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Thursday, March 22, 2007

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Kelly, Campbell, Kenney, Ramos, Rizzo, Savage, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

Council met, a quorum being present

Reverend Doctor Arlen Churn Founder of the Unlimited Horizons Ministry was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
of the meeting of March 15, 2007

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 060892, 060898, 060899, 070048-A, 070074, 070075-A and 070078, which were passed by Council on March 8, 2007, were signed by the Mayor on March 21, 2007. (File No. 070214)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- March 22, 2007

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

I am returning herewith as disapproved Bill No. 060828, passed by the Council on March 1st 2007. This Bill would remove a requirement from the Public

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Employees Retirement

Code that the Pension Fund achieve the actuarial funding level of 76.7% before any payments to the Pension Adjustment Fund (PAF) can be made. Instead, positive returns on pension assets of more than 9.75 percent (based on the current earnings assumption) would have to be shared with the PAF immediately, regardless of how poor the condition of the pension plan. All gains between 1 percent and 6 percent would have to be split with the PAF - enriching the benefits of vested and already-retired employees. The City's actuary has estimated Bill No. 060828 could increase the required General Fund contribution by \$300 to \$600 million, over the next 15 to 17 years when it is projected the Pension Fund will be funded at 76.7%.

Over the last fifteen years, we have restored the fiscal stability of our City, created one of the most vibrant center cities in the nation, created a renaissance in our neighborhoods, reduced taxes by more than \$1.8 billion dollars creating a healthier business environment, a robust hospitality industry, and stabilized City finances. Six years of fiscal stability and academic progress in the public schools, enhanced programs for our children, and decreased serious violent crimes has been achieved. Many thought this would be impossible. We have not been timid when confronted with tough decisions or opportunity. Philadelphia has as bright future, however, the job is never done. In the coming years, this City like many others across the country must address more job creation, the need for additional social supports for our families and children, school funding inadequacy, inequity in our property tax system, soaring healthcare costs, gun violence and prison overcrowding that can compromise our future. This Bill, while charitably motivated takes us in the wrong direction.

Due to the market downturn and severe losses early this decade, the last time that the Pension Fund achieved the fund basis of a 76.7 percent actuarial funding level was in FY01, when the City's General Fund contribution to the Pension Fund was \$194 million.

The Pension Fund is currently funded at only 53 percent, one of the worst funding ratios among the 50 largest cities in the country according to a recent report by Moody's Investors Service and the General Fund pension payment is budgeted at \$419 million for FY07. The City and its taxpayers are paying more than twice as much, with further increases scheduled in the next several years and barely affordable in the current Five-Year Plan, yet we have gotten further

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behind on the amortization schedule necessary to be sure that the Pension Fund can meet its legal obligations.

The Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (PICA) raised many of these issues in its report on the City's Pension Fund issued in December 2005, and repeated the warning in its testimony before Council in connection with Council's consideration of Bill #060828. In response, the Administration proposed lowering the assumed earnings on the fund from 9% to 8.75%. We would do well to heed PICA's warning and focus our efforts on shrinking the unfunded liability rather than authorizing largely unrestricted COLA payments as permitted in this legislation.

The Council has clearly expressed an interest in providing assistance to our current, long-standing retirees, and I share that interest. I will work with Council to provide a bonus payment for all retirees (or their survivors) aged 60 and over, who were retired at least 15 years as of January 1, 2007. This would allow us to do something now for those retirees that have not received an adjustment or bonus in five years, and who may be most in need since their pension base pay was determined at a time of lower salaries, rather than make a systemic change with significant and long-lasting impacts shortly before the next Mayor and Council must grapple with many challenges, including pensions.

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Street
Mayor (File No. 070215)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution approving the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the 44th and Aspen Urban Renewal Area designated as Parcel Nos. 106, 107, 108 & 109 also sometimes identified by house number and street address for Parcel No. 106 as 701-707 North Brooklyn street, Parcel No. 107 as 635-637 North Forty-third street, Parcel No. 108 as 641-643 North Forty-third Street and for Parcel No. 109 as 649 North Forty-third street; authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with the Building Block Development Corporation and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority. (File No. 070216)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

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- Transmitting a bill authorizing the Director of Commerce to enter into Use and Lease Agreements between the City of Philadelphia and each of the airlines servicing Philadelphia International Airport, under certain terms and conditions, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Director of Commerce. (File No. 070217)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill constituting the Seventh Supplemental Ordinance to the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance; authorizing the Use and Lease Agreements, if any, with the Scheduled Airlines to provide for the use of the alternate definition of "Project Revenues" under the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance; authorizing the use and Lease Agreements, if any, with the Scheduled Airlines to provide for the alternate definition of "Operating Expenses" under the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance; amending the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance to make changes therein to conform to the new Airline-Airport Use and Lease Agreements, if any; electing under the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance to provide for the use of the alternate definition of "Project Revenues"; electing under the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance to provide for the use of the alternate definition of "Operating Expenses"; authorizing the Bond Committee to pledge as Project Revenues under the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance all revenues, rents, rates, tolls or other charges generated by or allocable to the Outside Terminal Area; and authorizing the Bond Committee to include in the definition of "Operating Expenses" all costs and expenses allocable to the Outside Terminal Area to the extent that the Bond Committee determines to pledge as Project Revenues under the Amended and Restated General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance all revenues, rents, rates, tolls or other charges generated by or allocable to the Outside Terminal Area, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Director of Commerce. (File No. 070218)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development, for nominal consideration, a deed conveying fee simple title to a certain tract of City-owned land with buildings and improvements thereon situate 4000 Main Street in the City of Philadelphia, for further conveyance at fair market value. (File No. 070219)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT THE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF ALL RESOLUTIONS

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO

Councilmember Greenlee Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Greenlee:

- 📄 **Bill No. 070200:** An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled, “Traffic Code,” by requiring that the pedestrian crossing time at certain intersections be adjusted to account for the increased time required by elderly and disabled pedestrians to traverse streets, adding definitions and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Krajewski Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Krajewski:

- 📄 **Bill No. 070201:** An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on Robbins Avenue, between Algard Street and Cottage Street, both sides.

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

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

- 📄 **Bill No. 070202:** An Ordinance Amending Section 12-2708 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Issuance of Temporary Parking Permits,” by adding provisions for temporary parking permits valid for one calendar day, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Clarke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Clarke:

- 📄 **Bill No. 070203-A:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Real Estate Taxes,” to provide for a homestead exemption with respect to City real property tax, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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📄 **Bill No. 070204:** An Ordinance Granting permission to Alfredo Aguilar, owner of the property 426-428 West Girard avenue, d/b/a Las Casuelas Café, to operate and maintain an open-air sidewalk café on the south footway of Girard avenue adjacent to 426-428 West Girard avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Kenney Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Kenney, Greenlee and Reynolds Brown:

📄 **Resolution No. 070205:** Resolution Authorizing the Council Committee on the Environment to conduct hearings on the feasibility and desirability of mandating the use of biofuels in the City's fleet of cars and trucks and in school buses operated by the Philadelphia School District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

Councilmember Kenney Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Kenney and DiCicco:

📄 **Resolution No. 070206:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on the Environment to hold public hearings investigating the long-term benefits of replacing cement sidewalks with rubber sidewalks in select areas.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

📄 **Resolution No. 070207:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on the Environment to hold public hearings to investigate how the City of Philadelphia could establish a green roof initiative including municipal buildings, affordable housing, and by way of grants for homeowners.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

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Councilmember Blackwell Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Blackwell and Kenney:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 070208:** Resolution Honoring James J. Binns for his Years of Practice in the Philadelphia Legal Community his Support of the City's Charitable Institutions and the Establishment of the *Hero Plaque Program* Commemorating Police and Firefighters Killed in the Line of Duty.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 070209:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the 44th and Aspen Urban Renewal Area designated as Parcel Nos. 106, 107, 108 & 109 also sometimes identified by house number and street address for Parcel No. 106 as 701-707 North Brooklyn street, Parcel No. 107 as 635-637 North Forty-third street, Parcel No. 108 as 641-643 North Forty-third Street and for Parcel No. 109 as 649 North Forty-third street; authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with the Building Block Development Corporation and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 070210:** Resolution Calling on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to enact the legislation proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Banking with its Mortgage Foreclosure Advisory Committee for the protection of the citizens of Philadelphia from predatory home loans that strip away hard-earned home equity, trap borrowers in excessive interest rates and frequently cause families to lose their homes.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 070211:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on the Disabled and the Handicapped to hold hearings to investigate and determine how many disabled and/or handicapped school age children are transported to and from school under the supervision of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission; and to determine the means, methods and criterion used by the Philadelphia School Reform Commission to ensure the safety of this group of children in transit; and to determine what are the special transportation needs of this group of children and what can be done to address these needs.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 070212:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities to determine the safety of our public school children who are transported to and from school in school buses not equipped with seat belt restraints; and to determine whether there are not immediate alternatives available for the protection of our children when riding school buses; and to determine the means, methods and criterion used by the Philadelphia School Reform Commission to ensure the safety of children transported to and from school under their supervision.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 070213:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to determine the feasibility of the Department of Parks and Recreation partnering with the Philadelphia School Board for the purpose of developing community run recreation programs in public school facilities to be used after hours; such community run recreation programs would be sponsored and run by the Parks and Recreation Department.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

📄 **Bill No. 060052-A:** An Ordinance Amending Section 19-201 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “City Depositories,” by revoking the depository status of Wachovia Bank, and revising the list of City depositories, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 060052-A.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

📄 **Bill No. 060389:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development (“PAID”) to file an application with the Office of the Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, in an aggregate amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to assist in the development of Maria de los Santos Health Center; and authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with PAID in furtherance of grant requirements; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 060389.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

📄 **Bill No. 070072:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Business Privilege Taxes,” by providing a “Green Roofs Tax Credit” for costs incurred to erect a “green roof” that supports living vegetation, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 070072.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

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📄 **Bill No. 070073:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Real Estate Taxes,” to provide a credit against the tax for owners of condominiums and cooperatives who do not receive regular City refuse, recycling and bulk item collection services; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 070073.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

📄 **Bill No. 070089:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development (“PAID”) to file an application with the Office of the Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, in an aggregate amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to assist in the conversion of the former Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia to the Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience and authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with PAID in furtherance of grant requirements; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 070089.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

📄 **Bill No. 070090:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development (“PAID”) to file an application with the Office of the Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, in an aggregate amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) to assist in the development of the WHYY Learning Lab, and authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with PAID in furtherance of grant requirements; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 070090.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

📄 **Bill No. 070091:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “City Funds - Deposits, Investments, Disbursements,” by amending Section 19-201, entitled “City Depositories,” by authorizing the City Treasurer to deposit funds in Sovereign Bank, under certain terms and

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COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 070091.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

 **Bill No. 070150:** An Ordinance An Ordinance

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 070150.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

 **Bill No. 070169:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development ("PAID") to file an application with the Office of the Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, in an aggregate amount not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000) to assist in the development of the Jewish Employment and Vocational Services (JEVS), the Jewish Community Center of Philadelphia, and the Pilgrim Gardens Retirement Community; and authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with PAID in furtherance of grant requirements; all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 070169.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

 **Bill No. 070117:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to Article VIII, Chapter 5 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, entitled "Referenda Approved by the Voters," by adding a new section providing that the citizens of Philadelphia urge the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to deny the Philadelphia Gas Works' 2006 Request for a Base Rate Increase; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot questions to be voted on; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

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COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 070117.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

Resolution No. 070129: Resolution Proposing an amendment to Article VIII, Chapter 5 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, entitled "Referenda Approved by the Voters," by adding a new section providing that the citizens of Philadelphia urge the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to deny the Philadelphia Gas Works' 2006 Request for a Base Rate Increase.

THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION; CONSIDERATION AT NEXT STATED COUNCIL MEETING.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Councilmember Kenney

Moved That The Vote By Which Bill No. 060828 Passed Council Be Reconsidered

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Bill No. 060828: An Ordinance Amending Section 22-311 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Cost-of-Living Measures for Retirees, Beneficiaries and Survivors," by amending the provisions governing when deposits are made into the Pension Adjustment Fund; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS RECONSIDERED.

THE BILL AGAIN BEING BEFORE THE COUNCIL, THE QUESTION BEING: SHALL THE BILL NO. 060828 PASS NOTWITHSTANDING THE DISAPPROVAL OF THE MAYOR?

ON THE RECONSIDERATION OF THE VOTE BY WHICH BILL NO. 060828 PASSED COUNCIL, THE CLERK WILL CALL THE ROLL

Bill No. 060828: An Ordinance Amending Section 22-311 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Cost-of-Living Measures for Retirees, Beneficiaries and Survivors," by amending the provisions governing when deposits are made into the Pension Adjustment Fund; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

THE BILL WAS VETO OVERRIDDEN.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Campbell, Kelly, Kenney, Ramos, Savage, Rizzo, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

Nays: 0

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON FIRST READING

 **Bill No. 060052-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Section 19-201 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “City Depositories,” by revoking the depository status of Wachovia Bank, and revising the list of City depositories, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK’S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

 **Bill No. 060389:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development (“PAID”) to file an application with the Office of the Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, in an aggregate amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to assist in the development of Maria de los Santos Health Center; and authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with PAID in furtherance of grant requirements; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK’S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

 **Bill No. 070072:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Business Privilege Taxes,” by providing a “Green Roofs Tax Credit” for costs incurred to erect a “green roof” that supports living vegetation, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK’S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

 **Bill No. 070073:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Real Estate Taxes,” to provide a credit against the tax for owners of condominiums and cooperatives who do not receive regular City refuse, recycling and bulk item collection services; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK’S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

 **Bill No. 070089:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development (“PAID”) to file an application with the Office of the Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, in an aggregate amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to assist in the conversion of the former Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia to the Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience and

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authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with PAID in furtherance of grant requirements; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

 **Bill No. 070090:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development ("PAID") to file an application with the Office of the Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, in an aggregate amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) to assist in the development of the WHY Learning Lab, and authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with PAID in furtherance of grant requirements; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

 **Bill No. 070091:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds - Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by amending Section 19-201, entitled "City Depositories," by authorizing the City Treasurer to deposit funds in Sovereign Bank, under certain terms and conditions.

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

 **Bill No. 070150:** An Ordinance An Ordinance

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

 **Bill No. 070169:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development ("PAID") to file an application with the Office of the Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, in an aggregate amount not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000) to assist in the development of the Jewish Employment and Vocational Services (JEVS), the Jewish Community Center of Philadelphia, and the Pilgrim Gardens Retirement Community; and authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with PAID in furtherance of grant requirements; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

 **Bill No. 070117:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to Article VIII, Chapter 5 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, entitled "Referenda Approved by the Voters," by adding a new section providing that the citizens of Philadelphia urge the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to deny the Philadelphia Gas

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Works' 2006 Request for a Base Rate Increase; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot questions to be voted on; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

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

BILLS ON FINAL PASSAGE

 **Bill No. 060902-AA, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by amending Chapter 14-200, entitled "Residential Districts," by adopting a new Section 14-217, entitled "Industrial Transformation District," under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

THE BILL WAS PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Campbell, Kelly, Kenney, Ramos, Savage, Rizzo, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

Nays: 0

 **Bill No. 060901-A, as amended:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Girard Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, 32nd Street, a Railroad Right-of-Way, Oxford Street, and 30th Street.

THE BILL WAS READ.

THE BILL WAS PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Nays: 0

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Campbell, Kelly, Kenney, Ramos, Savage, Rizzo, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

BILLS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

 **Bill No. 060957:** An Ordinance Approving the Municipal Statement of Revival of the Frankford Special Services District of Philadelphia and authorizing the filing of such statement with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the purpose of retroactively reviving and extending the term of the District, all under certain terms and conditions.

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THE BILL WAS READ.

THE BILL WAS PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Campbell, Kelly, Kenney, Ramos, Savage, Rizzo, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

Nays: 0

Bill No. 070121: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007 within the Housing Trust Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

THE BILL WAS PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Campbell, Kelly, Kenney, Ramos, Savage, Rizzo, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

Nays: 0

Bill No. 070122: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007 within the Aviation Fund from certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions to certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

THE BILL WAS PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Nays: 0

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Campbell, Kelly, Kenney, Ramos, Savage, Rizzo, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

Bill No. 070123: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007 from the General Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions and from the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the General Fund, certain or all City offices, departments, boards and commissions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

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THE BILL WAS PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Campbell, Kelly, Kenney, Ramos, Savage, Rizzo, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

Nays: 0

Bill No. 070077: An Ordinance Authorizing the President of the Fairmount Park Commission and the Executive Director of Fairmount Park to enter into a lease agreement between the City of Philadelphia as landlord and the Center City District as tenant for a certain parcel of land bounded by 16th Street, the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and Cherry Street, commonly referred to as Three Parkway Plaza, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

THE BILL WAS PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Nays: 0

Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Campbell, Kelly, Kenney, Ramos, Savage, Rizzo, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

SPEECHES

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COUNCILMEMBER GOODE - PHILADELPHIA EDUCATION ADVISORY TASK FORCE REPORT - THE FUTURE OF THE CHILDREN - BILL NO. 070015 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE - COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA STRIKE - PLEASE GET BACK TO WORK ITS A MUCH NEED SERVICE - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

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COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL - AGREE TO ASSOCIATE HERSELF WITH COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE ON THE STRIKE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

COUNCILMEMBER TASCO - REMINDS MEMBERS OF THE RULES COMMITTEE OF THE 1 O'CLOCK PUBLIC HEARING - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

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COUNCILMEMBER TASCO MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.