

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, December 14, 2017
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILMAN DEREK S. GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

RESOLUTIONS 171062, 171063, 171064, 171065,
171070, and 171071

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning. We're going to get started on
4 the Committee of the Whole.

5 This is a public hearing of the
6 Committee of the Whole. The purpose of
7 this hearing is to take testimony on
8 Resolutions 171062, 171063, 171064,
9 171065, 171070, and 171071.

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

12 THE CLERK: Resolution 171062,
13 reappointing Jay Feldstein to the Board
14 of Directors of the City Avenue Special
15 Services District of Philadelphia and
16 Lower Merion.

17 Resolution 171063, reappointing
18 Bernie Prazenica to the Board of
19 Directors of the City Avenue Special
20 Services District of Philadelphia and
21 Lower Merion.

22 Resolution 171064, reappointing
23 Mark Reed to the Board of Directors of
24 the City Avenue Special Services District
25 of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.

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Resolution 171065, reappointing
Gary Brandeis to the Board of Directors
of the City Avenue Special Services
District of Philadelphia and Lower
Merion.

Resolution 171070, appointing
Angela Bowie to the Board of Directors
for the Germantown Special Services
District.

And, finally, Resolution
171071, appointing Charles Richardson to
the Board of Directors for the Germantown
Special Services District.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
Thank you, Mr. Christmas.

Our witness today is Terrence
Foley, City Avenue District.

Please come forward.

(Witness approached witness
table.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
Before you speak, I'd like to recognize
Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. I'll be brief. The other
3 day we had the Special Services District
4 for Center City here, and I made comments
5 then. They might be first, but we were
6 able to organize and maintain a special
7 service district on City Ave.

8 When I first was elected in
9 '08, the first thing they did was tear
10 down the notion that City Ave had a line
11 through it, and we began working with
12 townships on the other side of City Ave
13 and we've done wonderful things that have
14 reconnected the suburbs to the burbs and
15 urbs of Philadelphia, and we're very
16 thankful to have that service district
17 that has done everything from crime
18 prevention to traffic calming,
19 infrastructure development, all up and
20 down the Avenue, and we're glad to have
21 Terry. He's been with us now?

22 MR. FOLEY: 11 years.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: 11 years,
24 and has decided to stay.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Awesome.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilman.

6 Good morning. Please provide
7 your testimony. State your name for the
8 record.

9 MR. FOLEY: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. My name is Terrence
11 Foley. I'm the President of City Avenue
12 Special Services District of Philadelphia
13 and Lower Merion. The District is a
14 unique partnership between the City of
15 Philadelphia and the Township of Lower
16 Merion. The District is located along
17 City Avenue from I-76 to 63rd Street.
18 The goals of the District are to improve
19 public safety, enhance the area's image,
20 and to attract and shape development
21 along this important corridor.

22 The District has initiated a
23 streetscape and safety capital
24 improvement program that has resulted in
25 the completion of over \$6 million of

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2 lighting, pedestrian safety, and traffic
3 safety improvements. Another 4.6 million
4 of improvements are funded and expected
5 to go to construction in the summer of
6 2018.

7 The District has also completed
8 a rezoning effort that has attracted new
9 retail investment and upgrading, as well
10 as new residential construction.

11 The four reappointments
12 requested by the Board of Directors are
13 as follows: Mr. Bernie Prazenica, who is
14 the President and General Manager of 6ABC
15 and who now serves as our Board Chair;
16 Mr. Gary Brandeis, who is the
17 owner/operator of the Courtyard by
18 Marriott Philadelphia City Avenue;
19 Dr. Jay Feldstein, President and CEO of
20 the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic
21 Medicine; and Dr. Mark Reed, President of
22 St. Joseph's University.

23 The acceptance of these
24 reappointments will allow the Board and
25 the District itself to maintain the

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2 momentum they've created together and
3 continue moving the City Avenue District
4 forward.

5 Thank you very much.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you very much for your testimony.

8 Any questions of this witness
9 by members of the Committee?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 There being none, thank you very much.

13 I believe this completes our
14 witness list, and this concludes our
15 public hearing on the Committee of the
16 Whole.

17 We will now go into our public
18 meeting, and the Chair recognizes
19 Councilmember Henon for a single motion
20 on the six resolutions.

21 COUNCILMAN HENON: Good morning
22 and thank you, Mr. Chairman and Council
23 President. I move that Resolutions No.
24 171062, 171063, 171064, 171065, 171070,
25 and 171071 be reported from this

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2 Committee with a favorable recommendation
3 and further move that the rules of
4 Council be suspended as to permit
5 consideration of these resolutions at our
6 next session of City Council.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you. It has been moved and
10 properly seconded that Resolutions No.
11 171062, 171063, 171064, 171065, 171070,
12 and 171071 be reported from this
13 Committee with a favorable recommendation
14 and further moved that the rules of
15 Council be suspended so as to permit
16 consideration of these resolutions at the
17 next session of Council.

18 All those in favor say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 ayes have it, the motion carries, and
25 these resolutions will be reported from

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2 this Committee with a favorable
3 recommendation and a recommendation that
4 the rules of Council be suspended so as
5 to permit consideration at the next
6 session of Council.

7 This concludes our business.

8 Thank you all very much.

9 (Committee of the Whole
10 concluded at 10:05 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings, evidence and objections are
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foregoing matter, and that this is a true and
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