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**Thursday, December 19, 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.

Pastor Corey Johnson, Pastor of Seventh Day Adventist Church, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of Thursday, December 12, 2025.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Transmitting a message advising you that on December 18, 2024, I signed the following bills, which were passed by Council at its session on December 05, 2024:

Bill No. 240242

Bill No. 240613-AA

Bill No. 240664

Bill No. 240876

Bill No. 240877

Bill No. 240878

Bill No. 240879

Bill No. 240880

Bill No. 240881

Bill No. 241026

Bill No. 241027

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Bill No. 241028

Bill No. 241030 (File No. 241153)

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

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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

**Resolution No. 241144:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1212 S 17th St; 1317 and 1511 S 20th St; 1904 S 23rd St; 1216 S 31st St; 1911 Gerritt St; 1932 and 2044 Titan St located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

**Resolution No. 241145:** Resolution Honoring and Recognizing Craig Williams for his invaluable contributions to the Philadelphia Streetlight Improvement Project, championed by the Philadelphia Energy Authority, and his exemplary leadership in advancing both the economic and social well-being of Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 241146:** Resolution Proclaiming January 13, 2025 as Korean American Day in Philadelphia to celebrate and commemorate the proud heritage of Korean Americans and their invaluable contributions to enhance the City's culture, economy, and the founding ideals of independence and democracy.

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

**Resolution No. 241147:** Resolution Recognizing December 21st 2024 as Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in the City of Philadelphia, acknowledging the lives of all unhoused people we have lost over the past year, and bringing attention to housing insecurity across the City.

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

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following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

**Resolution No. 241148:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of iconic DJ Gary O, a beloved Philadelphia music legend who graced the airwaves of the community for decades.

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

**Resolution No. 241149:** Resolution Resolution authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold a hearing on the prevalence of vaping among children and the effectiveness of current enforcement efforts.

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

**Resolution No. 241150:** Resolution Celebrating and honoring the life and legacy of legendary poet, professor, activist and revolutionary Nikki Giovanni on the occasion of her passing.

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

**Resolution No. 241151:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold a hearing concerning the deaths of individuals incarcerated in Philadelphia correctional facilities in recent weeks, including Amanda Cahill, Michael McKinnis, and Joseph Gabor, and evaluating the changes that are needed to prevent further tragedies.

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

**Resolution No. 241152:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on People With Disabilities and Special Needs to hold a hearing regarding the state of accessibility in the City of Philadelphia, including ensuring the celebratory events that will be held in Philadelphia in 2026 are maximally accessible to every person in the City.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

There were no reports from committee.

## CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

## PUBLIC COMMENT

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Pastor Carl Day    Arena  
Daisy Cruz        240966  
Aminah Perez      240966  
Teila Almond     240966  
Elaine McGuire    240966  
Jeremy Blatstein   240966  
Kate Perez        240427  
Seelina Seck      240966  
Arika Gold-Bustos   240966  
Lynn Major        240963  
Queen Judith Robinson    Arena  
Jethro Heiko      240966  
Paul Brown        240963  
Dave Kyu    240963  
Sadie Buckter     Arena  
Kellsey Leoin    Brookes Intro  
Paul Birdsong     240966  
Wick Savage      240966  
Kenneth McBain   Arena  
Caitlin Gee        Arena  
Naria Camillero    Arena  
Mary Yee    Arena  
Layla Bibi    240966  
David Alexander Jenkins        240966  
Maria Frizelle Roberts        240966  
Patricia Sanford    240966  
Catherine Hicks    240966  
Sam Staten        240966  
Rickey Duncan     240966  
Lisa Hastings     240966  
Ogbonna Hagins     240966  
Marcello Giordano   240966

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Sam Lew 240966

Fern Lee 240966

Lauren Greene 240966

Regina Harrison 240966

Nadira Griffin 240966

SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY FOR FULL COMMENT FROM STATED MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024.

**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 Thomas called up:

**Resolution No. 240834-A:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation of the Philadelphia Prison Community Oversight Board and the Office of Prison Oversight and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson called up:

**Resolution No. 241134:** Resolution Renaming the 1500 block of South 17th Street “Carl Vann Wilson Way” in honor of Deacon Carl Vann Wilson Sr. for his extraordinary leadership, entrepreneurship, and unwavering commitment to his Church and community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Gauthier called up:

**Resolution No. 241137:** Resolution Also naming the 3900 block of Haverford Avenue between Lancaster Avenue and 40th Street, “Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Triangle” to commemorate the location of his 1965 Freedom Now Rally.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Driscoll called up:

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**Resolution No. 241142:** Resolution Urging the Federal Aviation Administration to investigate and further regulate the use of unmanned aircraft systems, known as drones, over private property after an increase of unidentified drone use in the greater Philadelphia area.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

**Bill No. 240963:** An Ordinance Amending the existing Gallery at Market East Tax Increment Financing District, being the area generally bounded by Filbert Street on the north, 8th Street on the east, 11th Street on the west, and Market Street on the south, to remove certain portions of such property generally bounded by Filbert Street on the north, 10th Street on the east, 11th Street on the west, and Market Street on the south from such District, and approving the amended project plan of the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development for the redevelopment of the Gallery at Market East Tax Increment Financing District and making certain findings and declarations, all in accordance with the Tax Increment Financing Act, being the Act of July 11, 1990, P.L. 465, No. 113, as amended, and authorizing the Director of Finance and other offices of the City to execute documents and do all things necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 12 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 5 Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, Landau, O'Rourke and Young*

**Bill No. 240964-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Philadelphia to organize an authority to be known as The Arena Services District Authority, pursuant to the terms of the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 12 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 5 Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, Landau, O'Rourke and Young*

**Bill No. 240966, as amended:** An Ordinance To grant the necessary authorizations



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for the City to help facilitate development, construction, and operation of a new arena for the Philadelphia 76ers professional basketball team and for other uses, including authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property and such other City officials as may be appropriate, on behalf of the City, to enter into the following agreements and take the following actions: (1) acquire fee simple title to all or portions of 1001-1025 Filbert Street, 1001-1019 Market Street, and 1025 Market Street (together, the “Market and Filbert Street Properties”); (2) acquire fee simple title to other parcels of land, aerial areas and subsurface areas in the vicinity of the Market and Filbert Street Properties including, without limitation, those areas reverting to the City or other parties in connection with the striking of certain aerial portions of Tenth Street between Market Street and Filbert Street (the “Additional Properties”) and certain other nearby parcels and areas; (3) enter into a ground lease agreement (the “Lease”) with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development (“PAID”) under which the City would lease to PAID all or a portion of the Market and Filbert Street Properties and the Additional Properties, if any, and other parcels and subsurface areas the City now owns in the vicinity of those properties, all of which collectively would constitute the “Arena Site”; (4) join in or consent to a sublease and development agreement (the “Sublease”) between PAID and either CBL Arena LLC (“ArenaCo”), an entity affiliated with the Philadelphia 76ers, L.P. (the “76ers”), or another entity affiliated with the 76ers, under which ArenaCo or other 76ers related entity would sublease the Arena Site and cause an arena to be constructed on it, including a multi-purpose sports and entertainment facility and ancillary, accessory, and related amenities, improvements, and infrastructure (the “Arena”) and agree to other related conditions; (5) upon the expiration or termination of the Sublease or other circumstances set forth in the Sublease, convey fee simple title to the Arena Site to PAID for disposition to ArenaCo; (6) grant, accept, amend, relocate and extinguish easements, agreements, conditions, covenants and restrictions encumbering or benefitting the Arena Site and any City owned property adjacent to the Arena Site for the benefit of the Arena Site to facilitate construction and operation of the Arena; (7) enter into a direct operating covenants agreement among the 76ers, PAID and the City, under which the 76ers agree to play substantially all of their regular season and playoff home games in the Arena; and (8) take all actions necessary and appropriate to accomplish the intent and purpose of this Ordinance; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 12 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 5 Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, Landau, O'Rourke and Young*

