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**Thursday, September 26, 2013**

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh, Kenney, Green and O'Brien

Council met, a quorum being present.

Pastor James Buck of Berean Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of September 19, 2013.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 130143, 130248, 1320412 and 130459, which were passed by Council on September 12, 2013, were signed by the Mayor on September 25, 2013. (File No. 130678)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution approving the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Market Street East Urban Renewal Area, identified by house number and street address as 810 Arch street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with 810 Arch Limited Partnership and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Executive Director of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority. (File No. 130679)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

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- Transmitting a resolution approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Point Breeze Urban Renewal Area, identified by house number and street address as 2348 Cross street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Delores Jones and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract., accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Executive Director of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority. (File No. 130680)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill creating the Headquarter Hotel Tax Increment Financing District, being the area generally bounded by South Penn Square on the north, Broad Street on the east, 15th Street on the west, and Chestnut Street on the south and approving the project plan of the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development (“PAID”) for the redevelopment of the Headquarter Hotel 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, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Deputy Mayor of Economic Development. (File No. 130681)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill authorizing the Parks and Recreation Commissioner on behalf of the City of Philadelphia (“City”), to execute a Maintenance Agreement with the Township of Lower Merion (“Township”) under which the City will assist the Township in maintaining certain elements of the recreational trail crossing Manayunk Bridge, all under certain terms and conditions, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Department of Parks and Recreation. (File No. 130682)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to convey to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, a parcel with an address of 4732-34 Griscom Street, for further conveyance, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 130683)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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Councilmember Kenney Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Kenney, Henon, O'Neill and Squilla:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130661:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Labor and Civil Service to hold public hearings to review the decision of the Philadelphia Fire Department to demote nine Fire Lieutenants and five Fire Captains after their recent promotion this past May.

Councilmember Kenney Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Kenney, Greenlee, O'Neill and Council President Clarke:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130662:** Resolution Recognizing the Church of the Gesu located at 18th and Stiles Street in North Philadelphia on the church's 125th Anniversary to be celebrated on Sunday, November 10, 2013.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130663:** Resolution Recognizing October as Philly Plays Scrabble Month.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130664:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvement thereon, situate in the Sixth and Fifty-first Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

Councilmember Greenlee Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Greenlee:

- ☐ **Bill No. 130655:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by adding special provisions regulating temporary real estate and wall signs in certain districts; all under certain terms and conditions.

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Greenlee Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmembers Greenlee, Bass, Johnson, Blackwell, O'Brien, Henon, Kenney, Tasco, Jones, Reynolds Brown, O'Neill, Squilla and Green:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130665:** Resolution Recognizing September 29, 2013- October 5, 2013 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Week in Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130666:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Thirty-second Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 130656:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by further providing for revised sign controls and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions; and amending Chapter 9-600, entitled "Service and Other Businesses," by adjusting the licensing fees for commercial outdoor advertising signs and information required in the annual inventory of signs; and amending Chapter 19-3400, entitled "Excise Tax on Outdoor Advertising Transactions," by adjusting the excise tax on outdoor advertising signs; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Henon Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Henon, Greenlee, Tasco, Johnson, Council President Clarke, Green and O'Neill:

- ☐ **Bill No. 130657:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by revising Section 14-303(12), entitled

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“Neighborhood Notice and Meetings,” by establishing new minimum qualifications for Registered Community Organizations, adjusting the requirements for notification and meetings, and amending the procedures regarding re-registration of Registered Community Organizations, and Section 14-304(5), entitled “Civic Design Review,” by changing the composition of the Civic Design Review Committee; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130667:** Resolution Honoring the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Philadelphia County.

