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Thursday, May 2, 2024

PRESENT: 16 - Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke and Council President Johnson

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Young

Council met, a quorum being present.

Pastor Clarence Hayes, Jr., of Truth and Life Empowerment Community Ministries was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

of the meeting of April 25, 2024

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Transmitting a Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1532 W. Loudon Street in the Eighth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code. (File No. 240406)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance authorizing the City Treasurer, on behalf of the City, to enter into an amendment agreement with Citizens Bank National Association for provision of payroll banking services to the City, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 240407)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance constituting the Nineteenth Supplemental Ordinance to

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the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance, providing for certain amendments to the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 240408)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance amending the Seventeenth Supplemental Ordinance to the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance (Bill No. 190432) of the Council of The City of Philadelphia, approved by the Mayor on June 26, 2019, to authorize an increase in the aggregate principal amount of Airport Revenue bonds or notes to be issued under the Seventeenth Supplemental Ordinance from Three Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$350,000,000) to Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000) (exclusive of costs of issuance (including underwriters' discount), original issue discount, capitalized interest, funding of deposits to the Sinking Fund Reserve Account, if necessary, and similar items); further amending said Ordinance (Bill No. 190432) to authorize the pledge for the security and payment of some or all of the Obligations a lien and security interest in Passenger Facility Charges, to the extent available; and authorizing certain other actions. (File No. 240409)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance constituting the Twentieth Supplemental Ordinance to the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance; authorizing the Mayor, the City Controller and the City Solicitor, or a majority of them, to issue and sell one or more series or subseries of tax-exempt or taxable airport revenue bonds or notes of the City of Philadelphia; setting forth the use of proceeds; determining the sufficiency of pledged Amounts Available for Debt Service; covenanting for the payment of interest and principal; authorizing the Bond Committee to take certain action with regard to the terms and conditions of the airport revenue bonds or notes and related agreements and the elections under the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance; authorizing the Director of Finance to take certain actions with regard to the sale of such airport revenue bonds or notes, the investment of the proceeds thereof and the City's continuing disclosure obligation; and specifying the applicability of sections of The First Class City Revenue Bond Act and the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance. (File No. 240410)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance constituting the Sixteenth Supplemental Ordinance to the General Gas Works Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1998 (the "1998 General Ordinance"); authorizing the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (the "City") to sell, either at public or private sale, one or more series of Gas Works Revenue Bonds and Gas Works Revenue Bonds to refund such Bonds (the "Bonds"); to pay the costs of

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certain capital projects and other Project Costs and the costs of redeeming the City's Gas Works Revenue Capital Project Commercial Paper Notes; authorizing the City to amend, novate or terminate all or any portion of any Qualified Swap Agreement; authorizing the City to obtain credit enhancement for any Series of the Bonds; making certain determinations and covenants relating to Gas Works Revenues and the payment of interest and principal; and authorizing covenants and actions in order that the Bonds shall not be arbitrage bonds; all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 240411)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an Ordinance approving the amendment of the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works (including the supplying of funds in connection therewith) subject to certain constraints and conditions, and acknowledging the receipt of the Revised Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029, as amended. (File No. 240412)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Bill No. 240368: An Ordinance Continuing a neighborhood improvement District, known as the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District ("District"), in an area that generally includes both sides of East Passyunk Avenue from the south side of Federal Street to the east side of South Broad Street, certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of East Passyunk Avenue, both sides of South Broad Street from the north side of McKean Street to the north side of Snyder Avenue, and the west side of South Broad Street from the south side of Mifflin Street to the north side of McKean Street; designating the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District, Inc., which has organized itself as a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District; approving a plan for the District, including a list of proposed improvements and their estimated cost, and providing for assessment fees to be levied on property owners within the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District, Inc., relating to the District; and authorizing the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District, Inc. to assess property owners within the District a special property assessment fee to be used in accordance with the approved plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

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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. 240369: Resolution Initiating action to a neighborhood improvement District, known as the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District ("District"), in an area that generally includes both sides of East Passyunk Avenue from the south side of Federal Street to the east side of South Broad Street, certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of East Passyunk Avenue, both sides of South Broad Street from the north side of McKean Street to the north side of Snyder Avenue, and the west side of South Broad Street from the south side of Mifflin Street to the north side of McKean Street; designating the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District, Inc., which has organized itself as a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District; approving a plan for the District, including a list of proposed improvements and their estimated cost, and providing for assessment fees to be levied on property owners within the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District, Inc., relating to the District; and authorizing the East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District, Inc. to assess property owners within the District a special property assessment fee to be used in accordance with the approved plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

Councilmember Phillips Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Bass, Council President Johnson, Lozada, Landau, Jones, Gauthier, Brooks, Ahmad, O'Rourke, Thomas, Harrity, Driscoll, Squilla, O'Neill and Young:

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.

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

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

Bill No. 240371: An Ordinance Amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code," by amending Subcode "PM" (The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code), to add restrictions and remedies regarding encroaching trees, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 240372: An Ordinance Constituting the Twentieth Supplemental Ordinance to the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance; authorizing the Mayor, the City Controller and the City Solicitor, or a majority of them, to issue and sell one or more series or subseries of tax-exempt or taxable airport revenue bonds or notes of the City of Philadelphia; setting forth the use of proceeds; determining the sufficiency of pledged Amounts Available for Debt Service; covenanting for the payment of interest and principal; authorizing the Bond Committee to take certain action with regard to the terms and conditions of the airport revenue bonds or notes and related agreements and the elections under the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance; authorizing the Director of Finance to take certain actions with regard to the sale of such airport revenue bonds or notes, the investment of the proceeds thereof and the City's continuing disclosure obligation; and specifying the applicability of sections of The First Class City Revenue Bond Act and the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 240373: An Ordinance Constituting the Sixteenth Supplemental Ordinance to the General Gas Works Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1998 (the "1998 General Ordinance"); authorizing the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (the "City") to sell, either at public or private sale, one or more series of Gas Works Revenue Bonds and Gas Works Revenue Bonds to refund such Bonds (the "Bonds"); to pay the costs of certain capital projects and other Project Costs and the costs of redeeming the City's Gas Works Revenue Capital Project Commercial Paper Notes; authorizing the City to amend, novate or terminate all or any portion of any Qualified Swap Agreement; authorizing the City to obtain credit enhancement for any Series of the Bonds; making certain determinations and covenants relating to Gas Works Revenues and the payment of interest and principal; and authorizing covenants and actions in order that the Bonds shall not be arbitrage bonds; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

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Bill No. 240374: An Ordinance Amending the Seventeenth Supplemental Ordinance to the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance (Bill No. 190432) of the Council of The City of Philadelphia, approved by the Mayor on June 26, 2019, to authorize an increase in the aggregate principal amount of Airport Revenue bonds or notes to be issued under the Seventeenth Supplemental Ordinance from Three Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$350,000,000) to Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000) (exclusive of costs of issuance (including underwriters' discount), original issue discount, capitalized interest, funding of deposits to the Sinking Fund Reserve Account, if necessary, and similar items); further amending said Ordinance (Bill No. 190432) to authorize the pledge for the security and payment of some or all of the Obligations a lien and security interest in Passenger Facility Charges, to the extent available; and authorizing certain other actions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 240375: An Ordinance Constituting the Nineteenth Supplemental Ordinance to the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance, providing for certain amendments to the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 240376: 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; and rescinding the authorization set forth in Bill No. 230186-A (approved September 15, 2023).

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 240377: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Treasurer, on behalf of the City,

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to enter into an amendment agreement with Citizens Bank National Association for provision of payroll banking services to the City, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 240378: An Ordinance Approving the amendment of the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works (including the supplying of funds in connection therewith) subject to certain constraints and conditions and acknowledging the receipt of the Revised Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029, as amended.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

Bill No. 240379: An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” to modify the requirements for contracts with not-for-profit vendors, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

Bill No. 240380: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-213 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Farmers’ Markets,” by adding a permissible location on South 52nd Street, between Pine Street and Osage Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 240381: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-104 of the Philadelphia Code entitled “Non-Confirming Structures and Uses,” by providing further provisions on changes from non-conforming uses; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

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Bill No. 240382: An Ordinance Authorizing the installation, ownership and maintenance of various encroachments in the vicinity of 4432 Main Street, 4436-42 Main Street and 4436R Main Street, Philadelphia, PA 19127, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 240383: 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 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS.

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

Bill No. 240384: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 944 North 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 240385: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Snyder Avenue, 6th Street, Cantrell Street, and 7th Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Resolution No. 240386: Resolution Appointing Jennifer Greenberg to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

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

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Gauthier:

Resolution No. 240387: Resolution Appointing Maria Gonzalez to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

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

Resolution No. 240388: Resolution Appointing Michael Johns to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

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

Resolution No. 240389: Resolution Appointing Andrew Goodman to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

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

Resolution No. 240390: Resolution Appointing Nicholas Dema to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

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

Resolution No. 240391: Resolution Also naming the 4100 block of Parkside Avenue as “Rev. Dr. Arthur White Way” to honor the life and memory of Rev. Dr. Arthur R. White and his service to the East Parkside community.

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

Resolution No. 240392: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs committee to hold hearings on ensuring Recreation Centers have the full complement of staff needed to respond to the diverse challenges of Philadelphia neighborhoods.

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

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Resolution No. 240393: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings on exploring possible alternatives to Philadelphia’s current School Board governance model.

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

Resolution No. 240394: Resolution Proclaiming the Week of May 3, 2024 to May 11, 2024 as the 14th annual Philly Tech Week and honoring the broad and vibrant Philadelphia technology community.

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

Resolution No. 240395: Resolution Congratulating Temple University’s mascot, the Owl, on winning The Philadelphia Inquirer’s first-ever Mascot Bracket.

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

Resolution No. 240396: Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Alfredo B. Calderon-Santini, Executive Director of ASPIRA Inc. of Pennsylvania, for his lifelong commitment to advancing quality education for every child in the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Lozada Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Lozada, Jones, Driscoll, Squilla, Harrity and Ahmad:

Resolution No. 240397: Resolution Requesting the City Controller to conduct a performance audit on all allocations and funding distributed by the City in the Kensington area, and examine the policies and procedures of the recipients and their impact on the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 240398: Resolution Declaring May 2024 to be Hepatitis Awareness Month in Philadelphia to recognize and support the joint efforts of “Hep B United Philadelphia” and “Hepatitis C Allies of Philadelphia” coalitions aimed at raising awareness of the link between viral hepatitis and liver cancer and the importance of elimination activities.

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

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the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Brooks:

Resolution No. 240399: Resolution Recognizing May as Teacher Appreciation Month, May 6 through 10 as Teacher Appreciation Week, and May 7th as Teacher Appreciation Day in the City of Philadelphia, and honoring teachers across the City for their vital work to uplift, care for and educate young people.

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

Resolution No. 240400: Resolution Declaring May 2, 2024 to be Prince Hall Day in the City of Philadelphia, and honoring the outstanding civic and philanthropic contributions of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania throughout Philadelphia and across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

Resolution No. 240401: Resolution Celebrating the students and staff of Lincoln High School for their service in The 2024 Primary Election.

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

Resolution No. 240402: Resolution Adding “Gjergj Kastrioti Skenderbeu Way” to the street signs on Willits Road between Holme Avenue and Academy Road in recognition of the new Albanian American Community Center being constructed at 3322 Willits Road by the Philadelphia Albanian-American chapter of the Bijte E Shqipes.

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

Resolution No. 240403: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1532 W. Loudon Street in the Eighth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

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the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Ahmad:

Resolution No. 240404: Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating the Central High School RoboLancers, winners of the 2024 *FIRST* Robotics Championship.

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

Resolution No. 240405: Resolution Recognizing May 2024 as American Stroke Month in the City of Philadelphia.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Bill No. 240192: An Ordinance Approving the fifth amendment of the redevelopment proposal for the Tioga Urban Renewal Area, being the area generally bounded by Hunting Park avenue on the north, Broad street, Germantown avenue, Venango street, Fifteenth street, Allegheny avenue and Germantown avenue on the east, Glenwood avenue and Lehigh avenue on the south and Twenty-third street, Allegheny avenue and Twenty-second street on the west, including the fifth amendment to the urban renewal plan, which provides, *inter alia*, for changes that would make it consistent with the Tioga Redevelopment Area Plan and generally consistent with the most recent Comprehensive Plan approved by the City Planning Commission of the City of Philadelphia.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240192.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240215: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Allegheny Avenue, American Street, Lippincott Street, 2nd Street, Gurney Street, Indiana Avenue, 3rd Street, Gurney Street, Clearfield Street, and 5th Street.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240215.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240216: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by

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Somerset Street, Orkney Street, Cumberland Street, and 5th Street.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240216.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240244: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-529 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/VDO, Fifth District Overlay District” by removing the exemption from the landscaping standards in the Zoning Code, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 240247-A: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Kensington Avenue, Buckius Street, Frankford Avenue, and Tioga Street.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 240247-A.

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. 240192: An Ordinance Approving the fifth amendment of the redevelopment proposal for the Tioga Urban Renewal Area, being the area generally bounded by Hunting Park avenue on the north, Broad street, Germantown avenue, Venango street, Fifteenth street, Allegheny avenue and Germantown avenue on the east, Glenwood avenue and Lehigh avenue on the south and Twenty-third street, Allegheny avenue and Twenty-second street on the west, including the fifth amendment to the urban renewal plan, which provides, inter alia, for changes that would make it consistent with the Tioga Redevelopment Area Plan and generally consistent with the most recent Comprehensive Plan approved by the City Planning Commission of the City of Philadelphia.

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

Bill No. 240215: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by

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Allegheny Avenue, American Street, Lippincott Street, 2nd Street, Gurney Street, Indiana Avenue, 3rd Street, Gurney Street, Clearfield Street, and 5th Street.

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

Bill No. 240216: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Somerset Street, Orkney Street, Cumberland Street, and 5th Street.

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

Bill No. 240244: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-529 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/VDO, Fifth District Overlay District” by removing the exemption from the landscaping standards in the Zoning Code, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 240247-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 Kensington Avenue, Buckius Street, Frankford Avenue, and Tioga Street.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kaizan Kollin for HepB Awareness
Paul Birdsong 240344, Jenna Collins for US Depart of Housing, Jake Zychick for Stroke Month, Jeremy Blatstein 240344, Senior Grand Warden for Prince Hall, Felix Gardenhire for Prince Hall, Ogbonna Hagins for Street Renaming, Warrern Bloom for Structural Racism, and Kate Perez for Affordable Connectivity Program

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024.

Please note that this is an in-person meeting, and it is open to the public. This meeting may also be viewed on Xfinity Channel 64, Fios Channel 40 or <http://phlcouncil.com/watch-city-council/>

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 Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 240337: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 4419R Market Street and 4310R Haverford Avenue in the Third Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 240338: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Housing Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 4419R Market Street and 4310R Haverford Avenue in the Third Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

Resolution No. 240339: Resolution Also naming the 1100 block of S. 53rd Street as “Mama Nia Bey Al-Rasul Way” to honor the life and cultural contributions of Mama Nia Bey Al-Rasul to the City of Philadelphia.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 240344: Resolution Urging the Biden Administration to immediately release the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing" rule.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 240350: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to various properties located in the Eighth Councilmanic District, including on the following streets: Mechanic Street, Musgrave street, East Phil Ellena street, East Sharpnack street, and East Ashmead street, pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 240351: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1532 W. Loudon Street in the Eighth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 240352: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Housing Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 6657-59 Blakemore Street (including the former 530-34 Vernon Road), 50 Collom Street, 56 Collom Street, 60-74 Collom Street, 101 Collom Street, 67 Church Lane, 83 Church Lane, 85 Church Lane, 87 Church Lane, 45 E. Garfield Street, 47 E. Garfield Street, 51 E. Garfield Street, 5417 Lena Street, 5423-27 Lena Street, 5429-43 Lena Street, 5513 Lena Street, 5515 Lena Street, 4949 Germantown Avenue, 4951 Germantown Avenue, 6526-34 Germantown Avenue, 117 Manheim Street, 36 E. Wister Street, 38 E. Wister Street, 40 E. Wister Street, 42 E. Wister Street, 44 E. Wister Street, 46 E. Wister Street, and 63 E. Wister Street in the Eighth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 240353: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to various properties located in the Eighth Councilmanic District, including on the following streets: Mechanic Street, Musgrave street, East Phil Ellena street, East Sharpnack street, and East Ashmead street, pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 240354: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 49 E. Earlham Street, 207 E. Penn Street, 313 E. Bringham Street, 292 E. Bringham Street, 278 E. Bringham Street, 260 E. Bringham Street, 226 E. Bringham Street, 5222 Wakefield Street, 429 E. Ashmead Street, 5514 Morton Street, 5515 Morton Street, 5608 Heiskell Street , 5642 Morton Street, 53 E. Pastorius Street, 261 E. Sharpnack Street, 263 E. Sharpnack Street, 112 E. Springer Street, 111 E. Springer Street, 4925 Wakefield Street, 326 Shedaker Street, 342 Shedaker Street, 4951 Sheldon Street, 4957 Sheldon Street, 4961 Sheldon Street, 4975 Sheldon Street, 4635 Germantown Avenue, 44 Reger Street, 42 Reger Street, 4946 Keyser Street, 1532 W. Loudon Street in the Eighth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 240355: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 5803 Knox Street in the Eighth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

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

Bill No. 240003: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Parks and

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Recreation, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a multiyear agreement with Bennett Compost, Inc., for food scrap collection and management of a compost facility on City property located at 5650 Rising Sun Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke and Council President Johnson

Nays: 0

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 240392: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs committee to hold hearings on ensuring Recreation Centers have the full complement of staff needed to respond to the diverse challenges of Philadelphia neighborhoods.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 240393: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings on exploring possible alternatives to Philadelphia's current School Board governance model.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Thomas called up:

Resolution No. 240394: Resolution Proclaiming the Week of May 3, 2024 to May 11, 2024 as the 14th annual Philly Tech Week and honoring the broad and vibrant Philadelphia technology community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Landau called up:

Resolution No. 240395: Resolution Congratulating Temple University's mascot, the Owl, on winning The Philadelphia Inquirer's first-ever Mascot Bracket.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Lozada called up:

Resolution No. 240396: Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Alfredo B. Calderon-Santini, Executive Director of ASPIRA Inc. of Pennsylvania, for his lifelong commitment to advancing quality education for every child in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Brooks called up:

Resolution No. 240398: Resolution Declaring May 2024 to be Hepatitis Awareness Month in Philadelphia to recognize and support the joint efforts of “Hep B United Philadelphia” and “Hepatitis C Allies of Philadelphia” coalitions aimed at raising awareness of the link between viral hepatitis and liver cancer and the importance of elimination activities.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Brooks called up:

Resolution No. 240399: Resolution Recognizing May as Teacher Appreciation Month, May 6 through 10 as Teacher Appreciation Week, and May 7th as Teacher Appreciation Day in the City of Philadelphia, and honoring teachers across the City for their vital work to uplift, care for and educate young people.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember O'Rourke called up:

Resolution No. 240400: Resolution Declaring May 2, 2024 to be Prince Hall Day in the City of Philadelphia, and honoring the outstanding civic and philanthropic contributions of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania throughout Philadelphia and across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Driscoll called up:

Resolution No. 240401: Resolution Celebrating the students and staff of Lincoln High School for their service in The 2024 Primary Election.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 240404: Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating the Central High School RoboLancers, winners of the 2024 *FIRST* Robotics Championship.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Ahmad called up:

Resolution No. 240405: Resolution Recognizing May 2024 as American Stroke Month in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Lozada, Councilmember Landau, and Councilmember Harry

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.