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Thursday, February 11, 2016

ABSENT: 1 - Councilmember O'Neill

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

Council met a quorum being present.

Pastor Derick Brennan of Canaan Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL of the meeting of February 4, 2016.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Oh requested leave of absence for Councilmember O'Neill.

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Transmitting a bill authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to convey to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, all part of a parcel of land and any improvements located at 3033 West Glenwood Avenue, for further conveyance, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 160127)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to acquire certain land in the 30th Ward of the City of Philadelphia, located along the Schuylkill River between South Street and Christian Street, known as 624 Rear

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 160110:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Procurement Price Preferences,” by adding a preference for alternatives to expanded polystyrene, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 160111:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-2800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Administrative Adjudication of Parking Violations,” to establish an amnesty program for fines, fees and penalties on parking violations; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160116:** 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 building and improvements thereon, situate in the Third and Sixth 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. 160112:** An Ordinance Authorizing Dr. Jack Carroll for Magee Rehabilitation Hospital to construct, own, and maintain a liquid oxygen tank and the construction of an associated masonry enclosure at 1513 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, all under certain terms and conditions.

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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. 160117:** Resolution Recognizing career and technical education students and programs in Philadelphia in recognition of Career and Technical Education Month in Pennsylvania.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160118:** Resolution Recognizing and congratulating Philadelphia native Marvin Harrison upon being elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160119:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating Philadelphia's African American dentists and physicians for their preservation of life, limb, health and happiness as 2016 Philadelphia Living Legends, all as part of the commemoration of Black History Month.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160120:** Resolution Authorizing joint hearings by the Committees on Public Safety and Housing, Neighborhood Development and Homelessness to conduct hearings to evaluate strategies to mitigate improper mortgage foreclosures in Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 160113:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to acquire certain land in the 30th Ward of the City of Philadelphia, located along the Schuylkill River between South Street and Christian Street, known as 624 Rear Schuylkill Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

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☐ Maternity and Obstetric Medicine Act, otherwise known as the Healthy MOM Act.

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

☐ **Resolution No. 160122:** Resolution Recognizing, congratulating, and honoring Zaire “Bam” Anderson on an outstanding season as a member of the Super Bowl 50 Champion Denver Broncos.

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

☐ **Resolution No. 160123:** 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 Eighteenth, 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 Domb Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Domb and Gym:

☐ **Bill No. 160114:** An Ordinance Amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Finance, Taxes and Collections,” by amending Section 19-1303, entitled “Discounts and Additions to Tax,” by revising the discount percentage for real estate taxes, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

☐ **Resolution No. 160124:** 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

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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, Jones, Blackwell, Henon and Squilla:

- 📄 **Bill No. 160115:** An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions,” by creating a new Chapter to hold business owners responsible for nuisance behavior occurring on the business premises and within the immediate vicinity of the business, to provide for enforcement and penalties, and to provide for business owner meetings with Registered Community Organizations with respect to certain appeals, all 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. 160125:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Daniel Quinn, former Captain, U.S. Army, for exemplifying the highest degrees of morality and justice in the face of human rights violations while serving in Afghanistan.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 160126:** Resolution Authorizing Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to hold public hearings concerning the City's technology communications infrastructure, and the policy, practice, and process for blocking emails and websites by the Office of Innovation and Technology (OIT).

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

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

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

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

THE RESOLUTION WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on February 11, 2016:

Name and Comment Subject

Rachel Labush (160106)

Shila Lloyd (160106)

Johnny Young (160106)

Lazara Gisone (160106)

Chief O (160106)

Faruq Robinson (160106)

Joe Danihel (160108)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Councilmember Reynolds Brown

moved that Resolution 160099 be withdrawn.

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DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER BROWN - RESOLUTION NO. 160099 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160099:** Resolution Supporting the passage of the Pennsylvania General Assembly's House Bill No. 262 to help combat human trafficking throughout Pennsylvania.

THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160106:** Resolution Calling on the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to reform their programs for the sale of distressed mortgage notes in order to better protect homeowners from foreclosure and facilitate community redevelopment.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160108:** 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 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.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 160117:** Resolution Recognizing career and technical education students and programs in Philadelphia in recognition of Career and Technical Education Month in Pennsylvania.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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☐ **Resolution No. 160120:** Resolution Authorizing joint hearings by the Committees on Public Safety and Housing, Neighborhood Development and Homelessness to conduct hearings to evaluate strategies to mitigate improper mortgage foreclosures in Philadelphia.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER JONES - RESOLUTION NO. 160120 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

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

☐ **Resolution No. 160122:** Resolution Recognizing, congratulating, and honoring Zaire “Bam” Anderson on an outstanding season as a member of the Super Bowl 50 Champion Denver Broncos.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER SANCHEZ - RESOLUTION NO. 160122 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER OH - RESOLUTION NO. 160126 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

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

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

☐ **Bill No. 140896:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 44-S by striking from the City Plan and vacating the easternmost ten feet wide portion of Broad Street from Geary Street to a point approximately one-hundred five feet southwardly therefrom and reserving and placing on the City Plan a right-of-way for water main purposes and public utility purposes within the portion of Broad Street being stricken and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said right-of-way, under certain terms

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS BROWN, JOHNSON, HENON AND GREEN - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.