

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
July 3, 2014*

Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Theopalis K. Gregory, Sr. presiding.

Invocation was given by Traci Owens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by City Council.

ROLL CALL

The following members responded to the Call of the Roll: Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo*, Darius Brown*, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel*, Michael Brown, and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, eleven. Absent, Council Members Cabrera and Walsh. Total, two.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of June 19, 2014, upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Mr. Prado, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Public Works & Transportation Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Hanifa G.N. Shabazz, Chair	X		
Michael A. Brown, Sr.	X		
Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha	X		
Samuel Prado	X		
Robert A. Williams	X		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

July 2, 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee, to who was referred **Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 14-024** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT CERTAIN TRAFFIC/PARKING
REGULATIONS

Have given this Ordinance careful study and recommend Council vote on it accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Public Works & Transportation Committee
/s/Hanifa Shabazz, Chair
/s/Michael A. Brown, Sr.
/s/Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha
/s/Samuel Prado

Upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Mr. Prado, the above
aforementioned Report, was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The following Treasurer’s Report dated Jul 3, 2014 was read into the
record by the City Clerk, and upon a motion of Mr. Freel*, seconded by Mr. Prado, the
Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF WILMINGTON July 3, 2014

102	Community Development Block Grant	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
104	Old Non-Uniform Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 15,963.81
105	Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 4,956.58
106	Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$ 3,917.04
107	Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$ 41,333.33
108	Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
110	Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$ 44,645.69
113	Non-Uniform Pension	M & T Bank	\$ 1,111.82
114	Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$ 78,278.29
117	Cement Workers	Wilmington Savings Fund	\$ 33,396.86
118	Worker’s Comp. 3 rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$ 13,003.23
124	Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990	M & T Bank	\$ 4,244.79
130	Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 107,083.21
131	Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$ 73,928.38
139	Pension Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$ 163,351.17
	Total Cash on Hand		\$ 589,353.17

FUND CODE	FUND	INSTITUTION	INVEST. TYPE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	INVESTMENT AMOUNT
116	General	M&T Bank	RP	07/03/14	0.01%	\$ 1.83	\$ 6,675,810.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	07/07/14	0.30%	\$ 164.38	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	07/11/14	0.25%	\$ 1,386.99	\$ 2,500,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	07/11/14	0.30%	\$ 350.34	\$ 1,375,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	07/11/14	0.30%	\$ 350.34	\$ 1,375,000.00
514	Risk Management	WSFS	CD	07/11/14	0.30%	\$ 8,687.31	\$ 2,895,775.55
515	Worker's Comp.	WSFS	CD	07/11/14	0.30%	\$ 8,687.31	\$ 2,895,775.55
116	General	WSFS	CD	07/18/14	0.30%	\$ 476.71	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General ¹	TD	CD	07/21/14	0.25%	\$ 719.18	\$ 5,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	07/25/14	0.25%	\$ 1,246.58	\$ 2,000,000.00
124	Non-Uniform 1990	WSFS	CD	07/30/14	0.30%	\$ 1,124.79	\$ 3,910,000.00
106	Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	07/30/14	0.30%	\$ 253.15	\$ 880,000.00
105	Police Pension	WSFS	CD	07/30/14	0.30%	\$ 155.34	\$ 540,000.00
106	Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	07/30/14	0.30%	\$ 97.64	\$ 360,000.00
105	Police Pension	WSFS	CD	07/30/14	0.30%	\$ 143.75	\$ 530,000.00
110	Capital	WSFS	CD	08/04/14	0.30%	\$ 18,105.53	\$ 24,476,000.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	08/08/14	0.30%	\$ 1,890.41	\$ 2,500,000.00
116	General ¹	TD	CD	08/22/14	0.25%	\$ 3,631.58	\$ 10,003,965.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	08/22/14	0.30%	\$ 1,742.46	\$ 2,000,000.00
110	Capital ²	TD	CD	09/15/14	0.25%	\$ 1,107.68	\$ 1,540,195.00
116	General	WSFS	CD	09/19/14	0.30%	\$ 2,071.23	\$ 2,000,000.00
116	General	TD	CD	10/28/14	0.25%	\$ 1,839.73	\$ 1,700,000.00
104	Escrow Pension	Affinity Wealth					\$ 1,519,822.00
104	Escrow Pension	Vanguard					\$ 33,914,509.00
104	Escrow Pension	Black Rock					\$ 27,007,201.00
104	Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$ 20,866,764.00
104	Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$ 46,374,444.00
104	Escrow Pension	Manning & Napier					\$ 23,793,499.00
104	Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$ 16,781,456.00
104	Escrow Pension	GMO					\$ 12,157,146.00
104	Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$ 19,536,670.00
139	Medical Escrow	Black Rock-OPEB					\$ 11,896,740.00
116	Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$ 39,128,376.00
	Total Investments						\$ 332,134,148.10
	Total Cash on Hand						\$ 589,353.17
	Grand Total						\$ 332,723,501.27

¹ Budget Reserve

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/s/Henry W. Supinski
City Treasurer

*Note: During the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Mr. Freel was marked present.

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Mr. Prado, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

All Council	Sympathy Luis L. Diaz, Sr.
All Council	Retirement George Wright
All Council	Commemorate 50 th Anniversary Civil Rights Act
D. Brown	Congratulate Thaddeus Parker “The Winner Code”
D. Brown	Salute former Wilmington Mayor James H. Sills, Jr.
M. Brown	Sympathy Carla Eileen White
M. Brown	Sympathy Reverend Evander Smith, Sr.
M. Brown	Sympathy Jason Eugene Turner
M. Brown	Sympathy Willie McBride
Williams	Retirement Patricia Lennon**
Williams	Retirement Diane Seward**

**Note: Although, Ms. Lennon and Ms. Seward were not present to accept their Resolution, Mr. Williams acknowledged and thanked them for their nearly combined ninety years of service to the City of Wilmington.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Gregory: Mr. Chukwuocha.

Mr. Chukwuocha: Nothing tonight Mr. President. Thank you sir.

President Gregory: Mr. Darius Brown.

*Mr. Darius Brown: Thank you Mr. President. I’d ask that I be marked present.

Mrs. Seijo: So noted.

Mr. Darius Brown: Mr. President, I have a Resolution to present.

Mr. Darius Brown presented Resolution No. 14-026 (Agenda #3947) as follows:

WHEREAS, the Promise Zone Initiative is a federal program with a stated objective of revitalizing high poverty communities across the country by creating jobs, increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities, leveraging private investment, and reducing violent crime; and

WHEREAS, the Promise Zone designation enables the federal government to partner with local leaders who are addressing multiple community

revitalization challenges in a collaborative way and who have demonstrated a commitment to results; and

WHEREAS, the federal government intends to approve five Promise Zone designations in the United States each year for the next four years, each lasting for a period of ten years from the date of the designation; and

WHEREAS, each designated Promise Zone will be asked to identify a set of outcomes they will pursue to revive their communities, to develop a strategy supporting those outcomes, and to realign resources accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington qualifies and is eligible to apply and compete for a Promise Zone designation; and

WHEREAS, the Promise Zone designation commits federal staff to be stationed in each designated community, and will further provide technical assistance and preferential access to certain existing funding streams; and

WHEREAS, businesses which invest in or hire residents of Promise Zones will also be eligible to receive tax incentives for these activities, if the tax incentives are enacted by Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the City Council hereby encourages and supports the Administration to take the necessary steps required to apply and compete for the City of Wilmington to be designated as a Promise Zone Region.

Mr. Darius Brown: Yes Mr. President. The Promise Zone is the second iteration of an initiative by the White House and their initiative of urban affairs, Office of Urban Affairs. They began with a "Strong Cities Strong Communities" initiative and through that they helped leverage federal resources to cities around the country. They have recently solicited a NOFA, Notice of Funding for cities and suburbs in tribal areas to apply for this designation and so this Resolution is Council supporting the Administration in making its admission for this designation for the City of Wilmington.

President Gregory: Councilwoman Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Thank you Mr. President. I really commend Councilman Brown for this Resolution because if we get designated, there's a lot of initiatives and projects that's on the table now that we can really benefit and get them off the ground. So, I solely support this and ask that be added as co-sponsor.

President Gregory: So noted. Councilwoman Dorsey Walker.

Ms. Dorsey Walker: Thank you Mr. President. I too want to commend Councilman Brown for a job well done bringing this to the City of Wilmington and I'd also like to be added as co-sponsor.

President Gregory: So noted. Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Darius Brown, seconded by Mr. Freel/Mr. Williams, the above aforementioned Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Congo, Cabrera and Walsh. Total, three.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Mr. Brown.

Mr. Darius Brown: Mr. President, I have a Resolution to present.

Mr. Darius Brown presented Resolution No. 14-027 (Agenda #3948) as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wilm. C. (Charter) § 1-101, the City of Wilmington (the “City”) may acquire, hold, manage, and dispose of property on such terms it deems appropriate for any municipal purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Real Estate and Housing of the City (the “Department”) is the legal owner of the property located at 2110 North Jessup Street, Wilmington, Delaware, being Tax Parcel Number 26-029.202-00 (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2012, Wilmington City Council (“Council”) did declare the Property as surplus pursuant to Resolution No. 12-014; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals was issued by the Department, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Wilm. C. § 2-622 through § 2-624, and the request for proposals was advertised in the News Journal on April 24, 2014 and on April 28, 2014 being due to the Department by May 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a proposal in the amount of \$8,000.00 was received from Mr. Edwin Mitchell, and he proposes to renovate the Property for homeownership; and

WHEREAS, Council, upon the recommendation of the Department, hereby authorizes the City to dispose of the Property to Mr. Edwin Mitchell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Council hereby authorizes and approves the disposition of the Property from the City to Mr. Edwin Mitchell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer of the Property, including any and all undertakings and assurances heretofore.

Mr. Darius Brown: Yes Mr. President, the City’s Department of Real Estate and Housing is requesting the disposal of 2110 North Jessup Street to a property owner Mr. Edwin Mitchell at the cost of \$8,000. This is an effort to help sustain that 2100 block of Jessup Street in the 3rd Council District. This is something that we do pretty frequently and Mr. Mitchell is someone that has gone through the proper process within the Real Estate and Housing Department and based upon the department’s recommendation with our approval will be receiving this property for homeownership.

*President Gregory: Thank you. We'll mark Mr. Congo present and the Clerk will call the roll.

Mr. Congo: Thank you.

Mrs. Seijo: Thank you.

Upon a motion of Mr. Darius Brown, seconded by Mr. Prado, the above aforementioned Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Cabrera and Walsh. Total, two.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted.

Mr. Darius Brown: Mr. President, I have a Resolution to present.

Mr. Darius Brown presented Resolution No. 14-028 (Agenda #3949) as follows:

WHEREAS, transportation is fundamental to the vitality and strength of Wilmington and the State of Delaware, its cities and neighborhoods, and its economy and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the transportation infrastructure is underfunded and in many ways inadequate to facilitate economic growth, business distribution needs, downtown revitalization, and future population trends; and

WHEREAS, bridge improvements and maintenance have gone neglected like that of I-495, due to inadequate funding; and

WHEREAS, public transportation continues to gain riders yet suffers from a shortfall in funding; and

WHEREAS, public transportation and other alternatives help alleviate traffic, minimize pollution and accommodate under served and environmentally friendly residents; and

WHEREAS, road, highway, transit and bridge improvements have traditionally enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress; and

WHEREAS, federal transportation programs expire on September 30, 2014 and federal funding may run out before that time; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation has warned states that funding for projects will cease; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that in order to improve the economy and quality of life in Wilmington, and to better ensure the safety of our citizens, this Council does hereby support efforts to pass a bipartisan, long term funding program for much needed transportation projects throughout our City.

