



Thursday, February 9, 2012

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

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend Adan Mairena of West Kensington Ministries was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL of the meeting of February 2, 2012.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Transmitting a resolution approving the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Center City Redevelopment Area, designated as Parcel No. 46 and also sometimes identified by house number and street address as 2017-2023 Chestnut Street; authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Aquinas 2021 Chestnut Street, LP and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority. (File No. 120097)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to enter into a sublease agreement with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, for certain land and improvements located at 300 E. Hunting Park

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 120081:** An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” by providing for a price preference for American-made supplies, materials and equipment purchased by the City and recipients of City financial assistance; and making technical amendments all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 120082:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-3300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Erection, Use and Inspection of Tower Cranes,” by re-naming the Chapter to include mobile cranes, by adding provisions regulating the use and inspection of mobile cranes, and by authorizing enforcement of the provisions contained in the Chapter with respect to tower cranes and mobile cranes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120086:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Captain William V. Fisher on the occasion of his retirement from the Philadelphia Police Department.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120087:** Resolution Recognizing Shuler's Gym and eleven year old Rasheen Brown for winning the Silver Glove National Championship for two years in a row.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120088:** Resolution Calling on the City Council Committee on

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Education to Hold Hearings on Changes in Schools and Their Impact on Neighborhoods in Which they Reside.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 120089:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, 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, Twentieth, Twenty-eighth and Thirty-second Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvement in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 120083:** An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on Front Street, from Olney Avenue to 65th Avenue, both sides.

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

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 120090:** Resolution Authorizing the Council Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings regarding the impact of the proposed FY 2012-2013 state budget on the public health and human services programs provided in Philadelphia.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 120091:** Resolution Honoring, recognizing and commending Patty Jackson for her thirty years as an acclaimed and beloved broadcaster who has graced Philadelphia with her iconic voice and undeniable talents for the last three decades.

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Councilmember Johnson Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Johnson, Jones, Greenlee, Oh and O'Brien:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 120092:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings to investigate the availability of emergency shelters in Philadelphia for victims of domestic violence who have been forced from their homes by violence or who need to escape abusive situations.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 120093:** Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly, Senate, and Governor Tom Corbett to reject House Bill No. 1523 which could impose heavy financial penalties on municipalities that adopt or enforce reasonable regulations of firearms, and to allow the City of Philadelphia to continue its efforts to regulate firearms for the health, safety and welfare of the City.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 120084:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to enter into a sublease agreement with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, for certain land and improvements located at 300 E. Hunting Park Avenue, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 120094:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Appropriations to hold hearings into the current state of community reinvestment by City depository banks within low-income and minority neighborhoods in the City of Philadelphia and authorizing the Committee to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents and other evidence.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 120085:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 231 by striking from the City Plan and vacating

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Cinnaminson Street from Smick Street to a point approximately six feet southwest of Mansion Street, placing on the City Plan a right-of-way for sewer and drainage purposes, water main purposes, and other utility purposes such as may be necessary within the lines of Cinnaminson Street being stricken, and placing on the City Plan a right-of-way for sewer and drainage purposes extending from Cinnaminson Street southeastwardly, partly southwest of Mansion Street and partly along the southwesterly side of said Mansion Street, to Lemonte Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120095:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Education and Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold joint public hearings to examine the best practices for the Philadelphia School District for career and technical education and how improved technical education will benefit our City's local economy.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120096:** Resolution Authorizing Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and Creative/Innovative Economy to hold hearings to investigate the establishment of a tax credit and veterans' assistance program that will allow employers to be eligible for a local tax credit upon hiring Veterans of the United States military thereby increasing the profile of a ready workforce in Philadelphia.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

RECOGNITION: COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE - (SEE NOTE OF TESTIMONY).

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The following persons provided public comment on February 9, 2012:

Name and Comment Subject

Marianne Bellesorte (120067)

Robert Taylor (120063, 120072)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120058:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Labor and Civil Service and the Committee on Licenses and Inspections to hold joint public hearings to review and investigate construction industry practices to identify any weaknesses in the City's current inspection and enforcement procedures and explore appropriate remedies, and in furtherance of such investigation, authorizing the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents to the full extent authorized under Section 2-401 of the Home Rule Charter.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON LABOR & CIVIL SERVICE AND LICENSES & INSPECTIONS.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120059:** Resolution Approving the University of Pennsylvania's proposed amendment to its Institutional Development District Master Plan pursuant to Chapter 14-1107(c) of The Philadelphia Code relating to "Zoning and Planning."

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120063:** Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania House Judiciary Committee to reject House Bill No. 1523 which could impose heavy financial penalties on municipalities that adopt or enforce reasonable regulations of firearms, and to allow the City of Philadelphia to continue its efforts to regulate firearms for the health, safety and welfare of the City.

Councilmember Johnson

moved that Resolution No. 120063 be withdrawn.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

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☐ **Resolution No. 120064:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the South Central Urban Renewal Area, designated as Parcel No. 310 and also sometimes identified by house number and street address as 1001-1035 South Seventeenth street; authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Carpenter Square LP and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 120065:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Joint Committees on Transportation & Public Utilities and Legislative Oversight to hold hearings to investigate the status of the Philadelphia International Airport Capacity Enhancement Program.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES AND LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT.

☐ **Resolution No. 120066:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, 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 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvement in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 120067:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings on the merger of the City's workforce development agencies.

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

☐ **Resolution No. 120071:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to investigate the City's support of the use of manufacturing in the creative industry, and how promoting and increasing this relationship will benefit the manufacturing sector in Philadelphia.

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

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- ☐ **Resolution No. 120072:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Public Safety to hold public hearings to examine bail practices in gun-possession cases and the correlation to future gun-related crimes.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

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- ☐ **Resolution No. 120073:** Resolution Calling on the Governor and the Pennsylvania General Assembly to enact legislation to require sellers of residential properties in the Commonwealth to disclose annual energy costs associated with residential properties.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120076:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, 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-first Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvement in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS JONES, TASCO AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

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