

*Wilmington City Council  
Wilmington, Delaware  
June 2, 2022*

City Council met in regular session virtually 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, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Walsh, and Council President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent with leave, Council Member Harlee. Total, one.

**MINUTES**

After reading a portion of the minutes of May 19, 2022, upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, 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:

<b>Community Development &amp; Urban Planning Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent w/Leave</b>	<b>Absent w/out Leave</b>
Maria D. Cabrera, Chair	X		
Nathan Field, Vice Chair		X	
Yolanda M. McCoy	X		
Bregetta A. Fields	X		
James Spadola		X	
Shané N. Darby	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

May 12, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Community Development & Urban Planning Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-022** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 22004LI BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND R&A CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR VACANT PROPERTY SERVICES

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Community Development & Urban Planning Committee

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

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

Public Works & Transportation Committee Member	Present	Absent w/ Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Zanthia Oliver, Chair	X		
Loretta Walsh, Vice Chair		X	
Linda M. Gray	X		
Nathan Field	X		
Bregetta A. Fields	X		
James Spadola	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

May 23, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-018** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY CODE TO INCREASE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS COMMITTING HEALTH AND SANITATION VIOLATIONS

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Public Works & Transportation Committee

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

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

Public Works & Transportation Committee Member	Present	Absent w/ Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Zanthia Oliver, Chair	X		
Loretta Walsh, Vice Chair		X	
Linda M. Gray	X		
Nathan Field	X		
Bregetta A. Fields	X		
James Spadola	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

May 23, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-021** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A PRIVATE STREET THAT EXTENDS IN A NORTHWEST DIRECTION FROM THE 2400 BLOCK OF RIDDLE AVENUE, ADD THE STREET TO THE OFFICIAL CITY MAP, AND NAME THE STREET AS "RIDDLE A VENUE"

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Public Works & Transportation Committee

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

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<b>Public Works &amp; Transportation Committee Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent w/ Leave</b>	<b>Absent w/out Leave</b>
Zanthia Oliver, Chair	x		
Loretta Walsh, Vice Chair		x	
Linda M. Gray	x		
Nathan Field	x		
Bregetta A. Fields	x		
James Spadola	x		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio	x		

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

May 23, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-024** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN  
EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 20011PW (SEWER MAINTENANCE)  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND BRANDYWINE  
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Public Works & Transportation Committee

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

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

<b>Public Works &amp; Transportation Committee Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent w/ Leave</b>	<b>Absent w/out Leave</b>
Zanthia Oliver, Chair	x		
Loretta Walsh, Vice Chair		x	
Linda M. Gray	x		
Nathan Field	x		
Bregetta A. Fields	x		
James Spadola	x		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio	x		

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

May 23, 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Works & Transportation Committee by **Virtual Meeting with remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 22-025** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN  
ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT CONTRACT STARTING  
IN FISCAL YEAR 2023

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Public Works & Transportation Committee

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

*\*Note: During this time, Council Member Darby was recognized, marked present and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's Report for June 2, 2022 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, 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 6 to Page 7.*

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# City of Wilmington



**DaWayne Sims**  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report June 02, 2022

**Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 06/01/2022):**

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,002,781.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,541,775.45
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,647.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,253.58
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,207,317.47
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 9,444.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 23,869.62
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>\$ 10,912,989.52</b>

**Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 06/01/2022):**

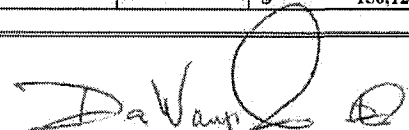
Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	0.01%	\$ 2.88	\$ 10,426,071.88
General	TD	ARPA funds*	2	0.13%	\$ 175.67	\$ 24,324,022.80
General	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.13%	\$ 65.16	\$ 9,022,457.04
General	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.13%	\$ 36.16	\$ 5,006,838.54
General	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.15%	\$ 260.01	\$ 31,201,602.91
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 79,980,993.17</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
General <sup>1</sup>	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.13%	\$ 124.76	\$ 17,275,136.15
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 17,275,136.15</b>
<b>RESTRICTED:</b>						
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.13%	\$ 17.78	\$ 2,462,144.39
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.13%	\$ 35.48	\$ 4,912,032.74
Capital Project	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.13%	\$ 223.41	\$ 30,934,148.70
Water/Sewer	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.13%	\$ 23.98	\$ 3,320,970.58
State Bonds Proceeds	TD	High Yield Checking	2	0.08%	\$ 28.01	\$ 6,301,534.66
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 47,930,831.07</b>
Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Int. Receiv.	Investment Amount
Police & Fire Remem.	WSFS	CD	7/23/2022	0.50%	\$ 196.19	\$ 25,871.46
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 145,212,831.85</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 10,912,989.52</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$ 156,125,821.37</b>

