

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
May 21, 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 Mariaelena Rivera, Deputy City Clerk.

President Congo asked for a moment of silence for Former Mayor Michael Purzycki.

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, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of the May 7, 2026 City Council Meeting, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Members Oliver and Owens, 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

May 4, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-021** 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

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, Owens and McCoy, 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

May 14, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-033** 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

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 Members Owens 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

May 21, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-022** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION ON
REAL PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF PUBLIC
UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2026
AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2027

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 Bracy 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

May 21, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-023** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE SIX
FISCAL YEARS 2027 – 2032 INCLUSIVE

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.

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

May 21, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-024** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2027

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.

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

May 21, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 26-025** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2026 AND
ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2027

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 McCoy and 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

May 21, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 26-026** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES, WATER RATES AND CHARGES, AND STORMWATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

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 McCoy and 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

May 21, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-034** 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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for May 21, 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 8 to Page 10.

City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report May 21, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 05/20/2026):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 11,124,502.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,646,121.03
Paid Leave	M & T Bank	\$ 331,452.00
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,502.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,023.89
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,170,202.44
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 14,044.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 40,169.39
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		\$ 14,481,518.15

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 05/20/2026):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.25%	\$ 2,407.74	\$ 34,424,899.30
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.94%	\$ 3,926.15	\$ 3,698,097.15
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.94%	\$ 11,900.98	\$ 11,209,714.12
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	2.94%	\$ 5,691.10	\$ 5,360,534.29
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 54,693,244.86
RESERVE:						
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
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	13	3.52%	\$ 3,697.89	\$ 2,909,182.36
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	13	3.52%	\$ 699.11	\$ 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						\$ 174,573,757.89
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 14,481,518.15
Grand Total						\$ 189,055,276.04

* Budget Reserve

* Restricted use Per A/RPA US Treasury Guidelines

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DaWayne Sims
DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions I May 21, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 05/20/2026):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	168,246.77
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	5,980,902.97
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	162,012.68
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	282,404.90
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		\$	6,597,160.13

Cash Equivalents (as of 05/20/2026) & Investments Market Value as of May 15, 2026)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<u>LIQUIDITY:</u>						
Fire Pension IV	Citizens Bank	CD	5/29/2026	3.65%	\$ 5,959.34	\$ 2,026,794.42
<u>SUB-TOTAL:</u>						\$ 2,026,794.42
<u>RESERVE:</u>						
Pension Trust	Rhumbline (S&P 500)					\$ 132,961,720.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 22,296,286.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 10,277,956.00
Pension Trust	WCM Global Fund					\$ 10,025,309.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 10,179,590.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 30,578,139.00
Pension Trust	GQG Emerging					\$ 4,946,582.00

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City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions II May 21, 2026

Investments (Market Value May 15, 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					\$ 37,028,973.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 37,018,702.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 7,538,726.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 905,219.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 44,463,472.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 384,499,671.00
Total Investments						\$ 386,526,465.42
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 6,597,160.13
Grand Total						\$ 393,123,625.55

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 561,100,223.31
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 21,078,678.28
Grand Total¹						\$ 582,178,901.59

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

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NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- a. Recognition Resolutions
 - Congo Recognize the Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court Decision
 - Congo Recognize Dr. LeRoi S. Hicks, MPH, MACP (President of ChristianaCare Wilmington Campus and CEO of the American College of Physicians)
 - Oliver Recognize Amina Naru
 - Owens Recognize Sleeping Bird Coffee Shop (5 Year Anniversary)
- b. Sympathy Resolutions
 - All Council Sympathy Beverly Iona Winward-Nesbeth
 - Oliver Sympathy Mildred Lenora Beck Butler
 - Oliver Sympathy Virgil Dixon

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Mahkieb Booker
- Dexter Bland
- Lip Betley
- Abigail Bourget
- Lisa Rice
- Conor B
- Say Buterbaugh
- Natasha Pulliam
- Meme Sebelist
- Meryem Dede
- Branden Fletcher
- Adam Whitney
- Lynne Kielhorn
- Jamila Daves
- Rev. Patrice Burke
- Rev. Dr. Lyle Dykstra
- Christopher Beardsuey
- Marsha Lee-McCall
- Elizabeth Smith
- Ariyanna Miller
- Deacon Earl E. Tate
- Edwina Bell
- Joseph Connor
- Sarah Lester

- Rich Pryzwara
- James J. Taylor
- Shyanne Miller
- Cheyenna McGowan
- Anthony Harper
- Jean Messik

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

entitled: Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 26-043 (Agenda #0237)

A RESOLUTION FOR A SUBCOMMITTEE FOR REPARATIONS
IMPLEMENTATION & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF CITY
COUNCIL

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution establishes a Reparations Subcommittee to serve as a subcommittee of the Intergovernmental Committee.*

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member 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 Johnson, Hackett, McCoy, Bracy, Owens, Harlee, Oliver, 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 Resolution was voted on by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

entitled: Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 26-04 (Agenda #0238)

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADMINISTRATION
APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO COMMISSION AN AUDIT OF WPD
IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution recommends an alternative independent audit of the Wilmington Police Department (WPD) conducted by Mayers Strategic Solutions, LLC, or*

a similarly qualified consultant, to evaluate department operations, practices, community engagement, and public trust indicators not addressed in the standard audit.

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 Johnson, McCoy, Harlee and President Congo made comments. Council Member Johnson 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, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 26-033 (Agenda #0231) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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

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.

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, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 26-021 (Agenda #0201) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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

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.

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, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 26-022 (Agenda #0203) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION ON REAL PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2027

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 26-023 (Agenda #0204) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE SIX FISCAL YEARS 2027 – 2032 INCLUSIVE

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 26-024 (Agenda #0205) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member Willauer, 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, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, twelve. Present, Council Member Darby. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 26-025 (Agenda #0206) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING ON JUNE
30, 2027

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

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING ON JUNE
30, 2027

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

Council Member Harlee spoke to the Ordinance and made comments.
Council Members Johnson, Oliver, Hackett, and Owens made comments.

Upon a motion from Council Member Willauer, seconded by Council
Member Owens a Floor amendment was before Council for consideration. Council
Members Johnson, Spadola, Bracy, Oliver, McCoy, Owens, Cabrera, Oliver, Darby, and
President Congo made comments on the Floor Amendment.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll for Council
Member Willauer's Floor Amendment.

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

President Congo declared the Floor Amendment **defeated**.

Upon a motion from Council Member Owens, seconded by Council
Member Willauer a Floor amendment was before Council for consideration. Council
Members McCoy, Johnson, Darby, Hackett, Willauer, Cabrera and Bracy made comments
on the Floor Amendment.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll for Council
Member Owens' Floor Amendment.

The above-referenced Floor Amendment was voted on by the following
Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Darby, Willauer, Johnson,

Bracy, Hackett and President Congo. Total, seven. Nays, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Field, Cabrera, and Spadola. Total, six.

President Congo declared the Floor Amendment **adopted**.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll on the Substitute Ordinance as Amended.

The above-referenced Substitute Ordinance As Amended was voted on by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett Spadola and President Congo. Total, eleven. Present, Council Member Darby. Total, one. Nays, President Congo. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Substitute Ordinance **Adopted As Amended**.

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 26-026 (Agenda #0207) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES, WATER RATES
AND CHARGES, AND STORMWATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2027

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE
REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES, WATER RATES
AND CHARGES, AND STORMWATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2027

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Substitute 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 Substitute Ordinance was voted on by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Oliver, Harlee, McCoy,

Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, and Spadola. Total, ten. Nays, Council Members Darby, Willauer, and President Congo. Total, three.

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

Council Member Harlee presented Ordinance No. 26-034 (Agenda #0232) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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

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 Owens, McCoy, Hackett, Spadola, Oliver, Cabrera, Bracy, Darby, Willauer and President Congo made comments. Council Members, Owens, McCoy, Hackett, Spadola, Bracy, Darby, Willauer and President Congo 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, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Hackett presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-036 (Agenda #0239) entitled:

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

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Hackett, second by Council Member Owens, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Intergovernmental 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; Yard Sale on June 13, thanks shared for Budget Process; 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 Bracy. Council adjourned at 11:02 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the May 21, 2026 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=4916>.

Attest: Akira Grenardo
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk