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Thursday, January 21, 2016

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Council met, a quorum being present.

Bishop Keith W. Reed of Sharon Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of January 4, 4016.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- 📄 Transmitting a resolution approving the reappointment of Beverly Coleman to the Board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. (File No. 160063)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- 📄 Transmitting a resolution approving the appointment of Clarena Tolson to the Board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. (File No. 160064)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- 📄 Transmitting a resolution confirming the appointment of Sozi Pedro Tulante, Esq., as the City Solicitor. (File No. 160065)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- 📄 Transmitting a resolution approving the appointment of Folasade Olanipekun-Lewis to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- ☐ Transmitting a bill authorizing the Managing Director to contract with the Support Center for Child Advocates for the provision of professional services to the City for representing children in certain legal matters, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 160067)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- ☐ Transmitting a bill authorizing the striking from City Plan No. 27-S and abandonment of a right of way reserved for drainage purposes within the lines of former Jackson Street, from Swanson Street to Vandalia Street, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 160068)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- ☐ Transmitting a bill authorizing the striking from City Plan No. 42-S and abandonment of a right of way reserved for drainage purposes, water main purposes, and public utility purposes which extends from the southerly terminus of Galloway Street, south of Packer Avenue, southwardly to Pattison Avenue, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 160069)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- ☐ Transmitting a bill amending Section 9-703 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Special Assembly Occupancies,” by providing for additional types of activity to be regulated, amending the application procedures and increasing the fee for a Special Assembly Occupancy license and for Promoter registration, clarifying the role of the Police Department in approvals of licenses, and making other technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 160070)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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


- ☐ **Bill No. 160003:** An Ordinance Amending Section 17-107 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contractors: Labor-Management Relationships,” by requiring the City's Labor Standards Unit to enforce the City's contract requirements for Workforce Diversity and by providing penalties for contractor failure to make good faith efforts to meet Workforce Diversity goals, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC

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DEVELOPMENT.

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


 **Bill No. 160004:** An Ordinance Amending Subsection 19-2604(8) of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Green Roofs' Tax Credit,” to amend definitions 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 This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

 **Resolution No. 160028:** Resolution Honoring the African American Children's Book Project on the occasion its 24th Annual African American Children's Book Fair and that February 6th is a continuation of its on-going National Literacy Initiative - Preserve a Legacy, Buy a Book.


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

 **Resolution No. 160029:** Resolution Recognizing January as “National Human Trafficking Awareness Month” in Philadelphia.

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

 **Resolution No. 160030:** Resolution Authorizing Philadelphia City Council's Committee on Labor and Civil Service to conduct public hearings to examine Philadelphia's Civil Service “Rule of Two”.

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

 **Resolution No. 160031:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on the Environment to hold public hearings on implementing sustainable procurement practices for the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Blackwell Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Blackwell and Parker:

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- ☐ Code, entitled “Trades,” to add Section 9-1009 entitled “Restoration Contractor License,” to require restoration contractors to obtain a City license and comply with other requirements; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Blackwell Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Blackwell, Domb, Greenlee, O'Neill, Squilla, Jones, Taubenberger, Gym, Green, Reynolds Brown, Quiñones Sánchez and Parker:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160032:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Philadelphia Police Officer Jesse Hartnett for exhibiting undeniable bravery, resilience and dedication to protecting the City of Philadelphia in the face of mortal danger.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160033:** Resolution Calling for the City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings on the status of public schools in Philadelphia, the programs that exist and what we can do to insure that every student receives a quality education and support services necessary for positive childhood outcomes.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 160006:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Ridge Avenue, 16th Street, Ogden Street, 15th Street, Poplar Street, Carlisle Street, and Brown Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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


- ☐ **Bill No. 160007:** An Ordinance Repealing an Ordinance (Bill No. 150894) entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the striking from City Plan No. 119 and abandoning of a certain pedestrian walkway reserved within the bed of former Thompson Street, from Watts Street to Thirteenth Street, and the modifying of a certain right-of-way for drainage purposes, water main purposes, gas main purposes, and public utility purposes, also reserved within the bed of said former Thompson Street, by abandoning the right-of-way as to water main purposes, gas

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main purposes, and public utility purposes, but retaining the said right-of-way on the City Plan as a right-of-way for drainage purposes only, under certain terms and conditions.


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

Councilmember Greenlee Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Greenlee, Green, Taubenberger and Domb:

 **Bill No. 160008:** An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” to provide requirements regarding the safe operation of self-propelled mobility devices and to provide for enforcement and penalties, all under certain terms and conditions.


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

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

 **Bill No. 160009:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Managing Director to contract with the Support Center for Child Advocates for the provision of professional services to the City for representing children in certain legal matters, under certain terms and conditions.


THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

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

 **Bill No. 160010:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Recording of Deeds,” to provide for further action by the Department of Records in cases where the Department reasonably suspects that a deed has been mistakenly recorded and that a fraudulent transfer of the real property described therein has occurred.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.


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. 160034:** 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 lot or piece of ground with the building and improvements thereon, situate in the Thirty-second Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter

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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 Councilmember Henon:

 **Bill No. 160011:** An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on both sides of Torresdale Avenue, from Linden Avenue to Ashburner Street and both sides of Megargee Street, from Torresdale Avenue to Frankford Avenue.


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

Councilmember Henon Introduced and Referred the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Henon:

 **Resolution No. 160035:** Resolution Approving the reappointment of Beverly Coleman to the Board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.


THE RESOLUTION WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Henon Introduced and Referred the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Henon:

 **Resolution No. 160036:** Resolution Approving the appointment of Clarena Tolson to the Board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.


THE RESOLUTION WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Henon Introduced and Referred the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Henon:

 **Resolution No. 160037:** Resolution Confirming the appointment of Sozi Pedro Tulante, Esq., as the City Solicitor.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Henon Introduced and Referred the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Henon:

 **Resolution No. 160038:** Resolution Approving the appointment of Folasade Olanipekun-Lewis to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 160039: Resolution Authorizing the appointment of a Chief Ethics Officer for the Council of the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar - Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Jones, Quiñones Sánchez, Gym, Oh, Bass, Parker, Blackwell, Green, Henon and Johnson:

Resolution No. 160040: Resolution Calling upon the City of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia to recognize Eid al-Fitr, the end of the holy month of Ramadan, and Eid al-Adha which commemorates Hajj, the annual holy pilgrimage to Mecca, and to observe both Eids in the same manner as other legally recognized holidays in Philadelphia.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 160040 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

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

Bill No. 160012: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Tax Exemptions for Longtime Owner-Occupants of Residential Properties," by extending the time for which such exemptions are available, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 160013: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Animals," by providing requirements relating to the retail sale of certain animals, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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


Bill No. 160014: An Ordinance Authorizing the striking from City Plan No. 42-S and abandonment of a right-of-way reserved for drainage purposes, water main purposes, and public utility purposes which extends from the southerly terminus

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of Galloway Street, south of Packer Avenue, southwardly to Pattison Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

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


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

 **Resolution No. 160041:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings regarding the Pathways to Job Growth Report by the Central Philadelphia Development Corporation and the Center City District.


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

 **Resolution No. 160042:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings regarding economic opportunity and diversity participation at the Philadelphia International Airport and the Navy Yard.

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

 **Resolution No. 160043:** 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-first 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 Green Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green and Bass:

 **Resolution No. 160044:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings regarding Social Impact Bonds.

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

 **Resolution No. 160045:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Commerce

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

Resolution No. 160046: Resolution Authorizing the joint Committees on Education and Public Safety to conduct public hearings to examine the physical safety of Philadelphia schools.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER GREEN, RESOLUTION NO. 160046 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

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

Resolution No. 160047: Resolution Authorizing a full and comprehensive investigatory public hearing by Council's Committee on Finance on the impact reverse mortgage lending products are having on residents in the City of Philadelphia. Specifically, the public hearings will seek to determine the extent and impact such lending products have on the City's senior citizen homeowners, and the potential intergovernmental remedies that can be developed to protect consumers from any unintentional harms that may result from acquiring this type of lending product.

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

Resolution No. 160048: Resolution Authorizing the creation of a “Special Committee on Student Loan Debt” to evaluate the impacts of student loan debt upon individual borrowers and the subsequent effect on the City of Philadelphia.

