Thursday, May 8, 2008

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

Council met, a quorum being present

Reverend Ronald K. Hill of Triumph Bapist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer

COUNCILMEMBER TASCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
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THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Transmitting a bill authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General Fund from the Managing Director to the Police Department, the District Attorney, and the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania. (File No. 080480)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General Fund from the Managing Director to the Mayor's Office of Community Services. (File No. 080481)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by State Road, Poquessing Creek, The Delaware River and Grant Avenue,

accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Executive Director of the Fairmount Park Commission. (File No. 080482)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 from the General Fund, the City Representative and the Director of Commerce and from the Community Development Fund, the Director of Finance - Community Development Block Grant - to be Allocated to the General Fund, the Mayor, the Department of Recreation, the Director of Finance - Fringe Benefits, and the City Commissioners, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Budget Director. (File No. 080483)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Finance, Taxes and Collections," by adding a new Chapter imposing an Assessment on certain Net Operating Revenue of General Acute Care hospitals, under certain terms and conditions, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Director of Finance. (File No. 080484)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTONS

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

- **Bill No. 080465:** An Ordinance Amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Finance, Taxes and Collections," by adding a new Chapter imposing an Assessment on certain Net Operating Revenue of General Acute Care hospitals, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

- **Bill No. 080466:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Construction, Encroachments And Projections Over, On And Under Streets," by adding a new Section that requires that certain conditions be placed on any permit that authorizes the temporary closing of a sidewalk or

roadway lane; in particular, placing a time period on the validity of such permits, and prohibiting the parking, stopping or standing of vehicles on such closed sidewalks or roadway lanes with certain exceptions; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 080467: An Ordinance Authorizing and directing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 109 by striking from the City Plan and vacating the legally open portion of Melon Street from Thirty-Fifth Street westward to a dead end, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 080468: An Ordinance Amending Section 9-1103 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Unlawful Employment Practices," and enacting a new Chapter 9-3200, entitled "Entitlement To Leave Due To Domestic Or Sexual Violence," to provide that certain employees may take unpaid leave from work to address domestic or sexual violence; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

Bill No. 080469: An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by State Road, Poquessing Creek, The Delaware River and Grant Avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

Bill No. 080470: An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 from the General Fund, the City Representative and the Director of Commerce and from the Community Development Fund, the Director of Finance - Community Development Block Grant - to be Allocated to the f0General Fund, the Mayor, the Department of Recreation, the Director of Finance - Fringe Benefits, 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. 080471:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General Fund from the Managing Director to the Police Department, the District Attorney, and the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

- **Bill No. 080472:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General Fund from the Managing Director to the Mayor's Office of Community Services.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

- **Bill No. 080473:** An Ordinance
  To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by York Street, Thompson Street, the former Thompson Street, Hagert Street, Moyer Street and Aramingo Avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

- **Bill No. 080474:** An Ordinance Enacting a new Chapter 9-3300, entitled "Promoting Healthy Families and Workplaces," to provide that certain employees are entitled to paid sick leave, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Krajewski Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Krajewski, Tasco, Blackwell and Greenlee:

- retirement from CBS 3.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

- **Resolution No. 080476:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Streets and Services to hold public hearings on car sharing in the City of Philadelphia and exploring problems car sharing organizations have encountered in the City, including zoning regulations and on-street parking regulations, potential solutions to such problems and long-term policies and incentives to encourage and expand car sharing programs.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

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

- **Resolution No. 080477:** Resolution Approving a final plan for the establishment of the Aramingo Avenue Shopping District Neighborhood Improvement District ("District") and authorizing and directing the Committee on Rules to take all further actions required by the Community and Economic Improvement Act prior to enactment of an ordinance that would formally establish the District.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

- **Resolution No. 080478:** 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 Twenty-ninth, Thirty-second, Thirty-seventh and Forty-seventh Wards 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. 080479:** Resolution Recognizing, Honoring, And Celebrating Brintha Vasagar, Miss Philadelphia 2008-For Her Talents And Well-Rounded Persona That Earned Her The Title Miss Philadelphia 2008 - And Wishing Her Well In The Miss Pennsylvania 2008 Pageant.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

- **Bill No. 080407:** An Ordinance Authorizing the City's Chief Information Officer, on behalf of the City, to enter into multi-year contracts with one or more providers of on-line legal research services to be used by various City and City-funded agencies, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER O'NEILL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 080407.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILL ON FIRST READING

- **Bill No. 080077:** An Ordinance Continuing a neighborhood improvement district beyond the date of termination of such district in an area that generally includes both sides of Ridge Avenue from Main Street to 7220 Ridge Avenue and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Ridge Avenue and which is known as the Roxborough District ("District"); continuing the designation of the Roxborough Development Corporation, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District; approving a plan for the District, including a list of proposed

improvements and their estimated cost, and providing for assessment fees to be levied on property owners within the District; authorizing the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement with the Roxborough Development Corporation relating to the District; and authorizing the Roxborough Development Corporation to assess property owners within the District a special property assessment fee to be used in accordance with the approved plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Community and Economic Improvement Act, and under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

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

Bill No. 080407: An Ordinance Authorizing the City's Chief Information Officer, on behalf of the City, to enter into multi-year contracts with one or more providers of on-line legal research services to be used by various City and City-funded agencies, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER TASCO - TODAY AT 5:230 P.M. AT THE PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS, PROFESSOR PAULA GIDDINGS WILL BE HOSTED BY MAICHAEL DAY, EDITOR OF THE DAILY NEWS FOR A BOOK SIGNING OF IDA (MEANING IDA WELLS) A GREAT AFRICAN WOMEN. ACTIVIST, LEADER IN WOMEN SUFFRAGE, JOURNALIST AND HERO - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE MOVED TO ADJOURN.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.