

*Wilmington City Council
Wilmington, Delaware
May 16, 2024*

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 Maribel Seijo, 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 White, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields (virtual), McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera**, Mills (virtual), Spadola* and Bracy**, and Council President Congo. Total, thirteen.

MINUTES

After reading a portion of the minutes of May 2, 2024, upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harlee, it was moved they be accepted as written. Motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

Finance & Economic Development Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Chris Johnson, Chair	Y		
Michelle Harlee, Vice Chair	Y		
Latisha Bracy	Y		
Nathan Field	Y		
Zanthia Oliver	Y		
James Spadola	Y		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	Y		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 13, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 24-013** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION
ON REAL PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
ON JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2025

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 Member Harlee, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

**Note: At this time, Council Member Spadola, who initially was virtual, was recognized as being present in the Chambers and is reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).*

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

Finance & Economic Development Committee Member	Present	Absent w Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Chris Johnson, Chair	Y		
Michelle Harlee, Vice Chair	Y		
Latisha Bracy	Y		
Nathan Field	Y		
Zanthia Oliver	Y		
James Spadola	Y		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo, Ex-Officio	Y		

President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 13, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 24-014** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR
THE SIX FISCAL YEARS 2025 – 2030 INCLUSIVE

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 Member Harlee, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

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President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 13, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 24-015** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

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 Member Harlee, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

***Note: At this time, Council Members Cabrera and Bracy were recognized as being present and reflected in the minutes herein (Roll Call).*

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Chris Johnson, Chair	Y		
Michelle Harlee, Vice Chair	Y		
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The City of Wilmington

May 13, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 24-016** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2025

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of Finance & Economic Development Committee

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President and Members of Council of The City of Wilmington

May 13, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 24-017** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES, WATER RATES AND CHARGES, AND STORMWATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

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

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President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 13, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 24-024** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES, STATE OF DELAWARE TO ENFORCE DELAWARE DOG CONTROL AND DANGEROUS DOG STATUTES

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

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Finance & Economic Development Committee

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President and Members of Council of
The City of Wilmington

May 13, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Finance & Economic Development Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 24-026** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW METHODOLOGY FOR
CALCULATING CITY COUNCIL SALARIES AND TO
ESTABLISH SALARIES OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR
THE 109TH COUNCIL SESSION TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF
JANUARY 7, 2025

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 Member Harlee, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following Treasurer's Report for May 16, 2024 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Members McCoy and Harlee, the Report was received, recorded and filed. Motion prevailed.

Note: The Treasurer's Report is included herein as an insert from Page 7 to Page 9.

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City of Wilmington



DaWayne Sims
City Treasurer

Treasurer's Report May 16, 2024

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 05/15/2024):


General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,171,983.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 2,296,628.03
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,487.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 6,001.21
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,148,644.29
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 11,744.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 30,022.73
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 7,437.97
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
Total Cash on Hand		\$ 11,789,711.66

Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 05/15/2024):

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.99%	\$ 4,197.42	\$ 37,819,299.20
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	4.58%	\$ 5,063.03	\$ 3,061,286.70
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	4.58%	\$ 7,383.79	\$ 4,464,502.86
General	TD	High Yield Checking	13	4.58%	\$ 12,217.77	\$ 7,387,295.87
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 52,732,384.63
Investments:						
Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Int. Receiv.	Investment Amount
Police & Fire Remem.	WSFS	CD	1/23/2025	4.88%	\$ 1,168.38	\$ 26,124.17
General	TD	CD	6/18/2024	5.28%	\$ 356,852.83	\$ 40,551,457.57
General	TD	CD*	6/14/2024	5.28%	\$ 150,684.35	\$ 17,123,221.88
General	TD	CD	6/17/2024	5.28%	\$ 277,737.03	\$ 31,043,632.80
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 88,744,436.42
RESERVE:						
General ¹	TD	CD	5/20/2024	5.45%	\$ 496,117.62	\$ 18,206,151.22
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 18,206,151.22
RESTRICTED:						
Capital Project	TD	CD	6/14/2024	5.28%	\$ 13,060.46	\$ 1,484,142.82
Capital Project	TD	CD	6/14/2024	5.28%	\$ 1,493.05	\$ 169,664.62
Capital Project	TD	CD	6/14/2024	5.28%	\$ 119,006.19	\$ 13,523,431.21
Water/Sewer	TD	CD	5/20/2024	5.45%	\$ 95,373.61	\$ 3,499,948.83
State Bonds Proceeds	TD	CD	6/14/2024	5.28%	\$ 30,345.70	\$ 3,448,375.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 22,125,562.48
Total Investments						\$ 181,808,534.75
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 11,789,711.66
Grand Total						\$ 193,598,246.41

¹ Budget Reserve

*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines


DaWayne Sims, City Treasurer

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DaWayne Sims
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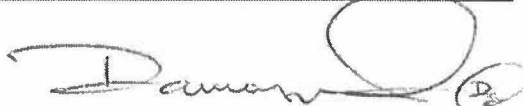
Treasurer's Report - Pensions I May 16, 2024

Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 05/15/2024):

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	92,773.18
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	2,559,678.76
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	120,169.23
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	102,886.03
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	174,625.43
Non-Uniform Pension Plan 2	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
Old Non-Uniform Pension - Plan 1	M & T Bank	\$	1,592.81
Total Cash on Hand		\$	3,052,725.44

Cash Equivalents (as of 05/15/2024) & Investments (Market Value as of May 10, 2024)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
LIQUIDITY:						
Fire Pension II	TD	CD	6/28/2024	5.28%	\$ 16,376.28	\$ 1,860,940.89
Fire Pension III	TD	CD	7/8/2024	5.27%	\$ 34,255.00	\$ 3,900,000.00
SUB-TOTAL:						\$ 5,760,940.89
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Rhumblinc (S&P 500)					\$ 98,581,294.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 17,691,138.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 13,824,908.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 13,764,255.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 14,235,198.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 17,582,738.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 2,463,934.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Emerging					\$ 2,937,295.00


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Treasurer's Report - Pensions II May 16, 2024

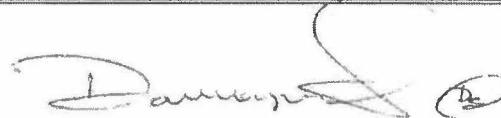
Investments (Market Value May 10, 2024)

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
RESERVE:						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 10,094,200.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 8,357,407.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 15,632,334.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 32,282,058.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 28,275,201.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 9,206,395.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 1,455,789.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 33,690,224.00
SUB-TOTAL						\$ 320,074,368.00
Total Investments						\$ 325,835,308.89
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 3,052,725.44
Grand Total						\$ 328,888,034.33

Total Funds under Treasury Management:

Total Investments						\$ 507,643,843.64
Total Cash on Hand						\$ 14,842,437.10
Grand Total¹						\$ 522,486,280.74

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


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At this time, a moment of silence was done to observe the passing of former State Representative Joseph G. DiPinto.

NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

a. Recognition Resolutions

Cabrera	Recognize Wilmington Early Care & Education Council
Cabrera	Recognize Ajit Mathew George (70 th Birthday)
Congo	Welcome and Recognize The Eastern Association Student Financial Aid Administrators

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Cabrera	Sympathy Carmen Maria Pabon Rodriguez
Oliver	Sympathy Louise Marie Clark
Oliver	Sympathy De'Ja Kiandra Harris

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- o Deacon Earl E. Tate, II
- o Tazz Cuffy
- o Shyanne Miller
- o Christian Willauer
- o Lourdes Rivera
- o Branden Fletcher

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member White presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 24-024 (Agenda #0422) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTORIZE AND APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES, STATE OF DELAWARE TO ENFORCE DELAWARE DOG CONTROL AND DANGEROUS DOG STATUTES

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: This Ordinance has an anticipated fiscal impact of \$904,166.16 over a three (3) year period.

Upon a motion of Council Member White, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, the Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Cabrera requested to be added as a co-sponsor and made comments. Council Member B. Fields requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member White made closing comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call 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 White, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 24-032 (Agenda #0433) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (WWTP SWITCHGEAR & ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION PHASE I PROJECT), SERIES A OF 2024-WPCR, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR REPLACEMENTS AT THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE 2024A BOND TO THE DELAWARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION

The above-referenced Ordinance was given two separate readings by title only and upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harlee, 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. 24-013 (Agenda #0402) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION ON REAL PROPERTY AND THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2025

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

President Congo requested the Clerk to call 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 White, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 24-014 (Agenda #0403) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL PROGRAM
FOR THE SIX FISCAL YEARS 2025-2030 INCLUSIVE

IMPACT STATEMENT: The six-year Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2025 – 2030 is in the amount of \$411,845,101. This is an estimate of funds necessary to meet the future capital needs of the City. The breakdown is as follows: \$111,950,101, General Fund; \$266,895,000, Water/Sewer Fund; and \$33,000,000, Other Funds.

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

President Congo requested the Clerk to call 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 White, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, thirteen. Nays, none.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 24-015 (Agenda #0404) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CAPITAL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

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

President Congo requested the Clerk to call the roll.

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President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 24-016 (Agenda #0405) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL
OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 2, 2024 AND
ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2025

Council Member Johnson presented a **Substitute (Rev. 1)** in lieu of that ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL
OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 2, 2024 AND
ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2025

Upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harlee, the Substitute 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 Harlee, White and Oliver made comments. Council Member Harlee made additional comments. Council Members Mills and B. Fields made comments. Council Member Johnson made closing comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call the roll.

The above-referenced **Substitute** Ordinance was read for the third and final time and was adopted by title and section recurring to the Enacting Clause and was passed by the following Yea and Nay Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Council Members Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Bracy. Total, ten. Nays, Council Member Darby and Council President Congo. Total, two. Present, Council Member White. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Substitute Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Johnson presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 24-017 (Agenda #0406) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF CITY CODE REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES, WATER RATES AND CHARGES, AND STORMWATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Council Member Johnson presented a **Substitute (Rev. 1)** in lieu of that ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 45 OF CITY CODE REGARDING SEWER SYSTEM RATES AND CHARGES, WATER RATES AND CHARGES, AND STORMWATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

FISCAL IMPACT: The projected fiscal impact of this Substitute Ordinance is an annual increase of \$3.7 million in revenue (net of bad debt) to the Water/Sewer Fund. Below is a table showing the fiscal impact on a typical residential customer living in the City.

FY 2025 Rate Increase Impact on Typical Residential Customer				
Water, Sewer & Stormwater Typical Monthly Bill Impact (Inside City Residential 5/8 inch meter @ 4,000 gallons monthly consumption)				
Services	Monthly Charge FY 2024	Monthly Charge FY 2025	Monthly Increase	Monthly % Increase
Water	\$36.33	\$38.44	\$2.11	5.81%
Sewer	26.58	28.12	1.54	5.79%
Stormwater	5.35	5.56	0.21	3.93%
Total Bill	\$68.26	\$72.12	\$3.86	5.65%

Upon a motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Harlee, the Substitute Ordinance was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member Johnson spoke on the purpose of the Substitute Ordinance and made comments. Council Members Oliver, Bracy, Harlee McCoy, Cabrera, B. Fields and Darby made comments. Council Member Harlee made additional

comments. Council Member B. Fields made a point of order about the off topic of the current legislation being discussed. President Congo responded to the point of order. Council Member B. Fields followed-up on the point of order and requested the President allow Council Member Harlee to respond to Council Member Darby's comments, which were off topic. President Congo responded to the point of order. Council Member Spadola made comments regarding the point of order. President Congo made comments. Council Member Johnson made closing comments.

President Congo requested the Clerk to call the roll.

