



**Thursday, March 15, 2018**

**COUNCIL SESSION INFORMATION IN PROGRESS**

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.

Stefen Wisniewski of the Philadelphia Eagles was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.


COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of March 8, 2018.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**COMMUNICATIONS**


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 **Bill No. 20121031180318:** An Ordinance This was eneter 10/31/2012 6: 04 PM by Tom Primozic

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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

 **Bill No. 180234:** An Ordinance Amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," by creating a new Chapter 21-2600, entitled "Environmental Impact Statements," to provide for the preparation of such

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statements in connection with Council legislation; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 180235:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-2700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sales of Alcohol: Verification of Age," to authorize the sale of liquor and malt or brewed beverages until 4:00 A.M., and to shorten the Chapter title, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180242:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings to examine the current mission of the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau and VISIT Philadelphia as we explore the feasibility of a merger of the two organizations.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180243:** Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to adopt legislation to create a statewide "Keystone Scholars" Higher Education Savings Program.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180244:** Resolution Requesting the Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 171109, entitled "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 relating to the provision of mandatory training for City officers and employees regarding sexual harassment in the workplace; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election," for the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180245:** Resolution Also naming the 3800 block of Cambridge Street “Dr. Carl S. Moore Way” in honor of Dr. Moore's activism and his tireless efforts in fighting for a better future for the African American Community.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 180236:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 307 by placing on the City Plan an irregularly-shaped area extending along the northerly side of John F. Kennedy Boulevard, from Twenty-Second Street to Twenty-Third Street, in order to conform with the lines established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

Councilmember Greenlee Introduced (By Request) and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Henon, Sponsored by Councilmember Greenlee:

- 📄 **Bill No. 180237:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser interest such as an easement, by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, in parcels of land along the Delaware River and the Kensington & Tacony Trail, and authorizing an agreement between the City and the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the PRA to act as the City's condemnation agent, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS.

Councilmember Greenlee Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Henon, Sponsored by Councilmembers Greenlee, Green, Domb, Parker, Oh, Taubenberger and O'Neill:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180246:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Crispin Gardens Athletic Club Cheerleading Team for their hard work, determination, and success upon winning the 2018 National Championship in the Senior Recreation & Club Division at the UCA National High School Cheerleading Competition.

Councilmember Greenlee Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Henon, Sponsored by

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Councilmembers Greenlee, Green, Bass, Gym, Parker, Blackwell, Taubenberger, Oh, Squilla and Jones:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180247:** Resolution Recognizing Wednesday, March 28, 2018, as "Crossing Guard Appreciation Day" in Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 180238:** An Ordinance Amending Section 10-836a of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Temporary Removal of Firearms of Persons Posing a Risk of Imminent Personal Injury to Self or Others," by revising requirements, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180248:** Resolution Recognizing, honoring and commemorating Juneteenth in Philadelphia as the day when slaves were freed in the United States of America 153 years ago and further celebrating National Juneteenth Independence Day which is also known as Freedom Day on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 180239:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest to all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land located in and about the area bounded by Norwitch Drive, 67th Street, Essington Avenue and 70th Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS.

Councilmember Green Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Henon and Quiñones Sánchez:

- ☐ **Bill No. 180240:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20-1000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Political Contributions and Expenditures," to add and make changes to provisions regarding campaign contributions; contributions to transition and inauguration committees; and campaign finance disclosures; and making technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Green Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Henon and Quiñones Sánchez:

- 📄 **Bill No. 180241:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to Article VIII, Chapter 5 of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, entitled “Referenda Approved by the Voters,” by adding a new section providing that the citizens of Philadelphia call upon the Council of the City of Philadelphia to adopt a system of public financing of campaigns for City elected offices; 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 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

Councilmember Green Introduced and Referred the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Squilla and Gym:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180249:** Resolution Submitting to the electors of the City an amendment to Article VIII, Chapter 5 of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, entitled “Referenda Approved by the Voters,” by adding a new section providing that the citizens of Philadelphia call upon the Council of the City of Philadelphia to adopt a system of public financing of campaigns for City elected offices.

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

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180250:** Resolution Calling on the United States Congress to support the passage of the Tip Income Protection Act.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 180251:** Resolution Urging the United States Senate to pass S. 1804, the Medicare for All Act of 2017, and affirming universal access to health care as a human right.

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

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- ☐ **Resolution No. 180252:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to investigate Department of Human Services' policies on contracting with social services agencies that either discriminate against prospective LGBTQ foster parents or allow non-LGBTQ foster parents to discriminate.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 180253:** Resolution Recognizing March 29, 2018 as Vietnam Veterans Day in the City of Philadelphia.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE**

- ☐ **Bill No. 180012:** An Ordinance Amending Section 21-105 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Hero Awards," by increasing the amount that may be awarded to family members of firefighters, police officers, and prosecution detectives killed in the course of performing heroic deeds, and by making certain technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER PARKER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 180012.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES**

- ☐ **Bill No. 180170:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 322 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Glenloch Place from Megargee Street to its terminus northeastwardly therefrom, striking from the City Plan and vacating Ditman Street from a point southwest of Tolbut Street to its terminus further southwestwardly therefrom, and striking from the City Plan and abandoning a certain drainage right-of-way which extends between the said termini of Glenloch Place and Ditman Street, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 180170.


THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

 **Bill No. 180170:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 322 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Glenloch Place from Megargee Street to its terminus northeastwardly therefrom, striking from the City Plan and vacating Ditman Street from a point southwest of Tolbut Street to its terminus further southwestwardly therefrom, and striking from the City Plan and abandoning a certain drainage right-of-way which extends between the said termini of Glenloch Place and Ditman Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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The following persons provided public comment on March 15, 2018:

**Name and Comment Subject**

Joe Danihel (180228, 180225, 180220)

Debbie Rhoe (170408, 180220)

Rochelle Bilal (160248)

Patrick Duff (170967)

Barry Thompson (170854)

Jarrett Smith (170854)

Jackie Williams (160248)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**

☐ **Resolution No. 170967-A:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Educational Supplement to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the selection of the Members of the Board of Education; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

☐ **Resolution No. 180219:** Resolution Calling for the prompt discharge of the #METOO Act from the Pennsylvania House's Committee on Labor and Industry with an affirmative and favorable recommendation.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 180220:** 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 Sixteenth 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.



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📄 **Resolution No. 180224:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the Seventh Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

📄 **Resolution No. 180225:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2520 Potter Street located in the Seventh Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

📄 **Resolution No. 180228:** Resolution Also naming the 1300 block of South Broad Street as “Jimmy Tayoun Way”.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

📄 **Bill No. 170954-A:** 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 selection of the Members of the Board of Education, 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 WITHDRAWN.

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

📄 **Resolution No. 180244:** Resolution Requesting the Mayor to return to Council Bill No. 171109, entitled “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 relating to the provision of mandatory training for City officers and employees regarding sexual harassment in the workplace; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election,” for the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

☐ **Resolution No. 180253:** Resolution Recognizing March 29, 2018 as Vietnam Veterans Day in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

Councilmember Reynolds Brown

moved that the rules of Council be suspended to permit consideration at this time of Special Business related to the recall of Bill No. 171109.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 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*

*Nays: 0*

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

📄 March 15, 2018

**To The President And Members Of  
The Council Of The City Of Philadelphia:**

I am returning herewith, as requested by your Resolution adopted today, Bill No. 171109, entitled “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 relating to the provision of mandatory training for City officers and employees regarding sexual harassment in the workplace; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election,” for the purpose of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by which said bill passed Council.

Respectfully,  
James F. Kenney,  
Mayor (File No. 180256)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

Councilmember Reynolds Brown

moved that vote by which Bill No. 17109 passed Council be reconsidered.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

📄 **Bill No. 171109-A:** 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 relating to the provision of mandatory training for City officers and employees regarding sexual harassment in the workplace; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS RECONSIDERED.

THE BILL WAS READ.

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COUNCILMEMBER BROWN MOVED TO AMEND BILL NO. 171109 (SEE FILE).

COUNCILMEMBER BROWN MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 171109 WAS ADOPTED.

**Bill No. 171109-A, as amended:** 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 relating to the provision of mandatory training for City officers and employees regarding sexual harassment in the workplace; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

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

**SPEECHES**

COUNCILMEMBERS OH, PARKER, BROWN, BASS, BLACKWELL, DOMB AND JONES  
- (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.