

*Wilmington City Council  
Wilmington, Delaware  
October 3, 2024*

City Council met in regular session with remote participation on the above date at 6:32 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 White, Darby\*, Oliver (virtual), Harlee, B. Fields, McCoy, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills (virtual), Spadola (virtual) and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, twelve. Absent with leave, Council Member Johnson.

At this time, former City Council Member Demetrio Ortega was acknowledged as being present in the audience this evening.

**MINUTES**

After reading a portion of the minutes of September 19, 2024, upon a motion of Council Member McCoy, 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:

<b>Public Safety Committee Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent w/Leave</b>	<b>Absent w/out Leave</b>
Yolanda M. McCoy, Chair	X		
Zanthia Oliver, Vice Chair	X		
Shané N. Darby	X		
Chris Johnson	X		
James Spadola		X	
Albert Mills	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

September 18, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Safety Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 24-041** entitled:  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY  
CODE IMPLEMENTING STRICTER SECURITY AND  
SAFETY STANDARDS FOR FIREARMS RETAIL STORES

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Public Safety Committee

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

The City Clerk read the following committee report:

Public Safety Committee Member	Present	Absent w/Leave	Absent w/out Leave
Yolanda M. McCoy, Chair	X		
Zanthia Oliver, Vice Chair	X		
Shané N. Darby	X		
Chris Johnson	X		
James Spadola		X	
Albert Mills	X		
Ernest "Trippi" Congo II, Ex-Officio	X		

President and Members of Council of  
The City of Wilmington

September 18, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, your Public Safety Committee met by **anchor location and remote participation**, to who was referred **Ordinance No. 24-042** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 36 OF THE CITY  
CODE TO PROHIBIT FIREARMS, COMPONENTS OF  
FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, OR EXPLOSIVES FROM CITY  
BUILDINGS AND POLICE STATIONS

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

Respectfully submitted, Members of  
Public Safety Committee

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following Treasurer's Report for October 3, 2024 was read into the record by City Clerk and upon a motion of Council Member Cabrera, seconded by Council Member McCoy, 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 6.*

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# City of Wilmington



**DaWayne Sims**  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report October 03, 2024

**Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 10/02/2024):**

General	M & T Bank	\$ 8,295,213.00
Payroll	M & T Bank	\$ 1,689,033.84
Law Department Court Costs	M & T Bank	\$ 4,070.07
Total Petty Cash	M & T Bank	\$ 5,778.65
Police - Evidence Found (Currency)	M & T Bank	\$ 1,226,622.99
Police & Fire Remembrance	M & T Bank	\$ 11,744.49
Police Department Discretionary	M & T Bank	\$ 22,701.29
Rent Withholding Escrow	M & T Bank	\$ 14,037.87
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>\$ 11,381,965.07</b>

**Cash Equivalents & Investments (as of 10/02/2024):**

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Number of Days	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
General	M&T	Overnight Repo	Daily	3.99%	\$ 4,073.66	\$ 39,991,034.77
General	TD	High Yield Checking	2	4.49%	\$ 777.93	\$ 3,118,657.45
General	TD	High Yield Checking	2	4.49%	\$ 1,134.52	\$ 4,548,170.89
General	TD	High Yield Checking	2	4.32%	\$ 1,217.83	\$ 5,074,301.42
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 52,732,164.53</b>
<b>Account Type &amp; Fund</b>						
Police & Fire Remem.	WSFS	CD	1/23/2025	4.88%	\$ 1,168.38	\$ 26,124.17
General	TD	CD	10/18/2024	5.18%	\$ 362,810.33	\$ 40,668,737.83
General	TD	CD*	10/15/2024	5.18%	\$ 155,472.44	\$ 17,427,475.08
General	TD	CD	10/15/2024	5.18%	\$ 170,928.55	\$ 19,798,673.66
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 77,921,010.74</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
General <sup>1</sup>	PNC	T-Bills	10/24/2024	5.27%	\$ 243,627.00	\$ 19,391,873.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 19,391,873.00</b>
<b>RESTRICTED:</b>						
Capital Project	TD	CD	10/15/2024	5.18%	\$ 13,060.53	\$ 1,464,002.82
Capital Project	TD	CD	10/15/2024	5.18%	\$ 1,139.64	\$ 127,746.63
Capital Project	TD	CD	10/15/2024	5.18%	\$ 104,231.22	\$ 11,683,659.35
Water/Sewer	PNC	T-Bills	10/24/2024	5.27%	\$ 192,608.00	\$ 15,331,392.00
State Bonds Proceeds	TD	CD	10/15/2024	5.18%	\$ 31,309.95	\$ 3,509,647.30
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						<b>\$ 32,116,448.10</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>						<b>\$ 182,161,496.38</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$ 11,381,965.07</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$ 193,543,461.45</b>

<sup>1</sup> Budget Reserve

\*Restricted use. Per ARPA US Treasury Guidelines

DocuSigned by:

*Alfred Lanza*

10/3/2024

Alfred Lanza Jr., Deputy Treasurer

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# City of Wilmington



**DaWayne Sims**  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report - Pensions I October 03, 2024

**Cash - Ledger Balance (as of 10/02/2024):**

Pension Payroll	M & T Bank	\$	148,739.39
Retiree Healthcare	M & T Bank	\$	1,160,249.52
Police Pension	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
Fire Pension	M & T Bank	\$	352,377.73
Non-Uniform Pension Act of 1990-Plan 3	M & T Bank	\$	1,000.00
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>\$</b>	<b>1,665,959.45</b>

**Cash Equivalents (as of 10/02/2024) & Investments (Market Value as of Sep 27, 2024)**

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>LIQUIDITY:</b>						
Fire Pension III	TD	CD	11/20/2024	5.08%	\$ 31,418.53	\$ 2,968,679.73
<b>SUB-TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 2,968,679.73</b>
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
Pension Trust	Rhumbline (S&P 500)					\$ 108,890,951.00
Pension Trust	Earnest Partners					\$ 18,975,128.00
Pension Trust	Dodge & Cox					\$ 14,687,886.00
Pension Trust	Artisan Global					\$ 14,658,088.00
Pension Trust	MFS Low Global					\$ 15,768,316.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Total Intl. Index					\$ 18,974,178.00
Pension Trust	Harding Loevner					\$ 2,626,621.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Emerging					\$ 3,238,769.00

DocuSigned by:

*Alfred Lance*  
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10/3/2024

**Alfred Lance Jr., Deputy Treasurer**

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**DaWayne Sims**  
City Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report - Pensions II October 03, 2024

**Investments (Market Value Sep 27, 2024)**

Account Type & Fund	Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Interest Receivable	Investment Amount
<b>RESERVE:</b>						
Pension Trust	Clarion Lion					\$ 9,728,945.00
Pension Trust	Morgan Stanley					\$ 8,050,598.00
Pension Trust	JP Morgan					\$ 15,993,290.00
Pension Trust	LM Capital Core					\$ 34,528,991.00
Pension Trust	Rhumblin Core					\$ 30,165,219.00
Pension Trust	Fidelity Bond Index					\$ 9,817,738.00
Pension Trust	Money Market					\$ 1,937,996.00
Pension Trust	OPEB Trust Fund					\$ 36,555,555.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>						\$ 344,598,269.00
<b>Total Investments</b>						\$ 347,566,948.73
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						\$ 1,665,959.45
<b>Grand Total</b>						\$ 349,232,908.18

**Total Funds under Treasury Management:**

<b>Total Investments</b>						\$ 529,728,445.11
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>						\$ 13,047,924.52
<b>Grand Total<sup>1</sup></b>						\$ 542,776,369.63

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

DocuSigned by:

*Alfred Lance*

10/3/2024

Alfred Lance Jr., Deputy Treasurer

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## NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

a. Recognition Resolutions

Cabrera	Recognize Marcia Stephenson (Delaware Center for Horticulture)
Cabrera	Recognize Jocelyn Rodriguez (National Hispanic Heritage Month)
Cabrera	Recognize Erika Gutiérrez, 1000 Block Beautification Committee, Worship Ministry Luceros del Alba (National Hispanic Heritage Month)
Congo	Recognize Charles Smith, Jr.

b. Sympathy Resolutions

Harlee	Sympathy Alaysia T. Smith
Oliver	Sympathy Tommy Lee Broomer
Oliver	Sympathy Jacqueline Barbara Blake

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

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, President Congo opened up the floor for public comments, however, there were no speakers this evening.

## LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Council Member Darby presented and called for the third and final reading Ordinance No. 24-041 (Agenda #0465) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE  
CITY CODE IMPLEMENTING STRICTER SECURITY  
AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR FIREARMS RETAIL  
STORES

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** This Ordinance's fiscal impact shall be *de minimis*.

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



Council Members McCoy and Cabrera made comments. Council Member Oliver requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

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, N. Field, Cabrera, Mills, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, twelve. Nays, none. Absent, Council Member Johnson. Total, one.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member Darby presented and called for the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 24-042 (Agenda #0466) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 36 OF  
THE CITY CODE TO PROHIBIT FIREARMS,  
COMPONENTS OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION,  
OR EXPLOSIVES FROM CITY BUILDINGS  
AND POLICE STATIONS

**Fiscal Impact Statement:** There should be no fiscal impact.

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

President Congo requested the Clerk 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, N. Field, Mills, Spadola and Bracy, and Council President Congo. Total, eleven. Nays, none. Absent, Council Members Johnson and Cabrera. Total, two.

President Congo declared the Ordinance **adopted**.

Council Member B. Fields presented Resolution No. 24-051 (Agenda #0480) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City 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 Department of Public Works has been awarded \$500,000.00 in grant funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant funding will be used to construct a nature-based park on the site of the former Rodney Street Reservoir, which has been demolished; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a local matching requirement of one hundred percent (100%) of the grant amount, which the City will be able to satisfy with funds appropriated to it by the State of Delaware; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the Department of Public Works to accept the grant funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the aforesaid purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to accept grant funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$500,000.00.

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

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no negative fiscal impact to the City because the City has received an appropriation from the State of Delaware that is sufficient to satisfy the local matching funds requirement.

Upon a motion of Council Member B. Fields, seconded by Council Member McCoy, 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. Council Member McCoy requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Harlee made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Oliver made comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member B. Fields made closing comments.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 24-052 (Agenda #0481) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, City Council enacted City Code Section 2-232 establishing procedures for the Chief of the Wilmington Police Department to call for the

commencement of an academy class if the manpower of the Police Department falls below ninety-five percent (95%) of the number of police officers set forth in the position allocation list attached to the annual operating budget ordinance for the applicable fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 16, 2024, City Council approved the annual operating budget ordinance for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025 (the “Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Ordinance”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of the Police Department has represented that the manpower of the Police Department has fallen below ninety-five percent (95%) of the number of police officers set forth in the position allocation list attached to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to City Code Section 2-232(b), the Chief of the Police Department has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of an academy class for the Police Department and presented it to City Council for its review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Council hereby recognizes that the Chief of the Police Department has represented that the manpower of the Police Department has fallen below ninety-five percent (95%) of the number of police officers set forth in the position allocation list attached to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Ordinance and has drafted a resolution calling for the commencement of an academy class for the Police Department.

