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Thursday, February 1, 2018

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.

Reverend Ethelyn R. Taylor of Oxford Presbyterian Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
of the meeting of January 25, 2018.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Transmitting a resolution approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 815-819 North Fifteenth street, 825-831 North Fifteenth street and 824-826 Burns street, 1522-1524 Parrish street, 1536 Parrish street and 1538 Parrish street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with BMK Properties, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Director of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority. (File No. 180094)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill authorizing the relocation of the lines and the striking and abandonment of certain portions of a right of way reserved for drainage purposes and water main purposes extending from Meade Street to Gravers Lane,

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southwest of Shawnee Street on City Plan No. 165, thereby reducing the width of the said right of way, under certain terms and conditions, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Streets Commissioner. (File No. 180095)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

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. 180081:** Resolution Recognizing the Efforts of Philadelphians to Elevate Awareness of Human Trafficking in the Month of January.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180082:** Resolution Urging the Philadelphia Parking Authority to Recognize the Martin Luther King Day Holiday as a Non-Ticketing Day.

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. 180083:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 815-819 North Fifteenth street, 825-831 North Fifteenth street and 824-826 Burns street, 1522-1524 Parrish street, 1536 Parrish street and 1538 Parrish street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with BMK Properties, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON ASKED FOR A STANDING MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FORMER BASKETBALL PLAYER RASUAL BUTLER, WHICH WAS GRANTED - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 180075:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Ashton Road, Old Ashton Road, Welsh Road, Axe Factory Road,

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180084:** Resolution Authorizing Philadelphia to officially join the National Stepping Up Initiative, to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 180076:** An Ordinance Amending Section 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Bicycle Lanes," by authorizing the Department of Streets to designate bicycle lanes, in both directions, on Island Avenue from Penrose Avenue to Enterprise Avenue, and on Enterprise Avenue, for its entire length, and authorizing the removal of travel lanes on both Island Avenue and Enterprise Avenue, in the same limits, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180085:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Patty Jackson for 35 years as one of Philadelphia's premier radio hosts

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180086:** Resolution Also naming Angelo Place, between Mars Place and South 82nd Street, "Joe Wilson Way", to honor the life and legacy of Joseph Wilson.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180087:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring The Northeast Baptist Church on their 60th Anniversary.

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



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February 1, 2018 in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the sacrifices made by Memphis sanitation workers who proclaimed “I Am a Man” in their successful campaign to secure their economic rights and social dignity.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180089:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Philadelphia band the War on Drugs for winning best rock album at the 60th Annual Grammy Awards.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180090:** Resolution Honoring the life and achievements of the scholar, scientist, and fighter for world peace William Edward Burghardt Du Bois, and declaring 2018 as the Year of W.E.B. Du Bois in the City of Philadelphia

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 180077:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-2600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Business Privilege Taxes,' by eliminating for new businesses the requirement to make an estimated payment when filing a return for their first tax year of business operations and allowing the estimated payment in succeeding years to be made in quarterly installments, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 180078:** An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” Chapter 10-800, “Safety,” by adding a new Section 10-840, “Criminal Squatters,” prohibiting conduct related to criminal squatting, establishing and clarifying procedures to investigate criminal squatters on real property, establishing and clarifying procedures for the removal of criminal squatters, and establishing procedures for the dissemination of information on eviction and ejection proceedings, and emergency housing, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND THE HOMELESS.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 180079:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Commercial Activities on Streets,” by amending Section 9-204, entitled “Sidewalk Vendors in Center City,” to change certain requirements for vending licenses and the process for obtaining locations for Center City sidewalk vending, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180091:** Resolution Congratulating and honoring Carla Moss for her years of dedicated service to the residents of Philadelphia on the occasion of her retirement from the Philadelphia City Commissioner's Office.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 180080:** An Ordinance Authorizing the relocation of the lines and the striking and abandonment of certain portions of a right-of-way reserved for drainage purposes and water main purposes extending from Meade Street to Gravers Lane, southwest of Shawnee Street on City Plan No. 165, thereby reducing the width of the said right-of-way, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180092:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Gary Tuggle on the Occasion of His Retirement as the Special Agent in Charge of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration's Philadelphia Field Division.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180093:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Nia Andrews for Her Exemplary Service and Leadership as Miss Philadelphia 2017.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT


The following persons provided public comment on February 1, 2018:

Name and Comment Subject

Jojuan Powell (180032)
Nasir Matthews (180032)
Nyssa Taylor (180032)
William Moore (180032)
Mike Lee (180032)
Orlando Acosta (180032)
Weatta Frazier Collins (180027)
Norman Wooten (180027)
Ethel Lind Baylor (180088)
Brad Wilson (171145)
Jared Doblein (171145)
Anthony Montiero (180090)
Meghan Chandra (180090)
Autum Zellers (180090)
Joe Danihel (180024, 180025, 180033, 180038, 180039)
Ruth Birchext (160720, 180131)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

 **Resolution No. 171138:** Resolution Authorizing Philadelphia to officially join the National Stepping Up Initiative, which focuses on reducing the number of individuals with mental illnesses in jail in counties across the country.

Councilmember Jones

Moved that Bill No. 171138 be withdrawn.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

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📄 **Resolution No. 180024:** Resolution Expressing support for the resolution introduced by the United States Congressional Black Caucus condemning and calling for the censure of President Trump because of remarks he made about certain African countries, Haiti, and El Salvador.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Nays: 1 - Councilmember O'Neill

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

📄 **Resolution No. 180025:** 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 building and improvements thereon, situate in the Fifty- 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

📄 **Resolution No. 180027:** Resolution Also naming Glenwood Avenue from Broad Street to Germantown Avenue as “Smokin' Joe Frazier Boulevard”.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

📄 **Resolution No. 180031:** Resolution Calling on the Pennsylvania State Legislature to pass a law requiring convicted domestic violence abusers to immediately relinquish all firearms within their possession to law enforcement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

📄 **Resolution No. 180032:** Resolution Encouraging the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania to institute internal policies that reduce reliance on cash bail; and further calling on the Pennsylvania State Legislature and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to revise state laws and procedure codes governing bail to allow for the elimination of cash bail statewide, or to provide for an exemption in the law for cities of the first class.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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📄 **Resolution No. 180033:** 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 Fourth 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

📄 **Resolution No. 180038:** 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 Eighteenth 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

📄 **Resolution No. 180039:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2520 Potter Street located in the Seventh Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

📄 **Resolution No. 180046:** Resolution Encouraging Apple Inc. to choose the City of Philadelphia as the future home of its new U.S. based campus.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

📄 **Resolution No. 180052:** 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 Twenty-Fifth 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Resolution No. 180053: Resolution Appointing Kenneth Silver to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 180054: Resolution Appointing Richard Millan to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 180055: Resolution Appointing Michael Untermeyer to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 180057: 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 Eleventh 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Bill No. 170850-AA: An Ordinance Authorizing Ralston Center, (“Owner”) to install, own and maintain bench encroachments on Spring Garden Street, Brown Street, N. 37th Street, N. 35th Street, and N. 34th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (“Property”), 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. 170955-A: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-3300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Erection, Use and Inspection of Tower Cranes,” by revising requirements related to tower cranes and adding requirements regarding the use and inspection of mobile cranes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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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. 170997-A: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded on the northeast by the Manayunk Canal, on the southeast by Green Lane, on the southwest by the Schuylkill River, and on the northwest by Leverington Avenue with a straight line extending from Leverington Avenue to the Schuylkill River. Further to approve the Residential Mixed-Use-2 District (RMX-2) Master Plan for the foregoing designated areas of land. Further, to amend certain provisions of Section 14-503 of the Philadelphia Code in connection with the foregoing Master Plan. Further, to amend the Property Maintenance Code to exclude the foregoing Master Plan from certain provisions of said Property Maintenance Code.

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

Resolution No. 180081: Resolution Recognizing the Efforts of Philadelphians to Elevate Awareness of Human Trafficking in the Month of January.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 180085: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Patty Jackson for 35 years as one of Philadelphia's premier radio hosts

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 180087: Resolution Recognizing and honoring The Northeast Baptist Church on their 60th Anniversary.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 180088: Resolution Recognizing a Moment of Silence on February 1, 2018 in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the sacrifices made by Memphis sanitation workers who proclaimed "I Am a Man" in their successful campaign to secure their economic rights and social dignity.

Councilmember Green

requested all members rise to recognize a moment of silence.

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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER GREEN - RESOLUTION NO. 180088 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY STANDING VOTE.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180089:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Philadelphia band the War on Drugs for winning best rock album at the 60th Annual Grammy Awards.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180090:** Resolution Honoring the life and achievements of the scholar, scientist, and fighter for world peace William Edward Burghardt Du Bois, and declaring 2018 as the Year of W.E.B. Du Bois in the City of Philadelphia

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER GYM - RESOLUTION NO. 180090 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180093:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Nia Andrews for Her Exemplary Service and Leadership as Miss Philadelphia 2017.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS BROWN, JONES, BLACKWELL, BASS, GYM, SQUILLA, DOMB, GREEN AND JOHNSON - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

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