

City of Wilmington Delaware

Regular Meeting of Wilmington City Council

Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Louis L. Redding City/County Building

800 North French Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
 - Invocation
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Committee Reports
4. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

5. Non-legislative Business

All Council	Recognize Bob King – Delaware Track Star and Hall of Fame Inductee
M. Brown	Sympathy Elizabeth Bratcher
Gregory	Recognize Elder Helena Michelle Creamer
Gregory	Retirement Mary E. Polk
Gregory	Sympathy Mr. William Morris
Gregory	Sympathy Marian Deatrich Roache
Gregory	Sympathy Eartha Rogers
Shabazz	Sympathy Joseph N. Perkins, Sr.
Williams	Congratulate Salesianum - Delaware State Soccer Team Champions
Williams	Congratulate Salesianum – Delaware State Cross Country Champions

6. Legislative Business

Nnamdi O. Chukwuocha: 1st District

Agenda #4054

Resolution	Authorizing the Department of Licenses and Inspections to Carry Out the Non-emergency Demolitions of Eleven Properties
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Synopsis

This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the Department of Licenses and Inspections to demolish ten vacant residential properties and one vacant garage, all of which have been deemed to be nuisance properties. L&I is certifying to Council that the owners of these properties have failed to respond to repeated requests to rehabilitate or demolish these properties, placing the City in the position of having to take action for the safety of residents who live near the properties. Once the property is demolished, the City will place a lien against the property making the owner liable to repay the City for costs incurred for the demolition.

Darius J. Brown: 3rd District**Agenda #4055**

Ordinance Amend Chapter 38 of the City Code Regarding Animal Control
1st & 2nd Reading in City Parks

Synopsis

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration and City Council for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be approving amendment to Chapter 38 of the City Code regarding animals in City Parks. Specifically, this Ordinance would make it illegal for citizens to walk or allow their animals to roam on the playing fields or athletic surfaces of City parks. This provision would be added to the current law which already prohibits citizens from hunting with animals, disturbing animals in their natural abode, bringing vicious or unruly animals into a park, or bringing or riding a horse in a City park.

Dr. Hanifa G.N. Shabazz: 4th District**Agenda #4027**

Ordinance 15-007 Amend Chapter 11 of the City Code to add a new Article VI,
3rd & Final Reading "Illicit Discharge and Connection to MS4"

Synopsis

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing an amendment to Chapter 11 of the City Code to add a new section that preserves the health, comfort and environment of Wilmington residents. Specifically, passage of this Ordinance will bring the City into compliance with an MS4 permit (municipal separate storm sewer system permit) issued to the City by the State Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. The City is required to adhere to the MS4 permit by adopting regulations prohibiting incidents of illegal dumping into a MS4 and illicit discharges that can adversely affect local waterways. An estimated 90% of Wilmington's stormwater collection system is a Combined

Sewer Overflow (CSO) system, while the remaining 10% is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).

Agenda #4040

Ordinance 15-016 Extend and Rescind Certain Traffic/Parking Regulations
3rd & Final Reading

Synopsis

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the elimination of a traffic and parking regulation related to the Community Education Building (CEB) on French Street. Pursuant to Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 14-024, City Council had previously authorized temporary traffic and parking regulations related to the CEB that will expire on May 14. This new Ordinance would continue all of the previous traffic and parking regulations regarding the CEB with the exception of allowing the closure of French Street to vehicular traffic which is currently permitted two times each weekday to allow for the loading and unloading of students from school buses. After passage of this Ordinance, only the intermittent closure of French Street would be permitted for the loading and unloading of students and only when such a closure is directed by the Wilmington Police Department in consultation with officials of the CEB for the safety of students.

Agenda #4056

Resolution Approving Construction and Utility Easement Agreement with
Pending New Castle County to Allow the County to Construct and Run
their New Sanitary Sewer Line through Bringham Woods Park

Synopsis

This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be granting certain construction and utility easements to the New Castle County government for the construction, operation and maintenance of a new sanitary sewer line on and across City-owned land known as Bringham Woods Park.

Agenda #4057

Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of 1104 A Street and 1106 A Street
Pending to Thomas Hicklin, Jr.

Synopsis

This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the Department of Real Estate and Housing to convey ownership of two City-owned properties—1104 A Street and 1106 A Street—to Thomas Hicklin, Jr. for the purpose of Mr. Hicklin renovating the properties as residential and occupying the properties.

Agenda #4058

Resolution Supporting the Proposal to Expand the Port of Wilmington and
Pending Strongly Encourage Governor Jack Markell and the Delaware
General Assembly to take Immediate Action to Execute the

Expansion*Synopsis*

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be supporting the expansion of the Port of Wilmington to a site on the Delaware River in New Castle which would enable the Port to accommodate larger ships that require larger terminals. The Port expansion would involve a public-private partnership that would produce a single, larger pier or dock that could accommodate seven or more berths thus allowing the Port to accommodate larger container ships. The expansion is projected to create as many as 4,000 additional higher paying jobs for longshoremen.

Agenda #4059

Resolution
Pending

Respectfully Urging the Delaware General Assembly to Support House Concurrent Resolution No. 30 allowing for the Creation of the Port of Wilmington Exports Task Force and Encourage that the Task Force Consider the Economic Development and Employment Opportunities that an Expansion of Port Operations would Provide for Residents of the City of Wilmington

Synopsis

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be supporting the Delaware House of Representatives Concurrent Resolution No. 30 which calls for the creation of the Port of Wilmington Exports Task Force. This body would be charged with exploring the feasibility of introducing new agricultural products for export which would likely result in new jobs at the Port.

Agenda #4060

Ordinance
1st & 2nd Reading

Authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Itron, Inc. for Automated Water Meter Reading Services

Synopsis

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the Department of Public Works to enter into a five-year contract not to exceed \$324,000 with Itron, Inc., for automated water meter reading services. Itron, Inc. previously installed Itron radio transmission modules on the water meters that allow for the reading to be recorded electronically.

Agenda #4061

Ordinance
1st & 2nd Reading

Enter into a Twenty Year Transfer Agreement to Sell 550 of Wilmington's Solar Renewable Energy Credit per Year on the SRECDelaware MarketPlace

Synopsis

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the City, through the Department of Public Works, to sell 550 of the Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC) that have been generated from the City's renewable

energy solar panel project at the Porter Water Filtration Plant. The SREC's would be sold over a 20-year period. For the first ten years, they would be sold at \$49.98 per SREC which would generate \$27,489 per year in revenue for the City and at a rate of \$35.00 per SREC for the second ten year period which would generate \$19,250 per year in revenue for the City. This action is part of the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard which is a mandate to increase energy production from renewable sources such as wind, solar, biomass and other alternatives to fossil and nuclear electric generation.

Sherry Dorsey Walker: 6th District

Agenda #4036

Ordinance 15-014 Approve the Removal of a Portion of Seventh Avenue from the
3rd & Final Reading Official City Map

Synopsis

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the removal of a portion of a city street from the Official City Map. Specifically, New Riverfront Associates, LLC, which owns an eight-parcel property at 415 Seventh Avenue, has requested that a portion of Seventh Avenue, located between Duncan Street and the Penn Central Railroad right-of-way, be removed from the Official City Map. The City Planning Commission met on March 17, 2015 and adopted a resolution which recommended approval of the request by New Riverfront Associates, LLC. The City Law Department has determined that the City's ownership of the portion of Seventh Avenue that is proposed to be removed cannot be established.

Agenda #4062

Ordinance Enact Certain Traffic/Parking Regulations
1st & 2nd Reading

Synopsis

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be approving certain traffic and parking regulations. These changes would involve a variety of regulations such as all-way stop signs, no parking signs, no loading zone signs, four-hour parking signs and others. For a complete listing of the traffic/parking regulations and the street that are affected by this proposed Ordinance, please download a complete copy of the Ordinance by visiting the City's website at www.WilmingtonDE.gov/government/ccagenda.

