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**Thursday, October 22, 2015**

PRESENT: 15 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh and O'Brien

Council met, a quorum being present.

Jaizelle Stendardo of Mother of Divine Grace Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL  
of the meeting of October 15, 2015.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 140858, 150145, 150475, 150542, 150611, 150614, 150615 and 150668, which were passed by Council on October 8, 2015, were signed by the Mayor on October 20, 2015. (File No. 150804)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- October 20, 2015

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

Pursuant to Sections 4-604 and 2-307 of the Home Rule Charter, I am today transmitting to the Council the recommendation of the City Planning Commission on the following bills:

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Bill No. 150646            Recommended for approval  
Bill No. 150648            Not recommended for approval  
Bill No. 150666            Recommended for approval

Respectfully submitted  
Michael A. Nutter  
Mayor (File No. 150805)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.


**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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


 **Bill No. 150785:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-2400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Towing and Immobilizing of Parked or Abandoned Vehicles,” and Chapter 12-2700, entitled “Permit Parking Districts”, by adding new temporary parking permit provisions, penalties, and violations; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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. 150793:** 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-eighth 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 Henon Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Henon:

 **Bill No. 150786:** An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on both sides of Torresdale Avenue, from Linden Avenue to Rhawn Street and both sides of Megargee Street, from Torresdale Avenue to Frankford Avenue.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 150787:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 197 by striking from the City Plan Russell Street from Casper Street to Balfour Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 150794:** Resolution Declaring October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 150788:** An Ordinance Authorizing Nancy S. Trachtenberg, (“Owner”) to install, own and maintain an open-air sidewalk café at 1444 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146 (“Property”), under certain terms and conditions.

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. 150789:** An Ordinance Authorizing the construction of a water main and appurtenant work in a proposed right-of-way, required to alleviate unsanitary conditions in a portion of E. Fishers Lane.

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

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 150795:** Resolution Honoring the accomplishments of Alex Doty during his time as Executive Director of the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia.

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

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Francesca Onley, CSFN Education and Technology Center” at Holy Family University.

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

**Resolution No. 150797:** Resolution Authorizing the creation of a “Special Committee on Student Loan Debt” to evaluate the social, economic and legal impact of offering monetary and other incentives to reduce student loan debt of individuals who are residents of the City.

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

**Bill No. 150790:** An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 150162-A (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 2015), by adding and revising certain projects, amounts and sources, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

**Resolution No. 150798:** Resolution Calling on Au Bon Pain to resolve its ongoing labor dispute quickly and peacefully with workers at the Philadelphia International Airport.

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

**Bill No. 150791:** An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Businesses, Trades and Professions,” to add a Chapter requiring individuals with responsibility for determination or evaluation of means and methods used during construction or demolition to provide notification to the City upon becoming aware of a violation of law or a substandard practice that presents a substantial threat of serious bodily injury or damage to property; and making technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

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☐ Center located at 1025-33 Mifflin Street as the “East Passyunk Community Recreation Center”.

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

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

☐ **Resolution No. 150799:** 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, Thirty-first and Thirty-ninth 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 Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

☐ **Resolution No. 150800:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Maria Pajil Battle on the occasion of her retirement as Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Marketing for Keystone First.

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

☐ **Resolution No. 150801:** 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 Forty-ninth 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 Oh Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Oh:

☐ **Resolution No. 150802:** Resolution Recognizing the Harmony for Peace Foundation for presenting “Celebrate Peace for UN70” to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations.

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Councilmember Oh Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Oh, Reynolds Brown, Quiñones Sánchez, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Henon, Bass and O'Brien:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 150803:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Thomas Henry Massaro for his dedicated service in providing a free, in-depth orientation to newly elected Philadelphia City Councilmembers to promote good government.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON RULES

- ☐ **Bill No. 150374, as amended:** An Ordinance Establishing a neighborhood improvement district in the area generally bounded by, and including, 11th Street to the West, Filbert Street to the North, 8th Street to the East and Market Street to the South, with the exception of certain condominium units at 801 Market Street Condominium not included in the District, to be known as the Gallery Neighborhood Improvement District; designating Gallery Neighborhood Improvement District Corporation, 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 Gallery Neighborhood Improvement District Corporation, relating to the District; and authorizing Gallery Neighborhood Improvement District Corporation 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 GREENLEE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 150374.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 150499:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," to provide for notice to be given to the Director of Commerce in connection with certain zoning and planning applications for permits, approvals and variances, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 150499.

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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**Bill No. 150645:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14-300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Administration and Procedures," to add requirements related to the recording of survey plans and final plats, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 150645.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following persons provided public comment on October 22, 2015:

**Name and Comment Subject**

There were no Comments offered on October 22, 2015

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**

**Resolution No. 150756:** 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. 150776:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority,


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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 Seventh, Nineteenth, Thirty-seventh and Forty-second 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. 150794:** Resolution Declaring October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”.


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 **Resolution No. 150795:** Resolution Honoring the accomplishments of Alex Doty during his time as Executive Director of the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia.


THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

 **Resolution No. 150796:** Resolution Recognizing the dedication of the “Sister Francesca Onley, CSFN Education and Technology Center” at Holy Family University.


THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

 **Resolution No. 150800:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Maria Pajil Battle on the occasion of her retirement as Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Marketing for Keystone First.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

 **Resolution No. 150802:** Resolution Recognizing the Harmony for Peace Foundation for presenting “Celebrate Peace for UN70” to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

 **Resolution No. 150803:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Thomas Henry Massaro for his dedicated service in providing a free, in-depth orientation to newly elected Philadelphia City Councilmembers to promote good government.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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



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📄 **Bill No. 150407:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 253 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Kerper Place from Kerper Street to its terminus as a cul-de-sac turnaround northeastwardly therefrom, striking from the City Plan and vacating Kerper Street from a point approximately two-hundred fifty-two feet northwest of Oakley Street to its terminus as a cul-de-sac turnaround northwestwardly therefrom, placing on the City Plan a cul-de-sac turnaround at the resultant terminus of Kerper Street, and reserving and placing on the City Plan a fifty feet wide right-of-way for sewer and drainage purposes within the lines of Kerper Street being stricken and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said right-of-way, all under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication to the City of the unopened portions of the cul-de-sac turnaround being placed at the proposed terminus of Kerper Street.

COUNCILMEMBER TASCO MOVED TO ORDER THE BILL PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUSPENSION CALENDAR

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

📄 **Bill No. 150646:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 120 and 121, within an area bounded by Jefferson Street, Twenty-Fourth Street, Oxford Street, and Twenty-Second Street by placing on the City Plan Bucknell Street from Oxford Street to Jefferson Street, striking from the City Plan and vacating portions of Twenty-Third Street from Oxford Street to its terminus southwardly therefrom, placing on the City Plan an extension of Twenty-Third Street from the said terminus of Twenty-Third Street, south of Oxford Street, southwardly to Jefferson Street, striking from the City Plan a certain right-of-way reserved for public utility purposes lying within the lines of the said proposed extension of Twenty-Third Street, placing on the City Plan Bolton Street from Croskey Street to Twenty-Third Street, and relocating portions of the curblines of Oxford Street and Jefferson Street, each from Twenty-Second Street to Twenty-Fourth Street, and Bolton Street, from Twenty-Second Street to Croskey Street, all under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication to the City, without cost and free and clear of all encumbrances, of the beds of the streets authorized herein to be placed on City Plan.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 15 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh and O'Brien*

*Nays: 0*

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**Bill No. 140056:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20-300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Compensation and Benefits,” by providing for the salary of the Majority Deputy Whip of Council, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 15 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh and O'Brien*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 150612:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016 within the General Fund from the City Council to the Director of Finance-Contribution to School District.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 15 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh and O'Brien*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 150009:** An Ordinance Amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Miscellaneous”, by establishing a policy of posting all Missing and Endangered Persons Alerts on City websites and social media sites; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 15 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh and O'Brien*

*Nays: 0*

**SPEECHES**

COUNCILMEMBERS JONES AND BROWN - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.