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Thursday, September 24, 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 for prayer and reflection was observed.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of September 17, 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. 200188, 200303, 200354, and 200365, which were passed by Council on September 10, 2020, were signed by the Mayor on September 17, 2020. (File No. 200513)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the First Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 200514)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the First Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act. (File No. 200515)

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 200501: Resolution Honoring and recognizing David T. Jones for his accomplishments and numerous contributions to the City of Philadelphia on the occasion of his departure from the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services, and congratulating him on his new position as Director of the Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery for the State of Illinois Department of Human Services.

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

Bill No. 200495: An Ordinance Regulating the direction of movement of traffic on certain portions of Ludlow Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Resolution No. 200502: Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Bennie Swans, founding president of Philadelphia's nationally acclaimed Crisis Intervention Network.

Resolution No. 200503: Resolution Declaring September 15, 2020 through October 15, 2020 as Hispanic Heritage Month throughout the City of Philadelphia to honor the role that Latinos have played and continue to play in the economic, cultural, and social development of our City and nation.

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

Bill No. 200496: An Ordinance Amending Section 11-104 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Curb Cuts," to define curb cut and add prohibitions on curb cuts in order to facilitate the construction of transit platforms, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Domb Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Domb, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Green, Henon, Johnson, Jones, Oh, Parker, Quiñones

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Sánchez, Squilla and Thomas:

Bill No. 200497: An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 200351, entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the operation of sidewalk cafes during the COVID-19 emergency until December 31, 2020 in areas of the City where such activity currently must be otherwise authorized by special ordinance, and allowing expanded activity by currently licensed sidewalk café operations,” to extend the date Bill No. 200351 will remain in effect, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Domb Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Domb, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Green, Henon, Johnson, Jones, Oh, Parker, Quiñones Sánchez, Squilla and Thomas:

Bill No. 200498: An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 200352, entitled “An Ordinance amending Chapter 11-100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled ‘General Provisions,’ to authorize the Streets Department to permit closure of the public right-of-way,” to extend the date Bill No. 200352 will remain in effect, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Resolution No. 200504: 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 Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Domb:

Resolution No. 200505: Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg for her instrumental legal career, service to the United States of America, and her relentless work to challenge gender discrimination and ensure equal protections for all Americans.

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

Bill No. 200499: An Ordinance Authorizing Mark Capriotti (“Owner”) to install, own, and maintain a proposed sidewalk café at 310 West Master Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122 (“Property”), all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Resolution No. 200506: Resolution Honoring and congratulating The Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter School Boys Basketball team, on their successful 2019-2020 season and overall 24-5 record in the Philadelphia Public League boys basketball championships.

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

Resolution No. 200507: Resolution Authorizing the creation of the Philadelphia Arts and Culture Task Force.

Bill No. 200500: An Ordinance Removing existing parking meters and regulations, as well as establishing an "Authorized Vehicles Only" regulation in front of 7306 Castor Avenue and both sides of the 7300 block of Elgin Street.

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:

Resolution No. 200508: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds conveying title to certain properties located in the First Councilmanic District pursuant to the requirements of the Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

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

Resolution No. 200509: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the First Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 200510: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Boys' Latin of Philadelphia charter school, Drexel University, and The Center for Black Educator

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Development for the launch of the Boys' Latin Teaching Fellowship, a partnership that seeks to create a pipeline of male teachers of color in Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 200511: Resolution Honoring and recognizing the life and legacy of Malik Aziz for his towering achievements as a civic leader, trailblazer, and champion for returning citizens in Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 200512: Resolution Recognizing and honoring WHO?MAG Distribution and founder Rob Schwartz on the occasion of its 10-year Anniversary in music distribution.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Bill No. 200018: An Ordinance Amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," by adding a new Chapter 21-3200, entitled "Business Improvement Districts and Special Services Districts," to establish uniform procedures for the filing of objections by affected property owners against the formation of Business Improvement Districts and Special Services Districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 200018.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 200094: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," to revise certain provisions of Section 14-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Overlay Zoning Districts," by modifying the /CTR, Center City Overlay District, Society Hill Area to create additional standards concerning height, parking, signs, and special reviews, and making related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 200095, as amended: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Walnut Street, Front Street, South Street, and 8th Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 200095, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 200144, as amended: 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.

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Bill No. 200160, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-203 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Definitions," by adding a definition for "Site Clearing," further amending Section 14-704, entitled "Open Space and Natural Resources," by making technical changes to regulations regarding development on steep slopes, and amending Title 4 Subcode "A" of the Philadelphia Building Code, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 200160, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 200161: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Main Street, Ridge Avenue, Wissahickon Creek, the Schuylkill River, and Osborn Street (extended).

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 200161.

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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 200260, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Subcode "A" of the Philadelphia Building Code, to revise certain provisions of Chapter 3, Permits, and amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," to revise certain provisions of Chapter 14-300, entitled "Administration and Procedures," by amending the terms and conditions of Administrative Review; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on September 24, 2020:

Name and Comment Subject

There were no Comments offered on September 24, 2020

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

Please note that this meeting will be held remotely using Microsoft® Teams. This remote session may be viewed on Xfinity Channel 64, Fios Channel 40 or <http://phlcouncil.com/watch-city-council/>. Public comment may be received with regard to those matters printed on the agenda on the following pages. Speakers interested in participating in public comment must call 215-686-3406 by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Council session and submit the following information:

- **Full name**
- **Callback telephone number where you can be reached**
- **Identify the bill number or resolution number that will be addressed**
- **State whether your comments are for, or against, that particular bill or resolution.**

Speakers who submitted the above information within the required time frame will be telephoned during the council session and invited to the remote meeting. They will have up to three minutes to speak; the Council President, however, reserves the right based on circumstances to establish a different time limit. The Council President may also limit repetitious comments or limit the scope of testimony to only certain items on the agenda, which could affect callbacks for public comment at the meeting.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Resolution No. 200393: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to enter into a lease with Avenue North Renaissance, as tenant, for 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.

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Resolution No. 200482: 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200483: Resolution Urging Senator Pat Toomey and Senate Leadership to take up and act on the Heroes Act, the Helping Homes Act, and the Moving Forward Act, sweeping and transformational resolutions to address the ongoing economic crisis co-sponsored by Congressman Dwight Evans and the Philadelphia congressional delegation.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200484: Resolution Commemorating the life of legal aid giant and former Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Thomas Gilhool, a founding figure for community legal services, education equity, and the rights of the disabled and the poor, who led a rollicking life in pursuit of law and justice through eight decades of Philadelphia history.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200486: Resolution Calling on the School District of Philadelphia to promptly negotiate a mutually agreeable new contract with the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers that prioritizes the health and safety of school staff and students and acknowledges the contributions of teachers and other staff, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200489: Resolution Honoring and congratulating the West Catholic girls basketball team on their successful 2019-2020 season and overall 22-6 record in the Philadelphia Catholic League girls basketball championships.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 200492: Resolution Calling on the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to resolve ongoing complications within the State's unemployment system to ensure all eligible Pennsylvanians receive their entitled compensation in a timely manner.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

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