Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
October 1, 2026

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:31 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, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of the September 17, 2026 City Council Meeting, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy seconded by Council Member Harlee, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

June 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. 26-035** entitled:

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

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 Member 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

September 16, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-046** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY CODE INSECT AND RODENT CONTROL REQUIREMENT FOR SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES

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.

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

September 21, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Safety Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute 1 to Ordinance No. 26-045** entitled:

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

Have given this Substitute 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 McCoy and seconded by Council Members Owens and Harlee, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

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

September 21, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Safety Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 26-044** entitled:

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for September 17, 2026 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Harlee, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 5 to Page 8.

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City of Wilmington

DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report
October 01, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as 09/30/2026):

General	M & T Bank	$	8,244,965.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	$	1,752,861.12
Paid Leave	M & T Bank	$	331,452.00
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	$	6,009.90
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	$	4,289.07
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	$	1,206,757.68
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	$	14,044.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	$	31,562.28
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		**$**	**11,744,842.38**

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 09/30/2026):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.25%	$ 2,869.30	$ 46,191,983.43
General	TD	High Yield Checking	1	2.94%	$ 305.70	$ 3,743,270.93
General	TD	High Yield Checking	1	2.94%	$ 1,027.22	$ 12,578,144.45
General	TD	High Yield Checking	1	2.94%	$ 498.27	$ 6,101,254.02
General	TD	High Yield Checking	1	3.52%	$ 1,173.67	$ 12,003,402.60
SUB-TOTAL:						**$ 80,618,055.43**
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	10/28/2026	3.90%	$ 84,564.53	$ 26,019,854.69
General	Citizens Bank	*CD	10/28/2026	3.90%	$ 12,479.28	$ 3,839,777.44
SUB-TOTAL:						**$ 29,888,467.27**
RESERVE:						
General[1]	PNC	T-Bills	11/5/2026	3.95%	$ 76,470.00	$ 20,178,730.00
SUB-TOTAL:						**$ 20,178,730.00**
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project - 2015	Citizens Bank	CD	10/28/2026	3.90%	$ 2,188.35	$ 673,337.16
Capital Project - 2018	Citizens Bank	CD	10/28/2026	3.90%	$ 73.09	$ 22,490.23
Capital Project - 2020	Citizens Bank	CD	10/28/2026	3.90%	$ 9,175.76	$ 2,823,309.40
Capital Project - 2025	Citizens Bank	CD	10/28/2026	3.90%	$ 104,415.76	$ 32,127,927.43
Water/Sewer	PNC	T-Bills	11/5/2026	3.95%	$ 61,324.00	$ 16,182,376.00
State Bonds Bill FY23	Citizens Bank	CD	10/28/2026	3.90%	$ 3,395.94	$ 1,044,905.88
State Bonds Bill FY24	TD	High Yield Checking	1	3.52%	$ 157.45	$ 1,610,283.25
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	1	3.52%	$ 53.93	$ 551,564.11
State Bonds Bill FY26	Citizens Bank	CD	10/28/2026	3.90%	$ 23,514.86	$ 7,235,340.35
SUB-TOTAL						**$ 62,271,533.81**
Total Investments						**$ 192,956,786.51**
Total Cash on Hand						**$ 11,744,842.38**
Grand Total					DocuSigned by:	**$ 204,701,628.89**

[1] *Budget Reserve*
**Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines*

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City of Wilmington

DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions I
October 01, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 09/30/2026):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	$	171,129.77
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	$	5,191,887.10
Police Pension	M & T Bank	$	190,081.83
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	$	1,464,868.77
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	$	421,408.30
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		**$**	**7,441,968.58**

Cash Equivalents (as of 09/30/2026) & Investments Market Value as of Sep 25, 2026)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension V	Citizens Bank	CD	10/28/2026	3.90%	$ 16,250.00	$ 5,000,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						**$ 5,000,000.00**
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumbline (S&P 500)					$ 139,501,367.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					$ 22,680,005.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					$ 10,684,638.00
Pension Trust	WCM Global Fund					$ 10,639,163.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					$ 10,557,397.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					$ 32,035,003.00
Pension Trust	GQG Emerging					$ 5,099,703.00
Pension Trust	MFS Blended Equity					$ -

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City of Wilmington

DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions II
October 01, 2026

Investments Market Value as of Sep 25, 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					$ 36,393,831.00
Pension Trust	Rhumbline Core					$ 36,458,716.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					$ 7,408,434.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					$ 1,977,239.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					$ 45,658,268.00
SUB-TOTAL						**$ 394,958,750.00**
Total Investments						**$ 399,958,750.00**
Total Cash on Hand						**$ 7,441,968.58**
Grand Total						**$ 407,400,718.58**

