | \$ 9,224.54         | \$ 3,017,569.88        |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>   |                            |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 3,017,569.88</b> |
| <b>RESERVE:</b>     |                            |                 |               |               |                     |                        |
| Pension Trust       | Rhumblin (S&P 500)         |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 125,057,660.00      |
| Pension Trust       | Earnest Partners           |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 21,951,732.00       |
| Pension Trust       | Dodge & Cox                |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 10,351,898.00       |
| Pension Trust       | WCM Global Fund            |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 9,946,759.00        |
| Pension Trust       | MFS Low Global             |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 10,663,324.00       |
| Pension Trust       | Fidelity Total Intl. Index |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 32,027,196.00       |
| Pension Trust       | GQG Emerging               |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 5,454,166.00        |

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**DaWayne Sims** 3/5/2026

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**DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer**

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# City of Wilmington



**DaWayne Sims**  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report - Pensions II March 05, 2026

### Investments (Market Value February 27, 2026)

| Account Type & Fund                           | Institution         | Investment Type | Maturity Date | Interest Rate | Interest Receivable | Investment Amount        |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>RESERVE:</b>                               |                     |                 |               |               |                     |                          |
| Pension Trust                                 | Clarion Lion        |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 7,758,099.00          |
| Pension Trust                                 | Morgan Stanley      |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 7,865,485.00          |
| Pension Trust                                 | JP Morgan           |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 18,672,983.00         |
| Pension Trust                                 | LM Capital Core     |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 38,325,335.00         |
| Pension Trust                                 | Rhumblin Core       |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 37,751,484.00         |
| Pension Trust                                 | Fidelity Bond Index |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 10,357,338.00         |
| Pension Trust                                 | Money Market        |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 949,387.00            |
| Pension Trust                                 | OPEB Trust Fund     |                 |               |               |                     | \$ 43,341,380.00         |
|                                               |                     |                 |               |               |                     |                          |
| <b>SUB-TOTAL</b>                              |                     |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 380,474,226.00</b> |
| <b>Total Investments</b>                      |                     |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 383,491,795.88</b> |
| <b>Total Cash on Hand</b>                     |                     |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 5,697,305.80</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                            |                     |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 389,189,101.68</b> |
| <b>Total Funds under Treasury Management:</b> |                     |                 |               |               |                     |                          |
| <b>Total Investments</b>                      |                     |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 576,400,367.36</b> |
| <b>Total Cash on Hand</b>                     |                     |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 17,422,682.73</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total<sup>1</sup></b>                |                     |                 |               |               |                     | <b>\$ 593,823,050.09</b> |

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

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**DaWayne Sims** 3/5/2026

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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**

|          |                                                                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Congo    | Recognize Reverend Tyrone C. Johnson, Sr. (70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)            |
| Darby    | Recognize Ramadan 2026                                                           |
| Harlee   | Recognize Marcel Brown (40 Years of Service to St. Michael's School and Nursery) |
| McCoy    | Recognize National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month                             |
| McCoy    | Recognize Women's History Month                                                  |
| Oliver   | Recognize the Dedication of The Manna Residential Recovery House                 |
| Oliver   | Recognize Paul Mahoney (Retirement)                                              |
| Owens    | Recognize Les Éléphants (Ivory Coast National Football Team)                     |
| Spadola  | Recognize Chealsea Tavern (16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)                         |
| Spadola  | Recognize Wanda Jenkins (Retirement from AIDS Delaware)                          |
| Willauer | Recognize William "Hicks" Anderson Community Center (Emergency Shelter Staff)    |

### **b. Sympathy Resolutions**

|             |                                                          |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| All Council | Sympathy Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr.               |
| All Council | Sympathy Marcia Starks                                   |
| Cabrera     | Sympathy Former House Majority Whip John J. Viola        |
| Cabrera     | Sympathy Former State Senator George Howard Bunting, Jr. |
| Harlee      | Sympathy James Bordley                                   |
| Harlee      | Sympathy Theresa Johnson Webster                         |
| Owens       | Sympathy Carmen Henry                                    |
| Spadola     | Sympathy Patricia S. Rothermel                           |

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

President Congo opened up the floor for public comments and upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Member McCoy Public Comment was extended beyond 7:30pm. Motion prevailed. President Congo called the following individuals who spoke and made public comment:

- Anthony Fairley
- Deacon Earl Tate
- Victor Kushman

- Jakim Muhammad

### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution No. 26-021 (Agenda #0202) as follows:

A RESOLUTION URGING SEPTA(SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY), DELDOT (DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) TO MAINTAIN A FULLY STAFFED TICKET OFFICE AT THE JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR. RAILROAD STATION

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution Council respectfully urges SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority), DelDOT (Delaware Department of Transportation), and DTC (Delaware Transit Corporation), pursuant to their operating agreements and commitments to transit accessibility, to maintain a fully staffed SEPTA ticket office at the Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Railroad Station.*

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Owens presented Resolution No. 26-022 (Agenda #0184 Rev. 1) as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND WILMINGTON CHARTER SECTION 2-300 TO REQUIRE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

**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 2-300 to require City Council approval to appropriate grant funds in the annual*

*operating budget. In order for the Wilmington City Charter to be amended as proposed, three fourths (3/4) of all the members elected to Wilmington City Council must adopt this Resolution and two thirds (2/3) of all the members elected to the General Assembly must approve the proposed amendment.*

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Owens presented Resolution No. 26-023 (Agenda #0183 Rev. 1) as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND WILMINGTON CHARTER SECTION 2-301 TO REQUIRE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL TO MAKE CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF EXCESS REVENUES, GRANT FUNDS OR SPECIAL FUNDS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

**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 2-301 to require City Council approval to make certain supplemental appropriations of excess revenues, grant funds or special funds during the fiscal year.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Oliver, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Owens spoke to the resolution and made comments. Council Members Willauer, Cabrera, Johnson made comments. Council Member Willauer requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Upon a motion by Council Member Owens, a floor amendment was presented, seconded by Council Member Willauer. Motion prevailed. Council Member McCoy made a comment on the Resolution as Amended.

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, Cabrera, Spadola and President Congo. Total, ten. Absent, Council Members Field, Bracy and Hackett. Total, three.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 26-024 (Agenda #0196 Rev. 1) as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS FROM AVAILABLE SOURCES OF UNAPPROPRIATED REVENUES, RANT FUNDS, OR SPECIAL FUNDS

***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 2-205 to require City Council to make emergency appropriations from available revenues, grant funds or special funds in order to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or other public peace.*

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 resolution and made comments. Council Members Oliver and Cabrera made comments. Upon a motion from Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Members Johnson and Willauer, a Floor amendment was before Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Members Cabrera, Harlee, Johnson, and McCoy made comments on the Resolution as Amended. Upon a motion of Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Member McCoy a Floor Amendment was before Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed.

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 Darby, Willauer and President Congo. Total, three. Nays, Council Members Owens, Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Cabrera, and Spadola. Total, seven. Absent, Council Members Field, Bracy and Hackett. Total, three.

President Congo declared the Resolution **Defeated As Amended**.

Council Member Owens presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-017 (Agenda #0197) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY CODE TO  
CREATE A RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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 Darby presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-018 (Agenda #0198) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE TO  
ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SAFETY

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 Public Safety Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Darby presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-019 (Agenda #0199) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY CODE TO  
ESTABLISH A HOUSING TRUST

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 Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-020 (Agenda #0200) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN  
ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT CONTRACT STARTING IN FISCAL  
YEAR 2027

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, second by Council Member 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. 26-021 (Agenda #0201) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 40 OF THE CITY CODE TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO DONATE AN UNEQUAL AMOUNT OF ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION LEAVE TO DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES OR TO THE DONATED LEAVE BANK

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 Finance & Economic Development Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 26-001 (Agenda #0164) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

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

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.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 26-002 (Agenda #0165 Rev. 1) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

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

Council Member Oliver presented a Substitute in Lieu of that Ordinance.

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

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

Council Member Oliver spoke to the Substitute Ordinance and made comments. Council Members Cabrera, McCoy, Harlee, Johnson, Spadola, Owens, Willauer, and President Congo made comments and requested to be added as co-sponsors.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

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

President Congo declared the Substitute Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 26-003 (Agenda #0166) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

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

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

Council Member Oliver spoke to the Ordinance and made comments. Council Members Spadola, Willauer, Harlee, Cabrera, McCoy and Owens made comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 25-064 (Agenda #0132) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A NETWORK-  
AS-A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
WILMINGTON AND DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

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

Council Member Oliver spoke to the Ordinance and made comments. Council Members Willauer and Harlee made comments

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 26-014 (Agenda #0189) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE FIRST  
AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR WATER AND SEWER  
SERVICE LINE PROTECTION PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE CITY  
OF WILMINGTON AND AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES, LLC

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

Council Member Oliver spoke to the Ordinance and made comments. Council Members Owens made comments

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 26-015 (Agenda #0192) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 2 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 McCoy, the Ordinance was before Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed.

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members Owens and McCoy, a floor amendment was before Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Members Willauer, McCoy, Owens and Johnson made comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented Ordinance No. 26-013 (Agenda #0179) and called for the third and final reading as follows:

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

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 voted on by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Cabrera, Spadola and President Congo. Total, nine. Absent, Council Members Darby, Field, Bracy and Hackett. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following information including but not limited to community meetings and events. Do More24, Happy Women's Month, Tax Assessment Appeal deadline, College and Career Fair, Browntown Civic Association meeting; Old Town Hall for the Mayor's Budget Address; 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 9:36 p.m. Motion prevailed.

*Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the March 5, 2026 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=4779>.*

Attest:   
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk