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**Thursday, April 29, 2021**

**PRESENT:** 17 - Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend John Babowitch of Our Lady of Calvary Parish was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of April 22, 2021

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Transmitting an a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2013 E. Hazzard Street located in the 1st Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 210407)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 5559 Locust Street located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 210408)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 19,21,23,25,27 E Somerset, 3022,3024,3026,3028 N American Street, 2907 Gransback St., 413 W. Norris St.,419 W. Norris St., 2152 N. Randolph St., located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 210409)

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill No. 210078-A, which was passed by Council on April 15, 2021, were signed by the Mayor on April 28, 2021. (File No. 210410)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 200625 and 210226, which was passed by Council on April 22, 2021, were signed by the Mayor on April 28, 2021. (File No. 210411)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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

**Resolution No. 210395:** Resolution Urging the United States House of Representatives to pass H.R. 2553, also known as the Real Estate Valuation Fairness and Improvement Act of 2021.

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

**Resolution No. 210396:** Resolution Calling on the Sheriff of the City of Philadelphia to request an Order from the President Judge of the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania to temporarily stay all mortgage and tax foreclosure sales.

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

**Resolution No. 210397:** 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 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.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final

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Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

**Resolution No. 210398:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Philadelphia High School for Girls Principal Lisa Mesi on winning a 2021 Lindback Award for Distinguished Principals.

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

**Resolution No. 210399:** Resolution Recognizing May 2021 as National Bike Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 210406:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Eileen Duffey-Bernt as the 2021 Pennsylvania School Nurse of the Year by the National Association of School Nurses and for a quarter century of serving and relentlessly advocating on behalf of student health and education justice for Philadelphia children.

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

**Bill No. 210388:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-1000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Trades," to modify licensing and conduct requirements applicable to contractors; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Bill No. 210389:** An Ordinance Amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code," and Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," to revise provisions relating to excavation work and work impacting historic structures, create an excavation contractor license, and institute additional safeguards for property adjoining certain construction activities; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Resolution No. 210400:** Resolution Honoring Coach Willie "Billy" Void for an

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impactful life and coaching career of more than 35 years mentoring hundreds of student athletes all across Philadelphia as owner and coach for Positive Image Youth Organization.

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

**Resolution No. 210401:** Resolution Honoring Coach Paul Gripper for a life lived as an outstanding coach and mentor as a pillar of Philadelphia's basketball community.

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

**Bill No. 210390:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Dauphin street and Belgrade street; Almond street and Dauphin street; York street and Almond street; Taggart street and Norris street; Cedar street and Norris street; Marlborough street and Thompson street.

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

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

**Bill No. 210391:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Ellsworth street and S. 9th street; Reed street and S. Broad street; Mountain street and S. 6th street; Latona street and S. 7th street.

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

**Bill No. 210392:** An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations in the vicinity of: Moore street and S. 6th street; McClellan street and S. 5th street; Mifflin street to S. 6th street; S. 3rd street to McKean street.

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

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

**Bill No. 210393:** An Ordinance Amending Section 12-701 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Designation of Bicycle Lanes," to authorize bicycle lanes on Race Street from North 5th Street to North 4th Street; 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 Squilla Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember

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Squilla:

**Bill No. 210394:** An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 941 S. 8th Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Resolution No. 210402:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the First Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

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

**Resolution No. 210403:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2013 E. Hazzard Street located in the 1st Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Resolution No. 210404:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the Eighth Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

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

**Resolution No. 210405:** Resolution Proclaiming May 2021 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Philadelphia to pay tribute to the rich history and significant contributions made by generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our country, state, and city.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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The following persons provided public comment on April 29, 2021:

**Name and Comment Subject**

Kolson Schlosser (210374)

Nancy Goldenburg (210365)

Bonita Cummings (210159)

See Notes of Testimony for full 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.**

### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**

**Resolution No. 210365:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Philadelphia’s public gardens.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210366:** Resolution Authorizing the creation of a “Special Committee on City Infrastructure Projects under the American Jobs Plan”, to develop and recommend strategies for implementing, leveraging, and ensuring inclusion in City

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infrastructure projects funded under the American Jobs Plan.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210367:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Sister Maureen McGarrity for her commitment to the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, leadership to Holy Family University and service to Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210368:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Sister Francesca Onley and acknowledging her lifelong commitment to her faith, family, and Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Holy Family University, and Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210369:** Resolution Congratulating the St. Huberts Cheerleading team for winning the 2021 PIAA Competitive Spirit State Championship.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210370:** Resolution Recognizing Tarik Khan's incredible leadership and contributions to the health and well-being of Philadelphians and extending appreciation and admiration for his efforts to vaccinate Philadelphia residents against COVID-19.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210371:** Resolution Calling for the establishment of a "Philly Youth Act" to reduce gun violence and foster, coordinate, and promote peace treaties amongst our Philadelphia youths.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210373:** Resolution Calling upon the United States Congress to admit Washington, District of Columbia as the 51st state in our Union.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

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

*Nays: 2 Councilmembers Oh and O'Neill*

**Resolution No. 210374:** Resolution Calling upon the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reject Senate Bill 275, which would restrict municipalities from addressing climate change through legislating energy and heating



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infrastructure requirements.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210376:** Resolution Also naming the 2700 block of N. 21st Street “Dr. Ala Stanford Way”, to recognize, honor, and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Ala Stanford and her dedication to the people of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210377:** Resolution Recognizing April 30th as Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag Day as a Symbol of the Contributions of the Vietnamese-American Community in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210378:** Resolution Honoring historian and educator Kerry L. Bryan on the occasion of her 70th birthday.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210379:** Resolution Proclaiming the Week of May 7, 2021 to May 15, 2021 as the 11th annual Philly Tech Week presented by Comcast, and honoring the broad and vibrant Philadelphia technology community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Bill No. 210135-AA, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-208 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Sidewalk Cafés” and Title 4, Subcode “A” of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Use Registration Permits,” by adding new provisions allowing restaurants applying for a sidewalk café permit or temporary lot uses permit to allow outdoor entertainment; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O’Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 210139-AA, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Taxes and Rents - General,” by adding required conditions and information for reporting adjustments to taxable income, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

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**Bill No. 210139-AA, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Taxes and Rents - General,” by adding required conditions and information for reporting adjustments to taxable income, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

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

**Bill No. 200348, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” to amend certain provisions of Chapter 14-500, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by creating the “/WCS, West Chestnut Street Overlay District,” all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President  
Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore  
Richardson and Thomas*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 210159:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” to revise certain provisions of Chapter 14-600, entitled “Use Regulations,” by amending the Retail Sales Use Category and Use-Specific Standards; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President  
Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore  
Richardson and Thomas*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 210207:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Cottman Avenue, the Montgomery County Line, the Bucks County Line, Interstate 95, Grant Avenue, and Roosevelt Boulevard.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President  
Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore  
Richardson and Thomas*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 210228:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Spruce Street, 5th Street, South Street, and 8th Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President  
Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore  
Richardson and Thomas*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 210246:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain portions of the land located within an area bounded by Delaware Expressway, Richmond Street, Lewis Street, Delaware Avenue, and Castor Avenue all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President  
Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore  
Richardson and Thomas*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 210247, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by 63rd Street, Lansdowne Avenue, Felton Street, Haddington Lane, Edgewood Street, Lansdowne Avenue, 54th Street, Girard Avenue, 59th Street, and Callowhill Street.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President  
Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore  
Richardson and Thomas*

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*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 210249, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending various chapters of the Philadelphia Code to amend the definitions of certain terms, and provide protections for persons affected by coercive control, including in the context of employment discrimination, employment leave, and housing protections, and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas*

*Nays: 1 Councilmember Oh*

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**SPEECHES**

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.