<sup>1</sup> Budget Reserve

\*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

Rates increased 5 basis points across all TD Investments 05.04.2022

Number of days: (2) represents May 31st - June 02nd

  
DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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# City of Wilmington



**Treasurer's Report - Pensions**  
**June 2, 2022**

**DaWayne Sims**  
**City Treasurer**

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 06/01/2022):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 107,801.69
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$ 1,230,140.17
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$ 1,000.00
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$ 1,000.00
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$ 18,850.08
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$ 1,000.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$ 1,592.81
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>		<b>\$ 1,361,384.75</b>

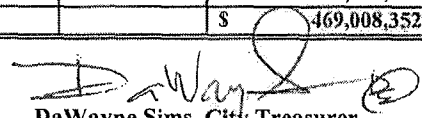
Cash Equivalents (as of 06/01/2022) & Investments (Market Value as of May 27, 2022)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
Pension Plan III	WSFS	CD	6/24/2022	0.01%	\$ 2.43	\$ 296,245.94
Fire Pension	TD	CD	8/11/2022	1.10%	\$ 10,152.71	\$ 3,691,893.61
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 3,988,139.55</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
Pension Trust	Rhumblin 3000					\$ 48,567,690.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Market Index					\$ 4,548,074.00
Pension Trust	Edgar Lomax					\$ 19,762,560.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin 1000					\$ 14,936,293.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 17,471,298.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 15,817,994.00
Pension Trust	AB Global Core					\$ 13,351,932.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 12,036,659.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 14,089,129.00
Pension Trust	Hartford Schroder					\$ 2,707,210.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 5,437,680.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 1,267,857.00
Pension Trust	Wellington Emerging					\$ 3,623,032.00
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 16,088,836.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 11,795,668.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 36,567,602.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 35,018,340.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 4,441,493.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 759,548.00
Pension Trust	Vanguard-OPEB					\$ 29,244,112.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 307,533,007.00</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 311,521,146.55</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 1,361,384.75</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$ 312,882,531.30</b>

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 456,733,978.40</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 12,274,374.27</b>
<b>Grand Total<sup>1</sup></b>						<b>\$ 469,008,352.67</b>

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

  
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## NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

All Council	Recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day (Moms Demand Action)
Cabrera	Recognize Jose Berrios
Congo	Recognize Reverend Dr. Clifford I. Johnson
Darby	Sympathy Mary P. Bond
B. Fields	Sympathy Thomas R. Onley
B. Fields	Recognize St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Harlee	Sympathy Raymond L. Grayson, Jr.
Oliver	Recognize Tina Betz
Oliver	Recognize Shadfest
Oliver	Recognize Planned Parenthood of Delaware
Oliver	Recognize Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County, Inc.
Oliver	Sympathy Bennie "Zip" Young
Oliver	Sympathy U'Quan I. Davis
Oliver	Sympathy Wilbert E. Normand, Jr.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Congo opened up the floor for public comments and the following individual spoke:

- D. Marque Hall

Upon a motion of Council Member Gray, seconded by Council Member Oliver, the public comment segment was extended until 8:00 p.m. Motion prevailed. The following individuals also spoke:

- Shyanne Miller
- Brad Chadams
- Tony Dunn
- Brianna Henderson

## LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 22-024 (Agenda #0174) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, House Bill (HB) No. 234 is an act to amend Title 31 of the Delaware Code to extend Medicaid coverage from the current limit of 60 days following



a pregnancy, or postpartum, to 12 months after delivery. Approximately one-third of maternal deaths occur during pregnancy, but 52 percent occur following delivery, or postpartum. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), about two-thirds of these deaths are preventable. HB No. 234 provides postpartum women with greater access to healthcare so that medical professionals can identify and treat maternal health conditions before they result in life-threatening complications. This proposed bill can be instrumental in decreasing maternal mortality generally and reducing racial and economic disparities in maternal mortality in particular; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States' maternal death rates are currently among the worst when compared to other high-income countries, specifically with regards to late maternal deaths, or fatalities occurring more than six weeks postpartum. In 2020, 861 women died in this country from pregnancy-related health complications, which was an increase from 754 women in the previous year; and

