

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 21, 2016 @ 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 New Castle County Councilman Joseph M. Reda
All Council	Recognize Scott AME Zion Church 141 st Anniversary
All Council	Sympathy Reverend Willie Forace Smith Tymes
All Council	Recognize Paul Calistro 25 th Anniversary at West End Neighborhood House
All Council	Commend Veronica Oliver
All Council	Recognize Rev. Dr. Gloria M. Snipes, Pastor, Scott AME Zion Church
D. Brown	Sympathy Apostle Dr. Richard Milton Avant, Jr.
D. Brown	Sympathy Nathaniel "Mase" Mangrum
Cabrera	Recognize Brother Chris Posch of the Catholic Diocese
Chukwuocha	Recognize Paul Fedorkowicz
Gregory	Recognize Donn Devine
Gregory/M. Brown	Sympathy Olivia P. Shaw
Gregory/Shabazz	Commend Veronica F. Oliver
Williams	Recognize Dr. Jack P. Varsalona
Williams	Commemorate Wilmington Police Department's 125 th Anniversary
Wright	Commend The Peace Drums Steel Band
Wright	Congratulate Johnnie B. Wilson, Kenneth Brown and Thomas James Ford

VI. Legislative Business

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#4198 A Resolution Encouraging All Cities to Stand United in Support of Local Authority and Inclusiveness in the Face of Actions by Some States that Preempt Local Authority

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be supporting the position of the National League of Cities (NLC) which has asked all cities to stand united in support of local authority in the face of actions by*

some states that preempt local authority. The NLC's position followed passage of North Carolina House Bill 2 that was intended to counter the decision of the City of Charlotte (North Carolina) to expand its anti-discriminatory laws affecting the LBGT community and others. This resolution reasons that if states can usurp local authority, then efforts by local officials to legislate subjects such as wage equality and immigration reform will be stifled.

#4166 Ord. 16-010 Authorize an Extension to City Contract 14045WDPS, Fire Hydrant Testing and Rehabilitation Services with Utility Service Co., Inc. **(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 Public Works, to extend, for one additional year, the contract with Utility Service Company, Inc. (USC), for the ***inspection, water flow testing and rehabilitation*** of the City's approximately 2,500 fire hydrants. The original contract with USC became effective last March and contained two, one-year contract extension periods. The City will pay USC \$386,920 (the same amount as the first year of the agreement) for the second year of the agreement which is scheduled to begin on or about March 12, 2016.

#4167 Ord. 16-011 Authorize an Extension to City Contract 14046WDPS, Valve Inspection, Exercising and Rehabilitation Services with Utility Service Co., Inc. **(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 Public Works, to extend, for one additional year, the contract with Utility Service Company, Inc. (USC), for ***valve inspection, exercising and rehabilitation*** services. The original contract with USC became effective last March and contained two, one-year contract extension periods. The City will pay USC \$386,920 (the same amount as the first year of the agreement) for the second year of the agreement which is scheduled to begin on or about March 12, 2016.

GREGORY (Dorsey Walker on behalf of Gregory)

#4192 Ord. 16-021 Close a Portion of Liberty Street (Proposed Site of the Wilmington Skate Plaza) **(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 portion of Liberty Street to be closed based on the recommendation of the Departments of Public Works and Planning to assist with the development of the proposed Wilmington Skate Plaza. The City Planning Commission approved the recommendation at its March 15, 2016 meeting.

FREEL

#4199 A Resolution to Authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to Accept Grant Funding from Various Entities to Assist with the Renovations of Conaty Park

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be supporting the renovation of Conaty Park which is located on Gilpin Avenue near DuPont Street. Specifically, this Resolution authorizes the Administration to accept grants that will be used for the project. The grants include \$20,000 from the Wilmington Housing Authority, \$20,000 from the Delaware Center for Horticulture and \$67,000 from the State of Delaware's Community Transportation Fund. There are no matching funds required for any of these grants.*

#4200 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code Regarding the Term of the City's Active Depository, M&T Bank **(1st & 2nd 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 current agreement between the City and M&T Bank for the bank to serve as the City's active depository for banking services. Based on a recommendation of the City's bank Selection Committee, the agreement, set to expire on June 30, 2016 would be extended to June 30, 2020.*

#4201 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code in Order to Authorize the City's Treasurer Access to the Budget Reserve Account Funds at the End of a Fiscal Year and Replenishment of the Budget Reserve Account Funds in the Ensuing Fiscal Year for Fiscal Year 2016 **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for City Council's review and approval. If approved, Council would be extending the authorizing of the City Treasurer through Fiscal Year 2016 to access funds from the City's Reserve Account needed for City expenditures and to then to replenish the Account on or before October 1, 2016.*

VII. Petitions and Communications

VIII. Adjournment