

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 19, 2020 @ 6:30 P.M. – REVISION #3***

**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

Harlee	Sympathy Aaron Woody
McCoy	Recognize Dr. Lisa Lynch
McCoy	Recognize I Am My Sister's Keeper
McCoy	Recognize Women's History Month
Oliver	Recognize Benedictine Sister Margaret Mary Graney
Oliver	Sympathy Sabria M. Corbin
Oliver	Sympathy Susan Cooper
Oliver	Sympathy Martin Reed, Jr.
Oliver	Recognize Albert English – CIAA Hall of Fame
Oliver	Sympathy Dorothy Georgie Burkett Talbert
Oliver	Sympathy Bishop Joenathan Hunter, Sr.
Oliver	Sympathy Evon K. Minott
Oliver	Sympathy Gladys L. Gordy
Oliver	Sympathy James E. Scott
Oliver	Sympathy Arlene I. Petty
Oliver	Sympathy Rev. Swather John Watson
Oliver	Sympathy Thelma M. Freeman
Oliver	Sympathy Elizabeth J. Sudler
Oliver	Sympathy Marie Twyman
Oliver	Sympathy Patricia Baul
Oliver	Sympathy Hugh G. Waters
Shabazz	Recognize Dr. Tony Allen
Shabazz	Sympathy Emoni Rivers-Boyd
Shabazz	Commend Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Delaware, Inc.

VI. Legislative Business**OLIVER**

#4781 An Ordinance to Authorize an Amendment to Sublease Agreement Between the City and DETV Foundation, Inc. **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the execution of an amended lease agreement between the City of Wilmington and DETV Foundation, Inc. for studio space located at 2801 Lancaster Avenue in Wilmington, Delaware to provide that the City shall cover the costs of utilities related to the leased premises.*

SHABAZZ (Harlee presenting on behalf of Shabazz)*

#4782 A Resolution Establishing a Council City-Wide Parking Taskforce Commission to Conduct a Review of Parking Problems and Concerns Affecting Residents, Businesses and Visitors Throughout the City of Wilmington, Delaware and to Propose Legislative Action, Make Recommendations and to Report to this Council within 90 Days

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution establishes a Council City-Wide Parking Taskforce Commission to Conduct a Review of parking problems and concerns affecting residents, businesses and visitors throughout the City of Wilmington, Delaware and to propose legislative action, make Recommendations and to Report to this Council within 90 Days. The primary Focus Areas of the Commission are 1) Signage in Residential, Downtown and Riverfront areas of the City 2) Administrative Parking Operations and Collection of Data such as the Parking Appeals Process, Cost of Parking Tickets, Optimal uses of Parkmobile services, Handicap Parking Rules, etc. and, 3) Neighborhood, Business, and College Parking issues and problems such as learning from the Neighborhood Planning Councils and Civics the specific parking problems in each Neighborhood; Businesses/Merchants parking concerns, and Parking Garage use and trends.*

SHABAZZ (Harlee presenting on behalf of Shabazz)

#4783 A Resolution Encouraging Wilmington City Council to Support the National League of Cities, "2020 Leading Together Cities Agenda"

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Resolution encourages Wilmington City Council to support and use the National League of Cities Non-Partisan "Leading Together Cities Agenda" expressing agreement with the Non-Partisan 4 Shared Values that all levels of local and national government should utilize and adhere to in their relationships with each other and call upon the next President of the United States to adopt and achieve in the first 100 days of the next administration 4 policy and legislative priorities addressing Building Sustainable Infrastructure, Creating A Skilled Workforce, Ending Housing Instability and Homelessness, and Reducing Gun Violence.*

MCCOY

#4784

An Ordinance to Enact a Temporary Moratorium on the Monition of Owner-Occupied Properties for Delinquent Water Utility Charges **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance enacts a temporary 12-month moratorium on the monition of owner-occupied properties. The purpose of this temporary moratorium is to provide an opportunity for the Council and the Administration to determine whether the City's polices 1) adequately assist elderly, low income or disabled residents as it relates to the payment of water utility charges; 2) afford such individuals sufficient protections against the unwarranted loss of their properties, including a review of specific threshold amounts triggering monition; and 3) provide alternative means for the collection of delinquent water utility charges when elderly, low income or disabled individuals would be impacted.