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

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 24-053 (Agenda #0482) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City 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 Wilmington Police Department has submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement (EIDE) program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department is eligible for \$33,706.08 in grant funding, which would be used to support specialized drug investigations through covering overtime costs; and

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

**WHEREAS**, in applying for this funding, the Police Department seeks to continue its efforts to secure funding from other entities to help offset the fiscal impact of crime prevention activities on the City's annual operating budget; and

**WHEREAS**, City 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 Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement (EIDE) program in the amount of \$33,706.08 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 McCoy, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member McCoy spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. Council Member B. Fields requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Harlee raised a question and comments, and Council Member McCoy responded. Council Member Harlee made additional comments and requested to be added as a co-sponsor. Council Member Oliver made comments.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 24-054 (Agenda #0483) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City 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 Wilmington Police Department has submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security Fund to Combat Violent Crime; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department is eligible for \$402,901.40 in grant funding, which would be used to cover overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts; and

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

**WHEREAS**, in applying for this funding, the Police Department seeks to continue its efforts to secure funding from other entities to help offset the fiscal impact of crime prevention activities on the City's annual operating budget; and

**WHEREAS**, City 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 in the amount of \$402,901.40 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 McCoy, seconded by Council Members B. Fields and Bracy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member McCoy spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 24-055 (Agenda #0484) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City 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 Wilmington Police Department has submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security for funding from the State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE) grant program in the amount of \$61,839.12; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed grant funding would be used to cover the cost of providing advanced and specialized training for police officers; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant funding would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be paid for out of the Police Department's annual operating budget, thereby continuing the Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to negate increases to the City's annual operating budget; and

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

**WHEREAS**, City 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 for funding from the State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE) grant program in the amount of \$61,839.12 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 McCoy, seconded by Council Member B. Fields, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member McCoy spoke on the purpose of the Resolution and made comments. Council Member Harlee made comments.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member McCoy presented Resolution No. 24-056 (Agenda #0485) as follows:



**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City 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 Wilmington Police Department has submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$91,312; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$49,448 would allow for the purchase of a fireworks and ammunition disposal trailer. This piece of equipment would allow for the safe storage and disposal of seized items that are approved for destruction; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$25,332 would support training for the Police Department's Special Operations Division/Traffic Unit and the Forensic Services Unit to attend a FARO training course, which pertains to the hardware and software that Traffic Unit investigators use to investigate and reconstruct major crime and crash scenes; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$16,532 would allow for the purchase of 17 new motorcycle helmets for members of the Motorcycle Unit. The current equipment used by this unit has reached the end of its life cycle, as it is recommended that helmets are replaced every three years; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant funding would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be paid for out of the Police Department's annual operating budget, thereby continuing the Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to negate increases to the City's annual operating budget; and

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

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

**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 Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$91,312 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 McCoy, seconded by Council Member Bracy, the Resolution was before the Council for its consideration. Motion prevailed. Council Member McCoy spoke on the purpose of the Resolution. Council Member Darby made comments.

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Cabrera presented Resolution No. 24-057 (Agenda #0479) as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wilmington (the “City”) is an “Entitlement Community” for purposes of the Community Development Block Grant Program (the “CDBG Program”), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (the “HOME Program”), the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (the “ESG Program”), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program (the “HOPWA Program”); and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) regulations require a consolidated application process for funds for the CDBG Program, the HOME Program, the ESG Program, and the HOPWA Program; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 18, 2023, City Council adopted Resolution 23-022, which approved the City’s annual action plan for City fiscal year 2024/federal fiscal year 2023 (the “CFY24/FFY23 Plan”) and authorized the Mayor to submit it to HUD; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 2023, City Council adopted Resolution 23-064, which approved the first substantial amendment to the CFY24/FFY23 Plan and authorized the Mayor to submit it to HUD; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has prepared a second substantial amendment to the CFY24/FFY23 Plan (the “Substantial Amendment”), which provides for the following revisions to the CFY24/FFY23 Plan: (i) an allocation of \$300,000 to the First-Start Homebuyers Program with \$50,000 for program delivery and (ii) \$100,000 of the funding for the Villa Maria project initially included as a public improvement project will instead be used for demolition of the buildings on the site; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the amended and restated CFY24/FFY23 Plan, which incorporates the Substantial Amendment, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment “A” (the “Amended and Restated CFY24/FFY23 Plan”); and

**WHEREAS**, City Council’s Community Development and Urban Planning Committee and the Mayor’s Office have reached a consensus with respect to specific categories of spending and the amount of funds to be allocated to each such category in the Substantial Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the referenced HUD regulations require that certain public participation requirements must be satisfied regarding proposed substantial amendments to Consolidated Plans, and the City has met such requirements with respect to the Substantial Amendment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that Mayor Michael S. Purzycki, or his designee, is hereby authorized to submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD, which provides for the following revisions to the CFY24/FFY23 Plan: (i) an allocation of \$300,000 to the First-Start Homebuyers Program with \$50,000 for program delivery and (ii) \$100,000 of the funding for



the Villa Maria project initially included as a public improvement project will instead be used for demolition of the buildings on the site.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that City Council hereby endorses the specific enumeration of categories and amounts set forth in the Amended and Restated CFY24/FFY23 Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment “A” and made a part hereof, and so endorses said enumeration, with the understanding that the Mayor’s Office will expend funds and administer the funding program in a manner consistent with said enumeration and will review substantial changes, as defined by the Consolidated Plan regulations, in the enumeration of categories and amounts with the Community Development and Urban Planning Committee of City Council prior to the implementation of any such changes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor Michael S. Purzycki, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute and submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD and he, or his designee, is hereby further authorized to certify to such matters as the Secretary of HUD may require with the application, to provide additional information as may be required, and to administer and expend such funds as are received or become available in accordance with the Consolidated Plan regulations and the regulations governing the CDBG Program, the HOME Program, the ESG Program, and the HOPWA Program.

## ATTACHMENT A

### CDBG

First-Start Homeownership Program	\$300,000
First-Start Homeownership Delivery	\$50,000
CDBG Code Repair Program	\$320,000
CDBG Property Rehabilitation for Homeownership	\$955,000
Public Improvements:	
Streets - East Side: Bennett	\$1,826,823
Streets - Villa Maria	\$400,000
Demolition:	
Villa Maria	\$100,000
Scattered site	\$170,000
New Castle County Lead-Hazard and Healthy Homes	\$450,000
CDBG Home Repair Program Delivery	\$300,000
Rehab Division MS&Es	\$20,500
CDBG Clearance Program Delivery	\$45,000
Public Improvements Street improvements Delivery	\$30,000
CDBG Admin Salaries and fringe	\$333,083
ERR/106 Reviews	\$20,842
MS&E	\$90,905
Catholic Charities - Bayard House	\$15,000
Catholic Charities, Inc. - Homeless Prevention Services	\$25,000
Christiana Cultural Arts Center - Future Entrepreneurs	\$11,000
Christiana Cultural Arts Center - Heart Under the Hoodie	\$12,000
DE Center for Horticulture - Branches for Chances	\$30,000

Family Counseling Center of St Paul (RCCSP)	\$8,000
Family Promise of Northern New Castle County - RRH	\$15,000
Housing Alliance of DE - Centralized Intake	\$15,000
Latin American Community Center - Homeless Prevention	\$10,000
Latin American Community Center - Summer Camp	\$15,000
Lutheran Community Services - Homeless Prevention	\$10,000
Ministry of Caring - Homeless Diversion Program	\$20,000
Salvation army Crisis Alleviation	\$15,000
Sojourners Place - Transitional Housing	\$25,000
STEHM, Inc. - Direct Case Management	\$10,000
The Challenge Program - Construction Training Program	\$25,000
Urban Bike Project	\$15,000
West End Neighborhood House - Above Xpectation Track	\$11,000
West End Neighborhood House Inc - Life Lines	\$30,000
YMCA of Delaware - Supportive Housing (PH operations)	\$15,000
YWCA Delaware - Home Life Management Center (HP)	\$35,000

CDBG Prior Year Funds	(\$3,395,839)
CDBG Actual Program Income	(\$184,161)
<b>Total City FY 2024/Federal FY 2023 CDBG Allocation</b>	<b>\$2,199,153<sup>1</sup></b>

#### HOME

HOME Program Administration (10%)	\$71,852
CHDO Project TBD - Homeownership (15%)	\$107,778
Sankofa Place - Habitat for Humanity	\$336,500
IMANI Village Phase III - Pennrose	\$511,500
Solomon's Court Phase II - Be Ready CDC	\$250,000
HOME Program Delivery	\$43,702
HOME Prior Year Funds	(\$306,405)
HOME Program Income	(\$296,406)
<b>Total City FY 2024/Federal FY 2023 HOME Allocation</b>	<b>\$718,521<sup>2</sup></b>

#### HOPWA

HOPWA Program Administration	\$28,537
Delaware HIV Services, Inc.	
Sponsor Admin	\$49,010
7% DHIV TBRA	\$565,042
DHIV Supportive Services	\$135,096
Ministry of Caring, Inc. - House of Joseph II	
Operations	\$147,154
Supportive	\$21,600
Services Sponsor	\$4,800

admin 7%	
<b>Total City FY 2024/Federal FY 2023 HOPWA Allocation</b>	<b>\$951,239</b>

**ESG**

ESG Program Administration (7.5%)	\$14,794
Housing Alliance Delaware - CMIS (HMIS)	28,000
The Ministry of Caring, Inc. - MMHI,MMHII,III,SH (Shelter)	\$50,000
The Salvation Army - Emergency Shelter	\$15,000
WENH Youth (Prevention)	\$45,000
YWCA Delaware, Inc. - Rapid Re-Housing	44,472
<b>Total City FY 2024/Federal FY 2023 ESG Allocation</b>	<b>\$197,266</b>

<b>Total City FY 2024/Federal FY 2023 Annual Action Plan</b>	<b>\$4,066,179<sup>3</sup></b>
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<sup>1</sup> The total City Fiscal Year 2024/Federal Fiscal Year 2023 CDBG Allocation plus the total CDBG Prior Year Funds and the total CDBG Actual Program Income combine to provide \$5,779,153 in Total Available CDBG Funds.

<sup>2</sup> The total City Fiscal Year 2024/Federal Fiscal Year 2023 HOME Allocation plus the total HOME Prior Year Funds and The total HOME Program Income combine to provide \$1,321,332 in Total Available HOME Funds.

<sup>3</sup> The total City Fiscal Year 2024/Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action plus the total CDBG Prior Year Funds, the total CDBG Actual Program Income, the total HOME Prior Year Funds, and the total HOME Program Income combine to provide \$8,248,990 in Total Available Funds across the CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG categories.

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

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

President Congo declared the Resolution **adopted**.

Council Member Cabrera presented and called for the first and second reading Ordinance No. 24-053 (Agenda #0486) entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 48 OF THE CITY CODE TO PERMIT THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING, TESTING, AND RETAIL OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA WITHIN CERTAIN COMMERCIAL, MANUFACTURING, AND WATERFRONT ZONING DISTRICTS

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no anticipated negative fiscal impact associated with this Ordinance.

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

*Note: At this time, Council Member Cabrera requested to be excused from the meeting.*

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Members and Council President spoke on the following: announcement of community events and community meetings; new business alert; DelDOT information meeting; Art Loop; kudos given to the Wilmington Police Department (Cold Case Unit); those who participated in Black Restaurant Week were thanked; Delaware State University Homecoming; everyone who joined tonight's meeting whether in-person or virtually were thanked; everyone was encouraged to attend the committee meetings that are held throughout the month; and including but not limited to, everyone was encouraged to contact the Council Office for additional information.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion of Council Member B. Fields, seconded by Council Members Harlee and McCoy, Council adjourned at 7:31 p.m. Motion prevailed.

*Note: More detailed information is reflected in the videotape of the October 3, 2024 City Council meeting at the following link: <https://wilmingtonde.new.swagit.com/videos/316777>.*

Attest:   
Maribel Seijo, City Clerk