

**REGULAR MEETING OF WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 18, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M.**

**Virtual Meeting with Anchor Location and Remote Participation
Council Chambers
Louis L. Redding City/County Building
800 N. French Street, 1st floor – Wilmington, DE 19801**

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**

All Council	Sympathy former Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner
All Council	Recognize Teacher of the Year Jahsha Tabron
All Council	Recognize former Wilmington Mayor James H. Sill, Sr. (90th Birthday)
Congo	Recognize Dany Bourjolly Smith
Congo	Recognize Delaware Black Chamber of Commerce
Dixon	Recognize Kool Kids Foundation
McCoy	Sympathy Verdel Murray
McCoy	Sympathy Francisco Ramirez
McCoy	Sympathy Bishop Linwood Rideout III
Oliver	Sympathy Beulah Alverna McManus

- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Legislative Business**

GRAY

#0111 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 37 of the City Code Relating to the Removal of Abandoned Vehicles Within the City **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Ordinance updates the City Code to more closely match State law provisions relating to abandoned vehicles. Updates to the code include provisions for removing vehicles from private property when a vehicle has been abandoned with or without the property owner’s consent and the notice requirements that must be observed before a vehicle is removed. This Ordinance*

also rectifies an ambiguity created under 21 Del. C. §4402 (d) by empowering Wilmington Police officers to call for the removal of abandoned vehicles from private property.

#0112 An Ordinance to Create a Down-Payment and Settlement Assistance Program
(1st & 2nd Reading)

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This ordinance creates a municipal loan program, to be administered by the Department of Real Estate and Housing, to provide eligible homebuyers with loans of up to \$10,000 to assist with down payment or settlement costs related to the purchase a primary residence in the City of Wilmington.*

DARBY

#0099 Ord. 21-050 Amend Chapter 2 of the City Code to Require that Incarcerated Individuals in State of Delaware or Federal Correctional Facilities Who Were City Residents Before Incarceration Be Counted At Their Respective Last Known City Addresses for Redistricting Purposes **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by City Council for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance amends Chapter 2 of the City Code to require City Council and its Redistricting Committee to count incarcerated individuals in State of Delaware or federal correctional facilities at their respective last known addresses before incarceration for redistricting purposes, if such individuals were residents of the City of Wilmington immediately before their respective dates of incarceration. This requirement applies to every future redistricting beginning with the redistricting that occurs as a result of the federal decennial census of 2020. Finally, as a housekeeping matter, this Ordinance deletes current City Code Section 2-32.1 regarding the census 2000 compete count committee because it is obsolete.*

B. FIELDS

#0113 A Resolution Authorizing the City to Accept Conditional Gifts of Playground Equipment and Funding from Cornerstone West CDC and a Conditional Gift of Funding from the New Castle County Conservation District for Improvements in Tilton Park

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the city to accept the following gifts to assist the Department of Parks and Recreation's efforts to improve Tilton Park: (1) \$134,627.45 of new playground equipment and up to \$500,000.00 in funding from Cornerstone CDC West and (2) \$145,000.00 in funding from the New Castle County Conservation District.*

JOHNSON

#0114 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve a Multi-Year Amendment to the Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and Teladoc Health, Inc. for Telehealth Services **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the execution of a multi-year amendment to the agreement between the City of Wilmington and Teladoc Health, Inc. for telehealth services for City employees and their dependents to add mental health services to the agreement. The amendment is for a period of one (1) year and nine (9) months from January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, with the possibility of three (3) extensions of one (1) year thereafter.*

#0115 An Ordinance to Authorize and Approve a Product Purchasing Agreement Between the City of Wilmington and Cambridge Computer Services, Inc. for a Storage Area Network **(1st & 2nd Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance authorizes the execution of a product purchasing agreement between the City of Wilmington and Cambridge Computer Services, Inc. for a storage area network.*

#0101 Ord. 21-051 Constituting Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget (Being an Ordinance to amend Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance No. 21-019) **(3rd & Final Reading)**

Synopsis: *This Ordinance is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Ordinance is the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget Ordinance, which was enacted in Substitute No. 1 to Ordinance 21-019. This amendment contains: (1) changes to the position allocation list for City Council and the Mayor's Office; (2) revised budget appropriations for City Council; (3) increased budget appropriations for the Department of Public Works and the Department of Information Technologies; and (4) a transfer from the Tax Stabilization Reserve portion of the General Fund Balance to the Economic Strategic Fund.*

WALSH

#0103 Res. 21-046 Approving the Police Department's Grant Application to the State of Delaware Fund to Combat Violent Crime for Violence Reduction Overtime Costs

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security Fund to Combat Violent Crime (FY 2022) for \$419,208.06 in grant funding. The*

proposed grant funds would be used to cover overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts. No local matching funds are required.

- #0104 Res. 21-047 Approving the Police Department's Grant Application to the United States Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, to Support the City's Cold Case Investigator and Violence Reduction Overtime Costs

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for \$219,891.00 in grant funding. The proposed grant funds would be used to cover the salary for a civilian cold case investigator and overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts. No local matching funds are required.*

- #0105 A Resolution Approving the Police Department's Grant Application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance FY21 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program to Support the Victims Services Unit and Violence Reduction Efforts

Synopsis: *This Resolution is being presented by the Administration for Council's review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Fiscal Year 2021 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program for \$800,000.00 in grant funding. The proposed grant funds would be used over a three-year period to hire two (2) additional personnel for the Police Department's Victim Services Unit, and to support local efforts around violence reduction undertaken by the Police Department, its criminal justice partners, and Community Violence Intervention Programs. No local matching funds are required.*

VIII. Petitions and Communications

IX. Adjournment

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting will be open to the public starting at 6pm, so members of the public can sign up to speak. To sign up for Public Comment, members of the public must go to the following website <http://tinyurl.com/wccpubliccomment111821> to fill out the information requested. Public Comment will take place after non-legislative business. The President will recognize speakers in the order listed on the website.

When a member of the public is called on, their mic will be unmuted for comment. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.

Note: In accordance with the enactment of Delaware General Assembly Senate Bill 94, members of the public are invited to participate in the meeting either in person in the Council Chambers or virtually by accessing the meeting as follows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89625663665> or visit the WITN22 website www.witn22.org or WITN YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/WITN22Wilmington/> or listen in only by calling one of the following phone numbers (929) 205-6099 or (301) 715-8592. You will be asked for the **Webinar ID**. Please enter **896 2566 3665** and then #. **International numbers available:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89625663665>