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Thursday, March 10, 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.

Father Kuriakose of St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
of the meeting of March 3, 2016.

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. 160008, 160011, 160014, 160017, 160071, 160092 and 160093, which were passed by Council on February 25, 2016, were signed by the Mayor on March 8, 2016. (File No. 160217)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Haddington Urban Renewal Area, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, identified by house number and street address as 5146 Wyalusing Avenue; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Danielle M. Carson-Varns and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract. (File No. 160218)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

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Transmitting a resolution approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Haddington Urban Renewal Area, Unit Nos. 2 & 3, identified by house number and street address as 5852 Race street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Danielle M. Carson-Varns and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract. (File No. 160219)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

Transmitting a 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 the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 160220)

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 Councilmembers Reynolds Brown and Bass:

Resolution No. 160203: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on the Environment to conduct public hearings to investigate the relationship between poor Indoor Environmental Quality and high incidences of childhood asthma.

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

Resolution No. 160204: Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Haddington Urban Renewal Area, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, identified by house number and street address as 5146 Wyalusing avenue; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Danielle M. Carson-Varns 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. 160198: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area

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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. 160205:** 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 the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 160199:** An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contracts and Procurement," by adding language to bar the City from contracting with companies that use tax inversion or earnings stripping strategies to avoid paying taxes to the United States of America; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160206:** Resolution Calling for the Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings on improvements to the Philadelphia Police Department video surveillance systems and programs and other crime prevention tools such as the ShotSpotter gunfire detection system.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160207:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Haddington Urban Renewal Area, Unit Nos. 2 & 3, identified by house number and street address as 5852 Race street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Danielle M. Carson-Varns and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160208:** 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 Seventh 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 of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160209:** Resolution Honoring the Philadelphia Gas Works on the occasion of its 180th Anniversary.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160210:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Commerce & Economic Development to hold hearings regarding the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act of Pennsylvania.

Councilmember Green Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Council President Clarke, Reynolds Brown and Gym:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160211:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on the Environment to hold hearings to examine the Solar Schools for Philadelphia report released by PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center and Frontier Group, and to investigate financing options for the School District of Philadelphia to use its land and building stock for solar energy generation.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 160200:** An Ordinance Amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Finance, Taxes and Collections," by amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," to impose additional

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 160201:** An Ordinance Amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Finance, Taxes and Collections,” by amending Chapter 19-1300, entitled “Real Estate Taxes,” to modify the terms of some abatements, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160212:** Resolution Acknowledging and recognizing Startup PHL Presents: Amplify Philly SXSW Edition, a partnership of 30 public and private organizations, that have joined together to highlight Philadelphia's startup and tech community and promote Philadelphia as a hub for startups at the South by Southwest Conference & Festival taking place March 11th through March 20th in Austin, Texas.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160213:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring March 10th as Harriet Tubman Day in the City of Philadelphia.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160214:** 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-five, Thirty-first and Thirty-nine 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.

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Councilmember Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Bass and Council President Clarke:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160215:** Resolution Authorizing Council's Committee on Commerce & Economic Development to investigate and hold hearings to determine whether the City of Philadelphia should develop a local Mentor-Protégé Program to enhance the capacity of Minority, Women or Disabled Owned Enterprises to compete for procurement opportunities in the Philadelphia metropolitan marketplace.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 160202:** An Ordinance Amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code," Subcode "PM" (The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code), Chapter 3, "General Requirements," to require inspections of certain bridges, to impose reporting, remediation, and other requirements in connection therewith; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Oh Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Oh, Green, Squilla, Reynolds Brown, Bass and Johnson:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160216:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring The Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz and Performing Arts for serving and representing Philadelphia as a legendary institution of jazz performance and education on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- ☐ **Bill No. 160004:** An Ordinance Amending Subsection 19-2604(8) of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "'Green Roofs' Tax Credit," to amend definitions and make other technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 160004.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 160012, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Tax Exemptions for Longtime Owner-Occupants of Residential Properties," by extending the time for which such exemptions are available, 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.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Bill No. 160134, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016 from the General Fund, the Department of Revenue, the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Commission on Human Relations, the Auditing Department and the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the General Fund, the Mayor - Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity, the Managing Director, the Managing Director - Legal Services, the Department of Streets, the Fire Department, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Public Property, the Department of Human Services - Office of Supportive Housing, the Director of Finance, the Department of Revenue, the City Representative, the Director of Commerce, the Law Department, the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Commission on Human Relations, the Auditing Department, the Register of Wills and the City Commissioners.

COUNCILMEMBER QUIÑONES SÁNCHEZ MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 160134.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 160136: An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 150163 (approved June 18, 2015), entitled "An Ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2016 Capital Budget," by adding and revising certain projects, amounts and sources, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER QUIÑONES SÁNCHEZ MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 160136.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 160137: An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 150162 (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 20, 2015), as amended by Bill No. 150790 (approved December 1, 2015), by adding and revising certain projects, amounts and sources, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER QUIÑONES SÁNCHEZ MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 160137.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 160150: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016 within the General Fund relating to the Council.

COUNCILMEMBER QUIÑONES SÁNCHEZ MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 160150.

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. 160134, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016 from the General Fund, the Department of Revenue, the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Commission on Human Relations, the Auditing Department and the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the General Fund, the Mayor - Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity, the Managing Director, the Managing Director - Legal Services, the Department of Streets, the Fire Department, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Public Property, the Department of Human Services - Office of Supportive Housing, the Director of Finance, the Department of Revenue, the City Representative, the Director of Commerce, the Law Department, the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Commission on Human Relations, the Auditing Department, the Register of Wills and the City Commissioners.

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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The following persons provided public comment on March 10, 2016:

Name and Comment Subject

Senator Larry Farnese (160183)

Theresa McCormick (160183)

Tiffany Green (160183)

DISCUSSION - COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE - BILL NO. 160157 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

Cornelia Swinson (160213)

Yuval Yarden (160212)


Carol Green (160018)

Arnold Jones (160018)


Joseph Danihel (160179)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.


BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

 **Resolution No. 160179:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the 45th & Sansom Urban Renewal Area, identified by house number and street address as 46 South Forty-fourth street; authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with 4644 South, LP and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

 **Resolution No. 160181:** Resolution Also naming the 1900 and 2000 blocks of S. Cecil Street “Marsha Moore Way” to honor the memory of Marsha Moore and to recognize her life and memorialize her lasting legacy.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

 **Resolution No. 160183:** Resolution Urging The Pennsylvania General Assembly to consider Senate Bill 95 introduced by Senator Larry Farnese on March 31, 2015 regarding Anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) legislation.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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- 📄 **Resolution No. 160206:** Resolution Calling for the Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings on improvements to the Philadelphia Police Department video surveillance systems and programs and other crime prevention tools such as the ShotSpotter gunfire detection system.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160209:** Resolution Honoring the Philadelphia Gas Works on the occasion of its 180th Anniversary.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

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DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER DOMB - RESOLUTION NO. 160212 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Resolution No. 160213: Resolution Recognizing and honoring March 10th as Harriet Tubman Day in the City of Philadelphia.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER TAUBENBERGER - RESOLUTION NO. 160213 - THE HONORABLE HARRIET TUBMAN - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Resolution No. 160216: Resolution Recognizing and honoring The Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz and Performing Arts for serving and representing Philadelphia as a legendary institution of jazz performance and education on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS TAUBENBERGER, JONES, PARKER, BROWN, GYM, SANCHEZ AND BLACKWELL - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.