

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 15, 2015 @ 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
Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call**

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Committee Reports

IV. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

V. Non-Legislative Business

All Council	Sympathy Sonya Bonita Byers-Holley
All Council	Recognize former Mayor George Wright
Cabrera/Council	Welcome Town Hall Participants For Safer Chemicals and Safer Processes
Gregory	Recognize Pastor Kurtis Davis
Gregory	Diamond State Base Ball Club 150 th Anniversary
Gregory	Congratulations Kester I.H. Crosse 70 th Birthday
Gregory	Congratulate Fred Sears
Gregory/Wright	Congratulations Reverend Dr. Edward Cross 44 th Anniversary
Shabazz	Sympathy Maryetta J. Egerson
Williams	Recognize Lolita Lopez Westside Health 25 th Anniversary
Wright	Sympathy Ruth L. Henry Hamm
Wright	Congratulate Christi Honorees

VI. Legislative Business

CHUKWUOCHA

#4068 A Resolution Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to Accept a Safe Haven Grant from the State of Delaware to Extend the Weekend Operating Hours of the William "Hicks" Anderson Community Center

***Synopsis:** This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the Administration, through the Department of Parks and Recreation, to accept a \$22,500 grant from the Delaware Department of Services for*

Children, Youth and Their Families. The grant was used to extend the weekend hours of the William “Hicks” Anderson Community Center from June 15, 2015 through October 3, 2015. For timing purposes, the application was submitted prior to Council’s approval of the submission of the application. There is no local match required for this grant.

FREEL

Rev. 1

#4021 Sub. 1 Ord. 15-003 Authorize the issuance of the City’s General Obligation Bond, Series of 2015, in one or more series on a tax-exempt and/or taxable basis, in order to provide the funds to finance various capital projects of the City specified in the City’s Capital Budget for its Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014, to refund or fund certain General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes and to refund other outstanding General Obligation Bonds of the City; providing for the sale of the Bonds; and authorizing other necessary action
(3rd & Final Reading)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the Administration to issue General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of borrowing up to \$50 million to fund certain projects from the Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Budget.*

Rev. 1

#4094 Sub. 1 Ord. 15-037 Authorize Contract with Paymentus Corporation for Electronic Bill Payment Services **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council’s review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the City Administration through the Finance Department to sign a five year agreement with Paymentus Corporation for a new electronic bill payment system for citizens. Initially, the new payment system would accept electronic payments for City water, sewer and stormwater bills as well as for property taxes. The payment system would be expanded over time to allow citizens to pay other City bills or fees. Citizens would pay a service fee for each transaction of the new bill paying process but the fee would be lower than the fees charged by the City’s current online bill payment vendor. The new electronic payment system would include the convenience of credit card, debit card or eCheck payments either online, via telephone or through mobile devices 24 hours a day and seven days a week. City customers could also manage their water and sewer account(s) online. The five year agreement with Paymentus Corporation would automatically renew for successive three year (3) periods unless the City or company provides six months prior written notice that the agreement will not be automatically renewed.*

#4102 Ord. 15-041 Authorize Contract 16029HRPS – City Physician Services with Oluseyi Senu-Oke, M.D. **(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 Administration, through the Department of Human Resources, to enter into a \$125,000 one year contract to expire June 30, 2016 with Oluseyi Senu-Oke, M.D. to serve as the City's Physician. The decision to award this contract to Dr. Senu-Oke followed a publicly issued request for proposals (RFP) for a physician to provide high quality, cost effective health care for City employees through routine physical examinations, return-to-duty evaluations for injured employees and treatment for minor work-related injuries. The contract has an option for three renewals periods of one-year each.*

#4105 Ord. 15-043 Amend Chapter 5 of the Wilmington City Code Relating to the Head Tax Exemption Program **(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 an extension of the City's head tax abatement program through June 30, 2018. The City's head tax abatement program expired on December 31, 2014. Under this program, an eligible entity approved for participation in this program is entitled to head tax abatement for a period of five (5) years to begin on the date of initial entry into the program and continuing for the full five years regardless of the programs expiration date.*

Rev. 1

#4106 Ord. 15-044 Constituting Amendment No. 2 to Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget, Being an Ordinance to Amend Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 15-013, the Ordinance Adopting the Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1, 2015 and Ending on June 30, 2016 (COLA & One-time payment for non-union employees **(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 a one-time payment to 221 non-union City employees. The amount of the one-time payment is tied to the date non-union employees were hired. Those hired prior to July 2, 2013 would receive \$4,000 while those hired between July 1, 2013 and July 2, 2014 would receive \$2,000. Another 20 non-union employees hired after July 1, 2014 would not be entitled to a one-time payment. This Ordinance also authorizes a 2% cost-of-living salary increase (COLA) for all non-union employees retroactive to July 1, 2015, which is the beginning of the current Fiscal Year 2016. The total cost to the City for the one-time payments would be \$925,790, which would be funded from the City's unassigned fund balance and the total cost for the 2% COLA for the current fiscal year FY 2016 would be \$432,160 which would be funded from the budgeted Fiscal Year 2016 surplus. The ongoing annual budget cost for the 2% COLA for non-union employees would be \$432,160.*

M. BROWN

#4107 A Resolution Approving the Wilmington Police Department's Acceptance of Grant Funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Port Security Program to Purchase Five (5) Special Service Vehicles and a Patrol Boat

***Synopsis:** This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the Administration, through the Wilmington Police Department (WPD), to obtain a \$348,031 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Port Security Program. The funds will be used to purchase five special service vehicles and a patrol boat. While the grant does not require a local monetary match, it does require a 25% "in-kind" match of \$87,008, which will be provided through the time and effort of the staff of the WPD Bomb Squad and Marine Units.*

#4108 A Resolution Approving the Wilmington Police Department's Acceptance of Grant Funding from the Fiscal Year 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Administered by the U.S. Department of Justice to Subsidize Overtime for an Anti-violence Initiative and the Salary for a Civilian Cold Case Investigator

***Synopsis:** This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be authorizing the Administration, through the Wilmington Police Department (WPD), to obtain a \$201,311 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The funds would be used to subsidize overtime costs for an anti-violence initiative and would pay for the salary of a civilian cold case investigator. This grant does not require a monetary local match or "in-kind" grant.*

VII. Petitions and Communications**VIII. Adjournment**