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Thursday, January 28, 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.

Imam Muhammad Abdul Aleem of Masjidullah - The Center for Human Excellence was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
of the meeting of January 21, 2016.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- ☐ Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of certain properties located in the Second Councilmanic District that will be transferred by the City to the Authority, by conveyance of such properties to the Philadelphia Land Bank in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Interim Executive Director of the Philadelphia Land Bank. (File No. 160091)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160076:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to

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conduct public hearings to examine the Philadelphia School Reform Commission's approval process as it pertains to the composition, qualifications, and diversity of a Charter School applicant's Board of Trustees.

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

Resolution No. 160077: Resolution Authorizing the joint City Council Committees on Education and Housing, Neighborhood Development and the Homeless to hold public hearings to examine the feasibility of having a pilot program in Philadelphia to feed needy children when schools are closed due to emergencies.

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

Bill No. 160071: An Ordinance Authorizing Roland Kasis, ("Owner") to install, own and maintain an open-air sidewalk café at 1204 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125 ("Property"), under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 160072: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Fair Practices Ordinance: Protections Against Unlawful Discrimination," by adding a section prohibiting employers from obtaining or using credit-related information regarding employees and job applicants in certain circumstances, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 160073: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by adding a new subsection, entitled "Rittenhouse Square Residential Area," and making related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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by Councilmember Greenlee:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160078:** Resolution Recognizing and declaring February 9, 2016 as *Connections for Cardiovascular HealthSM* Awareness Day, encouraging citizens to promote cardiovascular health.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160079:** 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-seventh and Forty-third 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 Henon Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Henon:

- 📄 **Bill No. 160074:** An Ordinance Amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public Employees Retirement Code," by amending Section 22-301, entitled "Service Retirement Benefits," and Section 22-401, entitled "Service-Connected Disability Retirement Benefits," to add new subsections requiring a specified minimum monthly benefit amount for certain retired Police employee members, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 160075:** An Ordinance Amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code," by amending Subcode "A" (The Philadelphia Administrative Code), providing for the posting and public notice of the demolition of structures, and making related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

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- ☐ Committee on Education and the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Children and Youth to hold joint hearings examining recent instances of school bus lateness in the School District of Philadelphia and the detrimental effects school bus lateness has on students.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160081:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings regarding the establishment of a comprehensive strategy for reducing and eliminating youth gun violence.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160082:** Resolution Calling on the United States Department of Justice to conduct a complete and thorough investigation of the water supply disaster in Flint, Michigan that may have exposed 99,763 people to lead poisoning.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160083:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of certain properties located in the Second Councilmanic District that will be transferred by the City to the Authority, by conveyance of such properties to the Philadelphia Land Bank in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160084:** 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-sixth 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 Quiñones Sánchez Introduced and Moved to Be Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar - Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by

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Councilmembers Quiñones Sánchez and Gym:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160085:** Resolution Urging the President of the United States to establish a comprehensive national policy regarding our undocumented immigrants that seeks to preserve and protect families that have fled to this country from situations of widespread violence and depravation and to also prevent future deportation raids that tear apart our communities.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160086:** Resolution Honoring, recognizing and celebrating the 30th Black Engineers of the Year Awards STEM Conference.

Councilmember Domb Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Domb, Council President Clarke, Parker, Green, Bass and Taubenberger:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160087:** Resolution Recognizing January 29, 2016 as “Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Day” in Philadelphia.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER DOMB - BILL NO. 160087 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160088:** Resolution A Proclamation recognizing, honoring, and observing, February 1- 5, 2016, as “National School Counseling Week” in the City of Philadelphia.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160089:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Children and Youth and the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to conduct hearings concerning best practices followed by the Philadelphia Water Department as well as additional measures to prevent lead exposure due to household water service lines.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160090:** Resolution Urging The Pennsylvania General Assembly to legislate a State Local Preference for contracting processes involving entities

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on January 28, 2016:

Name and Comment Subject

Sharmain Matlock-Turner (160087)


Mary Arthur (160087)

Joe Danitel (160034)


Maria Turcios (160085)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.


BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

 **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 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. 160039:** Resolution Authorizing the appointment of a Chief Ethics Officer for the Council of the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

 **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

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- 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.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER OH - RESOLUTION NO. 160058 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- Resolution No. 160076:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to conduct public hearings to examine the Philadelphia School Reform Commission's approval process as it pertains to the composition, qualifications, and diversity of a Charter School applicant's Board of Trustees.

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

- Resolution No. 160077:** Resolution Authorizing the joint City Council Committees on Education and Housing, Neighborhood Development and the Homeless to hold public hearings to examine the feasibility of having a pilot program in Philadelphia to feed needy children when schools are closed due to emergencies.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT & THE HOMELESS.

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

📄 **Resolution No. 160081:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings regarding the establishment of a comprehensive strategy for reducing and eliminating youth gun violence.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON - RESOLUTION NO. 160081 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

📄 **Resolution No. 160085:** Resolution Urging the President of the United States to establish a comprehensive national policy regarding our undocumented immigrants that seeks to preserve and protect families that have fled to this country from situations of widespread violence and depravation and to also prevent future deportation raids that tear apart our communities.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBERS SANCHEZ, O'NEILL, GYM & BLACKWELL - RESOLUTION NO. 160085) - SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Nays: 1 - Councilmember O'Neill

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DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER GYM - RESOLUTION NO. 160089

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON CHILDREN & YOUTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER OH, BROWN, JOHNSON AND GYM - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

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