

*Wilmington, Delaware
Louis L. Redding
City/County Building
October 15, 2020*

City Council met in “**virtual**” regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Hanifa Shabazz 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 Gray, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of October 1, 2020, upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<u>Finance & Economic Development Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent with Leave</u>	<u>Absent w/out Leave</u>
Charles M. “Bud” Freel, Chair	Y		
Ciro Adams	Y		
Linda M. Gray	Y		
Christofer C. Johnson	Y		
Zanthia Oliver	Y		
Loretta Walsh	Y		
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	Y		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

October 5, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee by **Virtual Meeting**, to who was referred **Substitute No. 3 to Ordinance No. 19-026 As Amended** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 4 AND 34 OF THE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL FINES FOR OWNERS OF RENTAL PROPERTIES AND VACANT PROPERTIES AND INCREASE VACANT REGISTRATION FEES

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

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

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

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Charles M. "Bud" Freel, Chair	Y		
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Zanthia Oliver	Y		
Loretta Walsh	Y		
Dr. Hanifa Shabazz, Ex-Officio	Y		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

October 5, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee by **Virtual Meeting**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 20-046** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR BODY CAMERA AND RELATED SERVICES

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of
Finance & Economic Development Committee

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for October 15, 2020 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

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

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City of Wilmington
Delaware

Velda Jones-Potter
City Treasurer

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Treasurer's Report
October 15, 2020

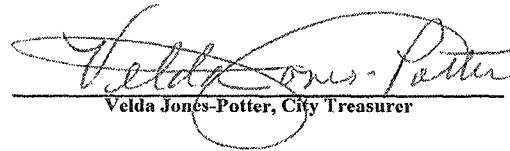
Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 10/14/2020):

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,477,858.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,192,042.02
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,832.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,260.15
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,128,564.33
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 7,469.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 20,318.70
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
Grant-in-Aid	M & T Bank	\$ 152,196.30
Community Development Block Grant	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
Capital Projects	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
Total Cash on Hand		\$ 10,993,681.03

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 10/14/2020):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	10/15/2020	0.01%	\$ 4.28	\$ 22,156,009.57
General	TD	CD	10/30/2020	0.16%	\$ 5,111.11	\$ 23,000,000.00
General	TD	CD	10/30/2020	0.16%	\$ 2,773.33	\$ 12,000,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 57,156,009.57
RESERVE:						
General ¹	TD	CD	10/30/2020	0.15%	\$ 4,951.89	\$ 16,738,774.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 16,738,774.00
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	CD	10/30/2020	0.11%	\$ 392.78	\$ 4,590,963.53
Capital Project	TD	CD	10/30/2020	0.11%	\$ 814.41	\$ 9,519,037.38
Water/Sewer	TD	CD	10/30/2020	0.15%	\$ 902.27	\$ 3,049,927.70
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 17,159,928.61
Total Investments						\$ 91,054,712.18
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 10,993,681.03
Grand Total						\$ 102,048,393.21

¹ Budget Reserve


 Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report (Pensions)
October 15, 2020

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 10/14/2020):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	147,314.47
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	237,766.03
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	230,766.03
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	31,889.29
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	191,671.57
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	1,500.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	1,592.81
Total Cash on Hand		\$	842,500.20

Cash Equivalents (as of 10/14/2020) & Investments (Market Value as of 9/30/2020)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Invest. Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Pension Plan III	WSFS	CD	10/28/2020	0.05%	\$ 167.74	\$ 3,950,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 3,950,000.00
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 20,429,099.92
Pension Trust	Vanguard Fixed					\$ 30,862,292.86
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 26,337,572.83
Pension Trust	Wilmington Trust					\$ 41,551,587.16
Pension Trust	Vanguard Stock Index					\$ 25,655,976.45
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 10,734,295.14
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 10,420,158.36
Pension Trust	Fidelity					\$ 10,248,023.95
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 10,985,585.63
Pension Trust	Vanguard Global					\$ 15,902,686.97
Pension Trust	MFS Management					\$ 29,581,449.50
Pension Trust	Clarion Lyon					\$ 9,725,493.13
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 6,493,814.22
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 9,364,672.61
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 26,611,307.56
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 284,904,016.29
Total Investments						\$ 288,854,016.29
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 842,500.20
Grand Total						\$ 289,696,516.49

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments					\$	379,908,728.47
Total Cash on Hand					\$	11,836,181.23
Grand Total¹					\$	391,744,909.70

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



Velda Jones-Potter, City Treasurer

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

All Council	Recognize Reverend Lawrence Livingston
Gray	Sympathy Edmond Nathaniel Russ
Harlee	Sympathy Reuben Jervey
Oliver	Sympathy Barbara McCray
Oliver	Sympathy Michael Lamont Kelson
Oliver	Sympathy Idonya Lee Ford
Oliver	Sympathy Mary Emmalou Teat
Shabazz	Sympathy Charles Van Bullard
Shabazz	Recognize WDAS 70 th Anniversary*
Shabazz	Sympathy Darrius Boyd
Shabazz	Recognize World Mental Health Day
Shabazz	Sympathy Fred Sylvester

**Note: Council Member Oliver read the recognition Resolution as Loraine Morrill, a representative from WDAS was present in the Zoom meeting.*

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Note: The Legislative Business of the agenda was presented in reverse order.

Council Members Walsh and Guy did not have any legislation to present this evening.

Council Member Dixon presented Resolution No. 20-062 (Agenda #4871) as follows:

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) is authorized to extend financial assistance to communities for (i) the elimination or prevention of slums or urban blight, (ii) activities which will benefit low-income and moderate-income persons, and (iii) other urgent community development needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington (the “City”) is a participating jurisdiction for purposes of the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (“ESG Program”) and allocates ESG Program funds each year for a variety of eligible activities; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2019, City Council adopted Resolution 19-018, which approved the City’s proposed Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 (the “Plan”) and authorized the Mayor to submit the Plan to HUD; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act of 2020 (the “CARES Act”) makes available supplemental ESG Program funding for grants

to prevent, prepare for, and response to the COVID019 pandemic (“ESG-CV Grants”); and

WHEREAS, in May 2020, HUD advised the City that it was eligible to receive a first tranche of funds under the CARES Act, which included ESG Program funding for ESG-CV Grants; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2020, City Council adopted Resolution 20-024, which approved the first substantial amendment to the Plan outlining the proposed use of the first tranche of funds received by the City pursuant to the CARES Act and authorized the Mayor to submit such amendment to HUD; and

WHEREAS, HUD has advised the City that it is eligible to receive a second tranche of ESG Program funds to be utilized for ESG-CV Grants in the amount of \$1,142,202; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a substantial amendment to the Plan (the “Substantial Amendment”) in order to outline the proposed use of the second tranche of ESG Program funding to be utilized for ESG-CV Grants that will provide emergency shelters and rapid rehousing; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the Substantial Amendment was placed on the City’s website for display from August 26, 2020 to September 5, 2020 as required by HUD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON THAT:

1. The Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan for the second tranche of ESG Program funding for ESG-CV Grants, available pursuant to the CARES Act, is hereby approved in all respects.
2. City Council is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out community development activities with federal financial assistance including those relating to (a) the relocation of site occupants, (b) the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, and (c) other assurances as set forth under the certificates.
3. The Mayor of the City of Wilmington is authorized to file an application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the ESG Program funds available pursuant to the CARES Act.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to provide such assurances and/or certifications as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1988, as amended, the CARES Act of 2020, and also any supplemental or revised data which HUD may request in connection with the review of the City’s application.
5. The Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute on behalf of the City the formal grant contracts, amendments, and other documents relating to this Substantial Amendment to the City’s Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020.

Upon a motion of Council Member Dixon, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Dixon spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

At this time, President Shabazz opened up the floor for public comment.

Public Comment Speaker:

- o Dayl Thomas

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to 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 Gray, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Adams, Dixon, Gu and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, twelve. Nays, none.

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

Council Member Adams presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 20-047 (Agenda #4870) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 20037FD BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND CITY TOWING SERVICES, LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF TOWING AND IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLES

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no fiscal impact to the City because the cost of the Amendment to the City is zero dollars (\$0.00).

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Adams, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Freel presented Resolution No. 20-055 (Agenda #4859) as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the License Agreement between the **CITY OF WILMINGTON**, a municipal corporation of the State of Delaware, and **NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC**, (“New Cingular”) authorizing New Cingular to, among other things, construct, install, maintain, and operate wireless telecommunication facilities in the public rights of way of the City of Wilmington, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and made a part hereof, is hereby approved, and the

Mayor or his designee and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute as many copies of said Agreement as may be necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: New Cingular will pay the City an annual license fee in the amount of \$270 per node (as that term is defined by the License) per node user. Consistent with the License, the fee may be adjusted based upon a study of the City's actual costs for maintaining the rights of way or a change in applicable law.

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. Council Members Harlee, Adams and Gray made comments.

At this time, President Shabazz opened up the floor for public comments; however, nobody desired the privilege of the floor.

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to 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 Gray, Oliver, Harlee, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, ten. Nays, Council Members Turner and Adams. Total, two.

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Substitute No. 3 to Ordinance No. 19-026 (Rev. 4 to Agenda #4654)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 4 AND 34 OF THE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL FINES FOR OWNERS OF RENTAL PROPERTIES AND VACANT PROPERTIES AND INCREASE VACANT REGISTRATION FEES

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact as a result of the changes implemented by Substitute 3 to Ordinance No. 19-026 is unknown.

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the **Substitute** Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Freel made comments. Council Member Gray made comments. Council Member Johnson made comments and requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Members Harlee, Oliver, Adams, Walsh and McCoy made comments. Council Member Harlee made additional comments. Council Member Johnson made additional comments. Council Member Dixon made comments. Council Member Guy made comments. Council Member Walsh made a point of order of pending

litigation. Council Member Guy made additional comments. President Shabazz noted not to speak about pending litigation. Council Members Guy and Adams made additional comments. President Shabazz made comments.

At this time, President Shabazz opened up the floor for public comments.

Public Comment Speakers:

- Amanda Rose
- James
- Kristina K.
- D. Marquee Hall
- Dayl Thomas
- Shané Darby
- Ernest Congo
- Christian Willauer

Council Member Guy made comments. Council Member Johnson made comments. Council Member Guy made additional comments. Council Member Walsh made comments. President Shabazz made comments. Council Member Guy made additional comments and President Shabazz noted that comments should be to the legislation at hand. Council Member Freel made final comments.

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Substitute Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was **DEFEATED** by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Johnson, Freel, Adams and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, five. Nays, Council Members Gray, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Dixon and Guy. Total, seven.

President Shabazz declared the **Substitute Ordinance defeated**.

Council Member Adams requested to be excused from the meeting.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 20-046 (Agenda #4862) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
AND AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR BODY CAMERAS
AND RELATED SERVICES

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is a contract for the period of five (5) years commencing on the date of its execution at a total estimated price of One Million, Nine Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$1,954,836.00).

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Freel spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance and made comments. Council Member Johnson made comments and requested to be added as a cosponsor. Council Members Harlee, Oliver, Walsh and Guy made comments.

At this time, President Shabazz opened up the floor for public comments.

Public Comment Speakers:

- Dayl Thomas
- Amanda Rose
- D. Marquee Hall
- Kristina K.

Council Member Turner made comments. Council Member Harlee made additional comments and requested to be added as cosponsor. Council Member Johnson made additional comments. Council Member Guy made comments. President Shabazz noted Council Member Guy was out of order. Both President Shabazz and Council Member Guy made additional comments. Council Member Freel made comments. President Shabazz made additional comments.

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to 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 passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Member Gray, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Adams. Total, one.

President Shabazz declared the Ordinance adopted.

Council Member Freel presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 20-048 (Agenda #4869) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND PAYMENTUS CORPORATION FOR AN ONLINE PAYMENT PROCESSING AND BILL PRESENTMENT SYSTEM (CONTRACT 21017DFPS)

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is a contract for the period of three (3) years at an estimated price of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per year for a total estimated price of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) for three (3) years, with the possibility of three (3) extensions of one (1) year thereafter at the same estimated annual price.

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

Council Member Johnson presented Resolution No. 20-063 (Agenda #4872) as follows:

WHEREAS, in 1972, the owners of the property situated in the block bounded by 7th Street, 8th Street, North DuPont Street, and North Clayton Street, Wilmington, Delaware (the "Property"), namely, St. Francis Hospital, Inc., William Schultz, Nancy Schultz, Dominick Valava, and Tessi Valava (collectively, the "Owners") petitioned the City to change the zoning of the Property from a zoning classification of R-3 to a zoning classification of C-2; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission recommended approval of the request to rezone the Property as follows: "That the application be approved conditional on a Deed Restriction submitted by the applicants prior to the City Council hearing. Said Deed Restriction to clearly state that this land is to be used for hospital purposes only;" and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 1972, the Owners entered into a declaration regarding the Property that was recorded with the New Castle County Recorder of Deeds at Volume G, Book 87, Page 757, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", that contains the following deed restriction (the "Deed Restriction"): "1. The use of the above mentioned property is restricted to its present use and use as a Hospital and accessory building. 2. This restriction shall not become effective until the requested rezoning has been approved by the City Council of the City of Wilmington. 3. This restriction may be amended or removed with the approval of the City Council of the City of Wilmington.;" and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 72-074 rezoned the Property from a zoning classification of R-3 to a zoning classification of C-2, thus making the Deed Restriction effective; and

WHEREAS, the Property has since been rezoned to its original R-3 zoning classification; and

WHEREAS, the current owner of the Property wishes to terminate the Deed Restriction; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and appropriate to approve the termination of the Deed Restriction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Council hereby approves the termination of the deed restriction within the declaration recorded with the New Castle County Recorder of Deeds at Volume G, Book 87, Page 757, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of City Council, or her designee, shall be authorized to execute any documents related to the termination of the aforementioned deed restriction, as well as to take all additional undertaking related thereto, as may be necessary.

Upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Members Walsh and Freel, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Johnson spoke on the purpose of the Resolution.

At this time, President Shabazz opened up the floor for public comments.

Public Comment Speaker:

- o Sarah Lester

Council Members Harlee and Gray made comments and raised questions and Council Member Johnson stated he was unable to answer; however, Sarah Lester responded to the questions raised. Council Members McCoy, Oliver and Guy made comments. Council Member Harlee made additional comments and requested to be added as a cosponsor. President Shabazz made comments. Council Member Turner made comments. Council Member Johnson made closing comments.

President Shabazz requested the Clerk to 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 Gray, Oliver, Harlee, Turner, McCoy, Johnson, Freel, Dixon, Guy and Walsh, and Council President Shabazz. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Adams. Total, one.

President Shabazz declared the Resolution adopted.

Council Member McCoy did not have any legislation to present this evening. Council Member Turner did not have any legislation to present this evening and requested to be excused from the meeting. Council Member Harlee did not have any legislation to present this evening.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 20-049 (Agenda #4868) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF A PORTION OF PALMERS ROW, LOCATED BETWEEN NEW STREET AND THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF TAX PARCEL NO. 26-029.10-124, FROM THE OFFICIAL CITY MAP

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Walsh, the Ordinance was received, recorded and referred to the Community Development & Urban Planning Committee. Motion prevailed.

Council Member Gray did not have any legislation to present this evening.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council President and Council Members spoke on the following: social media; oath of office; 2nd District vacancy; racist activity; Wilmington can be a better place for everybody; white supremacy; community events throughout the city; individuals were thanked for their efforts to address violence; response to racism comments; the need for Council to work together; comment regarding the blight legislation; community meeting; Census event; COVID testing sites announced; Black on Black Crime Matters; reminder to vote; crime and the need of people needing hope; reminder to continue to wear mask and wash hands; importance of knowing Council Rules and the oath of office taken; history of majority of black people on Council; Black Lives Matter; and including but not limited to, the hope of when the next session of Council comes in, members learn the rules, Charter and how to conduct business.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Freel, seconded by Council Member Walsh, Council adjourned at 9:35 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk