

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND
PUBLIC WORKS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 18, 2013
9:10 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON, CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

BILL 130230 - An ordinance naming and
designating the property located at 12601
Townsend Road as "The Rosemary Montagno Senior
Center."

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COUNCILMAN HENON: Good

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morning. This morning we have a meeting

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on Public Property and Public Works.

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A quorum has been established.

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To my left, Councilman Greenlee. To my

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right, Councilman Oh, Councilwoman

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Blackwell, and Councilman Kenney.

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Clerk, would you read the bill,

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please.

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THE CLERK: Bill No. 130230, an

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ordinance naming and designating the

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property located at 12601 Townsend Road

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as "The Rosemary Montagno Senior Center."

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COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you.

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Is there anyone here from the

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Administration that would like to testify

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on the bill.

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State your name for the record.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HERZINS:

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Good morning, Chairman Henon and members

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of the Committee on Public Property and

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Public Works. My name is John Herzins.

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I'm the Deputy Commissioner of the

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Department of Public Property here today

1 4/18/13 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 130230
2 to testify in support of Bill No. 130230,
3 an ordinance naming and designating the
4 property located at 12601 Townsend Road
5 as "The Rosemary Montagno Senior Center."

6 The Department of Public
7 Property is not opposed to this measure
8 and, accordingly, I respectfully ask that
9 City Council approve Bill No. 130230.

10 I am also requesting a
11 suspension of the rules so as to allow
12 for first reading at the next session of
13 Council.

14 Thank you. I will be happy to
15 answer any questions you may have.

16 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
17 Mr. Herzins.

18 Does anybody on the Committee
19 have any questions?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCILMAN HENON: Anybody
22 here -- the Chair recognizes Councilman
23 O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
25 Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee.

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2 Before I read the petition that was
3 prepared by the members of the Far
4 Northeast Senior Citizens Center, I would
5 like to, for the record, introduce and
6 state the presence of John Montagno,
7 Rosemary's husband; her son, Stephen; and
8 her best friend, Camille McColgan. And
9 for at least Jannie Blackwell, Jim
10 Kenney, and Bill Greenlee, Rosemary is
11 also the sister of Pete Certo. So this
12 group started in South Philly and moved
13 up to the Northeast some years ago.
14 Camille is a cousin of Barbara Capozzi,
15 so it's kind of everything -- everything
16 comes around.

17 But I will read this, and it's
18 part of the petition that probably has
19 about a hundred signatures that will be
20 introduced today and passed up for the
21 Clerk.

22 "Rosemary Montagno has been the
23 adviser to the Far Northeast Senior
24 Center since its inception many years
25 ago. She has always been there to insure

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that we performed all our activities in a proper and legal manner. Rosemary made sure we always submitted all our Grant forms at the proper times and generally was our connection to our City Councilman and Franklin Mills Advisory Council," which, by the way, Rosemary chaired for about 25 years. "She guided all our incoming officers in their duties and responsibilities and attended just about all of our Board Meetings and General Meetings. Whenever she entered the Center, she had a sincere hello and hug for everyone present. Rosemary always had our best interest in her heart. She worked extra long and hard to keep our Center prosperous, financially secure, and active. Rosemary will be greatly missed and for these reasons, and many more which time doesn't permit me to list, we are proposing to rename the Far Northeast Senior Center the Rosemary Montagno Senior Center."

25 And if I can just add, the

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2 Senior Center was built with a hundred
3 percent funds from Franklin Mills when
4 Franklin Mills was rezoned from the
5 racetrack back in the late '80s, and this
6 piece of ground was an excess piece of
7 ground the seniors in the area found that
8 PIDC owns. It was either leased or
9 transferred to the City's Department of
10 Public Property, and through that lease,
11 the City has paid the utilities on the
12 building, but we don't spend a dime of
13 operating funds or staff. It is totally
14 run by the volunteers. And it is
15 impeccably clean. The kitchen is nice.
16 There's a little pool table, and at any
17 one time, there's been between 400 and
18 800 members of that senior center in the
19 immediate Far Northeast area.

20 So Rosemary's work at the
21 Center was extremely valuable, not just
22 to the club but to the City at-large as
23 well, and I ask the Committee to approve
24 this ordinance and also to suspend the
25 rules to allow first reading later on

1 4/18/13 - PUBLIC PROPERTY - BILL 130230
2 today.

3 Thank you.

4 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
5 Councilman.

6 Any further questions?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCILMAN HENON: I'd like to
9 for the record state that we are now
10 joined by Councilman Bill Green.

11 If there are no further
12 testimonies or questions from this
13 Committee, I'd like to recognize
14 Councilman Bill Greenlee.

15 I'd like to recess the public
16 hearing and move into our public meeting.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Bill Greenlee.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
20 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill No.
21 130230 be reported out of this Committee
22 with a favorable recommendation and move
23 further that the rules of Council be
24 suspended to allow for first reading at
25 our next session of Council.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCILMAN HENON: All those in
4 favor?

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCILMAN HENON: The bill has
7 been voted and approved. And this Bill
8 120230 is going to move out of Committee
9 with a favorable recommendation and
10 suspension of the rules to allow the
11 first reading at our next Council
12 session.

13 Thank you all for coming.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you.

15 (Committee on Public Property
16 and Public Works concluded at 9:20 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings, evidence and objections are
contained fully and accurately in the
stenographic notes taken by me upon the
foregoing matter, and that this is a true and
correct transcript of same.

MICHELE L. MURPHY
RPR-Notary Public

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