

*Wilmington, Delaware  
Louis L. Redding  
City/County Building  
November 21, 2019*

City Council met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Pro Tempore Ernest Congo, II presiding.

The opening prayer was done by Andrea Queen, Deputy Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by City Council.

### **ROLL CALL**

The following members responded to the Call of the Roll: Council Members Congo, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson\*, Freel, Adams and Dixon and Guy. Total, eleven. Absent, Council President Shabazz and absent with leave, Council Members Gray and Walsh. Total, three.

### **MINUTES**

After reading a portion of the minutes of November 1, 2019, upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member McCoy, it was moved they be accepted as written. In addition, after reading a portion of the minutes of November 7, 2019, upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Members Dixon and McCoy, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<b><u>Community Development &amp; Urban Planning Committee Members</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent with Leave</u></b>	<b><u>Absent w/out Leave</u></b>
Rysheema Dixon, Chair	X		
Yolanda McCoy, Vice-Chair	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, II	X		
Linda M. Gray	X		
Zanthia Oliver	X		
Va'Shun "Vash" Turner	X		
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio		x	

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

November 14, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 19-019** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Community Development & Urban Planning Committee  
/s/Rysheema Dixon, Chair  
/s/Yolanda McCoy, Vice Chair  
/s/Ernest Congo, II  
/s/Linda M. Gray  
/s/Zanthia Oliver  
/s/Va'Shun Turner

Upon a motion of Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Members Freel and Dixon, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Public Safety Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Loretta Walsh, Chair		X	
Christofer C. Johnson, Vice Chair	X		
Ciro Adams	X		
Charles M. "Bud" Freel	X		
Michelle Harlee		X	
Yolanda McCoy		X	
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

November 11, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Safety Committee, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 19-051** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL, INC. FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Public Safety Committee  
/s/Christopher C. Johnson, Vice Chair  
/s/Ciro Adams  
/s/Charles M. Freel  
/s/Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio Member

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

*\*Note: At this time, Council Member Johnson was recognized and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's Report as of November 21, 2019, was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Turner: Thank you Mr. Chair. What is the ah, Capital Budget for, for the Treasurer's Report?

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): The sub-total?

Council Member Turner: Yes.

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): \$27,282,879.58 for the Capital Fund.

Council Member Turner: Thank you.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Council Member Guy.

Council Member Guy: Yes, is there any place on that Treasurer's Report, um, that reflects the \$3.4M that we had to pay to a bank because the Wilmington Housing Partnership didn't give us the \$3.4M they owed us to pay the bank? Is there any number changed by about \$3.4M?

Mrs. Seijo (City Clerk): There's several different lines here, I have no way of knowing that sir.

Council Member Guy: Ok, thank you.

*Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 4 to Page 5.*

*City of Wilmington*  
**Delaware**

**Velda Jones-Potter**  
City Treasurer

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**City of Wilmington Treasurer's Report**  
**as of November 21, 2019**

**Cash on Hand:**

General Account	M & T Bank	\$8,531,167.18
Central Deposit	M & T Bank	\$374,682.43
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$3,910,820.81
Total Petty Cash Accounts	M & T Bank	\$11,110.12
Grant-In-Aid	M & T Bank	\$152,196.30
Evidence/Found Currency Account	M & T Bank	\$992,292.36
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$4,137.97
Capital Projects Account	M & T Bank	\$1.00
Cement Workers Escrow	WSFS Bank	\$33,647.45
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$31,818.17
Pension Payroll Account	M & T Bank	\$291,717.08
Old Non-Uniform Pension Account -Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$1,592.81
Non-Uniform Pension-Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$1,903.79
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$214,054.06
Police Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$246,978.13
Fire Pension Account	M & T Bank	\$16,598.43
Worker's Comp 3rd Party Account	M & T Bank	\$25,000.00
Retiree Healthcare Account	M & T Bank	\$360,486.26
<b>SubTotal</b>		<b>\$15,200,204.35</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$15,200,204.35</b>

INVESTMENTS November 21, 2019:

Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>						
General	TD	CD	11/26/2019	1.81%	\$8,245.56	\$2,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	11/26/2019	1.83%	\$17,029.17	\$5,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	11/27/2019	1.81%	\$15,284.44	\$4,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	11/27/2019	1.88%	\$5,744.44	\$2,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	12/5/2019	1.64%	\$5,876.67	\$3,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	12/19/2019	1.54%	\$2,994.44	\$2,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	12/19/2019	1.80%	\$14,700.00	\$3,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	12/30/2019	1.67%	\$10,298.33	\$3,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	1/3/2020	1.59%	\$9,120.42	\$3,500,000.00
General	TD	CD	1/9/2020	1.58%	\$7,373.33	\$3,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	1/16/2020	1.54%	\$10,519.33	\$3,512,950.00
General	TD	CD	1/16/2020	1.51%	\$8,404.47	\$3,515,288.19
General	TD	CD	1/23/2020	1.59%	\$9,275.00	\$3,000,000.00
General <sup>1</sup>	WSFS	CD	2/11/2020	1.55%	\$64,972.60	\$17,000,000.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$57,528,238.19</b>
<b>CAPITAL FUND:</b>						
Capital ≤ 2015	TD	CD	2/13/2020	1.83%	\$43,350.50	\$10,651,955.58
Capital ≥ 2018	TD	CD	12/5/2019	1.83%	\$10,569.43	\$2,310,257.00
Capital ≥ 2018	TD	CD	12/5/2019	1.83%	\$66,245.02	\$14,320,667.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$27,282,879.58</b>
<b>RISK MGMT:</b>						
Risk Management	TD	CD	1/9/2020	1.79%	\$42,634.17	\$8,244,682.94
Worker's Comp	TD	CD	1/9/2020	1.79%	\$42,634.17	\$8,244,682.94
Retiree Medical Escrow	Vanguard-OPEB					\$24,359,839.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$40,849,204.88</b>
<b>PENSION FUND:</b>						
Non-Uniform 1990	TD	CD	11/26/2019	1.61%	\$5,302.27	\$4,560,000.00
Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	11/26/2019	1.50%	\$583.56	\$710,000.00
Escrow Pension	Edgar Lomax					\$23,887,285.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Fixed					\$37,437,365.00
Escrow Pension	Earnest Partners					\$24,493,930.00
Escrow Pension	Wilmington Trust					\$36,709,303.00
Escrow Pension	Vanguard Stock Index					\$41,987,264.00
Escrow Pension	Artisan Global					\$7,912,738.00
Escrow Pension	Dodge & Cox					\$11,355,842.00
Escrow Pension	Fidelity					\$10,534,284.00
Escrow Pension	Harding Loevner					\$8,840,823.00
Escrow Pension	MFS Management					\$22,569,104.00
Escrow Pension	Clarion Lyon					\$6,385,038.00
Escrow Pension	Money Market					\$9,513,196.00
Escrow Pension	Morgan Stanley					\$6,064,955.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$252,961,127.00</b>
<b>OTHER:</b>						
Deferred Comp.	MassMutual					\$49,226,135.52
Contractual Requirements	WSFS	CD	1/15/2020	1.66%	\$12,605.03	\$3,037,356.74
Port Debt	WSFS	CD	12/12/2019	2.30%	\$24,119.43	\$2,025,211.00
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$429,872,796.17</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$15,200,204.35</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$445,073,000.52</b>

<sup>1</sup> Budget Reserve

*Velda Jones-Potter*  
 Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

## NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Congo	Recognize Wilmington 1 <sup>st</sup> Walk-In
Dixon	Recognize Stop the Violence Prayer Chain
Gray	Sympathy James Webster Cheers
Harlee	Sympathy Mae Caldwell
Harlee	Sympathy Gregory James Coleman
Oliver	Sympathy Lashay White
Oliver	Sympathy Marva J. Curtis
Oliver	Sympathy Dr. Pastor Alton T. Johnson, Sr.
Oliver	Sympathy Joyce A. Miller
Shabazz	Sympathy William Ward

## LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

President Pro Tempore Congo: Councilwoman Gray isn't here. Well, Councilwoman Harlee. I think you're presenting on behalf of Councilwoman Gray.

Council Member Harlee: Yes, um, Mr. Pro Temp, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the first and second reading.

On behalf of Council Member Gray, Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 19-052 (Agenda #4744) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY  
CODE TO PROVIDE THE EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF  
COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDS AMONG THE MEMBERS  
OF CITY COUNCIL

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Member Freel, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Finance & Economic Development Committee. Motion prevailed.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Councilwoman Oliver.

