



**Thursday, March 17, 2016**

**COUNCIL SESSION INFORMATION IN PROGRESS**

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Council met, a quorum being present.

Councilmember Blackwell was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL  
of the meeting of March 10, 2016.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**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 This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

**Resolution No. 160229:** Resolution Honoring Philadelphia's Non-Profit Women Leaders in recognition of Women's History Month.

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

**Resolution No. 160230:** Resolution Hereby declaring the week of March 21,

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2016 to be Give Kids a Smile Week in Philadelphia and call to have children in need to get a dental exam and to take advantage of the services offered at Give Kids a Smile Day.

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

**Resolution No. 160231:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvement thereon, situate in the Sixth and Twenty-fourth Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Bill No. 160221:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Philadelphia Housing Authority to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to certain properties located in the vicinity of 19th street to the east, 28th street to the west, Cecil B. Moore avenue to the north, and College avenue to the south, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

**Bill No. 160222:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Girard Avenue, 6th Street, Poplar Street, and 7th Street.

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. 160232:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lot or piece of ground with the building and improvements thereon, situate in the Thirty-seventh Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to

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Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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. 160233:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the West Fairhill/East Tioga/Hunting Park Urban Renewal Area, identified by house number and street address as 3156 North Sixth street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Jose Miguel Carrer Rodriguez and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

Councilmember Greenlee Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Council President Clarke and Greenlee:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160234:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the New Kensington-Fishtown Urban Renewal Area, identified by house number and street address as 2208 East Norris street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Margaret McDermott and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 160223:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Ford Road, Chamounix Drive, Belmont Avenue, and Monument Road.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 160224:** An Ordinance Authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs at the intersection of Boone Street and Dupont Street.

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

Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez:

- 📄 **Bill No. 160225:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-605 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Towing,” by providing further requirements for towing companies regarding towing vehicles from private lots, private property and driveways, under certain terms, conditions and penalties.

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

Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez:

- 📄 **Bill No. 160226:** An Ordinance Amending Section 12-2405.1 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Removal of Vehicles Blocking Driveways,” by authorizing the Department of Streets or other department designated by the Mayor to create and maintain an inventory and database of certain driveways and parking spaces and to publish such information on the City's official website, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160235:** Resolution Authorizing the Joint Committees on Children and Youth and Housing Neighborhood Development and the Homeless to hold hearings to discuss the issue of Youth Homelessness in Philadelphia in order to work towards a strategic plan to address this issue.

Councilmember Domb Introduced and Moved to Be Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar - Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Domb, Parker and Taubenberger:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160236:** Resolution Acknowledging and recognizing March 29, 2016 as the 41st Anniversary of the enactment of the Earned Income Tax Credit and urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to join the 26 states plus the District of Columbia by enacting a state version of the Earned Income Tax Credit to help working families earning low wages meet basic needs.

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

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- ☐ **Resolution No. 160237:** Resolution Recognizing, honoring and celebrating *Unite for HER* for its invaluable contributions to building bridges between the medical and wellness communities by funding and delivering therapies that support the physical and emotional needs of those with breast cancer during treatment and beyond.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 160227:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Use Regulations,” by modifying the household living uses allowed in the CMX-3 district and making related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 160228:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Green Street, Second Street, Spring Garden Street, and Third Street.

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. 160238:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Thirty-first Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 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. 160239:** Resolution Approving the amendment and assignment agreement of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Franklin Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 1001-1005 Vine street, 1007-1011 Vine

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street and 314 North Tenth street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the amendment and assignment agreement with 1001 Vine Street, LP and Eastern Tower QALICB, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the amendment and assignment agreement.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160240:** Resolution Commemorating the inaugural Philly Loves Poetry Festival as a celebration of Philadelphia's vibrant poetry scene.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE**

- ☐ **Bill No. 160074:** An Ordinance Amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Public Employees Retirement Code,” by amending Section 22-301, entitled “Service Retirement Benefits,” and Section 22-401, entitled “Service-Connected Disability Retirement Benefits,” to add new subsections requiring a specified minimum monthly benefit amount for certain retired Police employee members, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER PARKER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 160074.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- ☐ **Bill No. 160003, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Section 17-107 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contractors: Labor-Management Relationships,” by requiring the City's Labor Standards Unit to enforce the City's contract requirements for Workforce Diversity and by providing penalties for contractor failure to make good faith efforts to meet Workforce Diversity goals, all under certain terms and conditions.


COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 160003.

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. 160074:** An Ordinance Amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Public Employees Retirement Code,” by amending Section 22-301, entitled “Service Retirement Benefits,” and Section 22-401, entitled “Service-Connected Disability Retirement Benefits,” to add new subsections requiring a specified minimum monthly benefit amount for certain retired Police employee members, under certain terms and conditions.

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

 **Bill No. 160003, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Section 17-107 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contractors: Labor-Management Relationships,” by requiring the City’s Labor Standards Unit to enforce the City’s contract requirements for Workforce Diversity and by providing penalties for contractor failure to make good faith efforts to meet Workforce Diversity goals, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following persons provided public comment on March 17, 2016:

**Name and Comment Subject**

- Jeffrey Braff (160157)
- Waltor Spencer (160012)
- Kelvin Carrington (160012)
- Jody Della Borba (160012)
- James Abram (160134)
- Ari Merretazore (160134)
- Ronald Armour (160204)
- Laverne Johnson (160012)
- Albert Hicks (160012)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**

☐ **Resolution No. 160204:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Haddington Urban Renewal Area, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, identified by house number and street address as 5146 Wyalusing avenue; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Danielle M. Carson-Varns and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 160205:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of certain properties located in the Fifth Councilmanic District that will be transferred by the City to the Authority, by conveyance of such properties to the Philadelphia Land Bank in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 160207:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Haddington Urban Renewal Area, Unit Nos. 2 & 3, identified by house number and street address as 5852 Race street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Danielle M. Carson-Varns and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 160208:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Seventh and Twenty-third Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 160214:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain



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City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Twenty-five, Thirty-first and Thirty-nine Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160229:** Resolution Honoring Philadelphia's Non-Profit Women Leaders in recognition of Women's History Month.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160230:** Resolution Hereby declaring the week of March 21, 2016 to be Give Kids a Smile Week in Philadelphia and call to have children in need to get a dental exam and to take advantage of the services offered at Give Kids a Smile Day.

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- ☐ **Resolution No. 160235:** Resolution Authorizing the Joint Committees on Children and Youth and Housing Neighborhood Development and the Homeless to hold hearings to discuss the issue of Youth Homelessness in Philadelphia in order to work towards a strategic plan to address this issue.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON CHILDREN & YOUTH AND HOUSING NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND THE HOMELESS.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160236:** Resolution Acknowledging and recognizing March 29, 2016 as the 41st Anniversary of the enactment of the Earned Income Tax Credit and urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to join the 26 states plus the District of Columbia by enacting a state version of the Earned Income Tax Credit to help working families earning low wages meet basic needs.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

**Bill No. 160004:** An Ordinance Amending Subsection 19-2604(8) of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Green Roofs' Tax Credit,” to amend definitions and make other technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberg*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 160012:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Tax Exemptions for Longtime Owner-Occupants of Residential Properties," by extending the time for which such exemptions are available, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberg*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 160134, as amended:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016 from the General Fund, the Department of Revenue, the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Commission on Human Relations, the Auditing Department and the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the General Fund, the Mayor - Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity, the Managing Director, the Managing Director - Legal Services, the Department of Streets, the Fire Department, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Public Property, the Department of Human Services - Office of Supportive Housing, the Director of Finance, the Department of Revenue, the City Representative, the Director of Commerce, the Law Department, the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Commission on Human Relations, the Auditing Department, the Register of Wills and the City Commissioners.

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THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 160136:** An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 150163 (approved June 18, 2015), entitled “An Ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2016 Capital Budget,” by adding and revising certain projects, amounts and sources, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Nays: 0*

*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger*

**Bill No. 160137:** An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 150162 (approved June 18, 2015), entitled “An Ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2016-2021 inclusive,” as amended by Bill No. 150611 (approved October 20, 2015), as amended by Bill No. 150790 (approved December 1, 2015), by adding and revising certain projects, amounts and sources, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 160150:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016 within the General Fund relating to the Council.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger*

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*Nays:* 0

**SPEECHES**

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN  
THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.