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Thursday, February 2, 2017

EXCUSED: 2 - Councilmembers Johnson and Jones

PRESENT: 15 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Blackwell, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger

Council met, a quorum being present.

Rabbi Daniel Grodnitzky of Chabad Jewish Center for Students of Philadelphia was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

the meeting of January 26, 2017.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Henon requested leave of absence for

Councilmember Johnson

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

Councilmember Henon requested leave of absence for

Councilmember Jones.

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 and the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to acquire an approximately 136 acre property known as the Airport Business Center located in Tincum Township, Delaware County, together with all improvements thereon, all under

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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, all part of a parcel of land located in the area bounded by Ridge Avenue, Leverington Avenue, Mitchell Street, and Krams Avenue, for further conveyances, under certain term and conditions. (File No. 170104)

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, all or part of a parcel of land located in the area bounded by J Street, East Tioga Street, and Kensington Avenue, for further conveyance, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 170105)

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. 170095:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on the Environment to hold public hearings to investigate the current and future state of Philadelphia's environment.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 170086:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 269 by relocating portions of the houselines and curblines of Convention Avenue, from Thirty-Fourth Street to Health Sciences Drive, and placing on the City Plan two rights-of-way for drainage purposes within the vicinity of the intersection of Convention Avenue and Health Sciences Drive and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said rights-of-way for drainage purposes, all under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication to the City of the beds of the areas proposed to be placed on City Plan as portions of Convention Avenue.

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

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

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📄 **Bill No. 170087:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-611 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Sidewalk Behavior,” by providing certain requirements for obtaining a permit to place street furniture, planters, benches and other fixtures on the public sidewalk, 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 for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Greenlee:

📄 **Bill No. 170088:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2-200, entitled “Recording of Deeds,” to prohibit the recording of any deed or instrument transferring title to real estate if delinquent payments are owed to the City; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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. 170096:** 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 Forty-third 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 Councilmember Henon:

📄 **Bill No. 170089:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple title, or a lesser interest in real estate, in parcels of land along the Delaware River and the Kensington & Tacony Trail, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

📄 **Bill No. 170090:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public

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Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to convey to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, all or part of a parcel of land located in the area bounded by J Street, East Tioga Street, and Kensington Avenue, for further conveyance, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 170091:** 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”) and Subcode “B” (“The Philadelphia Building Code”) to add and revise certain provisions relating to the demolition of buildings and structures, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170097:** 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 Seventh 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 Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170098:** Resolution Recognizing, Honoring, and Celebrating the life and legacy of Luisa Charriez de Morales for her dedication to the Latino community and renaming the 3700 block of North 7th Street between W. Erie Avenue and W. Butler Street “Luisa Charriez de Morales Paseo”.

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

Resolution No. 170099: Resolution Recognizing Philadelphia CeaseFire for their ongoing violence-reduction efforts in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Bill No. 170092: An Ordinance Authorizing Hy Goldberg, (“Owner”) to construct, own and maintain a bench encroachment at 701 Sansom Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Resolution No. 170100: Resolution Condemning President Trump's Executive Order banning people from Muslim-majority nations from entering the United States as unconstitutional, unlawful, and un-American.

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

Resolution No. 170101: Resolution Recognizing and acknowledging the victims of the mass shooting at the Quebec Islamic Cultural Center, condemning religious intolerance and Islamophobia, and affirming support for Philadelphia's Muslim Community.

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

Bill No. 170093: An Ordinance Amending Section 12-1131 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Electric Vehicle Parking,” to impose a moratorium on new electric vehicle parking spaces, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 170094: An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code,

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entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” by adding measures to bring greater transparency, equitability, and accessibility to the process of procurement of disadvantaged business enterprises while encouraging disadvantaged business enterprises to grow in size and capability; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 170102:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the 2016 Winners of PHL LIVE Center Stage.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

- ☐ **Bill No. 161058:** An Ordinance Adopting an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Philadelphia Energy Authority (“Authority”) increasing the number of members on the Authority's Board from five to seven, as proposed by the Board in a Resolution adopted November 30, 2016.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 161058.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON FIRST READING

- ☐ **Bill No. 161058:** An Ordinance Adopting an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Philadelphia Energy Authority (“Authority”) increasing the number of members on the Authority's Board from five to seven, as proposed by the Board in a Resolution adopted November 30, 2016.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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The following persons provided public comment on February 2, 2017:

Name and Comment Subject

Joe Danihel (170028, 170029, 170032, 170034, 170035, 170036, 170037, 170044, 170045)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Resolution No. 170028: 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 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 170029: 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 Twenty-fourth 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. 170032: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of certain properties located in the Fifth Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 170033: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of certain properties located in the Fifth Councilmanic District in

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 170034:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of certain properties located in the Fifth Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 170035:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of certain properties located in the Fifth Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 170036:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of certain properties located in the Fifth Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 170037:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the Fifth Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 170045:** Resolution Calling on the United States Senate to reject U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions' nomination for the office of U.S. Attorney General.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBERS TAUBENBERGER, O'NEILL AND OH - RESOLUTION NO. 170045 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 12 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Blackwell, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym and Reynolds Brown

Nays: 3 - Councilmembers O'Neill, Oh and Taubenberger

☐ **Resolution No. 170049:** 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. 170050:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of certain properties located in the Seventh Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 170055:** Resolution Calling for the adoption and implementation the 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing report recently submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to meet the goals of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 170058:** Resolution Resolution

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 170063:** Resolution Appointing 15 Individuals to the Task Force on the Philadelphia Music Industry.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 170095:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on the Environment to hold public hearings to investigate the current and future state of Philadelphia's environment.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 170099:** Resolution Recognizing Philadelphia CeaseFire for their ongoing violence-reduction efforts in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 170102:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the 2016 Winners of PHL LIVE Center Stage.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER OH, - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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