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Thursday, September 10, 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.

A silent moment of prayer and reflection was observed.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of June 18, 2020.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 200297, 200299, 200300 and 200330, which were passed by Council on June 18, 2020, were signed by the Mayor on June 26, 2020. (File No. 200462)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a 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 2103 East Hagert street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with BMK Properties, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract. (File No. 200478)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a 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 2514 Coral street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute

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the redevelopment contract with Coral Reef LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract. (File No. 200477)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a 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 2451-2453 Frankford avenue; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with BMK Properties, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract. (File No. 200476)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a 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 1824 East Huntingdon street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with JR Complete Construction Inc. and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract. (File No. 200475)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Point Breeze Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 1308-1314 South Capitol street, 1318 South Capitol street, 1336-1344 South Capitol street, 2025-2029 Reed street, 2031 Reed street, 2033-2035 Reed street, 2038 Reed street, 1400 South Taylor street, 1402 South Taylor street, 1410 South Taylor street, 1413 South Taylor street, 1415 South Taylor street, 1419 South Taylor street, 1421 South Taylor street, 1426 South Taylor street, 1428 South Taylor street, 1430 South Taylor street, 1440 South Taylor street and 2024 Wharton street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Community Justice Land Trust and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract. (File No. 200474)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1906 N. 24th Street located in the Fifth Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 200473)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution confirming the reappointment of JoAnn A. Epps, Esq., as a member of the Board of Ethics, to serve in the term ending November 16, 2024. (File

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No. 200472)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution confirming the reappointment of Michael H. Reed, Esq., as a member of the Board of Ethics, to serve in the term ending November 16, 2025. (File No. 200471)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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**TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:**

I am hereby returning without my signature Bill No. 200363, which was passed by Council at its session on June 25, 2020. The events of this summer, beginning with the tragic death of George Floyd in Minnesota this May, the appalling shooting of Jacob Blake in August, and many more devastating encounters, have laid bare the dire need for police reform both nationally and locally. This context is initially what gave rise to Bill No. 200363. Both this esteemed body and I agree that addressing residency requirements for public safety officers in our City is a crucial part of the police reform we all want to see. Some aspects of this issue are subject to the collective bargaining agreement that must be negotiated with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). To that end, I have committed publicly to negotiate against the residency waiver available to officers after their fifth year of service during our next contracting round with the FOP. That is also why my administration testified in support of Bill No. 200364, which requires a public hearing prior to the City's submission of its initial bargaining proposal, at its hearing before the Public Safety Committee in June of this year.

However, to sweep up all civil service positions, including non-police, in this push is an overly broad and irresponsible approach. It is also wholly unnecessary. Nearly 85% of all civil service positions are already being filled by City residents, which shows that instead of solving a problem, extending this *pre-hire* requirement to non-police civil service positions actually creates problems where none previously existed. With the instant bill, this Council is arbitrarily erecting obstacles in the City's path as it attempts to fill positions in a timely and efficient manner. Make no mistake, when City departments are unable to efficiently hire and therefore perform their functions in an optimal manner, the impact is felt by the residents that we have all dedicated ourselves to serve. To dismiss this concern by merely citing the waiver provision is an

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oversimplification of that process and creates additional roadblocks and hurdles that must be overcome in order to fill crucial positions in a timely manner.

It should also be noted that although residency requirements at the time of appointment or within a certain amount of time of appointment are fairly common, pre-hire residency requirements are rare. Of 14 counties in the tri-state area reviewed, only 2 have pre-hire residency requirements. Of 15 major cities across the country, only one has a pre-hire residency requirement. None of the other 9 largest cities in the nation have a pre-hire residency requirement. Allowing to stand the current requirement of residency within six months of appointment does not mean that we think Philadelphia residents are any less capable, it is simply an acknowledgement that certain roles end up being more difficult to fill than we can sometimes anticipate and therefore more flexibility in our hiring practices is needed than the current legislation allows.

For these reasons, I am returning without my signature, Bill No. 200363.

Respectfully,

JAMES F. KENNEY
Mayor (File No. 200470)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 200306 and 200346, which were passed by Council on June 25, 2020, were signed by the Mayor on September 9, 2020. (File No. 200469)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill No. 200351, which was passed by Council on June 25, 2020, was signed by the Mayor on August 24, 2020. (File No. 200468)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill No. 200344, which was passed by Council on June 25, 2020, was signed by the Mayor on July 27, 2020. (File No. 200467)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 200116, 200145, 200146,

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200147, 200148, 200183, 200293, and 200355, which were passed by Council on June 25, 2020, were signed by the Mayor on July 13, 2020. (File No. 200466)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 200076, 200208, and 200367, which were passed by Council on June 25, 2020, were signed by the Mayor on July 1, 2020. (File No. 200465)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 200294, 200295, 200302, 200304, and 200305, which were passed by Council on June 18, 2020, were signed by the Mayor on July 1, 2020. (File No. 200464)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 200285, 200286, 200287, 200288, 200290, 200291, 200292, 200296-A, 200298, 200328, 200329-A, 200347, 200352 and 200370, which were passed by Council on June 25, 2020, were signed by the Mayor on June 26, 2020. (File No. 200463)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Parker Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Parker, Gilmore Richardson, Jones, Johnson, Squilla, Gauthier, Brooks, Domb, Gym, Bass and Thomas:

Bill No. 200412: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-2200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Hate Crimes,” to provide for penalties for criminal conduct involving misuse of the 911 emergency response system motivated by hatred toward certain characteristics of other persons; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Councilmember Parker Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Parker, Council President Clarke, Gilmore Richardson, Jones, Johnson, Squilla, Gauthier, Brooks, Domb, Gym, Bass and Thomas:

Bill No. 200413: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-1130 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Unlawful Credit Screening Practices in Employment,” by revising restrictions, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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Councilmember Parker Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmembers Parker, Gilmore Richardson, Squilla, Gauthier, Brooks, Henon, Domb, Gym, Bass, Green, Johnson and Thomas:

Resolution No. 200427: Resolution Proclaiming the week of September 14, 2020 as “Census Week” in Philadelphia.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER PARKER AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE - RESOLUTION NO. 200427 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

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

Resolution No. 200428: Resolution Recognizing September as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month in the City of Philadelphia, and affirming the need for suicide prevention awareness and robust mental health services.

Resolution No. 200429: Resolution Permanently recognizing the third week in August as Solar Week in the City of Philadelphia.

Resolution No. 200430: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to conduct hearings exploring the benefits of the School District of Philadelphia mandating conflict resolution training at all curriculum levels.

Resolution No. 200431: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on the Environment to conduct hearings to investigate challenges and solutions to street litter and waste disposal systems in the wake of COVID-19 in the City of Philadelphia.

Resolution No. 200432: Resolution Calling on the Philadelphia Postmaster to meet with Congressman Dwight Evans and the Philadelphia Congressional delegation to discuss the alleged removal of sorting machines from Philadelphia area post offices which would cause delays in the processing of Census forms and mail-in ballots.

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

Bill No. 200414: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Landlord and Tenant,” to address matters related to the landlord and tenant relationship during the novel coronavirus of 2019 pandemic, including providing for temporary eviction relief, and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 200433: Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Housing, Neighborhood Development, and the Homeless to hold hearings on the role and responsibilities of Philadelphia's Landlord-Tenant Officer position; the policies and procedures it manages in the eviction process, particularly around writs of service; and clarifying oversight, ethics, and public accountability for the Landlord-Tenant Office.

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

Resolution No. 200434: Resolution Honoring the award-winning *Philadelphia Public School Notebook* for its enduring legacy and commitment to education justice, to independent journalism, and to centering and uplifting citizen voices through more than a quarter century of public school advocacy, upon its transition to new management under Chalkbeat.

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

Resolution No. 200435: Resolution Urging the United States House of Representatives to pass H.R. 7947, also known as the "Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act," providing substantial and additional aid to older foster youth and kinship families and preventing mandatory "aging out" during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Bill No. 200415: An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on both sides of Tolbut Street, from Torresdale Avenue eastbound to the end of the roadway.

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

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

Bill No. 200416: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Buckius Street (extended), the Delaware River, Orthodox Street (extended), and Richmond Street.

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Resolution No. 200436: Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Public Safety and the Special Committee on Gun Violence Prevention to hold hearings to review and examine the perpetrators of the last 100 shootings in Philadelphia, as well exploring the source of the guns used to commit violent crimes and the role of the criminal justice system in the offender's life.

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

Resolution No. 200437: Resolution Recognizing the 12th Annual Block Captain Boot Camp, which will be held virtually for the first time ever on Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Resolution No. 200438: Resolution Supporting the National Minority Business Development Agency and recognizing October 5 through October 9, 2020 as Philadelphia Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week, which provides critical information, resources, opportunities and inspiration to the minority business community.

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

Resolution No. 200439: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Dana Jenkins, Principal of Roxborough High School, on the occasion of her retirement, after twenty years of dedication and service to the School District of Philadelphia.

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

Bill No. 200417: An Ordinance Amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "The Building Construction and Occupancy Code," and Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by adding disclosure requirements with respect to certain applications, permits, and notices, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

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Bill No. 200418: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Bartram Avenue, the Delaware Expressway, Enterprise Avenue, and Island Avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Resolution No. 200440: Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Point Breeze Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 1308-1314 South Capitol street, 1318 South Capitol street, 1336-1344 South Capitol street, 2025-2029 Reed street, 2031 Reed street, 2033-2035 Reed street, 2038 Reed street, 1400 South Taylor street, 1402 South Taylor street, 1410 South Taylor street, 1413 South Taylor street, 1415 South Taylor street, 1419 South Taylor street, 1421 South Taylor street, 1426 South Taylor street, 1428 South Taylor street, 1430 South Taylor street, 1440 South Taylor street and 2024 Wharton street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Community Justice Land Trust and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

Bill No. 200419: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021 from the General Fund, the Council to the General Fund, the Director of Finance.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Councilmember Brooks Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Brooks, Gauthier and Gym:

Bill No. 200420: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Landlord and Tenant," to address matters related to the landlord and tenant relationship during the novel coronavirus of 2019 pandemic, including providing for the temporary waiver of certain fees, and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

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Resolution No. 200441: Resolution Commemorating the 55th Anniversary of the signing of the Voting Rights Act.

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

Resolution No. 200442: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Safety to hold a hearing examining the ongoing safety and noise issues with the use of ATV and other unauthorized vehicles on City streets and the possibility of creating a space for safely riding in Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 200443: Resolution Recognizing the American Jewish Committee and the National Urban League's Black Jewish Unity Week and the ongoing efforts to partner and work together in creating a more equitable future.

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

Resolution No. 200444: Resolution Honoring the life of Eleanor Sokoloff and her legacy of service and promotion of musical education in Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 200445: Resolution Honoring Richard M. Englert upon his retirement as Temple University's President and his contributions to Temple and Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 200446: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold a hearing that examine recent research released by Pew Charitable Trusts ("Pew") and Center City District ("CCD") on the state of our local business economy, the role our Black-owned and minority-owned businesses play in the City's economy, and the impact of Covid-19 on these businesses.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gauthier, Gym, Brooks, Thomas and Johnson:

Bill No. 200421: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Landlord and Tenant," to address matters related to the landlord and tenant

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relationship during the novel coronavirus of 2019 pandemic, including providing for repayment agreements, and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Gauthier Introduced and Referred the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Gauthier:

Resolution No. 200447: Resolution Calling on Mayor James F. Kenney to declare gun violence a citywide emergency and develop an urgent, unrelenting response to the gun violence epidemic plaguing Black and Brown neighborhoods in Philadelphia, and re-affirming the commitment of the City Council of Philadelphia to continue collaborating with, and supporting the work of, the Mayor, our City agencies, the criminal justice community, and non-governmental partners, to mitigate this deadly epidemic.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 200448: Resolution Honoring and congratulating the Mastery Charter North girls basketball team, on their successful 2019-2020 season and overall 20-9 record in the Philadelphia Public League girls basketball championships.

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

Resolution No. 200449: Resolution Honoring and congratulating activist, advocate, founder and president emerita of the Children's Defense Fund, Marian Wright Edelman.

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

Resolution No. 200450: Resolution Calling on Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) to create equitable forms of competition for schools and students unable to compete in their sports in the normal way because of public health guidance in their communities.

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

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Resolution No. 200451: Resolution Calling on the Pennsylvania Department of Education to cancel the PSSA and Keystone exams for the 2020-2021 academic year and redirect the resources to providing the best digital learning environment possible.

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced and Referred the following Resolution for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

Resolution No. 200452: Resolution Confirming the reappointment of Michael H. Reed, Esq., as a member of the Board of Ethics, to serve in the term ending November 16, 2025.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced and Referred the following Resolution for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

Resolution No. 200453: Resolution Confirming the reappointment of JoAnn A. Epps, Esq., as a member of the Board of Ethics, to serve in the term ending November 16, 2024.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Bill No. 200422: An Ordinance Authorizing the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation a.k.a. PCDC (“Owner”) to own and maintain a pedestrian plaza, along the west median of the 10th Street and Vine Street intersection on the structure carrying traffic above Interstate 676 in Philadelphia, PA 19107 (“Property”), all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 200423: An Ordinance Authorizing Keystone Property Group (“Owner”) to construct, own, and maintain a proposed exterior building ramp at 100 South Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106 (“Property”), all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED 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:

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Resolution No. 200454: 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 1824 East Huntingdon street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with JR Complete Construction Inc. and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

Resolution No. 200455: 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 2103 East Hagert street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with BMK Properties, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

Resolution No. 200456: 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 2451-2453 Frankford avenue; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with BMK Properties, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

Resolution No. 200457: 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 2514 Coral street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Coral Reef LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Clarke,

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Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

Bill No. 200424: An Ordinance Renaming and designating the property commonly referred to as the 30th and Jefferson Playground, located at the corner of 30th and Jefferson Streets, as the “Howard McCall, Sr. Playground” in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Bass, Parker, Jones, Gilmore Richardson, Domb, Brooks, Johnson and Gauthier:

Bill No. 200425: An Ordinance Amending Title 6 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Health Code,” by creating a new Chapter 6-1300 entitled “Healthy Outdoor Public Spaces,” to promote a healthy environment that protects the public from the risks of toxic herbicides by prohibiting their use on all city-owned or used public grounds including but not limited to parks, trails, recreation centers, and playgrounds; establishing reporting requirements; and establishing a private right of action, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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

Bill No. 200426: 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 revising the powers and duties of the Art Commission to require the Commission to prepare an analysis justifying any removal or relocation of a City statue or monument whenever there is controversy or public dispute, and to oversee a public referendum process prior to any such removal or relocation; and providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors of Philadelphia; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

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

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

Resolution No. 200458: Resolution Recognizing September as National Recovery Month in Philadelphia and celebrating the 19th Annual PRO-ACT Recovery Walks! to promote recovery and work to end the stigma surrounding drug and alcohol addiction.

Councilmember Oh Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the

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following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Oh:

Resolution No. 200459: Resolution Recognizing September 2020 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Philadelphia in honor of childhood cancer patients, care givers, survivors, and those children who have succumbed to the disease.

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

Resolution No. 200460: Resolution Appointing 15 Individuals to the Philadelphia Fashion and Garment Industry Task Force.

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

Resolution No. 200461: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter by revising the powers and duties of the Art Commission to require the Commission to prepare an analysis justifying any removal or relocation of a City statue or monument and to oversee a public referendum process prior to any such removal or relocation; and providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on September 10, 2020:

Name and Comment Subject

Shahid James (200303)

Jonnie Sullivan (200303)

Angela Vogel (200303)

Elyse Ford (200303)

Will Carter (200303)

Blane Stoddart (200303)

Ahmad Mitchell (200303)

Marketta Phillips (200364)

Jon McKay (200364)

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Fareeda Mabry (200364)
Jack Morley (200365)
Joseph Dunlap (200365)
Devron Brunson (200365)
Michael Lauf (200365)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Resolution No. 200399: Resolution Initiating action to continue the Mayfair Business Improvement District beyond its termination date in an area that generally includes both sides of Frankford Avenue from the north side of Harbison Avenue to the south side of Sheffield Street and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Frankford Avenue; and for which Mayfair Business Improvement District, Inc., a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, serves as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association; approving a preliminary plan for and report concerning the District; and authorizing and directing the Committee on Rules and the Clerk of Council to take all actions that are required by the Community and Economic Improvement Act, prior to enactment of an ordinance that would formally establish the District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200430: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to conduct hearings exploring the benefits of the School District of Philadelphia mandating conflict resolution training at all curriculum levels.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200431: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on the Environment to conduct hearings to investigate challenges and solutions to street litter and waste disposal systems in the wake of COVID-19 in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200433: Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Housing, Neighborhood Development, and the Homeless to hold hearings on the role and responsibilities of Philadelphia's Landlord-Tenant Officer position; the policies and procedures it manages in the eviction process, particularly around writs of service; and

