



Thursday, February 5, 2015

### COUNCIL SESSION INFORMATION IN PROGRESS

PRESENT: 16 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh, Neilson and O'Brien

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend Gregory Holston of New Vision united Methodist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of January 29, 2015.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

### COMMUNICATIONS

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

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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. 150081:** 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 & Twenty-ninth 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

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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 Councilmember Henon:

- Bill No. 150074:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-205 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk Sales," to further regulate sidewalk sales and related conduct in the Sixth Councilmanic District, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- Resolution No. 150082:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings on the Storefront Improvement Program and its impact on small businesses and neighborhood economic development.

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

- Resolution No. 150083:** 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 Nineteenth and Thirty-seventh 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 Neilson Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Neilson and Reynolds Brown:

- Bill No. 150075:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-3902 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Property Licenses and Owner Accountability," by adding requirements that hotels and other places that offer rentals of temporary overnight lodging or spaces ensure their employees are trained on how to identify human trafficking activities and victims, and other related items; all under certain terms and conditions.

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


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Councilmember Neilson Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Neilson and Reynolds Brown:

 **Bill No. 150076:** An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades, and Professions," by adding provisions that require hotels and other places that offer rentals of temporary overnight lodging or spaces to maintain a room registry; prohibiting some rentals at less than the daily rate or at hourly rates; and, providing for definitions, penalties and other related items; all under certain terms and conditions.


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

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

 **Bill No. 150077:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015 from the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions in the General Fund.


THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:


 **Bill No. 150078:** An Ordinance Amending Subsection 19-2604(8) of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Green Roofs' Tax Credit," to change the requirements for the credit and make other technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

 **Resolution No. 150084:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Dorothy Johnson-Speight for twenty-five years of humanitarian service.

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Bass and Goode:

 **Bill No. 150079:** An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation Of Businesses, Trades And Professions," by adding a new Chapter providing for the licensing and regulation of donation bins, establishing

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penalties, and making conforming amendments and technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Bass and Goode:

- ☐ **Bill No. 150080:** An Ordinance Amending Subcode "A" (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of The Philadelphia Code, by amending Chapter 9, entitled "Fees," by revising fee requirements pertaining to accelerated plan review, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 150085:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring the legacy of Charlie Sifford, the first African-American to play on the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) Tour, who passed away on February 3, 2015.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 150086:** Resolution Recognizing February 4, 2015, as "National Girls and Women In Sports Day" in Philadelphia to celebrate the 43rd Anniversary of Title IX - the federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education, but is best known for breaking down barriers in sports for girls and women.
- ☐ **Resolution No. 150087:** Resolution Authorizing the Greater Philadelphia Veterans Network, in partnership with City Council and the Veterans Advisory Commission, to conduct a comprehensive study on veteran employment in the City of Philadelphia and its impact on the local economy.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

- ☐ **Bill No. 141027:** An Ordinance Authorizing the issuance from time to time of one or more series of general obligation bonds to provide funds to refund certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the City of Philadelphia; authorizing the Mayor, City Controller and City Solicitor or a majority of them to sell the bonds at public or private negotiated sale; setting forth the purposes for which the

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proceeds of the bonds will be expended; providing for the maturities and for other terms and conditions and for the form of the bonds; providing that bonds may be redeemable prior to maturity; providing sinking funds for the bonds and for appropriations to the Sinking Fund Commission for the payment thereof; authorizing agreements to provide credit enhancement or payment or liquidity sources for the bonds and certain other actions.

COUNCILMEMBER TASCO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 141027.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**


 **Bill No. 150010:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-1600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Economic Opportunity Plans", to require that certain Economic Opportunity Plans incorporate the requirements of the First Source Jobs Policy contained in Chapter 17-2000 of The Philadelphia Code; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GOODE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 150010.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

 **Bill No. 141026, as amended:** An Ordinance Enacting a new Chapter 9-4100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Promoting Healthy Families and Workplaces," to provide that certain employees are entitled to paid and unpaid leave, all under certain terms and conditions.

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**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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The following persons provided public comment on February 5, 2015:

**Name and Comment Subject**

- Joe Eastman (150025)
- Frank Cervone (150001)
- James Belardinelli (150001)
- Damin Sammual (150001)
- Vazken Zerounian (150001)
- Zac Shaffer (150001)
- Leo Mulvihill (150001)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**

- ☐ **Resolution No. 150060:** Resolution Also naming 7th Street from Girard Avenue to Poplar Street as “Reverend Martha A. Lang Drive.”

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 150069:** Resolution Also naming West Berks Street between North 54th Street and North 56th Street as “Nelson Williams Way” memorializing the dedicated service of Nelson Williams, Sr. to the Wynnefield Community and his tireless advocacy on behalf of at-risk youth.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 150070:** 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 First, Twenty-fifth and Thirty-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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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☐ **Resolution No. 140984:** Resolution Approving the appointment of Nancy Winkler to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 140985:** Resolution Approving the appointment of Bernard Brunwasser to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 140986:** Resolution Approving the appointment of Sonny Popowsky to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 140987:** Resolution Approving the appointment of Lee Huang to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 140988:** Resolution Approving the appointment of Mike Chapman to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 150016:** Resolution Approving the appointment of Amy L. Kurland to be a member of the Philadelphia Housing Authority.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 150082:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings on the Storefront Improvement Program and its impact on small businesses and neighborhood economic development.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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Anniversary of Title IX - the federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education, but is best known for breaking down barriers in sports for girls and women.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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


 **Bill No. 140904, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending various sections of Title 9, entitled “Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions,” and Title 10, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” of The Philadelphia Code, to provide for suspension of their effectiveness pending State authorizing legislation; and amending Section 10-819, entitled “State of Emergency,” to delete certain language; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 16 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh, Neilson and O'Brien*

*Nays: 0*


 **Bill No. 150001:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-2100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Conflicts Counsel Contracts”, by requiring that certain City contracts dealing with the provision of services for indigent legal defense may only be made when permitted by ordinance where the contractor is the Defender Association of Philadelphia, the Support Center for Child Advocates, or Community Legal Services; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Nays: 0*

*Ayes: 16 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh, Neilson and O'Brien*

 **Bill No. 141028:** An Ordinance Amending subsection 19-2604(6) of The Philadelphia Code, under which businesses that enter into agreements to make contributions to community development corporations and certain other organizations receive credits against business income and receipts taxes, by changing the annual contribution amount required to receive the credit and the annual amount of the credit, all under certain terms and conditions.

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*Nays: 0*

**SPEECHES**

COUNCILMEMBERS OH, BLACKWELL AND JOHNSON - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.