Councilmember Gym Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gym, Jones, Parker, Quiñones Sánchez and Johnson:

Bill No. 160015: An Ordinance Amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Finance, Taxes and Collections,” to add a Chapter requiring businesses located in certain areas of the City or that receive tax or other subsidies from the City to provide certain economic development data to the City and requiring the publication by the City of such data; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Gym Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gym, Blackwell, Reynolds Brown, Quiñones Sánchez, Henon, Green, Squilla and Johnson:

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Resolution No. 160049: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Children and Youth and the Committee on Education to conduct hearings concerning the impact of five years of reduced state funding on safety, essential services and academic outcomes in Philadelphia schools, and on vulnerable student populations.

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

Bill No. 160016: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-703 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Special Assembly Occupancies,” by providing for additional types of activity to be regulated, amending the application procedures and increasing the fee for a Special Assembly Occupancy license and for Promoter registration, clarifying the role of the Police Department in approvals of licenses, and making other technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 160017: An Ordinance Authorizing the striking from City Plan No. 27-S and abandonment of a right-of-way reserved for drainage purposes within the lines of former Jackson Street, from Swanson Street to Vandalia Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Resolution No. 160050: 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-first 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 Bass Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Bass and Greenlee:


Bill No. 160018: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia

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Code, entitled “Landlord and Tenant - Rent Control,” by requiring that tenants of certain multi-family buildings be provided with a written disclosure of the building policy on smoking in individual dwelling units, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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


 **Resolution No. 160051:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Imhotep Institute Charter High School Football Program for a phenomenal season and for making Philadelphia history by becoming the city's first public-league team to win a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association state championship.

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

 **Bill No. 160019:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in the Resolution approved by City Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter so that there shall be established in the Legislative Branch of the City of Philadelphia Government the “Legislative Budget Office” by the addition of a new “Section 2-105” to “ARTICLE II LEGISLATIVE BRANCH - The Council - Its Election, Organization, Powers and Duties,” “CHAPTER 1 THE COUNCIL;” renumbering current Sections 2-105 and 2-106; fixing the date for the 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.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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


 **Bill No. 160020:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in the Resolution approved by City Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter so that there shall be imposed upon the City of Philadelphia's Pension and Retirement Systems financial discipline by amending “Section 3-803” of “ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH - ORGANIZATION,” “CHAPTER 8 - INDEPENDENT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS,” to re-balance the membership of the Board of Pensions and Retirement by adding independent experts; and by adding a new “Section 6-602”

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to “ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH - POWERS AND DUTIES - Director of Finance, Financial Departments, Boards and Commissions, City Treasurer, Procurement Department, and Board of Pensions and Retirement,” “CHAPTER 6 - BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT,” to require that the City contribution for each of the Pension and Retirement Systems of the City shall be no less than the Annual Required Contribution as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, limit assumed investment rate of return, promote transparency by requiring website reporting of Systems performance and other important information; fixing the date for the 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.


THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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

 **Bill No. 160021:** 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 relating to establishing and defining a new method and qualifications for appointing and electing the members of the Board of Education along with new standards and policies to ensure efficient management and educational excellence; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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

 **Bill No. 160022:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter establishing and defining the responsibilities of the International Trade and Investment Authority; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot questions to be voted on; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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

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entitled “Finance, Taxes and Collections,” to provide for tax rate reductions of the Wage and Earnings Tax for Philadelphia Residents and the Tax on Net Profits Earned in Businesses, Professions or Other Activities for Philadelphia Residents.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 160024: An Ordinance Amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Finance, Taxes and Collections,” to provide for transfer of delinquent taxes and fees to a qualified third-party law firm or collection agency; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 160025: An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” by adding a new Chapter, entitled “Local Performing Artists Requirement,” requiring that ten percent of funds for performing arts events receiving at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of City financial resources be spent on local performing artists; all under certain terms and conditions.

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


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

Bill No. 160026: An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” Chapter 12-100, “General Provisions,” by adding new definitions, and Chapter 12-900, “Parking Regulations and Penalties,” by adding “live performing arts venue” to the entities exempt from paying fees for curb loading zone permits and adding a new Section, entitled “Performing Arts Priority Loading and Unloading Zones,” providing for loading and unloading zones to allow easier access for performing artists to load-in and load-out at live performing arts venues around the City of Philadelphia; all under certain terms and conditions.