The above-referenced Substitute 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 White, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Bracy. Total, eleven. Nays, Council Member Darby and Council President Congo. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Substitute Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Johnson presented and called for third and final reading Ordinance No. 24-026 (Agenda #0431) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING CITY COUNCIL SALARIES AND TO ESTABLISH SALARIES OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE 109TH COUNCIL SESSION TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 7, 2025

The salaries of the Council President, the Finance Committee Chair, the President Pro Tempore, and the other Council Members for the 109th Council Session shall be as follows:

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Calendar Year 2025	
Council President	\$45,358.00 per annum
Finance Committee Chair	\$42,176.00 per annum
President Pro Tempore	\$40,751.00 per annum
Council Members	\$35,885.00 per annum

Calendar Year 2026	
Council President	CY 2025 Salary with 2026 CPI-W Index (Cumulative Effect) per annum
Finance Committee Chair	CY 2025 Salary with 2026 CPI-W Index (Cumulative Effect) per annum
President Pro Tempore	CY 2025 Salary with 2026 CPI-W Index (Cumulative Effect) per annum
Council Members	CY 2025 Salary with 2026 CPI-W Index (Cumulative Effect) per annum

Calendar Year 2027	
Council President	CY 2026 Salary with 2027 CPI-W Index (Cumulative Effect) per annum
Finance Committee Chair	CY 2026 Salary with 2027 CPI-W Index (Cumulative Effect) per annum
President Pro Tempore	CY 2026 Salary with 2027 CPI-W Index (Cumulative Effect) per annum
Council Members	CY 2026 Salary with 2027 CPI-W Index (Cumulative Effect) per annum

Calendar Year 2028	
Council President	CY 2027 Salary with 2028 CPI-W Index (Cumulative Effect) per annum
Finance Committee Chair	CY 2027 Salary with 2028 CPI-W Index (Cumulative Effect) per annum
President Pro Tempore	CY 2027 Salary with 2028 CPI-W Index (Cumulative Effect) per annum
Council Members	CY 2027 Salary with 2028 CPI-W Index (Cumulative Effect) per annum

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: For illustration purposes, see below table.

	108 th Session	109 th Session Salary		0.062	0.0145	0.0775	
	Current Salary	Salary	Difference	FICA	MED TAX	PENSION	TOTAL
Councilperson (10 members)	\$29,057	\$35,885	\$6,828	\$423.36	\$99.01	\$529.20	\$78,800
President Pro Tempore	\$32,997	\$40,751	\$7,754	\$480.77	\$112.44	\$600.96	\$8,948
Finance Committee Chair	\$34,151	\$42,176	\$8,025	\$497.58	\$116.37	\$621.98	\$9,261
President	\$36,727	\$45,358	\$8,631	\$535.11	\$125.15	\$668.89	\$9,960
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL COSTS:						\$106,970
	Total FY2025 Fiscal Impact effective 1/7/2025:						\$53,484.77
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CY2025 Fiscal Impact:	\$53,484.77						
<i>Fiscal Impact for duration of the 109th Session depends upon the CPI-W per calendar year, if assume 2.50% CPI-W per year, impact is ~10.38% increase over 4 Year duration.</i>							

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

President Congo requested the Clerk to call 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 White, Darby, Oliver, Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, Johnson, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Bracy. Total, twelve. Nays, Council President Congo. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: comments pertaining to fairness; 2nd District participatory budget process; announcement of community events and community meetings; assistance with electric bill; clean water; prevention and intervention community public safety initiatives; wage tax increases not determined by the City of Wilmington; clarity on comments pertaining to water/sewer legislation and how commercial properties goes through the same process as residents; the renaming of Mercedes Fields Way; purchase order of trash cans; Kuumba relocation; and including but not limited to, everyone was thanked for attending tonight’s meeting whether in-person or virtually and were encouraged to call the Council Office with any questions and/or concerns.

Note: During petitions and communications, Council Member Darby requested to be excused from the remainder of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, Council adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Motion prevailed.

Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the May 16, 2024 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://wilmingtonde.new.swagit.com/videos/305639>.

Attest: Maribel Seijo
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk