

Thursday, January 31, 2008

17 - Councilmembers Blackwell, Clarke, Council President Verna,

DiCicco, Goode, Green, Greenlee, Jones, Kelly, Kenney, Krajewski, Miller, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Rizzo, Sanchez and Tasco Council met, a quorum being present Reverend Roger Zepernick of The Church of Christ and San Ambrosia was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer COUNCILMEMBER TASCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL of the meeting of January 7, 2008 THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO. COMMUNICATIONS The Sergeant-at-Arms presented messages from the Mayor as follows: Transmitting a resolution confirming the appointment of Lori Shorr as the Public School Family and Child Advocate. (File No. 080108) THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ. Transmitting a resolution reappointing H. James Tollett, III to the Board of Directors of the Board of Direct of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion. (File No. 080109) THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ. Transmitting a resolution reappointing George R. Goldstone, CPM, SRA to the Board of Directors of the Board of Direct of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion. (File No. 080110) THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

PRESENT:

Ď	Transmitting a resolution reappointing Rev. Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., to the Board of Directors of the Board of Direct of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion. (File No. 080111)	
THE COMM	UNICATION WAS READ.	
Ď	Transmitting a resolution appointing Bernie Prazenica to the Board of Directors of the Board of Direct of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion. (File No. 080112)	
THE COMM	UNICATION WAS READ.	
Ď	Transmitting a resolution appointing Matthew Schure, Ph.D., to the Board of Directors of the Board of Direct of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion. (File No. 080113)	
THE COMM	UNICATION WAS READ.	
۵	Transmitting a bill amending Bill No. 070368 entitled "An Ordinance Approving the Fiscal Year 2008 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works (including the supplying of funds in connection therewith) subject to certain constraints and conditions, and acknowledging receipt of the Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2009 through 2013" by approving a revised Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2008. (File No. 080114)	
THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.		
	Transmitting a bill authorizing the President of the Fairmount Park Commission, the Executive Director of Fairmount Park, and the Procurement Commissioner, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a Concession Agreement with Billy Casper Golf, LLC, under which Billy Casper Golf, LLC, would improve, operate, manage and maintain four 18-hole golf courses and one sports center under the jurisdiction of the Fairmount Park Commission, including Olde Course and Karakung Course at Cobb's Creek Golf Club, Franklin D. Roosevelt Golf Course, John D. Byrne Golf Course, and the City Line Sports Center; all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 080115)	
THE COMM	UNICATION WAS READ.	
<u> </u>	Transmitting a bill authorizing and directing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 305 and 306 by placing on the City Plan Delaware Avenue from Lewis Street to Buckius Street; authorizing the opening of said Delaware Avenue from Lewis Street to Buckius Street, the opening of the unopened portions of Delaware Avenue (currently on the City Plan, partially opened) from the northeasterly side of Lewis Street to a point approximately two-hundred five feet southwestwardly therefrom, and the opening of the	

unopened portions of Buckius Street (currently on the City Plan, partially opened) from Delaware Avenue to Bath Street; and authorizing the acquisition of certain slope easements adjacent to the right of way lines of Delaware Avenue as proposed to be placed on the City Plan and opened by authority of this Ordinance. (File No. 080116)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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Councilmember Krajewski Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Krajewski:		
Bill No. 080075: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-1200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Posting of Signs," by authorizing code officials to issue a single code violation notice for multiple sign violations by the same person, in certain circumstances, and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.		
THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS.		
Councilmember Tasco Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:		
Bill No. 080076: An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 070368 entitled "An Ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2008 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works (including the supplying of funds in connection therewith) subject to certain constraints and conditions, and acknowledging receipt of the Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2009 through 2013" by approving a revised Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2008.		
THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.		
Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:		
Bill No. 080077: An Ordinance Continuing a neighborhood improvement district beyond the date of termination of such district in an area that generally includes both sides of Ridge Avenue from Main Street to 7220 Ridge Avenue and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Ridge Avenue and which is known as the Roxborough District ("District"); continuing the designation of the Roxborough Development Corporation, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District; approving a plan for the District, including a list of proposed improvements and their estimated cost, and providing for assessment fees to be		

levied on property owners within the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the Roxborough Development Corporation relating to the District; and authorizing the Roxborough Development Corporation to assess property owners within the District a special property assessment fee to be used in accordance with the approved plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

Bill No. 080078: An Ordinance Authorizing the President of the Fairmount Park Commission, the Executive Director of Fairmount Park, and the Procurement Commissioner, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a Concession Agreement with Billy Casper Golf, LLC, under which Billy Casper Golf, LLC, would improve, operate, manage and maintain four 18-hole golf courses and one sports center under the jurisdiction of the Fairmount Park Commission, including Olde Course and Karakung Course at Cobb's Creek Golf Club, Franklin D. Roosevelt Golf Course, John D. Byrne Golf Course, and the City Line Sports Center; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers DiCicco and Green:

Bill No. 080079: An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to create an independent Police Advisory Commission and provide for its funding, and to empower Council to provide by ordinance for the appointment, powers and duties of such Commission, as approved by Resolution of the City Council; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question to be voted on; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

Bill No. 080080-A: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by adding a new Section 14-908, entitled

"Queen Village Neighborhood Conservation District."

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

Bill No. 080081: An Ordinance Granting permission to Shailesh Tilvawala, owner and operator of the newsstand located on the northeast corner of Eighth Street and Market Street, to construct, use and maintain conduits for fiber optic facilities in, under and across the northeast corner of Eighth Street and Market Street, for the purpose of supplying electrical service and telephone service to said newsstand.

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

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

Bill No. 080082: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Delaware Avenue, former Marlborough Street Right-of-way, the Delaware River and the former Shackamaxon Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

Bill No. 080083: An Ordinance Authorizing and directing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 12-S, 19-S, 71, 238, and 308 by revising the curblines and grades of Christopher Columbus Boulevard from a point approximately nine-hundred feet south of Spruce Street to a point approximately one-thousand two-hundred feet south of Tasker Street, by revising the curblines and grades of Tasker Street from Christopher Columbus Boulevard to a point approximately two-hundred fifty feet westwardly therefrom, by striking from the City Plan and vacating Tasker Street from Christopher Columbus Boulevard to a dead end approximately seven-hundred ten feet eastwardly therefrom, by reserving and placing on City Plan a right-of-way for drainage purposes, water main purposes, gas main purposes, and public utility purposes within the lines of Tasker Street being stricken from the City Plan by authority of this Ordinance, by striking from the City Plan and abandoning a certain right-of-way for water main purposes within the lines of former Dickinson Street from Christopher Columbus Boulevard to the Pierhead Line of the Delaware River, and by placing on City Plan a right-of-way for drainage purposes in a location to be determined by the Water Department, all

under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Clarke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Clarke:

Bill No. 080085-A: An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," by adding a new Section 9-630, entitled "Sale of Used Cars," providing for protections against sale of cars in need of substantial repairs, commonly known as a "lemon law"; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Clarke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Clarke:

Bill No. 080086: An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, by amending Section 9-203 relating to Street Vendors and Section 9-205 relating to Sidewalk Sales, by prohibiting street and sidewalk vending on certain portions of 17th Street.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Tasco Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Council President Verna and Tasco:

Resolution No. 080074: Resolution Confirming the appointment of Lori Shorr as the Public School Family and Child Advocate.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Kenney Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Kenney:

Resolution No. 080087: Resolution Recognizing the Electric Factory Concerts, one of the world's most successful and influential concert promoters, on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Kenney Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Kenney and DiCicco:	
Resolution No. 080088: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Services to hold public hearings to investigate sidewalk closures during construction projects and examine ways to improve pedestrian access to these sidewalks by requiring covered and protected walkways around construction sites.	
THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.	
THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.	
Councilmember Kenney Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Kenney:	
Resolution No. 080089: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on the Environment to hold public hearings to examine Philadelphia International Airport's recycling policies and goals, and to explore alternative approaches to increasing the Airport's recycling rate of both public and internal waste.	
THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.	
THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.	
Councilmember Blackwell Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Blackwell:	
Resolution No. 080090: 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 Third and Sixth 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.	
THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.	
THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.	
Councilmember Krajewski Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Krajewski:	

Chorus on their 60th Anniversary.		
THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.		
THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.		
Councilmember Tasco Introduced the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Verna, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:		
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, Fortieth amd Forty-eighth 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.		
THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.		
THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.		
Councilmember Miller Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Miller:		
Resolution No. 080093: Resolution Recognizing, Honoring, And Celebrating Central High School's Girls Basketball Team (The Lancers) and Coach Frank Greco For Their Amazing 100 Consecutive Victories.		
THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.		
THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.		
Councilmember Miller Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Miller:		
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 Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Fifty-ninth 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.		

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.
THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.
Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:
Resolution No. 080095: Resolution Authorizing the Council Committee on Housing, Neighborhood Development and the Homeless to hold hearings on the problems of foreclosures in Philadelphia and the extent to which sub-prime mortgages contribute to this problem and further investigating the possibility of imposing a Moratorium on Sherriff's Sales on those foreclosures resulting from sub-prime mortgages, and other mechanisms for protecting homeowners from homelessness.
THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.
THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND THE HOMELESS.
Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:
Resolution No. 080096: Resolution Authorizing the City Council's Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and Public Health and Human Services to hold joint public hearings on how the consolidation of anti-poverty applications will stimulate the city's economy while at the same time helping those who most need these services.
THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.
THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES.
Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:
Resolution No. 080097: Resolution Initiating action to continue a neighborhood improvement district, beyond the date of termination of such district, in an area that generally includes both sides of Ridge Avenue from Main Street to 7220 Ridge Avenue and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Ridge Avenue and which is known as the Roxborough District ("District"); continuing the designation of the Roxborough Development Corporation, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District; approving a preliminary plan for and report concerning the District; and authorizing and directing the Committee on Rules

and the Clerk of Council to take all actions that are required by the Community and Economic Improvement Act prior to enactment of an ordinance that would formally continue the District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.		
Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:		
Resolution No. 080098: Resolution Appointing Bernie Prazenica to the Board of Directors of the Board of Direct of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.		
THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.		
Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:		
Resolution No. 080099: Resolution Appointing Matthew Schure, Ph.D., to the Board of Directors of the Board of Direct of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.		
THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.		
Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:		
Resolution No. 080100: Resolution Reappointing George R. Goldstone, CPM, SRA to the Board of Directors of the Board of Direct of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.		
THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.		
Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:		
Resolution No. 080101: Resolution Reappointing H. James Tollett, III to the Board of Directors of the Board of Direct of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.		
THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.		
Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:		
Resolution No. 080102: Resolution Reappointing Rev. Timothy R. Lannon, S.J.,		

to the Board of Directors of the Board of Direct of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilme Goode:	mber Goode Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember
۵	Resolution No. 080103: Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee or Commerce and Economic Development to investigate, and to hold hearings on, the issue of diversity within Philadelphia's Building and Construction Trades, and further authorizing the Committee to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents and other evidence.
THE RESOI	LUTION WAS READ.
	LUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & DEVELOPMENT.
	mber DiCicco Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by mber DiCicco:
۵	Resolution No. 080104: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to create an independent Police Advisory Commission and provide for its funding, and to empower Council to provide by ordinance for the appointment, powers and duties of such Commission, and providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia.
THE RESOL	LUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.
	mber DiCicco Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by mber DiCicco:
ß	Resolution No. 080105: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Old Saint Joseph's Church on the event of its 275th Anniversary.
THE RESOL	LUTION WAS READ.
THE RESOI	LUTION WAS ADOPTED.
	mber DiCicco Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by mber DiCicco:
D	Resolution No. 080106: 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 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Clarke Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Clarke:

Resolution No. 080107: 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-second, Forty-seventh and Forty-third 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER O'NEILL - WAITING ON A BILL ASK FOR A FEW MINUTES RECESS. COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA GRANTS FEW MINUTES - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

COUNCILMEMBER DICICCO - GOVERNOR RENDELL AND GAMING CASINOS

COUNCILMEMBER TASCO - WURD WILL BE BE BROADCASTING THE COUNCIL SESSION - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

COUNCILMEMBER TASCO - DIVERSITY PLAN UPDATE - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

COUNCILMEMBER JONES - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

COUNCILMEMBER BROWN - EARTH DAY - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

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

Bill No. 080084: An Ordinance Authorizing the President of the Fairmount Park Commission, the Executive Director of Fairmount Park, and the Public Property Commissioner, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a lease with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development ("PAID"), to lease City-owned land south of Shelmire Avenue adjacent to the campus of the Fox Chase Cancer Center, Inc. ("Fox Chase") to PAID, under which PAID will enter into a sublease with the Fairmount Park Conservancy ("Conservancy"), a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, under which the Conservancy would enter into a sub-sublease and other agreements with Fox Chase, pursuant to which Fox Chase will construct, maintain, and operate cancer research and treatment facilities on the property; and authorizing the President of the Fairmount Park Commission, the Executive Director of Fairmount Park, the Public Property Commissioner, and the City Solicitor to enter into additional agreements and take all other actions necessary to complete the transaction contemplated by this Ordinance; all under certain provisions.

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

COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.