

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
April 16, 2026*

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:34 p.m., President Ernest M. Congo, II, presiding.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by City Council.

ROLL CALL

The following members responded to the Call of the Roll: Council Members Owens, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer*, McCoy, Johnson, 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 April 2, 2026 City Council Meeting, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Harlee and Owens, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

**Council Member Willauer recognized.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

March 9, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Safety Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 26-018** entitled:

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

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Public Safety Committee

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for April 16, 2026 was read into the
record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by
Council Member Owens, 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 April 16, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 04/15/2026):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 9,611,637.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,173,085.89
Paid Leave	M & T Bank	\$ 335,016.00
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 3,742.07
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	\$ 42,202.55
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		\$ 12,510,980.17

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 04/15/2026):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.25%	\$ 1,375.95	\$ 31,948,330.18
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.94%	\$ 3,916.81	\$ 3,689,303.47
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.94%	\$ 11,560.56	\$ 10,889,067.71
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.94%	\$ 5,677.57	\$ 5,347,787.51
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 51,874,488.87
RESTRICTED:						
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	13	3.52%	\$ 7,626.67	\$ 6,000,000.00
State Bonds Bill FY24	TD	High Yield Checking	13	3.52%	\$ 3,820.45	\$ 3,005,598.11
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	13	3.52%	\$ 699.11	\$ 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						\$ 189,601,345.29
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 12,510,980.17
Grand Total						\$ 202,112,325.46

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

DeaSigned by:

DaWayne Sims

4/16/2026

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE *DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer*

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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions I April 16, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 04/15/2026):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	87,233.64
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	6,397,279.77
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	82,941.46
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	363,326.07
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	157,721.42
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		\$	7,091,095.17

Cash Equivalents (as of 04/15/2026) & Investments Market Value as of April 16, 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)					\$ 122,320,914.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 21,754,113.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 10,099,263.00
Pension Trust	WCM Global Fund					\$ 9,626,740.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 10,151,343.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 29,841,702.00
Pension Trust	GQG Emerging					\$ 5,034,822.00

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City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions II April 16, 2026

Investments (Market Value April 10, 2026)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 7,385,213.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 10,699,226.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 18,672,983.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 37,725,683.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 36,594,686.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 7,617,007.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 730,681.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 42,685,824.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 370,940,200.00
Total Investments						\$ 372,966,994.42
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 7,091,095.17
Grand Total						\$ 380,058,089.59

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 562,568,339.71
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 19,602,075.34
Grand Total¹						\$ 582,170,415.05

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

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NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

a. Recognition Resolutions

All Council	Recognize Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, Inc. (42 nd Annual Fair Housing Proclamation Reading)
All Council	Recognize Ernest M. Congo, Sr. (88 th Birthday)
Cabrera	Recognize Fred Comegys (DSBA Award)
Cabrera	Recognize Worldwide Blood Drive (ASEZ- Sace the Earth from A to Z)
Congo	Recognize Faith Green (79 th Birthday)
Darby	Recognize Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware
Harlee	Recognize Adam Landis (Transitioning from Downtown Visions Board of Directors)
Johnson	Recognize Partners in Care (2 Years of Operation)
McCoy	Recognize St. Elizabeth High School Girls' Basketball Team (2025-2026 DIAA State Championship)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Harlee	Sympathy Curtis K. Jackson, Jr.
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Deacon Earl Tate
- Stacey Henry
- S. Cox
- Ruth Ann Purchase
- Madeline Bolden Johnson

**Council Members Bracy and Cabrera recognized.*

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion from Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Owens, Council dissolved into the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of holding two public. Motion prevailed.

PUBLIC HEARING

ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 4.1 ACRES OF SEVEN PARCELS OF LAND, REZONE THE PARCELS FROM A NEW CASTLE COUNTY H-1 TO A CITY OF WILMINGTON M-1, AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FOURTH COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT, AMEND APPLICABLE CITY MAPS TO ADD THE ANNEXED

PARCELS TO THE CITY'S CORPORATE BOUNDARIES (ORDINANCE NO. 26-027) AND APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

President Congo asked for the Clerk to read the two Affidavit's of Publications.

