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**Thursday, January 19, 2023**

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

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

Council met, a quorum being present.

Rabbi Yochonon Goldman of B'Nai Abraham Chabad was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

of the meeting of December 15, 2022

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Bass requested leave of absence for

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

January 10, 2023

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

I am hereby returning without my signature Bill Number 220322-AAA, which was introduced into City Council by Councilmember Gauthier on April 7, 2022. Bill Number 220322-AAA adds criteria for evaluating non-competitive dispositions of "Surplus Properties."

While my Administration shares the Sponsors commitment to affordable housing and food access uses on public land, this legislation does not provide anything beyond what

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is already available through existing legislation and the disposition policy. Furthermore, the additional requirements prescribed by this legislation make it onerous for existing Nonprofits.

For these reasons, I am returning without my signature, Bill No. 220322-AAA.

Respectfully,  
James F. Kenney  
Mayor (File No. 230023)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 220666-A, and 220938, which were passed by Council on December 15, 2022, were signed by the Mayor on December 21 2022. (File No. 230024)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill No. 220846, which was passed by Council on December 15, 2022, was signed by the Mayor on January 4, 2023. (File No. 230025)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 220639, 220775, 220814, 220844, 220870, 220871, 220904, 220907, 220913, 220915, 220917, 220919, 220921, and 220922, which was passed by Council on December 15, 2022, was signed by the Mayor on January 10, 2023. (File No. 230026)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2337, 2339, 2349 Greenwich Street; 1709, 1711, 1822R - 34, 1836 Point-Breeze Avenue; 1555 S. Ringgold Street; 2445 Federal Street & 2329 Ellsworth Street located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 230027)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 3001 Martha Street located in the 1st Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 230028)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1736

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North 22nd Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 230029)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 911, 913, 915, 919, 921, 923, 925 W. Auburn Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 230030)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill No. 220118, which was passed by Council on December 15, 2022, was signed by the Mayor on January 10, 2023. (File No. 230031)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 220656-A, 220664, 220665-A and 220923-A, which were passed by Council on December 15, 2022, were signed by the Mayor on January 16, 2023. (File No. 230032)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

**Resolution No. 230012:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, the Girard Academic Music Program Competitive Spirit squad for becoming the first ever Philadelphia Public League Grand Champions of the Competitive Spirit Championship.

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

**Bill No. 230001:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by defining and clarifying certain definitions, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

**Bill No. 230002:** An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on both sides of North 57th Street between Lansdowne Avenue and Media Street.

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

**Bill No. 230003:** An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on both sides of North Parkside Avenue between Wynnefield Avenue and Monument Road.

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

**Bill No. 230004:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to civil service exemptions for staff of the Citizens Police Oversight Commission; 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; all under certain terms and conditions.

Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:

**Resolution No. 230013:** Resolution Reappointing James Aros, Jr., to the position of Chief Assessment Officer of the Office of Property Assessment.

Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:

**Resolution No. 230014:** Resolution Approving the reappointment of Wendell Anthony Ewing to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board.

Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmembers Jones, Gilmore Richardson, Squilla, Bass, Phillips, Brooks, Oh, Driscoll, Vaughn, Lozada, Harrity, Gauthier, O'Neill and Thomas:

**Resolution No. 230015:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Cadet 2nd Lt. Kaheem Bailey-Taylor for receiving the Medal of Heroism, the U.S. Army's highest honor for JTROC students, for his bravery in the face of gun violence.

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

**Resolution No. 230016:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for exemption from civil service for staff of the Citizens Police Oversight Commission; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 230017:** Resolution Honoring Philadelphia’s new generation of Living Legends: Isaac “Ikey Raw” Gardner, Ernest Owens, Chad Fain, Matt Cain, Tom “Tom Flies” Manning, Colin Chambers, and Damona “Mona” Love, for their roles as podcast influencers, as part of the commemoration of Black History Month.

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

**Resolution No. 230018:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2337, 2339, 2349 Greenwich Street; 1709, 1711, 1822R - 34, 1836 Point Breeze Avenue; 1555 S. Ringgold Street; 2445 Federal Street and 2329 Ellsworth Street located in the 2nd District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

**Resolution No. 230019:** Resolution Appointing Albert Littlepage to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

**Resolution No. 230020:** Resolution Honoring WURD Radio on the occasion of their 20th Anniversary and recognizes the station's role as the voice of the African American Community.

Councilmember Harrity Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Harrity, Squilla, Vaughn, Gilmore Richardson, Driscoll, Jones, Lozada, Thomas, Johnson, O'Neill, Brooks and Gauthier:

**Bill No. 230005:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-1102 through 1123 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Verification of Life Partnerships,” by removing gendered language relating to same-sex and same-gender couples, expanding access to this Life Partnerships regardless of gender.