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						**$ 592,915,536.51**
Total Cash on Hand						**$ 19,186,810.96**
Grand Total[1]						**$ 612,102,347.47**

[1] *Exlcudes non-City funds held in trust on behalf of City employees (Empower)*

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DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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

All Council	Recognize National Literacy Month 2026
Cabrera	Recognize Hispanic Heritage Month 2026
Cabrera	Recognize Mayor James H. Sills, Jr. (95th Birthday)
Congo	Recognize R&B in the Park 2026 (First Annual Event)
Darby	Recognize Innocence Project Delaware (International Wrongful Conviction Day 2026)
Harlee	Recognize Nataki Oliver (Appointment to the Delaware State Art Council)
McCoy	Recognize Wilmington Fire Department (10th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony)
Spadola	Recognize Paul F. Calistro, Jr. (Retirement from West End Neighborhood House)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Harlee	Sympathy Patrick R. Cooke
Oliver	Sympathy Andre Paul Honie
Oliver	Sympathy Nanette M. Archie Snow
Oliver	Sympathy Stephanie Maria Sutton

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Congo opened up the floor for Public Comment and the following people made comments:

- Deacon Earl Tate
- Kathleen Patterson

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member Owens presented Resolution No. 26-067 (Agenda #0277) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SAFETY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DELAWARE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION TO FUND THE PURCHASE AND DEPLOYMENT OF

OVERDOSE RESPONSE EQUIPMENT AND COMMUNITY OVERDOSE PREVENTION SUPPLIES BY THE WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Office of Community Safety's grant application, submitted on behalf of the Wilmington Police Department, to the Delaware Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission ("DOSC") for a grant in the amount of $90,000, or such other amount that DOSC awards. The funds will be used for the purchase and deployment of overdose response equipment and community overdose prevention supplies by the Wilmington Police Department. No local matching funds are required.*

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

Council Member Owens spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. President Congo made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

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, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member Owens presented Resolution No. 26-068 (Agenda #0278) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SAFETY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DELAWARE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION TO FUND A PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST IN THE WILMINGTON PARTNERS IN CARE PROGRAM

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Office of Community Safety's grant application, submitted on behalf of the Wilmington Police Department, to the Delaware Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission ("DOSC") for a grant in the amount of $83,200, or such other amount that DOSC awards. The funds will be used to engage one (1) full-time Community Health Liaison who will be assigned to the established Partners in Care co-responder program in partnership with ChristianaCare*

to serve as the primary care coordination point for individuals experiencing substance use disorder, overdose risk, behavioral health needs, and housing instability. No local matching funds are required.

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

Council Member Owens spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. Council Members Johnson, Cabrera, and President Congo made comments. Council Member Johnson and President Congo requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

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, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member Owens presented Resolution No. 26-069 (Agenda #0279) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SAFETY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DELAWARE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION TO FUND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEER RESPONSE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP SUPPORT TO THE PUBLIC AFTER THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FROM WILMINGTON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES UNITS

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Office of Community Safety's grant application, submitted on behalf of the Wilmington Fire Department, to the Delaware Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission ("DOSC") for a grant in the amount of $61,160, or such other amount that DOSC awards. The funds will be used to provide a peer support specialist for the Recovery Engagement After Crisis & Harm initiative that will be dispatched following eligible Wilmington Fire Department overdose encounters to provide follow-up outreach, harm reduction support, warm handoffs, and connections to treatment and recovery services. No local matching funds are required.*

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

Council Member Owens spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. Council Members Spadola, Johnson and President Congo made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

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, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member Owens presented Resolution No. 26-070 (Agenda #0280) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SAFETY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DELAWARE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION TO FUND GRANT COMPLIANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Office of Community Safety's grant application to the Delaware Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission ("DOSC") for a grant in the amount of $63,000, or such other amount that DOSC awards. The funds will be used to engage a consultant to provide dedicated grant, compliance, reporting, and performance oversight for the City's existing and future DOSC-funded opioid-abatement initiatives. No local matching funds are required.*

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

Council Member Owens spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. Council Members Spadola, Johnson and President Congo made comments. President Congo and Council Member Spadola requested to be added as a co-sponsors.