The City Clerk read in part the following Affidavits of Publications:

Note: The Affidavits of Publications are attached herein as an insert on pages 8.

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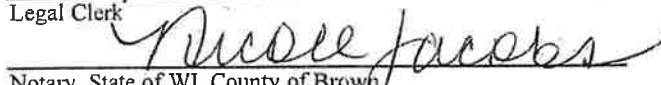
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of two public hearings on **April 16, 2026 at 6:30 pm** before Wilmington City Council in the City Council Chambers, 1st Floor, City/County Building, 800 North French Street, Wilmington, DE regarding (1) an Ordinance to Annex 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, 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), and Amend the Boundaries of the City's Fourth Councilmanic District and Applicable City Maps to Add the Annexed Parcels into the City's Corporate Boundaries and (2) a Resolution Approving an Amendment to the City's Comprehensive Development Plan Regarding the Annexed Parcels to Expand the City's Corporate Boundaries to Add the Parcels into the South Wilmington Analysis Area and Designate Them as "Mixed Commercial/Light Manufacturing" on the Future Land Use Map. Members of the public will be allowed to participate in person and virtually. Instructions for virtual participation will be provided on the agenda for the April 16th Council meeting.

City Clerk
AKIRA GRENARDO
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Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Affidavits of Publications were made a part of the record. Motion prevailed.

President Congo requested the Clerk to read the Planning Commission Report.

The City Clerk read the Planning Commission report and upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member Owens, the Planning Commission Report was made a part of the record. Motion prevailed. The Planning Commission's Report constituting the recommendations to City Council are further reflected in the videotape of the April 16, 2026 City Council meeting and the public hearing, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Mr. Abdulrasheed Dawodu (Planner II) presented, which is reflected in the videotape of the April 16, 2026 City Council meeting and public hearing, which is incorporated herein by reference.

President Congo opened up the floor for comments by members of Council. Council Members Harlee and Cabrera made comments.

At this time, President Congo opened up the floor for anyone from the public to speak for or against the proposed legislation. There were no public comments.

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member Owens, Council returned to regular order of business. Motion prevailed.

President Congo asked the Clerk to read the Committee Report.

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

April 9, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-027** 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 H-I (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

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

President Congo requested for the Clerk to read the Findings.

The Clerk read the Findings and upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member McCoy. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 26-027 (Agenda #0213) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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 H-1 (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

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. Council Member Cabrera made comments and requested to be added as co-sponsor.

President Congo reminded members of Council that when voting, they will need to state the reason for their vote.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens – based on the findings, Darby – great idea, Oliver – based on the findings, Harlee – based on the findings, Willauer – based on the findings, McCoy – based on the findings, Johnson – based on the findings, Bracy – based on the findings, Cabrera – based on the findings, , Hackett – based on the findings, Spadola – based on the findings, and President Congo – based on the findings. Total, twelve. Absent, Council Member Field. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Resolution No. 26-034 (Agenda #0218) entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN ENTITLED "WILMINGTON 2028: A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR OUR CITY AND COMMUNITIES" REGARDING 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) TO EXPAND THE CITY'S CORPORATE BOUNDARIES TO ADD THE PARCELS INTO THE SOUTH WILMINGTON ANALYSIS AREA AND DESIGNATE THEM AS "MIXED COMMERCIAL/LIGHT MANUFACTURING" ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves an amendment to the City's comprehensive development plan entitled "Wilmington 2028: A Comprehensive Plan for Our City and Communities" (the "Comprehensive Plan") to add seven (7) 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) (the "Parcels") into the South Wilmington Analysis Area of the City's corporate boundaries and designate the land use of the Parcels as "Mixed Commercial/Light Manufacturing" on the Future Land Use Map. It also approves conforming amendments to all applicable Comprehensive Plan maps to add the Parcels into the City's corporate boundaries including, but not limited to, the Development Strategy Map.*

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.

