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Thursday, February 24, 2022

PRESENT: 16 - Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Council met, a quorum being present.

Pastor Clarence Wright of Love Zion Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of February 17, 2022.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Transmitting an ordinance amending Chapter 10-700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Refuse and Littering," by revising the annual fee for neighborhood sanitation and cleaning services and exempting owner-occupied duplexes from the annual neighborhood sanitation and cleaning services fee requirements; all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 220185)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 220170: Resolution Declaring March 6-13, 2022, during Women's History Month, as Women in Construction (WIC) Week in the City of Philadelphia, and honoring Women in Nontraditional Careers (WINC) for their commitment to

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support, increase, and advance the participation of women in construction, manufacturing, and transit careers in the Philadelphia region.

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

Bill No. 220168: An Ordinance Amending Section 2-305 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Office of Property Assessment; Chief Assessment Officers; Powers and Duties,” by further providing with respect to the manner in which assessments are determined for certain properties that are subject to resale restrictions; and by providing for additional reporting requirements with respect to such properties; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Resolution No. 220169: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 809 W. Firth Street and 2955 N. 8th Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 220171: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Philadelphia native Arthur “Art” McNally, for his career’s astounding impact on modern football officiating and his revolutionary induction into the Pro-Football Hall of Fame as the first ever on-field official to be enshrined.

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

Resolution No. 220172: Resolution Recognizing and honoring former Philadelphia Eagles coach Richard Albert “Dick” Vermeil for his distinguished 15-year NFL coaching career and congratulating him on being inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame in 2022.

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

Resolution No. 220173: Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of comedy legend Bob Saget, a Philadelphia native and Temple University graduate, on the occasion of his passing.

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

Resolution No. 220174: Resolution Recognizing Philadelphia's own DJ Diamond Kutz for her selection as a co-host of the upcoming reboot of the seminal television program, "Yo! MTV Raps".

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

Resolution No. 220175: Resolution Recognizing Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law on the 125th Anniversary of its founding.

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

Resolution No. 220176: Resolution Expressing the Philadelphia City Council's firm support for workers at Starbucks in Philadelphia who are attempting to form a union, and urging Starbucks to accept card check neutrality.

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

Resolution No. 220177: Resolution Honoring the life, work, and accomplishments of Jacqueline "Jackie" Wiggins, whose dedication to serving, teaching, and advocating for marginalized populations has immeasurably strengthened Black communities and the City of Philadelphia as a whole.

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

Resolution No. 220178: Resolution Honoring the life and work of Reverend Dr. Evelyn C. Graves, for her lifetime of dedication to community activism and innovation in the creative and performing arts through the founding and leadership of Evelyn Graves Ministries.

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

Resolution No. 220179: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Special Committee on Gun Violence Prevention to conduct public hearings to explore the role of the Philadelphia Roadmap for Safer Communities Tactical Team as part of the City's comprehensive response to unprecedented gun violence.

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

Resolution No. 220180: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week and Black Business Crawl organization, the Philadelphia 76ers Buy Black program, and past recipients Spergo and Girl Contracting, Inc.

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

Resolution No. 220181: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Michael J. Bradley Jr. as the Grand Marshal of the 250th Annual Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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

Resolution No. 220182: Resolution Honoring the Philadelphia Tennis Club for being the oldest Black-owned tennis club in the country.

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

Resolution No. 220183: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Dr. Delana Wardlaw and Dr. Elana McDonald - the "Twin Sister Docs" - for their outstanding contributions to the City of Philadelphia and crucial leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Resolution No. 220184: Resolution Recognizing and celebrating March 6th as Lithuanian Independence Day in the City of Philadelphia.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

Name (PRINT) Resolution or Bill No.

Alison Whittenberg (210396)

Daniel Trubman (210848)

Deborah M. Figart (210956)

Peter Winslow (210956)

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Stanley Shapiro (210956)
Daler Khamidov (220051)
Vesyl Kushnir (220051)
Stephanie Marsh (220152)
Aaron Wise (220155)
Geraldine Brown (220155)
Patricia Knox (220155)
Jacob Zychick (220158)

Please note that this meeting will be held remotely using Microsoft® Teams. This remote session may be viewed on Xfinity Channel 64, Fios Channel 40 or <http://phlcouncil.com/watch-city-council/>. Public comment may be received with regard to those matters printed on the agenda on the following pages. Speakers interested in participating in public comment must call 215-686-3406 by 3 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Council session and submit the following information:

- **Full name**
- **Callback telephone number where you can be reached**
- **Identify the bill number or resolution number that will be addressed**
- **State whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution.**

Speakers who submitted the above information within the required time frame will be telephoned during the council session and invited to the remote meeting. They will have up to three minutes to speak; the Council President, however, reserves the right based on circumstances to establish a different time limit. The Council President may also limit repetitious comments or limit the scope of testimony to only certain items on the agenda, which could affect callbacks for public comment at the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from the session.

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars – titles are printed below.

Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the Mayor for reconsideration.

Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars.

Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Resolution No. 220125: Resolution Encouraging the Philadelphia Board of Education to adopt and implement a civic participation and voter registration program, as proposed by PA Youth Vote.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220146: Resolution Authorizing the conveyance of an interest in and the assignment of the redevelopment agreement for 3252 Germantown Avenue located in the Fifth Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-600 of The Philadelphia Code as it pertains to dispositions of surplus property under Chapter 16-400 and 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220147: Resolution Congratulating Carol G. Stukes-Baylor on being elected Vice Chair for the City of Philadelphia Board of Pensions and Retirement, making her the first woman and woman of color to hold this position.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220148: Resolution Congratulating Eric Pryor on his appointment as President of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA), making him the first Black President of PAFA.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220150: Resolution Also naming the 6300 block of Lancaster Avenue as Absalom Jones Way, to commemorate the Reverend Absalom Jones and his legacy as an abolitionist, clergyman and the founder of the African Episcopal

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Church of St. Thomas, the first African American Episcopal Church in The United States.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220151: Resolution Also naming 24th Street, between Wharton and Reed Streets, “Dorothy D. Allen Way,” to honor the life and legacy of Dorothy D. Allen.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220152: Resolution Recognizing the strength, determination, and contributions of renowned physician, Philadelphia City Councilmember, and Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Dr. Ethel Allen, whose medical expertise and dedicated public service prioritized the City’s most vulnerable residents and paved the way for future generations of independent Black women in Philadelphia politics.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220154: Resolution Congratulating Dr. Amy Gutmann on her confirmation to the Administration of President Joe Biden as the Ambassador to Germany and recognizing her many contributions to public life and service in Philadelphia and beyond.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220155: Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of civic leader Elsie Wise for her dedication to community empowerment and mentorship through the founding of the West Powelton Steppers and Drum Team, and leadership in West Philadelphia civic organizations for more than 60 years.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220156: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week and Black Business Crawl organization, Black Kidz Can Cook and Kidz Meals on Wheels, on their dedication to helping feed children across the city of Philadelphia and showing them the importance of culinary skills.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220157: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the First Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Resolution No. 220158: Resolution Recognizing February 2022 as American Heart Month, encouraging Philadelphians to be mindful of their heart health, and honoring the American Heart Association for their advocacy on the issue of heart health.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220159: Resolution Recognizing and honoring creative entrepreneur and activist Ant Brown for his work in combatting violence among at-risk youth.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220160: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Louis Scaglione - President, CEO, and Music Director of the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Music Institute - on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary with the organization.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220009: Resolution Proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the removal of gender-based references through the Charter; and providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

Resolution No. 220010: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Educational Supplement to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the removal of gender-based references throughout the Educational Supplement; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

Resolution No. 220082: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the establishment of a Fair Housing Commission as an independent commission and providing for the submission of the amendment to the

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electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

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

Bill No. 210956-A, as amended: An Ordinance Signifying the intention of the City of Philadelphia to organize the Philadelphia Public Financial Authority pursuant to authority established under state law, and amending Chapters 20-600 (“Standards of Conduct and Ethics”), 20-1200 (“Lobbying”), and 17-1400 (“Non-Competitively Bid Contracts; Financial Assistance”) of The Philadelphia Code to address ethics, contractual and other requirements applicable to the Philadelphia Public Financial Authority, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

Bill No. 210956-A, as amended: An Ordinance Signifying the intention of the City of Philadelphia to organize the Philadelphia Public Financial Authority pursuant to authority established under state law, and amending Chapters 20-600 (“Standards of Conduct and Ethics”), 20-1200 (“Lobbying”), and 17-1400 (“Non-Competitively Bid Contracts; Financial Assistance”) of The Philadelphia Code to address ethics, contractual and other requirements applicable to the Philadelphia Public Financial Authority, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

Bill No. 220006, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-4000, entitled “Income Inequality Initiative - Earned Income Tax Credit,” by requiring employers to provide notification to workers regarding the availability of certain additional federal and City tax benefit programs and extending the Department of Revenue’s notification and reporting requirements to such additional tax benefit programs; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

Bill No. 220079: An Ordinance Constituting the Twenty-Sixth Supplemental Ordinance to the Restated General Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1989, as supplemented; authorizing the Bond Committee to issue and sell one or more series or subseries of tax-exempt or taxable water and wastewater revenue bonds and revenue refunding bonds; authorizing agreements to provide credit enhancement or payment or liquidity sources (or any combination of the foregoing) for such Bonds; providing that such Bonds shall bear interest at fixed or variable rates; determining the sufficiency of pledged Project Revenues; authorizing the Director of Finance to take certain actions with regard to the sale of such Bonds, the investment of proceeds thereof and the City's continuing disclosure obligations with respect to such Bonds; setting forth the use of proceeds of such Bonds; covenanting the payment of interest and principal; supplementing the Restated General Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1989; and specifying applicability of sections of The First Class City Revenue Bond Act and the Restated General Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1989.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

Bill No. 220080: An Ordinance Authorizing the execution, delivery and performance by the Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation on behalf of the Philadelphia Gas Works of a Renewal of Service Agreement for Gas Storage and Transportation Under Rate Schedule GSS with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

Bill No. 220001: An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors

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of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the removal of gender-based references throughout the Charter, as approved by Resolution of the City Council; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question to be voted on; and, authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

Bill No. 220002: An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Educational Supplement to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, relating to the removal of gender-based references throughout the Educational Supplement, as approved by Resolution of the Council; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question to be voted on; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

Bill No. 220077: An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation of a Fair Housing Commission as an independent commission; as approved by Resolution of the City Council; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question to be voted on; and, authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

Bill No. 210902: An Ordinance Amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code,” by amending Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) and Subcode “PM” (The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code) and other related sections of The Philadelphia Code to add provisions related to the abatement of rats and other vermin in the City of Philadelphia, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

Bill No. 220051-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-4116 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “2021 Public Health Emergency Leave,” to establish additional leave time under certain circumstance, modify existing provisions concerning the paid sick leave, and make technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

Bill No. 220051-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-4116 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “2021 Public Health Emergency Leave,” to establish additional leave time under certain circumstance, modify existing provisions concerning the paid sick leave, and make technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

Resolution No. 220179: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Special Committee on Gun Violence Prevention to conduct public hearings to explore the role of the Philadelphia Roadmap for Safer Communities Tactical Team as part of the City’s comprehensive response to unprecedented gun violence.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

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COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.