**WHEREAS**, for every death, there are 70 severe maternal morbidity events, where unexpected problems caused short or long-term injuries or disabilities as a result of labor or delivery. The leading causes of postpartum deaths are severe bleeding, blood clots, infection, cardiovascular complications and mental health-related conditions, such as death by suicide and substance abuse induced by postpartum depression. One in seven women experience postpartum depression, and nearly half of these cases are not diagnosed by a health professional; and

**WHEREAS**, during the postpartum recovery period, women experience complex physical, emotional and psychological challenges that require ongoing support and monitoring from medical professionals. Without access to health insurance coverage during the postpartum period, women are more vulnerable to health complications and delayed diagnosis of treatable conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, poverty and race are linked to persistent maternal health disparities. Those living in poverty, which is a key eligibility requirement for receiving Medicaid coverage, face higher barriers to care and are at increased risk of maternal morbidity. In Delaware, 20 percent of Black women live in poverty, compared to 9% of White women. Low-income Black women in this State are more likely to be uninsured, and 11 percent of Black women of child-bearing age lack health insurance. This creates gaps in health coverage that place Black women in imminent danger of experiencing pregnancy-related injury or death; and

**WHEREAS**, severe maternal morbidity rose by 37 percent in recent years in Delaware; 53 percent of these deaths were preventable. Black women in the State die from pregnancy-related complications three to four times as often as White women; and

**WHEREAS**, the poverty rate is high in Wilmington, especially among Black women. The City of Wilmington ranks highest in the State, across indicators, for negative maternal health outcomes. Extending postpartum medical coverage from 60 days after delivery under federal Medicaid regulations to 12 months from the end of pregnancy would positively impact maternal health in the City of Wilmington and throughout the State of Delaware.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Wilmington City Council supports HB No. 234 and welcomes the proposed amendments to Title 31 of the Delaware Code that

would provide health insurance coverage to Medicaid recipients through the first year of their postpartum recovery; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Legislative body strongly encourages your support for the passage of HB No. 234.

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Darby spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. President Congo requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Darby, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 22-025 (Agenda #0175) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 340 (HB No. 340), “An Act to Amend Title 31 Of Delaware Code Relating to Child and Maternal Mortality,” proposes to expand the duties of the Child Death Review Commission to improve the health community’s understanding of maternal morbidity, mortality and racial disparities. It also updates the definition of “maternal death” to include deaths during pregnancy, up to one year after delivery, as well as fatalities “aggravated by” pregnancy or birth, such as death by suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States has one of the highest rates of maternal mortality among developed countries. There are also significant racial disparities. Nationally, African American mothers are twice as likely to receive late or no prenatal care compared with White mothers. Black women die from pregnancy-related complications at two to three times the rate of White women, Asian/Pacific Islander women, and Hispanic women. In 2018, Black mothers lost their infants four times more often to low-birth-weight complications and two times more often to sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) than non-Hispanic White mothers; and

**WHEREAS**, in Delaware, severe maternal morbidity rose by 37 percent in recent years. Evidence of racial disparities at the state level mirror national health outcomes. Black women die from pregnancy-related complications three to four times more often than White women. Delaware ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the country for infant mortality in 2017. Between 2014 and 2018, Delaware’s Black infants died at a rate of 12.2 deaths per 1,000 live births, compared with 4.5 deaths per 1,000 live births for White infants. Babies born to African American women are 2.7 times more likely to die than babies born to White women; and

**WHEREAS**, the proportion of low birth weight infants in New Castle County surpasses all other counties in the State of Delaware. Most of the State's population growth is concentrated in the City of Wilmington. There were 71.2 births per 1,000, the most statewide. More than one in ten Wilmington babies had low birth weights from 2014 to 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Council is in favor of HB No. 340 which aims to amend Title 31 of the Delaware Code on child and maternal mortality.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council encourages members of the Delaware General Assembly to support the passage of HB No. 340.

