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**Thursday, February 23, 2023**

PRESENT: 15 - Councilmembers Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Bass, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Thomas, Driscoll, Lozada, Harrity, Vaughn and Phillips

Council met, a quorum being present.

Father Liam Murphy of St. Miriam Parrish was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.  
of the meeting of February 16, 2023

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon situate in the Second 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. (File No. 230141)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 3903 Wallace Street in the Third 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. (File No. 230142)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

Pursuant to Sections 4-604 and 2-307 of the Home Rule Charter, I am today transmitting to the Council the recommendation of the City Planning Commission on the following bills:

Bill No. 230007

Bill No. 230033

Bill No. 230034

Bill No. 230035

Bill No. 230049

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. KENNEY  
Mayor (File No. 230143)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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

**Bill No. 230127:** An Ordinance Amending Section 20-304 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Compensation for Members of Boards, Commissions, Committees and Councils,” by revising the compensation for members of the Environmental Justice Advisory Commission, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

**Resolution No. 230133:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists, for celebrating the organization’s 50th year representing the Black media industry professionals of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar

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the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Thomas:

**Resolution No. 230134:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, Derrick Copes, on the success of his business, Best Hands Mobile Detailing, and for his constant efforts to make the detailing business more accessible through his social media outreach efforts.

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

**Bill No. 230128:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 125 by placing on the City Plan Boston Place from Tenth Street to Eleventh Street, north of York Street, under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication to the City of the bed of said Boston Place.

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

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

**Bill No. 230129:** An Ordinance Authorizing the paving of Boston Place from Tenth Street to Eleventh Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Bill No. 230130:** An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on both sides of 66th Street between Morris Park Road and Sherwood Road.

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 Councilmembers Jones and Vaughn:

**Resolution No. 230135:** Resolution Also naming North 41st Street between Parkside Avenue and South Concourse Drive as "Barbara Daniel Cox Way," in honor of the late Barbara Daniel Cox, organizer of the Black Family Reunion.

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

**Resolution No. 230136:** Resolution Also naming the 5900 Block of Media Street as "James Rice Way", in honor of James Rice, the owner of Rice's barbershop, which has served the Carroll Park neighborhood of Philadelphia since 1951.

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Councilmember Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmembers Jones, Driscoll, Lozada, Thomas, Gauthier, Harrity, Brooks, Phillips, O'Neill, Gilmore Richardson, Vaughn, Bass, Squilla and Johnson:

**Resolution No. 230140:** Resolution Mourning the life, honoring the memory, and enshrining the legacy of Temple University Police Officer Christopher David Fitzgerald who tragically fell in the line of duty on February 18, 2023.

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

**Bill No. 230131:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Mifflin street, and S. 20th street; S. 17th street, between Wolf street and Jackson street; S. 18th street and Snyder avenue; Mole street, between Moore street and McKean street; Carlisle street and Jackson street; Rosewood street and Tasker street.

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

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

**Resolution No. 230137:** Resolution Designating March 8, 2023, as “Joe Frazier Day” in the City of Philadelphia in honor and recognition of “Smokin” Joe Frazier’s heavyweight championship victory over Muhammad Ali in the Fight of the Century.

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

**Resolution No. 230138:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1728 Federal Street, 1213 S. Bonsall Street, 2114 Manton Street, 1303 S. 23rd Street & 1148 S. Cleveland Street in the Second 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.

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

**Resolution No. 230139:** Resolution Renaming the 4900 block of Walnut Street “Paul L. Robeson Way” to honor the life and legacy of Paul Leroy Robeson, Esq., Actor Singer, Athlete, Lawyer, Author, Activist, Scholar, Linguist and American Hero.

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Recognizing and honoring Philadelphia’s Paul Leroy Robeson, on his 125th birthday and his exemplary service to the world with special acknowledgment of his leadership in civil rights, sports, and the arts.

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

**Bill No. 230132:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14-600 of The Philadelphia Code (“Use Regulations”) to clarify that the sale of marijuana for recreational use is not included in the Medical Marijuana Dispensary use category, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT**

**Bill No. 220736:** An Ordinance Amending Section 21-1203 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Appointments to Citizens Police Oversight Commission,” by revising prohibited activities for Commissioners, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 220736.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**Bill No. 220810:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Procurement Commissioner to enter into agreements to purchase electricity, natural gas and motor fuel for use by the City in City facilities and vehicles, including agreements that obligate payment for delivery of such energy supplies in future fiscal years, 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. 220810.

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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## PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on February 23, 2023

### **Name and Comment Subject**

Kenneth Wood (210800)

Michelle Belser (230110)

Katrice Cheaton (210396)

Ernest Owens (230133)

Lynn Landes (210913)

Carlton Williams (230110)

Ogbonna Hagins (200533)

Sheriff Rochelle Bilal (230140)

See Notes of Testimony for full 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. 230110:** Resolution Honoring Eric Brice, Corrie Brown, Michelle Belser, and the Board of Directors of the Oak Lane Youth Association as Heroes of the 9th Council District for their laudable service to the community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

**Bill No. 220419:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest from Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development (PAID) to all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land located in and about the area bounded by 56th Street, Lindbergh Boulevard, 61st Street, Passyunk Avenue, and the Schuylkill River and to grant an easement to PAID for access across the parcel for the construction and maintenance of an accessway, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Bass, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Thomas, Driscoll, Lozada, Harrity, Vaughn and Phillips*

*Nays: 0*

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

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Veterans Memorial."

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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*Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Bass, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Thomas, Driscoll, Lozada, Harrity, Vaughn and Phillips*

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## RESOLUTIONS

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## SPEECHES

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY

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