COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

AND CREATIVE/INNOVATIVE ECONOMY

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11:15 a.m.

PRESENT:
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH, CHAIR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

RESOLUTION 120128 - Resolution authorizing Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and Creative/Innovative Economy to hold hearings to investigate how to fully take advantage of global opportunities and the creative/innovative economy to spur economic development in Philadelphia...

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COUNCILMAN OH: Good morning. This hearing is now called to order. This is the public hearing of the Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy regarding Resolution 120128.

I recognize the presence of a quorum of Committee members. My name is David Oh, Chair of the Committee. Other members of the Committee in attendance are Councilman Brian O'Neill, Councilwoman Cindy Bass, and Council President Darrell Clarke.

The Clerk will now read the title of the resolution.

THE CLERK: Resolution 120128, authorizing Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and Creative/Innovative Economy to hold hearings to investigate how to fully take advantage of global opportunities and the creative/innovative economy to spur economic development in Philadelphia by increasing overseas investments, incubating technology and

innovation, encouraging creativity, and attracting and retaining the workforce to create good-paying, family-sustaining jobs with benefits and improve the quality of life for all residents of Philadelphia.

COUNCILMAN OH: As we have no one scheduled to testify on this resolution this morning, I will ask if there's anyone else in the Chambers present that wishes to give testimony on that resolution.

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN OH: Seeing none, this concludes the public hearing of the Committee, and we will now go into a public meeting.

I note that a quorum is present consisting of Councilmembers that have been previously identified, Councilman O'Brien [sic], Councilwoman Bass, Council President Clarke, and myself, Councilman Oh. O'Neill. I'm sorry. O'Neill, yes.

The Committee jointly with

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State Senator Michael Brubaker held four days of extensive hearings on Philadelphia's global competitiveness for insights and recommendations on raising the City's global profile and how the City can more effectively leverage international trade and investment attraction as vehicles for economic development and creating much-needed family-sustaining jobs.

Today's public meeting is to consider approval of the findings and recommendations, a careful analysis of 81 experts who have testified, resulting in recommendations on comprehensive international business strategy, tax reform, and workforce development. A draft report has previously been circulated to the members of the Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy.

Unless any Committee members would like to respond, I would look for a motion from Councilmember O'Neill.

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COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the report of the Committee be accepted.

COUNCILMAN OH: It has been moved --

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I'm sorry. Mr. Chairman, I move that the draft report as circulated to the members of the Committee be adopted as the Committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy's final report and that the report be issued to the Council at its next Stated Meeting.

COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very much.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCILMAN OH: It has been moved and properly seconded the report be adopted by the Committee and issued to the Council at its next Stated Meeting.

All those in favor will signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

COUNCILMAN OH: All those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCILMAN OH: The ayes have it and the motion carries. The report has been adopted and will be issued to the Council at its next Stated Meeting.

Thank you, and this concludes the business of the Committee. Thank you very much.

(Committee on Global Opportunities and Creative/Innovative Economy concluded at 11:20 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the proceedings, evidence and objections are contained fully and accurately in the stenographic notes taken by me upon the foregoing matter, and that this is a true and correct transcript of same.

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