

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA



Thursday, November 4, 2021

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

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Henon

Council met, a quorum being present.

Elder Morris Singleton of Victory Community Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

of the meeting of October 28, 2021

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Parker requested leave of absence for

Councilmember Henon

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 303-07 W. Berks Street and 1925 N. 5th Street in the Seventh 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. (File No. 210916)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

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

Resolution No. 210904: Resolution Declaring each Friday in December of 2021 as “Shop Black Business Friday” in the City of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 210905: Resolution Recognizing November 15 through November 21, 2021 as National Apprenticeship Week and honoring ApprenticeshipPHL for its continued commitment to connecting Philadelphians to family-supporting careers.

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

Resolution No. 210906: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Stephen F. Gold, Esq. for his pathbreaking achievements in civil rights litigation, which have advanced the movement for disability rights and helped countless people to live with dignity and independence, as well as for his tireless and passionate support for social justice.

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

Bill No. 210899: 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 bounded by Henry Avenue, Roxborough Avenue, Silverwood Street, and Fountain Street; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 210900: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021 from the General Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, the Grants Revenue Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, the Water Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, and the Aviation Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to the General Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, the Water Fund to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions and the Aviation Fund to certain or all

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

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. 210901: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022 from the General Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, the Water Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions and the Grants Revenue Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions, to the General Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions and the Water Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Resolution No. 210907: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 303-07 W. Berks Street and 1925 N. 5th Street in the Seventh 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.

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

Resolution No. 210908: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2003 N. Orkney Street, 2039 E. Fletcher Street and 2913 N. Orkney Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 210909: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 167 E. Lippincott Street, 508 E. Cambria Street and 3217 Shelbourne Street in the Seventh Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 210910: Resolution Recognizing the week of November 8, 2021 as Global Entrepreneurship Week (“GEW”) and celebrating the small business community and the impact of the entrepreneurial spirit on Philadelphia’s economy.

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

Resolution No. 210911: Resolution Honoring Villanova University basketball coach Jay Wright upon his induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and his many contributions to the Philadelphia region’s dynamic sports scene.

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

Bill No. 210902: An Ordinance Amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code,” by amending Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) and Subcode “PM” (The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code) and other related sections of The Philadelphia Code to add provisions related to the abatement of rats and other vermin in the City of Philadelphia, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 210903: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by amending Section 14-303(15) to convey standing upon District Councilmembers to file appeals to the courts, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Resolution No. 210912: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Finance to hold hearings to determine the feasibility of providing financial and/or legal assistance to

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

disadvantaged Registered Community Organizations (RCOs) that seek to appeal a Zoning Board of Adjustments decision.

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

Resolution No. 210913: Resolution Authorizing City Council to retain legal counsel to file a lawsuit to require the Administration to implement and enforce Bill Number 200425, an ordinance duly enacted by the City Council of Philadelphia which became law on January 28, 2021.

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

Resolution No. 210914: Resolution Authorizing Council's Special Committee on Child Separations in Philadelphia to conduct public hearings to further understand the role of community umbrella agencies (CUA), such as Turning Points for Children, in the local child welfare system, and further investigate the systemic failures that resulted in three girls being returned to their sexually abusive father.

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

Resolution No. 210915: Resolution Honoring, recognizing, and celebrating William W. Bodine High School for International Affairs on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on November 4, 2021

Name and Comment Subject

There were no Comments offered on November 4, 2021

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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from the session.

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars – titles are printed below.

Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the Mayor for reconsideration.

Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars.

Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Bill No. 210778-A, as amended: An Ordinance To amend Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code by adding Section 14-532, entitled the “/AHP, Affordable Housing Preservation Overlay District” and making other related changes; to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by 39th Street, Ludlow Street, 40th Street, and Market Street; and to establish a temporary demolition moratorium with respect to properties within the aforementioned area; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER MOVED TO AMEND BILL NO. 210778 (SEE FILE).

COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 210778 WAS ADOPTED.

Bill No. 210778-A, as amended: An Ordinance To amend Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code by adding Section 14-532, entitled the “/AHP, Affordable Housing Preservation Overlay District” and making other related changes; to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by 39th Street, Ludlow Street, 40th Street, and Market Street; and to establish a temporary demolition moratorium with respect to properties within the aforementioned area; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

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

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Resolution No. 210871: Resolution Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee 75th Anniversary of The Links, Incorporated.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210872: Resolution Honoring the Oak Lane Youth Association on the special occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210873: Resolution Congratulating Sonia Sanchez on winning the Dorothy and Lillian Gish Prize, one of the country's most prestigious and generous arts honors.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210874: Resolution Also naming the 2400 block of W. Indiana Avenue as "Reverend Dr. A. W. Dock Way," in honor of Reverend Dr. Albert Wilson Dock, to commemorate his legacy as a preacher, teacher, and evangelist.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210875: Resolution Also naming the 4300 block of Tower Street as "Josie D. Heard AMEC Way," in honor of Josie D. Heard, to commemorate her legacy as an educator, author, hymnist, and as the namesake of the Josie D. Heard African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Manayunk neighborhood of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210876: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 3119 N. 35th Street in the Fourth 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. 210877: Resolution Appointing Maria González to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

Resolution No. 210878: Resolution Recognizing November as Epilepsy Awareness Month.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210879: Resolution Recognizing and celebrating Women’s Community Revitalization Project on the 35th Anniversary of the organization’s incorporation.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210880: Resolution Memorializing and honoring the life of the late Walter Wallace, Jr., and recognizing the adoption of police reforms inspired by his death and the activism in his name.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210882: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Philadelphia Native, Kahleah Copper, as the Champion of the Week for being named WNBA Finals MVP and winning the WNBA title.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210883: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2505 Emerald Street located in the 1st Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210884: Resolution Honoring the life and legacy of Colin L. Powell for his exemplary and outstanding service to the United States as a trailblazing military general, statesman, and public servant.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210885: Resolution Recognizing October 2021 as Down Syndrome Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210886: Resolution Designating October 1st as “Latin American Entrepreneur Day” in recognition of the successful “Latin America Thrives in Philadelphia” event.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210887: Resolution Recognizing, congratulating, and thanking the United States Marine Corps on the occasion of its 246th Anniversary.

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210888: Resolution Recognizing the Ukrainian Federation of America on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

Bill No. 210549: An Ordinance Approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion to extend the term of existence of the District to December 31, 2042.

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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 210634, as amended: An Ordinance To amend the Master Plan for the University of Pennsylvania by areas of land located within an area bounded by Guardian Drive, East Service Drive, Civic Center Boulevard, 34th Street, 33rd Street, Walnut Street, the Schuylkill River, 34th Street, and University Avenue.

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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 210637: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by amending certain provisions of Chapter 14-800, entitled “Parking and Loading,” pertaining to parking requirements for uses in historically designated properties, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 210638: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by 11th Street, Reed Street, 12th Street, and Wharton Street, to amend Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code by adding Section 14-531, entitled "/SMH, South Philadelphia Municipal Hub Overlay District," and making other related changes, and approving the Residential Mixed-Use-2 District (RMX-2) Master Plan for the site generally bounded by 11th Street, Reed Street, 12th Street, and Wharton Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 210667, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-529 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "/VDO, Fifth District Overlay District," to prohibit certain bonuses, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 210668: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-504 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "/NCO, Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District," by expanding the existing Strawberry Mansion /NCO area to include an area bounded by Lehigh Avenue, 29th Street, and Sedgley Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

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

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

Nays: 0

Bill No. 210687: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Trenton Avenue, Cambria Street, Tulip Street, and William Street.

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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 210742, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-502 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/CTR, Center City Overlay District”, by amending certain height regulations and creating bulk and massing controls within the Benjamin Franklin Parkway Area, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 Councilmembers Green, Gym, Oh, Squilla, Johnson, Jones, Council President Clarke, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Parker, O'Neill, Brooks, Gauthier, Gilmore Richardson and Thomas

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 Councilmember Domb

Bill No. 210632: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-1600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Economic Opportunity Plans,” by establishing new definitions and clarifying the manner in which credit is given for M/W/DSBE participation, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Nays: 0

Resolution No. 210912: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Finance to hold hearings to determine the feasibility of providing financial and/or legal assistance to disadvantaged Registered Community Organizations (RCOs) that seek to appeal a Zoning Board of Adjustments decision.

JOURNAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 210914: Resolution Authorizing Council's Special Committee on Child Separations in Philadelphia to conduct public hearings to further understand the role of community umbrella agencies (CUA), such as Turning Points for Children, in the local child welfare system, and further investigate the systemic failures that resulted in three girls being returned to their sexually abusive father.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS OH, GREEN, THOMAS, JONES, GAUTHIER, JOHNSON, RICHARDSON, BASS, PARKER, SANCHEZ AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.