

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 26, 2020
10:43 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN KENDRA BROOKS
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE GAUTHIER
COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON
COUNCILMAN DEREK S. GREEN
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN GYM
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILWOMAN CHERELLE L. PARKER
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN ISAIAH THOMAS

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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1 3/26/20 - STATED - SILENT PRAYER

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 We're going to move right into our Stated
4 Meeting. We have established a quorum.

5 Despite the great need, there
6 will be no invocation today. We will,
7 however, observe a very brief moment of
8 silent reflection or prayer for our city,
9 its leaders, and the citizens during the
10 current public health crisis.

11 Will you please have a moment
12 of silence.

13 (Moment of silence.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you all very much.

16 If there are no further
17 objections, to further expedite today's
18 session and to limit the duration of this
19 gathering, I propose to dispense with all
20 regular orders of business, with the
21 exception of the approval of the Journal,
22 requests for leaves of absence,
23 communications, reports from committees,
24 consideration of bills on the First
25 Reading Calendar, and the adjournment.

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Seeing no objections, thank you very
5 much.

6 The next order of business is
7 the approval of the Journal, and the
8 Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. I move that the Journal
11 of the meeting on Thursday, March 12th,
12 2020 be approved.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you. It has been moved and
16 properly seconded that the Journal of the
17 meeting of Thursday, March 12th, 2020
18 stand approved.

19 All in favor indicate by saying
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

1 3/26/20 - STATED - LEAVES & COMMUNICATIONS

2 ayes have it, and the Journal is
3 approved.

4 The next order of business is
5 requests for leaves of absence, and the
6 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Parker.

7 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
8 you, Mr. President. On behalf of the
9 members of Council, a leave of absence is
10 requested for all Councilmembers not in
11 attendance at session today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you. The Chair thanks the
14 Councilwoman, and that leave will be
15 granted.

16 Our next order of business is
17 communications, and the Chair requests
18 that the Sergeant-of-Arms delivers the
19 messages from the Mayor to the Chief
20 Clerk.

21 Mr. Decker, please read those
22 messages.

23 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
24 and members of the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you

1 3/26/20 - STATED - REPORTS
2 that on March 16, 2020, I signed the
3 following bill which was passed by
4 Council at its session on March 12, 2020:
5 Bill No. 200010.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you. Those messages will be
8 printed in the Journal.

9 Mr. Decker, do you have any
10 additional communications?

11 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
12 Mr. President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you very much.

15 Our next order of business is
16 reports from committee, and the Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez
18 for a report from the Committee on
19 Appropriations.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
21 you, Council President. The Committee on
22 Appropriations, which was referred Bill
23 No. 200258, reports the bill out with a
24 favorable recommendation and suspension
25 of the rules.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you, Councilwoman.

4 Mr. Decker, please read that
5 report.

6 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
7 and members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia, the Committee on
9 Appropriations, to which was referred
10 Bill No. 200258, entitled "An ordinance
11 authorizing transfers in appropriations
12 for Fiscal Year 2020 from the Grants
13 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
14 Provision for Other Grants, to the
15 General Fund, the Managing Director and
16 to the General Fund, to certain or all
17 City offices, departments, boards and
18 commissions," respectfully reports it has
19 considered and amended the same and
20 returns the attached bill to Council with
21 a favorable recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you. It has been moved and
24 properly seconded that the rules of
25 Council be suspended so as to permit

1 3/26/20 - STATED - REPORTS
2 first reading this day of Bill No.
3 200258.

4 All those in favor say aye.
5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 ayes have it, and this bill will be
11 placed on our First Reading Calendar
12 today.

13 The next order of business is
14 consideration of the Calendar.

15 I note that the bill just
16 reported from committee with a suspension
17 of the rules has been deemed to have had
18 a first reading. This bill will be
19 placed on our Second Reading and Final
20 Passage Calendar for the next session of
21 Council.

22 As this legislative body is not
23 taking any action on any bills or
24 resolutions on the Calendar today, there
25 will be no public comment today.

1 3/26/20 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 Therefore, the final order of business is
3 adjournment, and the Chair recognizes
4 Councilman Jones for a motion to adjourn.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
6 Mr. President. I move that Council stand
7 adjourned until Thursday, April 2nd, 2020
8 at 10:00 a.m.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you. It has been moved and
12 seconded that Council stand adjourned
13 until Thursday, April 2nd, 2020 at 10:00
14 a.m.

15 All those in favor will say
16 aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
22 ayes have it. The motion carries.

23 Before you leave, I just want
24 to make one brief note with respect to
25 the Appropriations bill and the

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2 Appropriations hearing. All of the
3 issues that were brought up today, both
4 in the hearing and prior to the hearing,
5 have been conveyed to the Administration.
6 There will be further discussion on the
7 parameters of the loan fund. There will
8 be a change in the distribution of
9 dollars, grants versus loan. There will
10 be representation on the review team as
11 it determines the criteria and also the
12 whole application and implementation
13 process.

14 Yes, sir.

15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: And I'll
16 be brief because we're wrapping up. For
17 the team that's going to be reviewing
18 this -- well, I sit on PIDC Board, so I
19 don't even know why I'm even bringing
20 this up, but I know schools are going to
21 be shut down until April the 6th and
22 possibly, Dr. Hite kind of signaling,
23 maybe until June. Then somehow
24 prioritizing childcare/daycare centers
25 should be like a key focus, just because

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2 a lot of them will probably go out of
3 business, especially with us having to be
4 quarantined to home and children not
5 having a place to go.

6 But I can follow up with that
7 with the Board. So that was just a
8 thought process, but I'm willing to work
9 on it with anyone.

10 That's all, Council President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Okay. Thank you.

13 So there will be further
14 discussion and will be designated members
15 of the review team.

16 I know there's a lot of
17 concerns, understandably, about the speed
18 and the pace of the movement of the
19 Appropriations legislation, but there
20 will be further discussion and there will
21 be some changes made as it relates to
22 that program, and Council will be
23 properly represented as it relates to
24 that process.

25 So thank you all very much.

1 3/26/20 - STATED - SPEECHES
2 Thank you.
3 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
4 10:50 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.

MICHELE L. MURPHY
RPR-Notary Public

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