Council Member Oliver: Yes, Mr. Chair, um, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the third and final reading.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 19-019 (Agenda #4645) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 OF THE  
CITY CODE REGARDING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY  
MAINTENANCE

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

Council Member Oliver: Yes, Mr. President, on the question, I would like to make a motion for a floor amendment at this time as such:

**On page 2, Section 1:**

- Amend subsection (d) of Section 13-4 by adding the following new sentence at the end of subsection (d): “This requirement shall not apply to any person required to be licensed as a retailer of edible commodities pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5 of this Code who conducts such business, in whole or in part, by operation as a mobile vendor in or from a motor vehicle of any kind or to any owner of a property on which such business is located.

**On page 2, Section 1:**

- Strike subsection (e) in its entirety

**On page 2, Section 1:**

- In line 1 of subsection (e)i., strike “(e)” after the word “subsection” and insert “(d)”

**On page 2, Section 2:**

- Strike “thirty (30) days upon its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor” and insert “on March 1, 2020.”

**On page 3, Synopsis:**

- In sentence number 3, strike “mobile vendors of edible commodities” and add “retailers of edible commodities except for mobile vendors of such commodities.

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Freel, the above-referenced motion was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Oliver made comments pertaining to the amendment as well as spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Are there any comments from the public?

*Note: The floor was opened up to anyone from the public to speak and nobody desired the privilege of the floor.*

President Pro Tempore Congo: Clerk call for the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Guy, and President Pro Tempore Congo. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Gray and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, three.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Declare it adopted.

*Note: At this time, Council Member Oliver requested to be excused.*

President Pro Tempore Congo: Council Member Harlee.

Council Member Harlee: Yes, Mr. Pro Temp, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the first and second reading.

Council Member Harlee presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 19-053 (Agenda #4745) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE  
ONE YEAR EXTENSION OPTION OF THE CONTRACT  
BEWTEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND  
REVOLUTION FOODS, INC. FOR THE CACFP AT RISK  
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no negative fiscal impact on the City as the program uses only Federal funds, which have been previously budgeted.

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Harlee, seconded by Council Members Freel and McCoy, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Education, Youth & Families Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Harlee: That's all I have.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Thank you. Council Member Turner.

Council Member Turner: Thank you Mr. President. I have a Resolution to present.

Council Member Turner presented Resolution No. 19-076 (Agenda #4746) as follows:



**WHEREAS**, public and private educational institutions have been profiting off collegiate level athletes for decades, yet the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) prohibits said athletes from receiving financial compensation from the use of their name, image, and likeness; and

**WHEREAS**, collegiate level athletes – Student Athletes - are also prohibited from signing licensing contracts, brand endorsement deals, and from hiring agents; and

**WHEREAS**, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 206-Fair Pay to Play Act- into law which allows for collegiate level athletes to hire agents and financially benefit from endorsements; and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania legislators have recently proposed House Bill 1909 which will institute a Fair Play to Pay Act in Pennsylvania’s college institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, other states in the nation such as New Jersey, Florida, and Illinois are also expressing interest in similar legislation, including New York which currently has a similar bill in their Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, five out of the eight higher educational institutions in the state of Delaware are members of the NCAA: Delaware State University, Goldey-Beacom College, University of Delaware, Wesley College, and Wilmington University. In addition, Delaware Technical Community College is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association; and

**WHEREAS**, athletics are an important part of the collegiate experience and in 2018 brought in a nationwide revenue of \$14 billion, which is up from \$3 billion in 2003. However, \$1.2 billion of that revenue was spent on coach salaries and the remaining \$936 million was spent on athlete student aid; and

**WHEREAS**, each of Delaware’s NCAA accredited institutions have championship competing and winning teams playing basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, track and field, tennis, and volleyball; and

**WHEREAS**, teams and athletes from each institution have been nationally recognized in other ways. Wilmington University’s cheerleading team was named the Universal Cheerleading Association's national champions for five consecutive years between 2012 and 2017; 5 athletes at Goldey-Beacom College have been recognized as Academic All-American Athletes; and several professional MVPS and record holders first played at Delaware State University; and

**WHEREAS**, since the year 2000, almost 100 Delaware collegiate athletes have been inducted into the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame, including: eight-time baseball league all-star and three-time MVP Wilbert “Bunny” Miller; softball outfielder and Delaware Technical Community College alumnus Dionna Harris who played on the only Olympic softball team to ever win a gold medal; Ann Marie (Annie) Igo Rizzo who played on the first women’s sports teams at the University of Delaware; football player Mike Brown who lead the Blue Hens into an undefeated season; and football lineman Frank Burton Sr. whose son now plays football for the University of Delaware; and

**WHEREAS**, The numerous athletes in the Hall of Fame, or who have competed on championship winning teams, or who currently play on professional teams would have all benefited greatly from Fair Pay to Play policies during their college years- particularly those student athletes who were from low-to-moderate income families that

experienced economic hardships prior to and during their son or daughter being selected into a collegiate athletic program; and

**WHEREAS**, collegiate athletes in the nation, including those in the State of Delaware, receive little to no recompense despite the great amount of benefits they bring to their educational institution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the City Council strongly supports California's Senate Bill 206, Pennsylvania's House Bill 1909, and both states' efforts to support their large population of collegiate athletes. In addition, the City Council urges the State of Delaware to begin the process of drafting similar legislation to show our support for the collegiate athletes attending institutions in our state of Delaware.

Upon a motion of Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Turner spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. Council Member Adams made comments. Council Member Johnson made comments.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Are there any comments from the public? If so, please come up to my left please.

Public Comment Speakers:

- o D. Marque Hall
- o Earl E. Tate

Council Member Adams made additional comments. Council Member Guy made comments. Council Member Turner made comments.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Clerk call the roll please.

The above-referenced 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 Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Guy, and President Pro Tempore Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Gray, Oliver and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, four.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Declare it adopted. Council Member McCoy.

Council Member McCoy: Nothing tonight Mr. President.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Thank you, thank you Council Member McCoy. Council Member Johnson.

Council Member Johnson: Yes. Yes, Mr. President, um, I have an Ordinance to present and call for the first and second reading.

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 19-054 (Agenda #4747) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 36 TO REPEAL  
BEGGING AND PANHANDLING PROVISIONS FROM  
THE WILMINGTON CITY CODE

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

President Pro Tempore Congo: Council Member Freel.

Council Member Freel: Yes sir, I have one Resolution to present.

Council Member Freel presented Resolution No. 19-077 (Agenda #4748) as follows:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Wilmington and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), A.F.L.-C.I.O., LOCAL 1102 AND THE DELAWARE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, COUNCIL 81 for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof, is hereby approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute as many copies of said Agreement as may be necessary.

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. Council Member Turner raised questions and Council Member Freel responded. Council Member Turner made additional comments. Council Member Guy made comments.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Does anyone from the public care to comment?

*Note: The floor was opened up to anyone from the public to speak and nobody desired the privilege of the floor.*

Council Member Freel made comments.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Clerk, please call for the roll.

The above-referenced 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 Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Guy, and President Pro Tempore Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Gray, Oliver and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, four.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Declare it adopted.

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

President Pro Tempore Congo: Thank you. Council Member Adams.

Council Member Adams: Mr. Congo, I have no legislation this evening, thank you.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Council Member Dixon.

Council Member Dixon: Nothing tonight Mr. President.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Council Member Guy.

Council Member Guy: Nothing tonight Mr. President Pro Temp.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Thank you. Um, Council Member Walsh who isn't here, I think Councilman Johnson, you're presenting on her behalf?

Council Member Johnson: Yes. Yes, Council President. Mr. President, I have an Ordinance to present on behalf of Council Member Walsh and I call for third and final reading.

On behalf of Council Member Walsh, Council Member Johnson presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 19-051 (Agenda 4743) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A  
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
AND SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL, INC. FOR  
EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES

Upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Members Freel and McCoy, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Johnson spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance and made comments. Council Member Guy raised questions and made comments and Council Member Johnson responded. Council Member Guy made additional comments.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Does anyone from the public have any comments? Please come forward and introduce yourself.

Public Comment Speaker:

- o D. Marque Hall

*Note: Nobody else from the public desired the privilege of the floor.*

Council Member Johnson made additional comments.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Clerk, please call for the roll.

The above-referenced Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon and Guy, and President Pro Tempore Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Gray, Oliver and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, four.

President Pro Tempore Congo: Declare it adopted. At this time, we'll move from, um, to petitions and communications.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

President Pro Tempore and Council Members spoke on the following: happy holiday season was expressed and the need to think of those in needs; need of some changes in NAACP rules; announcement of community events throughout the districts and announcements of committee meetings; City Council Rules; equal distribution of funds; personnel committee; Wilmington Housing Partnership; legislative branch inquiries and investigations; Wilmington Police Department (body worn cameras); availability of funds for scholarships; concerns were expressed of things not being able to be discussed during the public comment segment; and including, but not limited to, a can food drive was announced for November 27.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion of President Pro Tempore Congo, seconded by Council Member Freel, Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest:   
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk