

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 4, 2019
10:15 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN GYM
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

RESOLUTIONS 190038, 190039, and 190221

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1 4/4/19 - WHOLE - RES. 190038, ETC.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning. We're going to start. This is
4 the public hearing of the Committee of
5 the Whole. The purpose of this hearing
6 is to take testimony on Resolutions No.
7 190038, 190039, 190221.

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

10 THE CLERK: Resolution 190038,
11 appointing Betsy Oliphant Ross to the
12 Board of Directors for the Old City
13 Special Services District.

14 Resolution 190039, reappointing
15 Richard Goldberg to the Board of
16 Directors for the Old City Special
17 Services District.

18 And, finally, 190221,
19 reappointing Michael Woodward to the
20 Board of Directors of the City Avenue
21 Special Services District of Philadelphia
22 and Lower Merion.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you.

25 So today the witnesses that

1 4/4/19 - WHOLE - RES. 190038, ETC.
2 will be testifying is Christopher McGill,
3 Board Chair of Old City Special Services
4 District; Terrence Foley, President of
5 City Avenue Special Services.

6 If the witnesses will please
7 approach the table, and my apologies for
8 the delay.

9 (Witnesses approached witness
10 tables.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
12 morning. If you can state your name for
13 the record and proceed with your
14 testimony, please.

15 MR. MCGILL: Good morning. My
16 name is Christopher McGill. Good
17 morning, Council President Clarke,
18 Councilmember Squilla, all members of
19 Council. My name is Christopher McGill,
20 again, and I'm the Board Chair for the
21 Old City Special Services District. I'm
22 here to testify in support of Resolution
23 Nos. 190038, 190039 relating to the
24 appointment of the Board of the District.

25 Resolution No. 190038 appoints

1 4/4/19 - WHOLE - RES. 190038, ETC.

2 Betsy Oliphant Ross to the Board. Ms.

3 Ross is an Old City resident and the

4 current Vice President of Business

5 Development and Marketing at All Ages

6 Productions, which is a full-service

7 creative film company. She previously

8 worked as a Senior Director of

9 Advertising for Visit Philadelphia and

10 currently serves on the Marketing

11 Committee of the Arden Theatre in Old

12 City.

13 Resolution No. 190039

14 reappoints Richard Goldberg to the Board.

15 Mr. Goldberg is an Old City resident as

16 well. He's a retired real estate

17 attorney, currently serves as the Chair

18 of the Old City District's Economic

19 Development Committee and co-chairs the

20 Registered Community Organization

21 committee and is a member of both the

22 Clean and Safe Committee and the

23 Executive Committee.

24 At its meeting on September

25 20th, 2018 and October 17th of 2018, the

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2 Old City District Board of Directors
3 unanimously voted to support the
4 nominations of Ms. Ross and Mr. Goldberg.

5 Thank you for your time, and
6 I'm happy to answer any questions you may
7 have.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you. Thank you very much.

10 Please proceed.

11 MR. FOLEY: Good morning. My
12 name is Terrence Foley. I'm the
13 President of City Avenue Special Services
14 District. I'm here to testify on Bill
15 190221, the reappointment of Michael
16 Woodward to our Board of Directors.

17 Mr. Woodward has been
18 unanimously approved by the full Board
19 for reappointment. He is the President
20 of Woodward Properties. He is a very
21 active Board member for over ten years in
22 the district. He serves as our
23 Treasurer, our Chair of our Finance
24 Committee, and a member of the Executive
25 Committee. Mr. Woodward owns and

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2 operates several multi-family apartment
3 communities in Philadelphia, and he is
4 the past President of the Apartment
5 Owners Association of Greater
6 Philadelphia.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you for your testimony.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. I just want to say that
14 the Special Services District takes on a
15 great many tasks. They deal with crime.
16 They deal with safety. They deal with
17 traffic and traffic calming. They deal
18 with issues related to attraction. They
19 took the City line out of City Avenue in
20 order to further relationships with the
21 county reps. So one side is not versus
22 another side, but works with the other
23 side.

24 They work with town and gown
25 issues, whether it's St. Joe's or PCOM.

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2 They have been a valued partner.

3 I'll never forget early on when
4 we did studies about moving buildings
5 closer to the actual street to make sure
6 street calming happened, and one of the
7 things that I'm truly thankful for is the
8 assistance they gave in rerouting the 52
9 bus where my mom always had an issue of
10 not being able to go to the Rite Aid or
11 the CVS.

12 So I want to thank you for what
13 you do. They do it without compensation,
14 except the attaboy every now and then
15 from the community. And I want to give
16 you your public attaboy and attagirl.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. FOLEY: Thank you,
19 Councilman.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you, Councilman.

22 Any additional questions of
23 these witnesses?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Anyone else to testify?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 There being none, I want to thank you
6 very much for your testimony.

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

10 And the Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Greenlee for a motion on
12 the three resolutions.

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
14 you, Mr. President. I move that
15 Resolutions 190038, 190039, and 190221 be
16 reported from this Committee with a
17 favorable recommendation.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you. It has been moved and
21 properly seconded that Resolutions
22 190038, 190039, and 190221 be reported
23 from this Committee with a favorable
24 recommendation.

25 All those in favor of the

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2 motion say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 ayes have it, and Resolution No. 190038,
9 190039, and 190221 will be reported from
10 this Committee with a favorable
11 recommendation.

12 This concludes the business of
13 the Committee.

14 Thank you all very much for
15 attending.

16 (Committee of the Whole
17 concluded at 10:25 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

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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