Legislation Text

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Authorizing City Council's Committee of the Whole to hold all hearings required pursuant to Bill No. 200364-A, which established a requirement that the Council hold hearings in connection with anticipated collective bargaining agreements between the City and Police Employees in the Philadelphia Police Department represented by the Fraternal Order of Police.

WHEREAS, On September 30, 2020, the Mayor signed into law Bill No. 200364-A ("the Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, The Ordinance defines the term "Contract" to mean the following:

> "Contract" means a collective bargaining labor agreement, between the City and Police Employees in the Philadelphia Police Department represented by the Fraternal Order of Police ("FOP") concerning general terms and conditions of employment as part of the interest arbitration process set forth in the Police and Fireman Collective Bargaining Act, 43 P.S. 217.1 et seq. It does not include an agreement based on a demand for interest arbitration or other dispute during the course of the term of a general contract or a settlement arising from a grievance arbitration, unfair labor practice complaint or representation petition; and

WHEREAS, The Ordinance further provides, in relevant part:

> The City shall not send a proposal to the FOP to enter into or amend a Contract as defined herein, unless the Mayor has requested, by letter provided to the Chief Clerk of Council, and City Council has held, a public hearing addressing the Contract proposal, including but not limited to, the cost of the Contract proposal and any other terms or conditions set forth therein, at least thirty days before sending the proposal, unless the Council President certifies to the Office of Labor that Council is unavailable for a 30 day period from the time of receiving the Mayor's request for a hearing to do so; and

WHEREAS, To assure maximum transparency, and to provide all Members of Council with a full opportunity to participate in the hearings required by this newly-established procedure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, That City Council's Committee of the Whole is hereby authorized to hold all hearings required pursuant to Bill No. 200364-A.