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**Thursday, January 27, 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 Derick Brenann of Canaan Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of January 20, 2022.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Sergeant-of-Arms presented messages from he Mayor as follows:

Transmitting an a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2046 Martha Street located in the 1st Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 220070)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon situate in the 1st Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code. (File No. 220071)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee

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simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon situate in the Fifth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code. (File No. 220072)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1707 Ridge Avenue located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 220073)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 3625 Wallace Street located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 220074)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon situate in the 8th Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code. (File No. 220075)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

**Resolution No. 220055:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1001 W. Arizona Street, 1003 W. Arizona Street, 1005 W. Arizona Street, 1005 W. Cumberland Street, 1007 W. Arizona Street, 1009 W. Arizona Street, 1011 W. Arizona Street, 1013 W. Arizona Street, 1019 W. Arizona Street, 1021 W. Cumberland Street, 2325 N. 10th Street, 2335 N. 10th Street, 2337 N. 10th Street, 2346 N. 10th Street, 2347 N. 10th Street, 2419 N. 10th Street, 2440 N. Delhi Street, 2444 N. Delhi Street, 924 W. York Street, 932 W. York Street in the Fifth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the

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Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Resolution No. 220056:** Resolution Honoring the African American Children's Book Project on the occasion of its 30th Annual African American Children's Book Fair.

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

**Resolution No. 220057:** Resolution Recognizing February 2022 as Career and Technical Education Month® in Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 220058:** Resolution Recognizing February 2022 as Environmental Justice Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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

**Bill No. 220045:** An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on both sides of Overbrook Avenue from 64th Street to 66th Street.

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

**Resolution No. 220059:** Resolution Recognizing February 1-7, 2022, as National Gun Violence Survivor Week, in honor of survivors of gun violence and the lifelong burdens they carry.

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

**Resolution No. 220060:** Resolution Honoring Penn's Village for its work caring for Philadelphia's aging population, and recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the national Village Movement.

Councilmember Green Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Squilla and Gym:

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**Bill No. 220046:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia a proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council of an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to revise age requirement to be eligible for election as City officials.

Councilmember Green Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Squilla and Gym:

**Bill No. 220047:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20-600 of The Philadelphia Code (“Standards of Conduct and Ethics”) to amend definitions, further address conflict of interest and related rules, and revise disqualification and notification rules, all under certain terms and conditions.

Councilmember Green Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Squilla and Brooks:

**Bill No. 220048:** An Ordinance Amending Title 20 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Officers and Employees,” to add a Chapter establishing a system for public financing of political campaigns and to make other conforming changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

Councilmember Green Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green and Squilla:

**Bill No. 220049:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20-1000 of The Philadelphia Code (“Political Contributions and Expenditures”) to add and make changes to provisions regarding campaign contributions and disclosure of political committee expenditures; all under certain terms and conditions.

Councilmember Green Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Domb and Squilla:

**Bill No. 220050:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia a proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council of an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation of an Office of Inspector General, the powers and duties of, and annual appropriations to, such Office, to establish requirements for City officials, employees, contractors and others in connection with the work of the Inspector General, and to otherwise provide for incorporation of the Inspector General into the City government, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

**Resolution No. 220061:** Resolution Recognizing the nomination of Arianna J. Freeman to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and encouraging her confirmation by the United States Senate.

Councilmember Green Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Squilla, Gym, Brooks and Johnson:

**Resolution No. 220062:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to age requirement to be eligible for election as City officers; and providing for the submission of the amendment of the electors of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Green Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Domb, Squilla, Gym, Brooks and Johnson:

**Resolution No. 220063:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation of an Office of Inspector General, to provide for the powers and duties of, and annual appropriations to, such Office, to establish requirements for City officials, employees, contractors and others in connection with the work of the Inspector General, and to otherwise provide for incorporation of the Inspector General into the City government, all under certain terms and conditions; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Brooks Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, Squilla, Parker, Gym, Bass, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas:

**Bill No. 220051:** 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.

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

**Resolution No. 220064:** Resolution Honoring the legacy of the Joseph Fox Bookshop located on Sansom Street upon its closure after over seventy years in business and recognizing its many contributions to the literary culture of Philadelphia.

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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. 220065:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, Tina Sloan Green and the EyekonZ Lacrosse team, for being the first Philadelphian and all-black team to participate in the World Lacrosse tournament this year.

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

**Bill No. 220052:** An Ordinance Repealing Bill No. 210865, entitled "An Ordinance amending Section 14-514 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "/FNE, Far Northeast Overlay District," to prohibit eligibility for floor area, height, and dwelling unit bonuses and to increase minimum parking requirements, all under certain terms and conditions," and amending Section 14-514 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "/FNE, Far Northeast Overlay District," to amend the height regulations applicable to the District, all under certain terms and conditions.

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

**Bill No. 220053:** An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on Horning Road from Roosevelt Boulevard to its terminus further northwestwardly therefrom.

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

**Resolution No. 220066:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2046 Martha Street located in the 1st Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Resolution No. 220067:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 731 Mercy Street in the First Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

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**Resolution No. 220068:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 152 Logan Street located in the 8th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Bill No. 220054:** An Ordinance Amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Finance, Taxes and Collections,” and Chapter 19-4100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax,” by revising the effective date of the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

**Resolution No. 220069:** Resolution Authorizing Council’s Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to hold public hearings on the findings and recommendations of the Philadelphia Fashion and Garment Industry Task Force.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following persons provided public comment on January 27, 2022

**Name and Comment Subject**

Angela Reese (220011)

Peter Winslow (210956)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

**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. 220011:** Resolution Recognizing January as Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, and commending the Pennsylvania National Cervical Cancer Coalition - NW Philadelphia Chapter Leader and The Survivor Diva Angela Reese for her work promoting awareness about cervical cancer.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220014:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating trailblazing writer, actor, and comedian Quinta Brunson for her creation of *Abbott Elementary*, an innovative, hilarious Black and woman-led sitcom that sheds light on the joy, struggle, dedication, and resilience of Philadelphia teachers and school communities.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220015:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating Philadelphia's Living Legends: Leon A. Williams, Esq., Michael Coard, Esq., Rasheedah Phillips, Esq., George Burrell, Esq., and Keir Bradford-Grey, Esq., who are all respected and distinguished leaders in the field of law, as part of the commemoration of Black History Month.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220016:** Resolution Also naming the 6300 block of Lancaster Avenue as Absalom Jones Way, to commemorate Reverend Absalom Jones and his legacy as an abolitionist, clergyman and the founder of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, the first African Episcopal Church in The United States.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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**Resolution No. 220017:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of comedy legend Bob Saget, a Philadelphia native and Temple University graduate, on the occasion of his passing.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220018:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of music legend, activist, and Philadelphia native James Mtume, on the occasion of his passing.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220019:** Resolution Calling on the U.S. Senate to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220020:** Resolution Confirming the appointment of Adara L. Combs as Victim Advocate.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220021:** Resolution Recognizing the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf on the 200th Anniversary of its founding.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220022:** Resolution Honoring the life of Jeff Guaracino Chief Executive Officer of Visit Philly, who brought the City into the national spotlight as a destination for tourism and whose work championed the lives of LGBTQ+ individuals and welcomed all to Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220023:** Resolution Proclaiming May 2, 2022 as John Fryer Day in the City of Philadelphia for his contributions to Philadelphia and the LGBTQ Community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220024:** Resolution Recognizing and Congratulation Shen Yun on the occasion of their 15th year performing in Pennsylvania as the world's premier classical Chinese dance and music company.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**SPEECHES**

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.