

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
April 2, 2026*

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:36 p.m., President Ernest M. Congo, II, presiding.

The opening prayer was done by Akira Grenardo, City Clerk and President Congo.

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, *Bracy, *Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Field. Total, one.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of the March 19, 2026 City Council Meeting, upon a motion of Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Member Oliver, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Economic Development Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Michelle Harlee, Chair	X		
Latisha Bracy, Vice Chair	X		
Shané N. Darby	X		
Alexander D. Hackett	X		
Zanthia Oliver	X		
James Spadola	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

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. 26-010** 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

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

Finance & Economic Development Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Michelle Harlee, Chair	X		
Latisha Bracy, Vice Chair	X		
Shané N. Darby	X		
Alexander D. Hackett	X		
Zanthia Oliver	X		
James Spadola	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

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. 26-011** 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

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

Finance & Economic Development Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Michelle Harlee, Chair	X		
Latisha Bracy, Vice Chair	X		
Shané N. Darby	X		
Alexander D. Hackett	X		
Zanthia Oliver	X		
James Spadola	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

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. 26-012** 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

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
Members Owens, Bracy and Oliver, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion
prevailed.

Intergovernmental Committee	Present	Absent w/Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Shané N. Darby, Chair	X		
Christofer Johnson, Vice-Chair		X	
Christian Willauer	X		
Zanthia Oliver	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

March 4, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Intergovernmental Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-007** entitled:

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

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Intergovernmental Committee

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

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

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

March 17, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 25-045** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE
ISSUANCE OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSES FOR NEW CORNER
PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY PENDING COMPLETION OF AN
EQUITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for April 2, 2026 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 6 to Page 8.

City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report April 02, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 04/01/2026):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,148,911.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,830,903.05
Paid Leave	M & T Bank	\$ 335,016.00
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 3,802.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 5,993.89
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,180,757.44
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 14,044.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 43,412.76
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 31,737.97
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		\$ 11,707,341.54

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 04/01/2026):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.25%	\$ 1,685.91	\$ 23,568,325.75
General	TD	High Yield Checking	1	2.94%	\$ 301.29	\$ 3,689,303.47
General	TD	High Yield Checking	1	2.94%	\$ 889.27	\$ 10,889,067.71
General	TD	High Yield Checking	1	2.94%	\$ 436.74	\$ 5,347,787.51
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 43,494,484.44
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	4/30/2026	3.50%	\$ 78,420.95	\$ 26,019,854.69
General	Citizens Bank	*CD	4/30/2026	3.50%	\$ 13,364.39	\$ 4,434,268.32
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 30,482,536.26
RESERVE:						
General ¹	PNC	T-Bills	6/25/2026	3.68%	\$ 174,970.00	\$ 20,178,730.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 20,178,730.00
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project - 2015	Citizens Bank	CD	4/30/2026	3.50%	\$ 2,228.87	\$ 739,534.16
Capital Project - 2018	Citizens Bank	CD	4/30/2026	3.50%	\$ 67.78	\$ 22,490.23
Capital Project - 2020	Citizens Bank	CD	4/30/2026	3.50%	\$ 8,983.23	\$ 2,980,610.40
Capital Project - 2025	Citizens Bank	CD	4/30/2026	3.50%	\$ 133,833.36	\$ 44,405,538.00
Water/Sewer	PNC	T-Bills	6/25/2026	3.68%	\$ 140,324.00	\$ 16,182,376.00
State Bonds Bill FY23	Citizens Bank	CD	4/30/2026	3.50%	\$ 3,341.81	\$ 1,108,802.91
People's Settlement	TD	High Yield Checking	1	3.52%	\$ 586.67	\$ 6,000,000.00
State Bonds Bill FY24	TD	High Yield Checking	1	3.52%	\$ 293.88	\$ 3,005,598.11
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	1	3.52%	\$ 53.78	\$ 550,000.00
State Bonds Bill FY26	Citizens Bank	CD	4/30/2026	3.50%	\$ 36,379.57	\$ 12,070,640.35
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 87,065,590.16
Total Investments						\$ 181,221,340.86
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 11,707,341.54
Grand Total						\$ 192,928,682.40

¹ Budget Reserve

² Restricted use Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

Digitally signed by:

DaWayne Sims

4/2/2026

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions I April 02, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 04/01/2026):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	405,282.28
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	6,682,134.23
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	3,750.07
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	363,326.07
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	11,702.36
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		\$	7,468,787.82

Cash Equivalents (as of 04/01/2026) & Investments Market Value as of March 27, 2026)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension IV	Citizens Bank	CD	4/30/2026	3.50%	\$ 6,108.53	\$ 2,026,794.42
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 2,026,794.42
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin (S&P 500)					\$ 114,235,480.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 20,442,786.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 9,409,136.00
Pension Trust	WCM Global Fund					\$ 8,838,331.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 9,770,006.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 27,440,277.00
Pension Trust	GQG Emerging					\$ 4,668,889.00

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DaWayne Sims

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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions II April 02, 2026

Investments (Market Value March 27, 2026)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
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					\$ 37,323,072.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 36,280,718.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 7,521,846.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 2,271,349.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 40,570,926.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 353,069,383.00
Total Investments						\$ 355,096,177.42
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 7,468,787.82
Grand Total						\$ 362,564,965.24

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 536,317,518.28
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 19,176,129.36
Grand Total¹						\$ 555,493,647.64

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

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DaWayne Sims

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DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- a. Recognition Resolutions
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| All Council | Recognize Howard High School Boys' Basketball Team (DIAA State and Blue Hen Conference Flight B Champions) |
| Oliver | Recognize Priscilla B. Rakestraw (Deputy Director of Development for the Ministry of Caring) |
| Oliver | Recognize National Guard of the United States (390 th Anniversary) |
| Owens | Recognize Autism Acceptance Month |
- b. Sympathy Resolutions
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| Cabrera | Sympathy Tony L. Tucker |
| Cabrera | Sympathy Mary Elizabeth Smith |
| Cabrera | Sympathy Arnise Renee Malcom |
| Congo | Sympathy Charlotte Denise Marks-Roundtree |
| Harlee | Sympathy Rachelle Alane Grimes |
| Oliver | Sympathy Paula Webb Medford |
| Oliver | Sympathy Elder Tracy Payne |
| Oliver | Sympathy Donald Bernard Brown |
| Owens | Sympathy Julia Ann Thomas |
| Spadola | Sympathy John Cameron Yorkston |

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Joseph Connor
- Dr. Jennifer Hummer
- Dutch Hopkins
- Janet Wortsel
- Robert Goff
- DeWayne Randolph
- Baba Hamin
- Peter Anto
- Leon
- Jane Vincent
- Deacon Earl Tate

Upon a motion President Congo accepted a motion to extend Public Comment past 7:30pm.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member Darby presented Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 25-045 (Agenda #0098 Rev. 1) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON
THE ISSUANCE OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSES FOR NEW
CORNER PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY PENDING
COMPLETION OF AN EQUITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

Council Member Darby spoke to the Ordinance and made comments. Council Members Hackett, Johnson, McCoy, Harlee, Bracy, Oliver and Owens made comments. Council President Congo and Council Members Hackett, Johnson, McCoy, Harlee, Bracy, Oliver and Owens requested to be added as co-sponsors.

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

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

Council Member Darby presented Ordinance No. 26-007 (Agenda #0172) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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

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

Council Member Darby spoke to the Ordinance and made comments. Council Member McCoy 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, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer,

McCoy, Johnson, Bracy, Hackett, and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Field and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 26-025 (Agenda #0208) entitled:

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING COUNCIL APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO COMMISSION A PROFESSIONAL GRANT WRITER IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution recommends that the City of Wilmington include \$60,000 of budget appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget to commission a professional grant writer. A qualified professional grant writer, acting either as a part-time employee or contracted consultant, would proactively bolster Wilmington's capacity to pursue viable external funding opportunities that strengthen municipal services, enhance fiscal sustainability, and advance the long-term interests of the residents of Wilmington.*

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 Members Oliver, 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, Hackett and President Congo. Total, five. Nays, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Bracy, and Spadola. Total, six. Absent, Council Member Field and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **defeated**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 26-026 (Agenda #0209) entitled:

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING COUNCIL APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO COMMISSION A SOCIAL SERVICE NAVIGATOR IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution recommends the appropriation of \$80,000 in funding in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget to commission a qualified Social Service Navigator on a part-time or consultant basis to lead the City of Wilmington's efforts to connect constituents with support and resources that fit their needs.*

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 Members Oliver, Owens and Harlee made comments. Council Member Owens requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

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, Hackett and President Congo. Total, four. Nays, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Bracy, Cabrera, and Spadola. Total, eight. Absent, Council Member Field. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **defeated**.

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 26-020 (Agenda #0200) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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

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

Council Member Oliver spoke to the Ordinance and made comments. Deputy Commissioner Vincent Carrocia spoke to the purpose of the Ordinance. Council Members Willauer, and Harlee made comments. Council Member Harlee requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

entitled: Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 26-027 (Agenda #0210)

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY OF WILMINGTON'S LAW DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN A DIVERSE LEGAL WORKFORCE

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution encourages the Administration to collaborate with the Law Department to adopt policies and practices that facilitate recruitment and retention of a legal workforce that more closely reflects the demographic composition of the residents of the City of Wilmington.*

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

Council Member Oliver spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. Council Members Johnson, Harlee and Willauer made comments. Council Members Johnson and Harlee 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, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett and President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Field. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

entitled: Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 26-028 (Agenda #0211)

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE ENFORCEMENT OF DRESS CODES IN SCHOOLS RELATING TO PAJAMAS

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution encourages school districts and school boards to enforce school dress codes and prohibit sleepwear or pajamas during school hours to address concerns related to student comfort and conduct.*

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

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 26-029 (Agenda #0212) entitled:

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING MORE ATTENTION TO CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTIONS IN SCHOOL

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution reaffirms the importance of cursive handwriting instruction in public elementary schools' curricula and encourages the Delaware General Assembly, Department of Education, and school administrators to ensure that it is carried out in accordance with the requirements set forth in Title 14 § 4138 of the Delaware Code.*

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

Council Member Oliver spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. Council Members Owens, Cabrera, Harlee and Spadola 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 Oliver and Cabrera. Total, two. Present, Council Members Harlee, McCoy and Johnson. Total, three. Nays, Council Members Owens, Darby, Willauer, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, seven. Absent, Council Member Field. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **defeated**.

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-027 (Agenda #0213) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO (I) ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 4.1 ACRES CONSISTING OF SEVEN PARCELS OF LAND (BEING TAX PARCEL NOS. 10-001.00-017, 10-001.00-018, 10-001.00-078, 10-001.00-021, 10-001.00-080, 10-001.00-081, AND 10-001.00-082) INTO THE CITY'S CORPORATE BOUNDARIES, (II) REZONE THE PARCELS FROM A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY HI (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CITY OF WILMINGTON M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING), (III) AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FOURTH COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT, AND (IV) AMEND APPLICABLE CITY MAPS TO ADD THE ANNEXED PARCELS INTO THE CITY'S CORPORATE BOUNDARIES

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

Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 26-030 (Agenda #0214) entitled:

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO CIVILITY IN GOVERNANCE

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution affirms the Wilmington City Council's commitment to civility, mutual respect, and professionalism in all official duties, meetings, communications, and interactions with fellow council members, city employees, constituents, and the public.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member Owens, 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 Cabrera, Johnson, Oliver and Harlee made comments. Council Members Cabrera, Johnson and Oliver 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, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy,

Johnson, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola, and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Member Darby and Field. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 26-010 (Agenda #0175) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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

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

Council Member Harlee 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, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Darby and Field. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 26-011 (Agenda #0176) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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

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

Council Member Harlee 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, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Field. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 26-012 (Agenda #0177) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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

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

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Willauer presented Resolution No. 26-031 (Agenda #0215) entitled:

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING APPROVAL FOR A DELMARVA RATE INCREASE

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution joins Governor Matt Meyer, our counterparts in the Delaware General Assembly and New Castle County Council, and the Division of the Public Advocate of the State of Delaware in expressing profound concerns about the impact of Docket No. 251555, Delmarva Power and Light Company's proposed electric base rate increase application, on ratepayers in our City and State. It respectfully urges the Delaware Public Service Commission to reject the proposal in its current form.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Willauer, seconded by Council Member 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. President Congo and Council Members McCoy, Hackett, Johnson, Oliver, Harlee and Bracy 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, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola, and President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Field. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 26-032 (Agenda #0216) entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND TO SUPPORT EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SLEAF) in the amount of \$36,900, or such other amount that the SLEAF awards. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase (i) a forklift that can be utilized to help*

safely manage supplies at the Police Department's training facility and (ii) saws that can be utilized to gain entry into structures during high-risk operations. No local matching funds are required.

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

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Hackett presented Resolution No. 26-033 (Agenda #0217 Rev. 1) entitled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INITIATE A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WILMINGTON CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 2-101 AND 2-103 TO PROHIBIT A COUNCILMEMBER-AT-LARGE IN A MINORITY POLITICAL PARTY IN WHICH THERE ARE THREE COUNCILMEMBERS-AT-LARGE OF THE SAME PARTY AFFILIATION AND ONE COUNCILMEMBER OF A DIFFERENT PARTY AFFILIATION FROM CHANGING THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION DURING AN ACTIVE TERM FOR WHICH THEY WERE ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL

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 Sections 2-101 and 2-103 to prohibit a councilmember-at-large in a minority political party in which there are three councilmembers-at-large of the same party affiliation and one councilmember of a different party affiliation from changing their voter registration political party affiliation during an active term for which they were elected to City Council. Under the proposed amendments, if such a councilmember-at-large changes their political party affiliation to a majority party affiliation in which there are three councilmembers-at-large of the same party affiliation during an active term, such an act would result in the automatic forfeiture and vacancy of their seat. The proposed amendments are intended to ensure representation of minority political parties on City Council.*

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

Council Member Hackett spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. Council Members Johnson, Spadola, Oliver, Cabrera, McCoy, Harlee, Owens, Bracy, Darby and President Congo made comments. Council Members Darby, McCoy, Johnson, Oliver, Owens, and Willauer 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, Hackett, and President Congo. Total, nine. Present, Council Member Bracy. Total, one. Nay Council Member Spadola. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Field and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Member McCoy. Council adjourned at 11:15 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the April 2, 2026 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=4824>.

Attest: 
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk