

***Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
May 7, 2026***

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:38 p.m., President Ernest M. Congo, II, presiding.

The opening prayer was done by Mariaelena Rivera, Deputy 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, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Harlee and Cabrera. Total, two.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of the April 16, 2026 City Council Meeting, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Owens, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for May 7, 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 2 to Page 5.

City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report May 07, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 05/06/2026):

General	M & T Bank	\$	8,028,655.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	1,189,631.55
Paid Leave	M & T Bank	\$	331,452.00
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$	4,432.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$	4,583.59
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$	1,173,257.44
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$	14,044.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$	41,576.57
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		\$	10,932,133.55

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 05/06/2026):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.25%	\$ 2,845.66	\$ 41,134,266.37
General	TD	High Yield Checking	6	2.94%	\$ 1,812.07	\$ 3,698,097.15
General	TD	High Yield Checking	6	2.94%	\$ 5,492.76	\$ 11,209,714.12
General	TD	High Yield Checking	6	2.94%	\$ 2,626.66	\$ 5,360,534.29
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 61,402,611.93
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	5/29/2026	3.50%	\$ 76,505.60	\$ 26,019,854.69
General	Citizens Bank	*CD	5/29/2026	3.65%	\$ 12,340.88	\$ 4,197,182.59
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 30,245,450.53
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	5/29/2026	3.65%	\$ 2,174.44	\$ 739,534.16
Capital Project - 2018	Citizens Bank	CD	5/29/2026	3.65%	\$ 66.13	\$ 22,490.23
Capital Project - 2020	Citizens Bank	CD	5/29/2026	3.65%	\$ 8,763.82	\$ 2,980,610.40
Capital Project - 2025	Citizens Bank	CD	5/29/2026	3.65%	\$ 106,214.78	\$ 36,124,062.09
Water/Sewer	PNC	T-Bills	6/25/2026	3.68%	\$ 140,324.00	\$ 16,182,376.00
State Bonds Bill FY23	Citizens Bank	CD	5/29/2026	3.65%	\$ 3,226.77	\$ 1,097,436.91
State Bonds Bill FY24	TD	High Yield Checking	6	3.52%	\$ 1,706.72	\$ 2,909,182.36
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	6	3.52%	\$ 322.67	\$ 550,000.00
State Bonds Bill FY26	Citizens Bank	CD	5/29/2026	3.65%	\$ 26,023.34	\$ 8,850,640.35
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 69,456,332.50
Total Investments						\$ 181,283,124.96
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 10,932,133.55
Grand Total						\$ 192,215,258.51

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

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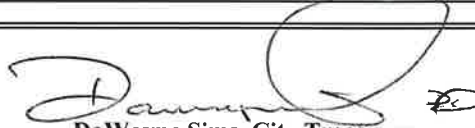
Treasurer's Report - Pensions I May 07, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 05/06/2026):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	192,919.89
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	5,980,583.26
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	81,506.28
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	136,487.87
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		\$	6,395,090.11

Cash Equivalents (as of 05/06/2026) & Investments Market Value as of May 1, 2026)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension IV	Citizens Bank	CD	5/29/2026	3.65%	\$ 5,959.34	\$ 2,026,794.42
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 2,026,794.42
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin (S&P 500)					\$ 129,707,225.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 22,624,454.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 10,296,442.00
Pension Trust	WCM Global Fund					\$ 9,964,214.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 10,250,208.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 30,402,034.00
Pension Trust	GQG Emerging					\$ 5,060,774.00


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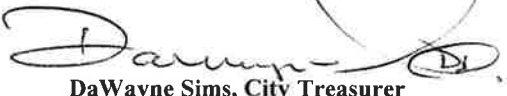
Investments (Market Value May 1, 2026)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 7,204,587.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 9,948,915.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 19,125,495.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 37,340,060.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 37,337,339.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 7,618,847.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 904,787.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 44,107,456.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 381,892,837.00
Total Investments						\$ 383,919,631.42
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 6,395,090.11
Grand Total						\$ 390,314,721.53

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 565,202,756.38
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 17,327,223.66
Grand Total¹						\$ 582,529,980.04

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 Youth in city Government Day 2026
All Council	Recognize Wilmington City Council Interns (Spring 2026)
Cabrera	Recognize Dr. Sidney R. Jacobs (“Ink to Voice: A Literary Reawakening” Event
Congo	Salesianum DIAA Wrestling Team (Undefeated Season)
Congo	Recognize Mildred R. Holmes (100 th Birthday)
Darby	Recognize Try Transit Initiative on Earth Day 2026 (Delaware Authority for Regional Transit)
Harlee	Recognize Wilmington High School Class of 1976 (50-Year Reunion)
McCoy	Recognize Teacher Appreciation Week 2026 (The Bayard School)
Oliver	Recognize Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month (Project MS Shift)
Oliver	Recognize Cure Violence Global (Community Organization Training Sessions)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Aishah Nadirah Amatullah Bint Hudhaifah
All Council	Sympathy Kevin Eugene Jackson
Cabrera	Sympathy Christine Nichol Radovich
Oliver	Sympathy Carl L. Brown
Spadola	Sympathy James Matthews

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Congo accepted a motion to extend Public Comment beyond 7:30pm by Council Member Ownes, seconded by Council Member Johnson. President Congo then opened up the floor for public comments and the following individuals spoke:

- Elijah Quinnell

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 26-038 (Agenda #0226) entitled:

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A COUNCIL MEMBER’S SEAT VACANT

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. A councilman-at-large's change in political party affiliation violates the qualification requirements under the City Charter and renders his seat vacant, as a matter of law.*

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

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 26-039 (Agenda #0227) entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DESHAUN ELLIOTT AND
ALEXANDRA COPPADGE WRIGHT TO THE WILMINGTON
COMMUNITY POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution appoints Alexandra Coppadge Wright to serve as a member of the civil rights community and DeShaun Elliott to serve as a member of the mental health treatment community as defined by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) on the Wilmington Community Police Accountability Board.*

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

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 26-040 (Agenda #0228) entitled:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM GREATER WILMINGTON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU TO THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves \$5,000 grant funding from the Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau to the City of Wilmington for the creation of brochures and an interactive digital map highlighting Wilmington's African American historical sites to promote public awareness and appreciation of the City's rich cultural legacy.*

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

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-031 (Agenda #0229) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 48 OF THE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE A MANDATORY INCLUSIONARY ZONING PROGRAM FOR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME RESIDENTS

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Darby, second by Council Member Owens, 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. 26-032 (Agenda #0230) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE TO
CREATE A LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Darby, second by Council Member Owens, 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. 26-033 (Agenda #0231) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF MABEL
STREET, LOCATED BETWEEN VANDEVER AVENUE AND THE
NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF 86 RACE STREET, FROM THE
OFFICIAL CITY MAP

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 Community Development & Urban Planning Committee. Motion prevailed.

On behalf of Council Member Harlee, Council Member McCoy presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-034 (Agenda #0232) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
PENSION COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING A
ONE-TIME STIPEND FOR CITY RETIREES FOR FISCAL YEAR
2027 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 39 OF THE CITY CODE

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

Council Member Willauer presented Resolution No. 26-041 (Agenda #0233) entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT FUNDS TO ROBERTO CLEMENTE LITTLE LEAGUE

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves grant funding from Council Member Willauer's and Council Member Johnson's Community Support/Discretionary Funds totaling \$5,999 for the Roberto Clemente Baseball League.*

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. Council Member Johnson made comments and requested to be added as 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, Oliver, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Harlee and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Willauer stated that she will be holding Agenda #0234 this evening.

Council Member Field presented Resolution No. 26-042 (Agenda #0235) entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT FUNDS TO DELAWARE CENTER FOR HORTICULTURE

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves grant funding from Council Member Nathan Field's Community Support/Discretionary Funds totaling \$2,500 for the Delaware Center for Horticulture.*

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

Council Member Field, spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. Council Member Oliver made comments and requested to be added as 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, Oliver, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Harlee and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Hackett presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-035 (Agenda #0236) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY CODE TO
CREATE A SECURITY DEPOSIT AND FIRST MONTH'S RENTAL
ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following information including but not limited to community meetings and events; Community Clean up success; Job Fair; First-Time Home Buyer Workshop; MSK – May Day Event; Wilmington Flower Market; the community encouraged to contact Council Office with any questions and/or concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Member McCoy. Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the May 7, 2026 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=4894>.

Attest: 
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk