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Thursday, September 12, 2013

COUNCIL SESSION INFORMATION IN PROGRESS

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
EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember O'Neill

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend Dr. Leslie D. Callahan of St. Paul Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL
of the meeting of June 20, 2013.

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 message advising Council that Bill Nos. 130009, 130015, 130123, 130181, 130225-A, 130274, 130307, 130330, 130347, 130349, 130350, 130352, 130378, 130410, 130416, 130444, 130446-A, 130450, 130452, 130453, 130454 and 130460, which were passed by Council on June 20, 2013, were signed by the Mayor on June 25, 2013. (File No. 130617)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

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☐ Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 120340-AAA, 120959, 130178, 130179, 130180, 130182-A, 130245, 130255-A, 130413, 130414, 130417-A, 130445, 130455-A, 130456, 130458-A and 130487, which were passed by Council on June 20, 2013, were signed by the Mayor on June 25, 2013. (File No. 130618)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

☐ Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 120614, 120901, 130154, 130158, 130160, 130299, 130324, 130356, 130357, 130382, 130387, 130388, 130418, 130420, 130421, 130449, 130461, 130462, 130463 and 130464, which were passed by Council on June 20, 2013, were signed by the Mayor on July 11, 2013. (File No. 130619)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

☐ Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 130443-A and 130457, which were passed by Council on June 13, 2013, were signed by the Mayor on September 6, 2013. (File No. 130620)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

☐ Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 120107, 130016 and 130415, which were passed by Council on June 20, 2013, were signed by the Mayor on June 25, 2013. (File No. 130621)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

☐ September 6, 2013

**To The President and Members of
The Council of the City of Philadelphia:**

For the reasons discussed below, I am returning Bill No. 120142-A (passed June 20, 2013) to your Honorable Body without my signature.

Bill No. 120142-A would require the Managing Director to ensure that, by no later than June 30, 2014 a broad “electronic option” would be incorporated into a far-reaching array of City services and functions. The Managing Director is further directed by the bill to create a “unique identifier” for each citizen or business, to associate with all transactions by that individual or entity; to report on workflow processes for every citizen-City interaction, including all license and permit applications and all payments to the City; and to file a written report with Council after 180 days, detailing the workflow process for each such interaction or transaction.

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As members of my Administration have testified, while this bill's basic goal is worthy, it is not the most appropriate means of achieving that goal. An important, constant, and ongoing goal of this Administration is to put more City business online. But as a practical matter, it is simply not possible to establish an electronic option for every transaction a member of the public might conduct with the City. This is a process that takes time, and a process in which my Administration is already deeply engaged. The timeline set forth by the Bill is not realistic, and an undue rush to digitize all City transactions would prove disruptive at best. A well-planned and prioritized, strategic roll out of electronic options where they will do the most good is a better approach.

Furthermore, the Law Department has advised that the Bill would not comport with the organization of City government under the Charter, and, therefore, that it cannot be enforced. While Council's powers under the Charter are significant, they generally do not extend to managing the operations of the executive branch. This Bill would control the ultimate administrative details of the manner in which the executive branch conducts business, depriving the executive branch of its discretion to determine and direct the most efficient way to accomplish its tasks and allocate resources.

My Administration will remain open to discussion and collaboration with Council on establishing electronic options for City transactions. This is a shared priority.

As discussed above, this Bill does not fit within the scheme of government laid out by the Charter, but I do recognize that its intent good. Therefore, I will not disapprove the Bill, but am instead returning it to you without my signature.

Respectfully,
Michael A. Nutter
Mayor (File No. 130622)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

 September 6, 2013

**To The President and Members of
The Council of the City of Philadelphia:**

For the following reasons, I am returning to your Honorable Body without my signature Bill No. 130308-A, which was passed by Council at its session on June 13, 2013.

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Under Bill No. 130308-A, taxpayers who timely appeal their property assessments for Tax Year 2014 would only be required pay an amount equal only to their prior year's property tax amount, subject to the outcome of the appeal. Should they lose the appeal, they would be liable for the increased amount of tax, but not for interest and penalties on that amount. The Bill would apply only to Tax Year 2014.

As my Administration has testified, I believe that every taxpayer who has a legitimate reason to appeal a property assessment *must* be able to appeal. I wholeheartedly acknowledge that this is only more so in a year when taxpayers are adjusting to new assessments under the Actual Value Initiative. And I believe that the current system is prepared to meet this challenge. Together with Council, we have made sure that these appeals are handled timely and appropriately by ensuring that BRT has the appropriate resources.

Nevertheless, in considering my position on this Bill, I have had to balance its intent, which is plainly good, with its likely effect.

I believe that this Bill will, unfortunately, do little to protect the interests of those taxpayers who wish to bring a well-founded appeal of their assessment. Instead, it may well accomplish little more than to bloat the appeals process with actions brought merely to take advantage of the Bill's tolling of interest and penalties, regardless of the merits of the underlying claim. This would ultimately work the opposite of the Bill's intent, by slowing down the process for everyone-especially taxpayers who have brought meritorious appeals.

Moreover, by inflating the appeal dockets with frivolous appeals lodged merely to delay payment, the Bill could create a cash flow problem for the City and the School District. And, as you well know, neither the City nor the District is currently in a position to fill cash gaps easily. Rather, this will simply generate further expense.

While this Bill's goal of assisting taxpayers is laudable, I am concerned that it will not truly serve that end. Nevertheless, the bill narrowly applies to tax year 2014 only, and I understand that in spite of the cash flow problems it may create, the costs of the Bill are fairly minimal. Therefore, I am returning Bill No. 130308-A to you unsigned.

Respectfully,
Michael A. Nutter
Mayor (File No. 130623)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

📄 September 6, 2013

**To The President and Members of
The Council of the City of Philadelphia:**

For the reasons discussed below, I am returning Bill No. 120143 (passed June 13, 2013) to your Honorable Body without my signature.

Bill No. 120143 would require the Managing Director to adopt a “procedure for developing an annual information technology strategic plan,” including a summary and evaluation of the City's current telecommunications and information technology infrastructure, and the costs and benefits of such future planned technology for the next five fiscal years. The strategic plan as set forth in the bill would require assessments of how the City plans to make information technology systems more effective and efficient, reduce costs, make public records available on the internet, and ensure electronic options for all transactions between the City and its employees and its citizens. The bill requires the Finance Director to submit the strategic plan to Council along with the Mayor's proposed annual operating budget ordinance beginning with the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget.

I share the basic goal of this bill. Ongoing strategic planning for the City's deployment and use of telecommunications and information technology is a basic necessity for good governance. Citizens have come to expect government to interact with them in a technologically-able manner, and the appropriate use of technology facilitates better stewardship of public resources. Indeed, my Administration is committed to realizing a vision much like that advanced by this bill.

The reason I am unable to return this bill with my signature is because, as the Law Department has advised, it is not consistent with the structure and powers of City government as set forth in the Home Rule Charter. Indeed, it goes beyond the mandate of the recent Charter amendment authorizing Council to request cost-benefit information regarding specific functions, since it goes beyond merely imposing a reporting requirement to dictating aspects of executive branch policy. While Council's powers are broad under the Charter, the task of setting policy regarding the manner in which the executive branch operates is assigned by the Charter to the Administration, and to the Administration alone.

This bill would reallocate discretion over the specifics of strategic planning for IT and telecommunications resources to Council. Whether to make certain aspects of the strategic plan mandatory, or how particular goals are framed and prioritized are, respectfully, matters to be determined by the

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executive branch.

My Administration will remain open to discussion and collaboration with Council on strategic planning and other issues related to information technology and telecommunications. Indeed, we will report to Council on the particular issues raised in the bill, should Council desire it.

As discussed above, this bill does not fit within the scheme of government laid out by the Charter, but I do recognize that its goal is proper, and its intent laudable. Therefore, I will not disapprove the bill, but am instead returning it to you without my signature.

Respectfully,
Michael A. Nutter
Mayor (File No. 130624)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

Transmitting a resolution, approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 2108-2144 Cecil B. Moore avenue, 2105-2147 Nicholas street and 1631-1637 North Twenty-second street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with MPower Development Corp. and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority. (File No. 130625)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

Transmitting a bill amending Chapter 19-2700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled Sales and Use Tax and Hotel Occupancy Tax, by providing for additional sales and use tax, under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 130626)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

Transmitting a bill amending Section 19-201 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Depositories," by authorizing the City Treasurer to deposit funds in U. S. Bank, under certain terms and conditions, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the City Treasurer. (File No. 130627)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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Councilmember Kenney Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Kenney, O'Neill, O'Brien, Squilla and Henon:

- 📄 **Bill No. 130576:** 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 to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to protect the dignity and basic rights of the City's Police Officers, Firefighters, Paramedics and other public safety personnel; and to preserve the integrity of the City's long-term budgeting and planning, by requiring the approval of the Administrative Board and Council before certain interest arbitration awards may be appealed; 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 Kenney Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Kenney:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130595:** Resolution Honoring the career of long-time WPVI cameraman Robert Pruitt on his retirement after 44 years of service to the Philadelphia community.
- 📄 **Resolution No. 130596:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to protect the dignity and basic rights of the City's Police Officers, Firefighters, Paramedics, and other public safety personnel; and to preserve the integrity of the City's long-term budgeting and planning, by requiring the approval of the Administrative Board and Council before certain interest arbitration awards may be appealed; 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 Blackwell Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Blackwell:

- 📄 **Bill No. 130577:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014 from the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the General Fund.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 130578:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No.

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090120), approved April 15, 2009, entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 107 and 130 by striking from the City Plan and vacating the legally open portions of Forty-seventh Street from Fairmount Avenue to Brown Street; striking from the City Plan and vacating Aspen Street from Forty-seventh Street to Markoe Street; and reserving on the City Plan, and authorizing City acceptance of, rights-of-way for various purposes within the lines of Forty-seventh Street and Aspen Street being stricken; all 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 Blackwell Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Blackwell:

Resolution No. 130597: Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvement thereon, situate in the Third Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

Resolution No. 130598: Resolution Honoring and Congratulating Charlie Manuel for the Most Wins in Phillies Franchise History in His Time as the Manager of the Philadelphia Phillies.

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

Resolution No. 130599: Resolution Calling on the City Council of Philadelphia Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to Hold Hearings Concerning Women's Economic and Social Issues and the Challenges Women Face in the Workplace and to Examine the Solutions Which the City Can Provide to Increase Economic Security for Women.

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:

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☐ Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area, identified by house numbers and street addresses as 2108-2144 Cecil B. Moore avenue, 2105-2147 Nicholas street and 1631-1637 North Twenty-second street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with MPower Development Corp. and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

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. 130601:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, 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 and Thirty-seventh Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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. 130602:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, 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 Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

☐ **Bill No. 130579:** An Ordinance Authorizing Pradeep Kuthiala, owner and operator of the newsstand located at 6000 N. Broad Street, to construct, use, and maintain conduits in, under, and across 6000 N. Broad Street for the purpose of supplying electrical service and telephone service to the newsstand, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 130580:** An Ordinance Establishing a no bus parking regulation on the 400 block of 66th Avenue, both sides.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 130581:** An Ordinance Establishing a no truck parking regulation on Cheltenham Avenue, between East Mount Pleasant Avenue and Vernon Road, south side.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 130582:** An Ordinance Establishing a no bus parking regulation on the 6600 block of Lawrence Street, both sides.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 130583:** An Ordinance Amending Bill No. 130325, entitled “An Ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2014 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 2015 through 2019,” by approving a Revised Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130603:** Resolution Declaring October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”.

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Councilmember Johnson Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Johnson and Jones:

- 📄 **Bill No. 130584:** An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,” by adding a new Chapter 10-2000, prohibiting the use of a three-dimensional printer in order to manufacture a firearm, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130604:** Resolution Honoring, recognizing and commending the American Jewish Committee (AJC) for its global diplomacy and legislative advocacy for democratic values and the well-being of the Jewish people worldwide.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130605:** Resolution Honoring, recognizing and commending the Honorable Abram Frank Reynolds for his efforts to promote justice, adequate representation, and healthy development for youth.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130606:** Resolution Honoring, recognizing, and commending Black Girls RUN! of Greater Philadelphia for its outstanding achievements in promoting healthy lifestyles and fitness.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130607:** Resolution Honoring, recognizing, and commending Susan G. Komen Philadelphia for striving to make a world without breast cancer a reality throughout the Philadelphia tri-state area.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130608:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings to examine the School District of Philadelphia's transition plan following the recent school closings.

