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Thursday, April 21, 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.

Pastor Carlton L. Aiken, Sr of Upper Room Missionary Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of April 7, 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 certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon situate 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. 220349)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon situate in the Fifth Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to

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transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code. (File No. 220350)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 3009 Wharton Street, 1554 S. Dover Street, 6052 Kingsessing Avenue, 6050 Kingsessing Avenue, 1926 S 60th St & 6032 Chester Avenue, 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. (File No. 220351)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon situate in the 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 property pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code. (File No. 220352)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon situate in the 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. (File No. 220353)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon situate in the 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. (File No. 220354)

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting an ordinance amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code,” to amend provisions relating to allowable time extensions on a construction permit; all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 220355)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ AND FILED.

Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill No. 220225, which was passed by Council on April 7, 2022, was signed by the Mayor on April 20, 2022. (File No. 220356)

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. 220339: Resolution Approving the appointment of Debra McCarty to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board.

Councilmember Gym Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Gym, Squilla, Gauthier, Green, Parker, Johnson, Gilmore Richardson, Brooks and Thomas:

Bill No. 220337: An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions,” by adding a new Chapter, entitled “Employee Commuter Transit Benefit Programs,” to require certain employers to provide a mass transit and bicycle commuter benefit program, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

Bill No. 220338: An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by revising certain provisions of Section 14-524, entitled “/FDO, Fourth District Overlay District,” all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Resolution No. 220340: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying

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fee simple title to 3438 West Allegheny Avenue 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 property 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 for Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmembers Domb, Parker, Bass, Squilla, Gilmore Richardson, Quiñones Sánchez, Green and Jones:

Resolution No. 220341: Resolution Honoring and recognizing Attorney Michael Sklaroff for his profound imprint on the legal history of Pennsylvania and the development of the City of Philadelphia on the occasion of his retirement.

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

Resolution No. 220342: Resolution Honoring the life of Bobby Rydell and recognizing his lifetime of achievement in entertainment which delighted millions and made Philadelphia proud.

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

Resolution No. 220343: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, scientists Taku Kambayashi and Ruth Choa from the University of Pennsylvania's Biomedical Research Team, on their victory in the STAT Madness competition.

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

Resolution No. 220344: Resolution Calling on The Pennsylvania Legislature to use Federal COVID-19 Relief Money to fund Freedom Schools across the state, and in Philadelphia.

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

Resolution No. 220345: Resolution Also naming 5th Street between Cantrell Street and Snyder Avenue as "Rev. Enos Mackey Way".

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

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Resolution No. 220346: Resolution Declaring May 7, 2022 as “Jawn on the Lawn” Day in recognition of the inaugural event created by alumni of the Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA).

Councilmember Oh Introduced and Moved to Be Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar

- Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Oh and Gym:

Resolution No. 220347: Resolution Honoring the Korean American Association of Greater Philadelphia (KAAGP) for hosting a “Korea in Philly” celebration in recognition of its 50th Anniversary and the opening of the Korean Consular Office in Philadelphia.

Councilmember Oh Introduced and Moved to Be Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar

- Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Oh:

Resolution No. 220348: Resolution Recognizing April 30th as Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag Day as a Symbol of the Contributions of the Vietnamese-American Community in the City of Philadelphia.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolution No. 220264: Resolution Appointing Afroza Hossain to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolution No. 220265: Resolution Appointing Benjamin Lerner to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolution No. 220266: Resolution Appointing Haakim Peay to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolution No. 220267: Resolution Appointing Hassan Bennett to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

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Resolution No. 220268: Resolution Appointing Jahlee Hatchett to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolution No. 220269: Resolution Appointing John Solomon to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolution No. 220270: Resolution Appointing Maryelis Santiago to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolution No. 220271: Resolution Appointing Melanie DeBouse to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

Resolution No. 220272: Resolution Appointing Rosaura Torres-Thomas to the Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES

Bill No. 211020, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 762 South 10th Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 211020, AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 220190: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Refuse and Littering," by revising the annual fee for neighborhood sanitation and cleaning services and exempting owner-occupied duplexes from the annual neighborhood sanitation and cleaning services fee requirements; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO

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PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 220190.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 220222: An Ordinance Authorizing the relocation of the southwesterly curbline of Ridge Avenue, from Calumet Street to a point northwestwardly therefrom, and the northwesterly curbline of Calumet Street, from Ridge Avenue to Kelly Drive, on City Plan No. 163, authorizing the plotting on said City Plan of an area for public pedestrian use extending along the northwesterly side of Calumet Street, from Ridge Avenue to a point southwestwardly therefrom, and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said area for public pedestrian use, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 220222.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Bill No. 220223: An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on South 61st Street, both sides between Lindbergh Boulevard to just past Eastwick Avenue.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 220223.

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. 211020, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a sidewalk café in the vicinity of 762 South 10th Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 220190: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Refuse and Littering," by revising the annual fee for neighborhood sanitation and cleaning services and exempting owner-occupied duplexes from the annual neighborhood sanitation and cleaning services fee requirements; all under certain terms and conditions.

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Bill No. 220222: An Ordinance Authorizing the relocation of the southwesterly curbline of Ridge Avenue, from Calumet Street to a point northwestwardly therefrom, and the northwesterly curbline of Calumet Street, from Ridge Avenue to Kelly Drive, on City Plan No. 163, authorizing the plotting on said City Plan of an area for public pedestrian use extending along the northwesterly side of Calumet Street, from Ridge Avenue to a point southwestwardly therefrom, and authorizing acceptance of the grant to the City of the said area for public pedestrian use, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Bill No. 220223: An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on South 61st Street, both sides between Lindbergh Boulevard to just past Eastwick Avenue.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on April 21, 2022

Name and Comment Subject

Brittany Sterner (220328)

Dr. Sylvia Diggs (220333)

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. 220248-A: Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 1604-1608 Page street, 1610 Page street, 1612 Page street, and 1614 Page street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia, Inc. and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

Resolution No. 220248-A, as amended: Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 1604-1608 Page street, 1610 Page street, 1612 Page street, and 1614 Page street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia, Inc. and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

THE RESOLUTION WAS AMENDED.

Resolution No. 220248-A: Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 1604-1608 Page street, 1610 Page street, 1612 Page street, and 1614 Page street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia, Inc. and to take such

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action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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

Resolution No. 220324: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 2100 N. 6th Street and 2104-06 N. 6th 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.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220325: Resolution Recognizing Rick Bloomingdale upon his retirement as President from the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220326: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Philadelphia natives, Questlove, Jazmine Sullivan, and the Philadelphia Orchestra for a stellar 2022 award season, collectively winning an Oscar and four Grammys for outstanding contributions to music and film.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220327: Resolution Recognizing April 22, 2022 as Earth Day in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220328: Resolution Celebrating the Selection of *My Broken Language: A Memoir*, written by Philadelphia-born, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Quiara Alegria Hudes, for the 2022 “One Book, One Philadelphia” Program.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220330: Resolution Calling on Mayor James Kenney, Governor Tom Wolf, and the Pennsylvania General Assembly to use all powers of their offices to declare a state of emergency and seek available emergency relief resources from the state and federal governments through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to address the humanitarian emergency in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia, including but not limited to resources that will provide hazard mitigation, access to health-related treatments, neighborhood cleanup and remediation, wraparound social services for neighborhood residents and persons experiencing homelessness and substance use disorders, and all other necessary assistance to maintain a safe and

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healthy environment for Philadelphians living or working in this area.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220331: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Dawn Staley for coaching the 2022 Women's NCAA Championship basketball team, the University of South Carolina Gamecocks.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220332: Resolution Honoring and congratulating Champion of the Week, Northeast High School Wrestling team, on their successful 2021-2022 season and winning the Public League Championship title.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220333: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Judge Doris Smith-Ribner for her years of service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the first Black woman elected to a statewide judicial seat on the occasion of Women's History Month.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 220334: Resolution Recognizing and honoring Michael McGady and Matthew Mulholland - police officers in the 39th District - for their swift, lifesaving response to a fire in North Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER JONES MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.