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clarifying oversight, ethics, and public accountability for the Landlord-Tenant Office.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200436: Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Public Safety and the Special Committee on Gun Violence Prevention to hold hearings to review and examine the perpetrators of the last 100 shootings in Philadelphia, as well exploring the source of the guns used to commit violent crimes and the role of the criminal justice system in the offender's life.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200442: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Safety to hold a hearing examining the ongoing safety and noise issues with the use of ATV and other unauthorized vehicles on City streets and the possibility of creating a space for safely riding in Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200446: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold a hearing that examine recent research released by Pew Charitable Trusts ("Pew") and Center City District ("CCD") on the state of our local business economy, the role our Black-owned and minority-owned businesses play in the City's economy, and the impact of Covid-19 on these businesses.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

Councilmember Sanchez moved that Bill No. 200349 be recommitted.

Bill No. 200349, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," to amend certain provisions of Chapter 14-500, entitled "Overlay Zoning Districts," by creating the "/AME, American Street Overlay District," all under certain terms and conditions.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS RECOMMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

*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

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Councilmember Sanchez moved that Bill No. 200350 be withdrawn.

Bill No. 200350, as amended: An Ordinance Amending the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Norris Street, American Street, Berks Street, and 3rd Street; and amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” to amend certain provisions of Chapter 14-500, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by creating the “/BNA, Berks and American Overlay District,” all under certain terms and conditions.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS WITHDRAWN.

Bill No. 200188: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire fee simple title or a lesser real estate interest to all or a portion of a parcel or parcels of land located in the vicinity of Calera Road between Red Lion Road and Chalfont Drive, commonly known as the Liberty Bell Youth Organization Recreation Center.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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

Bill No. 200345: 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, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation, or otherwise, in parcels of land along the Delaware River and in the bed of the former Kensington & Tacony Railroad, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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

Bill No. 200354: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an Amendment to a Joint-Use

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Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to which certain parcels of real estate constituting the I-95 right-of-way, located beneath the elevated highway between the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and the Walt Whitman Bridge, are leased to the City of Philadelphia by the Commonwealth, subleased by the Interstate Land Management Corporation; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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

Bill No. 200365, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-2500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Fire Suppression System Workers,” to provide for additional licensing requirements for fire suppression system workers, all under certain terms and conditions.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER BASS AND SANCHEZ - BILL NO. 200365 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Henon, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 1 Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez

Bill No. 200303, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-4100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Promoting Healthy Families and Workplaces,” to establish leave time for public health emergencies, modify existing provisions concerning the paid sick leave, and make technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBERS BROOKS, GREEN, OH, GYM, THOMAS, BASS, AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 16 Councilmembers Domb, Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 1 Councilmember O'Neill

Bill No. 200364-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of The

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Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” by adding a new Chapter 17-2300, entitled “Public Hearing Required Prior to Execution of a Labor Agreement with City Workers Represented by the Fraternal Order Of Police With Respect To The Workers’ Terms And Conditions Of Employment,” by establishing certain definitions; and requiring a public hearing within thirty (30) days prior to the City entering into or amending a labor agreement with City workers represented by the Fraternal Order of Police, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED TO AMEND BILL NO. 200364 (SEE FILE).

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARDSON MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 200364 WAS ADOPTED.

Bill No. 200364-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” by adding a new Chapter 17-2300, entitled “Public Hearing Required Prior to Execution of a Labor Agreement with City Workers Represented by the Fraternal Order Of Police With Respect To The Workers’ Terms And Conditions Of Employment,” by establishing certain definitions; and requiring a public hearing within thirty (30) days prior to the City entering into or amending a labor agreement with City workers represented by the Fraternal Order of Police, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

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

Bill No. 200368-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” by adding a new Chapter 10-2500, entitled “Prohibited Physical Contact by Peace Officers,” to prevent unnecessary death or injury via asphyxiation by prohibiting certain physical contact by peace officers, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED TO AMEND BILL NO. 200368 (SEE FILE).

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 200368 WAS ADOPTED.

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Bill No. 200368-A, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” by adding a new Chapter 10-2500, entitled “Prohibited Physical Contact by Peace Officers,” to prevent unnecessary death or injury via asphyxiation by prohibiting certain physical contact by peace officers, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

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

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS PARKER, DOMB, GAUTHIER, GYM, THOMAS, GREEN, GREEN, RICHARDSON, JONES, AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.