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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. 130609:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, 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 and Forty-eighth Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130610:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations (Concilio) on the Occasion of the 51st Annual Puerto Rican Festival Week and Parade in Philadelphia.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130611:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Law and Government to investigate and hold public hearings reviewing the City of Philadelphia's recent Request for Proposal seeking a single law firm to provide legal representation to all indigent clients when a conflict of interest requires appointment of outside counsel.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 130585:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17-1400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Non-Competitively Bid Contracts; Financial Assistance,” and Chapter 20-1000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Political Contributions and Expenditures,” by further providing with respect to contribution limits for certain applicants and contractors seeking or having contracts with the City, and for certain lobbyists; and by making technical corrections; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 130586:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," by limiting the exemption of certain real estate taxes for improvements to, or construction of, certain real properties; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130612:** Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of E. Steven Collins.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130613:** Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Rules to hold public hearings to investigate strategies and offer recommendations for the improvement of collection procedures, to increase current and delinquent revenues from the School Income Tax.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Council President Clarke, Sponsored by Councilmember Jones:

- 📄 **Bill No. 130587:** An Ordinance Amending Section 19-201 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Depositories," by authorizing the City Treasurer to deposit funds in U. S. Bank, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

- 📄 **Resolution No. 130614:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating Academy Award-nominated film producer and director Lee Daniels for his remarkable contributions to society through film and community service.

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



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Code, entitled “Sidewalk Vendors in Center City,” in order to expand the previously designated vendor location on the east side of 5th Street between Commerce Street and Market Street by permitting vending on the east side of 5th Street between Arch Street and Market Street.

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

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

 **Bill No. 130589:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Sepviva Street, Butler Street, Aramingo Avenue, Castor Avenue, Gaul Street, Westmoreland Street, Tulip Street, and Castor Avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

 **Bill No. 130590:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by the Frankford Creek, Aramingo Avenue, Wheatsheaf Lane, Sepviva Street, Butler Street, Frankford Avenue, Valetta Street, Coral Street, Vici Street and Frankford Avenue, and by amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by amending Chapter 14-603 “Use Specific Standards,” all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

 **Bill No. 130591:** An Ordinance Amending Section 19-1303 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Discounts and Additions to Tax,” by tolling additions, interest and penalties when the assessed value of property is under appeal; limiting what the Department can bill for tax years under appeal; and requiring for the tax year under appeal payment of an amount at least equal to the prior year's tax; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

 **Bill No. 130592:** An Ordinance Amending Section 19-1806 of The Philadelphia

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Code, entitled "Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax," by tolling interest, penalties and costs when the assessed value of taxable property is under appeal; limiting what the Department can bill for tax years under appeal; and requiring for the tax year under appeal payment of an amount at least equal to the prior year's tax; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130615:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, 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-ninth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvements in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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

- ☐ **Bill No. 130593:** An Ordinance

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Neighborhood Business Districts, '94 by designating an area within the general

vicinity of West Olney Avenue as a Neighborhood Business District and

providing for street ve

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

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

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Bill No. 130594: An Ordinance Approving a new plan, estimated costs and proposed method of assessment of the Germantown Special Services District of Philadelphia for and concerning business improvements and administrative services to the Germantown area of the City of Philadelphia and extending the boundaries of the Germantown Special Services District.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Bass Introduced and Ordered Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Bass, Council President Clarke, Squilla, Tasco and Kenney:

Resolution No. 130616: Resolution Recognizing, Honoring, and Celebrating Dawn Michelle Staley, on the occasion of her induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2013.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons provided public comment on September 12, 2013:

Name and Comment Subject

Clarc King (120118)

Tiffany Green (120651-A)

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE

Resolution No. 130311: Resolution Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to oppose legislation that will legalize predatory small-dollar lending, commonly known as payday lending, in Pennsylvania and harm the citizens of our Commonwealth.

THE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

Resolution No. 130595: Resolution Honoring the career of long-time WPVI cameraman Robert Pruitt on his retirement after 44 years of service to the Philadelphia community.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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☐ **Resolution No. 130598:** Resolution Honoring and Congratulating Charlie Manuel for the Most Wins in Phillies Franchise History in His Time as the Manager of the Philadelphia Phillies.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 130599:** Resolution Calling on the City Council of Philadelphia Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to Hold Hearings Concerning Women's Economic and Social Issues and the Challenges Women Face in the Workplace and to Examine the Solutions Which the City Can Provide to Increase Economic Security for Women.

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

☐ **Resolution No. 130603:** Resolution Declaring October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 130604:** Resolution Honoring, recognizing and commending the American Jewish Committee (AJC) for its global diplomacy and legislative advocacy for democratic values and the well-being of the Jewish people worldwide.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 130605:** Resolution Honoring, recognizing and commending the Honorable Abram Frank Reynolds for his efforts to promote justice, adequate representation, and healthy development for youth.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 130606:** Resolution Honoring, recognizing, and commending Black Girls RUN! of Greater Philadelphia for its outstanding achievements in promoting healthy lifestyles and fitness.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 130607:** Resolution Honoring, recognizing, and commending Susan G. Komen Philadelphia for striving to make a world without breast cancer a reality throughout the Philadelphia tri-state area.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

☐ **Resolution No. 130608:** Resolution Authorizing the Committee on Education to hold hearings to examine the School District of Philadelphia's transition plan following the recent school closings.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130610:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations (Concilio) on the Occasion of the 51st Annual Puerto Rican Festival Week and Parade in Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130611:** Resolution Authorizing City Council's Committee on Law and Government to investigate and hold public hearings reviewing the City of Philadelphia's recent Request for Proposal seeking a single law firm to provide legal representation to all indigent clients when a conflict of interest requires appointment of outside counsel.

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

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130612:** Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of E. Steven Collins.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130613:** Resolution Authorizing the City Council Committee on Rules to hold public hearings to investigate strategies and offer recommendations for the improvement of collection procedures, to increase current and delinquent revenues from the School Income Tax.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130614:** Resolution Honoring and celebrating Academy Award-nominated film producer and director Lee Daniels for his remarkable contributions to society through film and community service.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 130616:** Resolution Recognizing, Honoring, and Celebrating Dawn Michelle Staley, on the occasion of her induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2013.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL
PASSAGE**

- ☐ **Bill No. 130248:** An Ordinance Authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013 from the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the General Fund, the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

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THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 130143, as amended: An Ordinance Continuing the Aramingo Avenue Shopping District, a neighborhood improvement district, and amending the District's boundaries in an area generally including the east and west sides of Aramingo Avenue from 2700 Aramingo Avenue to 3995 Aramingo Avenue and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Aramingo Avenue and for which Impact Community Development Corporation, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, is the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District; approving a final 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 Impact Community Development Corporation, relating to the District; and authorizing Impact Community 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 AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 130485: An Ordinance An Ordinance authorizing the Bond Committee to sell bonds at public or private negotiated sale, to provide funds toward various capital municipal purposes; providing for appropriations to the Sinking Fund Commission for the payment of such bonds; authorizing agreements to provide credit or payment or liquidity sources for the bonds in connection with issuance of the bonds, and certain other actions; providing for obtaining the consent of the electors to increasing the indebtedness of the City; and fixing a day and providing for arrangements for holding the election for obtaining such consent.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

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The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 130412, as amended: An Ordinance Amending Title 15 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Parks and Recreation,” by adding a new Chapter requiring an Impact Statement, Cost Estimate and Escrow for Repairs, before the issuance of any permit or license to use certain parks or recreation facilities, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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

Nays: 0

Bill No. 130459, as amended: An Ordinance Authorizing the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation and the Water Commissioner, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a lease with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development (“PAID”), under which the City would lease the East Park Reservoir West Basin and adjacent park land (the “Premises”) to PAID, and pursuant to which PAID would enter into a sublease for the Premises with the East Park Leadership and Conservation Center (“EPLACC”), a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation formed by the Philadelphia Outward Bound Center and The National Audubon Society, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

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

Nays: 0

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER REYNOLDS BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.