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Darby spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. Council Member Gray requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

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, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, eight. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, Spadola and Walsh. Total, five.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 22-026 (Agenda #0176) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 341 (HB No. 341), "An Act to Amend Title 31 of the Delaware Code Relating to TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Work Requirements and Maternal Health," requires that the State exempt pregnant persons or primary caregivers of a child six months of age or younger from TANF work requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, TANF is a critical lifeline for low-income Delawareans who rarely qualify for paid family or medical leave. The pregnancy and postpartum periods can place added physical, emotional, and financial stress on low-income families. The time necessary for a new mother or caregiver to adjust to their new home environment, recover from childbirth, and safely resume their work duties can be longer than the TANF regulation currently allows; and

**WHEREAS**, the first months of a baby's life are critical in their development. Under the current TANF policy, pregnant women, new mothers and caretakers must return to work prematurely or face sanctions for being out of compliance with the work requirement, which increases the vulnerability of the entire family unit. Adverse consequences can include child and maternal health complications; a reduced

likelihood that infants will be breastfed, have timely medical visits, or be vaccinated according to the recommended schedule; and interruption in the bonding process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** is in favor of HB No. 341 which requires that the State exempt pregnant persons or primary caregivers of a child six months of age or younger from TANF work requirements.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council respectfully requests that members of the Delaware General Assembly support the passage of HB No. 341, “An Act to Amend Title 31 of the Delaware Code Relating to TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Work Requirements and Maternal Health.”

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

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Darby, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 22-027 (Agenda #0177) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 343 proposes that the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance must present a plan to the General Assembly by November 1, 2022 for coverage of doula services by Medicaid providers.

**WHEREAS**, doulas provide mothers and parents with little experience and poor support systems with physical, emotional, and educational support during pregnancy, birth, and the immediate postpartum period. Currently, Medicaid does not cover doula services which have been shown to decrease the need for Cesarean sections, duration of labor, traumatizing experiences, and need for pain relief medication; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wilmington ranks highest across indicators for negative child and maternal health outcomes. There are also persistently high poverty rates. Medicaid recipients, who have limited income and are more likely to lack strong family support systems during the pregnancy process have an imminent need for the hands-on support offered by doulas. Covering the costs of doulas for Medicaid recipients is an opportunity to make major advances in the fight to improve child and maternal health in the State of Delaware.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Council is in favor of HB No. 343 which aims to lay the groundwork for coverage of doula services by Medicaid providers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council encourages members of the Delaware General Assembly to support the passage of HB No. 343.

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member Gray, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Darby spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. President Congo requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Cabrera made comments. Council Member Johnson made comments. Council Member McCoy made comments.

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, Darby, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 22-028 (Agenda #0178) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 344 (HB No. 344), “An Act to Amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code Relating to Bias Training for Health care Workers,” was introduced to combat internalized stereotypes that affect the behavior of individuals in the health care industry. HB No. 344 requires annual explicit and implicit bias training for licensed medical professionals and support staff in the State of Delaware to reduce disparate outcomes and ensure that all patients receive fair treatment and quality health care; and

**WHEREAS**, implicit and explicit biases based on race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, and other characteristics contribute to disparate health outcomes “across a range of illnesses and health care services.” Research has shown that women are less likely to survive a heart attack when they are treated by a male physician and surgeon. Non-White patients receive necessary medical treatments like cardiovascular interventions, renal transplants and non-narcotic and narcotic pain medications less often than White patients. Non-English-dominant patients are not always provided language services at health facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, racial and ethnic minorities receive lower-quality health care than White patients, even after adjusting for insurance status, income, age, the severity of the condition and other factors. A study of 400 hospitals concluded that Black women are more likely to die after being diagnosed with breast cancer. Nationally, African American women are three to four times more likely than White women to die from pregnancy-related causes. Infant and maternal mortality rates are range between two to nearly three times higher than rates for Caucasians; and

**WHEREAS**, the persistence of bias in the health care system can deter individuals from seeking treatment. LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning) patients report that they are less likely to seek timely medical care because they experience disrespect and discrimination from healthcare staff. Black men are less likely to undergo chemotherapy or radiation therapy for prostate cancer and are more likely to have testicle(s) removed; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware is the second smallest state, but has the fifth highest infant mortality rate in the U.S. There is much room for improvement in providing equitable access to the medical services in Delaware; and

**WHEREAS**, the mortality rate for Black infants in the City of Wilmington is more than three times that of White babies across Delaware. Women in Wilmington have limited options for preventive care in their communities, and face barriers like limited provider Medicaid participation and travel distance, among many other obstacles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Wilmington City Council expresses favor for the passage of HB No. 344 that aims to amend Title 16 of Delaware Code relating to bias training for health care workers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council request members of the Delaware General Assembly support the passage of HB No. 344.

