

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, December 12, 2019
9:49 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN AL TAUBENBERGER

RESOLUTIONS 190975, 190976, 190977, 190978,
and 190979

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning. We're going to start the
4 hearing. We have a quorum of the
5 Committee of the Whole. This is the
6 public hearing of the Committee of the
7 Whole. The purpose of this hearing is to
8 take testimony on Resolutions No. 190975,
9 190976, 190977, 190978, and 190979.

10 Mr. Christmas, please read the
11 titles of the resolutions.

12 THE CLERK: Resolution 190975,
13 appointing Greg Muller to the Board of
14 Directors of the Center City District.

15 Resolution No. 190976,
16 appointing Clayton Mitchell to the Board
17 of Directors of the Center City District.

18 Resolution 190977, reappointing
19 Kevin Michals to the Board of Directors
20 of the City Avenue Special Services
21 District.

22 Resolution 190978, appointing
23 Carol Watson to the Board of Directors of
24 the Center City District.

25 And, finally, Resolution

1 12/12/19 - WHOLE - RES. 190975, ETC.
2 190979, reappointing Howard Wurzak to the
3 Board of Directors of the City Avenue
4 Special Services District.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you very much.

7 Today our witness is Mr. Paul
8 Levy.

9 Mr. Levy, please come forward.

10 (Witness approached witness
11 table.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
13 morning.

14 MR. LEVY: Good morning,
15 Council President and members of Council.
16 Thank you very much for the opportunity.
17 I'm here to testify -- my name is Paul
18 Levy, President of the Center City
19 District. I'm here to testify in favor
20 of Resolutions 190975, 976, and 978
21 appointing Greg Muller, Clayton Mitchell,
22 and Carol Watson to the Board of
23 Directors of the Center City District.
24 All three of them have joined me this
25 morning, and if there's time, they'd be

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2 glad just to introduce themselves, but we
3 really appreciate this opportunity for
4 you to consider these three nominees and
5 look for your support.

6 Thank you.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you.

9 Do we have any other witnesses
10 to testify?

11 MR. LEVY: Just if you'd like
12 them briefly to introduce themselves, or
13 if there's not enough time. Either way.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You
15 want to introduce yourself briefly.

16 (Witnesses approached witness
17 table.)

18 MS. WATSON: Good morning.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
20 morning.

21 MS. WATSON: Thank you so much
22 for the opportunity. I'm Carol Watson,
23 the General Manager of Hotel Palomar
24 Philadelphia. I look to take this
25 opportunity to serve as both someone who

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2 employs Philadelphians as well as support
3 those who travel to the area of
4 Philadelphia for a boutique hotel under
5 the IHG brand.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you.

8 MS. WATSON: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you.

11 MR. MITCHELL: My name is
12 Clayton Mitchell. I'm Senior Vice
13 President of Real Estate and Facilities
14 for Jefferson. I've been in Philadelphia
15 for about eight months now, retired naval
16 officer, 25 years of civil engineer corps
17 officer doing facilities, seven and a
18 half years with Kaiser Permanente, and
19 now really have the privilege of helping
20 Jefferson grow its footprint here within
21 the Philadelphia area from a real estate
22 standpoint. So just really looking for
23 opportunities to align our strategies
24 with those of the community as a whole so
25 we can make the community as a whole

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2 stronger.

3 Appreciate the opportunity.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you.

6 Any questions of these

7 witnesses?

8 MR. LEVY: Just one other.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Oh,
10 I'm sorry.

11 MR. MULLER: I'm Greg Muller.

12 I'm a partner at SSH Real Estate. We're
13 a 75-person real estate firm on South
14 Broad Street. I'm a Philadelphia
15 resident, and welcome the opportunity to
16 be on the Center City District Board.

17 Thank you.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you.

20 Thank you all for your
21 willingness to serve.

22 Any questions?

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good

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2 morning. Good morning. I read with
3 interest all of your bios and applaud the
4 credentials you bring to the mission of
5 the Center City District, and I always
6 like to go on the record to say thank you
7 to Paul Levy for continuing to be
8 conscientious to make sure that we have
9 boards that look like the City of
10 Philadelphia. So thank you very, very
11 much, Paul. Congratulations.

12 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you, Councilwoman.

15 Any other questions of these
16 witnesses?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 There being none, I want to thank you all
20 very much for your testimony.

21 MR. LEVY: Thank you very much.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
23 completes our witness list, and we will
24 now move into our public meeting after
25 concluding our public hearing.

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2 And the Chair recognizes
3 Councilmember Henon for a single motion
4 on the five resolutions.

5 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
6 Mr. Chairman. I move that Resolutions
7 No. 190975, 190976, 190977, 190978, and
8 190979 be reported from this Committee
9 with a favorable recommendation and move
10 that the rules of Council be suspended to
11 permit the consideration of these
12 resolutions at our next session of
13 Council.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you. It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that Resolutions
18 190975, 190976, 190977, 190978, and
19 190979 be reported from this Committee
20 with a favorable recommendation and that
21 the rules of Council be suspended so as
22 to permit consideration of these
23 resolutions at our next session of
24 Council.

25 All those in favor signify by

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2 saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 ayes have it, and Resolutions 190975,
9 190976, 190977, 190978, and 190979 will
10 be reported from this Committee with a
11 favorable recommendation and a suspension
12 of the rules to allow for their
13 consideration at our next session of
14 Council.

15 I want to thank you all very
16 much. This concludes the business of the
17 Committee.

18 Thank you.

19 (Committee of the Whole
20 concluded at 9:54 a.m.)

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

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RPR-Notary Public

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