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**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

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 was observed.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL of the meeting of January 28, 2021.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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

**Bill No. 210073:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for expansion of the Board of License and Inspection Review, as approved by Resolution of the City Council; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question to be voted on; 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 Parker Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Parker:

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**Resolution No. 210084:** Resolution Commending the Philadelphia 76ers in creating the Buy Black Program to support Black-owned small businesses.

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

**Resolution No. 210085:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for expansion of the Board of License and Inspection Review; 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.

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

**Resolution No. 210086:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Philadelphia natives Sinceré Harris and Erin Wilson for their new positions as White House Liaison for the Environmental Protection Agency and Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director for the White House Office of Political Affairs and Strategy.

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

**Resolution No. 210087:** Resolution Recognizing February 2021 as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Awareness Month in Philadelphia.

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

**Resolution No. 210088:** Resolution Commemorating the life and legacy of community activist Russell Meddin, whose tireless advocacy for vibrant public space and public bike share led to millions of Philadelphians enjoying and celebrating the City of Philadelphia's public trails and provided a powerful model of civic engagement for the nation and the world.

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

**Bill No. 210074:** An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 21-1200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Police Advisory Board," and replacing it with a new Chapter 21-1200 that reconstitutes and renames the board as the "Citizens Police Oversight

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Commission,” and, as authorized by the Charter, provides for the Commission’s appointment, the powers and duties of the Commission and the manner in which the Commission and other officers, employees, and agencies shall fulfill their respective responsibilities with respect to the Commission, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

**Resolution No. 210089:** Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Public Safety to hold public hearings examining the feasibility of a multi-state reciprocity program for witness relocation using United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Public Housing Agency (PHA) properties.

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

**Resolution No. 210090:** Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Public Safety to hold public hearings to examine more equitable solutions to crime scene cleanup policies that place the logistical and financial burden on the families of homicide victims.

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

**Bill No. 210075:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by revising and clarifying certain provisions and making technical changes, 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:

**Bill No. 210076:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City, to convey to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development a parcel of land situate at 2401 Chestnut Street, for further conveyance, and authorizing the plotting upon City Plan No. 307 a right-of-way for bridge repair, maintenance and/or reconstruction purposes and for stormwater sewer and drainage purposes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Bill No. 210077:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021 from the General Fund, the Council to the General Fund, the Department of Planning and Development.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

**Bill No. 210078:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by revising and clarifying certain provisions and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

**Bill No. 210079:** An Ordinance Authorizing The Philadelphia Municipal Authority, and The Philadelphia Gas Works by Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation (solely in its capacity as Operator and Manager of the City-owned Philadelphia Gas Works), to enter into certain transactions and contracts regarding the lease and license of portions of the premises located at 5000 Summerdale Avenue and 5501 Whitaker Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the use of The Philadelphia Gas Works, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Bill No. 210080:** An Ordinance Amending Section 20-610 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Statement of Financial Interests,” by revising the required conditions and information for filing, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Resolution No. 210091:** Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on

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Intergenerational Affairs and Aging to hold public hearings examining solutions to the ongoing housing crisis impacting senior Philadelphians.

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

**Resolution No. 210092:** Resolution Honoring Stephanie Resnick on her receipt of the prestigious Judge Learned Hand Award from the American Jewish Committee in Philadelphia for her distinguished legal career.

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

**Resolution No. 210093:** Resolution Recognizing the work of William R. Sasso upon his transition from his role as Chairman of Stradley Ronon Stevens and Young to Chairman Emeritus.

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

**Resolution No. 210094:** Resolution Appointing Andrew Goodman to the board of directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

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

**Resolution No. 210095:** Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings to review the motor vehicle stop of a young mother and her two-year old son and resulting police activities as well as other incidents that arose following the police killing of Walter Wallace.

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

**Resolution No. 210096:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating the St Joseph's Preparatory School Football Team, on their successful 2020 season and overall 6-0 record in the Philadelphia Catholic League.

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

**Resolution No. 210097:** Resolution Thanking Congress for passing the Save Our Stages Act and urging the Small Business Administration to equitably promote and distribute funds while continuing to support and invest in the arts and culture sector.

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

**Bill No. 210081:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Property Licenses and Owner Accountability;” Section A-906, entitled “Property License Fees;” Chapter 14-604, entitled “Accessory Uses and Structures;” and Chapter 19-2400, entitled “Hotel Room Rental Tax,” to add and revise provisions related to the use of properties for limited lodging and hotel purposes and to the collection of hotel rental taxes in connection therewith; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

**Resolution No. 210098:** Resolution Appointing Chris Barnes to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

**Resolution No. 210099:** Resolution Appointing Katrina Johnston-Zimmerman to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

**Resolution No. 210100:** Resolution Appointing Adam Zaken to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

**Resolution No. 210101:** Resolution Appointing Allison Harvey Hindman to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

**Resolution No. 210102:** Resolution Appointing Monica Thompson to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

**Resolution No. 210103:** Resolution Appointing Adam Shapiro to the Board of Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Council President Clarke, Brooks, Domb, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson, Green, Gym, Henon, Johnson, Jones, O'Neill, Oh, Parker, Quiñones Sánchez, Squilla and Thomas, Sponsored by Councilmember Bass:

**Bill No. 210082:** An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contracts and Procurement," by amending Chapter 17-1400, entitled "Non-Competitively Bid Contracts; Financial Assistance," to provide procedures applicable to the awarding of contracts to non-City providers of vaccine doses for COVID-19 and related variants, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

**Resolution No. 210104:** Resolution Recognizing February 7, 2021 as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and honoring the work of Bebash in providing access to culturally sensitive high-quality healthcare, HIV/AIDS services, health education, and social services.

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

**Resolution No. 210105:** Resolution Recognizing the week of February 1, 2021 to February 7, 2021 as National Gun Violence Survivors Week to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence, and uplift the resilient voices of survivors in Philadelphia.

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

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**Bill No. 210083:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-2600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Business Income and Receipts Taxes,” by expanding the distressed business tax credit to include businesses impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

**Resolution No. 210106:** Resolution Expressing support for longtime Philadelphia news anchor Ukee Washington, and standing with all impacted employees at CBS3, amid reports of gross misconduct at the network.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following persons provided public comment on February 4, 2021:

**Name and Comment Subject**

- Shonda McClain (210009)
- Carol Weatherford (210009)
- Shameeka Sawyer (210105)
- Mary Bentley LaMar (210008)
- John Scott (210038)
- Jude Ann Spencer (210104)
- Andrew Miller (210038)
- Valerie Ross (210038)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**

**Resolution No. 210008:** Resolution Honoring the 90th North Atlantic Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and Declaring March 4, 2021 as “Alpha Kappa Alpha Day” in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210009:** Resolution Honoring the African American Children’s Book Project on the Occasion of its 29th Annual African American Children’s Book Fair.



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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210011:** Resolution Calling on Congress to pass HR 6422 to create a National Infrastructure Bank.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210012:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Ted Kirsch for his lifelong commitment to educating children, empowering and supporting teachers, and strengthening the Labor movement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210013:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating Philadelphia’s Living Legends: Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, Rev. Gregory Holston, Rev. Mark Tyler, Deputy Police Commissioner Melvin Singleton, State Representative Joanna McClinton, and the Doctors of the Black Doctors Consortium, who were the “Guiding Lights” of the year 2020 and are trailblazers and leaders in their respective fields of medicine, research, politics, religion, the justice system and community outreach, as part of the commemoration of Black History Month.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210014:** Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of esteemed Philadelphia entrepreneur and restaurateur, KeVen Parker.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210015:** Resolution Honoring Henry Aaron for a lifetime of pioneering achievements as a professional athlete and civil rights champion.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210016:** Resolution Also naming the 1300 block of South Street “KeVen Parker Way,” to honor and celebrate the legacy of KeVen Parker.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210017:** Resolution Also naming the 7000 block of Woodland Avenue “Paul ‘Earthquake’ Moore Way” to honor and celebrate Paul “Earthquake” Moore for a lifetime of devoted service to the Southwest Philadelphia community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210018:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2001 Pemberton Street located in the 2nd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210019:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 833 E. Madison Street 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. 210020:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1736 and 1738 Bodine Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210021:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 1907 N. Phillip Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210022:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2006 N Lawrence Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210023:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2031 Orkney Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210024:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2034 Hope Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210025:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2249 Waterloo Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210026:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2451 N 6th Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210027:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2661 N Orianna Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210028:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 4257 N Fairhill Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210029:** Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 4338 Tackawanna Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210035:** Resolution Recognizing the outstanding work of Deborah Diamond as President of Campus Philly upon her departure from the organization.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210036:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Dr. Rachel Levine upon her appointment to Assistant Health Secretary in the administration of President Joseph Biden and recognizing her outstanding contributions to the safety and health of Pennsylvanians during the Covid-19 pandemic.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210037:** Resolution Recognizing AJC Philadelphia for its work with We Are Here! and ORT in the 2021 commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day and further acknowledging January 27th as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210038:** Resolution Authorizing the creation of a Zoning Code Review Commission to evaluate and recommend improvements to Philadelphia's Zoning Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210039:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Paul Deegan on his retirement, after more than 30 years of service to PIDC and more than 45 total years of service to the City of Philadelphia.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210040:** 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210042:** Resolution Supporting House Resolution 25, which would initiate investigations and call for the sanction, including removal from the House of Representatives, of members who have sought to overturn the 2020 Presidential election.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210043:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett for her leadership and achievement on the National Institutes of Health's COVID-19 vaccine research.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210044:** Resolution Honoring and recognizing Stacey Abrams for her leadership as the founder of Fair Fight Action and The New Georgia Project, and her achievement in fighting voter suppression.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**Resolution No. 210047:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating the legendary record label, Philadelphia International Records, on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**SPEECHES**

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.