

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
January 16, 2025 @ 6:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting with Anchor Location In-Person and Remote Participation
Council Chambers
Louis L. Redding City/County Building
800 N. French Street - Wilmington, DE 19801
www.wilmingtoncitycouncil.com or www.WITN22.org

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Committee Reports

IV. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report

V. Non-Legislative Business

a. Recognition Resolutions

All Council	Recognize Tanya Washington
All Council	Recognize Haitian Independence Day
Cabrera	Recognize Carolyn Peak

b. Sympathy Resolutions

All Council	Sympathy Chief Apostle Patricia C. Williams
All Council	Sympathy Isabella Fitzgerald (Former Pennsylvania State Representative)
Cabrera	Sympathy Hugo F. “Fred” Bourdon, III
Cabrera	Sympathy Edwin Rodriguez, Sr.
Cabrera	Sympathy Victor B. Padovani
Harlee	Sympathy Leroy David Grayson
Oliver	Sympathy Stephanie Pinkney
Oliver	Sympathy Gertie Black Ross
Oliver	Sympathy Robert Craig Tann
Oliver	Sympathy Buffel W. Wingfield, Sr.
Oliver	Sympathy Richard Smith
Spadola	Sympathy Howard G. Sholl, Jr.

VI. Public Comment

The meeting will be open to the public starting at 6pm, so members of the public can sign up to speak. To sign up for Public Comment, members of the public must go to the following website <https://tinyurl.com/wccpubliccomment011625> to fill out the information requested. Public Comment will take place after non-legislative business. The President of City Council will recognize speakers in the order listed on the website.

VII. Legislative Business**CONGO (Harlee presenting on behalf of Congo)**

#0005 Ord. 24-001 Constituting Amendment No. 2 to the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget (Being an Ordinance to Amend Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 24-016) (3rd & Final Reading)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by Council for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance is the second amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget, which was originally enacted in Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 24-016 and was previously amended by Ordinance No. 24-050. This Ordinance authorizes the creation of the following new positions): (i) two positions in City Council (a “Legislative Aide/Financial Controller,” which and a “Director of Educational Advocacy”) and (ii) six positions in the Mayor’s Office (a “Special Assistant for Community Engagement,” a “Constituent Services Officer,” a “Director of Community Engagement,” a “Director of Special Projects,” an “Executive Assistant to the Mayor,” and a “Mayor Office’s Receptionist”). This Ordinance also authorizes the deletion of the following four positions in the Mayor’s Office: (i) one “Administrative Assistant II,” (ii) the “Special Assistant to the Mayor,” (iii) the “Neighborhood Development Director,” and (iv) the “Best Practices/Innovation Specialist.” In addition, this Ordinance authorizes: (i) upgrading the two positions entitled “Special Assistant for Community Engagement” in the Mayor’s Office from E03 and E04; (ii) changing the titles of the following two positions in the Mayor’s Office (changing the “Digital and Social Media Manager” to the “Deputy Director of Communications” and the “Office Manager/Administrative Assistant” to the “Mayor’s Office - Director of Operations);” and (iii) changing the titles of the following two positions in the Office of the Treasurer (changing the “Pension Manager” to the “Retirement Benefits & Pension Manager” and the “Debt Manager/Systems Coordinator” to the “Cash & Investments Portfolio Manager”). The Fiscal Year 2025 Position Allocation List and the Fiscal Year 2025 Executive and Managerial Position Level Salary Structure Matrix, attached to this Ordinance as Attachments “A” and “B” respectively, have been revised to reflect the changes. This Ordinance also authorizes the creation of “The Office of Educational Advocacy” in City Council to (i) serve as an advocate for the educational needs and rights of the youth of the City of Wilmington and (ii) develop and support evidence-based legislative solutions to address such educational needs and rights.*

In addition, this Ordinance authorizes the following appropriations to City Council to support “The Office of Educational Advocacy”: (i) increasing the General Fund Personal Services account group budget appropriation by \$21,530 for salaries for temporary employees and (ii) increasing the General Fund Materials, Supplies, and Equipment account group budget appropriation by \$25,000 for compensation for consultants. Finally, this Ordinance authorizes the following appropriations: (i) increasing the Mayor’s annual salary to \$185,000 and (ii) increasing the maximum amount of CATV Fund Balance that may be used to balance the CATV operating budget by \$10,341. The total fiscal impact of this Ordinance is an increase in the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Operating Budget of \$285,191 (\$274,850 in the General Fund and \$10,341 in the CATV Fund). The Fiscal Year 2025 budgeted surplus is sufficient to cover the General Fund portion of the total appropriation increase, and this Ordinance authorizes an increase in the use of the CATV Fund Balance to cover the increased CATV Fund appropriation.

CONGO (Hackett presenting on behalf of Congo)

#0006 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve an Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and the Lerro Corporation for On-Site Engineering Services for the WITN TV Station **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the execution of an agreement with The Lerro Corporation for on-site engineering services for the WITN TV Station for the period from March 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028, at an estimated price of One-Thousand Two-Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per month.*

VIII. Petitions and Communications

IX. Adjournment

Note: *This meeting will be conducted both in-person and via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.*

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