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Thursday, October 21, 2021

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Council met, a quorum being present.

Rabbi Solomon Isaacson of Congregation Beth Solomon was intruded and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
of the meeting of October 14, 2021

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Transmitting an a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1001 W. Arizona Street, 1003 W. Arizona Street, 1005 W. Arizona Street, 1005 W. Cumberland Street, 1007 W. Arizona Street, 1009 W. Arizona Street, 1011 W. Arizona Street, 1013 W. Arizona Street, 1019 W. Arizona Street, 1021 W. Cumberland Street, 2325 N. 10th Street, 2335 N. 10th Street, 2337 N. 10th Street, 2346 N. 10th Street, 2347 N. 10th Street, 2419 N. 10th Street, 2440 N. Delhi Street, 2444 N. Delhi Street, 924 W. York Street, 932 W. York Street in the Fifth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code. (File No. 210858)

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1335 N. 8th Street, 1401 N. 8th Street, 1402 N. 30th Street, 1410 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1421 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1424 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1429 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1437 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1438 Franklin Street, 1440 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1451 N Myrtlewood Street, 1452 N. Mytlewood Street. 1457 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1459 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1460 N. Hollywood Street, 1463 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1500 N. Hollywood Street, 1511 N. Myrtlewood Street, 2955 N. 8th Street, 3003 Redner Street, 3601 Germantown Avenue, and 729 Master Street in the Fifth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code. (File No. 210859)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an a resolution approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 1604-1608 Page street, 1610 Page street, 1612 Page street, 1614 Page street and 1616 Page street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia, Inc. and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract. (File No. 210860)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 210848: Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 1604-1608 Page street, 1610 Page street, 1612 Page street, 1614 Page street and 1616 Page street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia, Inc. and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

Resolution No. 210849: Resolution Recognizing, honoring, and congratulating Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Omega Omega Chapter on its 95th Anniversary.

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

Bill No. 210846: An Ordinance Establishing parking restrictions for certain commercial vehicles in the vicinity of Tulip street and Robbins street, and Longshore avenue and New State road; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 210847: An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on Wynnefield Avenue, from 52nd Street to 54th Street, both sides; 54th Street, from Wynnefield Avenue to Gainor Road, both sides; Georges Lane, from Wynnefield Avenue to Gainor Road, both sides.

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

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

Resolution No. 210850: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services and the Committee Children and Youth to conduct joint hearings to investigate the organizational and systemic failures that led to the return of three girls to their sexually abusive father, who resumed the abuse after their return.

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

Resolution No. 210851: Resolution Urging the U.S. Congress to maintain the proposed \$5 billion in funding for gun violence prevention and other community violence interventions in the Build Back Better Act.

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

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Resolution No. 210852: Resolution Honoring Stephen K. Klasko upon the occasion of his retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of Thomas Jefferson University (“Jefferson”) and congratulating him on his many accomplishments.

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

Resolution No. 210853: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, student-athlete Donta Scott, on his book, “Wired Differently: My School Journey” which helps young student-athletes and parents prepare for the recruitment and school selection process.

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

Resolution No. 210854: Resolution Honoring Counseling or Assistance Services (CORA) for their semicentennial and their service to the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 210855: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2505 Emerald Street located in the 1st Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 210856: Resolution Authorizing Council’s Committees on Transportation and Public Utilities and Public Safety to hold joint hearings regarding ongoing issues of public safety at SEPTA facilities and aboard SEPTA vehicles.

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

Resolution No. 210857: Resolution Recognizing NE Phila Connected, a community based non-profit organization, for piloting a catalytic convertor theft prevention program in Northeast Philadelphia.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

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The following persons provided public comment on October 21, 2021

Name and Comment Subject

Sonja Bingham (210840)

Brooke Feldman (210840)

Stacy Waters (210833)

Darlene Burton (210840)

Marie Patterson (210834)

Amber Heath (210834)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

Please note that this meeting will be held remotely using Microsoft® Teams. This remote session may be viewed on Xfinity Channel 64, Fios Channel 40 or <http://phlcouncil.com/watch-city-council/>. Public comment may be received with regard to those matters printed on the agenda on the following pages. Speakers interested in participating in public comment must call 215-686-3406 by 3 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Council session and submit the following information:

- **Full name**
- **Callback telephone number where you can be reached**
- **Identify the bill number or resolution number that will be addressed**
- **State whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution.**

Speakers who submitted the above information within the required time frame will be telephoned during the council session and invited to the remote meeting. They will have up to three minutes to speak; the Council President, however, reserves the right based on circumstances to establish a different time limit. The Council President may also limit repetitious comments or limit the scope of testimony to only certain items on the agenda, which could affect callbacks for public comment at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from the session.

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars – titles are printed below.

Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the Mayor for reconsideration.

Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars.

Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Resolution No. 210832: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Dawn Staley for coaching the 2021 Olympic Gold Medal Winning U.S. Women’s Basketball Team.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210833: Resolution Recognizing October 21, 2021 as Conflict Resolution Day.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210834: Resolution Recognizing and congratulating Shervon Thompson for her historic appointment as the first Alumna Principal of The Murrell Dobbins Career and Technical Education High School.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210835: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor for being named a 2021 MacArthur “Genius” Fellow for her innovative scholarship on Black social movements and racial inequality in the United States and her critical examination of race, exploitation, and redlining in American housing policies and practices.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210836: Resolution Recognizing and thanking the many faith-based organizations across the City-synagogues, churches, and mosques-for their activism and service to the public throughout the pandemic in providing the citizens of Philadelphia with food, personal protective equipment and COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210837: Resolution Recognizing and congratulating Richard Schuettler upon the occasion of his retirement from the Pennsylvania Municipal League after 20 years, and even longer dedication to efficient, effective, decent governance across the Commonwealth.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210839: Resolution Honoring Angelo Cataldi, on the occasion of the announcement of his retirement as co-host of the WIP Morning Show and for invigorating the passionate fan culture of Philadelphia throughout his illustrious career in Philadelphia sports radio.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210840: Resolution Calling on the City of Philadelphia to issue a reward for information leading to an arrest in the arson case which victimized Sonja Bingham, an outspoken anti-drug and anti-violence block captain in the Harrowgate section of Northeast Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

Resolution No. 210850: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services and the Committee Children and Youth to conduct joint hearings to investigate the organizational and systemic failures that led to the return of three girls to their sexually abusive father, who resumed the abuse after their return.

THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

Resolution No. 210856: Resolution Authorizing Council's Committees on Transportation and Public Utilities and Public Safety to hold joint hearings regarding ongoing issues of public safety at SEPTA facilities and aboard SEPTA vehicles.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS OH, GILMORE RICHARDSON, JOHNSON, DOMB, GYM, SANCHEZ, JONES AND BASS - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.