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**Thursday, October 7, 2021**

PRESENT: 14 - Councilmembers Domb, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

EXCUSED: 3 - Councilmembers Green, Henon and O'Neill

Council met, a quorum being present.

Imam Jamil Abdullah of Philadelphia Masjid was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of September 30, 2021.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Parker requested leave of absence for

Councilmembers, Henon, Green and O'Neill.

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

Councilmember Parker made a Motion on the Sunshine Act - (See Notes of Testimony).

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Transmitting a resolution confirming the reappointment of Brian J. McCormick as a member of the Board of Ethics, to serve in the term ending November 16, 2026. (File No. 210821)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2553 Kern Street located in the 1st Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of

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Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 210822)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an ordinance amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 170002) approved May 22, 2017, entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 269 by relocating the easterly houseline of University Avenue, from a point approximately five hundred forty five feet north of Curie Boulevard to a point approximately two hundred thirty six feet further northwardly therefrom, a variable distance eastwardly, thereby widening said University Avenue, under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication to the City, without cost and free and clear of all encumbrances, of the bed of the said widened portion of University Avenue,” by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein. (File No. 210823)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an ordinance authorizing an increase in the non-electoral indebtedness of the City within the Pennsylvania constitutional limit; authorizing the Bond Committee to sell bonds at public or private negotiated sale, to provide funds toward various capital municipal purposes; providing for appropriations to the Sinking Fund Commission for the payment of such bonds; and authorizing agreements to provide credit or payment or liquidity sources for the bonds in connection with issuance of the bonds, and certain other actions. (File No. 210824)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

October 6, 2021

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

Pursuant to Sections 4-604 and 2-307 of the Home Rule Charter, I am today transmitting to the Council the recommendation of the City Planning Commission on the following bills:

Bill No. 210629

Bill No. 210633 - *Approval with Amendments*

Bill No. 210689 - *Not for approval*

Respectfully submitted,

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JAMES F. KENNEY  
Mayor (File No. 210825)

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. 210798:** An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 200351, entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the operation of sidewalk cafes during the COVID-19 emergency until December 31, 2020 in areas of the City where such activity currently must be otherwise authorized by special ordinance, and allowing expanded activity by currently licensed sidewalk café operations,” as amended by Bill No. 200497, to further extend the date Bill No. 200351 will remain in effect, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Bill No. 210799:** An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 200352, entitled “An Ordinance amending Chapter 11-100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled ‘General Provisions,’ to authorize the Streets Department to permit closure of the public right-of-way,” during the COVID-19 emergency as amended by Bill No. 200498, to further extend the date Bill No. 200352 will remain in effect, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Resolution No. 210809:** Resolution Recognizing October 18-24, 2021 as National Estate Planning Awareness Week.

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

**Resolution No. 210810:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring the United Age Group Track Club Association (UAGTCA) for its dedication to the development of young track and field athletes; and further authorizing the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to hold public hearings on the state of track facilities in the City of

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Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 210811:** Resolution Recognizing the 7th Ward Tribute, an artistic installation project paying homage to the remarkable Black history of Philadelphia's 7th Ward, for its dedication to preserving Black history and culture in Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 210812:** Resolution Honoring Anne Ewers, on the occasion of her retirement as President and CEO of the Kimmel Center, Inc., for 14 years of outstanding service to the Philadelphia cultural community and to the entire City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Domb, Brooks, Gauthier, Squilla, Gilmore Richardson, Bass, Quiñones Sánchez, Gym, Parker, Henon and Thomas:

**Resolution No. 210813:** Resolution Also naming the 2000 block of Christian Street "Father John Van de Paer Way" to honor the life and legacy of Father John Van de Paer.

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

**Resolution No. 210814:** Resolution Also naming the 2300 block of South 21st Street "Ronald R. Donatucci Sr. Way" to honor the life and legacy of Ronald R. Donatucci, Senior.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gauthier, Parker, Brooks, Gym, Gilmore Richardson, Domb, Squilla and Henon:

**Bill No. 210800:** An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking Regulations and Penalties," to add a new section entitled "Parking for Qualified School Employees," to provide parking for certain school employees at certain locations; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by

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Councilmember Gauthier:

**Bill No. 210801:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 170002) approved May 22, 2017, entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 269 by relocating the easterly houseline of University Avenue, from a point approximately five-hundred forty-five feet north of Curie Boulevard to a point approximately two-hundred thirty-six feet further northwardly therefrom, a variable distance eastwardly, thereby widening said University Avenue, under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication to the City, without cost and free and clear of all encumbrances, of the bed of the said widened portion of University Avenue,” by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

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

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

**Resolution No. 210815:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings on the procurement, contracting and management processes of the School District of Philadelphia for student busing to establish what if any errors, omissions or lessons learned can be derived from the systematic failure of contracted busing to deliver students on time and ready to learn.

