

REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 16, 2019 @ 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
  - Oliver Sympathy Betty Lucille Henson
- VI. Legislative Business

**OLIVER**

#4525 Ord. 18-021 To (I) Approve the Removal of a Portion of Downing Drive from the Official City Map and (II) Accept the Dedication of a Cul-de-sac as Part of the Newly Configured Downing Drive Right-of-Way **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the removal of a portion of Downing Drive from the Official City Map. This Ordinance also accepts the dedication of a cul-de-sac at the terminus of Downing Drive to the City and authorizes its addition to the Official City Map.*

**HARLEE**

#4646 Ord. 19-020 Amend Chapter 44 of the City Code Regarding the Duration of the Wilmington Downtown Business Improvement District **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 44-153 of the City Code to extend the duration of the Wilmington Downtown Business Improvement District until October 1, 2029.*

**SHABAZZ (McCoy on behalf of Shabazz)**

#4655 A Resolution Respectfully Calling on the Delaware General Assembly to Support Caregivers by Adopting Legislation that Permits the Use of Campaign funds for Additional Child Care that Arises Due to Campaigning

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution calls on the Delaware General Assembly to pass legislation that would permit the use of campaign funds for child care needs and services due to the time needed to campaign for office.*

#4656 A Resolution Respectfully Calling on the Delaware General Assembly to Develop a Task Force to Further Investigate the Potential Maternal Health Benefits of Doulas and Medicaid Coverage of Doulas for the State of Delaware

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by the City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution calls on the Delaware General Assembly to create a task a force that will examine the potential positive benefits of doulas on maternal mortality rates throughout the state of Delaware.*

#4657 A Resolution Respectfully Calling on the Delaware General Assembly to Support Mothers that Choose to Breastfeed by Adopting and Implementing Appropriate Legislation

**Synopsis:** *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution calls on the Delaware General Assembly to pass legislation that would support mothers that choose to breastfeed in the workplace and encourages employers to distribute their policies on lactation accommodations to their employees.*

**FREEL**

#4626 Ord. 19-009 Establishing a Rate of Taxation on Real Property and the Taxable Property of Public Utilities for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 Through June 30, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance sets the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020) based on the certification by the Board of Assessment of the assessed valuation of taxable real property in the City and the Mayor’s estimates of revenue measures necessary to balance the City budget as required by the City Charter. There is no change to the Property Tax rate.*

- #4627 Ord. 19-010 Amend Chapter 45 of the City Code Regarding (i) Sewer System Rates and Charges and Water Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2020 and (ii) Sewer System Unit Charges (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts new Water and Sewer charges and rates for Fiscal Year 2020. In addition, this Ordinance amends the Sewer System Unit Charges. Stormwater charges and rates will remain the same as they are for Fiscal Year 2019.*

- #4628 Ord. 19-011 Adopt a Capital Program for the Six Fiscal Years 2020-2025 Inclusive (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts the Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2020-2025.*

- #4629 Ord. 19-012 Adopt a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts the Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Budget.*

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- #4630 Sub. 1 Ord. 19-013 Adopt the Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1, 2019 and Ending on June 20, 2020 (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**Synopsis:** *This Substitute Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Substitute Ordinance enacts the annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020.*

- #4631 Ord. 19-014 Amend Chapters 44 and 45 of the City Code Regarding (i) Penalties and Interest for Delinquent Account for Unpaid Property Taxes and Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Charges and (ii) the Application of Partial Payments on Delinquent Accounts of Unpaid Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Charges (**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading**)

**Synopsis:** *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapters 44 and 45 of the City Code regarding penalties and interest for delinquent accounts as follows: 1) decreases the interest rates listed in City Code Sections 44-34 and 45-176 to one-and-a-half percent per month, which will be non-compounding; 2) increases the one-time penalties listed in City Code Sections 44-34 and 45-176 to twenty dollars or ten percent of the*

*unpaid balance, whichever is greater; and 3) amends City Code Section 45-176 to provide that partial payments on delinquent accounts of unpaid water, sewer, and stormwater charges will be applied to the oldest unpaid bill balance first, then to the penalty, then to the interest.*

- #4632      Ord. 19-015      Amend Chapter 44 of the City Code by Amending Section 44-64 Thereof to Eliminate the Reapplication Process for Property Tax Exemptions for Caregivers, Elderly Persons, and Disabled Person **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**Synopsis:**      *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Section 44-64 of the City Code to eliminate the requirement that caregivers, elderly persons, and disabled persons reapply for a property tax exemption after such exemption has been approved by the City.*

- #4640      Ord. 19-017      Authorize a Multi-Year Amendment to Contract 18022DFPS (Printing and Mailing Services) Between the City of Wilmington and Mailroom Systems, Inc. **(3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading)**

**Synopsis:**      *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the City to enter into a multi-year amendment to Contract 18022DFPS for printing and mailing services with Mailroom Systems, Inc. (the "Contract"), which increases the quantities under the Contract from a maximum of 300,000 items per year to a maximum of 600,000 items per year, thereby increasing the maximum estimated annual price of the Contract to \$251,100.00 and the maximum estimated total price of the Contract to \$391,137.00, with the possibility of two (2) additional extensions of one (1) year thereafter at the same maximum estimated annual price of \$251,100.00.*

## **DIXON**

- #4658      A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to File the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development including funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Improvement Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

**Synopsis:**      *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Mayor or his designee to file the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development including funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Improvement Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA).*

#4659      A Resolution Supporting the City’s Application to the State to Expand the Boundaries of the City’s Downtown Development District and Appointing the City Planning Director to Serve as the District Administrator

**Synopsis:**      *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution supports the City’s application to the State of Delaware to expand the boundaries of the City’s Downtown Development District from 224.3 to 242.633 acres. In addition, this Resolution appoints the City’s Director of the Department of Planning and Development to Serve as the District Administrator for the City’s Downtown Development District.*

**VII. Petitions and Communications**

**VIII. Adjournment**