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Thursday, March 8, 2018

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Council met, a quorum being present.

Paastor Billy Thompson of The Evening Baptist Minister's Conference of Philadelphia and Vicinity was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
of he meeting of March 1, 2018.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Sergeant-at-Arms presented messages from the Mayor as follows:

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Bill No. 180215: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Lead Paint Disclosure," to clarify an existing requirement that as a condition of licensing Family Child Day Care facilities built before March 1978 that such facilities be certified as lead safe or lead free, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Reynolds

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Brown and Parker:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180219:** Resolution Calling for the prompt discharge of the #METOO Act from the Pennsylvania House's Committee on Labor and Industry with an affirmative and favorable recommendation.

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. 180220:** 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 Sixteenth 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 the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 180216:** An Ordinance Authorizing Timothy McGuriman of St. Joseph's University to construct, own, and maintain a proposed sidewalk café and planters encroachment at 2461-81 N. 54th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180221:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Jodan Floyd for her outstanding leadership as Principal of AMY Northwest Middle School and for being awarded the 2018 Lindback Foundation Distinguished Principal Leadership Award.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180222:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings with the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (PICA) to examine Philadelphia's financial health and stability.

Councilmember Johnson Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage

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Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Johnson:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180223:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities to hold hearings examining strategies to address traffic congestion in the City of Philadelphia.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180224:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the Seventh Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180225:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2520 Potter Street located in the Seventh Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180226:** Resolution Honoring the Montier Family of Philadelphia and Cheltenham and recognizing their historical significance and contributions to our region.

Councilmember Domb Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Domb, Jones, Gym and Green:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180227:** Resolution Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and marking the month of April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 180217:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by revising requirements for accessory signs, located within the area bounded by Juniper Street, East Passyunk Avenue and Mifflin Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180228:** Resolution Also naming the 1300 block of South Broad Street as “Jimmy Tayoun Way”.

Councilmember Oh Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Oh and Squilla:

- ☐ **Bill No. 180218:** An Ordinance Amending Section 12-1131 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Electric Vehicle Parking,” to provide for the discontinued approval of new Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces and the expiration of such existing spaces, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180229:** Resolution Recognizing, honoring, and thanking The Second Street Irish Society Pipes And Drums for its important contributions to the rich and diverse cultural fabric of Philadelphia.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on March 1, 2018:

Name and Comment Subject

Robert Burdge (180194)

Joe Danihel (180183, 171129)

Robert Taylor (180191)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

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☐ **Resolution No. 171134:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the provision of mandatory annual training for all City officers and employees regarding sexual harassment in the workplace; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Nays: 0

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

☐ **Resolution No. 180183:** 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 Fifteenth 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 the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 180189:** Resolution Calling on the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association to revise their rules on religious head coverings for student athletes.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 180191:** Resolution Urging the Senate to reject S. 446, entitled “Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017”, which requires states to recognize licenses or permits from other states, no matter how permissive their licensing standards.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 180192:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Grays Ferry Urban Renewal Area identified by house number and street address as 2600-2602 Wharton street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Neighborhood Gardens Trust and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180194:** Resolution Affirming the strong support of the City of Philadelphia for public sector workers whose rights and freedoms are threatened as the Supreme Court considers *Janus v. AFSCME*, and recognizing the important role unions play in raising standards for all workers.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180196:** Resolution Apologizing to The People's Republic Of China for the damage caused by a visitor to Philadelphia to a World Heritage Artifact loaned by The Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Center to the Franklin Institute.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180112:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Educational Supplement to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the eligibility, selection and removal of the Members of the Board of Education, relating to the Board of Education's responsibility for the administration of the School District, creating a Parent and Community Advisory Council, and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Nays: 0

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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- ☐ **Resolution No. 180226:** Resolution Honoring the Montier Family of Philadelphia and Cheltenham and recognizing their historical significance and contributions to our region.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

- ☐ **Bill No. 171109-A:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the provision of mandatory training for City officers and employees regarding sexual harassment in the workplace; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

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, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Nays: 0

- ☐ **Bill No. 171126:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by repealing certain provisions relating to police and fire radio broadcasts, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Nays: 0

Bill No. 171127: An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 13-700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Garbage Disposal Units,” all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Nays: 0

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Bill No. 170995: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Ridge Avenue, Paoli Avenue, Umbria Street, Fountain Street, Manayunk Avenue, Gates Street, Pechin Street, and Fountain Street.

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, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Nays: 0

Bill No. 170996: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Henry Avenue, Valley Avenue, Domino Lane, Domino Lane North, Ridge Avenue, Harmon Road, Fowler Street, Domino Lane, Silverwood Street (Extended), Parker Avenue, Pechin Street (Extended), Fountain Street, Pechin Street, and Hermitage Street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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Nays: 0

Bill No. 171002: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area

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bounded by Kensington Avenue, Adams Avenue, Leiper Street (extended), Frankford Creek, Castor Avenue, Wyoming Avenue, G Street, and Erie Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Nays: 0

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Bill No. 171003: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Allegheny Avenue, 2nd Street, Lehigh Avenue, and 6th Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Nays: 0

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Bill No. 171128: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Moore Street, Sixth Street, McClellan Street, and Seventh Street.

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, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Nays: 0

Bill No. 171129: An Ordinance Adopting an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the South Street Headhouse District of Philadelphia to extend the term of that Authority, 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, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

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Nays: 0

Bill No. 171130: An Ordinance Approving the plan, estimated costs and proposed method of assessment and charges of the South Street Headhouse District of Philadelphia for and concerning business improvements and administrative services to the eastern South Street and Headhouse areas of the City of Philadelphia; 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, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Nays: 0

Bill No. 180005: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Euclid Street, 53rd Street, Morse Street, and Georges Lane.

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, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Nays: 0

Bill No. 180075: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Ashton Road, Old Ashton Road, Welsh Road, Axe Factory Road, Winchester Avenue, Holme Avenue, and Holme Circle.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Nays: 0

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Bill No. 180006: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018 from the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the General Fund, the Managing Director.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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Nays: 0

Bill No. 180098, as amended: An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Educational Supplement to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, relating to the eligibility, selection and removal of the Members of the Board of Education, relating to the Board of Education's responsibility for the administration of the School District, creating a Parent and Community Advisory Council, as approved by Resolution of the City Council; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question to be voted on; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

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, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Nays: 0

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS BROWN, JONES, GYM, BLACKWELL, OH AND HENON - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.