

*Wilmington City Council  
Wilmington, Delaware  
November 18, 2021*

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:30 p.m., President Ernest M. Congo, II presiding.

The opening prayer was done by Akira Grenardo, 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 Gray, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Absent with leave, Council Members McCoy and Cabrera. Total, two.

**MINUTES**

After reading a portion of the minutes of November 4, 2021, upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Dixon, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<b>Finance &amp; Economic Development Committee Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent w Leave</b>	<b>Absent w/out Leave</b>
Chris Johnson, Chair	YES		
Michelle Harlee, Vice Chair	YES		
Nathan Field	YES		
Zanthia Oliver	YES		
Loretta Walsh		YES	
James Spadola	YES		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	YES		

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

November 1, 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee by **Virtual Meeting with anchor location**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 21-051** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET (BEING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSTITUE NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 21-019)

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 Johnson, seconded by Council Members Dixon and Walsh, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

Intergovernmental Committee	Present	Absent w/Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Linda M. Gray, Chair	YES		
Shané N. Darby, Vice Chair	YES		
Michelle Harlee	YES		
Yolanda M. McCoy		YES	
Zanthia Oliver		YES	
Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio	YES		

President and Members of Council of The City of Wilmington

November 3, 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Intergovernmental Committee by **Virtual Meeting with anchor location**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 21-050** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE THAT INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IN STATE OF DELAWARE OR FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES WHO WERE CITY RESIDENTS BEFORE INCARCERATION BE COUNTED AT THEIR RESPECTIVE LAST KNOWN CITY ADDRESSES FOR REDISTRICTING PURPOSES

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of Intergovernmental Committee

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's Report for November 18, 2021 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Dixon, 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



DaWayne Sims  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report November 18, 2021

**Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 11/03/2021):**

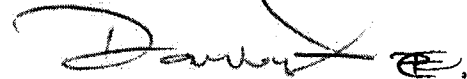
General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,775,058.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 936,241.21
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,562.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,329.89
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,214,922.19
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 8,444.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 17,766.50
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 4,137.97
Grant-in-Aid	M & T Bank	\$ 112,760.87
Community Development Block Grant	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
Capital Projects	M & T Bank	\$ 1.00
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$ 11,080,225.19</b>

**Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 11/17/2021):**

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	0.01%	\$ 4.68	\$ 17,500,692.06
General	TD	ARPA funds*	13	0.08%	\$ 799.49	\$ 27,674,821.17
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	0.08%	\$ 549.34	\$ 19,015,530.57
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	0.08%	\$ 144.56	\$ 5,004,161.28
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	0.10%	\$ 1,125.97	\$ 31,180,782.12
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 100,375,987.20</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
General <sup>1</sup>	TD	High Yield Checking	13	0.08%	\$ 472.56	\$ 16,357,997.84
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 16,357,997.84</b>
<b>RESTRICTED:</b>						
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	13	0.08%	\$ 89.59	\$ 3,101,256.27
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	13	0.08%	\$ 161.90	\$ 5,604,296.26
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	13	0.08%	\$ 1,033.65	\$ 35,780,340.60
Water/Sewer	TD	High Yield Checking	13	0.08%	\$ 94.66	\$ 3,276,630.67
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 47,762,523.80</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 164,496,508.84</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 11,080,225.19</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$ 175,576,734.03</b>

<sup>1</sup> Budget Reserve

\*Restricted use per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

  
DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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# City of Wilmington



**Treasurer's Report - Pensions  
November 18, 2021**

**DaWayne Sims  
City Treasurer**

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 11/17/2021):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 359,964.85
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$ 192,909.87
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$ 230,010.86
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$ 927,482.73
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$ 400,542.73
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$ 1,500.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$ 1,592.81
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$ 2,114,003.85</b>

Cash Equivalents (as of 11/17/2021) & Investments (Market Value as of November 12, 2021)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
Pension Plan III	WSFS	CD	11/24/2021	0.01%	\$ 7.26	\$ 883,887.48
Fire Pension	WSFS	CD	11/24/2021	0.01%	\$ 68.76	\$ 825,164.32
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 1,709,051.80</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 18,893,059.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 14,806,285.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 18,880,907.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin 1000					\$ 18,848,570.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 16,383,249.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 15,981,780.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Market Index					\$ 11,191,947.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 5,204,011.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Emerging Market					\$ 4,633,094.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 7,615,100.00
Pension Trust	AB Global Core					\$ 15,935,875.00
Pension Trust	Hartford Schroder					\$ 6,178,218.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 38,150,515.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin 3000					\$ 55,581,234.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital					\$ 39,620,097.00
Pension Trust	Clarion Lyon					\$ 14,071,632.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 870,003.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 10,243,192.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 33,071,255.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 346,160,023.00</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 347,869,074.80</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 2,114,003.85</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$ 349,983,078.65</b>

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$ 512,365,583.64</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$ 13,194,229.04</b>
<b>Grand Total*</b>		<b>\$ 525,559,812.68</b>

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

  
 DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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## NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Upon a motion of Council Member Dixon, seconded by Council Members B. Fields and Walsh, the following non-legislative resolutions were accepted into the record and motion prevailed:

All Council	Sympathy former Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner
All Council	Recognize Teacher of the Year Jahsha Tabron
All Council	Recognize former Wilmington Mayor James H. Sill, Sr. (90th Birthday)
Congo	Recognize Dany Bourjolly Smith
Congo	Recognize Delaware Black Chamber of Commerce
Dixon	Recognize Kool Kids Foundation
McCoy	Sympathy Verdel Murray
McCoy	Sympathy Francisco Ramirez
McCoy	Sympathy Bishop Linwood Rideout III
Oliver	Sympathy Beulah Alverna McManus

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, President Congo opened up the floor for public comments and the following individuals spoke:

- Cora Swan
- Deacon Earl E. Tate
- Zakiya Mikah
- D. Marque Hall

## LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member Gray presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 21-055 (Agenda #0111) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 RELATING TO  
THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES WITHIN  
THE CITY

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

Council Member Gray presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 21-056 (Agenda #0112) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A DOWN-PAYMENT AND  
SETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

Council Member Darby presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 21-056 (Agenda #00112) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE THAT INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS IN STATE OF DELAWARE OR FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES WHO WERE CITY RESIDENTS BEFORE INCARCERATION BE COUNTED AT THEIR RESPECTIVE LAST KNOWN CITY ADDRESSES FOR REDISTRICTING PURPOSES

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** This Ordinance has no anticipated fiscal impact.

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member Dixon, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Members Spadola and Harlee made comments. Council Member Oliver requested to be added as a co-sponsor and made comments. Council Member Johnson requested to be added as a co-sponsor and made comments. Council Member Dixon requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Walsh raised a question. President Congo requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Darby responded to Council Member Walsh's question. Council Member Walsh made comments. Council Member Darby made comments and closing remarks.

President Congo 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 was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members McCoy and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Members Oliver and Harlee did not have any legislation to present this evening.

Council Member B. Fields presented Resolution No. 21-050 (Agenda #0113) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to City Charter Section 8-204, every department, board and commission may accept on behalf of the City conditional gifts of personal property and money which shall be useful in connection with the work of such department, board or commission with authority from Council so to do; and

**WHEREAS**, Cornerstone West Community Development Corporation (“Cornerstone West CDC”) would like to give the City \$134,627.45 of new playground equipment and up to \$500,000.00 in funding to assist the Department of Parks and Recreation’s efforts to improve Tilton Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Conservation District would like to give the City \$145,000.00 in funding to assist the Department of Parks and Recreation’s efforts to improve Tilton Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council, upon the recommendation of the Department of Parks and Recreation, wishes to authorize the City to accept the following gifts: (1) the playground equipment and funding from Cornerstone West CDC and (2) the funding from the New Castle County Conservation District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that Council hereby authorizes the City to accept the following gifts to assist the Department of Parks and Recreation’s efforts to improve Tilton Park: (1) \$134,627.45 of new playground equipment and up to \$500,000.00 in funding from Cornerstone West CDC and (2) \$145,000.00 in funding from the New Castle County Conservation District.

