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Thursday, October 12, 2023

ROLL CALL

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.

Pastor Harold R. Jolley of Second Macedonia Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of October 5, 2023

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 re-appointment of Barbara Moore as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve in the term ending January 1, 2029. (File No. 230709)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution confirming the appointment of Matt Bowman as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve in the term ending January 1, 2027. (File No. 230710)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Sophia Lee as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve in the term ending January 1, 2028. (File No. 230711)

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Housing Authority a deed conveying fee simple title to 1517 N. 33rd Street in the Fifth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia pursuant to Section 16-706 of the Philadelphia Code. (File No. 230712)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 230704: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings concerning the practice of “leveling” and its impact on students and teachers in the School District of Philadelphia, especially following the learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bill No. 230698: An Ordinance To approve amendments to the Temple University Master Plan in the area bounded by Norris Street, Broad Street, Montgomery Avenue and 15th Street related to Klein College of Media and Communications and Center for the Performing and Cinematic Arts building at 1830 N Broad Street.

Bill No. 230699: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-5900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Prohibition on Certain Gambling Machines and Skills Games,” to add additional prohibitions and provide for remedies, all under certain terms and conditions.

Bill No. 230700: An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Businesses Trades and Professions,” to add a new Chapter creating penalties for trespassing in retail establishments, all under certain terms and conditions.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER JONES - BILL NO. 230700 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

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

Resolution No. 230705: Resolution Calling on the Administration to develop grant programs for businesses and restaurants suffering from retail theft and crime.

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

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Resolution No. 230706: Resolution Condemning the Hamas terrorist attacks in Israel and calling for a peaceful resolution to the Israel-Palestine conflict.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, DDRISCOLL - RESOLUTION NO. 230706 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

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

Resolution No. 230707: Resolution Designating Thursday, October 12, 2023 as 'Children's Environmental Health Day' in the City of Philadelphia, and recognizing the importance of clean air and water, safe food and consumer products, healthy environments and a stable climate to children's health and development.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER - RESOLUTION NO. 230707 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

Bill No. 230701: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Solicitor, on behalf of the City, to enter into a multi-year contract with a provider of codification, editing, and marketing services to produce printed and electronic versions of The Philadelphia Code and related services and material, all under certain terms and conditions.

Bill No. 230702: An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on both sides of the 1900 block of Belfield Avenue.

Bill No. 230703: An Ordinance Establishing no truck parking regulations on: both sides of Ardleigh Street between Vernon Road and Gorgas Lane, both sides of Vernon Road between Ardleigh Street and Blakemore Street, both sides of Blakemore Street between Vernon Road and Gorgas lane, and both sides of Gorgas lane between Blakemore Street and Ardleigh Street.

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

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

Resolution No. 230708: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Sid Booker, by renaming the 4600 block of North Broad Street "Sid Booker Way," to credit the life of the businessman he is today with the legacy that will forever live on.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on October 12, 2023

Name and Comment Subject

Garbiel Palmer (230696)

Archbishop Mary Floyd Palmer (230696)

Alison Cohen (230704)

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. 230684: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2609-27 Sears Street (including 1308-14 S 26th Street) located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 230685: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1324 S. Bancroft Street; 1213 S. Bonsall Street; 1202, 1223 S. Bucknell Street; 2117, 2221 Earp Street; 2007 Ellsworth Street; 2537 Oakford Street; 1818, 2229 Latona Street; 1730, 2014, 2114, 2236, 2426, 2532 Manton Street; 1545 S. Ringgold Street; 1506, 1511, S. Stillman Street; 1519, 1527, 1529 S. Taney Street; 1702 S. 20th Street; 1419 S. 22nd Street; 1230, 1303 S. 23rd Street located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 230686: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1811, 2114, 2123 Fernon Street, 1930, 1932 Norwood Street, 1629, 1642, 1648, 1652 Point Breeze Avenue, 1824 S. 20th Street, 1835 S. 22nd Street located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 230694: Resolution Authorizing a “Joint Task Force on City Flag

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Reform” to reexamine and recommend a process to reform the flag of the City of Philadelphia in line with vexillological conventions and an aim to promote Civic Pride.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 230696: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Philadelphia’s Reverend Melvin Floyd, by renaming the 5200 block of Wayne Avenue, “Reverend Melvin Floyd Way” to honor the life and legacy of Reverend Floyd, Founder and Pastor Agape Christian Chapel and the Neighborhood Crusades, Inc., where he tirelessly worked to prevent gang violence citywide and since 1970, successfully reaching youth and families for over 40 years.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTIONS

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.