Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
October 15, 2026

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:33 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, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Spadola and President Congo. Total, ten. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver and Hackett. Total, three.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of the October 1, 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 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 2 to Page 5.

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City of Wilmington

DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report
October 15, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as 10/14/2026):

General	M & T Bank	$	8,153,754.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	$	1,237,548.09
Paid Leave	M & T Bank	$	331,452.00
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	$	6,013.89
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	$	4,249.07
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	$	1,206,177.68
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	$	14,044.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	$	29,782.28
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	$	41,337.97
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		**$**	**11,137,122.34**

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 10/14/2026):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.25%	$ 2,642.17	$ 41,644,545.77
General	TD	High Yield Checking	15	2.94%	$ 4,585.51	$ 3,743,270.93
General	TD	High Yield Checking	15	2.94%	$ 15,408.23	$ 12,578,144.45
General	TD	High Yield Checking	15	2.94%	$ 7,474.04	$ 6,101,254.02
General	TD	High Yield Checking	15	3.52%	$ 17,604.99	$ 12,003,402.60
SUB-TOTAL:						**$ 76,070,617.77**
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	15	3.52%	$ 2,361.75	$ 1,610,283.25
State Bonds Bill FY25	TD	High Yield Checking	15	3.52%	$ 808.96	$ 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						**$ 188,409,348.85**
Total Cash on Hand						**$ 11,137,122.34**
Grand Total						**$ 199,546,471.19**

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

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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions I
October 15, 2026

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 10/14/2026):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	$	106,127.00
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	$	5,042,137.29
Police Pension	M & T Bank	$	98,058.61
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	$	837,505.74
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	$	162,181.45
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		**$**	**6,248,602.90**

Cash Equivalents (as of 10/14/2026) & Investments Market Value as of Oct 09,2026)

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)					$ 140,805,698.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					$ 22,607,642.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					$ 10,740,095.00
Pension Trust	WCM Global Fund					$ 10,514,064.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					$ 10,571,520.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					$ 31,458,661.00
Pension Trust	MFS Blended Equity					$ 5,062,629.00

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DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report - Pensions II
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Investments Market Value as of Oct 09, 2026

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					$ 5,359,648.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					$ 10,120,525.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					$ 19,589,239.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					$ 36,240,152.00
Pension Trust	Rhumbline Core					$ 36,353,224.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					$ 7,411,153.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					$ 2,899,575.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					$ 45,698,622.00
SUB-TOTAL						**$ 395,432,447.00**
Total Investments						**$ 400,432,447.00**
Total Cash on Hand						**$ 6,248,602.90**
Grand Total						**$ 406,681,049.90**

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						**$ 588,841,795.85**
Total Cash on Hand						**$ 17,385,725.24**
Grand Total[1]						**$ 606,227,521.09**

[1] *Exlcudes 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 McCoy, seconded by Council Members Owens and Harlee, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

a. Recognition Resolutions

Bracy	Recognize Wilmington HOPE Commission (20th Anniversary)
Bracy	Recognize Ethel Cuff Black Way Ceremony (Street Sub-Naming)
Cabrera	Recognize Hispanic Heritage Month 2026 (Community Leaders)
Congo	Recognize Wilmington City Council Health & Fitness Challenge Winners (Young Adult: I-Eshia Hines and Diana Vega)
Congo	Recognize Wilmington City Council Health & Fitness Challenge (Senior Category: Clarence Frain and Quaker Hill Place)
Harlee	Recognize National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Delaware Chapter (Community Contributions)
Spadola	Recognize Huxley & Hiro (3rd Anniversary)

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Victor Rodriguez
Hackett	Sympathy Pierre Andre Wright
Harlee	Sympathy Nichelle Freeman
Oliver	Sympathy Ciro C. Poppiti
Oliver	Sympathy Margaret G. Scrivens
Owens	Sympathy Former Delaware Senate President Pro Tempore Patricia "Patti" Blevins
Owens	Sympathy Chavon D. Jones

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Congo accepted a motion from Council Member Owens to extend Public Comment past 7:30pm, seconded by Council Member McCoy. Motion prevailed.