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


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


-  **Bill No. 160027:** An Ordinance Amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Finance, Taxes, and Collections,” Chapter 19-1800, “School Tax Authorization,” Section 19-1806, “Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax”, by clarifying that banking is subject to the imposition of the Realty Use and Occupancy Tax; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.


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

-  **Resolution No. 160052:** Resolution Authorizing the Holding of Public Hearings Pursuant to City Council's Declaration of 2016 as “The Year to Combat The Heroin Abuse Epidemic in Philadelphia” to Explore the Serious Effects that Heroin Abuse is Having on Our Communities and to Develop a Strategy with the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services to Effectively Address the Heroin Epidemic as an Urgent Local Health Priority


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

-  **Resolution No. 160053:** Resolution Authorizing Public Hearings To Evaluate The New Infrared Pothole Repair Process For Possible Future Use In Philadelphia

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


-  **Resolution No. 160054:** Resolution Authorizing Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to Hold Public Hearings to Investigate the Feasibility, Benefits, and Costs of Establishing a 24-Hour Arts and Innovation Section of the City of Philadelphia

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


-  **Resolution No. 160055:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to hold public hearings on Philadelphia's movement towards a “Smart City”.

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

-  **Resolution No. 160056:** Resolution Recognizing, Celebrating, and Thanking The Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation and Expressing the Appreciation of the People of Philadelphia for its Excellent Service Protecting and Advancing Chinatown's Interests, and thus the City's Interests as well as Its Cultural Diversity, on the Occasion of Its 50th Anniversary


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

-  **Resolution No. 160057:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the 2015 Winners of PHL LIVE Center Stage.

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


-  **Resolution No. 160058:** Resolution Respectfully requesting the Prime Minister of Israel, The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu, to maintain and support the Foreign Ministry of Israel's diplomatic mission in the United States by retaining The Consulate General of Israel to the Mid-Atlantic Region in Philadelphia.

Councilmember Oh Introduced and Referred the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Oh:

-  **Resolution No. 160059:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter in preparation for a return to local Philadelphia control of the Philadelphia School District by providing for a new method and qualifications for appointing and electing the members of the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia and establishing new standards and policies to ensure academic excellence, financial responsibility, and efficient, economical, and effective operation and management of the School District of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.


Councilmember Oh Introduced and Referred the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Oh:

-  **Resolution No. 160060:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation, appointment, powers and duties of an International Trade and Investment Authority, with the authority to establish a fund to attract overseas investment, and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

Councilmember Oh Introduced and Referred the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Oh:

-  **Resolution No. 160061:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter so that there shall be established in the Legislative Branch of the City of Philadelphia Government the “Legislative Budget Office” by the addition of a new “Section 2-105” to “ARTICLE II LEGISLATIVE BRANCH - The Council - Its Election, Organization, Powers and Duties,” “CHAPTER 1 THE COUNCIL,” renumbering current Sections 2-105 and 2-106; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

Councilmember Oh Introduced and Referred the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Oh:

-  **Resolution No. 160062:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter so that there shall be imposed upon the City of Philadelphia's Pension and Retirement Systems financial discipline by amending “Section 3-803” of “ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH - ORGANIZATION,” “CHAPTER 8 - INDEPENDENT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS,” to re-balance the membership of the Board of Pensions and Retirement by adding independent experts; and by adding a new “Section 6-602” to “ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH - POWERS AND DUTIES - Director of Finance, Financial Departments, Boards and Commissions, City Treasurer, Procurement Department, and Board of Pensions and Retirement,” “CHAPTER 6 - BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT,” to require that the City contribution for each of the Pension and Retirement Systems of the City shall be no less than the Annual Required Contribution as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, limit assumed investment rate of return, and promote transparency by requiring website reporting of Systems performance and other important information; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

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The following persons provided public comment on January 21, 2016:

Name and Comment Subject

There were no Comments offered on January 21, 2016

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

 **Resolution No. 160001-A:** Resolution To provide Rules for the Government of the Council of the City of Philadelphia.


THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 160001 (SEE FILE).

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT.


THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 160001 WAS ADOPTED.


 **Resolution No. 160001-A, as amended:** Resolution To provide Rules for the Government of the Council of the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS AMENDED.


THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

 **Resolution No. 160028:** Resolution Honoring the African American Children's Book Project on the occasion its 24th Annual African American Children's Book Fair and that February 6th is a continuation of its on-going National Literacy Initiative - Preserve a Legacy, Buy a Book.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

 **Resolution No. 160029:** Resolution Recognizing January as "National Human Trafficking Awareness Month" in Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

 **Resolution No. 160030:** Resolution Authorizing Philadelphia City Council's Committee on Labor and Civil Service to conduct public hearings to examine

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 160031: Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on the Environment to hold public hearings on implementing sustainable procurement practices for the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 160032: Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Philadelphia Police Officer Jesse Hartnett for exhibiting undeniable bravery, resilience and dedication to protecting the City of Philadelphia in the face of mortal danger.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 160033: Resolution Calling for the City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings on the status of public schools in Philadelphia, the programs that exist and what we can do to insure that every student receives a quality education and support services necessary for positive childhood outcomes.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Resolution No. 160040: Resolution Calling upon the City of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia to recognize Eid al-Fitr, the end of the holy month of Ramadan, and Eid al-Adha which commemorates Hajj, the annual holy pilgrimage to Mecca, and to observe both Eids in the same manner as other legally recognized holidays in Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 160041: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings regarding the Pathways to Job Growth Report by the Central Philadelphia Development Corporation and the Center City District.

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


Resolution No. 160042: Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings regarding economic opportunity and diversity participation at the Philadelphia International Airport and the Navy Yard.

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


Resolution No. 160044: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings regarding Social Impact Bonds.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

-  **Resolution No. 160045:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings regarding public banking.


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

-  **Resolution No. 160046:** Resolution Authorizing the joint Committees on Education and Public Safety to conduct public hearings to examine the physical safety of Philadelphia schools.


THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY & EDUCATION.

-  **Resolution No. 160047:** Resolution Authorizing a full and comprehensive investigatory public hearing by Council's Committee on Finance on the impact reverse mortgage lending products are having on residents in the City of Philadelphia. Specifically, the public hearings will seek to determine the extent and impact such lending products have on the City's senior citizen homeowners, and the potential intergovernmental remedies that can be developed to protect consumers from any unintentional harms that may result from acquiring this type of lending product.


THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

-  **Resolution No. 160049:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Children and Youth and the Committee on Education to conduct hearings concerning the impact of five years of reduced state funding on safety, essential services and academic outcomes in Philadelphia schools, and on vulnerable student populations.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON CHILDREN & YOUTH AND EDUCATION.

-  **Resolution No. 160051:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Imhotep Institute Charter High School Football Program for a phenomenal season and for making Philadelphia history by becoming the city's first public-league team to win a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association state championship.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

-  **Resolution No. 160052:** Resolution Authorizing the Holding of Public Hearings Pursuant to City Council's Declaration of 2016 as "The Year to Combat The Heroin Abuse Epidemic in Philadelphia" to Explore the Serious Effects that Heroin Abuse is Having on Our Communities and to Develop a Strategy with the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services to

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

📄 **Resolution No. 160053:** Resolution Authorizing Public Hearings To Evaluate The New Infrared Pothole Repair Process For Possible Future Use In Philadelphia

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

📄 **Resolution No. 160054:** Resolution Authorizing Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to Hold Public Hearings to Investigate the Feasibility, Benefits, and Costs of Establishing a 24-Hour Arts and Innovation Section of the City of Philadelphia

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES & CREATIVE/INNOVATIVE ECONOMY.

📄 **Resolution No. 160055:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to hold public hearings on Philadelphia's movement towards a “Smart City”.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES & CREATIVE/INNOVATIVE ECONOMY.

📄 **Resolution No. 160056:** Resolution Recognizing, Celebrating, and Thanking The Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation and Expressing the Appreciation of the People of Philadelphia for its Excellent Service Protecting and Advancing Chinatown's Interests, and thus the City's Interests as well as Its Cultural Diversity, on the Occasion of Its 50th Anniversary

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

📄 **Resolution No. 160057:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the 2015 Winners of PHL LIVE Center Stage.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER OH, SANCHEZ, GREEN, GREENLEE, GYM, BLACKWELL AND PARKER - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.