Councilmember Johnson Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar - Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Johnson and Squilla:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130668:** Resolution Urging the Board of Revision of Taxes to provide for a deadline extension for the filing of real estate market value appeals, or otherwise make arrangements to accept late appeals, for property owners who have not received responses to their First Level Reviews by October 7, 2013.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130669:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Point Breeze Urban Renewal Area, identified by house number and street address as 2348 Cross street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Delores Jones and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez:

- 📄 **Bill No. 130658:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to convey to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, a parcel with an address of 4732-34 Griscom Street, for further conveyance, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130670:** Resolution Recognizing October as Parent and Family Appreciation Month.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 130659:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-205 of The Philadelphia Code, relating to Sidewalk Sales, and vending in residential areas, within the Ninth District, by deleting a provision allowing sidewalk sales and vending in the area bordered by and including Olney avenue, Cheltenham avenue, Broad street, and Fifth street, both sides.

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

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 130660:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Parks and Recreation Commissioner on behalf of the City of Philadelphia (“City”), to execute a Maintenance Agreement with the Township of Lower Merion (“Township”) under which the City will assist the Township in maintaining certain elements of the recreational trail crossing Manayunk Bridge, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130671:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Philadelphia Chapter, for their dedication to the youth, through their advocacy for education, nonviolence and community service.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130672:** Resolution Celebrating and recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month to raise awareness about

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disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities to the City of Philadelphia, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and United States of America.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130673:** Resolution Proclaiming Saturday, October 19, 2013 as Men Against Domestic Violence Day to raise public awareness of the specter of domestic violence and stand united in support of victims of domestic violence across the City of Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130674:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Market Street East Urban Renewal Area, identified by house number and street address as 810 Arch street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with 810 Arch Limited Partnership and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130675:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring the d'Zert Club and African Genesis Institute on its 20th Anniversary.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130676:** Resolution Congratulating History Making Productions and commemorating the work of Founder and Executive Producer Sam Katz for his multi-format historical documentary television film and Internet project *Philadelphia: The Great Experiment*.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130677:** Resolution Recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in honor of childhood cancer patients, care givers, survivors and those children who have succumbed to the disease.

## CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

## PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on September 26, 2013:

### Name and Comment Subject

Brian Thompson (130532)


Daisy Cruz (130532)

Rev. Gregory Holsten (130532)


Geraldine Roberson (130544)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.


## BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

-  **Resolution No. 130639:** Resolution Also naming 20th Street from Berks Street to Montgomery Avenue as “Jackie Jones Way”.


THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

-  **Resolution No. 130646:** Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 1080 which seeks to reduce plastic bags in the trash.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

-  **Resolution No. 130648:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Fourth and Thirty-eighth Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

-  **Resolution No. 130650:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Twelfth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia



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Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 130651:** Resolution Also naming Emlen Street between W. Upsal Street and W. Johnson Street as “Rev. Dr. G. Daniel Jones Way”.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 130652:** Resolution Supporting the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation and their planned development of the Eastern Tower Community Center.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 130544, as amended:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter confirming Council's power to enact provisions Council considers necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of a Minimum Wage and Benefits Ordinance, including, but not limited to, provisions mandating that minimum wage and benefits requirements be passed along to subcontractors on City contracts and subrecipients of City financial assistance, with debarment as a potential penalty for violation of such provisions; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh, Kenney, Green and O'Brien*

*Nays: 0*

**Resolution No. 130661:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Labor and Civil Service to hold public hearings to review the decision of the Philadelphia Fire Department to demote nine Fire Lieutenants and five Fire Captains after their recent promotion this past May.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER KENNEY - BILL NO. 130661 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE.

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DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON - BILL NO. 130668 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 130532, as amended:** 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 of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter confirming Council's power to enact provisions Council considers necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of a Minimum Wage and Benefits Ordinance, including, but not limited to, provisions mandating that minimum wage and benefits requirements be passed along to subcontractors on City contracts and subrecipients of City financial assistance, with debarment as a potential penalty for violation of such provisions; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh, Kenney, Green and O'Brien*

*Nays: 0*

**SPEECHES**

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COUNCILMEMBER GOODE, BLACKWELL, JONES, BROWN AND HENON - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.