Councilmember Harrity Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Harrity, Squilla, Driscoll and Phillips:

**Bill No. 230006:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11-200 of The Philadelphia Code, to impose additional conditions on permittees and contractors to repair openings on public streets, under certain terms and conditions.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gauthier and Jones:

**Bill No. 230007:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-513 of The Philadelphia Code,

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entitled “/TOD, Transit-Oriented Development Overlay District” and amending Section 14-533 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/MIN, Mixed Income Neighborhoods Overlay District,” to expand the applicable areas of each district in the vicinity of Market Street between 54th Street and 63rd Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers O'Neill, Driscoll and Phillips:

**Bill No. 230009:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-2800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Administrative Adjudication of Parking Violations,” by further providing with respect to monetary penalties for on-street parking of semitrailers and truck tractors, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

**Bill No. 230010:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023 from the Grants Revenue Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to the General Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

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

**Resolution No. 230021:** Resolution Authorizing requests to the Law Department to represent City Council in an appeal from decisions of the Department of Licenses and Inspections to the Philadelphia Zoning Board of Adjustment or the License and Inspection Review Board and, if the Law Department declines to render such services to City Council, authorizing the retention of outside counsel to provide such services.

Councilmember Oh Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Oh, Vaughn, Harrity, Phillips and Jones:

**Bill No. 230008:** An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 877 authorizing the establishment of the Philadelphia Activities Fund (PAF), by allowing At-Large Councilmembers to bring recreational assistance activities and programs to the PAF Board of Directors for funding consideration, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

**Resolution No. 230011:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring the 2022 Winners of PHL LIVE Center Stage.

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

**Resolution No. 230022:** Resolution Commending and honoring Oliver St. Clair Franklin, CBE and Honorary Consul for his appointment as Commander of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON RULES**

**Bill No. 220770:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the measurements of zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Cottman Avenue, Oxford Avenue, Tyson Avenue, Rising Sun Avenue, Glenview Street, Bingham Street, Kerper Street, Rising Sun Avenue, Unruh Avenue, Martins Mill Road, City Boundary, and Hasbrook Avenue.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 220770.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**Bill No. 220942, as amended:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designation of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Parkside Avenue, 49th Street, Jefferson Street, and 48th Street (extended).

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 220942, AS AMENDED.

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**

**Bill No. 220770:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the measurements of zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Cottman Avenue, Oxford Avenue, Tyson Avenue, Rising Sun Avenue, Glenview Street, Bingham Street, Kerper Street, Rising Sun Avenue, Unruh Avenue, Martins Mill Road, City Boundary, and Hasbrook Avenue.

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THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**Bill No. 220942, as amended:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designation of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Parkside Avenue, 49th Street, Jefferson Street, and 48th Street (extended).

THE BILL WAS READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following persons provided public comment on January 19, 2023

**Name and Comment Subject**

Henry Davis (220918)  
Shawmar Pitts (220918)  
Eddison Frazier (220918)  
Lawrence Szmulowicz (220918)  
Michele Gaffney (220918)  
Jack McCarthy (221042)  
David Ivory (221042)  
Donn Thompson Morelli (221042)  
Marcus Bryant (221042)  
Laurin Talese (221042)  
Enrique Heruade (220918)  
Morgan Moore (220918)  
Ben Dewar (220918)  
Katrice Cheaten (210434)  
Ogbonna Hagins (200658)  
Lynn Landes (210913)

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. 221026:** Resolution Urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 8105, the Good Jobs for Good Airports Act, to ensure fair wages and benefits for airport workers in Philadelphia and across the nation.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 221029:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to 1-49 Rudy Robinson Way, located in the Third Councilmanic District, pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 221032:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to various properties located in the Third Councilmanic District, including on the following streets: Cambridge street, Fairmount avenue and Pallas street, pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 221033:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to various properties located in the Third Councilmanic District, including on the following streets: Cambridge street, Fairmount avenue and Pallas street, pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

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**Resolution No. 221042:** Resolution Adopting the Philadelphia Music Industry Task Force Report and Recommendations issued by Council’s Global Opportunities and Creative/Innovative Economy.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 230011:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring the 2022 Winners of PHL LIVE Center Stage.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 230012:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, the Girard Academic Music Program Competitive Spirit squad for becoming the first ever Philadelphia Public League Grand Champions of the Competitive Spirit Championship.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 230015:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Cadet 2nd Lt. Kaheem Bailey-Taylor for receiving the Medal of Heroism, the U.S. Army’s highest honor for JTROC students, for his bravery in the face of gun violence.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 230017:** Resolution Honoring Philadelphia’s new generation of Living Legends: Isaac “Ikey Raw” Gardner, Ernest Owens, Chad Fain, Matt Cain, Tom “Tom Flies” Manning, Colin Chambers, and Damona “Mona” Love, for their roles as podcast influencers, as part of the commemoration of Black History Month.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 230020:** Resolution Honoring WURD Radio on the occasion of their 20th Anniversary and recognizes the station's role as the voice of the African American Community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 230022:** Resolution Commending and honoring Oliver St. Clair Franklin, CBE and Honorary Consul for his appointment as Commander of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

**Bill No. 220918-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14-500 of the

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Philadelphia Zoning Code, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by creating a new subsection, entitled “Cobbs Creek Golf Course Overlay District,” all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

**Bill No. 220918-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14-500 of the Philadelphia Zoning Code, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by creating a new subsection, entitled “Cobbs Creek Golf Course Overlay District,” all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

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

**SPEECHES**

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.