FREEL

#4774

Ord. 20-008 Authorize and Approve a Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Wilmington, Delaware and Operations Management International, Inc. for the Management, Administration, Operation, and Maintenance of the Wilmington Wastewater Treatment Plant, Renewable Energy and Biosolids Facility, Main Pump Stations, Storage and Control Structures and Systems Associated with the Control of Combined Sewer Overflows (including Global Optimal Real Time Control System), and Associated Infrastructure **(3rd & 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 professional services agreement with Operations Management International, Inc. for the management, administration, operation, and maintenance of the Wilmington Wastewater Treatment Plant, Renewable Energy and Biosolids Facility, Main Pump Stations, Storage and Control Structures and Systems associated with the control of Combined Sewer Overflows (including Global Optimal Real Time Control System), and Associated Infrastructure for a period of twenty (20) years with two (2) two-year extension periods.

SHABAZZ (Freel presenting on behalf of Shabazz)

#4785

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 44 of the City Code to Provide a Property Tax Abatement for Low-To-Moderate Income, Long-Term Homeowners Following a 50 Percent or More Property Tax Increase on Their Primary Residence **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis:

This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance provides a partial property tax abatement for low-to-moderate, long-term City homeowners who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Eligible homeowners who have their property tax obligation increased by 50% or more following a property assessment may apply for a partial abatement of their tax obligation. The partial abatement would “freeze” their tax obligation at the pre-assessment amount as long as the property homeowner meets the eligibility requirements.

ADAMS

Rev. 1

#4771

Res. 20-012 Amend City Council Rules 2 and 3 Regarding Order of Business and Public Comment (**Postponed from Feb. 20, 2020 meeting**)

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution amends City Council Rules 2 and 3 to eliminate: (1) the Committee of the Whole meetings prior to regular City Council meetings; (2) the requirement that the public sign up by 5:45 p.m. to participate in public comment during the Committee of the Whole meetings; and (3) the duplicative second round of debate by Council Members. In addition, as housekeeping matters, the word “official” in the first sentence of Rule 2 is replaced with the word “regular” and the sentence regarding the Council President’s authority to establish rules of decorum for public comment has been moved from Rule 3 to Rule 2.

DIXON

Rev. 1

#4738

Sub. 1

Ord. 19-050

Amend Chapter 13, Article II of the City Code Regarding Nuisances Caused by Vacant Properties (**3rd & Final Reading**)

Synopsis:

This Substitute Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Substitute Ordinance amends Chapter 13, Article II of the City Code by requiring all vacant properties located within the City of Wilmington to be maintained in a safe, secure and sanitary condition so as not to endanger the health, safety or welfare of City residents. This Substitute Ordinance authorizes the Commissioner of Licenses and Inspections or his authorized representative or designee to enforce City Code Section 13-42, and establishes the procedure for enforcement including the issuance of civil fines for violations of this Section, and the property owner’s right to appeal a notice of violation pursuant to this Section.

#4786

A Resolution to Encourage the Delaware General Assembly to Enforce Initiatives Making it Possible for All Qualifying Delaware High School Students to Register to Vote at School

Synopsis:

This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution encourages the Delaware General Assembly to develop and enforce processes by which Delaware public and charter schools would offer voter pre-registration and registration to eligible high school students via partnerships between school districts, municipalities and advocacy organizations.

GUY

#4778

A Resolution Rescinding Censure of Councilman At-Large Samuel L. Guy, Esq., for Conduct Unbecoming of the Office of a Member of Council

Synopsis: *This Resolution rescinds censure Resolution 17-026 censuring Councilman At-Large Samuel L. Guy, Esq., for conduct unbecoming of the office of a member of Council.*

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

***NOTE:** This Agenda has been revised to have the Council meeting using virtual video/teleconferencing technology that will permit the public and members of Council to hear the meeting and participate remotely so that the members of the Public, Council, and Council Staff do not risk the exposure of the Coronavirus in pursuant to Governor Carney's Proclamation # 17-3292. Members of the public are invited to join the City Council meeting by accessing the meeting through this link: <https://zoom.us/j/573359472>. To **listen in only** are to log on to WITN22 website www.witn22.org or YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/user/WITN22Wilmington/> or people can all join by telephone by calling one of the following phone numbers: +1 312 626 6799, +1 929 205 6099, +1 253 215 8782, +1 301 715 8592, +1 346 248 7799, +1 669 900 6833.