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member Gray, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Darby spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. President Congo requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Darby, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 22-029 (Agenda #0179) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 346 (HB No. 346), “An Act to Amend Title 31 of the Delaware Code Relating to Patient Monitoring Devices,” removes the requirement that a pregnant patient enrolled in the state Medicaid program receive prior authorization for an automated take-home blood pressure cuff when the automated take-home blood pressure cuff is recommended by their doctor; and

**WHEREAS**, pregnant members enrolled with a Managed Care Organization (MCO) can already receive an automated take-home blood pressure cuff

without prior authorization, patients enrolled in the Medicaid fee for service program must go through the additional step of obtaining preauthorization; and

**WHEREAS**, blood pressure monitoring devices are essential to prenatal care because high blood pressure is the first indicator of preeclampsia, a health risk during pregnancy. If left untreated, preeclampsia can lead to complications like stroke, seizures, organ damage or failure, temporary blindness and death. It is also a common cause of premature labor and low birth weight in infants, which puts those children at greater risk of learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and other serious health challenges throughout their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, in Delaware, severe maternal morbidity rose by 37 percent in recent years. New Castle County had the highest rate of low-birth-weight infants of all Delaware counties. More than one in ten low birth weight babies were born to families in the City of Wilmington from 2014 to 2018. Eliminating the preauthorization requirement would be a significant step toward improving maternal healthcare throughout the State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Council is in favor of HB No. 346, which ensures access to take-home blood pressure monitoring devices for all Medicaid patients.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council encourages members of the Delaware General Assembly to support the passage of HB No. 346.

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member Gray, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Darby 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, Darby, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, eight. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, N. Field, Spadola and Walsh. Total, five.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented Resolution No. 22-030 (Agenda #0180) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 385 (HB No. 385) would allow municipalities with a population of 50,000 or more to legislate regulations that are more restrictive than State law regarding the location of liquor stores and require that the Alcohol Commissioner refuse licenses to any new establishments that do not comply with municipality ordinances. HB No. 385 would provide a necessary complement to Delaware § 543, Title 4 of the State Code, which establishes grounds for refusal of licensing for alcoholic liquor stores, for larger municipalities in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, there is extensive evidence demonstrating the adverse effects of having a high density of alcohol outlets within a municipality. Negative

externalities associated with the oversaturation of off-premises liquor licensees include social harms, such as underage drinking, increased homicide and assault rates, self-reported injuries, motor vehicle and pedestrian accidents, as well as increased domestic abuse. They have also been tied to negative health outcomes, like increased incidences of suicides, binge drinking, and cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the unique and specific effects of high densities of off-premises alcohol dispensaries, such as gas stations and liquor stores, HB No. 385 will be instrumental in preserving the appropriate balance between economic development and the health and safety of our communities. The public health outcomes in minority, low-income and young neighborhoods have been heavily impacted by off-premises alcohol density rates. Research has identified higher densities of liquor stores and retail alcohol outlets as statistically significant factors in violent crime and youth homicide rates; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilmington has one of the top crime rates per capita in the nation. There are approximately 50 stores with alcohol licenses, 44 schools and over 150 churches within the City's incorporated limits. HB No. 385 increases Council's capacity to adjust ordinances related to liquor licenses to correspond with the social and public health realities our City is currently facing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** is strongly in favor of HB No. 385, which allows heavily populated municipalities in the State of Delaware to have stricter guidelines on liquor store licensure, with enforcement support from the Alcohol Commissioner.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wilmington City Council encourages the Delaware General Assembly to support HB No. 385 to bolster Wilmington's capacity to safeguard the quality of life for residents.

Upon a motion of Council Member Darby, seconded by Council Member Gray, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Darby spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. President Congo requested to be added as co-sponsor. Council Member Cabrera requested to be added as a co-sponsor and made comments. Council Member B. Fields made comments.

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, Darby, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, eight. Present, Council Member N. Field. Total, one. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-026 (Agenda #0181) entitled:



AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE CONCORD AND MADISON  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:** This Ordinance has no significant anticipated fiscal impact.

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

Council Member Darby presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-027 (Agenda #0182) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT ELDERLY AND DISABLED  
RESIDENTS AND RESIDENCES WITH CHILDREN UNDER  
THE AGE OF FIVE FROM WATER SERVICE DISCONNECTION  
FOR NONPAYMENT OF UTILITY CHARGES

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** Although this legislation exempts eligible residents from water utility shutoffs for nonpayment, the effective deployment of LIHWAP funds should offset any negative fiscal impact to the City, therefore the legislation should be revenue neutral.

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

Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 22-031 (Agenda #0183) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Title 4, Chapter 7 of the Delaware Code prohibits the sale of alcohol after 1:00 AM; and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant and leisure industries are amongst the most impacted by the pandemic, prolonging the operating hours for on-premises alcohol consumption can increase their potential for revenue and growth. The City of Wilmington's proximity to other large cities and the recent easing of COVID-19 restrictions presents an opportunity for the City to offer alternative late-night entertainment that attracts and retains tourists; and

**WHEREAS**, an increased allowance of hours in Wilmington would allow for more local independence and flexibility. Businesses licensed for on-premises alcohol sales would be at liberty to retain their current hours or to expand them, as deemed necessary to allow a greater window of opportunity for revenue generation; and

**WHEREAS**, the risks of alcohol-related traffic accidents have been reduced over the years due to the wide availability of ride-sharing services; and

**WHEREAS**, later operating hours would enable Wilmington to boost its regional competitiveness with other cities in this sector. A majority of states give municipalities the flexibility to permit alcohol service until at least 2:00 AM, to allow for additional economic activity. All states adjacent to the State of Delaware have allowances for comparatively later hours of operation for their municipalities, under certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the leisure and hospitality sector has had the largest employment loss of any industry. Restaurants and other businesses that require high levels of social interaction were limited in their ability to adapt to COVID-19. As the State of Delaware works to support industries impacted by the pandemic, extending hours for late-night entertainment and alcohol consumption in the City of Wilmington can help businesses rebound and grow.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** encourages the Delaware General Assembly to allow for the City of Wilmington to extend its legal on-premises alcohol sales to 2:00 a.m. EST.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that by increasing operating hours for businesses selling alcohol on-premises to match those of municipalities in surrounding states, the State of Delaware can increase its regional competitiveness, attract and retain tourists, and generate more local spending in Wilmington. After the significant financial hardships that accompanied the pandemic, an easement of restrictions is necessary to support the economic recovery of our struggling businesses.

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. President Congo requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Members Johnson, B. Fields, Darby and Cabrera requested to be added as a co-sponsor and made comments. Council Member Oliver made closing comments.

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, Darby, Oliver, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, three.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 22-018 (Agenda #0155) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 OF THE  
CITY CODE TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR  
COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS COMMITTING  
HEALTH AND SANITATION VIOLATIONS

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This Ordinance will provide approximately \$200,000 in additional revenue to the City based on projections of fines issued to apartment buildings and commercial establishments.

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Gray, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance and made comments. Council Member Spadola made comments. Council Members B. Fields and Cabrera requested to be added as a co-sponsor and made comments. President Congo requested to be added as co-sponsor.

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, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills and Spadola, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Harlee and Walsh. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 22-024 (Agenda #0167) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN  
EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 20011PW (SEWER  
MAINTENANCE) BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON  
AND BRANDYWINE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is two (2) one-year contract extensions for the periods of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at the estimated prices of One Million Three Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$1,337,829.55) for the first extension and One Million Three Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$1,364,586.14) for the second extension.

Upon motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance.

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, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, three.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Oliver presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 22-025 (Agenda #0168) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE  
AN ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT CONTRACT  
STARTING IN FISCAL YEAR 2023

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** The fiscal impact of this Ordinance cannot be precisely quantified because the pricing and length of the contract(s) will be determined immediately prior to execution of the contract(s). As a point of reference, the City has spent approximately Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) on the procurement of electricity in each of the last two fiscal years.

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

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, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, ten. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, three.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 22-032\* (Agenda #0184) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 2-104 of the City Charter, City Council shall provide for such committees as it deems necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council deems it desirable to update the personnel assignments for its standing committees for the 108th Council Session; and

**WHEREAS**, Council adopted Resolution No. 21-006 establishing the 108<sup>th</sup> Session Standing Committees and the personnel assignments; and

**WHEREAS**, Council amended Resolution No. 21-006 by adopting Resolution No. 22-011, amending the 108<sup>th</sup> Session Standing Committees and the personnel assignments; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution amends Resolution No. 22-011 to update the personnel assignments for the 108<sup>th</sup> Session Standing Committees to appoint: (1) Albert Mills to the Education, Youth & Family Services Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that this Resolution amends Resolution No. 22-011 to update the personnel assignments for the 108<sup>th</sup> Session Standing Committees to be as follows:

