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Thursday, February 13, 2020

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend Bonnie Camarda of the Salvation Army was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of February 6, 2020.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Transmitting a bill amending Subcode F of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “The Philadelphia Fire Code,” to establish limitations on the use of hydrogen fluoride and hydrofluoric acid, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 200155)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a bill authorizing the vacating of Charles Street (also known as Markle Street), between Manayunk Avenue and Dexter Street, under certain terms and conditions, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Streets Commissioner. (File No. 200156)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a bill amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 190450) approved July 17, 2019, entitled ‘An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 15-S by placing on the City Plan Alter Street from Seventeenth Street to Eighteenth Street in order to conform more closely with existing

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conditions under certain terms and conditions by revising the terms and conditions stated therein and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Streets Commissioner. (File No. 200157)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Bill No. 200144: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain portions of land located within an area bounded by Oxford Street, 19th Street, Poplar Street and 27th Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Parker Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Parker, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Brooks, Gym, Quiñones Sánchez and Bass:

Resolution No. 200149: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Julie Coker for her dedication to the PHLCVB and Philadelphia and wishing her luck on her future endeavors

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

Bill No. 200145: An Ordinance Authorizing the vacating of Charles Street (also known as Markle Street), between Manayunk Avenue and Dexter Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Resolution No. 200150: Resolution Recognizing the 48th anniversary of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and its impact on the growth of women who participated in college sports from 29,972 in 1972 to over 221,000 in 2019.

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

Bill No. 200146: An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 190450) approved July 17, 2019, entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 15-S by placing on the City Plan Alter Street from Seventeenth Street to Eighteenth Street in order to conform more closely with existing conditions, under certain terms and conditions,” by revising the terms and conditions stated therein and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Johnson Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Johnson, Gilmore Richardson and Gym:

Bill No. 200147: An Ordinance Amending Subcode F of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “The Philadelphia Fire Code,” to establish limitations on the use of hydrogen fluoride and hydrofluoric acid, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Johnson Introduced the following Resolution for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Johnson:

Resolution No. 200151: Resolution Approving the appointment of Deborah Mahler to the Board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Thomas, Parker, Green, Gilmore Richardson, Brooks and Gauthier:

Resolution No. 200152: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Deborah Greasham, Malik Jones, and Corporal Cheryl Walker as examples of the countless unsung helping hands which lift our African American future up by mentoring and guiding our next generation of African American leaders.

Councilmember Thomas Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Thomas, Parker, Green, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Brooks:

Resolution No. 200153: Resolution A resolution calling for the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings to help the city adequately prepare for,

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avoid, and, if needed, mitigate the effect of emergency room and hospital closures as research has shown disparate impacts on patients that are low income and/or from communities of color in addition to the loss of jobs.

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

Bill No. 200148: An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 359 by relocating the southwesterly houseline of Byberry Road approximately two feet southwestwardly between a point approximately four-hundred one feet northwest of The Roosevelt Boulevard to a point approximately five-hundred fifty feet further northwestwardly therefrom, thereby widening said Byberry Road between such points, all under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication to the City of the bed of the widened portion of Byberry Road being placed on the City Plan.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED 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. 200154: Resolution Approving the agreement of sale of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the South Delaware Redevelopment Area, identified by house number and street address as 10 Wolf street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the agreement of sale with W/W 2400 Weccacoe Owner VIII, L.L.C. and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the agreement of sale.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON FIRST READING

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on February 13, 2020:

Name and Comment Subject

Joe Eastman (200040, 200006)

Naseem Bey (200042-A)

Maryanne Bellesorte (200042-A)

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Mar Edwards (200121)
Roni Bryant Kent (200121)
Mike Daily (200006)
Julia Kristan (200153)
Jarrett Smith (200153)
Joe Danihel (200056, 200015, 200042-A)
Larry Holman (200006, 200040)
Andy Waskie (200006, 200040)
Joe Griffies (200006, 200040)
Patrick McKenna (200006, 200040)
Darryl Johnson (200006, 200040)
Bob Reilly (200006, 200040)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Resolution No. 200121: Resolution Also naming the 1600 to 1700 block of West Jefferson Street, as “Dr. Oscar J. Cooper Way” to honor the life of Oscar James Cooper and his contributions to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the medical community in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200126: Resolution Also naming East Venango Street, between Edgemont and Salmon Streets, as “Monsignor Joe’s Path”.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200056, as amended: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to revise and clarify rules pertaining to prohibited activities of City officers and employees, including restrictions on City officials and employees with respect to political activities; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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*Ayes: 17 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President
Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore
Richardson and Thomas*

Nays: 0

Resolution No. 200042-A, as amended: Resolution Proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation of a Department of Labor and a Board of Labor Standards, to provide for the powers and duties of such Department and such Board, and to otherwise provide for incorporation of the Department and Board into the City government; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200150: Resolution Recognizing the 48th anniversary of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and its impact on the growth of women who participated in college sports from 29,972 in 1972 to over 221,000 in 2019.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

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AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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

Bill No. 200008: 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 of a Department of Labor and a Board of Labor Standards, to provide for the powers and duties of such Department and Board, and to otherwise provide for incorporation of the Department and Board into the City government; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore
Richardson and Thomas*

Nays: 0

Bill No. 200015, as amended: An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia a proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to revise and clarify rules pertaining to prohibited activities of City officers and employees, including the restrictions on City officials and employees with respect to political activities.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore
Richardson and Thomas*

Nays: 0

SPECIAL BUSINESS

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.