

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
August 27, 2026*

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:32 p.m., President Ernest M. Congo, II, presiding.

The opening prayer was done by Alesa Goodall-Richardson, Legislative Research Aide.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by City Council.

ROLL CALL

The following members responded to the Call of the Roll: Council Members Owens, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, seven. Absent, Council Member Darby, Oliver, Willauer, Field, Bracy, Cabrera. Total, six.

President Congo stated that Council Member Johnson will be holding his legislation this evening:

#0266 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to
Establish a Code of Conduct Within Council Chambers **(1st
& 2nd Reading)**

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of the August 20, 2026 City Council Meeting, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy seconded by Council Members Owens and Harlee, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for August 27, 2026 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Owens and Harlee, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 2 to Page 5.

City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report August 27, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 08/26/2026):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,303,578.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,794,561.18
Paid Leave	M & T Bank	\$ 331,452.00
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 6,009.90
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 4,503.02
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,104,334.44
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 14,044.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 35,095.42
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 40,137.97
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		\$ 11,746,479.29

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 08/26/2026):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.25%	\$ 2,176.10	\$ 32,174,600.12
General	TD	High Yield Checking	26	2.94%	\$ 7,909.83	\$ 3,725,194.62
General	TD	High Yield Checking	26	2.94%	\$ 25,562.97	\$ 12,039,075.29
General	TD	High Yield Checking	26	2.94%	\$ 12,404.70	\$ 5,842,088.32
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 53,780,958.35
Account Type & Fund						
Institution						
Investment Type						
Maturity Date						
Interest Rate						
Int. Receiv.						
Investment Amount						
Police & Fire Remem.	WSFS	CD	12/23/2026	2.96%	\$ 433.87	\$ 28,835.14
General	Citizens Bank	CD	8/28/2026	3.65%	\$ 79,143.72	\$ 26,019,854.69
General	Citizens Bank	*CD	8/28/2026	3.65%	\$ 11,780.97	\$ 3,873,197.15
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 29,921,886.98
RESERVE:						
General ¹	PNC	T-Bills	9/1/2026	3.62%	\$ 67,370.00	\$ 20,178,730.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 20,178,730.00
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project - 2015	Citizens Bank	CD	8/28/2026	3.65%	\$ 2,168.59	\$ 712,962.16
Capital Project - 2018	Citizens Bank	CD	8/28/2026	3.65%	\$ 68.41	\$ 22,490.23
Capital Project - 2020	Citizens Bank	CD	8/28/2026	3.65%	\$ 8,762.25	\$ 2,880,741.09
Capital Project - 2025	Citizens Bank	CD	8/28/2026	3.65%	\$ 105,423.23	\$ 34,659,692.22
Water/Sewer	PNC	T-Bills	9/1/2026	3.62%	\$ 54,024.00	\$ 16,182,376.00
State Bonds Bill FY23	Citizens Bank	CD	8/28/2026	3.65%	\$ 3,241.76	\$ 1,065,784.91
State Bonds Bill FY24	TD	High Yield Checking	26	3.52%	\$ 6,291.06	\$ 2,474,630.16
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	26	3.52%	\$ 1,398.22	\$ 550,000.00
State Bonds Bill FY26	Citizens Bank	CD	8/28/2026	3.65%	\$ 24,791.53	\$ 8,150,640.35
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 66,699,317.12
Total Investments						\$ 170,580,892.45
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 11,746,479.29
Grand Total						\$ 182,327,371.74

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use: Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

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DaWayne Sims 8/27/2026

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City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions I August 27, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 08/26/2026):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	222,006.29
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	5,367,533.02
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	192,388.06
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	763,038.00
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	318,151.68
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		\$	6,865,709.86

Cash Equivalents (as of 08/26/2026) & Investments Market Value as of Aug 21, 2026)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension V	Citizens Bank	CD	8/28/2026	3.65%	\$ 19,157.46	\$ 6,298,341.57
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 6,298,341.57
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin (S&P 500)					\$ 138,087,377.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 23,482,734.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 11,097,481.00
Pension Trust	WCM Global Fund					\$ 10,691,529.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 10,882,240.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 32,499,278.00
Pension Trust	GQG Emerging					\$ 4,912,844.00

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Treasurer's Report - Pensions II August 27, 2026

Investments Market Value as of Aug 21, 2026

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 6,255,425.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 10,020,322.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 19,589,239.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 37,121,730.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 37,171,353.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 7,560,337.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 1,971,428.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 45,979,677.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 397,322,994.00
Total Investments						\$ 403,621,335.57
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 6,865,709.86
Grand Total						\$ 410,487,045.43

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 574,202,228.02
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 18,612,189.15
Grand Total¹						\$ 592,814,417.17

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

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NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Council Member Owens, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

a. Recognition Resolutions

Cabrera	Recognize August Muzzi (Angelo's Luncheonette)
Congo	Recognize Emeri Cotton (Record-Breaking National and AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Junior Olympics Champion)
Congo	Recognize Domingo Velez (100th Birthday)
Hackett	Recognize Juxtamod (Grand Opening)
Oliver	Recognize Parks and Recreation & Public Works (Local Park Service)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Stephanie Jo Stallings Collins
All Council	Sympathy Edythe Pridgen
Congo	Sympathy Dr. Mark Rainey, Sr.
Oliver	Sympathy Carolyn Kent Dollard

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Congo opened up the floor for Public Comment and there were no sign-ups virtually or in chambers.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

On behalf of Council Member Oliver, Council Member Owens presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-044 (Agenda #0263) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM FINE FOR A FIRST OFFENSE FOR BLOCKING PARKING SPACES

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

On behalf of Council Member Oliver, Council Member Owens presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-045 (Agenda #0264) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 36 TO INCREASE THE
MINIMUM FINE FOR CONSUMING ALCOHOL IN CERTAIN
PUBLIC SPACES

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

Council Member Darby presented Resolution 26-060 (Agenda #0265) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
DELAWARE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR A
FUNDS ALLOCATED PURSUANT TO THE STATE LOCAL
CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

Synopsis: This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Information Technology's (the "Department") grant application to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency ("DEMA") for a pass-through grant from the federal government pursuant to the State Local Cybersecurity Grant Program in the amount of \$196,000, or such other amount that DEMA awards. The funds will be used to reimburse the City for the Department's initiative to strengthen the City's cybersecurity capabilities by purchasing new hardware and outsourcing Security Operations Center services, which are necessary to provide enhanced, continuous monitoring, threat detection, and response across the City's technology environment. No local matching funds are required.

Upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member McCoy, 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 received, adopted as read and recorded to be filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Owens, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, seven. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver, Willauer, Field, Bracy and Cabrera. Total, six.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following information including but not limited to community meetings and events; sharing events and community events taking place; NoMa Grand Opening, water bill assistance programs, alley clean outs, MSK Back to School event, Civic Association training on September 12th, Committee of the Whole Meeting addressing Senior High Rises on September 2nd; 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 7:06 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the August 27, 2026 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=5103>.

Attest: 
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk