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**Thursday, February 12, 2009**

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember DiCicco

PRESENT: 16 - Councilmembers Blackwell, Clarke, Council President Verna, Goode, Green, Greenlee, Jones, Kelly, Kenney, Krajewski, Miller, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Rizzo, Sanchez and Tasco

Council met, a quorum being present.

Pastor Robe Burns from The Real Life Ministry of Bridesburg was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER TASCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Clarke requested leave of absence for

Councilmember DiCicco

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 080724-AA and 080877, which were passed by Council on January 29, 2009, were signed by the Mayor on February 11, 2009. (File No. 090107)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution reappointing Ray Kaufmann to the Board of Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia. (File No. 090108)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

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- Transmitting a resolution reappointing Wendy Verna to the Board of Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia. (File No. 090109)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution reappointing John Foy to the Board of Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia. (File No. 090110)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution appointing JC Sykes to the Board of Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia. (File No. 090111)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution appointing Shana Vitoff to the Board of Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia. (File No. 090112)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution appointing Bernadette Brescia to the Board of Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia. (File No. 090113)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution appointing Greg DeCandia to the Board of Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia. (File No. 090114)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution appointing Robert Drake to the Board of Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia. (File No. 090115)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution appointing Al Grafstom to the Board of Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia. (File No. 090116)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution appointing Rod Millwood to the Board of Directors of the South Street/Headhouse District of Philadelphia. (File No. 090117)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill authorizing the Department of Public Property of the City of Philadelphia to enter into an agreement with The School District of Philadelphia for: School District use of the City's 800 MHz public safety radio communications system; provision of radios and equipment to the School

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District for use of such system; and assignment and co-licensing by the School District to the City of certain federal licenses for use of the 800 MHz spectrum; all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 090118)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Councilmember Kenney Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Kenney:

 **Resolution No. 090099:** Resolution Honoring the memory of Octavius V. Catto.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:

 **Resolution No. 090100:** Resolution Honoring Dr. Frank “Tick” Coleman, Esteemed Educator, Advocate and Athlete.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Verna, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:

 **Resolution No. 090101:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, 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-sixth and Fortieth Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvement in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Miller Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Miller:

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☐ **Resolution No. 090102:** Resolution Approving a final plan for the continuation of the Chestnut Hill Business Improvement District ("District") beyond the date of its termination, and authorizing and directing the Committee on Rules to take all further actions required by the Community and Economic Improvement Act prior to enactment of an ordinance that would formally continue the term of the District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Jones and Blackwell:

☐ **Resolution No. 090103:** Resolution Honoring and acknowledging the “Living History Makers” program for their commitment to breaking the traditional barriers amongst African American organ donors on the occasion of Black History Month.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

☐ **Bill No. 090095:** An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” by creating new requirements relating to the submission of an Economic Opportunity Plan.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

☐ **Resolution No. 090104:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter authorizing City Council to provide, by ordinance, for bid preferences on City contracts either for bidders offering environmentally preferable products or services or for businesses whose products, services and operations demonstrate a high level of environmental stewardship; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 090105:** Resolution Authorizing Council's Committee on Public Safety to hold public hearings to evaluate fire safety requirements and procedures in the City for the protection of senior citizens and persons with impaired hearing, vision or mobility, including requirements for the installation of specialized fire alarms; and to ensure optimal educational outreach to these communities regarding fire safety.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 090096:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, authorizing City Council to provide, by ordinance, for bid preferences on City contracts either for bidders offering environmentally preferable products or services or for businesses whose products, services and operations demonstrate a high level of environmental stewardship; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot questions to be voted on; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

Councilmember Clarke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Clarke and O'Neill:

- 📄 **Bill No. 090097:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Department of Public Property of the City of Philadelphia to enter into an agreement with The School District of Philadelphia for: School District use of the City's 800 MHz public safety radio communications system; provision of radios and equipment to the School District for use of such system; and assignment and co-licensing by the School District to the City of certain federal licenses for use of the 800 MHz spectrum; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS.

Councilmember Clarke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Clarke:

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📄 **Bill No. 090098:** An Ordinance Renaming and designating the Fotteral Square Playground as the "James Young Memorial Playground."

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

Councilmember Clarke Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Clarke:

📄 **Resolution No. 090106:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the Strawberry Mansion Athletic Association on it's establishment and for it's remarkable contribution to the youth of the 5th District and the community as a whole.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE**

📄 **Bill No. 080945, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-2400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Towing And Immobilizing Of Parked Or Abandoned Vehicles," by changing the fees for Damage to Vehicle Booting Devices, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

THE BILL WAS PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 16 - Councilmembers Blackwell, Clarke, Council President Verna, Goode, Green, Greenlee, Jones, Kelly, Kenney, Krajewski, Miller, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Rizzo, Sanchez and Tasco*

*Nays: 0*

**SPEECHES**

COUNCILMEMBERS BROWN, BLACKWELL, TASCO AND JONES (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.