**Finance & Economic Development**

**Chris Johnson, Chair**

Michelle Harlee, Vice Chair

Nathan Field

Zanthia Oliver

Loretta Walsh

James Spadola

**Education, Youth & Family Services**

**Yolanda M. McCoy, Chair**

Linda M. Gray, Vice Chair

Shané N. Darby

Bregetta A. Fields

Zanthia Oliver

Albert Mills

**Public Safety**

**Loretta Walsh, Chair**

Zanthia Oliver, Vice Chair

Linda M. Gray

Chris Johnson

James Spadola

Albert Mills

**Health, Aging & Disabilities**

**Bregetta A. Fields, Chair**

Maria D. Cabrera, Vice Chair

Yolanda M. McCoy

Albert Mills

Zanthia Oliver

**Community Development & Urban Planning**

**Maria D. Cabrera, Chair**

Nathan Field, Vice Chair

Yolanda M. McCoy

Bregetta A. Fields

James Spadola

Shané N. Darby

**Intergovernmental**

**Linda M. Gray, Chair**

Shané N. Darby, Vice Chair

Michelle Harlee

Yolanda M. McCoy

Zanthia Oliver

**Public Works & Transportation**

**Zanthia Oliver, Chair**

Loretta Walsh, Vice Chair

Linda M. Gray

Nathan Field

Bregetta A. Fields

James Spadola

**Personnel Committee**

**Michelle Harlee, Chair**

Chris Johnson, Vice Chair

Shané N. Darby

Nathan Field

James Spadola

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member McCoy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver 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, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Present, Council Member Darby. Total, one. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, three.

*\*Note: The tallied vote on Res. 22-032 was inadvertently misstated and noted at the June 16 Council meeting to be corrected and reflected correctly in the minutes herein.*

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

On behalf of President Congo, Council Member Oliver presented Resolution No. 22-033 (Agenda #0185) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-369 of the City Code requires grants awarded by the Mayor, City Council or the City Treasurer in the amount of \$5,000 or more to be approved by resolution of City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council wishes to award a grant to the Nemours Foundation (Children Health) in the amount of \$13,500; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant funding will help to support various needs of the families in the twenty-seven (27) units on Adams Street that were displaced due the housing/apartment facility being condemned by the City of Wilmington; and

**WHEREAS**, Council is collaborating with Nemours to address the immediate basic daily needs of these families to ensure funds and/or resources are quickly made available such as the following but not limited to: food, transportation, luggage, storage, gas, coordination of medical services, etc.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that City Council hereby approves the issuance of a grant from City Council to the Nemours Foundation (Children Health) in the amount of 13,500.

Upon a motion of Council Member Oliver, seconded by Council Member Gray, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Oliver spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. President Congo made comments. Council Members Gray and Oliver made comments.

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, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Darby, Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

On behalf of Council Member Harlee, Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution No. 22-034 (Agenda #0186) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, City Charter Section 1-101 provides that the City may acquire, hold, manage, and dispose of property on such terms as it deems proper for any municipal purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, City Charter Section 2-621(a) provides that City Council shall by resolution declare a property approved for disposition and authorize the conduct of disposition proceedings by the Department of Real Estate and Housing; and

**WHEREAS**, City Charter Section 2-621(c) provides that non-profit organizations are exempt from the City's bid procedures and that upon the declaration of a property approved for disposition by resolution of City Council, the Department of Real Estate may negotiate an agreement of sale, lease, exchange, or other transfer of such property owned by the City to any such non-profit organization; and

**WHEREAS**, City Charter Section 8-204 provides that the City may accept the conveyance of an interest in real estate with the approval of City Council, and an easement is an interest in real estate; and

**WHEREAS**, the City currently owns the parcel of real estate located at 105 South Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, being New Castle County Tax Parcel ID No. 26-043.00-009 (the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, because the Property is an essential and necessary component of the proposed "South Market Street Development Project" located within the 86-acre "Riverfront East" concerning which the City has a longstanding partnership with the Riverfront Development Corporation to develop and improve the area for the benefit of the City and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property will be used for a public roadway and riverwalk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Riverfront Development Corporation ("RDC") is a non-profit corporation to which the Department of Real Estate may lawfully convey title of the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council finds it is desirable and beneficial to the City to further the South Market Street Development Plan by conveying the Property to the RDC; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council similarly finds it desirable and beneficial to the City to receive certain easements in the Property in order to have access to maintain, repair, and replace utilities when the Property is conveyed to the RDC; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the recommendation of the Department of Real Estate and Housing, City Council wishes to declare the Property surplus and available for disposition; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that Council hereby declares the Property to be surplus and approves it for disposition to the RDC pursuant to the proposed Agreement of Sale (Exhibit A) and similarly approves the City's acceptance of all necessary and appropriate easements in the Property (See Exhibit B); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council hereby authorizes the Mayor or such other designee or authorized Department Head to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the dispositional proceedings for the Property and the acceptance of all necessary easements in the Property, including any and all further undertakings and assurances that may be appropriate.

