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Thursday, February 4, 2016

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.

Rabbi Abe Friedman of Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
of the meeting of January 28, 2016.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 160099: Resolution Supporting the passage of the Pennsylvania General Assembly's House Bill No. 262 to help combat human trafficking throughout Pennsylvania.

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

Resolution No. 160100: Resolution Calling for the City Council Committee on Education and the Committee on Children and Youth to hold hearings on the establishment of a plan to deal with the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten.

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

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📄 **Bill No. 160092:** An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on both sides of Torresdale Avenue, from Ashburner Street to the Pennypack Creek.

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. 160093:** An Ordinance Establishing a no tractor trailer parking regulation on both sides of Torresdale Avenue, from Rhawn Street to the Pennypack Creek.

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

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Moved to Be Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar - Rules Suspended the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmembers Jones, Johnson, Oh, Domb, Quiñones Sánchez, Greenlee, Green, Parker, Henon, Reynolds Brown, Gym, Bass, Taubenberger, Blackwell, Squilla and O'Neill:

📄 **Resolution No. 160101:** Resolution Appointing members to the “Special Committee on Criminal Justice Reform,” who will conduct public hearings examining the Philadelphia criminal justice system for the impact of current policies, and offer recommended strategies for reform that are in the best interest of public safety and the public good.

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

📄 **Bill No. 160094:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Wage and Net Profits Tax,” to provide a tax credit and refund of excess taxes paid for certain low-income taxpayers whose children are enrolled in qualified early childhood education or care programs, establishing standards of eligibility and procedures, and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

📄 **Bill No. 160095:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation, appointment, powers and duties of a

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Commission on Youth Gun Violence; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160102:** Resolution Congratulating and Honoring Patrick Murphy on his recent appointment as Acting Secretary of the United States Army.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160103:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings to examine youth employment strategies and youth job training, to increase youth employment in the City of Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160104:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation, appointment, powers and duties of a Commission on Youth Gun Violence; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160105:** Resolution Authorizing Council's Committee on Labor and Civil Service to convene public hearings examining the state of retirement security for private and public sector workers in the City of Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160106:** Resolution Calling on the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to reform their programs for the sale of distressed mortgage notes in order to better protect homeowners from foreclosure and facilitate

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☐ **Resolution No. 160107:** Resolution Recognizing the talents of Kathleen “Kat” Webb for her winning submission marketing “meterUP” for the City of Philadelphia and for the Philadelphia Parking Authority.

Councilmember Jones

moved that the rules of Council be suspended to permit consideration of this resolution on today's Final Passage Calendar.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

☐ **Bill No. 160096:** An Ordinance To amend Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by establishing the Broad Street Area, Mid-South within the Center City Overlay District, revising certain provisions within the Center City Overlay District, and removing certain exceptions to off-street loading requirements.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

☐ **Bill No. 160097:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-213 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Farmers' Markets,” by adding a permissible location, all 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. 160098:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Cypress Street, Watts Street, Pine Street, and Broad Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

☐ **Resolution No. 160108:** 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

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thereon, situate in the Twenty-fifth and Thirty-first 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 Oh Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Oh and Domb:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160109:** Resolution Authorizing a joint public hearing between Council's Committee on Streets and Services and Committee on Education to investigate the allocation of funds from the revenues generated by the Red Light Camera Enforcement Program and the parking meter rate increase that took effect in 2014, as well as the costs associated with administering those programs.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Councilmember Squilla

moved that Bill No. 160016be withdrawn.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

- 📄 **Bill No. 160016:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-703 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Special Assembly Occupancies,” by providing for additional types of activity to be regulated, amending the application procedures and increasing the fee for a Special Assembly Occupancy license and for Promoter registration, clarifying the role of the Police Department in approvals of licenses, and making other technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

THE BILL WAS WITHDRAWN.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

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The following persons provided public comment on February 4, 2016:

Name and Comment Subject

Joe Danihel (160079)

Tiffany Green (160083)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160079:** 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-seventh and Forty-third Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160082:** Resolution Calling on the United States Department of Justice to conduct a complete and thorough investigation of the water supply disaster in Flint, Michigan that may have exposed 99,763 people to lead poisoning.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160083:** 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. 160084:** 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-sixth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia

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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. 160090:** Resolution Urging The Pennsylvania General Assembly to legislate a State Local Preference for contracting processes involving entities using state and local government funds.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160100:** Resolution Calling for the City Council Committee on Education and the Committee on Children and Youth to hold hearings on the establishment of a plan to deal with the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND CHILDREN & YOUTH.

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160101:** Resolution Appointing members to the “Special Committee on Criminal Justice Reform,” who will conduct public hearings examining the Philadelphia criminal justice system for the impact of current policies, and offer recommended strategies for reform that are in the best interest of public safety and the public good.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM.

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160102:** Resolution Congratulating and Honoring Patrick Murphy on his recent appointment as Acting Secretary of the United States Army.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160103:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings to examine youth employment strategies and youth job training, to increase youth employment in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160105:** Resolution Authorizing Council's Committee on Labor and Civil Service to convene public hearings examining the state of retirement security for private and public sector workers in the City of Philadelphia.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER PARKER - RESOLUTION NO. 160105 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL

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SERVICE.

Resolution No. 160107: Resolution Recognizing the talents of Kathleen “Kat” Webb for her winning submission marketing “meterUP” for the City of Philadelphia and for the Philadelphia Parking Authority.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER TAUBENBERGER - RESOLUTION NO. 160107 -
(SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 160109: Resolution Authorizing a joint public hearing between Council's Committee on Streets and Services and Committee on Education to investigate the allocation of funds from the revenues generated by the Red Light Camera Enforcement Program and the parking meter rate increase that took effect in 2014, as well as the costs associated with administering those programs.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON STREETS & SERVICES AND EDUCATION.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS OH, HENON, GYM, JOHNSON, JONES, BROWN, DOMB AND SANCHEZ - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.