



Thursday, January 29, 2015

COUNCIL SESSION INFORMATION IN PROGRESS

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh, Kenney, Neilson and O'Brien

Council met a quorum being present.

Reverend Donald D. Moore, Senior Pastor of Mt. Caramel Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL of the meeting of January 22, 2015.

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

Resolution No. 150060: Resolution Also naming 7th Street from Girard Avenue to Poplar Street as "Reverend Martha A. Lang Drive."

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

Bill No. 150050: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by

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changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Montrose Street, 17th Street, Carpenter Street, and 18th Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 150051:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Wage and Net Profits Tax,” to provide a tax credit and refund of excess taxes paid for certain low-income taxpayers whose children are enrolled in qualified early childhood education or care programs, establishing standards of eligibility and procedures, and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 150061:** Resolution Honoring Yazz the Greatest for his positive contributions to pop culture as a rapper and actor, as well as his recent successful performance in the television show *Empire*.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 150062:** Resolution Honoring, recognizing and commending The Rev. Dr. Napoleon Livingstone Divine, an ordained Baptist Minister, for his devotion to his community and the people of Philadelphia.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 150063:** Resolution Honoring, recognizing and commending Mr. Dahn Kepayea Dennis for his devotion to his Liberian community and the people of Philadelphia.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 150064:** Resolution Commemorating the 42nd Anniversary of the landmark United States Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*.

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

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- Greater Philadelphia Health Action, Inc. (GPHA) for its devotion to providing the people of Philadelphia with quality medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy and child development services.

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

- Resolution No. 150066:** Resolution Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration and extermination camp in Poland during World War II, on January 27, 1945, and recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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

- Bill No. 150052:** An Ordinance Naming and designating the City of Philadelphia owned playground on the 200 block of East Indiana Avenue, located on the corner of “A” St. and East Indiana Avenue, as “Hope Park.”

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

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

- Resolution No. 150067:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Coded by Kids on their commitment to educating Philadelphia's next generation of STEM leaders

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

- Resolution No. 150068:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating the “Philadelphia Mummies Mardi Gras in Manayunk Parade” to be held on February 22, 2015 on Main Street in the Fourth Councilmanic District of Philadelphia.

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

- Resolution No. 150069:** Resolution Also naming West Berks Street between North 54th Street and North 56th Street as “Nelson Williams Way” memorializing the dedicated service of Nelson Williams, Sr. to the Wynnefield Community and his tireless advocacy on behalf of at-risk youth.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 150053:** An Ordinance Legalizing an existing retaining wall encroaching on the public right-of-way at 1806 Emerson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19152, all under certain terms and conditions.

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. 150054:** An Ordinance Authorizing Thomas Jefferson University to construct, own and maintain lighted bollard right-of-way encroachments within the public right-of-way at 1008 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, under certain terms and conditions.

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. 150055:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Christian street and 11th street; Cross street and 10th street; Queen street and Front street; Moore street and 12th street; Water street and Washington avenue; Fitzgerald street and 11th street; Clarion street and Porter street.

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. 150056:** An Ordinance Amending Subcode "A" of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Administrative Code," by amending Chapter 3, entitled "Permits"; and Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," by amending Chapter 9-200, entitled "Commercial Activities on Streets," to add an exemption, add definitions and provide for the use and regulation of mobile food vendors in certain areas, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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


- 📄 **Bill No. 150057:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code,

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entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by providing for the use and regulation of mobile food vendors; amending Chapter 9-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Commercial Activities on Streets,” by revising certain provisions and adding definitions to provide for mobile food vendors; making conforming amendments to other provisions of The Philadelphia Code; and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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


-  **Resolution No. 150070:** 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 First, Twenty-fifth and Thirty-first Wards 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.

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

-  **Bill No. 150058:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Camac street, both sides, Chew avenue to Olney avenue; Church lane, east side, Ogontz avenue to Limekiln pike; Westmoreland street, both sides, 16th street to 17th street.

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

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

-  **Bill No. 150059:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Carlisle street and Westmoreland street; Evergreen avenue and Ardleigh street; Evergreen avenue and Anderson street; School House lane and Germantown avenue; Gravers lane and Germantown avenue; Sydenham street and Tioga street.

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

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

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PHL LIVE Center Stage.

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

Resolution No. 150072: Resolution Authorizing the creation of a “Special Committee on Energy Opportunities for Philadelphia,” to continue to investigate the potential to establish the City of Philadelphia and the region as an energy hub.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Bill No. 140904, as amended: An Ordinance Amending various sections of Title 9, entitled “Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions,” and Title 10, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” of The Philadelphia Code, to provide for suspension of their effectiveness pending State authorizing legislation; and amending Section 10-819, entitled “State of Emergency,” to delete certain language; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 140904.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 150001: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-2100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Conflicts Counsel Contracts”, by requiring that certain City contracts dealing with the provision of services for indigent legal defense may only be made when permitted by ordinance where the contractor is the Defender Association of Philadelphia, the Support Center for Child Advocates, or Community Legal Services; all under certain terms and conditions.

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Bill No. 141028: An Ordinance Amending subsection 19-2604(6) of The Philadelphia Code, under which businesses that enter into agreements to make contributions to community development corporations and certain other organizations receive credits against business income and receipts taxes, by changing the annual contribution amount required to receive the credit and the annual amount of the credit, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GOODE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 141028.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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.

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CALENDAR.

PUBLIC COMMENT


The following persons provided public comment on January 29, 2015:

Name and Comment Subject


There were no Comments offered on January 29, 2015

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.


BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

-  **Resolution No. 150015:** Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to swiftly pass legislation establishing regulations for Transportation Network Companies (TNC) that include the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

-  **Resolution No. 150018:** 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 improvement thereon, situate in the Fifty-first 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.

-  **Resolution No. 150019:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 1905 Turner street, 1907 Turner street, 1909 Turner street, 1911 Turner street, 1913 Turner street, 1915 Turner street and 1917 Turner street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia, Inc. and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Resolution No. 150021: 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 Thirty-sixth 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.

Resolution No. 150038: Resolution Amending Resolution No. 140528, approving the annual Program Statement and Budget for the expenditure of the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative (NTI) Bond Proceeds for Fiscal Year 2015.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 150041: Resolution Expressing City Council's support for Mohammad Gulab, the hero who saved U.S. Navy Seal Marcus Luttrell and urging that the United States Department of Homeland Security offer Gulab and his family political asylum in the United States.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Bill No. 140831-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by revising regulations relating to home occupations, making conforming amendments to other provisions of Title 14, and making technical changes, 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, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh, Kenney, Neilson and O'Brien

Nays: 0

Bill No. 140892-A: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Property Licenses and Owner Accountability," by reorganizing the provisions of that Chapter into separate provisions for Rental Licenses (and accompanying Certificates of Suitability); Vacant Lot Licenses; Vacant Structure Licenses; and Vacant Waterfront Structure Licenses; and by revising certain requirements for those licenses, including detailing the

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requirement to designate a Managing Agent for the property; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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Nays: 0

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Resolution No. 150071: Resolution Recognizing and honoring the 2014 winners of PHL LIVE Center Stage.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 150072: Resolution Authorizing the creation of a “Special Committee on Energy Opportunities for Philadelphia,” to continue to investigate the potential to establish the City of Philadelphia and the region as an energy hub.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.