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**Thursday, October 20, 2022**

PRESENT: 12 - Councilmembers Gym, Oh, Squilla, Jones, Council President Clarke, Bass, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Thomas and Driscoll  
EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

Council met, a quorum being present.

Father Joseph S. Zaleski of St. Katherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of October 13, 2022

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Johnson

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to 2843-2861 Janney street and 2842-2860 Weikel street located in the First Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act. (File No. 220861)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the Fifth Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act. (File No. 220862)

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill No. 220655, which was passed by Council on October 13, 2022, was signed by the Mayor on October 19, 2022. (File No. 220863)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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

**Resolution No. 220847:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, Philadelphia Military Academy (PMA), for receiving a Department of Army Gold- Star as an Honor Unit with Distinction from the Department of Army, for their outstanding performance.

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

**Resolution No. 220848:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings to discuss youth experience in schools as a follow-up to the student-led Enough is Enough Anti-Gun Violence Campaign discussed in May 2022.

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

**Bill No. 220841:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to accept a historically-designated building from 2000 Arch Associates LP, which will move and reinstall the building in Aviator Park, 200 North 19th Street, to become part of the Fairmount Park system, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Jones Introduced (By Request) and Referred the following Bill for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:

**Bill No. 220842:** An Ordinance Amending Title 16 of The Philadelphia Code to require that certain designated real estate conveyed by the City to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority or the Philadelphia Land Bank be insured under the City's

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self-insurance or other insurance program following conveyance, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Bill No. 220843:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-529 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/VDO, Fifth District Overlay District,” all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

**Bill No. 220844:** An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on both sides of Haverford Avenue between N. 67th Street and N. 68th Street.

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

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

**Bill No. 220845:** An Ordinance Renaming and designating the area of land bounded by 54th Street, Wynnefield Avenue and Woodbine Avenue as "The Wynnefield Veterans Memorial."

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

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

**Resolution No. 220849:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1510, 1512, 1514, 1520-26, 1530, 1532-34, 1538, 1540, 1542, 1548, 1552, 1554, 1556, 1558, 1563 N Darien Street, 1526, 1528, 1540 N. 8th Street, 1501-13, 1529, 1545, 1549, 1551 N. 9th Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Resolution No. 220850:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2317 Ridge Avenue located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Resolution No. 220851:** Resolution Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 220852:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Housing, Neighborhood Development and the Homeless to hold public hearings to examine aging multiunit structures with expiring Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) contracts to strategize ways to utilize local, state, and federal resources to prevent the displacement of community residents.

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

**Resolution No. 220853:** Resolution Encouraging the Law Department to file a lawsuit against the State of Pennsylvania seeking injunctive relief for their refusal to take custody of juveniles sentenced to state facilities who are currently housed at the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center (PJJSC).

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

**Resolution No. 220854:** Resolution Affirming and praising Philadelphia's City Commissioners and citizen poll workers in implementing free and fair election procedures to determine the will of all eligible Philadelphia voters, and decrying efforts to undermine such officials and citizen participants through bullying and legislative interference.

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

**Resolution No. 220855:** Resolution Honoring the People's Emergency Center on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

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

**Bill No. 220846:** An Ordinance Approving the plan, estimated costs and proposed method of assessment and charges of the Center City District (the "Authority") for and

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concerning business improvements and administrative services to the central business district of the City of Philadelphia for 2023-2027; amending an Ordinance (Bill No. 1069, approved November 2, 1990, as amended by Bill No. 960631, approved November 25, 1996, as further amended by Bill No. 120800, approved December 21, 2012, and as further amended by Bill No. 170927, approved December 20, 2017) adopted pursuant to the "Municipality Authorities Act of 1945," P.L. 382, as amended (the "Act"); and approving estimated costs for debt service through 2045; 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. 220856:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to 2843-2861 Janney street and 2842-2860 Weikel street located in the First Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

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

**Resolution No. 220857:** Resolution Urging Drexel University, as the recipient of the Atwater Kent Collection to ensure adequate stewardship of the collection and protect the interest of donors, art lovers, and the residents of Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 220858:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings regarding expanding Philadelphia's mobile crisis response capacity to develop strategies and best practices for non-lethal de-escalation, crisis intervention, and restraint of individuals experiencing mental or emotional distress.

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

**Resolution No. 220859:** Resolution Authorizing Committee of Parks and Recreation to hold public hearings on the status of the City of Philadelphia's Rebuild Initiative.

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

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**Resolution No. 220860:** Resolution Recognizing and commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON RULES**

**Bill No. 220658, as amended:** An Ordinance To amend Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by revising certain provisions of Chapter 14-500, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by creating the “/NBO, Nelson Brown People’s Village Overlay District,” all 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. 220658, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**Bill No. 220661, as amended:** An Ordinance To amend Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by revising certain provisions of Chapter 14-500, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by creating the “/YOD, Yorktown Neighborhood Overlay District,” all under certain terms and conditions.

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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**Bill No. 220662, as amended:** An Ordinance To amend Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by revising certain provisions of Chapter 14-500, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by creating the “/NHO, Nehemiah Homes Overlay District,” all under certain terms and conditions.

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**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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**PUBLIC 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. 220834:** Resolution Also naming the 600 Block of N. 56th Street as “Reverend Leonard George Carr Way”, in honor of Reverend Leonard George Carr, the founder of Vine Memorial Baptist Church.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220836:** Resolution Formally apologizing for the heinous acts of abuse and torture perpetuated against inmates at Holmesburg Prison during the 1950’s - 1970’s.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220837:** Resolution Renaming the 6000 Block of Spruce Street “Julia Chinn Way”, in honor of the life and work of civic leader Julia Chinn.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

**Resolution No. 220848:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings to discuss youth experience in schools as a follow-up to the student-led Enough is Enough Anti-Gun Violence Campaign discussed in May 2022.

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**SPEECHES**

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