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

President Congo requested the Clerk 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, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members McCoy and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 21-057 (Agenda #0114) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A  
MULTI-YEAR AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND  
TELEDOC HEALTH, INC. FOR TELEHEALTH SERVICES



**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is an amendment with a total estimated maximum price of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00) for the period from January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, with the possibility of three (3) extensions of one (1) year thereafter at an estimated maximum price of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) per year.

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

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 21-058 (Agenda #0115) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A  
PRODUCT PURCHASING AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND CAMBRIDGE  
COMPUTER SERVICES, INC. FOR A STORAGE AREA  
NETWORK

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is an agreement at an estimated total price of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00).

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

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 21-051 (Agenda #0101) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CONSTITUTING AMENDMENT NO. 1  
TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET (BEING  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSTITUTE NO. 1 TO  
ORDINANCE NO. 21-019)

**SYNOPSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT:** This Ordinance is the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget, which was enacted in Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 21-019. This amendment contains: (1) changes to the position allocation list for City Council and the Mayor's Office; (2) revised budget appropriations for City Council; (3) increased budget appropriations for the Department of Public Works and the Department of Information Technologies; and (4) a transfer from the Tax Stabilization Reserve portion of the General Fund Balance to the Economic Strategic Fund.

First, this Ordinance amends the Fiscal Year 2022 position allocation list (the “PAL”) by making certain changes in City Council and the Mayor’s Office including: (1) changing the title of City Council’s Legislative & Public Affairs Director to the Director of Communications; (2) adding the new position of Legislative Policy Analyst in City Council; (3) deleting City Council’s vacant Deputy Station Manager and Senior Producer positions; (4) adding two (2) new Producer positions in City Council; (5) changing the title of the Community Referral Specialist to the Best Practices/Innovation Specialist in the Mayor’s Office; and (6) reclassifying the Best Practices/Innovation Specialist in the Mayor’s Office from Grade E-03 to Grade E-05. Overall, the PAL has a total net increase of one (1.00) Fulltime Equivalent position (FTE), consisting of a 0.65 FTE increase in the General Fund and a 0.35 FTE increase in the CATV Fund.

Second, this Ordinance changes the Fiscal Year 2022 budget appropriations as follows: (1) decreases City Council’s General Fund Personal Services account group budget appropriation by \$39,359 and increases City Council’s CATV Fund budget appropriation by \$39,359 to change the source of the funding for the Director of Communications position from being entirely funded by the General Fund to being sixty-five percent (65%) funded by the General Fund and thirty-five percent (35%) funded by the CATV Fund; (2) decreases City Council’s CATV Fund budget appropriation by a net \$48,178 due to the deletion of the vacant Deputy Station Manager and Senior Producer positions and the addition of two (2) new Producer positions; (3) increases City Council’s General Fund Personal Services account group budget appropriation by \$77,999 to fund the new Legislative Policy Analyst position; (4) decreases City Council’s General Fund Materials, Supplies, and Equipment account group budget appropriation by \$40,000, including a \$10,000 reduction for consultants and a \$30,000 reduction for miscellaneous projects and grants; (5) increases the Department of Information Technologies General Fund Debt Service account group budget appropriation by \$140,000 to fund the replacement of the City’s storage area network; and (6) increases the Department of Public Works Water/Sewer Materials, Supplies, and Equipment account group budget appropriation by \$2,000,000 to fund legal fees related to several sewage treatment related disputes. In summary, this Ordinance will: (1) increase the total General Fund budget appropriation by \$138,640; (2) increase the Water/Sewer Fund budget appropriation by \$2,000,000; and (3) decrease the CATV Fund budget appropriation by \$8,819. The increase in the General Fund budget appropriation will be funded by using the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

Third, this Ordinance authorizes a transfer of \$1,200,000 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve portion of the General Fund Balance to the Economic Development Strategic Fund to replenish the Economic Development Strategic Fund for upcoming projects. Finally, as a housekeeping matter, this Ordinance corrects a typographical error on the Executive and Managerial Position Level Salary Structure Matrix for Fiscal Year 2022, attached to this Ordinance as Attachment “B”, to list the upper end of the salary range for Level 3 as \$81,248 instead of \$78,123.

Upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Dixon, 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 Members Spadola and Dixon made comments.

President Congo 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 was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members McCoy and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Members Dixon and Spadola did not have any legislation to present this evening.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 21-046 (Agenda #0103) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department, has submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security Fund to Combat Violent Crime (FY 2022); and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department is eligible for \$419,208.06 in grant funding, which would be used to cover overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed grant funds would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be covered by the Police Department's annual budget, continuing the Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to offset increases to the City budget; and

**WHEREAS**, no local matching funds are required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application, for the aforesaid purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security Fund to Combat Violent Crime (FY 2022) in the amount of \$419,208.06 is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief of Police, or designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no negative fiscal impact to the City because no local matching funds are required by this grant.

Upon a motion of Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Dixon, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Walsh spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. Council Members Oliver, Johnson and Gray made comments. President Congo made comments. Council Members Darby B. Fields and Harlee made comments. Council Member Johnson made additional comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk 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, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh. Total, nine. Nays, Council Member Darby and Council President Congo. Total, two. Absent, Council Members McCoy and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 21-047 (Agenda #0104) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department, has submitted a grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department is eligible for \$219,891.00 in grant funding, which would be used to cover the salary for a civilian cold case investigator in addition to overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed grant funds would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be covered by the Police Department's annual budget, continuing the Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to offset increases to the City budget; and

**WHEREAS**, no local matching funds are required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application, for the aforesaid purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$219,891.00 is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief of Police, or designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no negative fiscal impact to the City because no local matching funds are required by this grant.

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

President Congo 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, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh. Total, nine. Nays, Council Member Darby and Council President Congo. Total, two. Absent, Council Members McCoy and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Walsh presented Resolution No. 21-051 (Agenda #0105) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department, has submitted a grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Fiscal Year 2021 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program in the total amount of \$800,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed grant funding would be used over the course of a three-year period to support a broad, cross-sector partnership that would be administered by the Police Department and the Police Executive Research Forum and Social Contract, a Wilmington-based community organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed grant funding would allow the Police Department to hire two (2) additional personnel, a Deputy Victim Services Coordinator and a Victim Services Specialist, to support the Department's Victim Services Unit. It is anticipated that the grant funding that currently supports one member of this unit will be eliminated in early 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed grant funding would also support local efforts around violence reduction, including those involving the Police Department and criminal justice partners, as well as those undertaken by Community Violence Intervention Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, in applying for this grant funding, the Police Department seeks to continue its efforts to engage in innovative, evidence-based approaches to crime reduction without increasing the financial burden to Wilmington taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, no local matching funds are required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application, for the aforesaid purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Fiscal Year 2021 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program in the total amount of \$800,000.00 is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief of Police, or designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no negative fiscal impact to the City because no local matching funds are required by this grant.

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

President Congo 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, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Dixon, Spadola and Walsh. Total, nine. Nays, Council Member Darby and Council President Congo. Total, two. Absent, Council Members McCoy and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: Happy Thanksgiving wishes were expressed to everyone; announcement availability of COVID-19 vaccination and testing sites and everyone was encouraged to continue to be safe as we're still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic; announcements of various community events throughout the city; announcement of additional Public Safety Committee meeting; the need to do a better job in responding to constituents expressing concerns during public comments; Council Staff/WITN team were thanked for the information on website as it relates to different outlets for youth; and including but not limited to constituents were thanked for joining tonight's meeting (in-person/virtually) and encouraged to also engage at the committee meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion of Council Member Dixon, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest: Maribel Seijo  
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk