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**Thursday, April 7, 2022**

PRESENT: 15 - Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

Council met, a quorum being present.

Bishop E. Malone Porterfield of Ford Memorial Temple was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of March 31, 2022

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Johnson

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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

**Resolution No. 220324:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 2100 N. 6th Street and 2104-06 N. 6th Street in the Fifth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Resolution No. 220325:** Resolution Recognizing Rick Bloomingdale upon his retirement as President from the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gilmore Richardson, Thomas, Oh, Green, Gauthier, Bass, Brooks, O'Neill, Gym, Jones, Parker, Quiñones Sánchez, Squilla and Domb:

**Resolution No. 220326:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Philadelphia natives, Questlove, Jazmine Sullivan, and the Philadelphia Orchestra for a stellar 2022 award season, collectively winning an Oscar and four Grammys for outstanding contributions to music and film.

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

**Resolution No. 220327:** Resolution Recognizing April 22, 2022 as Earth Day in the City of Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 220328:** Resolution Celebrating the Selection of *My Broken Language: A Memoir*, written by Philadelphia-born, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Quiara Alegria Hudes, for the 2022 “One Book, One Philadelphia” Program.

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

**Resolution No. 220329:** Resolution Recognizing April 2022 as Autism Acceptance & Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia, and commending the creators of the Autism 365 Collection at the Wynnefield Library.

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

**Resolution No. 220330:** Resolution Calling on Mayor James Kenney, Governor Tom Wolf, and the Pennsylvania General Assembly to use all powers of their offices to declare a state of emergency and seek available emergency relief resources from the

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state and federal governments through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to address the humanitarian emergency in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia, including but not limited to resources that will provide hazard mitigation, access to health-related treatments, neighborhood cleanup and remediation, wraparound social services for neighborhood residents and persons experiencing homelessness and substance use disorders, and all other necessary assistance to maintain a safe and healthy environment for Philadelphians living or working in this area.

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

**Bill No. 220321:** An Ordinance Amending Section 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Designation of Bicycle Lanes,” to authorize a bicycle lane on Woodland Avenue from The Woodlands driveway to the VA Medical Center Driveway; and making associated changes to parking regulations within the same limits; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gauthier, Green and Brooks:

**Bill No. 220322:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Surplus Properties,” by adding criteria for evaluating non-competitive dispositions, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmembers Thomas, Gilmore Richardson, Oh, Green, Gauthier, Bass, Brooks, O'Neill, Gym, Jones, Parker, Quiñones Sánchez, Squilla and Domb:

**Resolution No. 220331:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Dawn Staley for coaching the 2022 Women's NCAA Championship basketball team, the University of South Carolina Gamecocks.

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

**Resolution No. 220332:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, Northeast High School Wrestling team, on their successful 2021-2022 season

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and winning the Public League Championship title.

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

**Bill No. 220323:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-513 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/TOD, Transit-Oriented Development Overlay District,” to designate additional Transit-Oriented Development Transit Stations, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

**Resolution No. 220333:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Judge Doris Smith-Ribner for her years of service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the first Black woman elected to a statewide judicial seat on the occasion of Women’s History Month.

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

**Resolution No. 220334:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Michael McGady and Matthew Mulholland - police officers in the 39th District - for their swift, lifesaving response to a fire in North Philadelphia.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Please note that this meeting will be held remotely using Microsoft® Teams. This remote session may be viewed on Xfinity Channel 64, Fios Channel 40 or <http://phlcouncil.com/watch-city-council/>. Public comment may be received with regard to those matters printed on the agenda on the following pages. Speakers interested in participating in public comment must call 215-686-3406 by 3 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Council session and submit the following information:**

- **Full name**
- **Callback telephone number where you can be reached**
- **Identify the bill number or resolution number that will be addressed**
- **State whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution.**

**Speakers who submitted the above information within the required time frame will be telephoned during the council session and invited to the remote meeting. They 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 repetitious comments or limit the scope of testimony to only certain items on the agenda, which could affect callbacks for public comment at the meeting.**

**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. 220301:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1433 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1454 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1428 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1443 N. Myrtlewood Street, 719 Montgomery Avenue, 737 Montgomery Avenue, 739 Montgomery Avenue, 741 Montgomery Avenue, 743 Montgomery Avenue, 2453 N. Carlisle Street, 1532 N. Marston Street, 2408 N. 31st Street, 2410 N. 31st Street, 2412 N. 31st Street, 3013 W. York Street, 3015 W. York Street and 3108 W. York Street in the Fifth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220302:** Resolution Recognizing and supporting the health and wellness of Black mamas and birthing people by acknowledging April 11-17, 2022, as “Black Maternal Health Week”.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220304:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring the Children’s Crisis Treatment Center (CCTC) on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary of service and leadership in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220305:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing the service and

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leadership of retired nurse, activist, and current President of the Cecil B. Moore Freedom Fighters, Karen Asper Jordan, who has led a life-long commitment to civil rights activism by protesting, picketing, marching, registering voters, and leading countless direct actions under the guidance and, later, inspiration of the legendary civil rights leader, Cecil B. Moore.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220306:** Resolution Honoring the life, work, and accomplishments of Paula Peebles, whose dedication to advocacy, organizing, and leadership has empowered Philadelphia's movements for class and race equity.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220307:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Women's History Month's Champion of the Week, the Cheyney State College "Lady Wolves" on their 40th Anniversary of Historic 1982 NCAA Basketball Division I National Championship Game.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220308:** Resolution Authorizing the Hospital and Higher Education Facilities Authority of Philadelphia (formerly known as the Hospitals Authority of Philadelphia), incorporated pursuant to the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, P.L. 382, as amended, and an ordinance of the City Council, approved January 28, 1974, as amended, to extend its term of existence.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 220309:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Judge Doris Smith-Ribner for her years of service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the first Black woman elected to a statewide judicial seat on the occasion of Women's History Month.

THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

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

**Bill No. 220225:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Chief Information Officer for the City of Philadelphia, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to purchase licenses for email, cloud services, enterprise software, data services, security software, and other related computing products and services, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.



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*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas*

*Nays: 0*

**SPEECHES**

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.