



Thursday, February 21, 2013

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh, Kenney, Green and O'Brien

Pastor Bill Golderer of Arch Street Presbyterian Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of February 14, 2013.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Kenney Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Kenney:

☞ **Resolution No. 130125:** Resolution Honoring the rich life and loving memory of Philip E. "Knut" Bonner.

Councilmember Kenney Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Kenney:

☞ **Resolution No. 130126:** Resolution Honoring the proud history and one hundred year anniversary of the 1913 founding of the freedom fighting civilian militia, known as the "Irish Volunteers."

Councilmember Greenlee Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Greenlee:

☞ **Bill No. 130121:** An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," by adding a new Chapter, protecting social networking privacy, by prohibiting an employer from requesting or requiring access, in any manner, to an employee's or prospective

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employee's account or profile on a social networking site and providing for enforcement and penalties, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Greenlee Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Greenlee:

Resolution No. 130127: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Thirty-second and Thirty-seventh Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Henon Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Henon and Squilla:

Resolution No. 130128: Resolution Honoring the 10th Anniversary of The Irish Memorial.

Councilmember Johnson Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Johnson:

Bill No. 130122: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," by providing for hardship deferrals for taxpayers experiencing extraordinary increases in their real estate taxes, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Johnson Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Johnson:

Resolution No. 130129: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Second and Thirty-sixth Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for

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rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

DISCUSSION - RESOLUTION NO. 130129 - COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130130:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Green Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Goode and Reynolds Brown:

- ☐ **Bill No. 130123:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2-305 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Office of Property Assessment; Chief Assessment Officer; Powers and Duties,” by providing for standards for tax exemptions and for documentation requirements, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced and Moved to Be Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar - Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130131:** Resolution Supporting House Bill 548, known as the Voter Freedom and Integrity Act, which would allow early voting in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar - Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Jones, Bass and Johnson:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130132:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating the Police Athletic League (PAL) for their tireless efforts to provide athletic, educational, and special events and activities to all Philadelphia Youth, with a special emphasis on

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youth residing in disadvantaged areas of the City, on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary.

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- 📄 **Resolution No. 130133:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane on the occasion of being elected as Pennsylvania's first female Attorney General and for her tireless efforts and contributions toward protecting and defending Pennsylvania's most vulnerable citizens by closing the Florida loophole regarding its Concealed Weapon or Firearm License.

Councilmember Oh Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar - Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Oh:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130134:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring School Police Sergeant Tyisha Godwin for her devotion to duty by keeping students safe and school grounds secured while assigned to South Philadelphia High School.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON RULES

- 📄 **Bill No. 130007:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by the Philadelphia County Border, the Delaware Expressway, 86th Street, Bartram Avenue, 84th Street, Mario Lanza Boulevard, Island Avenue, Penrose Avenue, Delaware Expressway, the Schuylkill River and the Delaware River.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 130007.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 📄 **Bill No. 121040:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Philadelphia 21st Century Minimum Wage and Benefits Standard," by revising the definition of the employers required to comply with the minimum compensation standards established by this Chapter, under certain terms and conditions.

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PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 121040.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

Bill No. 130012: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-2600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business Income and Receipts Taxes," by revising the number of businesses that may obtain a credit against business income and receipts taxes upon contributing to certain community development corporations or nonprofit intermediaries engaged in neighborhood economic development activities within the City of Philadelphia; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GOODE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 130012.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on February 21, 2013:

Name and Comment Subject

None

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Bill No. 120143: An Ordinance Amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," by requiring the Finance Director to submit to Council, with the Mayor's proposed annual operating budget, an information technology strategic plan, following procedures to be adopted by the Managing Director, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

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BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130110:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvement thereon, situate in the Sixth and Forty-Sixth Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130114:** Resolution Amending Resolution No. 120538, approving the annual Program Statement and Budget for the expenditure of the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative (NTI) Bond Proceeds for Fiscal Year 2013.

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**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL
PASSAGE**

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Bill No. 120960: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21-1700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Publication of Notices by City,” by revising provisions concerning how and when certain required notices shall be published and advertised; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh, Kenney, Green and O'Brien

Nays: 0

Bill No. 121002: An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” to provide for the licensing of certain horses, to provide for requirements with respect to keeping certain horses, and to further provide for penalties and enforcement, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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Nays: 0

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS OH, O'BRIEN, BLACKWELL, SQUILLA, GREEN, GOODE, HENON AND BROWN - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

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