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

**Resolution No. 210816:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, Northeast High School Boys Volleyball team, on their successful 2020-2021 season and their Philadelphia Public League Championship win.

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

**Bill No. 210802:** An Ordinance Amending Section 12-1120 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Abandoned Vehicles,” to authorize Public Safety Officers to authorize the removal of abandoned vehicles, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

**Bill No. 210808:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing

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the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Oxford Avenue, Shelmire Avenue, Rising Sun Avenue (extended), Solly Avenue (extended), the County Line, Borbeck Avenue, Hasbrook Avenue, and Hartel Avenue.

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. 210817:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2553 Kern Street located in the 1st Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Resolution No. 210818:** Resolution Designating the week of Sunday, October 10 through Saturday, October 16, 2021 as “Italian American Heritage Week” in the City of Philadelphia and honoring Joe Piscopo as the Grand Marshall of the 2021 Philadelphia Italian American Parade. This year, the parade is also dedicated to the life and legacy of Anna C. Verna, longtime City Councilmember, a lifelong supporter of the Italian American Parade.

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

**Bill No. 210803:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Shawnee street and Abington avenue; Chestnut Hill avenue and Bethlehem pike; Highland avenue and Germantown avenue and Tohopeka lane; Ardleigh street and Southampton street; Springfield avenue and St. Martins lane; Meade street and Shawnee street.

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

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

**Bill No. 210804:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Mentor street and Windrim avenue; Pelham road and Mower street.

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

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember

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Bass:

**Bill No. 210805:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Sulis street and N. 2nd street; Ashdale street and N. 4th street; Rittenhouse street to Wissahickon street.

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

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

**Bill No. 210806:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Tioga street and N. 15th street;

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

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

**Bill No. 210807:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Penn Street, Morris Street, Coulter Street, and Priscilla Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

**Resolution No. 210819:** Resolution Honoring Frances Piller for her dedicated service to the City of Philadelphia.

**Resolution No. 210820:** Resolution Calling on the U.S. Department of Education to resolve bureaucratic errors within the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program which have led to the exclusion of qualified veterans and other public servants.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**Bill No. 210681:** An Ordinance Approving the 2021-2022 Neighborhood Preservation Initiative Program Statement and Budget, which addresses the expenditure of \$100 million by various agencies in the first year of the Neighborhood Preservation Initiative Program, and approving a Substantial Amendment to the Annual *Action Plan 2021-2022*, the City's consolidated housing and housing-related expenditures plan, to incorporate the Program Statement and Budget into the Action

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Plan.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 210684:** An Ordinance Authorizing, generally, the continued issuance and sale by the City of Philadelphia of Gas Works Revenue Notes of the City, prescribing the forms of notes and providing for their execution and payment, pledging certain revenues of the Gas Works as security, adopting a rate covenant and directing the imposition and collection of rates and charges sufficient to comply therewith, prescribing the conditions precedent to the issuance of specific series of notes, including a resolution passed by the Bond Committee providing for establishment of credit support for notes, providing for designation of a fiscal agent and sinking fund depository, providing for establishment of a sinking fund and its management, providing remedies upon default, and providing for amendments and modifications.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

**Bill No. 210681:** An Ordinance Approving the 2021-2022 Neighborhood Preservation Initiative Program Statement and Budget, which addresses the expenditure of \$100 million by various agencies in the first year of the Neighborhood Preservation Initiative Program, and approving a Substantial Amendment to the Annual *Action Plan 2021-2022*, the City's consolidated housing and housing-related expenditures plan, to incorporate the Program Statement and Budget into the Action Plan.

