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Thursday, May 12, 2016

COUNCIL SESSION INFORMATION IN PROGRESS

PRESENT: 16 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh and Taubenberger

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Reynolds Brown

Council met, a quorum being present.

Rabbi Tuvia Goldstein was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL of the meeting of May 5, 2016.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Henon requested leave of absence for Councilmember Brown

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

 **Resolution No. 160474:** Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating Ye Olde

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160475:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Mantua Urban Renewal Area, identified by house number and street address as 3741 Aspen street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Nicholas Coombs and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160476:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Mantua Urban Renewal Area, identified by house number and street address as 3405 Wallace street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Westview Development Partners, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 160457:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to convey to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, a parcel of land commonly known as 3303 West Glenwood Avenue, for further conveyance, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 160458:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to accept title to all or a portion of the parcels of land in the area bounded by North Street, North 18th Street, Wallace Street, and North 19th Street; and amending Chapter 15-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Fairmount Park System," to include such properties among the areas designated as part of the Fairmount Park System; all under certain terms and conditions.

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

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

Bill No. 160459: An Ordinance Authorizing Mulherin Partners LLC, (“Owner”) to install, own and maintain an open-air sidewalk café at 1355 Front Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122 (“Property”), under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 160460: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Diamond Street, Franklin Street, Berks Street, and 9th 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. 160477: 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-second 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 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. 160478: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the Fifth Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

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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. 160479:** 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 3110 North Percy street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Josefina Vazquez and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 160461:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (“SEPTA”) to construct, own and maintain digital outdoor advertising signs, encroaching on the public right-of-way at various subway, elevated train and rail entrances in the City, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 160462:** An Ordinance Amending Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code), Subcode “F” (The Philadelphia Fire Code) and Subcode “PM” (The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, by adding certain provisions related to maintenance and inspection of fire escapes; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 160463:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property and the Director of Commerce, acting on behalf of the City, to enter into an agreement to lease and purchase from Tinicum Township an approximately 21 acre parcel of land adjacent to Philadelphia International Airport, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 160464: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property and the Director of Commerce, acting on behalf of the City, to acquire approximately 8.5 acres of Hog Island Road from Tinicum Township, together with all improvements thereon, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Resolution No. 160480: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the Second Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

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

Bill No. 160465: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by North Front Street, West Berks Street, North 3rd Street and West Oxford Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 160466: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by North 3rd Street, West Berks Street, North 6th Street, West Master Street, American Street and Oxford Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 160467: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016 within the Grants Revenue Fund, from the Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the Managing Director.

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 160468:** An Ordinance Amending Title 4 (The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code), Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code), of The Philadelphia Code, by revising signage requirements relating to construction and demolition projects; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 160469:** An Ordinance Amending Title 4 (The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code), Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code), of The Philadelphia Code, by revising requirements relating to construction and demolition projects, including the expiration of permits; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160481:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the Seventh Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160482:** 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 Nineteenth 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

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

- Bill No. 160470:** An Ordinance Amending the Ordinance approved July 12, 1968, as last amended June 12, 2014, relating to pension benefits for employees working on behalf of Philadelphia Gas Works by revising the Philadelphia Gas Works Pension Plan to incorporate amendments thereto with respect to death benefits for certain plan participants; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Councilmember Green Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Council President Clarke, Gym, Blackwell, Henon, Taubenberger, Quiñones Sánchez and Squilla:

- Resolution No. 160483:** Resolution Urging the School Reform Commission, Superintendent William Hite, and the School District of Philadelphia to actively negotiate a mutually agreeable new contract with the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers that provides adequate staffing of our schools, acknowledges the contributions and sacrifices of teachers and other staff, and respects both seniority and traditional payment structures, like step pay.

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

- Bill No. 160471:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Realty Transfer Tax," by revising the rate of the tax, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Councilmember Parker Introduced and Moved to Be Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar - Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Parker, Council President Clarke, O'Neill, Blackwell, Green, Quiñones Sánchez and Bass:

- Resolution No. 160484:** Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to oppose legislation that would weaken existing protections against predatory lending and harm the citizens of our Commonwealth by legalizing high-cost, long-term payday loans.

Councilmember Gym Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gym, Blackwell, Domb, Bass, Henon and Quiñones Sánchez:

- Bill No. 160472:** An Ordinance Amending Subcode "PM" of The Philadelphia Code ("The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code"), by adding certain

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provisions related to drinking facilities in schools; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160485:** Resolution Calling upon the School Reform Commission, Superintendent William Hite, and the School District of Philadelphia to address widespread overcrowding in Philadelphia schools by enacting a lower class size in kindergarten through third grade, and ending the practice of split-grade classrooms unless specifically designed for pedagogical purposes.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 160473:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Parks and Recreation Commissioner to enter into an agreement to release and indemnify the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority in connection with access provided by SEPTA to carry out a project for improvements to JFK Plaza, aka "Love Park," at 15th and JFK Boulevard, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160486:** Resolution Appointing Supreme Dow to the Board of Directors for the Germantown Special Services District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160487:** Resolution Appointing Patrick W. Jones to the Board of Directors for the Germantown Special Services District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160488:** Resolution Appointing Daniel Connor to the Board of

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THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 160489: Resolution Appointing Byron Davis to the Board of Directors for the Germantown Special Services District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 160490: Resolution Appointing Julie Baranauskas to the Board of Directors for the Germantown Special Services District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 160491: Resolution Appointing Trapeta Mayson to the Board of Directors for the Germantown Special Services District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 160492: Resolution Recognizing and Thanking NBC10 for its Production of *Generation Addicted*, Using Excellent Reporting and an Online Platform to Educate the Public about Heroin and Opioid Addiction.

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

Resolution No. 160493: Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the 2016 Philippine Independence Week Celebration from June 4th to June 12th.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

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The following persons provided public comment on May 12, 2016:

Name and Comment Subject

Joe Danihel (160256, 160418, 160421, 160430, 160420, 160423)

Jennifer Baker (160228-A)

Kerry Smith (160484)

Alicia Blessington (160484)

John Dodds (160484)

Soneyet Muhammad (160484)

Joanne Sopt (160484)

Rev. Gregory Holston (160484)

Mark Horrell (160484)

Gladys Hughes (160256)

Brad Wilson (160412)

Sheila Lloyd (160256)

Johnny Young (160256)

Faruq Robinson (160256)

Theresa McCormick (160420)

Maria Ortiz (160420)

Joanne Campbell (160420)

Tiffany Green (160420)

Carl Hill (160420)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Resolution No. 160256: Resolution Calling on the Sheriff's Department and Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Court to impose a Moratorium on all residential mortgage foreclosure sales and related Ejectment actions resulting from residential mortgage foreclosure in Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 160412: 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

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 160420: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of certain properties located in the Second 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. 160421: Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Southwest Schuylkill Redevelopment Area, identified by house number and street address as 5944 Greenway avenue; authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Aisha Oliver and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 160423: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of certain properties located in the Seventh 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. 160430: Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Auburn Redevelopment Area identified by house number and street address as 2743-2745 Frankford avenue; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with James Mayberry and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Bill No. 160228-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 Green Street, Second Street, Spring Garden Street, and Third Street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Nays: 0

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

Bill No. 160271-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 31st Street, Master Street, 32nd Street, and Jefferson Street. Further to approve the Master Plan for the Brewerytown Residential Mixed-Use District by adding the site bounded by 31st Street, Master Street, 32nd Street and Jefferson Street; to the Brewerytown Residential Mixed-Use District and approving various construction projects.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Resolution No. 160474: Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating Ye Olde Philadelphia Club of Philadelphia on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 160484: Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to oppose legislation that would weaken existing protections against predatory lending and harm the citizens of our Commonwealth by legalizing high-cost, long-term payday loans.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 160492: Resolution Recognizing and Thanking NBC10 for its Production of *Generation Addicted*, Using Excellent Reporting and an Online Platform to Educate the Public about Heroin and Opioid Addiction.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 160493: Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the 2016 Philippine Independence Week Celebration from June 4th to June 12th.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS OH, JONES, SQUILLA, PARKER, GREEN AND SANCHEZ - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.