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Thursday, February 16, 2012

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember O'Neill

PRESENT: 16 - Councilmembers Council President Clarke, Squilla, Johnson, Blackwell, Jones, Henon, Quiñones Sánchez, Bass, Tasco, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Goode, Oh, Kenney, Green and O'Brien

Council met, a quorum being present.

Father Michael Marrone of West Catholic High School was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL

of the meeting of February 9, 2012.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Oh requested leave of absence for

Councilmember O'Neill

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Transmitting a resolution approving the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the East Germantown Redevelopment Area, identified by house number and street address as 5935 Kemble avenue; authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Solomon Builders 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. 120129)

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- ☐ Transmitting a bill authorizing the execution, delivery and performance by the Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation on behalf of the Philadelphia Gas Works of a Renewal Amendment to Service Agreement for Gas Storage and Transportation Under Rate Schedule GSS with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Philadelphia Gas Commission Chairwoman. (File No. 120130)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- ☐ Transmitting a bill amending Bill No. 110343 entitled “An Ordinance Approving the Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works (including the supplying of funds in connection therewith) subject to certain constraints and conditions, and acknowledging receipt of the Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2013 through 2017” by approving a Revised Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2012, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Philadelphia Gas Commission Chairwoman. (File No. 120131)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- ☐ Transmitting a bill authorizing the construction of stormwater and sanitary sewers and appurtenant work in Arendell Avenue from State Road to a point approximately twenty-four feet northwest of James Street, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Water Commissioner. (File No. 120132)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- ☐ Transmitting a a bill amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 090468) approved November 4, 2009, entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 55 by striking from the City Plan Duncan Street from Aramingo Avenue to The Delaware Expressway and reserving and by placing on the City Plan, and authorizing City acceptance of, a right-of-way for drainage purposes and public utility purposes within the lines of Duncan Street being stricken, under certain terms and conditions,” by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Streets Commissioner. (File No. 120133)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- ☐ Transmitting a bill authorizing the Procurement Commissioner to enter into a contract for the construction of stormwater and sanitary sewers and appurtenant work in Kelvin Avenue and Trevoise Road from Southampton Road to County Line Road, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Water Commissioner.

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120113:** Resolution Proclaiming March, 2012, as American Red Cross Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120114:** Resolution Honoring and Recognizing Mr. Glenn Ellis, Sr. for His Accomplishments in and Service to the Field of Medicine and Public Health Education.

Councilmember Greenlee Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Greenlee:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120115:** 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-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.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 120099:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Refuse and Littering," by amending Section 10-726, entitled "Disposal of Curbside Refuse, Rubbish, Garbage and Recyclable Materials," by providing for allowable times during which certain persons may set out refuse for City collection and amending Section 10-701, by adding definitions, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 120100:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10-1600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Conduct in Public Places of Assembly; Administrative Adjudication of Violations,” by providing for the administrative adjudication of violations, other than by personal appearance, and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 120101:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 090468) approved November 4, 2009, entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 55 by striking from the City Plan Duncan Street from Aramingo Avenue to The Delaware Expressway and reserving and by placing on the City Plan, and authorizing City acceptance of, a right-of-way for drainage purposes and public utility purposes within the lines of Duncan Street being stricken, under certain terms and conditions,” by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 120102:** An Ordinance Authorizing the construction of stormwater and sanitary sewers and appurtenant work in Arendell Avenue from State Road to a point approximately twenty-four feet northwest of James Street.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 120103:** An Ordinance Amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, Subcode “F” (The Philadelphia Fire Code) and Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code), by providing that building owners shall follow applicable requirements of State and City Construction Codes to conduct periodic inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers and smoke control systems; to require such inspections and testing be performed by qualified persons; and to provide for penalties for violations of such code requirements; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 120104:** An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 110343 entitled “An Ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Budget providing for expenditures for the capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works (including the supplying of funds in connection therewith) subject to certain constraints and conditions, and acknowledging receipt of the Forecast of Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2013 through 2017” by approving a Revised Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 120105:** An Ordinance Authorizing the execution, delivery and performance by the Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation on behalf of the Philadelphia Gas Works of a Renewal Amendment to Service Agreement for Gas Storage and Transportation Under Rate Schedule GSS with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120116:** 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-sixth 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.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120117:** Resolution Urging the United States Senate and House of Representatives to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act so that we may continue the nationwide effort to prevent and address violence against

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 120118:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities to hold hearings to examine the feasibility of transferring ownership or operations of Philadelphia Gas Works to a private entity.

Councilmember Green Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Henon, Council President Clarke, Greenlee, Blackwell, Oh, Squilla, Bass, Quiñones Sánchez, Tasco, Reynolds Brown and O'Brien:

- 📄 **Bill No. 120106:** An Ordinance Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," by providing for the adjudication of parking violations contested by alternative methods; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Green Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Henon, Johnson, Goode, Bass, Oh and O'Brien:

- 📄 **Bill No. 120107:** An Ordinance Amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," by providing for the preparation of Fiscal Impact Statements regarding pending legislation and directing the Finance Director and Controller to provide such statements upon request, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Councilmember O'Brien Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Goode, Oh, Quiñones Sánchez, Johnson and O'Brien:

- 📄 **Bill No. 120108:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to information that must be provided with the annual operating budget, annual capital budget, and capital program; 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 Green Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Oh, Quiñones Sánchez, Johnson and O'Brien:

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entitled “Miscellaneous,” by requiring the Finance Director to provide to Council, by the time of the submission of the Mayor's proposed annual operating budget, program-based budgeting detail that identifies both the cost of performing specific functions funded by appropriations made by the City as well as the effectiveness of such functions, following procedures to be adopted by the Finance Director, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Councilmember Green Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Green, Goode, Oh, Quiñones Sánchez, Johnson and O'Brien:

Bill No. 120110: An Ordinance Amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Miscellaneous,” by requiring the Mayor to submit to Council, with the proposed annual capital budget and capital program, a cost-benefit analysis that includes the return on investment and payback time for each capital project funded through the capital program and certain other information, following procedures to be adopted by the Finance Director, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Councilmember Green Introduced and Referred the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Green:

Resolution No. 120119: Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to information that must be provided with the annual operating budget, annual capital budget, and capital program, requiring the Finance Director to provide such information, 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 Goode Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Goode:

Resolution No. 120120: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings on the role of certified nursing assistants in providing quality healthcare.

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

Resolution No. 120121: Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Appropriations to hold hearings regarding the Philadelphia Transit System Lease between the City of Philadelphia and the Southeastern Pennsylvania

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Transportation Authority, and authorizing the Committee to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents and other evidence.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120122:** Resolution Recognizing and Acknowledging the Energy Coordinating Agency's Green Jobs Training Center as a "Center of Excellence" in the City of Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120123:** Resolution Honoring and congratulating Mr. Jim Reed on the Occasion of his Retirement from Verizon Pennsylvania Inc. in Philadelphia, after Forty-Eight Years of Service including Nineteen Years of Service as External Affairs Director and his lifelong contributions to education, prosperity and quality of life in Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120124:** Resolution Amending Resolution No. 110453, approving the annual Program Statement and Budget for the expenditure of the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative (NTI) Bond Proceeds for Fiscal Year 2012.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120125:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings to investigate the quality of life as it pertains to personal safety and security for residents of public housing in Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 120111:** An Ordinance Authorizing Snow White Restaurant dba Revolution House, 200 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 to construct, own and maintain a seating platform in the right-of-way at 200 Market Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120126:** Resolution Recognizing, Honoring, and Celebrating the Northwest Raiders Athletic Association on forty (40) years of providing positive youth development and community service for children, youth and residents of Northwest Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120127:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the East Germantown Redevelopment Area, identified by house number and street address as 5935 Kemble avenue; authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Solomon Builders Corporation and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement.

