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Thursday, March 24, 2022

PRESENT: 15 - Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

Council met, a quorum being present.

Rabbi Pinchas M. Lando of Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
of the meeting of March 17, 2022

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Councilmember Parker requested leave of absence for

Councilmember Johnson

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon situate in the Second Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to

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transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code. (File No. 220276)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 5026 N. 7th Street located in the 8th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 220277)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon situate 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. 220278)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1446 N. Dover Street, 1446 N. Newkirk Street, 1629 N. Marston Street and 1631 N. Bailey 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. 220279)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting 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, and 1614 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. 220280)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 210801, 210804, 210805, 210806, 210807, 210828, 210829, 210927, 210955, 210957, 211019, 220005, 220045, 220053, 220076, 220116, 220119, 220144, and 220145, which were passed by Council on March 10, 2022, were signed by the Mayor on March 23,

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2022. (File No. 220281)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 220111, which were passed by Council on March 17, 2022, were signed by the Mayor on March 23, 2022. (File No. 220282)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

March 23, 2022

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am hereby returning without my signature Bill Number 210778-AA, which was passed by Council at its session on March 10, 2022. This bill creates the Affordable Housing Preservation Overlay District and adds certain areas of land in the 3rd District to such new district. It also establishes a temporary demolition moratorium with respect to a property in that same area for which imminent demolition of existing affordable housing has been threatened. One of the parcels covered by this bill is currently the subject of litigation, and I encourage the parties to reach a resolution. I am returning without my signature Bill Number 210778-AA.

Respectfully,
JAMES F. KENNEY
Mayor
(File No. 220283)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Parker Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Parker:

Bill No. 220261: An Ordinance Amending Section 20-101 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Residence Requirements,” by clarifying that temporary residence outside the City, including for military service or educational purposes, does not prevent a person, including a police recruit, from meeting the Residence Requirement.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE.

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

Resolution No. 220262: Resolution Calling on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to adopt the Whole-Home Repairs Act (Senate Bill 1135) and thanking Senator Nikil Saval for his commitment to creating safe, efficient, resilient housing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

Resolution No. 220263: Resolution Declaring March 31, 2022 as International Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 220264: Resolution Appointing Afroza Hossain to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 220265: Resolution Appointing Benjamin Lerner to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Jones Introduced (By Request) and Referred the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:

Resolution No. 220266: Resolution Appointing Haakim Peay to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 220267: Resolution Appointing Hassan Bennett to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 220268: Resolution Appointing Jahlee Hatchett to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 220269: Resolution Appointing John Solomon to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 220270: Resolution Appointing Maryelis Santiago to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 220271: Resolution Appointing Melanie DeBouse to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 220272: Resolution Appointing Rosaura Torres-Thomas to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 220273: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Women's History Month's Champion of the Week, Masterman Girls Swim Team on the league championship, and the 10 Philadelphia Public League Girls Swimmers on qualifying for

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the PIAA State Championships.

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

Resolution No. 220274: Resolution Recognizing and honoring the life and service of Pennsylvania State Troopers Martin F. Mack III and Branden T. Sisca.

Resolution No. 220275: Resolution Urging the White House to establish a process to swiftly admit displaced Ukrainians into the United States and grant refugee status to Ukrainian citizens.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on March 24, 2022

Name and Comment Subject

Queen Judith Robinson (210848, 210865)

Corine O'Connell (210848)

Tyreeka Richards (210848)

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. 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN FROM CALENDAR.

Resolution No. 220250: Resolution Calling on the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Philadelphia Sheriff's Office, Office of the City Controller and the Managing Directors Office to conduct a joint evaluation of the City's current witness relocation and protection programs.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220251: Resolution Expressing solidarity with the local leaders of Ukraine.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220255: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Women's History Month's Champion of the Week, Imhotep Charter School's Girls Basketball team, on its successful 2022 season and winning the Philadelphia Public League title two years in a row.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Resolution No. 220256: Resolution Approving the First Amendment to License Agreement of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Market Street East Urban Renewal Area, for a certain pedestrian bridge located between Tenth and Eleventh streets above Filbert street, including air rights; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the First Amendment to License Agreement with Keystone Philadelphia Properties, L.P. and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the First Amendment to License Agreement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220257: Resolution Urging the White House and United States Congress to work with NATO partners in establishing a limited no-fly-zone over humanitarian corridors in Ukraine.

THE Resolution WAS DULY SECONDED, BUT DID NOT CARRY.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 6 Councilmembers Domb, Oh, Squilla, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez and O'Neill

Nays: 9 Councilmembers Green, Gym, Jones, Bass, Parker, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Resolution No. 210831: Resolution Approving the appointment of McCullough Williams III to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 211005: Resolution Reappointing Jay S. Feldstein, D.O., to the Board of Directors of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 211006: Resolution Reappointing Bernie A. Prazenica to the Board of Directors of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220025: Resolution Appointing Erik Derr to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220026: Resolution Appointing Brennan Tomasetti to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

Bill No. 220143, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-215 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Streeteries,” to add additional permitted locations, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

Bill No. 210743: An Ordinance Renaming and designating the property commonly referred to as the 11th and Venango Playground, located at 3600 North 11th Street, as the "Williams Moore Reed Memorial Park" in the City of Philadelphia.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.