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Thursday, February 15, 2024

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Bass, Brooks, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau, O'Rourke, Young and Council President Johnson

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor of Overbrook Presbyterian Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of Thursday, February 8, 2024

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 18-20, 24-30, and 34-36 South 44th Street and 4422 and 4426-30 Ludlow Street located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 240116)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2428 N. Orianna Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 240117)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

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Resolution No. 240102: Resolution Honoring and recognizing the 18th Police District Tactical Squad for its valiant efforts to reduce gun violence and enhance public safety in West Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 240103: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 18-20, 24-30, and 34-36 South 44th Street and 4422 and 4426-30 Ludlow Street located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 240104: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings to examine the recent report on high teacher attrition and understand its root causes, impact on teacher and student morale, as well as its effects on learning outcomes.

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

Resolution No. 240105: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings to examine recent high profile violent incidents between parents, faculty and students at middle and high schools.

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

Resolution No. 240106: Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Champion of the Week, educator Victoria Best, the founder and Executive Director of Victoria Urban Outreach Tutoring Services, a youth education and mentorship program in the city of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Thomas, Harrity, Driscoll, Landau, Gilmore Richardson, O'Rourke, Bass, Phillips, Young, Squilla and Jones:

Resolution No. 240107: Resolution Authorizing the creation of a Special Committee on City and Private Sector Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policies to examine the impact of such policies and to provide practical, evidence-based recommendations to

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enhance policy effectiveness in the promotion of minority, women and disabled-owned businesses in the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Johnson, Sponsored by Councilmembers Thomas, Harrity, Driscoll, Landau, Gilmore Richardson, Bass, Phillips, Young, Squilla and Jones:

Resolution No. 240108: Resolution Authorizing the reconvening of the Philadelphia Tax Reform Commission and its Advisory Committee to conduct an updated comprehensive analysis of all taxes imposed in the City of Philadelphia, and to make recommendations concerning tax reforms that support the City's economic growth and competitiveness.

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

Resolution No. 240109: Resolution Calling on the United States Congress to pass the bipartisan Violent Incident Clearance and Technological Investigative Methods (*VICTIM*) Act which will give law enforcement the support they need to investigate violent crime and increase the closure rate of homicide cases.

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

Resolution No. 240110: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Kurt Evans for his impact in improving access to food, establishing workforce development opportunities for returning citizens, and contributing to a thriving Black food culture in Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 240111: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2428 N. Orianna Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Bill No. 240098: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-1600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Economic Opportunity Plans," to define development projects and providing for additional requirements for Economic Opportunity Plan approval, all under certain terms and conditions.

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

Resolution No. 240112: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2464 N. Natrona Street located in the 5th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 240113: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to hold public hearings to explore Philadelphia's existing guaranteed income pilot programs and the potential for their expansion.

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

Bill No. 240099: An Ordinance Authorizing Norris Street Holdings, LLC to install, own, and maintain a Streeetry in the Right-of-Way adjacent to 2401 E. Norris Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125-2913, 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 Squilla:

Bill No. 240100: An Ordinance Establishing parking regulations, one-way regulations and a closure of the public right-of-way to motor traffic regulation in the vicinity of Washington Avenue from 4th Street to Water Street, 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 Squilla:

Bill No. 240101: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-2700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Permit Parking Districts," to add a new Section, entitled "Reserved Permit Parking for Residents with Disabilities," authorizing establishment of a program to provide dedicated vehicle-specific permit parking for certain individuals with a

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disability, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Resolution No. 240114: Resolution Honoring Renée Chenault Fattah for her unwavering dedication and commitment to excellence throughout her esteemed career.

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

Resolution No. 240115: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings examining proposed solutions to racial disparities in the maternal mortality rate in the City of Philadelphia.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on February 15, 2024

Name and Comment Subject

Queen Judith Robinson (240095)

Kurt Evans (240110)

Darryl Schueller (240096)

Patty Jackson (240096)

Dyana Williams (240096)

Angel Williams (240115)

Ogbonna Hagins (240095)

Kayla Perez (240096)

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

Councilmember Squilla called up:

Resolution No. 240095: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2501, 2855, 2857 Amber Street; 2143, 2155, 2157 E. Birch Street; 2134, 2172 E. Cambria Street; 2103, 2107 E. Cumberland Street; 2107 E. Dakota Street; 2478, 2480 Emerald Street; 2022 E. Fletcher Street; 1929, 1935, 1943, 2215-17 E. Harold Street; 2637, 2639, 2643, 2645, 2649 Janney Street; 2536 Jasper Street; 2639, 2641, 2643, 2653 Kensington Avenue; 2068 E. Monmouth Street; 1844 E. Oakdale Street; 2140, 2151, 2153, 2156 E. Orleans Street; 2646, 2658 Ritter Street; 2089 E. Somerset Street; 2106, 2133, 2135, 2250, 2252 E. William Street located in the 1st Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Bass called up:

Resolution No. 240096: Resolution Renaming the 6000 Block of Norwood Street “Frankie Beverly Way” to honor Frankie Beverly for his significant contributions to the music industry.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

RESOLUTIONS

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SPEECHES

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