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Thursday, April 12, 2018

COUNCIL SESSION INFORMATION IN PROGRESS

PRESENT: 16 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Gym

Council met, a quorum being present.

Pastor Joe White of Grace Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
of the meeting of April 5, 2018.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Henon requested leave of absence for
Councilmember Helen Gym


THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

 **Resolution No. 180352:** Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania House of

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Representatives to reject House Bills 1659 and 2138, which would create stringent employment requirements for Pennsylvanians using SNAP and Medicaid benefits.

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

Bill No. 180346: An Ordinance To amend Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by revising and clarifying certain provisions and making technical changes, 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. 180353: 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 1029-1031 Mount Vernon street and 1028 Lemon street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Yung King Lau and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

Resolution No. 180354: Resolution Honoring and remembering the life of William Bethel, and offering our deepest and sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and all those grieving his untimely death.

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

Resolution No. 180355: Resolution Authorizing Council's Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings examining the Office of Property Assessment's assessment system and the impact of increasing real estate taxes on Philadelphia households.

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

Resolution No. 180356: Resolution Urging the U.S. Department of Treasury to

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help protect access to banking services in lower-income communities by declining to adopt harmful proposed changes to Community Reinvestment Act regulations.

Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Quiñones Sánchez, Council President Clarke, Squilla, Blackwell, Greenlee, Bass, Jones and Reynolds Brown:

- ☐ **Bill No. 180347:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21-1600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Housing Trust Fund,” to authorize the establishment of separate sub-funds to receive, respectively, revenues attributable to recording fees and revenues attributable to certain payments required upon construction of certain real estate; to provide for and authorize the manner in which such revenues may be appropriated and spent; and to designate the agency within City government responsible for administering the Housing Trust Fund; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180357:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Law and Government to hold hearings regarding the use of THC screenings for people on probation or parole in Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 180348:** An Ordinance Amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code), Subcode PM (The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code), by adding requirements regarding the use of dumpsters on private property; and amending Section 10-722 of the Code, entitled “Use of Dumpsters,” to make conforming changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS.

Councilmember Domb Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Domb, Henon, O'Neill, Jones, Squilla, Oh, Taubenberger and Blackwell:

- ☐ **Bill No. 180349:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Revenue Commissioner and the City Solicitor, on behalf of the City, to enter into (i) a contract or contracts for a term not to exceed four years for the design, implementation, and management of

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a securitized sale of the City's liens for real estate tax and possibly other municipal claims but not to include any liens on owner-occupied residential properties; and (ii) a contract or contracts for a term not to exceed four years for the sale of such liens under which the City would be obligated to provide substitute liens or compensation for any defective liens; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Councilmember Domb Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Domb, O'Neill, Bass, Green, Squilla and Parker:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180358:** Resolution In solemn recognition of the Week of April 15 through April 22, 2018 as the National Annual Remembrance of the Six Million Jewish Martyrs, who perished during the Holocaust.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180359:** Resolution Recognizing, honoring and congratulating the 2018 Philadelphia Business Journal's 40 under 40 Class for their hard work and dedication to excellence in their representation of their respective industries and the City of Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180360:** Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Housing, Neighborhood Development and the Homeless and the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold joint hearings regarding growing the City's tax base by analyzing current housing trends, population growth and the City's labor pool as well as the real estate market in order to explore policy solutions to continue to grow the City's tax base.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180361:** Resolution Honoring and Recognizing Angelo Cataldi on the Anniversary of his 30th year on the air with SportsRadio 94WIP, and his over 35 years of covering Philadelphia Sports.

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

Bill No. 180350: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest to all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land located in and about the area bounded by Castor Avenue, Loretto Avenue, Elgin Avenue, and Bleigh Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Squilla Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Squilla, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Blackwell, Greenlee, Bass, Reynolds Brown and Jones:

Bill No. 180351: An Ordinance Providing for a payment to the City upon the construction of certain real estate, and directing Council to appropriate revenues from such payments to the Department of Planning and Development - Division of Housing and Community Development, in order to support equitable neighborhood development by constructing affordable housing, including units for sale or rent, and by providing assistance to Philadelphians who desire to become homeowners, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Resolution No. 180362: Resolution Proclaiming the Week of April 22, 2018 to April 29, 2018 as Recognizing Excellence in Philadelphia's Music and Cultural History Week.

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

Resolution No. 180363: Resolution Recognizing April 30th as Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag Day as a Symbol of the Contributions of the Vietnamese-American Community in the City of Philadelphia.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on April 12, 2018:

Name and Comment Subject

Clarc King (180322)

Carol Green (180322)


Joe Danihel (180313, 180314, 180326, 180303, 180309, 180310)

Andrew Young (170854)

Stephanie Altimari (170854)


See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

-  **Bill No. 170956:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Philadelphia 21st Century Minimum Wage and Benefits Standard,” by revising provisions regarding waivers of minimum wage requirements, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

-  **Resolution No. 180299:** Resolution Urging the President of the United States and the Environmental Protection Agency (“E.P.A.”) to recommit to the Obama-era rules for U.S. Automakers on Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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☐ **Resolution No. 180309:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2210 Latona Street located in the Second Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 180310:** Resolution Approving the action of the Boards of the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development to sell a property at 7411 Holstein avenue in the Eastwick Urban Renewal Area - Stage "A" Industrial, containing approximately Three Acres, to YD Real Estate Development, LLC, or its assignee or nominee.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 180312:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 415 W. Berks Street, 417 W. Berks Street and 419 W. Berks Street located in the Seventh Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 180313:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 119 W. Cumberland Street located in the Seventh Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 180314:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 3250 Hartville Street located in the Seventh Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 180326:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2549 S. 3rd Street located in the First Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 180327:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 726 Emily Street located in the First Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Bill No. 171110-A:** An Ordinance Constituting the Twenty-First Supplemental Ordinance to the Restated General Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond

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Ordinance of 1989, as amended and supplemented (the “General Ordinance”), providing for certain amendments to the General Ordinance under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Nays: 0

Ayes: 16 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

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the City's tax base by analyzing current housing trends, population growth and the City's labor pool as well as the real estate market in order to explore policy solutions to continue to grow the City's tax base.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT & THE HOMELESS AND COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Resolution No. 180361: Resolution Honoring and Recognizing Angelo Cataldi on the Anniversary of his 30th year on the air with SportsRadio 94WIP, and his over 35 years of covering Philadelphia Sports.

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Resolution No. 180363: Resolution Recognizing April 30th as Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag Day as a Symbol of the Contributions of the Vietnamese-American Community in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

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 READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Nays: 0

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.