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Thursday, May 23, 2024

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend Lawrence C. Shuford Jr., Pastor of Second Baptist Church of Frankford was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of May 16, 2024

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Transmitting an Ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development, on behalf of the City, to file applications with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Community Development Block Grant; to file applications to participate in the HOME Investment Partnership program and the Emergency Solutions Grant program; and to apply for a Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant; and to file applications with the Commonwealth to obtain grants under the Act of April 12, 1956, P.L. 1449, Section 4, as amended, to prevent and eliminate blight; authorizing the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Commerce to file applications to obtain other grants from the Commonwealth; authorizing the Director of Commerce to use the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program; and authorizing the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Commerce to enter into all understandings and assurances contained in such applications and take all necessary action to accept the grants; all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 240521)

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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 Tioga Urban Renewal Area, identified as a portion of 3030 North Twentieth street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with NewCourtland Apartments at Clearfield LP and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract. (File No. 240522)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of William Bergman to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (File No. 240523)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a Resolution confirming the appointment of Cheryl Gaston to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (File No. 240524)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of Ismail Shahid to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (File No. 240525)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a Resolution confirming the re-appointment of James Snell to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (File No. 240526)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a Resolution confirming the appointment of Tonetta Graham to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. (File No. 240527)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a Resolution appointing Marc Jenkins to the Board of Directors of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion. (File No. 240528)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that 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 Number 240301

Bill Number 240305

Bill Number 240333

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Bill Number 240336 - 45 days requested
Bill Number 240382 - 45 days requested
Bill Number 240384
Bill Number 240385 (File No. 240529)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising you that on May 22, 2024, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on May 09, 2024:

Bill No. 240192
Bill No. 240215
Bill No. 240216
Bill No. 240244 (File No. 240530)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson and O'Neill:

Bill No. 240492: An Ordinance Amending Section 19-1301.1 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Homestead Exclusion," to increase the amount of the homestead exclusion, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

Bill No. 240493: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 1532 Snyder Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19145, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

Bill No. 240494: An Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Planning and Development, on behalf of the City, to file applications with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Community Development Block Grant; to file applications to participate in the HOME Investment Partnership program and the Emergency Solutions Grant program; and to apply for a Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant; and to file applications with the Commonwealth to obtain

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grants under the Act of April 12, 1956, P.L. 1449, Section 4, as amended, to prevent and eliminate blight; authorizing the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Commerce to file applications to obtain other grants from the Commonwealth; authorizing the Director of Commerce to use the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program; and authorizing the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Commerce to enter into all understandings and assurances contained in such applications and take all necessary action to accept the grants; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 240495: An Ordinance Authorizing the vacating of Beaumont Street from Fifty-First Street to its terminus southwestwardly therefrom.

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

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

Bill No. 240496: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 6249 Catharine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 240497: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 5013 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 240498: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Service and Other Businesses", by adding various locations to the section regulating the hours of operation of certain establishments and providing for penalties within those various locations, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 240499: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Locust Street, 8th Street, South Street, and Broad Street.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 240500: An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions" by adding a new Chapter creating requirements related to the operation and maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations installed at certain commercial and residential parcels, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Resolution No. 240501: Resolution Recognizing and congratulating Olney High School teacher Luz Marcela Alva de la Rosa for being honored with the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation's Award for Distinguished Teachers.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Thomas, Squilla, Phillips, O'Rourke, Ahmad, Brooks, Young, Lozada, Harrity, Landau, Gilmore Richardson, Driscoll, Bass and Jones:

Resolution No. 240502: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Philadelphia Freeway by declaring June 1st, 2024, "Philadelphia Freeway Day" in the City of Philadelphia, celebrating the outstanding contributions of Philadelphia Freeway and his organization Freedom Thinkers Academy.

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

Resolution No. 240503: Resolution Honoring and congratulating April Verrett, the first African American woman to become the President of the Service Employees

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International Union (SEIU).

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

Resolution No. 240504: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings to explore existing partnerships between cultural institutions and schools in the City of Philadelphia and to evaluate the benefits of expanding these partnerships.

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

Resolution No. 240505: Resolution Appointing Marc Jenkins to the Board of Directors of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 240506: Resolution Declaring The Month of May in 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia and further honoring Dr. Taliba Foster for her work in the field of mental health.

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

Resolution No. 240507: Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold public hearings to examine, understand, and unveil the resources website developed as a result of the Parent University 2.0.

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

Resolution No. 240508: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Coded by Kids for preparing underrepresented people for leadership roles within the tech and startup space.

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

Resolution No. 240509: Resolution Recognizing and congratulating the Wilma Theater for receiving the 2024 Regional Theatre Tony Award, and celebrating the Wilma's outstanding contributions to the world of theatre and Philadelphia's diverse

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and vibrant arts and cultural landscape.

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

Resolution No. 240510: Resolution Authorizing The Special Committee on Kensington to convene for the purpose of investigating and addressing the barriers to accessing treatment beds in the Kensington area.

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

Resolution No. 240511: Resolution Honoring and congratulating students from the Benjamin Franklin High School Building Trades and Property Maintenance Program, for their 100% passing rate of the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute Exam.

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

Resolution No. 240512: Resolution Authorizing the Council of the City of Philadelphia to hold hearings on the use and occupancy of 2100 W. Girard Avenue by the City of Philadelphia and it's contractors and in furtherance of such investigation, authorizing the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of Parker Administration officials including the Mayor, and other such witnesses and the production of documents to the full extent authorized under Section 2-401 of the Home Rule Charter.

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

Resolution No. 240513: Resolution Celebrating May as Bicycle Awareness Month, recognizing the vibrant Philadelphia bicycling community, and calling for comprehensive bike lane accessibility across the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 240514: Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Labor and Civil Service to hold public hearings on the Administration's proposed Return to Office Policy, and the impact on the City's workforce.

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar

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the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers O'Neill and Thomas:

Resolution No. 240515: Resolution Proclaiming May 2024 as National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month in celebration of America's local governments and the National League of Cities' historic centennial anniversary.

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

Resolution No. 240516: Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Tioga Urban Renewal Area, identified as a portion of 3030 North Twentieth street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with NewCourtland Apartments at Clearfield LP and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

Resolution No. 240517: Resolution Recognizing and honoring the students in Imhotep Institute Charter High School's STEM program for their dedication as change-makers, ready to tackle humanity's most pressing challenges with determination and innovation.

Councilmember Ahmad Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Ahmad, Harrity, Phillips, Landau, Bass, O'Rourke, Gilmore Richardson, Brooks, Lozada, Thomas and Driscoll:

Resolution No. 240518: Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to allocate full funding for School-Based Health Centers and to give the Commonwealth's most vulnerable children an opportunity to thrive by providing complete mental and physical health in their schools.

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

Resolution No. 240519: Resolution Recognizing May 25, 2024 as National Missing Children's Day in the City of Philadelphia.

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

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Resolution No. 240520: Resolution Recognizing May 2024 as ALS Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Bill No. 240241: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-704 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Open Space and Natural Resources” by changing the applicability of steep slope protection requirements for certain stream restoration activities, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240241.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240336: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning” by adding definitions; and creating a new Chestnut Hill Lower East /NCO in the area generally bounded by the SEPTA Chestnut Hill East Line, Cresheim Valley Drive, Germantown Avenue, Winston Road, Moreland Avenue, Devon Street, Ardleigh Street, and Springfield Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240336.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Bill No. 240005, as amended: An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to create the Office of Homeless Services Ombudsperson as set forth in a Resolution approved by Council; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question to be voted on; and, authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240005, AS AMENDED.

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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240061, as amended: An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter further providing for mandatory annual appropriations for the Housing Trust Fund; and authorizing and directing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240061, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Resolution No. 240030, as amended: Resolution Proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the creation of the Office of the Homeless Services Ombudsperson, and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF RESOLUTION NO. 240030, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Resolution No. 240068, as amended: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter further providing for mandatory annual appropriations for the Housing Trust Fund; and providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF RESOLUTION NO. 240068, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS

Bill No. 240187: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia

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Code, entitled "Philadelphia Land Bank," to allow interested parties to require open bidding when the Land Bank seeks to exercise special authority to acquire property at a Sheriff's sale and allow prior owners to redeem property when such special authority is exercised, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240187.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240303: An Ordinance Authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of two certain areas located on either side of Hunting Park Avenue, east of Whitaker Avenue, as slope easements, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240303.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240370: An Ordinance Renaming and designating the property commonly referred to as the West Oak Lane Library, located at 2000 East Washington Lane, as the "Dwight Evans Library of West Oak Lane" in the City of Philadelphia.

COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240370.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240383, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing the City's Chief Innovation Officer or their designee to enter into a cable television franchise renewal agreement with Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, renewing the cable television franchise granted by the City to Verizon, for Franchise Areas I, II, III and IV of the City, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240383, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240423: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title, or a lesser interest in real estate, by

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purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation, or otherwise, in parcels of land along the Schuylkill River and the Wissahickon Creek for public recreational purposes, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240423.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240425: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire a fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest in all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land from the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, the Philadelphia Land Bank and the Philadelphia Housing and Development Corporation, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240425.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240428-A: An Ordinance Prohibiting the Commissioner of Public Property, or any other official of the City of Philadelphia (the "City") acting on behalf of the City from entering into, executing, or authorizing a lease extension, lease amendment, lease renewal or new agreement by and between the City and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for or on behalf of any Commonwealth Department or Agency, at the property located at 2100 W. Girard Avenue; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240428-A.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240431: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser interest, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, of certain parcels of land along the Delaware River in the Tacony-Holmesburg area for the purpose of making, enlarging, connecting, extending, operating and maintaining public parks for recreational use, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240431.

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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240435: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest to all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land situate at 121-25 East Chelten Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240435.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT
AND THE HOMELESS**

Bill No. 240245, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Landlord and Tenant," to modify requirements and authorizations related to the City's residential eviction diversion program, including associated changes to the landlord and tenant relationship, and to make certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240245, AS AMENDED.

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. 240241: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-704 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Open Space and Natural Resources" by changing the applicability of steep slope protection requirements for certain stream restoration activities, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 240336: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning" by adding definitions; and creating a new Chestnut Hill Lower East /NCO in the area generally bounded by the SEPTA Chestnut Hill East Line,

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Cresheim Valley Drive, Germantown Avenue, Winston Road, Moreland Avenue, Devon Street, Ardleigh Street, and Springfield Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 240005, as amended: An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to create the Office of Homeless Services Ombudsperson as set forth in a Resolution approved by Council; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question to be voted on; and, authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

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

Bill No. 240061, as amended: An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter further providing for mandatory annual appropriations for the Housing Trust Fund; and authorizing and directing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

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

Bill No. 240187: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Philadelphia Land Bank," to allow interested parties to require open bidding when the Land Bank seeks to exercise special authority to acquire property at a Sheriff's sale and allow prior owners to redeem property when such special authority is exercised, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 240303: An Ordinance Authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of two certain areas located on either side of Hunting Park Avenue, east of Whitaker Avenue, as slope easements, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 240370: An Ordinance Renaming and designating the property commonly referred to as the West Oak Lane Library, located at 2000 East Washington Lane, as

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the "Dwight Evans Library of West Oak Lane" in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Bill No. 240383, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing the City's Chief Innovation Officer or their designee to enter into a cable television franchise renewal agreement with Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, renewing the cable television franchise granted by the City to Verizon, for Franchise Areas I, II, III and IV of the City, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 240423: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title, or a lesser interest in real estate, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation, or otherwise, in parcels of land along the Schuylkill River and the Wissahickon Creek for public recreational purposes, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 240425: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire a fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest in all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land from the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, the Philadelphia Land Bank and the Philadelphia Housing and Development Corporation, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 240428-A, as amended: An Ordinance Prohibiting the Commissioner of Public Property, or any other official of the City of Philadelphia (the "City") acting on behalf of the City from entering into, executing, or authorizing a lease extension, lease amendment, lease renewal or new agreement by and between the City and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for or on behalf of any Commonwealth Department or Agency, at the property located at 2100 W. Girard Avenue; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 240431: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser interest, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, of certain parcels of land along the Delaware River in the Tacony-Holmesburg area for

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the purpose of making, enlarging, connecting, extending, operating and maintaining public parks for recreational use, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 240435: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest to all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land situate at 121-25 East Chelten Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 240245, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Landlord and Tenant," to modify requirements and authorizations related to the City's residential eviction diversion program, including associated changes to the landlord and tenant relationship, and to make certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Chung 240477
Jeffrey MacFarland 240376
Queen Judith Robinson 240118
Hilary Langer 240012-A
Rev Greg Holston 2410518
Chantay Love Mason 2410518
Rueben Jones 2410518
Dorothy Johnson Spreight 2410518
Oren Gur 2410518
Leigh Goldenberg 240509
Gareth and Fe Hall 240477
Christina Thomas 240477
Samuel Soliman 240477
Stina Ramanauskus 240477
Jane Gagliardo 240477
Brittany O'Neill 240477
Charles Miller 240282
Dr. William Kavesh 240282

