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Thursday, May 20, 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.

Pastor Edmund T. Sherrill of Mt. Enon Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of May 13, 2021.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Transmitting a resolution confirming the reappointment of Barbara Adams as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve in the term ending January 1, 2025. (File No. 210493)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution confirming the appointment of Natalia Dominguez as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve in the term ending January 1, 2027. (File No. 210494)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution confirming the reappointment of Barbara Moore as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve in the term ending January 1, 2024. (File No. 210495)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

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Transmitting a resolution confirming the reappointment of E. Mitchell Swann as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve in the term ending January 1, 2026. (File No. 210496)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an ordinance amending Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Services and Other Businesses,” to modify the requirements to operate a self-service laundry; all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 210497)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development, on behalf of the City, to file applications with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Community Development Block Grant; to file applications to participate in the HOME Investment Partnership program and the Emergency Solutions Grant program; and to apply for a Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant; and to file applications with the Commonwealth to obtain grants under the Act of April 12, 1956, P.L. 1449, Section 4, as amended, to prevent and eliminate blight; authorizing the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Commerce to file applications to obtain other grants from the Commonwealth; authorizing the Director of Commerce to use the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program; and authorizing the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Commerce to enter into all understandings and assurances contained in such applications and take all necessary action to accept the grants; all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 210498)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill No. 210139-AA, which was passed by Council on May 6, 2021, was signed by the Mayor on May 19, 2021. (File No. 210499)

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. 210467: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Cecil B. Moore Avenue, 20th Street, Oxford Street, and 21st Street.

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 210468: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Thompson Street (extended), 6th Street, Girard Avenue, Percy Street, Harper Street, and 13th Street and to amend Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by revising certain provisions of Chapter 14-500, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by creating the “/GAO, Girard Avenue Overlay District,” all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 210469: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” to revise certain provisions of Chapter 14-500, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by amending the /NCP North Central Philadelphia Overlay District, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 210470: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14-900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Signs,” by providing for new sign controls, entitled “1900 Market Street Digital Display Sign Regulations”; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Resolution No. 210485: Resolution Recognizing and congratulating Duane H. Bumb on his retirement and 25 years of distinguished service to the City of Philadelphia Department of Commerce.

Resolution No. 210486: Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of James V. Nixon, Jr. and recognizing his impact on the Philadelphia arts and culture community.

Councilmember Gilmore Richardson Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final

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Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson:

Resolution No. 210487: Resolution Confirming the reappointment of Barbara Adams as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve in the term ending January 1, 2025.

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

Resolution No. 210488: Resolution Confirming the appointment of Natalia Dominguez as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve in the term ending January 1, 2027.

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

Resolution No. 210489: Resolution Confirming the reappointment of Barbara Moore as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve in the term ending January 1, 2024.

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

Resolution No. 210490: Resolution Confirming the reappointment of E. Mitchell Swann as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve in the term ending January 1, 2026.

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

Resolution No. 210491: Resolution Urging support for Pennsylvania House Bills 1204, 1206, 806, and 244 focused on addressing disparities in education, strengthening career and technical education, and creating workforce development opportunities.

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

Bill No. 210471: An Ordinance Authorizing non-accessory parking on the premises located at 4422-24 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, all under certain terms

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and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 210472: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12-2700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Permit Parking Districts,” by amending the boundaries of Permit Parking District 16, 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 Councilmember Johnson:

Bill No. 210473: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14-1000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Historic Preservation,” to establish a temporary demolition moratorium with respect to properties in the area of Christian Street between Broad and 20th Streets, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Quiñones Sánchez Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Councilmembers Sanchez and Gauthier, Sponsored by Councilmember :

Bill No. 210474: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by revising certain provisions of Section 14-702, entitled “Floor Area, Height, and Housing Unit Density Bonuses”; and by making related 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. 210475: An Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Planning and Development, on behalf of the City, to file applications with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Community Development Block Grant; to file applications to participate in the HOME Investment Partnership program and the Emergency Solutions Grant program; and to apply for a Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS grant; and to file applications with the Commonwealth to obtain grants under the Act of April 12, 1956, P.L. 1449, Section 4, as amended, to prevent and eliminate blight; authorizing the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Commerce to file applications to obtain other grants from the

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Commonwealth; authorizing the Director of Commerce to use the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program; and authorizing the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Commerce to enter into all understandings and assurances contained in such applications and take all necessary action to accept the grants; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 210476: An Ordinance Approving the amendment of the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works (including the supplying of funds in connection therewith) subject to certain constraints and conditions, and acknowledging the receipt of the Revised Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026, as amended.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 210477: An Ordinance Approving the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works (including the supplying of funds in connection therewith) subject to certain constraints and conditions, and acknowledging receipt of the Revised Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Bill No. 210478: An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation in the vicinity of: Frazier street and Spruce street; Ludlow street and S. 58th street; Yewdall street and Larchwood avenue; Reinhard street and S. 47th street; S. 48th street and Reinhard street; Baring street and N. 32nd street; Brandywine street and N. 34th street; Hamilton street and N. 35th street; Haverford avenue and N. 32nd street; Haverford Avenue and N. 40th street; Wallace street and N. 33rd street; Mandela Way and N. 46th street; Mount Vernon street and N. 33rd street; Preston street and Baring street; St. Malachys Way and N. 46th street; Spring Garden street and N. 40th street; N. 31st street and Hamilton street; Sansom street and S. 49th street; S. 61st street and Walnut street; Irving street and S. 51st street; Ruby street and Market street; Pine

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street and S. 46th street; Mount Vernon street and N. 32nd street; N. 42nd street and Baring street; and State street and Powelton avenue.

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

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

Bill No. 210479: An Ordinance To amend the Master Plan for the University of Pennsylvania by areas of land located within an area bounded by Chestnut Street, 33rd Street, Ludlow Street, and 34th Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 210480: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Civic Center Boulevard, University Avenue, Spruce Street, and 34th Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 210481: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Service and Other Businesses," to modify the requirements to operate a self-service laundry; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 210482: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14-500 of the Philadelphia Zoning Code, entitled "Overlay Zoning Districts," by creating a new section, entitled "/HHC, Heliport Hazard Control Overlay District," and making related changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 210483: An Ordinance Amending the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing

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the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Allegheny Avenue, Collins Street, Westmoreland Street, and Tulip Street; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 210484: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Broad Street, Erie Avenue, Hunting Park Avenue, Wissahickon Avenue, Railroad Right-of-Way, Clarissa Street, Juniata Street, Germantown Avenue, Hunting Park Avenue, and Roosevelt Boulevard.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Resolution No. 210492: Resolution Supporting the All Faiths Vaccination Campaign's (AFVC) efforts to achieve vaccination equity by hosting vaccination clinics in Philadelphia's underserved Black and Brown neighborhoods.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill No. 210074, as amended: 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 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.

COUNCILMEMBER PARKER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 210074, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Resolution No. 210098: Resolution Appointing Chris Barnes to the Board of

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Directors for the South Street Headhouse District.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill No. 210364, as amended: An Ordinance Amending various chapters of The Philadelphia Code to address matters related to the availability of feminine hygiene products in City facilities, and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BASS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 210364, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Bill No. 210074, as amended: 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 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 READ AND ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

Bill No. 210364, as amended: An Ordinance Amending various chapters of The Philadelphia Code to address matters related to the availability of feminine hygiene products in City facilities, and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on May 20, 2021:

Name and Comment Subject

Destiny Jackson (210456)

Sara Clarke-Stewart (210360)

Drew Murray (210360)

Sakhri Abdullayev (210460)

Laila Salehli (210460)

Sabir Abdulleyev (210460)

Tomris Azeri (210460)

Shareese Lee (210434)

April McBride (210434)

Johnson Jajoute (210434)

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 3 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 you support or oppose 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. 210375: Resolution Calling on the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to take action to prevent the transportation of liquified natural gas through the City of Philadelphia; and further calling on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and/or the Army Corps of Engineers to perform an environmental impact statement of the proposed docking facility in Gibbstown, New Jersey.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

Resolution No. 210452: Resolution Also naming the 1600 block of South Street "Ronald K. Washington Way" to honor Ron Washington, founding owner of the legendary Ron's Ribs, for his legacy of dedicated service to the South Philadelphia community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210453: 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 Second Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210454: 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 Third Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210455: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 5559 Locust Street located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210456: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Destiny Jackson on her acceptance into 50+ colleges while experiencing homelessness, foster care, and participating in several extra-curricular leadership positions.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210458: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Frank Stephen Spera on the occasion of his retirement from the Pennsylvania State Police-Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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Resolution No. 210460: Resolution Calling on the City of Philadelphia to include the flag of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the display of international flags along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

Bill No. 210360: An Ordinance Officially naming and designating the dog park located on the north side of Winter Street between 21st Street and 22nd Street, in the City of Philadelphia, as the “Rob Stuart Memorial Dog Park”.

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

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.