Mr. Darius Brown: Yes Mr. President, this Resolution is a Resolution at the request of the National League of Cities, which is an organization that the City of Wilmington is a part of asking municipalities to support the federal funding of the Federal Highway Trust Fund and developing Resolutions to request that their Congressional Delegation support funding of infrastructure. I think we currently understand the importance of it with the 495 issue and then many other infrastructure issues that we as Council people face as small as potholes and as large as road construction.

President Gregory: Councilwoman Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Thank you Mr. President. I too would like to be a co-sponsor of this with the extra traffic coming in through not just through my district but throughout the City of Wilmington, I think we definitely need to strengthen the funding that we're going to definitely need once the traffic goes back to normal and the extra damages done to our streets. So, I'd like to be a co-sponsor.

President Gregory: So noted. The Clerk will call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Darius Brown, seconded by Mr. Freel, the above aforementioned Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Cabrera and Walsh. Total, two.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Ms. Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Yes Mr. President, I ask that Ordinance 3936, Substitute 1 to Ordinance 14-024 be held.

President Gregory: So noted. Mr. Prado.

Mr. Prado: Yes Mr. President, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the first and second reading.

Mr. Prado presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 14-030 (Agenda #3950) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 48 OF THE
WILMINGTON CITY CODE REGARDING MULTI-
FAMILY CONVERSIONS

This Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. Prado, seconded by Mr. Freel, was received, recorded and referred to the Housing, Licenses & Inspections Committee. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Ms. Dorsey Walker.

Ms. Dorsey Walker: Nothing tonight Mr. President. Thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: Thank you Mr. President, nothing this evening.

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: Mr. President, I believe I have four Ordinances for first and second.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 14-031 (Agenda #3951) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CITY CONTRACT
14068HRPS – PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE
BROKERAGE SERVICES – WITH WILLIS OF
DELAWARE, INC.

This Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Shabazz/Mr. M. Brown, was received, recorded and referred to the joint meeting of the Finance and Public Safety Committees. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: I have another one sir.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 14-032 (Agenda #3952) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CITY CONTRACT
15016HRPS – LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE
BROKERAGE SERVICES – WITH WILLIS OF
DELAWARE, INC.

This Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Mr. Prado/Ms. Shabazz, was received, recorded and referred to a joint meeting of the Finance and Public Safety Committees. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 14-033 (Agenda #3953) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 4 AND 34 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING PAINTING OF EXTERIOR SURFACES ON BUILDINGS AND REPAIR OF FENCES

This Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Mr. Prado/Ms. Shabazz, was received, recorded and referred to the Housing, Licenses & Inspections Committee. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Mr. Freel.

Mr. Freel: One more.

Mr. Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 14-034 (Agenda #3954) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE CONTROL, REVIEW AND RECONCILIATION

This Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. Freel, seconded by Ms. Shabazz, was received, recorded and referred to a joint meeting of the Finance and Public Safety Committees. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Freel: That's all I have, thank you.

President Gregory: Thank you. Mr. Brown.

Mr. Michael Brown: Yes Mr. President, I have three Ordinances for first and second.

Mr. Michael Brown presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 14-035 (Agenda #3955) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING UNIFORMED STRENGTH OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

This Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. M. Brown, seconded by Ms. Shabazz, was received, recorded and referred to the joint meeting of the Public Safety and Finance Committees. Motion prevailed.

President Gregory: Mr. Brown.

Mr. Michael Brown: Mr. President, I do have another Ordinance.

Mr. Michael Brown presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 14-036 (Agenda #3956) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FISCAL YEAR 2015 OPERATING BUDGET (BEING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 14-012 AS AMENDED), THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2014 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2015

This Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. M. Brown, seconded by Mr. Freel, was received, recorded and referred to the joint meeting of the Public Safety and Finance Committees. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Michael Brown: I have one more.

Mr. Michael Brown presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 14-037 (Agenda #3957) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CITY CONTRACT 15003PD – POLICE CLOTHIING – WITH GRAVES UNIFORMS LLC

This Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Mr. M. Brown, seconded by Mr. Freel, was received, recorded and referred to the joint meeting of the Public Safety and Finance Committees. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Michael Brown: Nothing else Mr. President, thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: Yes, I have a Resolution to present.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution No. 14-029 (Agenda #3958) as follows:

WHEREAS, Congress originally established the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program in the 1972 Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, later renamed the Pell Grant program in 1980 in honor of Senator Clairborne Pell; and
WHEREAS, Senator Mary Landrieu has introduced Bill S.2374, known as the “Middle Class Chance Act” which increases the maximum amount of Pell Grants awarded to eligible students and extends the number semesters students can attend an institution of higher education from 12 to 15 semesters; and

WHEREAS, Pell Grants are the nation's largest source for funding need based education and provide federal grant aid directly to financially needy undergraduate students to pay for the cost of attendance at any eligible institution of higher education; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, the cost of attending college has increased 439%, more than four times the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS, Pell Grants ensure that qualified students have access to obtaining a college degree, and are the primary form of financial aid used by most students; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, more than \$33 billion in scholarships were awarded under the Pell Grant program to nearly 9.7 million students in 2011 to 2012, almost 80% of whom come from families living under the national average annual income; and

WHEREAS, investing in Pell Grants more than pays for the cost of the program by compensating the nation with an educated work force, decreases the burden on social services, increases tax revenues and economic growth, which benefits not only the country as a whole, but also the State and the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the City Council wholeheartedly endorses Senator Landrieu's bill to improve college affordability by increasing the maximum amount awarded to eligible students under the Pell Grant program, as well as extending the number of semesters students can attend institutions of higher education, and urges Congress to pass Bill S. 2374 allowing students to achieve the 'American Dream' of earning a college degree.

Mr. Wright: Yes Mr. President. This is U.S. Senate Bill 2374 I'm in support of it. This Resolution, which is known as "Middle Class Chance Act", it increases the maximum semesters from 12 to 15 in which a person can receive a Pell Grant subsidies if you will for eligible students. It also, the Pell Grant since 1982, excuse me, the actual - - since 1982, the cost for attending college has increased four times the rate of inflation. So, the Pell Grants' helped more than 33 billion scholarships have been awarded and about 80% of those who received these grants come from a family that's living under the national average annual income. So, therefore, I seek support.

President Gregory: Mr. Darius Brown.

Mr. Darius Brown: Thank you Mr. President, I ask that I be added as a co-sponsor.

President Gregory: So noted. Ms. Hanifa Shabazz.

Ms. Shabazz: Same, co-sponsor please.

President Gregory: Likewise, so noted. Clerk, call the roll.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Freel/Ms. Shabazz, the above aforementioned Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Chukwuocha, Congo, D. Brown, Shabazz, Prado, Dorsey Walker, Williams, Freel, M. Brown, and Wright, and Council President Gregory. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Cabrera and Walsh. Total, two.

President Gregory: Declare it adopted. Mr. Prado has to leave. Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: I'm okay, thank you.

President Gregory: Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright: Petitions and communications?

President Gregory: Petitions and communications.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members announced committee meetings and community/civic association meetings. Council Members spoke about the following matters: everyone was wished a Happy Fourth of July; Happy Birthday wishes were extended to President Gregory; members of the Public Safety team were thanked for being at the Council meeting this evening; an update of the Kent County SPCA contract was requested from the Administration; concerns were expressed whether or not the public would have enough time to provide input on the police and fire strength legislation that was introduced this evening and referred to the joint meeting of the Public Safety and Finance Committees; comments were made around the need of not only other departments making budget cuts but Council as well; welcome wishes was extended to the new incoming principal at Harlem Elementary School as well as best wishes was extended to the outgoing principal; the Brandywine School District was commended for listening to some issues from the community in which they created a summer program for needy students and including but not limited to it was duly noted that a copy of the Firefighter Study as well as the Berkshire Study was provided to each Councilperson.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Ms. Shabazz, seconded by Mr. Freel/Mr. Michael Brown, Council adjourned at 6:57 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: 
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk