Thursday, January 24, 2008

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember DiCicco

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Blackwell, Clarke, Council President Verna, Goode, Green, Greenlee, Jones, Kelly, Kenney, Krajewski, Miller, Reynolds Brown, Sanchez, Rizzo, Tasco, O'Neill and O'Neill

Council met, a quorum being present

Bishop Keith Reed, Sr. of Sharon Baptist Church was intorduced and offered an appropriate prayer

COUNCILMEMBER TASCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of January 7, 2008

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Tasco requested leave of absence for

Councilmember DiCicco

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Transmitting a resolution proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to allow the Administrative Board to increase the number of deputies exempt from civil service in City departments, and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia. (File No. 080063)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to separate and further define the responsibilities of the City

Representative and the Commerce Department; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia. (File No. 080064)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution confirming the appointment of Shelley R. Smith, Esq., as City Solicitor. (File No. 080065)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transforming a resolution confirming the appointment of Kenya Mann, Esq., as a member of the Board of Ethics, to serve in the term ending November 16, 2008. (File No. 080066)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation of an Office of Inspector General, to provide for the powers and duties of, and annual appropriations to, such Office, to establish requirements for City officials and employees in connection with the work of the Inspector General, and to otherwise provide for incorporation of the Inspector General into the City government; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia. (File No. 080067)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation of an Office of Inspector General, to provide for the powers and duties of, and annual appropriations to, such Office, to establish requirements for City officials and employees in connection with the work of the Inspector General, and to otherwise provide for incorporation of the Inspector General into the City government; 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. (File No. 080068)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- (File No. 080069)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to allow the Administrative Board to increase the number of deputies exempt from civil service in City departments; 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. (File No. 080070)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill amending Chapter 20-300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Compensation," by revising the ranges of salaries the Mayor may specify for certain appointed City officers. (File No. 080071)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 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. (File No. 080072)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the Police Department, the Law Department and the City Commissioners. (File No. 080073)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTONS

Councilmember Kenney Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Kenney, Greenlee, Sanchez, Jones, Tasco and Green:

- **Bill No. 080003:** An Ordinance Amending Section 20-101 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Residence Requirements," by providing that certain employees in the civil service need not be a bona fide resident of the City when appointed, but must establish and maintain bona fide residence in the City within six months after appointment.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE.

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

- **Bill No. 080004:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-605 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Towing," by requiring every person licensed to engage in the business of towing vehicles to accept credit cards and debit cards in payment of towing and other charges, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- **Bill No. 080005:** An Ordinance Amending Title 13 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Water and Sewer," by adding a new Chapter regarding termination of water and sewer service and prohibiting the termination of such service on certain days, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

- **Bill No. 080006:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter separating and further defining the responsibilities of the City Representative and the Commerce Department; 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 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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

- **Bill No. 080007:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation of an Office of Inspector General, to provide for the powers and duties of, and annual appropriations to, such Office, to establish requirements for City officials and employees in connection with the work of the Inspector General, and to otherwise provide for incorporation of the Inspector General into the City government; 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 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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

- **Bill No. 080008:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified

electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to allow the Administrative Board to increase the number of deputies exempt from civil service in City departments; 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 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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

Bill No. 080009: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the Police Department, the Law Department and the City Commissioners.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Bill No. 080010: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 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 REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

Bill No. 080011: An Ordinance Amending Subcode "PM" of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code," by amending Section PM-303.0, entitled "General Property and Structural Maintenance," to require the posting in occupied premises of certain information regarding the person or business responsible for the maintenance and management of the building, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 080012: An Ordinance Amending Subcode "PM" of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code," by amending Section PM-102.0, entitled "Licensing," to amend the requirements for identifying a local agent for service of notices and process, all under certain

terms and conditions.

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

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

- **Bill No. 080013:** An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," by adding a section requiring property managers and managing agents to provide the City with certain information in connection with the properties they manage and for which they serve as managing agents, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- **Bill No. 080014:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20-300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Compensation," by revising the ranges of salaries the Mayor may specify for certain appointed City officers.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Miller Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Miller and Clarke:

- **Bill No. 080015:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by adding a new Section to prohibit the possession or acquisition of firearms by persons charged with certain criminal offenses, during the pendency of such charges, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Councilmember Miller Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Miller and Clarke:

- **Bill No. 080016:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by adding a new Section, entitled "Acquisition or Transfer of Firearms," to regulate the acquiring or transferring of any firearm within the City of Philadelphia; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Councilmember Miller Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Miller and Clarke:

- **Bill No. 080017:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by adding a new Section, entitled "Temporary Removal

of Firearms of Persons Posing a Risk of Imminent Personal Injury to Self or Others."

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Councilmember Miller Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Miller and Clarke:

- **Bill No. 080018-A:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by adding a new Section, entitled "Prohibited Possession, Sale and Transfer of Firearms by Persons Subject to Protection From Abuse Orders."

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

- **Bill No. 080019:** An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 070263 (approved September 20, 2007), entitled "An Ordinance authorizing Northern Star Developments LLC, 5 Eiker Road, Cranberry, NJ 08512, owner of the property at 1617 N. 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122, to construct, own and maintain multi-level bays and balconies as part of the Oxford Mews residential development project, under certain terms and conditions," by providing that the Bill shall take effect immediately, and by extending the time for compliance with the conditions stated therein.

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

Councilmember Green Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Sanchez and Jones:

- **Bill No. 080020:** An Ordinance Amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public Employees Retirement Code," to make elected officials ineligible to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP), all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE.

Councilmember Goode Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Goode, Green, Reynolds Brown and Jones:

- **Bill No. 080021:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Philadelphia 21st Century Minimum Wage Standard," by amending the minimum wage standard that regulates the wages employers subject to that Chapter must pay to employees covered by that Chapter, and by

requiring such employers to provide certain benefits to such employees, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Goode Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Goode, Green, Reynolds Brown and Jones:

- **Bill No. 080022:** An Ordinance Amending Section 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates, credits and alternative tax computation for the business privilege tax, by reducing certain tax rates; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Goode Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Goode, Green, Reynolds Brown and Jones:

- **Bill No. 080023:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-1500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Annual Disparity Study and Participation Goals," by requiring certain additional information to be included in the Finance Director's required annual report, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

- **Bill No. 080024-A:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial Activities on Streets," by adding a new section providing for the certification of tour guides in certain areas of the city, establishing requirements for such certification, and providing for penalties for violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

- **Bill No. 080025:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Procurement Contracts," by adding a new Section, providing that any contract for the construction, extension or major renovation of certain buildings, paid for with public funds, contain a provision requiring the contractor to certify that a certain level in energy and design efficiency will be achieved, in

accordance with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Rating System, or that equivalent standards will be met, requiring LEED certified professionals, and by providing for penalties, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

Bill No. 080026: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-3100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of Mercury in Dentistry," by requiring dental offices to install, operate and maintain separator systems that permit the recycling of mercury waste, adding definitions and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

Bill No. 080027: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Christopher Columbus Boulevard, (former) Reed Street, the Delaware River, and Tasker Street (Extended), under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 080028: An Ordinance Approving the Plan of Development for a Commercial Entertainment District in the area generally bounded by former Reed Street, Tasker Street (Extended), Christopher Columbus Boulevard, and the Delaware River.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

Bill No. 080029: An Ordinance Authorizing the vacating of Byberry and Bensalem Road from Southampton-Byberry Road to the Philadelphia and Bucks County Line and the vacating of Burling avenue from the Roosevelt Boulevard to a dead-end approximately three thousand nine hundred (3,900) feet southeast

of the Roosevelt Boulevard, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

Bill No. 080030: An Ordinance Authorizing the paving of St. Thomas Drive, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember O'Neill Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember O'Neill:

Bill No. 080031: An Ordinance Authorizing the paving of Cates Way, under certain terms and conditions.

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

Councilmember Clarke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Clarke and Miller:

Bill No. 080032-A: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by adding a new Section, entitled "Failure to Report Lost or Stolen Firearm," by requiring prompt notification of lost or stolen firearms and imposing penalties.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Councilmember Clarke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Clarke and Miller:

Bill No. 080033: An Ordinance Amending Section 10-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Safety,” by adding a new Section 10-821a, entitled “Contraband Weapons, Accessories and Ammunition,” providing for the prohibition and registration of certain assault weapons and imposing penalties.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Councilmember Clarke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Clarke and Miller:

Bill No. 080034: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Safety,” by adding a new Section 10-834, entitled “Sale or Transfer of Ammunition,” to require all sales of ammunition for firearms to be reported to the City of Philadelphia Police Department and to require that

Department to maintain a registry of such reports; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Councilmember Clarke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Clarke and Miller:

Bill No. 080035-A: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by adding a new Section 10-831, entitled "Straw and Multiple Handgun Purchase Reduction," to limit purchases of handguns by Philadelphia residents to one a month, and to prohibit "straw purchases" of handguns utilized by criminals for the purpose of evading the one handgun a month limitation; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Councilmember Clarke Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Clarke and Miller:

Bill No. 080036: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by adding a new Section, entitled "Reporting Requirements Upon the Application for or Renewal of a License to Carry a Firearm," to provide for certain reporting requirements for the issuance or renewal of licenses to carry firearms within the City of Philadelphia; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 080037: Resolution Authorizing the joint Committees on Public Safety & Public Works and Public Property to hold public hearings to explore alternative sites for the Philadelphia Prison Department's training facility.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY & PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS.

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

Resolution No. 080038: Resolution Expressing support for the City of

Philadelphia's grant application for the Department of Energy's Solar America Initiative Market Transformation: Solar City Strategic Partnership.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

Resolution No. 080039: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation of an Office of Inspector General, to provide for the powers and duties of, and annual appropriations to, such Office, to establish requirements for City officials and employees in connection with the work of the Inspector General, and to otherwise provide for incorporation of the Inspector General into the City government; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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

Resolution No. 080040: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to allow the Administrative Board to increase the number of deputies exempt from civil service in City departments, and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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

Resolution No. 080041: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to separate and further define the responsibilities of the City Representative and the Commerce Department; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

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

Resolution No. 080042: Resolution Authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to use NTI bond proceeds for the acquisition of 2502-2506 Cheltenham avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Tasco, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Sanchez, Kenney, Goode, Jones, Rizzo, Krajewski, Miller, Clarke, Council President Verna, Blackwell, O'Neill, Green and Kelly:

- **Resolution No. 080043:** Resolution Confirming the appointment of Shelley R. Smith, Esq., as City Solicitor.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Council President Verna, Green, Tasco, Greenlee, Sanchez, Kenney, Goode, Jones, Rizzo, Krajewski, Reynolds Brown, Miller, Clarke, Blackwell, O'Neill and Kelly:

- **Resolution No. 080044:** Resolution Appointing Councilmembers Marian Tasco and Curtis Jones, Jr. to the Philadelphia Gas Commission.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Tasco, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Sanchez, Kenney, Jones, Rizzo, Krajewski, Miller, Clarke, Council President Verna, Blackwell, O'Neill, Kelly and Green:

- **Resolution No. 080045:** Resolution Confirming the appointment of Kenya Mann, Esq., as a member of the Board of Ethics, to serve in the term ending November 16, 2008.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

- **Resolution No. 080046:** Resolution Honoring Philadelphia Police Officer John W. Kenner on His Retirement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

- **Resolution No. 080047:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee of

the Whole to hold public hearings to make inquiries and investigations relating to the City's Deferred Retirement Option Plan ("DROP"), and further authorizing the Committee to employ and fix the compensation of experts to assist the Committee in its inquiry and investigation and to cooperate with the Administration in any current or future studies of the impact of the DROP.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

Resolution No. 080048: Resolution Proclaiming January 2008 as "National Mentoring Month".

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Green Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Greenlee, Goode, Jones, Kelly, Rizzo, Miller, Clarke and Blackwell:

Resolution No. 080049: Resolution
Authorizing the Committee on Labor and Civil Service to hold hearings to examine the state of the City of Philadelphia Municipal Retirement System ("Pension System") including the Pension System's existing plan entitlements, contributions and investment strategies and to prepare a report making recommendations to ensure the fiscal stability of the Pension System.

WHEREAS, Section 22-300 of the Philadelphia City Code provides qualifying City employees with a retirement benefits package through the City of Philadelphia Municipal Retirement System administered by the City's Board of Pensions and Retirement; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority has declared that "There is no single policy choice on spending the City can make that will have a greater impact on the future of its finances" than the management of the City's Pension System; and

WHEREAS, The City's annual obligation to contribute to the pension fund is increasing dramatically, rising from $194 million in pension costs in fiscal year 2001 to $350 million in pension costs in fiscal year 2006; and

WHEREAS, The City's Pension System is only 51.6% funded; and

WHEREAS, The City must explore the cause of and solutions to the current deficit in the Pension System in order to ensure the City's future fiscal stability; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes it would be beneficial for all interested parties to hold Council hearings to conduct investigations, hopefully in coordination and cooperation with the Administration, in order to assure that City of Philadelphia's Municipal Retirement System is able to keep its commitment to current retirees and that it remains available to future generations of City employees.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

That the Committee on Labor and Civil Service is hereby authorized to hold hearings to: (1) examine the City of Philadelphia Municipal Retirement System's existing plan entitlements, contributions and investment strategies and to inquire as to alternative funding options, adjustments or other potential solutions to ensure that the City of Philadelphia's Municipal Retirement System is able to keep its commitment to current retirees and that it remains available to future generations of City employees; and (2) issue a report thereon containing recommendations upon which the Pension Board or City Council may act.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE.

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

Resolution No. 080050: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Fourth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvement in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Jones Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember

Jones:

- **Resolution No. 080051:** Resolution Celebrating the life of Nelson Williams and honoring his contribution to the Wynnefield community and to Philadelphia youth.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

- **Resolution No. 080052:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings to review the annual City contract participation goals released by the Finance Department pursuant to Title 17 of the Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

- **Resolution No. 080053:** Resolution Calling on the Office of Labor Standards, or any other office designated by the Office of the Mayor, to convene the Living Wage Advisory Committee pursuant to §17-1311 of The Philadelphia Code, to review the implementation and effectiveness of Chapter 17-1300 of The Philadelphia Code entitled, "Philadelphia 21st Century Minimum Wage Standard," and to make recommendations to City Council before June 30, 2008.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

- **Resolution No. 080054:** Resolution Honoring and Commending the legendary songwriting and production team Kenneth Gamble and Leon Huff on their induction into the 2008 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

- **Resolution No. 080055:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committees on the Environment and on Transportation and Utilities to hold joint public hearings to investigate the steps the City of Philadelphia and its various Departments are currently taking and are planning to take to investigate the creation of a Public Use Bicycle Program as an additional method of urban transportation to enhance the personal mobility of Philadelphia residents and workers.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

- **Resolution No. 080056:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to investigate and conduct hearings on how to increase the number of Philadelphia high school students who attain an education beyond a high school diploma and to examine reported studies and data regarding the high school drop out rate among public school students prior to graduation

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

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

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

- **Resolution No. 080057:** Resolution Honoring the African American Children's Book Project on the occasion of the Annual African American Children's Book Fair.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

- **Resolution No. 080058:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Public Property and Public Works to hold public hearings on the development and implementation of public and private strategies for the renovation and use of the underutilized areas of City Hall.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS.

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

- **Resolution No. 080059:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Thirty-second Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvement in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

- **Resolution No. 080060:** Resolution Recognizing novelist Ken Bruen as the first Recipient of the David L. Goodis Award.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

- **Resolution No. 080061:** Resolution Welcoming NoirCon to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Rizzo Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Rizzo, Council President Verna and Clarke:

- **Resolution No. 080062:** Resolution Recognizing, Honoring and Celebrating the Center City Residents' Association on the occasion of their 60 Year Anniversary

of excellence in civic leadership, vision and activism.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER BROWN - WOMAN MAKING A DIFFERENCE CELEBRATION - 10TH YEAR - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL - FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF LUCIEN E BLACKWELL - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.