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

*Note: During this time, President Congo was experiencing technical difficulties and Council Member Cabrera presided over the meeting for a short period of time.*

Pro Tempore Cabrera 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, B. Fields, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills. Total, seven. Nays, President Congo. Total, one. Present, Council Member McCoy. Total, one. Absent, Council Members Darby, Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, four.

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

On behalf of Council Member Harlee, Council Member Cabrera presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 22-028 (Agenda #0187) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE "A" STREET BETWEEN  
NORTH MARKET STREET AND NORTH WALNUT  
STREET IN A RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE

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

Council Members B. Fields, McCoy and Johnson did not have any legislation to present this evening.



Council Member N. Field presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 22-021 (Agenda #0159) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF A PRIVATE STREET THAT EXTENDS IN A NORTHWEST DIRECTION FROM THE 2400 BLOCK OF RIDDLE AVENUE, ADD THE STREET TO THE OFFICIAL CITY MAP, AND NAME THE STREET AS “RIDDLE AVENUE”

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

Upon a motion of Council Member N. Field, seconded by Council Member Gray, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member N. Field spoke on the purpose of the Ordinance and 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, Oliver, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Darby, Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, four.

*Note: During this time, President Congo was experiencing technical difficulties and Council Member Cabrera presided over the meeting for a short period of time.*

President Pro Tempore Cabrera declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Cabrera presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 22-022\*\* (Agenda #0160) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT 22004LI BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND R&A CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR VACANT PROPERTY SERVICES

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** The fiscal impact of this Ordinance is a one-year contract extension at an estimated price of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$120,350.00).

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

Member Gray raised questions and Council Member Cabrera responded. Council Member Oliver 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, Oliver, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, eight. Present, Council Member Darby. Total, one. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Harlee, B. Fields, Spadola and Walsh. Total, four.

*\*\*Note: The tallied vote on Ord. 22-022 was inadvertently misstated and noted at the June 16 Council meeting to be corrected and reflected correctly in the minutes herein.*

During this time, Clerk Seijo stated that Councilmembers need to state for the record and for the viewing audience that they're being excused.

President Congo declared the Ordinance adopted.

Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution No. 22-035 (Agenda #0188) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, recent findings have found that gender-based price discrimination for car insurance disproportionately affects women despite driving histories identical to their male counterparts. Senate Bill No. 231 will remove gender as a factor in determining car insurance premiums to end the trend of unfair insurance premiums. SB No. 231 is in alignment with the research, findings and policy recommendations of the Delaware Department of Insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 21 - § 2218 mandates insurance for all vehicles registered in the State. Insurance premiums are an unavoidable cost to residents who own vehicles, and

**WHEREAS**, a recent auto insurance report finds that women in the State of Delaware are involved in fewer automobile accidents than men. Gender-based pricing for car insurance contrasts with Delaware's principle of non-discrimination based on immutable characteristics, which is necessary for a fair and equitable State, and

**WHEREAS**, precedent for the prohibition of gender-based pricing exists in the states of California, Hawaii, California, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Wilmington City Council is in favor of SB No. 231, which prohibits the use of gender, gender identity or sex as a rating factor in personal automobile insurance policies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wilmington City Council urges the members of the Delaware General Assembly to support SB No. 231 as a step toward greater gender equity for all Delaware automobile owners.

Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Oliver, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Cabrera spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. President Congo requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call for the roll.

The above-referenced Resolution was received, adopted as read and directed to be recorded and filed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Gray, Oliver, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera and Mills, and Council President Congo. Total, nine. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Darby, Harlee, Spadola and Walsh. Total, four.

*Note: During the roll call, Council Members Oliver and B. Fields requested to be added as a co-sponsor.*

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

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

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: everyone was encouraged to stay safe; Texas incident; announcement of community events; announcement of an upcoming Finance & Economic Development Committee meeting and including but not limited to announcement of an upcoming Gun Violence Forum.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion of Council Members McCoy and B. Fields, seconded by Council Member Oliver, Council adjourned at 9:18 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Attest:   
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk