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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

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5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Thursday, October 30, 2008
8 10:05 a.m.

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PRESENT:

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
11 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
12 COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
13 COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
14 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
15 COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
16 COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
17 COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
18 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
19 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
20 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
21 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
22 COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ
23 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
24 COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
25 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
3 morning, everyone. I note that the hour
4 has come and that a quorum of this
5 Council is present.

6 Council will please come to
7 order. Members will take their seats and
8 visitors will retire to the seats outside
9 the rails.

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair recognizes Reverend
12 John Roberts, Pastor of the Garden of
13 Prayer Church. He is here today as the
14 guest of Councilman Rizzo.

15 I would ask all members and
16 guests to please rise.

17 (Members and guests rise.)

18 REVEREND ROBERTS: Let us bow
19 our heads.

20 Our Father, again, we thank you
21 for allowing us to see this great day.
22 Not only did you wake us up this morning,
23 but you helped us to get up, and you gave
24 us a portion of strength where we could
25 bathe ourselves without any assistance

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2 and then put our own clothes on. And you
3 gave us traveling mercy and brought us
4 here at this place at this time, without
5 any hurt, harm or danger. For this,
6 we're grateful and we say thank you.

7 Now we invoke your divine
8 presence this morning that you would help
9 us and give us wisdom in which way we are
10 to go. Bless these leaders of this great
11 city. Give us knowledge and
12 understanding, for your word says that we
13 are to pray for those in authority. So
14 now we pray for these great leaders that
15 will make the decision for this great
16 city.

17 Bless us today and then make us
18 a blessing to the day, that everything be
19 done decently and in order. Watch over
20 our children that are at school. Keep
21 them safe from danger, seen and unseen.

22 Bless our homes and our
23 properties that we own. Keep us safe
24 from robbers and thieves.

25 Now, everything that is done

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2 and said today, let it be to the glory
3 and to your honor, for you said in your
4 word that when the righteous are in
5 authority, the people rejoice, but when
6 the wicked rule, the people mourn.
7 Bless us, help us and keep us.
8 We ask this in thy name and for our sake
9 we pray, and as always, Lord, I thank you
10 for listening.
11 And all God's people said amen.
12 (Amen.)
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair thanks Reverend Roberts for his
15 invocation.
16 Council will be at ease.
17 (Council at ease.)
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 next order of business is the approval of
20 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
21 October 23, 2008, and the Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
24 President, I move that the Journal of the
25 meeting of Thursday, October 23rd stand

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2 approved.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
5 has been moved and properly seconded that
6 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
7 October 23, 2008 stand approved.

8 All in favor will indicate by
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 ayes have it, and the Journal is
16 approved.

17 The next order of business is
18 requests for leave of absence, and,
19 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
22 Madam President. On behalf of the
23 majority, there are no requests for leave
24 of absence today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
6 President, on behalf of the republicans,
7 there are no requests for leave of
8 absence.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair thanks the gentleman.

11 The Chair will dispense with
12 the regular order of business to
13 recognize the guests and visitors joining
14 us in Council this morning. On behalf of
15 all members of City Council, I welcome
16 you to our Council session. We
17 appreciate your taking the time to join
18 us as we attend to the legislative
19 affairs of our city. We certainly invite
20 you to come again.

21 At this time, the Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Kelly, who will
23 present a resolution honoring Brintha
24 Vasagar, Miss Philadelphia 2008.

25 Will Ms. Vasagar and those

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2 accompanying her please join the
3 Councilwoman at the podium.

4 I see that Councilman Kelly is
5 being joined by Councilman Greenlee and
6 Councilwoman Brown.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
10 President, I'd like to be excused from
11 the rest of the session at this time.
12 I'm out of the office on city business,
13 out of the Chamber, that is, and I'd like
14 to be recorded as voting aye on all bills
15 and resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you. Your request is being satisfied.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Kelly.

20 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
21 Madam President.

22 Before I begin, I just want to
23 say that it's an honor to have Brintha
24 Vasagar here today, not only representing
25 Miss Philadelphia, but I think they

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2 should add City of Champions underneath
3 it. I really do.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I also think
6 it's very appropriate because to have you
7 here this morning, it's only a few days
8 before the election, and I think who
9 knows, it may be the next time you're in
10 this Council, you may be a candidate for
11 Vice-President. You never can tell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: President.

13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Or
14 President.

15 But it is an honor this morning
16 to present this resolution recognizing,
17 honoring and celebrating Brintha Vasagar,
18 Miss Philadelphia 2008, for her talents
19 and well-rounded persona that earned her
20 the title Miss Philadelphia 2008, and
21 wishing her well in the Miss Pennsylvania
22 2008 Pageant.

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: And
24 whereas, Ms. Vasagar competed against 15
25 of the Philadelphia area's brightest,

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2 prettiest and most talented young women,
3 and excelled in the competition; and

4 Whereas, Ms. Vasagar's South
5 Asian folk dancing talent, interviewing
6 skills and physical beauty exemplifies
7 what it means to hold the title Miss
8 Philadelphia; and

9 Whereas, Ms. Vasagar earned her
10 Bachelor of Science degree in biology and
11 psychology at Georgetown University,
12 where she graduated in the top 25 percent
13 of her class and was inducted into
14 numerous honor societies, which
15 demonstrates her intellectual acumen; and

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
17 Ms. Vasagar recently helped raise over
18 \$500,000 for the tsunami relief, which
19 exhibits her strong social commitment;
20 and

21 Whereas, Ms. Vasagar was
22 invited to the Presidential Inauguration
23 and to speak before members of the United
24 States Congress and the United Nations
25 regarding her relief efforts; and

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2 Whereas, Ms. Vasagar currently
3 is a third-year medical student at Ross
4 University School of Medicine in Miami;
5 and

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Whereas,
7 Ms. Vasagar will superbly represent the
8 City of Philadelphia in the Miss
9 Pennsylvania 2008 Pageant.

10 Now therefore be it resolved,
11 by the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia, that it recognizes, honors
13 and celebrates Ms. Brintha Vasagar, Miss
14 Philadelphia 2008, for her talents and
15 well-rounded persona that earned her the
16 title Miss Philadelphia 2008, and wishing
17 her well in the Miss Pennsylvania 2008
18 Pageant.

19 Further resolved, that an
20 engrossed copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Ms. Brintha Vasagar, further
22 evidencing the sincere admiration and
23 gratitude of this legislative body.

24 This has been co-sponsored by
25 myself and Councilman Green and it's also

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2 signed by the President of City Council,
3 Anna Verna, and all Councilmembers.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Ms. Vasagar for remarks.

7 MS. VASAGAR: Thank you,
8 Councilman Kelly, and thank you to
9 members of City Council for having me
10 here today.

11 Very early on in my reign, I
12 met a four-year-old, who came up and
13 said, You sure smile a lot.

14 And I said, Yeah, that's part
15 of my job, and it's a good thing I like
16 it. She thought about that for a minute
17 and then said, Isn't it nice that you can
18 make people feel better just by smiling
19 at them? And that kind of became the
20 theme of my reign.

21 To date, in the past seven
22 months, I've made over 200 appearances
23 for various organizations around the City
24 and in the surrounding counties, and I
25 couldn't be happier to do it.

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2 You can see my parents here,
3 and they are more than excited for me to
4 be doing this.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. VASAGAR: For them, this
7 represents me putting myself in not the
8 greatest of situations for years. I
9 taught in a DC inner city school and we
10 had fire extinguishers thrown at us, but
11 for me it was worth it. I always wanted
12 to be out in the community and out doing
13 that.

14 As Miss Philadelphia, I've had
15 the opportunity to ask a terminally ill
16 child to come dance with me, and watching
17 her face light up makes it all worth it
18 for me.

19 We all saw last night that
20 Philadelphia is the place where dreams
21 come true and Philadelphia is the city
22 that always loves you back. So I am so
23 proud to represent you, and I hope I'm
24 doing a great job. And, hey, if anyone
25 wants to come to the pageant on March

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2 28th, let us know. We'd love to have
3 you.

4 That's it. Thanks.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

7 Council will be at ease.

8 (Council at ease.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Brown,
11 who will present a resolution honoring
12 Operation Warm on the occasion of
13 celebrating their 10th anniversary.

14 Will Ms. Kim Fortunato and
15 those accompanying her please join the
16 Councilwoman at the podium.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

20 You're welcome.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: To our
22 guests in Council and to members of this
23 body, many of you have been extremely
24 supportive of the Warmth in Winter effort
25 we've been doing for the last nine years

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2 where we reach out to citizens citywide
3 and ask you to please contribute new
4 hats, new mittens, new scarves and new
5 gloves, and then we take all of those and
6 give them back to the typically 2,500
7 homeless children that are in more than
8 30 shelters around the City. This year
9 we are thrilled and excited that we have
10 a new partner. We met this summer, and
11 today in many ways solidifies this
12 wonderful new relationship we will be
13 enjoying with Operation Warm. So we want
14 to say thank you publicly on the record
15 and salute this wonderful new
16 collaboration.

17 So this morning we are honoring
18 Operation Warm on the occasion of
19 celebrating their 10th anniversary and
20 the distribution of 500,000 new winter
21 coats for our city's children.

22 Whereas, for ten years,
23 Operation Warm has provided the gift of a
24 new winter coat to children in need; and

25 Whereas, the importance of a

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2 new winter coat cannot be understated,
3 because for too many of our young people
4 not having a winter coat means they are
5 unable to attend school, may suffer from
6 illness and have a lower self-esteem; and

7 Whereas, a warm coat is one of
8 the most essential items requested by
9 families, schools and community-based
10 organizations during the winter months;
11 and

12 Whereas, a new winter coat
13 facilitates acceptance and eliminates
14 embarrassment and social isolation; and

15 Whereas, in 2008, Operation
16 Warm will celebrate ten years of service
17 to children in need with the distribution
18 of 500,000 new coats; and

19 Whereas, Operation Warm new
20 coats come in a variety of colors and
21 styles, are of superior quality and
22 extremely warm.

23 I can testify. I went to the
24 plant and saw them.

25 Whereas, working directly with

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2 manufacturers, Operation Warm achieves
3 economies of scale facilitating the
4 purchase of new winter coats at lower
5 than wholesale prices; and

6 Whereas, in 2008, Operation
7 Warm will distribute 140,000 new winter
8 coats to Philadelphia's children; and

9 Whereas, in 2008, Operation
10 Warm is partnering with my office's
11 Warmth in Winter program, pairing a new
12 coat with hats and mittens and scarves
13 and gloves that we will collect this fall
14 throughout the City; and

15 Whereas, the Automobile
16 Dealers' Caring for Kids Foundation has
17 provided the funding to provide the gift
18 of warmth to 3,000 of Philadelphia's
19 children in need this winter.

20 Now therefore resolved, by the
21 Council of the City of Philadelphia, we
22 hereby honor Operation Warm on the
23 occasion of celebrating their 10th
24 anniversary with the distribution of more
25 than 500,000 new winter coats.

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2 Resolved further, that an
3 engrossed copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the representatives here
5 this morning for their enormous, enormous
6 commitment and laser-beam hard work
7 looking out for the well-being of
8 children in need as evidence of the
9 sincere sentiments of this legislative
10 body.

11 Signed by President Verna,
12 introduced by myself, Blondell Reynolds
13 Brown, and supported by all members of
14 the Philadelphia City Council.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
17 ladies.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair recognizes Ms. Fortunato for
20 remarks.

21 MS. FORTUNATO: Good morning.
22 Madam President, Councilwoman Brown,
23 thank you so much for your award to
24 Operation Warm. Operation Warm is really
25 delighted to be here in Philadelphia,

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2 especially today celebrating a special
3 day in Philadelphia history, but also to
4 be partnering with the City, with
5 Councilwoman Brown and her initiative to
6 keep children warm. We work really hard
7 to keep kids warm all over the country,
8 but especially right here in our backyard
9 in Philadelphia.

10 I'd just like to introduce our
11 Government Affairs team member, Cydney
12 Irving-Dasent, who has really made this
13 partnership with the Councilwoman
14 possible.

15 So thanks to all of you, and
16 we'll continue our hard work in
17 Philadelphia keeping all of
18 Philadelphia's children as warm as we
19 can.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you very much.

22 Council will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair now recognizes Councilman Jones,

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2 who will present a resolution recognizing
3 the Philadelphia neighborhoods Manayunk
4 and Overbrook Farms.

5 Will Mr. Barry Seymour and
6 those accompanying him please join the
7 Councilman at the podium.

8 I see that Councilman Jones is
9 being accompanied by Councilman Greenlee
10 and Councilman Goode.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Ladies and
12 gentlemen, first-class cities have to
13 have some essential ingredients. First
14 they have to have first-class sports
15 teams.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: And then
18 because we are a city of neighborhoods,
19 we have to have great neighborhoods, and
20 we're here to recognize two great
21 neighborhoods out of many in the City of
22 Philadelphia.

23 Today we will be honoring,
24 recognizing and congratulating the
25 Philadelphia neighborhoods of Manayunk

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2 and Overbrook Farms for being selected by
3 the Delaware Valley Regional Planning
4 Commission as "Classic Towns of Greater
5 Philadelphia."

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Whereas,
7 in an effort to revitalize and support
8 Philadelphia's historical communities,
9 the Delaware Valley Regional Planning
10 Commission has launched a new program
11 entitled "Classic Towns of Greater
12 Philadelphia"; and

13 Whereas, the DVRPC selected the
14 Philadelphia neighborhoods of Manayunk
15 and Overbrook Farms as two of the 11
16 "Classic Towns" selected for the
17 inaugural class; and

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
19 the "Classic Towns of Greater
20 Philadelphia" are attractive places to
21 live, work and play with walkable
22 neighborhoods and are accessible to
23 public transportation and feature a
24 strong sense of community. These
25 communities simultaneously balance the

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2 preservation of Philadelphia's rich
3 heritage while welcoming new and vibrant
4 development;

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas, the
6 Philadelphia neighborhoods of Manayunk
7 and Overbrook Farms continue to exhibit
8 the great attributes of "Classic Towns of
9 Greater Philadelphia." In both
10 communities, residents and visitors are
11 able to enjoy and invest in the historic
12 architecture of the mid 19th century as
13 well as visit the local restaurants,
14 boutiques and entertainment shops;

15 Whereas, it is through the
16 retention of its intended character while
17 integrating the dynamics of today's
18 technology found in "Classic Towns of
19 Greater Philadelphia" that will keep the
20 City of Philadelphia a vibrant and
21 attractive city to invest and visit;

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: And be it
23 further resolved that this engrossed copy
24 of this resolution shall be presented to
25 Winnie Clowry, President of the Manayunk

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2 Development Corporation; Kevin Smith,
3 President of the Manayunk Neighborhood
4 Council; and Terry Henry, President of
5 Overbrook Farms Club as evidence of our
6 sincere sentiments of this legislative
7 body. Signed by all members of Council.

8 Also with us is Loree Jones,
9 who is no stranger to these Chambers.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. SEYMOUR: Thanks. On
12 behalf of the Board of the Delaware
13 Valley Regional Planning Commission, we
14 really thank Council for this
15 recognition. Philadelphia is a city of
16 neighborhoods, but it's also a city of
17 small towns and it's a city in the
18 context of a larger region. We want
19 people to come to Philadelphia. We want
20 them to come to the Philadelphia region.
21 We want them to discover the small towns
22 that make this region and make this city
23 great.

24 So we're pleased to be able to
25 recognize Overbrook Farms and Manayunk as

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2 two of 11 "Classic Towns" across the
3 region. You'll see them advertised on
4 ClassicTowns.org where we'll be trying to
5 bring people down and get them to locate
6 in these terrific communities.

7 So thank you very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. JONES: Good morning.

10 Councilman Jones mentioned that I'm no
11 stranger obviously to City Hall, but my
12 new role is Executive Director of the
13 Manayunk Development Corporation, and on
14 behalf of Manayunk, we're very proud to
15 continue in the tradition of other folks
16 like Kay Secora and Fran Burns, who came
17 before me, to really make sure that
18 Manayunk, like all the other
19 neighborhoods in the City of
20 Philadelphia, is a great place for people
21 to play, to shop, to live, to work, and
22 we're really excited by this.

23 Thank you, Council.

24 (Applause.)

25 MR. HENRY: On behalf of

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2 Overbrook Farms, we're just really
3 pleased to be part of the group, part of
4 the "Classic Towns," and we feel that
5 Councilman Jones has been a great support
6 to us, and we thank the Councilmembers in
7 supporting us in this effort.

8 Thank you very much.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. SMITH: Hello. I'm Kevin
11 Smith, President of the Manayunk
12 Neighborhood Council. Manayunk is a
13 great place to live and a great place to
14 walk, get you healthy.

15 We face many challenges going
16 forward. So, I mean, are the questions
17 facing us is how do we keep Manayunk a
18 great town and how do we make it even a
19 better town.

20 Thanks.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you very much. Council will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: I would ask
25 Council to look at the definition from

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2 the Indian name given to Manayunk by the
3 Lenape Indians. I will not memorialize
4 it. But look at it.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
7 Blackwell, who will present a resolution
8 recognizing Wynne Alexander.

9 Will Ms. Alexander and those
10 accompanying her please join the
11 Councilwoman at the podium.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
13 you, Madam President. It is with great
14 pleasure that we honor Wynne Alexander
15 this morning.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
17 Excuse me, Councilwoman.

18 The noise level is much too
19 high. Anybody having conversations,
20 please do so in the corridor.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you very much.

23 And we've waited a long time to
24 have this honor. All of you when you
25 hear her voice will remember Wynne

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2 Alexander. If you don't know her name,
3 you'll recognize her voice as a radio
4 personality and her family for many
5 years. With her is her sister Minyon and
6 her niece Sasha. We welcome them.

7 Resolution honoring and
8 recognizing Wynne Alexander for her
9 impressive career as a journalist,
10 author, composer, civil rights activist
11 and international recording artist, and
12 commending her on the accomplishment of
13 her ground-breaking new book, Get It From
14 the Drums.

15 Whereas, at just under 19,
16 Wynne Alexander joined the prestigious
17 news staff at radio station WDAS AM-FM in
18 Philadelphia, where she covered
19 hard-hitting news, including interviews
20 and stories on Coretta Scott King,
21 Muhammad Ali, Rosa Parks, Ambassador
22 Andrew Young and BB King, just to name a
23 few; and

24 Whereas, Wynne is the author of
25 the first and only musically infused

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2 civil rights curriculum in the United
3 States, contained in her ground-breaking
4 new book, Get It From the Drums; and

5 Whereas, that important work
6 was originally commissioned by Dr. Dennis
7 Creedon, Director of the Creative and
8 Performing Arts for the School District
9 of Philadelphia; and

10 Whereas, Get It From the Drums
11 focuses on the history of the civil
12 rights and anti-war movements of the '60s
13 and '70s and the music that was a
14 profound part of those movements; and

15 Whereas, a total of 17
16 legendary music stars, including John
17 Lennon, Marvin Gaye, Buffy Sainte-Marie,
18 Pete Seeger and Kenny Gamble, donated the
19 rights to their music and lyrics on
20 behalf of history and learning in
21 Philadelphia; and

22 Whereas, during her career,
23 Wynne was active in the community,
24 volunteering her time to young people and
25 providing refuge and guidance to runaways

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2 and their distressed parents; and

3 Whereas, in the words of

4 Message-Music's founding father, Rock and

5 Roll Hall of Fame member, Grammy winner

6 Kenny Gamble, quote, "Wynne's impressive

7 work established her as a voice for

8 social justice, and at a very young age,"

9 end of quote; and

10 Whereas, she is writer/producer

11 of WDASHistory.org chronicling the

12 enormous social impact of this cultural

13 institution and the revolutionary

14 milestones it set in civil rights,

15 broadcasting and music history, the

16 website preserves the historic record,

17 making it available throughout the world;

18 and

19 Whereas, Wynne developed her

20 fighting spirit and abilities watching

21 and continuing the civil rights work of

22 her father and grandfather, continuing

23 their cultural legacy; and

24 Whereas, she became WDAS's

25 Station Historian, including producing

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2 two documentaries and being interviewed
3 by national media on the station's 50
4 years of civil rights and music history;
5 and

6 Whereas, Wynne conducted an
7 investigation for Congresswoman Cynthia
8 McKinney, Georgia, 4th District, in the
9 manufacturing, selling and U.S.
10 government purchases of the clinically
11 faulty Tamiflu by then sitting Secretary
12 of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, whose company
13 owns and marketed the drug in the first
14 place; and

15 Whereas, her professional
16 experience includes working for
17 Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice,
18 the Honorable Robert N.C. Nix, Jr., as
19 information officer and speech writer and
20 Pennsylvania State Representative Louise
21 Williams-Bishop as a speech writer; and

22 Whereas, Ms. Alexander's
23 creative talents include work as a
24 composer and international recording
25 artist whose music has been critically

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2 acclaimed from Philadelphia to Paris,
3 France; and

4 Whereas, her music CDs are in
5 Cote d'Ivoire, Australia, Russia,
6 Switzerland, Yugoslavia, France and
7 Greece; and

8 Whereas, whenever Wynne and
9 drummer, fellow Philadelphian Robert Lee
10 are on stage, they send an immediate
11 signal of cultural embrace, artistic
12 excellence and unity; and

13 Whereas, they are following the
14 tradition set forth by the great Louise
15 Armstrong, serving as musical
16 ambassadors, bridging cultural
17 differences and bringing people together.

18 Now therefore be it resolved,
19 that the Council of the City of
20 Philadelphia honors and recognizes Wynne
21 Alexander for her impressive career as a
22 composer, journalist, author, civil
23 rights activist and international
24 recording artist, and commends her on the
25 accomplishment of her ground-breaking

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2 book, Get It From the Drums.

3 Further resolved, that an
4 engrossed copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Wynne Alexander as the
6 sincere expression of the City Council's
7 recognition and appreciation.

8 Certification that this is a
9 true and correct copy of the original
10 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
11 City of Philadelphia on the 12th of June
12 2008. It is signed by the President.

13 I'm sorry, Curtis. I left you
14 out. You co-signed this with me. You'll
15 have to forgive me.

16 And certainly by all members of
17 Council. And I have one more quote to
18 read, that she is certainly honored
19 and -- honoring and recognizing Wynne
20 Alexander for her impressive career as
21 journalist, author, composer, civil
22 rights activist and international
23 recording artist, and commending her on
24 the accomplishment of her ground-breaking
25 new book, Get It From the Drums.

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2 Thank you very much. It's an
3 honor.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Ms. Alexander for
7 remarks.

8 MS. ALEXANDER: Madam
9 President, it's a pleasure to address you
10 as such.

11 Councilwoman Blackwell, of
12 course, you and I have been through
13 crises together, and it would not be me
14 if I didn't say thank you to both you and
15 Lou.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
17 you.

18 MS. ALEXANDER: For all that
19 we've been through.

20 And Marian Tasco and Curtis
21 Jones. There's some old-line freedom
22 fighters in the room today.

23 I basically have a couple
24 things to say: Shalom aleichem, shalom,
25 Barack Obama.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MS. ALEXANDER: And may the
4 force be with us on the 4th and all will
5 be well.

6 Thank you very much. And, you
7 know, what he represents is what you just
8 talked about in this resolution, and
9 maybe now that the scoundrel's day is
10 over, the right-doing and right-thinking
11 people of the world can take their
12 rightful place.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

16 Council will be at ease.

17 (Council at ease.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 next order of business is communications.
20 The Chair requests that the
21 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
22 the Chief Clerk.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the messages from the Mayor.

25 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

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2 and members of the Council of the City of
3 Philadelphia, I am submitting herewith
4 for the consideration of your honorable
5 body the following ordinance:

6 Authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property, on behalf of the City of
8 Philadelphia, to enter into a second
9 amendment to an existing sublease between
10 PAID and the City for use of certain
11 office space located at 1101 Market
12 Street, under certain terms and
13 conditions; and

14 An ordinance authorizing the
15 Commissioner of Public Property, on
16 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
17 transfer to the Philadelphia Authority
18 for Industrial Development 1433 to 35
19 Poplar Street for further conveyance; and

20 An ordinance authorizing the
21 Archdiocese of Philadelphia to install an
22 overhead canopy at the St. John
23 Evangelist House development, under
24 certain terms and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you. The messages will be printed in the
3 Journal.

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 read any other communications in her
6 possession.

7 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
8 have, Madam President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The next order of business is
12 the introduction of bills and
13 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
14 Councilman Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I offer one bill and
17 one resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 read the title of the bill.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
23 enacting a new Chapter 9-3300 of The
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Electronic
25 Equipment Collection, Recycling and

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2 Reuse," to establish an electronics
3 recycling system that ensures the safe
4 and environmentally sound handling.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 bill will be referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 urging Allan H. "Bud" Selig, the
10 Commissioner of Baseball, to consider
11 adding one day game during each Playoff
12 Series and the World Series so that youth
13 can share in the excitement of these
14 games, and we can preserve the next
15 generation of baseball fans.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
19 adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
22 has been moved and properly seconded that
23 the resolution be adopted.

24 All in favor will indicate by
25 saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 ayes have it and the resolution is
8 adopted.

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
12 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
13 one resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
16 the resolution.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
19 Property to execute and deliver to the
20 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
21 the 27th, 44th and 51st Wards of the City
22 of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

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2 you, Madam President. I move for the
3 adoption of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
6 has been moved and properly seconded that
7 the resolution be adopted.

8 All in favor will indicate by
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 ayes have it and the resolution is
16 adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Greenlee.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
20 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
21 resolutions today.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair thanks the gentleman.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
3 you, Madam President. I offer one bill.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read the title of the bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 authorizing the construction of storm
10 water sewers and appurtenant work in
11 Delaware Avenue from Lewis Street to
12 Orthodox Street.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 bill will be referred to the appropriate
15 committee.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
19 President, I offer two resolutions, one
20 bill and one resolution on your behalf.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the title of the bill.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

1 10/30/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 amending Section 9-205 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, relating to Sidewalk
4 Sales, by prohibiting sidewalk sales on
5 Cheltenham Avenue within the Ninth
6 District.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 bill will be referred to the appropriate
9 committee.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 urging the United States Department of
12 Agriculture to maintain and properly fund
13 the Universal Feeding Program in the
14 School District of Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
18 the adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
21 has been moved and properly seconded that
22 the resolution be adopted.

23 All in favor will indicate by
24 saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 ayes have it and the resolution is
7 adopted.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 declaring November 17th to 23rd Global
10 Entrepreneurship Week in Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
12 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
13 Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for
15 the adoption of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
18 has been moved and properly seconded that
19 the resolution be adopted.

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

1 10/30/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 ayes have it and the resolution is

3 adopted.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

6 Property to execute and deliver to the

7 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in

8 the 36th Ward of the City of

9 Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

11 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman

12 Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for

14 the adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

17 has been moved and properly seconded that

18 the resolution be adopted.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

25 ayes have it and the resolution is

1 10/30/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilwoman Miller.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

6 you, Madam President. Today I have no

7 bills or resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

9 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

10 The Chair recognizes

11 Councilwoman Sanchez.

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

13 you, Madam President. I have no bills or

14 resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman

18 Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

20 Madam President. I have no bills or

21 resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

23 Chair thanks the gentleman.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman

25 Jones.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I have two resolutions,
4 one on behalf of the Administration.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 read the title of the first resolution.

9 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 congratulating and honoring Charles A.
11 Bishop on being elected and installed as
12 the 99th Most Worshipful Grand Master of
13 Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted
14 Masons for the Commonwealth of
15 Pennsylvania.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move for the adoption
20 of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
23 has been moved and properly seconded that
24 the resolution be adopted.

25 All in favor will say aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 ayes have it and the resolution is
8 adopted.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
11 Property to execute and deliver to the
12 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
13 the 34th Ward of the City of
14 Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move for the adoption
19 of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
22 has been moved and properly seconded that
23 the resolution be adopted.

24 All in favor will indicate by
25 saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 ayes have it and the resolution is
8 adopted.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Goode.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I offer no bills or
13 resolutions today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair thanks the gentleman.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
22 the resolution.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 recognizing and thanking the General
25 Assembly of the Commonwealth of

1 10/30/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 Pennsylvania for passing House Bill No.
3 2200 which will provide Philadelphia
4 families relief from high electricity
5 bills, guarantee a reduction in
6 greenhouse gas emissions, and work to
7 stimulate the creation of green jobs in
8 Pennsylvania.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I move for the
13 adoption.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
16 has been moved and properly seconded that
17 the resolution be adopted.

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 ayes have it and the resolution is
25 adopted.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I offer three bills and
6 one resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 read the first bill.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
13 Property to enter into a second amendment
14 to an existing sublease between the
15 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
16 Development and the City for the City's
17 use of certain office space located at
18 1101 Market Street.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 bill will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
23 authorizing the Archdiocese of
24 Philadelphia to construct, own and
25 maintain a marquee canopy at the St. John

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2 Evangelist House, 1211 to 1213 Clover
3 Street.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
5 bill will be referred to the appropriate
6 committee.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 amending Section 14-304 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial
10 District," by amending the floor area
11 requirements for hotels, all under
12 certain terms and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
14 bill will be referred to the appropriate
15 committee.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
18 Property to execute and deliver to the
19 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
20 the 31st Ward of the City of
21 Philadelphia.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
23 bill will be referred to the appropriate
24 committee.

25 I was really distracted. I

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2 would ask the Chief Clerk to please read
3 the title of the resolution.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
6 Property to execute and deliver to the
7 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
8 the 31st Ward of the City of
9 Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I move for the adoption
14 of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
17 has been moved and properly seconded that
18 the resolution be adopted.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 ayes have it and the resolution is

1 10/30/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Clarke.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I have one ordinance.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do
8 you have two resolutions also?

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Actually,
10 I'm going to hold those. There are a
11 couple of questions I have about them.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very
13 well.

14 The Chief Clerk will please
15 read the title of the bill.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
18 Property, on behalf of the City of
19 Philadelphia, to transfer to the
20 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
21 Development, for nominal consideration, a
22 certain parcel of land, with the
23 buildings and improvements thereon, known
24 as 1433-1435 Poplar Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Kelly.

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
7 President, I have no bills or resolutions
8 today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No bills or
14 resolutions, Madam President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 next order of business is reports from
17 committees, and the Chair recognizes
18 Councilman DiCicco for a report from the
19 Committee on Streets and Services.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
21 Madam President. The Committee on
22 Streets and Services reports 21 bills out
23 with a favorable recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chief Clerk will please read the report.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
3 and members of the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia, the Committee on Streets
5 and Services, to which was referred Bill
6 No. 080544, entitled "An ordinance
7 authorizing the revision of lines and
8 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 163
9 by relocating the southwesterly houseline
10 and curbline of Ridge Avenue near Calumet
11 Street"; and

12 Bill No. 080574, entitled "An
13 ordinance amending Section 9-212 of The
14 Philadelphia Code by prohibiting
15 newsstands on both sides of 5th Street
16 between Ludlow and Market Streets"; and

17 Bill No. 080625, entitled "An
18 ordinance authorizing and directing the
19 revision of lines and grades on a portion
20 of City Plan No. 42 by striking from the
21 City Plan and vacating 30th Street from
22 Walnut Street"; and

23 Bill No. 080628, entitled "An
24 ordinance authorizing the grant to the
25 City of two rights-of-way for municipal

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2 and public utility purposes"; and

3 Bill No. 080629, entitled "An

4 ordinance amending Section 2 of an

5 ordinance, Bill No. 060730, approved

6 November 16, 2006, by extending the

7 period for compliance with the terms and

8 conditions stated therein"; and

9 Bill No. 080630, entitled "An

10 ordinance authorizing the revision of

11 lines and grades on a portion of City

12 Plan No. 197 by placing on the City Plan

13 an extension of Ontario Street from its

14 existing terminus"; and

15 Bill No. 080631, entitled "An

16 ordinance authorizing the grant to the

17 City of a right-of-way for gas main

18 purposes within the lines of former

19 Stevenson Street, southeast of Frankford

20 Avenue"; and

21 Bill No. 080633, entitled "An

22 ordinance authorizing the paving of

23 Ontario Street"; and

24 Bill No. 080635, entitled "An

25 ordinance authorizing the revision of

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2 lines and grades on a portion of City
3 Plan No. 34-S in the area south of Oregon
4 Avenue and west of Christopher Columbus
5 Boulevard"; and

6 Bill No. 080637, entitled "An
7 ordinance authorizing and directing the
8 revision of lines and grades on a portion
9 of City Plan Nos. 34-S and 41-S"; and

10 Bill No. 080638, entitled "An
11 ordinance authorizing the installation of
12 a left turn green arrow traffic signal at
13 the intersection of Crescentville Road
14 and Adams Avenue"; and

15 Bill No. 080639, entitled "An
16 ordinance authorizing the Mount Airy
17 Revitalization Corporation to construct,
18 own and maintain a sign at the traffic
19 island of Wadsworth Avenue"; and

20 Bill No. 080641, entitled "An
21 ordinance authorizing the revision of
22 lines and grades on a portion of City
23 Plan No. 128"; and

24 Bill No. 080643, entitled "An
25 ordinance amending Section 2 of an

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2 ordinance, Bill No. 040569, approved July
3 1, 2004, by extending the period for
4 compliance with the terms and conditions
5 stated therein"; and
6 Bill No. 080644, entitled "An
7 ordinance authorizing the revision of
8 lines and grades on a portion of City
9 Plan No. 158 and striking from the City
10 Plan and abandoning a certain
11 right-of-way for drainage purposes"; and
12 Bill No. 080648, entitled "An
13 ordinance amending Title 12 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic
15 Code," by amending Section 12-102,
16 entitled "Definitions," by amending
17 Section 12-902, entitled "Parking for
18 Certain Purposes Prohibited"; and
19 Bill No. 080651, entitled "An
20 ordinance amending Section 12-918 of The
21 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking for
22 Car Sharing Organizations"; and
23 Bill No. 080652, entitled "An
24 ordinance authorizing the revision of
25 lines and grades on a portion of City

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2 Plan No. 63 by striking from the City
3 Plan and abandoning a right-of-way
4 reserved for gas main purposes"; and
5 Bill No. 080653, entitled "An
6 ordinance authorizing the revision of
7 lines and grades on a portion of City
8 Plan No. 58 by placing on the City Plan
9 an extension of Mount Vernon Street"; and
10 Bill No. 080654, entitled "An
11 ordinance amending Title 9 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, by amending Section
13 9-203 relating to Street Vendors and
14 Section 9-205 relating to Sidewalk Sales,
15 by prohibiting street and sidewalk
16 vending on certain portions of Spring
17 Garden Street"; and
18 Bill No. 080725, entitled "An
19 ordinance authorizing the revision of
20 lines and grades on a portion of City
21 Plan No. 120 by striking from the City
22 Plan and vacating Cleveland Street from
23 Girard Avenue to Stiles Street, under
24 certain terms and conditions,"
25 respectfully reports it has considered

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2 the same and returns the attached bills
3 to Council with a favorable
4 recommendation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I move that the rules
9 of Council be suspended so that the bills
10 just read and reported from committee be
11 deemed to have had a first reading and
12 that such bills be placed on the Second
13 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for
14 the next session of City Council.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
17 in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 ayes have it and the motion carries.

24 At this time, the Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez for a

1 10/30/08 - STATED - REPORTS
2 report from the Committee on Licenses and
3 Inspections.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
5 you, Madam President. The Committee on
6 Licenses and Inspections reports three
7 bills with a favorable recommendation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chief Clerk will please read the report.

10 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
11 and members of the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia, the Committee on Licenses
13 and Inspections, to which was referred
14 Bill No. 080433, entitled "An ordinance
15 amending Chapter 9-600 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Service and
17 Other Businesses,' by amending Section
18 9-610, entitled 'Massage Businesses,' by
19 amending the requirements for operation
20 of a massage business"; and

21 Bill No. 080546, entitled "The
22 Philadelphia Building Construction and
23 Occupancy Code," by amending Section
24 PM-302.4, entitled "Grading and
25 Drainage," by adding certain structures

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2 to the provisions prohibiting the
3 accumulation of stagnant water, and
4 making certain technical changes; and

5 Bill No. 080622, entitled "An
6 ordinance amending Title 9 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Regulation
8 of Businesses, Trades and Professions,'
9 by adding a new Chapter regulating the
10 erection, use and inspection of tower
11 cranes, all under certain terms and
12 conditions," respectfully reports it has
13 considered and amended the same and
14 returns the attached bills to Council
15 with a favorable recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Sanchez.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
21 you, Madam President. I move that the
22 rules of Council be suspended so to allow
23 first reading of these bills, 433, 546
24 and 622, today.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
3 has been moved and properly seconded.

4 All those in favor will
5 indicate by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 ayes have it, and the bills just read
12 will be placed on our First Reading
13 Calendar for today.

14 The Chair now recognizes
15 Councilwoman Miller for a report from the
16 Committee on the Disabled and the
17 Handicapped.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
19 you, Madam President. The Committee on
20 the Disabled and the Handicapped reports
21 one bill with a favorable recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the report.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
3 and members of the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia, the Committee on the
5 Disabled and the Handicapped, to which
6 was referred Bill No. 080149, entitled
7 "An ordinance amending Section 12-1117 of
8 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
9 'Physically Handicapped and Disabled or
10 Severely Disabled Veteran Parking,' and
11 Section 12-2809, entitled 'Civil
12 Penalties and Costs,' by expressly
13 prohibiting certain improper uses of
14 disabled parking permits and providing
15 for penalties, all under certain terms
16 and conditions," respectfully reports it
17 has considered the same and returns the
18 attached bill to Council with a favorable
19 recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
25 you, Madam President. I move that the

1 10/30/08 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 rules of Council be suspended so as to
3 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
4 080149.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
7 has been moved and properly seconded that
8 the rules of Council be suspended to
9 permit first reading this day of the bill
10 just reported from committee.

11 All those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 motion carries, and the bill just read
18 will be placed on the First Reading
19 Calendar for today.

20 The next order of business is
21 the consideration of the Calendar. I
22 would ask the Chief Clerk to please read
23 the bills on the First Reading Calendar.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080433,
25 an ordinance amending Chapter 9-600 of

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2 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Service
3 and Other Businesses," by amending the
4 requirements for operation of a massage
5 business, under certain terms and
6 conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair agrees.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
10 080546, an ordinance amending Subcode
11 "PM," The Philadelphia Property
12 Maintenance Code, of Title 4 of The
13 Philadelphia Code, by adding certain
14 structures to the provisions prohibiting
15 the accumulation of stagnant water, and
16 making certain technical changes, all
17 under certain terms and conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair agrees.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
21 080622, an ordinance amending Title 9 of
22 The Philadelphia Code by adding a new
23 Chapter relating to the erection, use and
24 inspection of tower cranes, all under
25 certain terms and conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair agrees.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
5 080149, an ordinance amending Section
6 12-1117 of The Philadelphia Code,
7 entitled "Physically Handicapped and
8 Disabled or Severely Disabled Veteran
9 Parking," by expressly prohibiting
10 certain improper uses of disabled parking
11 permits and providing for penalties, all
12 under certain terms and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair agrees.

15 The Chair now recognizes
16 Councilwoman Tasco.

17 Councilwoman Tasco, would you
18 mind if someone else read what bills are
19 coming up for consideration.

20 I'm sorry. I believe on the
21 First Reading Calendar, Councilman
22 Kenney, it's my understanding that you
23 have an amendment to one of the bills.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I move that the rules

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2 of Council be suspended so as to permit
3 an amendment to be offered to Bill No.
4 080622. The amendment has been
5 circulated to the entire Council, and it
6 is simply a numbering amendment. It's a
7 technical amendment that does not change
8 in any way the substance of the bill.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
12 in favor of the motion will signify by
13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 ayes have it, and the Chair recognizes
20 Councilman Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you
22 again, Madam President. I would like to
23 offer an amendment to Bill No. 080622 and
24 move its adoption.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
3 in favor of the motion will signify by
4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 ayes have it and Bill No. 080622 is
11 amended.

12 Bill No. 080622 and all other
13 bills read by the Chief Clerk on the
14 First Reading Calendar will be placed on
15 the Second Reading and Final Passage
16 Calendar for our next session of Council.

17 The Chair now recognizes
18 Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
20 President, today Bill Nos. 080745,
21 080548, 080632, 080649, 080743, 080585
22 and 080636 are being called up for Second
23 Reading and Final Passage Calendar today.
24 All other bills are being held.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Chief Clerk will please

4 read the title of Bill No. 080745.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

6 amending Bill No. 070994-A, approved

7 December 21, 2007, entitled "Authorizing

8 the Director of Finance, Commissioner of

9 Public Property and other officials of

10 the City to execute either directly or

11 through the Philadelphia Authority for

12 Industrial Development various

13 agreements, instruments of conveyance and

14 other transactional documents by and

15 among the City, the Commonwealth of

16 Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania

17 Convention Center Authority.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

19 bill having been read on two different

20 days, the question now is shall the bill

21 pass finally.

22 The Chief Clerk will please

23 call the roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Clarke.
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 DiCicco.
8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Greenlee.
15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
19 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Kenney.
22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Krajewski.
25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

1 10/30/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Miller.
4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 O'Neill voting aye.
7 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.
8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Sanchez.
13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Tasco.
16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
18 Verna.
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
20 The ayes are 17; the nays are
21 zero. A majority of all members having
22 voted in the affirmative, this bill
23 passes.
24 We will now consider Bill No.
25 080548.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending Section 2 of Bill No. 050510,
4 approved November 17, 2005, entitled "An
5 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
6 Zoning Maps," by extending the period of
7 compliance.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
9 bill having been read on two different
10 days, the question now is shall the bill
11 pass finally.

12 The Chief Clerk will please
13 call the roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

1 10/30/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Greenlee.
5 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
9 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Kenney.
12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Krajewski.
15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Miller.
18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 O'Neill voting aye.
21 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.
22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Sanchez.

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Verna.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

10 The ayes are 17; the nays are
11 zero. A majority of all members having
12 voted in the affirmative, this bill
13 passes.

14 We will now consider Bill No.
15 080632.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
17 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
18 changing the zoning designations of
19 certain areas of land located within an
20 area bounded by Thompson Street, Juniata
21 Street, Salmons Street, Berkshire Street,
22 Richmond Street and the Betsy Ross Bridge
23 Approach.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
25 bill having been read on two different

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2 days, the question now is shall the bill
3 pass finally.

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 call the roll.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Clarke.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 DiCicco.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 Greenlee.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Kenney.
4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Krajewski.
7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Miller.
10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 O'Neill voting aye.
13 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.
14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Sanchez.
19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Tasco.
22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
24 Verna.
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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2 The ayes are 17; the nays are
3 zero. A majority of all members having
4 voted in the affirmative, the bill
5 passes.

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read the title of Bill No. 080649.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Section 14-1621 of The
10 Philadelphia Code by adding telemarketing
11 as a prohibited use, all under certain
12 terms and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
14 bill having been read on two different
15 days, the question now is shall the bill
16 pass finally.

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 call the roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 DiCicco.
3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Greenlee.
10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Kenney.
17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Krajewski.
20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Miller.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 O'Neill voting aye.

1 10/30/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Sanchez.
8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Tasco.
11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
13 Verna.
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
15 The ayes are 17; the nays are
16 zero. A majority of all members having
17 voted in the affirmative, this bill
18 passes.
19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 read the title of Bill No. 080743.
21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
22 authorizing transfers in appropriations
23 for Fiscal Year 2009 from the Grants
24 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
25 Provision for other grants to the General

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2 Fund, the Director of Finance -

3 Indemnities.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
5 bill having been read on two different
6 days, the question now is shall the bill
7 pass finally.

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 call the roll.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 Greenlee.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

5 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Krajewski.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 O'Neill voting aye.

17 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Sanchez.

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Tasco.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
4 Verna.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

6 The ayes are 17; the nays are
7 zero. A majority of all members having
8 voted in the affirmative, the bill
9 passes.

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the title of Bill No. 080585.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 authorizing the Commerce Director and the
14 Commissioner of Public Property to
15 acquire an approximately 17 acre property
16 in the vicinity of Island Avenue, Penrose
17 Avenue and Escort Street.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
19 bill having been read on two different
20 days, the question now is shall the bill
21 pass finally.

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 call the roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Clarke.
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 DiCicco.
8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Greenlee.
15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
19 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Kenney.
22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Krajewski.
25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

1 10/30/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Miller.
4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 O'Neill voting aye.
7 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.
8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Sanchez.
13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Tasco.
16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
18 Verna.
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
20 The ayes are 17; the nays are
21 zero. A majority of all members having
22 voted in the affirmative, this bill
23 passes.
24 The last bill to be called for
25 consideration is Bill No. 080636.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
4 for Industrial Development to convey fee
5 simple title to a certain property
6 located in the vicinity of 61st Street
7 and Eastwick Avenue to the Philadelphia
8 Regional Port Authority, under certain
9 terms and conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
11 bill having been read on two different
12 days, the question now is shall the bill
13 pass finally.

14 The Chief Clerk will please
15 call the roll.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 DiCicco.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Greenlee.
7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Kenney.
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Miller.
20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 O'Neill voting aye.
23 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.
24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Sanchez.
5 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Tasco.
8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
10 Verna.
11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
12 The ayes are 17; the nays are
13 zero. A majority of all members having
14 voted in the affirmative, this bill
15 passes.
16 That completes our Calendar for
17 today.
18 Are there speeches on the part
19 of the minority?
20 (No response.)
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
22 there speeches on the part of the
23 majority?
24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Brown.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
3 Madam President. Last night I joined
4 millions of Americans across this country
5 who tuned in and listened to Senator
6 Barack Obama in his eloquent, yet
7 laser-beam focus and discussion of the
8 many challenges facing our city. He
9 offered proposed solutions to our broken
10 healthcare system. He talked about
11 energy independence and how everyone must
12 join in energy conservation. He also
13 spoke in great detail about his goals to
14 improve our country's public education
15 system.

16 Senator Barack Obama, Madam
17 President, exemplified the words best
18 spoken by the Governor of Massachusetts
19 where he said, and I quote, "The
20 challenges before us are big. They're
21 going to require big solutions. This is
22 going to require someone with big ideas,
23 and that man is Senator Barack Obama."

24 Madam President, but I've
25 learned in my last eight years here that

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2 as much as we pay attention to what is
3 happening nationally, politics is local.
4 When we consider in Philadelphia that
5 one-half of our ninth graders who enter
6 ninth grade 48 months later do not see
7 the graduation door, 45 percent of the
8 dropout rate of young people from
9 kindergarten to 12th grade is a leading
10 contributor to poverty and crime.
11 Experts agree that the City's dismal
12 college-going achievement rate, where
13 nationally Pennsylvania ranks 92 out of
14 100, cripples our city's economy.

15 The national dropout rate is a
16 national catastrophe. It is also an
17 expensive one. Dropouts are three times
18 more likely to be unemployed, eight times
19 more likely to be incarcerated.

20 So why do I raise this issue at
21 this time, Madam President? I believe
22 that we here in Philadelphia also have
23 challenges before us that are big at the
24 School District. We need someone who
25 recognizes that these problems require

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2 big solutions. In fact, a report
3 commissioned by the General Assembly said
4 in 2007 that there was a \$4.4 billion
5 funding shortfall in Pennsylvania's
6 public schools. Governor Rendell and the
7 legislators made a down payment on
8 closing the shortfall with 274 million in
9 additional educational funding in the
10 current fiscal year.

11 So I submit also that we need
12 someone with big ideas to confront these
13 huge challenges. There is now someone I
14 believe, a new leader, at the Greater
15 Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce who also
16 accepts the challenge and recognizes that
17 the problems facing the School District
18 are big. I believe that we now have
19 someone with big ideas to confront those
20 challenges.

21 Further, I believe that the new
22 Chairman at the Greater Philadelphia
23 Chamber of Commerce believes that the
24 Chamber can remain focused on its core
25 mission of advocating for businesses

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2 while it advocates for the expansion and
3 education funding, which can eventually
4 improve our region's economic
5 competitiveness.

6 So I join in many educators
7 across this city who applaud this new
8 bold direction at the Philadelphia
9 Chamber of Commerce. We now have Sandra
10 Dungee Glenn as its capable Chairperson
11 of the SRC, Dr. Arlene Ackerman as its
12 no-nonsense CEO, and the new now David L.
13 Cohen as the new Chair of the Greater
14 Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. He in
15 fact said that, quote, "Not only is it
16 the right thing to do, but it is
17 absolutely essential for our businesses
18 to boost education funding. The Chamber
19 cannot pursue an exclusively business
20 agenda. We have to have a broader view
21 of the vitality of the region and work in
22 partnership with all those involved."

23 Madam President, I believe that
24 at the end of the day, the educational
25 stars are better aligned and have become

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2 more brilliant for Philadelphia's
3 children.

4 I thank you, Madam President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 Councilman DiCicco, do you
8 still want to be recognized?

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No, Madam
10 President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
12 there any other members of the majority
13 that would like to be recognized?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
16 Seeing no one, the Chair recognizes
17 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
18 adjourn.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I move that Council
21 stand adjourned until November the 6th,
22 Thursday, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
25 has been moved and seconded that Council

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2 stand adjourned until Thursday, November
3 6th.

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 ayes have it. The motion carries.

11 Thank you all very much.

12 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
13 11:20 a.m.)

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