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**Bill No. 240967:** An Ordinance Authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of a Service Agreement between The City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development relating to the provision by the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development of certain project-related services to promote, among other things, the growth and expansion of business, commerce and tourism within The City of Philadelphia in connection with the development of a multipurpose sports and entertainment facility, including an arena to accommodate National Basketball Association games, and family entertainment, community, retail and other uses; authorizing and approving the obligation of The City of Philadelphia to pay in full when due the Service Fee and other amounts payable under the Service Agreement and covenanting to make necessary appropriations for such purposes; and authorizing City officials to take necessary or appropriate actions to accomplish the intent and purpose of the ordinance, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 12 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 5 Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, Landau, O'Rourke and Young*

**Bill No. 240968:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 307 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Filbert Street from 10th Street to 11th Street, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 12 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 5 Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, Landau, O'Rourke and Young*

**Bill No. 240969:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 307 by striking from the City Plan and vacating certain aerial portions of Tenth Street between Market Street and Filbert Street, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 12 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 5 Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, Landau, O'Rourke and Young*

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**Bill No. 240970:** An Ordinance Authorizing CBL Arena, LLC. and its successor(s) in interest to construct, own, and maintain various right of way encroachments in the vicinity of 1001-19 Market Street, 1025 Market Street and 1001-25 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 12 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 5 Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, Landau, O'Rourke and Young*

**Bill No. 240971:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled Zoning and Planning, by amending certain definitions relating to signs; creating an "Arena Area" within the "/CTR, Center City Overlay District" overlay; and making related changes, including a master plan requirement and changes to accessory sign controls; all in connection with zoning rules for a proposed arena in Center City; and approving a master plan for the Arena Area; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 12 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 5 Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, Landau, O'Rourke and Young*

**Bill No. 240972:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by revising certain provisions of section 14-906, entitled "Market Street East Sign Regulations," all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 12 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 5 Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, Landau, O'Rourke and Young*

**Bill No. 240973:** An Ordinance Approving the amendment of a neighborhood improvement district in the area generally bounded by, and including, 11th Street to the West, Filbert Street to the North, 8th Street to the East and Market Street to the South, with the exception of certain condominium units at 801 Market Street Condominium not included in the District, known as the Gallery Neighborhood Improvement District, to remove certain portions of such property generally bounded

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by Filbert Street on the north, 10th Street on the east, 11th Street on the west, and Market Street on the south from such District in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 12 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 5 Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier, Landau, O'Rourke and Young*

**Bill No. 241062-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Section 14-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Overlay Zoning Districts," by amending Section 14-502, entitled "CTR/Center City Overlay District and 14-702, Floor Area, Height, and Dwelling Unit Density Bonuses, and creating Section 14-542, entitled "/PCH, Philadelphia Chinatown Overlay District," and making related changes all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 14 Councilmembers Bass, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Harrity, Jones, Lozada, O'Neill, Phillips, Squilla, Thomas, Ahmad, Landau and Council President Johnson*

*Nays: 3 Councilmembers Brooks, O'Rourke and Young*

**Bill No. 241084:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 from the General Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, the Water Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, the Grants Revenue Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, and the Transportation Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to the General Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to the Water Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions and to the Transportation Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 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*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 240817, as amended:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the

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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 the creation of the Philadelphia Prison Community Oversight Board; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 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*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 241022:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a lease agreement with 2401 Walnut LP, for use by the City of a portion of the premises located at 2401 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

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*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 241023:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a lease agreement with AC HSS Office Ventures II, LLC, for use by the City, of a portion of the premises located at 1930 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19145, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 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*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 240304-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Subcode "A" (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (The Building, Construction and Occupancy Code), to require proof of certain insurance certificates;

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all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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**SPEECHES**

Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember O'Rourke, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Gauthier, Councilmember Thomas, Councilmember Young, Councilmember Landau, and Council President Johnson

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**ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE RICHARDSON MOVED TO ADJOURN

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