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Thursday, February 16, 2017

COUNCIL SESSION INFORMATION IN PROGRESS

PRESENT: 16 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Domb, Green, Greenlee, Gym, Oh, Reynolds Brown and Taubenberger
EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez

Council met, a quorum being present.

Pastor Finney Kuruvilla of Resurrection Life Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Henon requested leave of absence for
Councilmember Sanchez.

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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. 170143: Resolution Resolution congratulating and honoring the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women on the 31st

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Anniversary of the Madam CJ Walker Awards Luncheon and for the organization's commitment to the educational, political and economic empowerment of African American women throughout the City of Philadelphia.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170144:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Bria Young, a Philadelphia native, for her hard work and dedication in the field of basketball. We are proud of her many accomplishments, and especially recognize her acceptance into the internationally recognized team, the Harlem Globetrotters.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170145:** Resolution Calling for the City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings to analyze the adequacy of our public schools in preparing African American young men for college, and more importantly to share best practices with regard to improving current rates of college-bound African American young men in Philadelphia.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170146:** 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 pieces of ground with the buildings and improvement 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.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 170139:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a sublease agreement with The Philadelphia Municipal Authority, for use by the City of a portion of the premises located at 1500 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 170140: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Girard Avenue, 9th Street, Brown Street, 8th Street, Spring Garden Street, and Broad 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. 170141: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by 19th Street, Vineyard Street, Cameron Street, and Wylie Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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. 170147: Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the New Kensington-Fishtown Urban Renewal Area, identified by house number and street address as 1415 Orange street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with V & B Properties LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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. 170148: 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 Forty-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

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improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170149:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committees on Public Property and Public Works & Appropriations to hold hearings investigating the quality of resources and funding levels of the Philadelphia Animal Care and Control Team and explore the need for any additional resources to meet the City of Philadelphia's needs.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170150:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring the Philadelphia Flyers Wives for their service to the City of Philadelphia, and celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the inaugural Flyers Wives Fight For Lives Carnival.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170151:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of certain properties located in the Second Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170152:** Resolution Urging the U.S. Senate to vote no on the resolutions of disapproval that will block U.S. Department of Labor rules governing automatic-enrollment, payroll-deduction programs for states and cities, thus preventing these entities from helping millions of people save for retirement.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 170153:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring the heroic efforts of caregivers and observing February 17, 2017, as National Caregivers Day in the City of Philadelphia.

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

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📄 **Bill No. 170142:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a sublease with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development for the use by the City of the premises located at the Callowhill Center, 421 N. 7th Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

📄 **Resolution No. 170154:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of certain properties located in the First Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

📄 **Resolution No. 170155:** Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival of Greater Philadelphia.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

📄 **Bill No. 160895:** 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 to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation, appointment, powers and duties of a Philadelphia Community Reinvestment Commission; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 160895.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

📄 **Resolution No. 160902, as amended:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation, appointment, powers and duties of a Philadelphia Community Reinvestment Commission; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

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

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS

 **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.

COUNCILMEMBER HENON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 170089.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

 **Bill No. 170106:** An Ordinance 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 Tincicum Township, Delaware County, together with all improvements thereon, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PRINTED AND PLACED ON NEXT FIRST READING CALENDAR.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

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CALENDAR.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on February 16, 2017:

Name and Comment Subject

Diop Olvgbab-Olvgbala (No items on the Calendar)

Joe Danihel (160007, 160999, 160720, 161114, 170115, 170117)

Denise Major (170153)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

 **Resolution No. 170115:** 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 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. 170117:** Resolution Calling on state legislators to reevaluate and increase the fines and penalties for passing a stopped trolley, in light of continued incidents of pedestrian related deaths in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

 **Bill No. 160687-AAA, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Title 6 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Health,” to require disclosure of lead hazards, including lead service lines, and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

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COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO AMEND BILL NO. 160687-AA (SEE FILE).

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO .

THE AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 160687-AA WAS ADOPTED.

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THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

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

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SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS TAUBENBERGER AND JONES - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.