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

- Deacon Earl Tate
- Dora Williams

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 26-076 (Agenda #0287) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNCIL COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT FUNDS TO I AM MY SISTER'S KEEPER

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves grant funding from the Community Support/Discretionary Funds of Council President Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II and Council Member Michelle Harlee in the amount of $3,500 to I Am My Sister's Keeper (IAMMSK).*

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

On behalf of Council Member Oliver, Council Member Owens presented Resolution No. 26-077 (Agenda #0288) as follows:

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND PENSION COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH COLA FOR CITY PENSIONERS IN THE CITY PENSION PLANS

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution formally recommends and requests that the Wilmington Pension Commission examine, evaluate, and formulate recommendations regarding an ongoing, actuarially sound Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for City of Wilmington pension beneficiaries. Building upon Resolution No. 24-026 and recognizing the temporary relief afforded by the one-time retiree stipend in Ordinance No. 26-034, this Resolution affirms that municipal retirees have not received a permanent, baseline pension adjustment since July 2008. Highlighting that over 1,000 retired municipal*

workers and nearly 1,300 total beneficiaries across the City's police, fire, and civilian systems are impacted, this Resolution establishes that providing a sustainable COLA to protect the fixed incomes of retired municipal employees against cumulative inflationary pressures should be designated among the City's top financial and budgetary priorities for Fiscal Year 2028 and requests an informational report on structural models and funding options for City Council's Finance & Economic Development Committee.

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 Owens and Harlee 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, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Spadola and President Congo. Total, nine. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver, Cabrera and Hackett. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member Willauer presented Resolution No. 26-078 (Agenda #0289) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNCIL GRANT FUNDS TO THE PETER SPENCER LIFE FOUNDATION FOR MOTHER AFRICAN UNION BUILDING FUND

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution approves grant funding from Wilmington City Council to the Peter Spencer Family Life Foundation, Inc. in the total amount of $11,650 ($10,650 from City Council Community Support/Discretionary Funds and $1,000 from external Special Funds) to support the rebuilding of Mother African Union Church, a critical hub of community enrichment, youth literacy, leadership, and cultural heritage initiatives that serve residents throughout the City of Wilmington.*

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 26-079 (Agenda #0290) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE EMERGENCY ILLEGAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT (EIDE) PROGRAM TO SUPPORT DRUG INVESTIGATIONS

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 Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement (EIDE) program in the amount of $32,228.92, or such other amount that the EIDE program awards. The grant funds will be used to support specialized drug investigations through covering overtime costs. No local matching funds are required.*

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 26-080 (Agenda #0291) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY FUND TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIMES TO SUPPORT VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION EFFORTS

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 Department of Safety and Homeland Security Fund to Combat Violent Crimes in the amount of $368,085.01, or such other amount that the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security awards. The grant funds will be used to cover 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 Johnson 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, Harlee, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Bracy, Spadola and President Congo. Total, nine. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver, Field, and Hackett. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 26-081 (Agenda #0292) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY STATE AID TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (SALLE) GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ADVANCED AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS

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 Department of Safety and Homeland Security*

for funding from the State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE) grant program in the amount of $58,858.54, or such other amount that the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security awards. The grant funding will be used to cover the cost of advanced and specialized training for police officers. No local matching funds are required.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 26-082 (Agenda #0293) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SLEAF) FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT

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 Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SLEAF) in the amount of $117,000, or such other amount that the SLEAF awards. The grant funds will be used to purchase (i) a digital x-ray system that can scan suspicious packages as part of Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit investigations, (ii) a CarbonFire Tactical Pan Kit and adapter system that can remotely disable explosive devices, and (iii) new duty handgun holsters for all police officers to replace equipment that is reaching the end of its service life. No local matching funds are required.*

Upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member 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.

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, McCoy, Field, Johnson, Bracy, Cabrera, Spadola and President Congo. Total, ten. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver and Hackett. Total, three.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted.**

Council Member Bracy presented Resolution No. 26-083 (Agenda #0294) as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S 2026-2027 CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) in the amount of $525,000, or such other amount that the DDOE awards. The grant funds will be used to reimburse the City for meals provided in the City's 2026-2027 Child and Adult Care Food Program, which will provide dinners and snacks during the months of October 2026 through mid-June 2027 and September 2027 to children and adults via local community centers, camps, and other organizations. No local matching funds are required.*

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

Council Member Cabrera 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, Willauer, McCoy, Johnson, Field, Bracy, Cabrera, Spadola and President Congo. Total, ten. Absent, Council Members Darby, Oliver and Hackett. Total, three.

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; congratulations shared for President Congo and his upcoming nuptials; Breast Cancer events, Budget Town Halls, Delmarva Public Hearing, Linvilla Event for 6th District residents, Neighborhood Planning Commission meeting for the 7th District, Hip Hop festival at Delaware Art Museum; the community encouraged to contact Council Office with any questions and/or concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Members Owens and Johnson, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Cabrera. Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the October 15, 2026 City Council meeting at the following link: *https://www.witn22.org/programs/#/?video=5206.*

Attest: Akira Grenardo
Akira Grenardo, City Clerk