

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 26, 2018
9:50 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN AL TAUBENBERGER

BILL 180108
RESOLUTIONS 180124, 180305, and 180306

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning. This is the public hearing of
4 the Committee of the Whole. The purpose
5 of this hearing is to consider Bill No.
6 180108, Resolutions No. 180124, 180305,
7 and 180306.

8 Mr. Christmas, please read the
9 titles of the bill and resolutions.

10 THE CLERK: Bill No. 180108, an
11 ordinance authorizing the City of
12 Philadelphia to enter into lease
13 agreements with the Philadelphia
14 Authority for Industrial Development
15 under which the City would lease to PAID
16 on a project-by-project basis certain
17 land and facilities in the Fairmount Park
18 system, recreation centers, playgrounds
19 and branches of the Free Library of
20 Philadelphia system, and which would
21 permit PAID to sublease such Facilities
22 on a project-by-project basis to other
23 organizations in conformity with the
24 Economic Development Financing Law, as
25 amended, all under certain terms and

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2 conditions; and

3 Resolution 180124, approving
4 the Rebuild Project Statement, including
5 annual budgets for Project expenditures
6 for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019, a list of
7 City properties to be included in the
8 program and a master Economic Opportunity
9 Plan; and

10 Resolution 180305, appointing
11 Lynette Brown Sow to the Board of
12 Directors of the Philadelphia Municipal
13 Authority; and

14 Finally, Resolution 180306,
15 confirming the reappointment of Honorable
16 Phyllis W. Beck as a member of the Board
17 of Ethics, to serve in the term ending
18 November 16, 2022.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you, Mr. Christmas.

21 I note that Bill No. 180108 and
22 Resolution No. 180124 are being held at
23 the request of the Administration.

24 And our first witness to
25 testify on the remaining resolutions is

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2 Lynette Brown Sow, nominee for
3 appointment to the Board of Directors of
4 the Philadelphia Municipal Authority.

5 (Witnesses approached witness
6 table.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
8 morning.

9 MS. BROWN SOW: Good morning,
10 Council President. Good morning,
11 Councilmembers. Lynette Brown Sow,
12 President of L.M. Brown Management Group.

13 I am here to answer any
14 questions you may have. I have no
15 prepared testimony.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Thank you.

18 MS. GALLMAN: Good morning,
19 Council President Clarke. My name is
20 Lorna Gallman, Executive Director for the
21 Philadelphia Municipal Authority, and I'm
22 here to answer any questions you may have
23 about the Authority.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you very much.

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2 Are there any questions by
3 members of the Committee for these
4 witnesses?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 There being none, thank you very much.

8 MS. BROWN SOW: Thank you very
9 much.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 next witness to testify is Nedda Massar,
12 Deputy Executive Director for the Board
13 of Ethics, testifying on the
14 reappointment of Judge Phyllis Beck as a
15 member of the Board of Ethics.

16 (Witness approached witness
17 table.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
19 morning.

20 MS. MASSAR: Good morning,
21 Council President Clarke and members of
22 the Committee of the Whole. Thank you.
23 I am here on behalf of --

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Just
25 say your name for the record.

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2 MS. MASSAR: Oh, sorry. Nedda
3 Massar, Deputy Executive Director of the
4 Board of Ethics.

5 I have very brief testimony
6 about the reappointment of the Honorable
7 Phyllis Beck to be a member of the Board
8 of Ethics, and it gives me great pleasure
9 to speak to you in support of Resolution
10 180306.

11 Since Judge Beck became an
12 Ethics Board member in 2011, she has been
13 engaged in and actively supported the
14 Board's mission to administer and enforce
15 the City's public integrity laws. She
16 has served as the Board's Vice Chair
17 since December of 2012, and whether it is
18 a matter concerning the ethics, campaign
19 finance or City lobbying laws, Judge Beck
20 offers valuable expertise as well as a
21 pragmatic approach to legal
22 interpretation and the operation of City
23 government. Further, and probably most
24 important, she is a model of public
25 service to all of us.

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2 Many of you are already
3 familiar with Judge Beck's professional
4 credentials and exemplary service level
5 of community participation and
6 involvement. I think it is worth just a
7 moment to share some of her
8 accomplishments with you as evidence of
9 both her dedication to the City of
10 Philadelphia and the outstanding role she
11 plays in our city's civic life.

12 Judge Beck served for 25 years
13 on the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and
14 was in fact the first woman elected to
15 that office. Before she became a judge,
16 Judge Beck was in the private practice of
17 law and served as Vice Dean of the
18 University of Pennsylvania Law School.
19 After she retired from the Superior
20 Court, she was General Counsel of the
21 Barnes Foundation, served as a mediator
22 for the Superior Court, and continues to
23 serve as a mediator and arbitrator.
24 Judge Beck is currently the Chair of the
25 Independence Foundation, President of the

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2 Beck Institute for Cognitive Therapy,
3 Chair of the Advisory Committee of
4 Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, and
5 she's a member of the Board of Directors
6 for the Free Library of Philadelphia and
7 a member of the Board of ASAP, the After
8 School Activities Partnerships.

9 Judge Beck's fellow Board
10 members value her wisdom, her insight,
11 her perspective, and her collegiality.
12 Board staff members appreciate her
13 constant support and encouragement. The
14 Board and staff look forward to
15 continuing our work with Judge Beck.
16 Based upon our experience, the City is
17 well served with Judge Beck as a member
18 of the Board of Ethics.

19 Thank you, and I'll take any
20 questions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you very much for your testimony.

23 Are there any questions of this
24 witness by members of the Committee?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Anyone else here to testify?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you very much.

7 This concludes the public
8 hearing of the Committee of the Whole.
9 We will now go into our public meeting.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Henon for a motion to
12 report out of Committee with a favorable
13 recommendation Resolutions No. 180305 and
14 180306.

15 COUNCILMAN HENON: So moved,
16 Mr. President.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you. It has been moved and
20 properly seconded that Resolutions No.
21 180305 and 180306 be reported from this
22 Committee with a favorable
23 recommendation.

24 All those in favor of the
25 motion will signify by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 ayes have it, and Resolutions No. 180305
8 and 180306 will be reported from this
9 Committee with a favorable recommendation
10 at our next session of Council.

11 This concludes the business of
12 the Committee.

13 Thank you all very much.

14 (Committee of the Whole
15 concluded at 9:55 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
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