Councilmember Oh Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember O'Neill, Sponsored by :

- ☐ **Bill No. 120112:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Procurement Commissioner to enter into a contract for the construction of stormwater and sanitary sewers and appurtenant work in Kelvin Avenue and Trevoise Road from Southampton Road to County Line Road.

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

Councilmember Oh Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Oh, Tasco, Jones, Reynolds Brown, Henon and Johnson:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120128:** Resolution Authorizing Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and Creative/Innovative Economy to hold hearings to investigate how to fully take advantage of global opportunities and the creative/innovative economy to spur economic development in Philadelphia by increasing overseas investments, incubating technology and innovation, encouraging creativity, and attracting and retaining the workforce to create good-paying, family-sustaining jobs with benefits and improve the quality of life for all residents of Philadelphia.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

☐ **Bill No. 120013:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-1600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Economic Opportunity Plans,” by enacting a new Section 17-1607, entitled “Economic Opportunity Review Committee,” all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GOODE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 120013.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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The following persons provided public comment on February 16, 2012:

Name and Comment Subject

- Jeannine Lisitski (120092)
- Meghan Kincade (120092)
- Marsha Cohen (120092)
- Anne Gemmell (120094)
- Precious Samuels (120094)
- Margarita Padin (120036)
- Ken Wong (120096)
- Captain John Titus (120096)
- Toni McILwaine (120092)
- Karen Brown (120092)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120036:** 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 ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120088:** Resolution Calling on the City Council Committee on Education to Hold Hearings on Changes in Schools and Their Impact on Neighborhoods in Which they Reside.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120089:** 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 Sixteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-eighth and Thirty-second 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

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120090:** Resolution Authorizing the Council Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings regarding the impact of the proposed FY 2012-2013 state budget on the public health and human services programs provided in Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120092:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings to investigate the availability of emergency shelters in Philadelphia for victims of domestic violence who have been forced from their homes by violence or who need to escape abusive situations.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON - RESOLUTION NO. 120092 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120092:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings to investigate the availability of emergency shelters in Philadelphia for victims of domestic violence who have been forced from their homes by violence or who need to escape abusive situations.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 120093:** Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly, Senate, and Governor Tom Corbett to reject House Bill No. 1523 which could impose heavy financial penalties on municipalities that adopt or enforce reasonable regulations of firearms, and to allow the City of Philadelphia to continue its efforts to regulate firearms for the health, safety and welfare of the City.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

DISCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON - RESOLUTION NO. 120093 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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📄 **Resolution No. 120094:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Appropriations to hold hearings into the current state of community reinvestment by City depository banks within low-income and minority neighborhoods in the City of Philadelphia and authorizing the Committee to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents and other evidence.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

IDSCUSSION - COUNCILMEMBER GOODE - RESOLUTION NO. 120094 - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

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

📄 **Resolution No. 120095:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Education and Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold joint public hearings to examine the best practices for the Philadelphia School District for career and technical education and how improved technical education will benefit our City's local economy.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

📄 **Resolution No. 120096:** Resolution Authorizing Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and Creative/Innovative Economy to hold hearings to investigate the establishment of a tax credit and veterans' assistance program that will allow employers to be eligible for a local tax credit upon hiring Veterans of the United States military thereby increasing the profile of a ready workforce in Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES & CREATIVE/INNOVATIVE ECONOMY.

📄 **Resolution No. 120113:** Resolution Proclaiming March, 2012, as American Red Cross Month in the City of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

📄 **Resolution No. 120114:** Resolution Honoring and Recognizing Mr. Glenn Ellis, Sr. for His Accomplishments in and Service to the Field of Medicine and Public Health

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Education.

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 **Resolution No. 120126:** Resolution Recognizing, Honoring, and Celebrating the Northwest Raiders Athletic Association on forty (40) years of providing positive youth development and community service for children, youth and residents of Northwest Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBERS OH, BROWN, TASCO, GREENLEE, GREEN, AND PRESIDENT CLARKE - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.