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, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member Owens presented Resolution No. 26-071 (Agenda #0281) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SAFETY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DELAWARE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION TO FUND A VICTIM SERVICES SPECIALIST POSITION IN THE WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Office of Community Safety's grant application, submitted on behalf of the Wilmington Police Department, to the Delaware Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission ("DOSC") for a grant in the amount of $41,983, or such other amount that DOSC awards. The funds will be used to support the Wilmington Police Department's existing part-time Victim Services Specialist position that is currently supported with temporary ARPA funding that is ending, with an increased focus on connecting individuals and families affected by opioid/substance use and behavioral health needs to appropriate services. No local matching funds are required.*

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

Council Member Owens spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. President Congo and Council Members Oliver and Spadola made comments. President Congo and Council Member Spadola requested to be added as a co-sponsors.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading, Ordinance No. 26-048 (Agenda #0282) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE MAJOR SUBDIVISION PLAN

FOR "2510 NORTHEAST BOULEVARD – REACH RIVERSIDE" AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF 2510 NORTHEAST BOULEVARD AS A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, OFFICIALLY NAME THE DEDICATED STREET AS EAST TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, AND ADD IT TO 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 McCoy and Owens, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Community Development & Urban Planning Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 26-044 (Agenda #0263) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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

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

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

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted.**

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 26-045 (Agenda #0264) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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

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

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

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

Council Member Oliver spoke to the Substitute Ordinance and made comments. Council Members Johnson, Hackett, Spadola, Cabrera, McCoy, Harlee, Owens, Willauer, Bracy and President Congo made comments. Following the debate Council Member Oliver requested to HOLD this item.

Council Member Oliver presented Ordinance No. 26-046 (Agenda #0268) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY CODE INSECT AND RODENT CONTROL REQUIREMENT FOR SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES

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

Council Member Oliver spoke to the Ordinance and made comments. Council Member Owens 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 McCoy presented Resolution No. 26-072 (Agenda #0283) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT

OF JUSTICE, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S COLD CASE INVESTIGATOR AND VIOLENCE REDUCTION OVERTIME COSTS

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 United States Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of $209,200, or such other amount that the United States Department of Justice awards. The grant funds will be used to cover the salary for a civilian cold case investigator and overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts. No local matching funds are required.*

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 26-073 (Agenda #0284) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DELAWARE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL TO SUPPORT A SAFE FIREARM STORAGE INITIATIVE

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 Criminal Justice Council for funding from the Fiscal Year 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program in the amount of $28,705, or such other amount that the Criminal Justice Council awards. The grant funds will be used to cover the cost of purchasing gun locks and biometric gun storage boxes for free*

distribution to the public as part of efforts to prevent firearm theft. No local matching funds are required.

Upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Bracy, 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 Owens, Spadola, Oliver, Harlee and Darby made comments. Council Members Owens, Spadola, Oliver and Harlee requested to be added as co-sponsors.

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, 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 Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution No. 26-073 (Agenda #0284) as follows:

A RESOLUTION URGES LANDLORDS AND OWNERS TO VOLUNTARILY PROVIDE AIR–CONDITIONING OR COOLING FACILITIES, TO TENANTS IN SENIOR CITIZEN HIGH- AND MID-RISE BUILDINGS

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution urges landlords and owners to voluntarily provide air–conditioning or cooling facilities, including back-up or emergency measures, to tenants in senior citizen high- and mid-rise buildings within one year.*

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

Council Member Cabrera spoke to the purpose of the resolution and made comments. Council Members Harlee, Oliver, McCoy, Darby, Spadola and Owens made comments. Council Members Harlee, Oliver, McCoy, Darby and Spadola requested to be added as co-sponsors.

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, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member Hackett presented Ordinance No. 26-035 (Agenda #0236) and called for the third and final reading, as follows:

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

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

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

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

Council Member Hackett spoke to the Substitute Ordinance and made comments. Council Members Bracy, Oliver and President Congo made comments and requested to be added to 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, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Hackett, Spadola and President Congo. Total, thirteen.

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

Council Member Hackett presented Resolution No. 26-075 (Agenda #0286) as follows:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF NORMAN OLIVER, SR. TO THE WILMINGTON PARKING AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution confirms Mayor John Carney's appointment of Norman Oliver, Sr. to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Wilmington Parking Authority for a term to expire on June 30, 2031.*

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

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; West Center City Town Hall meeting, Delmarva Power rate increase hearing; public meetings regarding Adams Four Shopping Center; 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 Cabrera. Council adjourned at 9:09 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the October 1, 2026 City Council meeting at the following link: https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=5176.

Attest: Akira Grenardo
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk