

Thursday, February 10, 2022

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

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend Madre Jessie Alejandro o the Church of the Crucifixion was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of the February 3, 2022

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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 1433 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1454 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1428 N. Myrtlewood Street, 1443 N. Myrtlewood Street, 719 Montgomery Avenue, 737 Montgomery Avenue, 739 Montgomery Avenue, 741 Montgomery Avenue, 743 Montgomery Avenue, 2453 N. Carlisle Street, 1532 N. Marston Street, 2408 N. 31st Street, 2410 N. 31st Street, 2412 N. 31st Street, 3013 W. York Street, 3015 W. York Street and 3108 W. York Street in the Fifth 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. 220140)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2257 Hope Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of

Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code. (File No. 220141)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an ordinance authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022 from the General 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, the Water Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions and the Aviation Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions. (File No. 220142)

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 for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Parker:

Resolution No. 220121: Resolution Confirming the appointment of Sophia Lee as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve in the term ending January 1, 2023.

COUNCILMEMBER PARKER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF $\ .$

Resolution No. 220122 on today's Final Passage Calendar.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Resolution No. 220122: Resolution Recognizing February 14, 2022 as Maternal Healthcare Provider Appreciation Day.

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

Bill No. 220110: An Ordinance Amending Section A-303 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Demolition and Relocation of Structures," to add additional requirements for the issuance of demolition permits for structures currently or previously used as religious facilities; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 220111: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-215 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Streeteries," to revise and add additional permitted locations, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 220112: An Ordinance Adopting an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Manayunk Special Services District of Philadelphia to extend the term of that Authority; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 220113: An Ordinance Approving a new plan, estimated costs and proposed method of assessment of the Manayunk Special Services District for and concerning business improvements and administrative services to the Manayunk business district of the City of Philadelphia.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED 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. 220123: Resolution Honoring Maxwell Brown for his longtime dedication to community empowerment and to the mentorship of young men through his Max Out of Life program.

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

Bill No. 220114: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022 from the General 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, the Water Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions and the Aviation Fund, certain or all City offices, departments,

departments, boards and commissions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Bill No. 220115: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-2500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Fire Suppression System Workers," to modify licensing requirements applicable to Fire Suppression System Workers.

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

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

Resolution No. 220124: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 2257 Hope Street located in the 7th Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Bill No. 220116: An Ordinance Approving the amendment of 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 the receipt of the Revised Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027, as amended.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Resolution No. 220125: Resolution Encouraging the Philadelphia Board of Education to adopt and implement a civic participation and voter registration program, as proposed by PA Youth Vote.

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

Resolution No. 220126: Resolution Honoring the life, courage, and resilience of Ona "Oney" Judge, whose story of escape to freedom has become a pillar in Black American history for its themes of autonomy, self-actualization, pride, and its particular significance in Philadelphia's abolitionist history.

Councilmember Domb Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Domb, Squilla, Gym, Brooks, Green and Gauthier:

Bill No. 220117: 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 of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide that Councilmembers shall not be eligible for election for more than four terms of office; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER DOMB - BILL NO. 220117 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

Councilmember Domb Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Domb:

Resolution No. 220127: Resolution Proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for a limitation of Councilmembers' terms in office to no more than four terms; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 220128: Resolution Honoring and recognizing the work and contributions of community activist Jamal Johnson for his tireless advocacy against gun violence in the City of Philadelphia, and across the nation.

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

Resolution No. 220129: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 3851 Aspen Street, 3855 Aspen Street, 3732 Haverford Avenue, 3825 Fairmount Avenue, 3605 Melon Street, 3607 Melon Street, 3832 Melon Street, 3858 Mount Vernon Street, 614 N. Shedwick Street, 3832 Wallace Street, 3830 Wallace Street, 708 N. 34th Street, 709 N. 35th Street, 676 N. 36th Street, 681 N. 37th Street, 740 N. 38th Street, 5139 Delancey Street & 747 N. 39th Street, 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.

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

Resolution No. 220130: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 1317 S. Melville Street and 1328 S. Melville Street 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.

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

Resolution No. 220131: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 3625 Wallace Street located in the 3rd Councilmanic District in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 220132: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Services to hold hearings regarding Beets, Brine and Salt regarding the recipe for Philadelphia's Streets in Winter in order to advance our interests in safe roads, healthy streams and good stewardship of resources and the taxpayers funds.

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

Resolution No. 220133: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings to better understand the local purchasing goal set by the Administration in response to Council Member Thomas's Keep it Local bill, to assess the progress made toward that goal, and to offer a forum to discuss best practices in this space going forward to ensure that the City of Philadelphia always looks first to forward its homegrown small and medium sized businesses when making purchasing decisions.

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

Resolution No. 220134: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week and Black Business Crawl organization, the National Marian Anderson Museum & Historical Society, on their dedication to Black art and historical preservation of Marian Anderson's life and her home in Philadelphia.

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar

the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

Resolution No. 220135: Resolution Honoring, congratulating, and thanking Darin L. Gatti on the occasion of his retirement from the Streets Department and his many years of service to the citizens of Philadelphia.

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

Bill No. 220118: An Ordinance Authorizing an encroachment upon East Passyunk Avenue and Moore Street in the vicinity of 1801 East Passyunk Avenue Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 220119: An Ordinance Authorizing an existing bulk window at 2519 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 220120: An Ordinance Continuing the Mt. Airy Business Improvement District beyond its termination date, in an area that generally includes both sides of Germantown Avenue from 6300 to 7631 and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Germantown Avenue and for which the Mt. Airy Improvement District, Inc., a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, is the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District; approving a final plan and report for the District, including a list of proposed improvements and their estimated cost, and providing for assessment fees to be levied on property owners within the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the Mt. Airy Improvement District, Inc. relating to the District; and authorizing the District, Inc. to assess certain property owners within the District a special property assessment fee to be used in accordance with the approved final plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFFERED 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. 220136: Resolution Initiating action to continue the Mt. Airy Business Improvement District beyond its termination date in an area that generally includes both sides of Germantown Avenue from 6300 to 7631 and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Germantown Avenue, for which Mt. Airy 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 Community and Economic Improvement Act prior to enactment of an ordinance that would formally continue the District.

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

Resolution No. 220137: Resolution Urging federal policymakers to ensure that individuals with Sickle Cell Disease have access to all medications and forms of treatment for Sickle Cell Disease, no matter their form of health care insurance.

DISCUSSION: COUNCILMEMBER BASS - RESOLUTION NO. 220137 - SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY.

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

Resolution No. 220138: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Aaron Turner and Eric Schroder of the 18th Police District for their courageous actions which led to the confiscation of an illegal firearm and stolen vehicle.

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

Resolution No. 220139: Resolution Declaring March 6th as Lithuanian Independence Day in the City of Philadelphia in honor of its Restoration of the State Day on February 16th and Restoration of Independence Day on March 11th.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

COUNCILMEMBER PARKER MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF $\ .$

A Consent Agenda to consider the following Resolutions on the Final Passage Calendar today, 220012, 220084, 220085, 220086, 220087, 220088, 220089, 220092, 220095 and 220096.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COUNCILMEMEMBER GYM REQUESTED THAT SHE BE EXCUSED AND WISHED TO BE RECORDED AS VOTED "AYE" ON ALL BILLS CALLED UP ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE, INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS.

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on February 10, 2022

Name and Comment Subject

Gerry Balmir (220012) Raymond Torres (210956) Peter Winslow (210956) Tiffany Green (220087)

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.

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 AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Resolution No. 220012: Resolution Calling on Secretary Xavier Becerra and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to reconsider the implementation of a rule instituted by the prior administration that could upend our nation's system of organ procurement, particularly in communities of color, and to include the vast, specific needs of the organ transplant system in analyzing and improving the metrics and outcomes of organ procurement organizations.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220084: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Pennsylvania athletes Summer Britcher, Andrew Heo, and Brian O'Neill, and wishing them well as they compete with Team USA at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220085: Resolution Designating the week of January 30, 2022, to February 5, 2022, as "Catholic Schools Week" in the City of Philadelphia, and further honoring and recognizing Catholic education throughout the City, and all Catholic Schools in the 4th Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220086: Resolution Recognizing Chad Dion Lassiter for being named Pennsylvania's 2021 Social Worker of the Year.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220087: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying

fee simple title to 1537 S. Lambert Street, 1514 S. Opal Street, 1520 S. Opal Street & 2008 Wilder Street, 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. 220088: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of 3215, 3217, 3221, 3223 Shelbourne Street; 901, 905 E. Westmoreland 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. 220089: Resolution Honoring the labor and power of "Black Rosie" Ruth "Ruthie" Wilson, whose critical industrial work at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, along with six hundred thousand other Black Rosies, helped win World War II and whose labors and wages served as the launching pad of the Black middle class.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE - RESOLUTION NO. 220089 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220090: Resolution Honoring and celebrating the life and monumental legacy of community and religious leader Imam Asim Abdur-Rashid of Masjid Mujahideen, who passed away on January 29, 2022.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBERS GAUTHIER AND JONES - RESOLUTION NO. 220090 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220092: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, Beech Community Services, on their development of the Philadelphia Black Biz directory and community engagement in North Philadelphia during the 4th annual Black Business Crawl.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220093: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Edward "Ed" McBride, PECO External Affairs Manager on the occasion of his passing.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBERS SQUILLA, SANCHEZ, GILMORE, GREEN, JOHNSON, PARKER, BASS, JONES AND O'NEILL, - RESOLUTION NO. 220093 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220095: Resolution Calling on the City of Philadelphia to explore ways to assist residents in maintaining the infrastructure of their property.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220096: Resolution Declaring "Philadelphia Stands with Ukraine" and urging the White House and the United States Congress to fully support Ukraine amid hostile acts and military build-up along its border from Russia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

Bill No. 220003, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Councilmanic Districts," by revising the boundaries of the Councilmanic Districts, 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. 220132: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Services to hold hearings regarding Beets, Brine and Salt regarding the recipe for Philadelphia's Streets in Winter in order to advance our interests in safe roads, healthy streams and good stewardship of resources and the taxpayers funds.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220133: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings to better understand the local purchasing goal set by the Administration in response to Council Member Thomas's Keep it Local bill, to assess the progress made toward that goal, and to offer a forum to discuss best practices in this space going forward to ensure that the City of Philadelphia always looks first to forward its homegrown small and medium sized businesses when making purchasing decisions.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS OH, BROOKS AND JONES, - SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.