Charles M. "Bud" Freel: 8th District

Rev. 1 to Agenda #3898

Sub. 2 Authorize a Volume Licensing Agreement with Microsoft
 Ordinance 14-007 Licensing, GP, to License Microsoft Computer Software
 3rd & Final Reading

Synopsis *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the City to enter into a Volume Licensing Agreement with Microsoft Licensing, GP to purchase Microsoft computer software licenses to run City technological devices. The term of this Agreement is for a period of three (3) years.*

Agenda #4042

Ordinance 15-018 Pledging the Full Faith, Credit and Taxing Power of the City of
 3rd & Final Reading Wilmington to the Payment of Guaranteed Parking Authority in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$15,000,000; Determining that the City's Assistance in Financing a Refunding Program of said Authority is in the Public Interest of the City; and Authorizing Other Necessary Action

Synopsis *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be pledging the City's full faith, credit and taxing power to assist the Wilmington Parking Authority (WPA) as it refunds its Guaranteed Parking Revenue Bonds, Series of 2005, and issues Guaranteed Parking Revenue Bonds, Series of 2015 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15 million. The refunding will allow the WPA to obtain a lower interest rate on the new bond issuance which the City deems to be in the public interest of the City.*

Agenda #4063

Ordinance Authorize City Contract 14068HRPS, Property and Casualty
 1st & 2nd Reading Insurance Brokerage Services, As Amended, with USI Insurance Services LLC, Successor in Interest to Willis of Delaware, Inc.

Synopsis *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the Department of Human Resources to enter into an amended one-year contract with an option for three, one-year extensions with USI Insurance Services (USI), a successor to Willis of Delaware, Inc., to serve as the City's property and casualty insurance broker. The contract, for the period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015, would not exceed \$60,000 and could be renewed up to three times at the same annual amount. USI was selected through a competitive City bidding process.*

Agenda #4064

Ordinance Authorize City Contract 15016HRPS, Life and Health
 1st & 2nd Reading Insurance Brokerage Services, As Amended, with USI Insurance Services LLC, Successor in Interest to Willis of

Delaware, Inc.

Synopsis

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the Department of Human Resources to enter into an amended one-year contract with an option for three, one-year extensions with USI Insurance Services (USI), a successor to Willis of Delaware, Inc., to serve as the City's life and health insurance broker. The contract, for the period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015, would not exceed \$135,000 and could be renewed up to three times at the same annual amount. USI was selected through a competitive City bidding process.

Michael A. Brown, Sr.: At-Large

Agenda #4065

Resolution
Pending

Supporting Senate Bill No. 83, which is to Provide Enhanced Protections for Victims of Domestic Violence and Abuse

Synopsis

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be expressing its support for State Senate Bill No. 83 which would expand the legal protections for victims of domestic violence and reduce the ability of the perpetrators of domestic violence from purchasing or otherwise obtaining a firearm. The state legislation would also extend protections concerning domestic violence to include those involved in a substantive dating relationship as well as those who have co-habited at the time of an offense or within five years prior to an offense.

Agenda #4066

Ordinance
1st & 2nd Reading

Authorize City Contract 16002PD Police Uniform Cleaning with Blue Swan, Inc.

Synopsis

This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the City, through the Wilmington Police Department, to enter into a one-year contract totaling \$30,645 with Blue Swan, Inc. for the cleaning of police uniforms. The Ordinance also allows the contract to be renewed for at least two, one-year renewals at the same cost.

Loretta Walsh: At-Large

Agenda #4067

Resolution
Pending

Supporting the Joint Efforts of the New Castle County Office of Economic Development and the City's Office of Economic Development in Developing the Economic Development Strategic Action Plan

Synopsis

This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be endorsing the City's Economic Development Strategic Action Plan which presents a vision and path forward for economic development within the City. The City's Office of Economic Development has produced a plan that sets forth ten initiatives that act as the guiding principles for the City's future economic vitality and prosperity.

7. Petitions and Communications

8. Adjournment

Move forward with Mayor Williams. [Visit his weekly schedule.](#)

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