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

**Bill No. 210684:** An Ordinance Authorizing, generally, the continued issuance and sale by the City of Philadelphia of Gas Works Revenue Notes of the City, prescribing the forms of notes and providing for their execution and payment, pledging certain revenues of the Gas Works as security, adopting a rate covenant and directing the imposition and collection of rates and charges sufficient to comply therewith, prescribing the conditions precedent to the issuance of specific series of notes, including a resolution passed by the Bond Committee providing for establishment of credit support for notes, providing for designation of a fiscal agent and sinking fund depository, providing for establishment of a sinking fund and its management, providing



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remedies upon default, and providing for amendments and modifications.  
THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following persons provided public comment on October 7, 2021

**Name and Comment Subject**

Sue Hoffman (210787)

Erin O'Brien Hoffman (210787)

Pat Eiding (210787)

Cynthia Stinson (210793)

Shanique Jones (210793, 210794)

Whitney Brown (210755)

Jane Golden (210788)

Linda Bell (210636)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

COUNCILMEMBER PARKER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF .

A CONSENT AGENDA TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR AS FOLLOWS: Nos. 210755, 210785, 210786, 210788, 210789, 210790, 210791, 210793, 210794, 210796, 210797. Parker moved for adoption of each of the resolutions on the Consent Agenda - (See Notes of Testimony)

THE WAS DULY SECONDED, BUT DID NOT CARRY.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 0*

*Nays: 0*

**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.**

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS - RESOLUTION NO. 210793 (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**

**Resolution No. 210755:** Resolution Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210785:** Resolution Supporting the workers of the Department of Homeland Security contractor Triple Canopy in their reasonable demands for improved working conditions, particularly their protection from hair discrimination.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210786:** Resolution Recognizing Wednesday, October 6, 2021, as Energy Efficiency Day in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210787:** Resolution Recognizing and congratulating Erin O' Brien-Hofmann for receiving a 2021 Tradeswomen Heroes Award from the National Association of Building Trades Unions.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210788:** Resolution Joining Mural Arts Philadelphia in celebrating October as Mural Arts Month in Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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**Resolution No. 210789:** Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committees on Children & Youth and Education to hold public hearings on the search and hiring process for the next Superintendent of the School District of Philadelphia, and the role that the perspectives of families, students, teachers, school administrators, paraprofessionals, support staff, and community members must play throughout the search process.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210790:** Resolution Condemning the inhumane treatment of Haitian migrants at the border and urging the Biden administration to immediately suspend all deportations of Haitians, expedite the release of Haitian immigrants held in U.S. immigration facilities, uphold the right to seek asylum, and ensure a clean pathway to citizenship for essential workers, Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, and their families in all economic recovery legislation including through budget reconciliation.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210791:** Resolution Also naming the 5200 block of West Berks Street as “Charles ‘Chucky’ Rainey, Jr., Way,” in honor of Charles Rainey, Jr., to commemorate his legacy as the “Ambassador of Wynnefield” and long-time dedication to the residents of the Wynnefield neighborhood of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210793:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring the contributions of Dorothy Bolden to the National Domestic Workers Alliance, labor organizing, and advocacy for workers’ rights; and further proclaiming October 13th as “Dorothy Bolden Day” in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210794:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the Third Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210795:** Resolution Congratulating and honoring the Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander School for being recognized by the United States Department of Education as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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**Resolution No. 210796:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, Julia R Masterman’s Boys Tennis team, on their successful 2021 season and finishing second in the PIAA 2A State Playoffs.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210797:** Resolution Proclaiming October 7, 2021, as William Still Day in the City of Philadelphia in honor of what would have been his 200th Birthday.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

**Bill No. 210636-A:** An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” to clarify the appropriate methods and circumstances of enforcement of traffic violations in order to provide for the fair and transparent administration of the traffic violations, prevent racial disparities, and protect public safety, and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO AMEND BILL NO. 210636 (SEE FILE).

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 210636 WAS ADOPTED.

**Bill No. 210636-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” to clarify the appropriate methods and circumstances of enforcement of traffic violations in order to provide for the fair and transparent administration of the traffic violations, prevent racial disparities, and protect public safety, and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

**Resolution No. 210810:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring the United Age Group Track Club Association (UAGTCA) for its dedication to the development of young track and field athletes; and further authorizing the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to hold public hearings on the state of track facilities in the City of Philadelphia.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210815:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings on the procurement, contracting and management processes of the School District of Philadelphia for student busing to establish what if any errors, omissions or lessons learned can be derived from the systematic failure of contracted busing to deliver students on time and ready to learn.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**SPEECHES**

COUNCILMEMBERS BROOKS, SANCHEZ, RICHARDSON AND JONES - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.