

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 19, 2014
9:50 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILMAN DENNIS O'BRIEN
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

RESOLUTIONS 140525, 140526, 140549, 140550,
140551, 140552, 140553, 140578, and 140592

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning. We have established a quorum. I'm going to start the Committee of the Whole.

Today we will consider the following resolutions related to appointments to the Philadelphia Housing Authority Board, the Board of Center City, and Germantown Special Services District, Resolution 140525, 140526, 140549, 140550, 140551, 140552, 140553, 140578, and 140592.

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

THE CLERK: Resolution 140525, approving the appointment of Asia Coney as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Housing Authority; and

Resolution 140526, approving the appointment of Ethel Wise as a member of the Board of the Philadelphia Housing Authority; and

Resolution 140549, appointing Jania Daniels to the Board of Directors

1 6/19/14 - WHOLE - RES. 140525, etc.
2 for the Germantown Special Services
3 District; and

4 Resolution 140550, appointing
5 Dennis Pickeral to the Board of Directors
6 for the Germantown Special Services
7 District; and

8 Resolution 140551, appointing
9 Gwang Han to the Board of Directors for
10 the Germantown Special Services District;
11 and

12 Resolution 140552, appointing
13 Justin DiBerardinis to the Board of
14 Directors for the Germantown Special
15 Services District; and

16 Resolution 140553, appointing
17 Kathleen Paulmier to the Board of
18 Directors for the Germantown Special
19 Services District; and

20 Resolution 140578, approving
21 the appointment of Julia Danzy as a
22 member of the Board of the Philadelphia
23 Housing Authority; and

24 Finally, Resolution 140592,
25 appointing Romulo Diaz to the Board of

1 6/19/14 - WHOLE - RES. 140525, etc.
2 Directors for the Center City District.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Mr. Christmas.

5 I would like to welcome the
6 appointees to Council today and ask --
7 we're going to do a couple of panels,
8 because we have a number of people today.

9 I'd like to ask the appointees
10 for the Board of the Philadelphia Housing
11 Authority to come forward, Ms. Asia
12 Coney, Ms. Ethel Wise, and Ms. Julia
13 Danzy. And I would like to say that this
14 is truly a special day. The City of
15 Philadelphia via legislation has been
16 given the authority to have elected
17 members to the Board. It is the first
18 time in the history of the City of
19 Philadelphia, and I want to congratulate
20 all of you -- two of you for your
21 resounding victory and really appreciate
22 it. And, Ms. Danzy, good seeing you back
23 on the other side of the table. I want
24 to thank you all.

25 (Witnesses approached witness

1 6/19/14 - WHOLE - RES. 140525, etc.
2 table.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Ladies, do you have any brief testimony
5 or you just want to get this done and go
6 on about taking care of the business?

7 MS. CONEY: Get it done and
8 roll out.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Get
10 it done? You all good?

11 (Yes.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you. I think we all know the great
14 work that you've done over the past, and
15 we really look forward to working with
16 you. We got some very exciting things
17 going on -- there's a story in the paper
18 today -- that's going to allow us to
19 continue to build affordable housing in
20 the City of Philadelphia at a very
21 aggressive pace, and I just wanted to
22 commend all of the wonderful things that
23 you all have done.

24 I feel good. The fact that
25 I've known you all for so many years, I

1 6/19/14 - WHOLE - RES. 140525, etc.
2 guess we kind of grew up in government
3 and grew up in the neighborhood together.
4 So congratulations and thank you so much.

5 (Thank you.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So
7 with that, I'll call up the next people.
8 Thank you.

9 MS. CONEY: Thank you much.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
12 sorry. Mr. Christmas has informed me
13 that I should have asked if anyone has
14 questions.

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: But
17 I didn't see anything teed up.

18 Ladies, we have no questions.
19 Thank you. Thank you.

20 Next we will call up Mr. Romy
21 Diaz, another veteran of the government
22 wars. Mr. Diaz is being called up to be
23 appointed to the Center City Special
24 Services District.

25 (Witness approached witness

1 6/19/14 - WHOLE - RES. 140525, etc.
2 table.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
4 morning, sir.

5 MR. DIAZ: Good morning,
6 Mr. Chairman, Council President Clarke.
7 I have no testimony. I think your
8 suggestion of getting it done makes
9 immanently good sense.

10 Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you. Man, I like this set of
13 appointees. Really moving it along.

14 Mr. Diaz, thank you very much.

15 Any questions of this witness
16 by members of the Committee?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 There being none, thank you very much,
20 sir.

21 MR. DIAZ: Thank you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
23 now from the Germantown Special Services
24 District, we will call up Ms. Jania
25 Daniels, Dennis Pickeral, Gwang Han,

1 6/19/14 - WHOLE - RES. 140525, etc.
2 Justin DiBerardinis, Kathleen Paulmier.
3 None of them are here, so that will break
4 the earlier established testimony record.
5 So moving right along.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Bass.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. I just wanted to say
10 they're not here because they're all busy
11 working in the community. But in their
12 absence, I just wanted --

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Hold
14 on, Councilwoman.

15 Folks, keep it quiet. We're
16 not done yet. Please keep your voices
17 down, please, for a moment. Thank you.

18 I'm sorry.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: But in
20 their absence, I just wanted to thank
21 them for their support and for making
22 this happen. Good communities, good
23 neighborhoods, strong commercial
24 corridors don't just happen. They really
25 do require a lot of work and a lot of

1 6/19/14 - WHOLE - RES. 140525, etc.
2 talent. And for those folks who are here
3 today from the Center City District and
4 also the Housing Authority and the folks
5 from Germantown who could not make it
6 down today, I just wanted to publicly say
7 thank you for all of their work.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you so much, Councilwoman. I
10 concur.

11 That concludes our witness
12 list. Is there anyone else here who
13 wishes to testify?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 There being none, thank you very much.

17 This concludes our public
18 hearing of the Committee on the Whole.
19 We will now go into our public meeting,
20 and the Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Greenlee for a single motion on all nine
22 resolutions.

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
24 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that
25 Resolution Nos. 140525, 140526, 140549,

1 6/19/14 - WHOLE - RES. 140525, etc.
2 140550, 140551, 140552, 140553, 140578,
3 and 140592 be reported from this
4 Committee with a favorable recommendation
5 and further move that the rules of
6 Council be suspended so as to permit
7 first reading -- permit consideration of
8 these resolutions at the next session of
9 Council.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you. It has been moved and
13 properly seconded that Resolution No.
14 140525, 140526, 140549, 140550, 140551,
15 140552, 140553, 140578, and 140592 be
16 reported from this Committee with a
17 favorable recommendation and further
18 moved that the rules of Council be
19 suspended so as to permit consideration
20 of these resolutions at the next session
21 of Council.

22 All those in favor say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Those opposed?

1 6/19/14 - WHOLE - RES. 140525, etc.

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 ayes have it, the motion carries, and
5 these resolutions will be reported from
6 this Committee with a favorable
7 recommendation and a recommendation that
8 the rules of Council be suspended so as
9 to permit consideration at the next
10 session of Council.

11 Thank you all very much. This
12 will conclude the business of this
13 Committee.

14 Thank you so much.

15 (Committee of the Whole
16 concluded at 10:00 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
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