



Thursday, September 28, 2017

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.

Shane Claiborne of The Simple Way was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of September 21, 2017.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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. 170818:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” to revise certain provisions of Chapter 14-600, entitled “Use Regulations,” by amending the green roof calculations; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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📄 **Resolution No. 170828:** Resolution Urging the President of the United States to Affirm the “Clean Water Rule”.

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

📄 **Resolution No. 170829:** Resolution Calling on the United States Congress to fight hunger in Philadelphia by opposing any efforts to block grants, reduce funding, or structurally change the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in any way that would negatively impact its recipients, and oppose efforts to cut other federally funded nutrition programs.

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

📄 **Bill No. 170819:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Girard Avenue, 6th Street, Berks Street and 10th Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

📄 **Bill No. 170820:** An Ordinance To amend Title 11 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Streets,” by revising certain provisions of Chapter 11-600, entitled “Construction, Encroachments, and Projections Over, On, and Under Streets,” to amend the encroachment regulations for signage, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

📄 **Resolution No. 170830:** Resolution Recognizing October 2017 as Manufacturing Month in The City of Philadelphia.

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

📄 **Bill No. 170821:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14-1000 of The Philadelphia Code, (entitled “Historic Preservation”) to establish a temporary demolition moratorium with respect to properties in the area of Ridge Avenue between

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Wissahickon Creek and Northwestern Avenue; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Jones, Blackwell, Oh, Domb, Taubenberger and Henon:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 170831:** Resolution Hereby declaring the week of October 1st through October 8th as the second annual "Philadelphia Legacy Week," which will be set aside to commemorate major contributions by Philadelphia individuals and institutions.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 170822:** An Ordinance Establishing an amended parking regulation change in the vicinity of: Elmwood Avenue and 68th Street.

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

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 170823:** An Ordinance Authorizing the relocation of the southerly curbline of Carpenter Street, from Broad Street to Fifteenth Street on City Plan No. 15-S, a variable distance southwardly, so as to widen the cartway of said Carpenter Street, authorizing the plotting on said City Plan of an area for public pedestrian use extending along the southerly side of Carpenter Street, from Broad Street to Fifteenth Street, and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said area for public pedestrian use, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 170832:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing City Year Greater Philadelphia for its 20 years of service to the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Johnson Introduced and Moved to Be Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar - Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Johnson:

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☐ Marshall on the 50th Anniversary of his swearing-in to the United States Supreme Court.

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

☐ **Resolution No. 170834:** Resolution Approving the action of the Boards of the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development to sell a property in the vicinity of 76th street and Holstein avenue in the Eastwick Urban Renewal Area - Stage "A" Industrial, containing approximately two acres, to Pio Construction & Roma Concrete, or its assignee or nominee.

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

☐ **Resolution No. 170835:** Resolution Also naming Chelwynde Avenue, between Bialy Street and South 74th Street, “Akyra Murray Way”, to honor and celebrate Akyra's life, which was tragically cut short in the shooting at Pulse Night Club in Orlando, Florida.

Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar - Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Quiñones Sánchez, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Gym, Taubenberger, Oh, Domb, Green, Squilla and Parker:

☐ **Resolution No. 170836:** Resolution Urging President Donald Trump, the United States Congress, and its leadership at the House and Senate to act quickly in their federal relief efforts to assist the over 3.4 million United States citizens who live in Puerto Rico following the devastation of Hurricane Maria on September 20, 2017.

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

☐ **Resolution No. 170837:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Health & Human Services to hold hearings regarding board and leadership diversity among foundations and nonprofit organizations in Philadelphia.

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

☐ **Resolution No. 170838:** Resolution Authorizing the Special Committee on

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Criminal Justice Reform to hold hearings regarding the role of a bail fund in Philadelphia.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170839:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Labor & Civil Service to hold hearings regarding the State's recent legalization of medical marijuana and to address questions related to medical marijuana's potential impact on employers and employees in Philadelphia.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170840:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating the honorees of the 2017 Stellar StartUps competition.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170841:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Housing, Neighborhood Development, and the Homeless to hold hearings to discuss the impact of squatting in Philadelphia, the victims of squatting and additional measures and best practices to prevent squatting.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170842:** Resolution Recognizing the 70th Anniversary of Temple University's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Red Diamond Battalion and honoring its tradition of excellence in providing quality Officers to the United States Army from the City of Philadelphia.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 170824:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 359 by relocating the southwesterly houseline and curblines of Byberry Road, from The Roosevelt Boulevard to a point northwestwardly therefrom, and plotting on the City Plan a right-of-way for sewer and drainage purposes, contiguous with the northwesterly side of The

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Roosevelt Boulevard and extending from Byberry Road southwestwardly to a right-of-way for drainage purposes, all under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication to the City of the bed of the widened portion of Byberry Road being placed on the City Plan.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 170825:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 130355) approved June 17, 2013, entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the plotting upon a portion of City Plan No. 58 of a two feet wide area for public pedestrian use extending along the southerly side of Pearl Street, from Tenth Street to a point approximately one-hundred thirty-eight feet westwardly therefrom, and the relocation of the curblines of Pearl Street, from Tenth Street to a point approximately one-hundred thirty-eight feet westwardly therefrom, so as to widen the cartway of said Pearl Street, and authorizing the acceptance of the grant to the City of the said area for public pedestrian use, all under certain terms and conditions,” by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

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

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170843:** Resolution Congratulating and honoring the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the Philadelphia Flower Show on winning the Grand Pinnacle Gold award for best overall event **In The World** from the International Festival and Events Association.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 170826:** An Ordinance Revising parking restrictions on Maplewood Avenue, between Greene Street and Wayne Avenue.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 170827:** An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” Chapter 10-800, “Safety,” by adding a new Section 10-840, “Squatters,” establishing and

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clarifying procedures to remove squatters from real property, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT


The following persons provided public comment on September 28, 2017:

Name and Comment Subject

- Charles Gibbs (170833)
- Reverend Luis Cortes (170836)
- Angel Ortiz (170836)
- Darrell Davis (170839)
- Samira Harris (170839)
- Harry Burnum (170408)
- Greg Brinkley (170408)
- Joe Danihel (170641, 170735)


See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

-  **Resolution No. 170735:** Resolution Calling on the United States Congress to fight hunger in Philadelphia by opposing any efforts to block grants, reduce funding, or structurally change the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and oppose efforts to cut other federally funded nutrition programs.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

-  **Bill No. 170519-A:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Real Estate Taxes,” by creating a tax foreclosure diversion program that requires housing counseling assistance, updating tax installment payment agreements to help taxpayers with financial hardships, and other related items; all under certain terms and conditions.

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THE BILL WAS READ.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO AMEND BILL N O. 170735 (SEE FILE).

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 170735 WAS DOPTED.

- ☐ **Bill No. 170519-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Real Estate Taxes,” by creating a tax foreclosure diversion program that requires housing counseling assistance, updating tax installment payment agreements to help taxpayers with financial hardships, and other related items; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

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

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

📄 **Bill No. 161106:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-1600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Economic Opportunity Plans,” by further providing with respect to Section 17-1603, entitled “Economic Opportunity Plans: Contents,” including but not limited to, changes in the criteria which require a Project or Contract Oversight Committee, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS OH, HENON, BROWN, GYM, JONES, DOMB, AND BLACKWELL -
(SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.