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James Petricone 240118

Robert Harris AFSCME DC47 240514

Nadira Griffin 240183

Ogbonna Hagins

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Public comment will be received in-person regarding those matters printed on the agenda on the following pages. Speakers interested in participating in public comment at this meeting may call 215-686-3406 by no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting and they must submit the following information:

- **Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)**
- **Identify the bill number or resolution number that will be addressed**
- **State whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution**
- **Telephone number where you can be reached**

Speakers may also sign-up to participate in public comment on the day of the meeting in Room 400, City Hall. Speakers who submitted the above information within the required time frame will be added to the list. Speakers 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 testimony where repetitious comments are offered on an agenda item.

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

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 240477: Resolution Honoring the Life of Christian Hall, Urging the Pennsylvania State Senate to Pass House Bill 1305, and recognizing both Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Mental Health Awareness Month.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Brooks called up:

Resolution No. 240484: Resolution Celebrating the removal of cannabis from Schedule I of the Federal Controlled Substances Act and recognizing the urgent need for equitably distributed cannabis sales revenue that restores and repairs communities historically targeted by the war on drugs, and calling on the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to legalize and equitably tax cannabis.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Harrity called up:

Resolution No. 240486: Resolution Renaming the 2700 Block of Germantown Avenue “Leo Rosenblum Way” to honor Leo Rosenblum for his significant contributions to the community and his outstanding legacy in business.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

Bill No. 240012-A, as amended: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Queen Lane, Wissahickon Avenue, Roosevelt Boulevard (Extended), and Henry Avenue, and to amend Section 14-524 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/FDO, Fourth District Overlay District,” and make related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240220-A, as amended: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Red Lion Road, the Montgomery County line, the Bucks County line, and Roosevelt Boulevard.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

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

Bill No. 240119: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of two new light poles and three existing light poles in the vicinity of the Southeast and Northwest corners of John F. Kennedy Boulevard and North Broad Streets and the Northeast corner of John F. Kennedy Boulevard and N. Juniper Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240183: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Hoffman street between S. 19th street and S. 20th street; Pierce street between S. 17th street and S. 18th street; Pierce street between S. 21st street and S. 20th street; Sigel street between S. 22nd street and S. 23rd street; McClellan street between S. 18th street and S. 17th street; McClellan street between S. 19th street and S. 18th street; McClellan street between S. 20th street and S. 19th street; Jackson street between S. 15th street and S. 16th street; Jackson street between S. 19th street and S. 20th street; McKEAN street between S. 20th street and S. 21st street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

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Bill No. 240184: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: S. 18th street between Reed street and Wharton street; S. 18th street between Dickerson street and Reed street; S. 18th street between Tasker street and Dickinson street; Oakford street between S. 24th street and S. 25th street; Oakford street between S. 22nd street and S. 23rd street; S. 19th street between Dickinson street and Tasker street; S. 21ST street between Tasker street and Morris street; Manton street between S. 20th street and S. 19th street; Bancroft street between Tasker street and Morris street; Alter street between S. 22nd street and S. 21st street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240191: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of Norris street between Belgrade street and Gaul Street; Ritter street between Dauphin street and Norris street; York street between Mercer street and Thompson street; Hagert street between Cedar street and Gaul street; Wishart street between Frankford avenue and Emerald street; Delancey street between S. 2nd street and Front street; Front street between Spruce St and Pine street; Spruce street between S. 2nd street and S. 3rd street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240221: An Ordinance Authorizing the Procurement Commissioner to enter into a contract for the construction of a sewer and appurtenant work required to provide public sewer service in the 600 and 700 blocks of Hendren Street, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

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Nays: 0

Bill No. 240239: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 2201 Christian Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146 (“Property”), under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240240: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-203 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Sidewalk Sales,” to revise and clarify certain provisions related to City parks and recreation facilities and make related technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240243: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment in the nature of a staircase in the vicinity of 1951 East Monmouth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19134, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240250: An Ordinance Authorizing the installation, ownership, and maintenance of various encroachments along the 700 Block of Sansom Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240282, as amended: An Ordinance Granting permission to Germantown Jewish Centre to demarcate the boundaries of a Germantown eruv district, to construct and maintain a clear nylon cord and/or plastic tubes and other ancillary facilities including a maximum of ten poles along, over, and in certain public rights-of-way and City streets, and/or to attach such demarcation facilities to existing facilities owned by other entities authorized by other City ordinances, subject to such owner's consent; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240301, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 6516 Castor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19149, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240302, as amended: An Ordinance Establishing a no parking regulation on the south side of Wises Mill Road between Henry Avenue and Forbidden Drive.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240329: An Ordinance Establishing a no parking regulation on the west side

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of North 34th Street between Indiana Avenue and Clearfield Street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240331, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-215 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Streeteries,” modifying requirements related to the City’s revised standards and requirements associated with the use of portions of the Right-of-Way for outdoor dining.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240334: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-2700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Permit Parking Districts,” by changing certain boundaries and establishing new permit parking districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

Bill No. 240335: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-2700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Permit Parking Districts,” by extending the authorized duration of temporary parking permits and setting new permit application fees, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

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Nays: 0

Bill No. 240118, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 9 (“Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions”) of The Philadelphia Code to add a new chapter concerning protections for consumers against unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, and providing remedies, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Phillips called up:

Resolution No. 240501: Resolution Recognizing and congratulating Olney High School teacher Luz Marcela Alva de la Rosa for being honored with the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation’s Award for Distinguished Teachers.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 240502: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Philadelphia Freeway by declaring June 1st, 2024, “Philadelphia Freeway Day” in the City of Philadelphia, celebrating the outstanding contributions of Philadelphia Freeway and his organization Freedom Thinkers Academy.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 240503: Resolution Honoring and congratulating April Verrett, the first African American woman to become the President of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

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Resolution No. 240504: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings to explore existing partnerships between cultural institutions and schools in the City of Philadelphia and to evaluate the benefits of expanding these partnerships.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 240506: Resolution Declaring The Month of May in 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia and further honoring Dr. Taliba Foster for her work in the field of mental health.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones called up:

Resolution No. 240507: Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold public hearings to examine, understand, and unveil the resources website developed as a result of the Parent University 2.0.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 240508: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Coded by Kids for preparing underrepresented people for leadership roles within the tech and startup space.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 240509: Resolution Recognizing and congratulating the Wilma Theater for receiving the 2024 Regional Theatre Tony Award, and celebrating the Wilma's outstanding contributions to the world of theatre and Philadelphia's diverse and vibrant arts and cultural landscape.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 240511: Resolution Honoring and congratulating students from the Benjamin Franklin High School Building Trades and Property Maintenance Program, for their 100% passing rate of the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute Exam.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Young called up:

Resolution No. 240512: Resolution Authorizing the Council of the City of Philadelphia to hold hearings on the use and occupancy of 2100 W. Girard Avenue by the City of Philadelphia and its contractors and in furtherance of such investigation, authorizing the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of Parker Administration officials including the Mayor, and other such witnesses and the production of documents to the full extent authorized under Section 2-401 of the Home Rule Charter.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Brooks called up:

Resolution No. 240513: Resolution Celebrating May as Bicycle Awareness Month, recognizing the vibrant Philadelphia bicycling community, and calling for comprehensive bike lane accessibility across the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Harrity called up:

Resolution No. 240514: Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Labor and Civil Service to hold public hearings on the Administration's proposed Return to Office Policy, and the impact on the City's workforce.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember O'Neill called up:

Resolution No. 240515: Resolution Proclaiming May 2024 as National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month in celebration of America's local governments and the National League of Cities' historic centennial anniversary.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 240517: Resolution Recognizing and honoring the students in Imhotep Institute Charter High School's STEM program for their dedication as change-makers, ready to tackle humanity's most pressing challenges with determination and innovation.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 240519: Resolution Recognizing May 25, 2024 as National Missing Children's Day in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 240520: Resolution Recognizing May 2024 as ALS Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Squilla, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Landau, Councilmember Lozada, Councilmember Thomas, Councilmember Gauthier, Councilmember Jones, and Councilmember Young

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COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.