

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 @ 6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers
Louis L. Redding City/County Building
800 N. French Street - Wilmington, DE 19801
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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

McCoy	Recognize Nicole DeAngelo
McCoy	Recognize Doris Redding
Oliver	Sympathy Gumersinda (Josefa) Lahoz
Shabazz	Sympathy Addie Lee McCants
Williams	Sympathy John Farrace

VI. Legislative Business

SHABAZZ (Chukwuocha presenting on behalf of Shabazz)

#4568 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Update the Ethics Provisions **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration and City Council, at the recommendation of the Wilmington Ethics Commission, for City Council's review and approval. This Ordinance is part of a comprehensive set of revisions to the City Code to repeal certain provisions that are no longer necessary or appropriate and to amend sections that require clarification or updating. Additionally, it includes substantive recommendations from the City Ethics Commission to improve and modernize ethics requirements in the City. This Ordinance amends Chapter 2, Article V, Division 6 to make the following substantive changes: (1) changes the title from Code of Conduct to Code of Ethics to more accurately reflect the substance of the code; (2) provides an updated definitions section to improve clarity of the code; (3) requires the Ethics Commission to make advisory opinions publicly available in a form redacted to protect the name of the requester, which will help educate the public and city employees; (4) eliminates the practice of permitting an absence of conflict of*

interest affidavit, which is not in keeping with best practices of financial disclosures; (5) changes the annual filing deadline to May 1 to ensure filers have received all financial and tax documents to help them make accurate disclosures; (6) amends those required complete financial disclosures to include members of certain boards and commission in addition to all elected officials and appointed officials to improve transparency; (7) requires financial disclosures of household members to improve transparency; (8) lowers the thresholds for certain income related financial disclosures to improve transparency; (9) amends the gift disclosure to include the aggregate value of gifts from a particular source over the calendar year to improve transparency; (10) revises the co-signed loans disclosure to require disclosure of the co-signer to improve transparency; (11) adds a real property disclosure for property involving city expenditure which ensures transparency of such acts; and (12) adds a requirement to disclose board service, which is in keeping with best practices.

HARLEE

#4569

A Resolution Approving a Grant Application by the Department of Public Works to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to Support the South Wilmington Wetlands Restoration and Conservation Project

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council will be authorizing the Department of Public Works' application for a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$2,999,972.00. The funds will be used to support the Wetlands Restoration and Conservation Project. A 100% match is required and the City intends to fund the match through a State Revolving Fund Loan.

#4570

An Ordinance to Approve the Removal of Alico Road from the Official City Map
(1st & 2nd Reading)

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the removal of Alico Road from the Official City Map.

FREEL

#4567

Ord. 18-042 Authorize and Approve a Volume Licensing Agreement between the City of Wilmington and Microsoft Corporation for Microsoft Computer Software **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis:
and

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the execution of a Volume Licensing Agreement with Microsoft Corporation to purchase Microsoft computer software licenses for the City's desktop computers for the period of three (3) years at an estimated price of Three Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-One Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$301,981.74) per year for a total estimated

Twenty-Two Cents (\$905,945.22), with the possibility of one (1) extension of three (3) years thereafter, at the option of the City.

#4571 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Establish (I) a Tax Stabilization Reserve within the General Fund and (II) an Operation and Maintenance Reserve and a Rate Stabilization Reserve within the Water/Sewer Fund **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and*

approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 2 of the City Code by establishing three reserves in order to: (i) maintain the financial stability of the City; (ii) provide citizens with essential and quality services; and (iii) limit the need to increase taxes or water/sewer rates. First, it creates a tax stabilization reserve in the general fund to provide a reserve to pay City obligations and limit the need to increase taxes. Second, it creates an operation and maintenance reserve in the water/sewer fund to provide funding in the event of adverse economic conditions or a public emergency that impacts the operations and maintenance of the water/sewer fund such that immediate action is required. Third, it creates

a rate

stabilization reserve within the water/sewer fund to provide a reserve to pay City water/sewer obligations and limit the need to increase water/sewer rates. Finally, this Ordinance addresses certain housekeeping matters, including (i) the replacement of the term “undesigned” in current Section 2-378 of the City

Code

(which will be renumbered as Section 2-376.2) with the term “unrestricted” because the term “undesigned” is outdated and the term “unrestricted” is more appropriate and (ii) the renumbering of certain Sections and Divisions of

Chapter

2 of the City Code for continuity purposes and to retain sufficient reserved Sections for potential future amendments to the City Code. This Ordinance shall be deemed effective as of June 30, 2018.

GUY

#4556 Ord. 18-037 Authorizing the Issuance of the City's General Obligation Bond (Wetland Park Project), Series of 2018B-WPCRF in Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for the City’s Wetland Park Project; Providing for the Sale of the Bond; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance is being presented by the City Treasurer’s Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the Office for issuance of the City’s General Obligation Bond Series of 2018B-WPCRF,*

*in an amount not to
which will be sold to
order to finance capital*

*exceed \$15,107,399 (the "2018B Bond"). The 2018B Bond
the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund in
projects of the City, specifically, the Wetland Park Project.*

#4557 Ord. 18-038 Authorizing the Issuance of the City's General Obligation Bond, Series of 2018C-WPCRF in Order to Provide the Funds Necessary for the City's Sewer Separation Projects & Flow Monitoring; Providing for the Sale of the Bond; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance is being presented by the City Treasurer's Office for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the issuance of the City's General Obligation Bond, Series of 2018C-WPCRF, in an amount not to exceed \$1,206,460 (The "2018C Bond"). The bonds which will be sold to the Delaware Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund in order to: Finance Capital Projects of the City, specifically, the Sewer Separation Projects and Flow Monitoring.*

VII. Petitions and Communications

VIII. Adjournment