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**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

PRESENT: 13 - Councilmembers Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Bass, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Driscoll, Lozada, Harrity, Vaughn and Phillips

EXCUSED: 2 - Councilmembers O'Neill and Thomas

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend John Babowitch of Our Lady of Calvary Parish was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of September 28, 2023

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Jones requested leave of absence for

Councilmember Thomas

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

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Councilmember O'Neill

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Transmitting an ordinance authorizing the City Solicitor, on behalf of the City, to enter into a multi-year contract with a provider of codification, editing, and marketing services to produce printed and electronic versions of The Philadelphia Code and related services and material, all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 230697)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

**Bill No. 230676:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-3000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Use Of An Automated Red Light Enforcement System To Prevent Red Light Violations,” by authorizing the installation of red light enforcement systems at the intersection of Belmont Avenue, Ford Road & Overbrook Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Bill No. 230677:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-3000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Use Of An Automated Red Light Enforcement System To Prevent Red Light Violations,” by authorizing the installation of red light enforcement systems at the intersection of Kelly Drive & Falls Bridge, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Resolution No. 230679:** Resolution Honoring Science Leadership Academy at Beeber 10th Grader, Zoe Smith, for winning the Individual Women’s Public League Golf Championship.

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

**Resolution No. 230680:** Resolution Honoring war-hero Waverly Bernard Woodson, Jr., for his courageous and selfless service during World War II and further calling on Overbrook High School to induct him into their Hall of Fame.

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

**Resolution No. 230681:** Resolution Honoring and Commemorating the 13th Annual Indigenous Peoples’ Day in the City of Philadelphia.

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Councilmember Johnson:

**Bill No. 230678:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-3000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Use Of An Automated Red Light Enforcement System To Prevent Red Light Violations,” by authorizing the installation of red light enforcement systems at the intersection of 17th Street & Washington Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Resolution No. 230682:** Resolution Authorizing City Council’s Committee on Transportation and Public Utility to hold public hearings to investigate the impact SEPTA’s Market Frankford Line Painting Project is having on surrounding communities and determine whether SEPTA has been responsive to community complaints during the course of this project; and explore SEPTA’s commitment to contracting minority owned businesses for its projects.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Squilla, Gauthier, Driscoll, Vaughn, Jones, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Phillips and Brooks:

**Resolution No. 230683:** Resolution Recognizing October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia and honoring those who have fought and continue to fight against breast cancer.

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

**Resolution No. 230684:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2609-27 Sears Street (including 1308-14 S 26th Street) located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Resolution No. 230685:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1324 S. Bancroft Street; 1213 S. Bonsall Street; 1202, 1223 S. Bucknell Street; 2117, 2221 Earp Street; 2007 Ellsworth Street; 2537 Oakford Street; 1818,

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2229 Latona Street; 1730, 2014, 2114, 2236, 2426, 2532 Manton Street; 1545 S. Ringgold Street; 1506, 1511, S. Stillman Street; 1519, 1527, 1529 S. Taney Street; 1702 S. 20th Street; 1419 S. 22nd Street; 1230, 1303 S. 23rd Street located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Resolution No. 230686:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1811, 2114, 2123 Fernon Street, 1930, 1932 Norwood Street, 1629, 1642, 1648, 1652 Point Breeze Avenue, 1824 S. 20th Street, 1835 S. 22nd Street located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Resolution No. 230687:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Doctor Daphne Owen, MD, for her ability to bridge relationships for the common good and her humanitarian efforts in bringing top-notch medical service to the people, all with a powerfully inspiring dream of doing better by our most vulnerable communities.

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

**Resolution No. 230688:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Joan N. Stern, one of Philadelphia's finest public finance attorneys, concentrating her practice in the areas of general government and education, transportation and utilities, tax and revenue anticipation financing, health care and housing finance, refinancing and working capital finance, project finance, and derivatives transactions.

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

**Resolution No. 230689:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Roberto Lugo for his contributions to the Arts, and in celebration of his exceptional achievement in securing a prestigious Heinz Awards for Arts.

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

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Larson, MD, for his humanitarian efforts in bringing top-notch medical service to underserved communities, bringing a dream of care and compassion into the world that moves forward with every life saved.

Councilmember Brooks Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Thomas, Sponsored by Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, Driscoll, Squilla, Vaughn, Jones, Gilmore Richardson, Bass and Phillips:

**Resolution No. 230691:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Champions of the Week Akeiff Staples and Brent Johnstone, of FathersRead365, for their service and dedication to our local communities by expanding literacy and access to quality books for young people.

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

**Resolution No. 230692:** Resolution Commemorating National Coming Out Day on October 11th, 2023 in the City of Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 230693:** Resolution Proclaiming September 16, 2023 as Masha Amini Day in the City of Philadelphia to Commemorate and Recognize the one-year anniversary of her death in custody after being detained by Iranian Morality Police.

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

**Resolution No. 230694:** Resolution Authorizing a “Joint Task Force on City Flag Reform” to reexamine and recommend a process to reform the flag of the City of Philadelphia in line with vexillological conventions and an aim to promote Civic Pride.

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

**Resolution No. 230695:** Resolution Designating the week of Sunday, October 8 through Saturday, October 14, 2023 as “Italian American Heritage Week” in the City of Philadelphia and honoring Gaetano (Guy) Pigliacelli and Gerald “Jerry” Blavat (posthumously) as the Grand Marshalls of the 2023 Philadelphia Italian American Parade.

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar

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the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

**Resolution No. 230696:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Philadelphia’s Reverend Melvin Floyd, by renaming the 5200 block of Wayne Avenue, “Reverend Melvin Floyd Way” to honor the life and legacy of Reverend Floyd, Founder and Pastor Agape Christian Chapel and the Neighborhood Crusades, Inc., where he tirelessly worked to prevent gang violence citywide and since 1970, successfully reaching youth and families for over 40 years.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following persons provided public comment on October 5, 2023

**Name and Comment Subject**

Tyrell Brown (230692)

El Ali (230681)

Vaugnela Hilton (230681)

Pauline “Songbird” Hilton

Tammy “Walking Stick” Riley

Akeiff Staples (230691)

Brent Johnstone (230691)

Brujo De La Mancha (230681)

Lynn Landes (210913)

Wick Savage (230661)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

**Please note that this is an in-person meeting, and it is open to the public. This meeting may also be viewed on Xfinity Channel 64, Fios Channel 40 or <http://phlcouncil.com/watch-city-council/>**

**Public comment will be received in-person regarding those matters printed on the agenda on the following pages. Speakers interested in participating in public comment at this meeting may call 215-686-3406 by no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting and they must submit the following information:**

- **Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)**
- **Identify the bill number or resolution number that will be addressed**
- **State whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution**
  - **Telephone number where you can be reached**

**Speakers may also sign-up to participate in public comment on the day of the meeting in Room 400, City Hall. Speakers who submitted the above information within the required time frame will be added to the list. Speakers 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 testimony where repetitious comments are offered on an agenda item.**

**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. 230656:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 4817 Old York Road located in the 8th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 230661:** Resolution Urging Governor Josh Shapiro to establish an Office of Gun Violence Prevention in Pennsylvania.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

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## SPEECHES

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

THE WAS READ AND FILED.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.