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 Johnson made a motion to reconsider Ordinance No. 26-012 (Agenda #0177) entitled:

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

Upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Owens, the Ordinance was before the 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 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**.

President Congo stated that Agenda #0219 is being HELD.

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member Owens presented Resolution No. 26-035 (Agenda #0220) entitled:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, GOVERNOR, AND OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES REGARDING UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution respectfully urges the members of the Senate to support House Bill 96 (HB 96), An Act to Amend Title 29 of the Delaware Code Relating to Reports from the Department of Justice to the Delaware General Assembly, Governor, and Office of Legislative Services Regarding Undocumented Residents with House Amendment 1 and House Amendment 2. HB 96, as amended, requires quarterly reporting to state leadership on certain federal immigration enforcement requests made to state agencies and includes limitations and protections within the reporting process.*

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

Council Member Owens spoke to the Resolution and made comments. Council Members McCoy, Willauer, Cabrera, Harlee, Oliver, Johnson Darby, and Bracy made comments. Council Members McCoy, Willauer, Cabrera, and Harlee requested to be added as a 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 Darby presented Ordinance No. 26-018 (Agenda #0198) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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

Council Member Darby presented a Substitute in Lieu of that Ordinance
as follows:

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

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

Council Member Darby spoke to the Ordinance and made comments.
Council Members McCoy, Harlee, Johnson, and Oliver made comments. Council
Members McCoy, Harlee and Oliver 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, 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 Substitute Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Willauer presented and called for the first and second
reading, Ordinance No. 26-028 (Agenda #0221) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE
RELATED TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL
ESTATE & HOUSING ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO SPEND
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION FUNDS TO ASSIST IN
SETTLING EVICTION PROCEEDINGS

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

Council Member Willauer presented and called for the first and second
reading, Ordinance No. 26-029 (Agenda #0222) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY CODE TO

CREATE A HOMEOWNER REPAIR PROGRAM

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

Council Member Willauer presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-030 (Agenda #0223) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY CODE TO CREATE A VACANT PROPERTY REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Willauer, 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 Johnson presented Resolution No. 26-036 (Agenda #0224) entitled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED 17.2% TAX INCREASE FOR FY2027

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges the New Castle County Council to oppose the proposed 17.2% tax increase for FY2027. With consideration to the substantial new tax obligations many households are facing due to the recent reassessment and inflation more generally, that the County Council prioritize alternative revenue strategies to address budget shortfalls in FY2027.*

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

Council Member Johnson spoke to the Resolution and made comments. Council Members Harlee, McCoy, Willauer, Darby, Owens, Spadola, Bracy and Congo. Council Members Harlee, Willauer, Darby and Owens requested to be added as a 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, Harlee, Willauer, Johnson, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, ten. Present, Council Member McCoy. Total, one. Absent, Council Member Oliver and Field. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**

Council Member Spadola presented Resolution No. 26-037 (Agenda #0225) entitled:

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING COUNCIL TO INCORPORATE COUNCIL'S ALLOTTED TRAVEL/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS INTO EACH COUNCIL MEMBER'S DISCRETIONARY/ COMMUNITY FUNDS FOR THE FY2027 BUDGET

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution proposes that the \$25,000 allotted for Council's professional development/ travel activities be divided equally amongst the 13 Council Members and incorporated into each Council Member's Discretionary/ Community Funds. This change would increase each Council Member's capacity to direct funds they do not expend on professional development activities in FY2027 towards community support activities.*

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

Council Member Spadola spoke to the Resolution and made comments. Council Members Bracy, Oliver, Johnson, Darby, Cabrera, Willauer, Hackett, Owens.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **defeated**

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following information including but not limited to community meetings and events; Community

shred event at PS DuPont School, the City's Community Clean Up Day April 25, opening day at Wilmington Little League, PAL meeting for Energy Assistance, final farewell to our Parliamentarian John D. Stant; the community encouraged to contact Council Office with any questions and/or concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Members Bracy and Owens. Council adjourned at 9:02 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the April 16, 2026 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=4848>.

Attest: 
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk