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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, March 12, 2009
8 10:00 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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

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

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair welcomes Reverend
12 Alexander Masluk, Pastor of St. Martha
13 Roman Catholic Church. He is here today
14 as the guest of Councilman O'Neill.

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

17 (Members and guests rise.)

18 REVEREND MASLUK: Let us
19 remember the holy presence of God and let
20 us adore His divine majesty.

21 Blessed are you, Lord God, of
22 all creation. You alone are the author
23 of all liberty, the giver of all rights.
24 Over two centuries ago in this very city,
25 not far from this gathering place, you

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2 inspired our nation's founding fathers to
3 recognize that human rights come not from
4 acts of legislation or the consent of the
5 government, but from you in the very act
6 of creating the human race.

7 Your hand guided these brave
8 patriots as they affixed their names to a
9 document which proclaimed that life,
10 liberty and the pursuit of happiness are
11 among these inalienable rights.

12 In this present day, when the
13 pursuit of happiness is thwarted by
14 economic obstacles, when liberty is
15 mistaken for self-serving license, and
16 the very right to life is under attack,
17 we humbly come to you and ask that you
18 bestow your wisdom upon the members of
19 this City Council.

20 May they rise above
21 partisanship to pursue the common good,
22 without thought of personal gain or
23 profit. May they defend the rights of
24 the weakest members of society, the ones
25 who have no other advocates except for

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2 those who pursue justice. May they
3 remain open to the promptings of your
4 spirit so that all their decisions will
5 be in accord with your holy word and,
6 therefore, marvel and upright. And may
7 all of their actions thus sanctified and
8 consecrated by your grace be reminders of
9 your command that every burden be lifted
10 and every obstacle to justice and peace
11 be removed so that our society may be a
12 small earthly foretaste of that eternal
13 kingdom of peace where you live and reign
14 forever and ever.

15 Amen.

16 (Amen.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
18 Chair thanks Pastor Masluk for his very
19 inspiring invocation.

20 Council will be at ease.

21 (Council at ease.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: I'm
23 sorry. Those having conversations,
24 please do so in the corridor. The noise
25 level is much too high. We're trying to

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2 conduct business. Thank you.

3 The next order of business is
4 the approval of the Journal of the
5 meeting of Thursday, March 5, 2009, and
6 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
8 President, I move that the Journal of the
9 meeting of Thursday, March 5, 2009 stand
10 approved.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
13 has been moved and properly seconded that
14 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
15 March 5, 2009 stand approved.

16 All in favor will indicate by
17 saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 ayes have it and the Journal is approved.

24 The next order of business is
25 requests for leave of absence, and,

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2 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
5 Madam President. On behalf of the
6 majority, there are no requests for leave
7 of absence today.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.
10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
13 President, on behalf of the republicans,
14 there are no requests for leave of
15 absence.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair will dispense with
19 the regular order of business to
20 recognize the guests and visitors joining
21 us in Chambers this morning. On behalf
22 of all members of City Council, I welcome
23 you to our Council session. We
24 appreciate your taking the time to join
25 us as we attend to the legislative

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2 affairs of our city. We certainly invite
3 you to come again.

4 At this time, the Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell, who
6 will present a resolution commemorating
7 the 150th Anniversary of the founding of
8 the Philadelphia Zoo.

9 Will Mr. Vic DeWan and those
10 accompanying him please join the
11 Councilwoman at the podium.

12 I see the Councilwoman is being
13 joined by Councilwoman Miller, Councilman
14 Rizzo and Councilman Green.

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you very much, Councilwoman.

19 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds
20 Brown, you're due here with us, too.
21 Thank you.

22 Good morning. Resolution
23 commemorating the 150th Anniversary of
24 the founding of the Philadelphia Zoo:
25 America's First Zoo.

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2 Whereas, Dr. William Camac, a
3 legendary Philadelphia physician, led a
4 concerned community group of citizens,
5 educators and scientists to charter the
6 Zoological Society of Philadelphia -
7 America's First Zoo - on March 21, 1859
8 and house it on a bucolic, 44-acre
9 property in Fairmount Park along the West
10 Bank of the Schuylkill River; and

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
12 the Philadelphia Zoo has emerged over the
13 past century as a national and global
14 treasure and as one of Philadelphia's
15 most cherished, enduring and significant
16 educational, scientific, conservation
17 institutions and cultural attractions;
18 and

19 Whereas, the Philadelphia Zoo
20 was the site for breakthrough research
21 that led to the award of the 1976 Nobel
22 Prize for Medicine; and

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Whereas, the
24 Philadelphia Zoo has, from its inception,
25 acted consistently and successfully to

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2 protect, promote and preserve, through
3 its myriad research and curatorial
4 activities, numerous rare and endangered
5 wildlife around the world; and

6 Whereas, the Philadelphia Zoo
7 has welcomed more than 100 million
8 visitors, including millions of school
9 children from the greater Philadelphia
10 community over generations, since its
11 landmark gates opened to the general
12 public; and

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZ0: Whereas, the
14 Philadelphia Zoo's celebration of a
15 sesquicentennial on March 21, 2009 is an
16 achievement of historic proportions for
17 Philadelphia, the Commonwealth of
18 Pennsylvania, the United States of
19 America and the world's conservation
20 community.

21 Now, therefore, be it resolved,
22 that the City of Philadelphia hereby
23 commemorates March 21, '09 as
24 Philadelphia Zoo Day; and

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Further

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2 resolved, that an engrossed copy of this
3 resolution be presented to the
4 Philadelphia Zoo as a sincere expression
5 of City Council's appreciation and
6 recognition of the Philadelphia Zoo on
7 the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

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 26th day of
12 February 2009. Introduced by
13 Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell. Signed
14 by President Council Anna C. Verna and
15 sponsored by all the members of the
16 Philadelphia City Council.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Before
19 they come forward to make remarks, let me
20 give a special thank-you for all that Vic
21 DeWan and Ken Woodson and the entire Zoo
22 family does. As many of you know,
23 because we invite you every year, we even
24 have Echoes of Africa. You know we have
25 the Mayor's Commission on African and

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2 Caribbean Immigrant Affairs that meets
3 the second Wednesday of every month, and
4 we have A Day At the Zoo. That's how far
5 we've come. It makes a big difference
6 for people who come from all over the
7 world, from Africa and the Caribbean, and
8 is just an example of the partnership
9 that the Zoo has with us in our
10 neighborhoods, and we couldn't have it
11 without the excellent and committed
12 leadership and caring leadership we have
13 there.

14 Thank you, Madam President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

16 You're welcome.

17 The Chair recognizes Mr. DeWan
18 for brief remarks.

19 MR. DeWAN: Thank you very
20 much, Madam Chairperson.

21 Councilwoman Blackwell,
22 Councilman Rizzo, Councilman Green,
23 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown and
24 Councilwoman Miller, thank you so much,
25 and all honored Councilpersons. Together

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2 with Jerry Calvert, our Board Chair, it's
3 my privilege to accept this resolution on
4 behalf of America's First Zoo.

5 2009 is a momentous year
6 celebrating our 150th Anniversary. As
7 Councilwoman Blackwell read, March 21,
8 1859 America's First Zoo, the
9 Philadelphia Zoo, was chartered, took a
10 group of courageous citizens to have a
11 vision for a world-class institution.
12 Today I accept this resolution on behalf
13 of the teachers, the school children that
14 visit the Philadelphia Zoo every year,
15 every day. We have over 200,000 school
16 children that visit the Zoo every year,
17 80,000 of whom are from Title I schools
18 and visit the Zoo under grant-funded
19 programs.

20 I accept this resolution also
21 on behalf of millions of grandparents and
22 grandchildren who see the Zoo as a
23 vibrant, safe place in their community
24 and on behalf of the hundred thousand
25 out-of-town tourists who form part of our

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2 1.2 million visitors at the Zoo every
3 year.

4 We've also been an economic
5 engine for this region, in the past four
6 years alone contributing over \$80 million
7 of economic activity to our great region
8 in the formation of world-class exhibits
9 through Bank of America Big Cat Falls and
10 on May 30th the opening of our McNeil
11 Avian Center.

12 During these economically
13 challenging times, we offer unique and
14 safe learning classroom for everybody and
15 for the future, and that future being our
16 young men and women of the Philadelphia
17 region. We cherish our relationship with
18 our great city, the neighborhoods and the
19 families, and together with the work that
20 we do around the world, we intend not
21 only to celebrate our birthday with the
22 entire region, but to give back through
23 gifts of gratitude that we will be doing.
24 We feel the same economic pressures as
25 others do, but we're determined to

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2 provide a future that's even more vital,
3 more relevant and even more urgent.

4 Madam Chairperson, Councilwoman
5 Blackwell and other Councilmembers, thank
6 you for your kind and generous words. I
7 gratefully accept this resolution today.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank
11 you, Madam Chairperson, Councilwoman
12 Blackwell and all honored members of this
13 honored Council.

14 Today marks a very proud moment
15 in the history of the Philadelphia Zoo.
16 Since the mid 1800s, the Zoo has emerged
17 as a national and global treasure, one of
18 Philadelphia's most treasured, enduring
19 and significant educational, scientific
20 and conservation institutions and
21 cultural attractions. The Philadelphia
22 Zoo truly brings the world to
23 Philadelphia.

24 The Zoo has many important
25 programs. The Zoo is committed to

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2 fostering an interest in zoology,
3 conservation and the natural world for
4 deserving youth with our award-winning
5 Junior Zoo Apprentice program. This
6 incredible program takes pride in
7 providing select economically challenged
8 students throughout the region with
9 opportunities for career exploration,
10 self-discovery, personal development,
11 community and conservation service.

12 In addition, our community
13 outreach program, Zoo on Wheels -- we
14 have a couple of members of that program
15 here today -- reaches children with
16 up-close animal encounters, which enables
17 young people to see and experience the
18 living world in ways that spark the
19 imagination, creating the next generation
20 of environmental stewards who will
21 advance discovery of our natural world
22 and keep the animal inhabitants thriving.

23 Moreover, we continue to lead
24 efforts in conservation at the Zoo, in
25 the Philadelphia's beautiful Fairmount

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2 Park, as well as on the island of Borneo,
3 with our award-winning Footprints, carbon
4 offset program. Through each of these
5 programs and more, America's First Zoo
6 reinforces its place and its
7 responsibility to educate people about
8 the living world in which we reside, one
9 person and one animal at a time.

10 We sincerely look forward to
11 celebrating our 150th Anniversary of the
12 Philadelphia Zoo, America's First Zoo,
13 and we welcome all members of this body,
14 as well as all of the citizens of our
15 region, to join us in our
16 sesquicentennial year.

17 Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA:

20 Council will be at ease.

21 (Council at ease.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
23 Chair now recognizes Councilman O'Neill,
24 who will present a resolution honoring
25 the Tyrone Society of Philadelphia on

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2 their Centennial Anniversary.

3 Will Mr. Joseph Trainor and
4 those accompanying him please join the
5 Councilman at the podium.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I'd like to ask
8 Councilman Kenney, Councilman Kelly and
9 Councilman Green to join me in making the
10 presentation.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
14 Madam President. It's a resolution
15 honoring the Tyrone Society of
16 Philadelphia on their Centennial
17 Anniversary.

18 Whereas, the City Council of
19 Philadelphia is pleased to honor and
20 recognize the Tyrone Society of
21 Philadelphia on the centennial
22 anniversary of this most distinguished
23 organization; and

24 Whereas, the Tyrone Society of
25 Philadelphia was founded in 1909 as a

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2 social organization and a means for
3 immigrants to stay in contact with each
4 other and to help with employment,
5 housing and other social issues; and

6 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Whereas, for
7 100 years, the Society has been
8 privileged to have had the opportunity to
9 help individuals and families in the
10 Greater Philadelphia area; and

11 Whereas, the Society has
12 contributed to numerous charitable
13 organizations, including the Philadelphia
14 Immigrant Center, the Famine Memorial
15 Fund and the Ronald McDonald House; and

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas,
17 the Society has also supported the
18 disadvantaged around the world, including
19 the Kosovo Relief Fund, the Famine Relief
20 Fund in Somalia and, most recently, an
21 orphanage in El Salvador; and

22 Whereas, the Society strives to
23 preserve Celtic culture by supporting
24 Irish dance, language and sporting
25 organizations;

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2 COUNCILMAN KELLY: And whereas,

3 the Society is proud of its support of

4 the families of political prisoners in

5 Ireland and pledges its support to the

6 continuing peace process in Ireland; and

7 Whereas, this year the Society

8 celebrates its centennial with various

9 events throughout the region, including a

10 gala on April 18th at the Irish Center in

11 Mount Airy; and

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Resolved,

13 that the City Council of Philadelphia

14 recognizes and honors the Tyrone Society

15 of Philadelphia on its Centennial

16 Anniversary.

17 Further resolved, that an

18 engrossed copy of this resolution be

19 presented to the representatives of the

20 Tyrone Society of Philadelphia as

21 evidence of the sincere sentiment of this

22 legislative body.

23 Certification that this is a

24 true and correct copy of the original

25 resolution, adopted by the Council of the

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2 City of Philadelphia on the 6th day of
3 February 2009. It's signed by Anna C.
4 Verna, President of City Council, and
5 co-sponsored by all Councilmembers.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 Chair recognizes Mr. Trainor for remarks.

9 MR. TRAINOR: On behalf of the
10 Tyrone Society in Philadelphia, I would
11 like to thank Brian O'Neill, Councilman
12 Brian O'Neill, for sponsoring the bill,
13 also Councilmen Jack Kelly, Bill Green,
14 Jim Kenney, President Verna and all the
15 Councilmembers, our friend Billy Ivers
16 and Michael Bradley.

17 I thank you very much.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Happy
20 St. Patty's Day.

21 We can now stand at ease.

22 (Council at ease.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
24 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Brown,
25 who will present a resolution honoring

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2 Ms. Pakzad for her tireless dedication to
3 improving the lives of Afghan women.

4 Will Ms. Pakzad and those
5 accompanying her please join the
6 Councilwoman at the podium.

7 Councilwoman Brown is being
8 joined by Councilwoman Tasco,
9 Councilwoman Miller and Councilwoman
10 Sanchez, also Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
12 Madam President.

13 Madam President, on this
14 occasion of the national celebration of
15 Women's History Month, we had the
16 enormous, unique opportunity to celebrate
17 an ordinary woman who in Afghanistan has
18 mounted extraordinary odds against those
19 in that region, and it was several weeks
20 ago when my former classmate from Penn
21 State, former President of the class from
22 Penn State, Dennis George, gave me a call
23 to say our guest is going to be in the
24 country and would we do the honor of
25 lifting her up and acknowledging her work

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2 in Afghanistan. So it is really, really,
3 really a pleasure and an honor, and I
4 thank you, Dennis George. Thank you.

5 So we have with us a woman who
6 has a lot of courage, quite frankly. In
7 1998, she organized an organization in
8 Afghanistan during the oppressive rule of
9 the Taliban, and today we're going to
10 honor Suraya Pakzad for her tireless
11 dedication to improving the lives of
12 Afghan women.

13 Honoring Suraya Pakzad for her
14 tireless dedication to improving the
15 lives of Afghan women.

16 Whereas, Afghan women have
17 bravely stood up to discrimination; and

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

19 Whereas, women in Afghanistan suffer from
20 inhumane treatment which they cannot face
21 alone; and

22 Whereas, Suraya Pakzad is the
23 Founder and Executive Director of the
24 Voice of Women Organization, that's VWO;
25 and

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2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Whereas,
3 Ms. Pakzad courageously risked her life
4 by starting VWO in secret during the
5 Taliban's oppressive rule; and

6 Whereas, today Ms. Pakzad helps
7 women openly win elections and start
8 successful careers in public service; and

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
10 she supports programs in prison for women
11 and their children; and

12 Whereas, she creates education
13 centers, health centers, food centers,
14 business development centers and legal
15 clinics for women; and

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,
17 Afghanistan will never truly prosper
18 without the contributions of its female
19 population.

20 Now, therefore, be it resolved,
21 by the Council of the City of
22 Philadelphia, that we hereby honor and
23 commend Suraya Pakzad for her commitment
24 to the betterment of Afghan women.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Be it

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2 further resolved that an engrossed copy
3 of this resolution be presented to
4 Ms. Pakzad as evidence of the sincere
5 sentiments of this legislative body.

6 Certification that this is a
7 true and correct copy of the original
8 resolution, adopted by the City Council
9 on the 26th day of February 2009.

10 Introduced by Blondell Reynolds Brown,
11 supported and sponsored by all the
12 members of the Philadelphia City Council.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Ms. Pakzad for remarks.

16 MS. PAKZAD: Thanks. Please
17 let me to express my warm regards from
18 the bottom of my heart and the regards
19 from the woman of Afghanistan to you and
20 to all people of this beautiful city,
21 Philadelphia. And let me to thank the
22 City of Philadelphia and its wonderful
23 people, the City Council and the City
24 Councilwoman, Ms. Blondell, and her group
25 for their recognition in my work, what

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2 I'm doing in Afghanistan.

3 Let me too offer my special

4 thanks for Mr. Dennis George for his

5 recommendation, and also I have to

6 express my -- offer my special thanks to

7 my American friends, who is the Director

8 of Traveling Mercy, with his partnership

9 with Voice of Women Organization,

10 Mr. Arthur Margozeni and his wife, Anna

11 Margozeni, for their warm hospitality and

12 helping me for today be here. And I'm

13 really honored, and thanks everybody.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

16 Council will be at ease.

17 (Council at ease.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

21 you, Madam President. Today I ask us to

22 welcome some young people from City Year.

23 They are the Comcast Team serving at

24 University City High School in West

25 Philadelphia. There are 250 students

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2 that they reach through college and
3 career -- they reached through a college
4 and career fair on December 17th. One
5 hundred and forty-nine students
6 participated in the team's Report Card
7 conferences. The team reaches over 300
8 students through academic support and
9 tutoring. Over 50 teachers and staff
10 members attended their appreciation
11 breakfast that this team hosted in
12 December, and they engaged students in
13 three after-school programs. They
14 engaged them. The programs include a hip
15 hop club, a women's empowerment group and
16 a program dedicated to conflict
17 resolution and leadership development.
18 They are Susan, 22, from Chicago,
19 Illinois; Andrew, 24, from Dallas,
20 Texas -- I hope they'll stand as we
21 mention their names -- Christina, 22,
22 from Philadelphia; Jamie, 21, from
23 Annapolis; Ivory, 21, from Philadelphia;
24 Zeppy, 19, from New Jersey; and Adam
25 Krantz, who is the Project Manager.

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2 And I also invite those of you
3 who can to stay a little bit after City
4 Council to speak to them if you have the
5 time.

6 Thank you, Madam President.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

9 Welcome. Welcome.

10 The next order of business is
11 communications. The Chair requests that
12 the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages
13 to the Chief Clerk.

14 The Chief Clerk will please
15 read the messages from the Mayor.

16 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
17 and members of the Council of the City of
18 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
19 that on March 9th and March 11th, 2009, I
20 signed all of the bills that were passed
21 by Council at its session on March 5th,
22 2009; and

23 I am transmitting for the
24 consideration of your honorable body a
25 resolution approving the redevelopment

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2 contract and disposition supplement of
3 the Redevelopment Authority of the City
4 of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
5 urban renewal of a portion of the 44th
6 and Aspen Urban Renewal Area; and

7 A resolution approving the
8 redevelopment contract for the
9 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
10 portion of the Mantua Urban Renewal Area;
11 and

12 An ordinance amending Section
13 22-311 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
14 "Cost-of-Living Measures for Retirees,
15 Beneficiaries and Survivors," by amending
16 the provisions governing when deposits
17 are made into the Pension Adjustment
18 Fund, all under certain terms and
19 conditions; and

20 An ordinance amending Title 22
21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
22 "Public Employees Retirement Code," by
23 amending Section 22-310, entitled
24 "Deferred Retirement Option Plan," by
25 revising the interest rate applied to

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2 DROP account balances, under certain
3 terms and conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you. The messages will be printed in the
6 Journal.

7 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
8 please read any other communications in
9 her possession.

10 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
11 have, Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The next order of business is
15 the introduction of bills and
16 resolutions, and at this time the Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: 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 authorizing the Committee on Public
25 Property to hold public hearings to

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2 explore creating an independent and

3 non-partisan commission to create a

4 detailed inventory of public property and

5 make non-binding recommendations for the

6 potential closures of City buildings.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

8 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney for a

9 motion.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the

11 adoption of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

14 has been moved and properly seconded that

15 the resolution be adopted.

16 All in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

22 ayes have it and the resolution will be

23 referred to the appropriate committee.

24 The Chair recognizes

25 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
3 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
4 three resolutions, one of which is
5 co-sponsored by all members of Council.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 approving the redevelopment contract and
12 disposition supplement of the
13 Redevelopment Authority for the
14 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
15 portion of the 44th and Aspen Urban
16 Renewal Area.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you, Madam President. I move for the
21 adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will signify by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 ayes have it and the resolution is
10 adopted.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 approving the redevelopment contract and
13 disposition supplement of the
14 Redevelopment Authority for the
15 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
16 portion of the Mantua Urban Renewal Area.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you, Madam President. I move for the
21 adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 3/12/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 ayes have it and the resolution is
9 adopted.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 honoring and recognizing One Day At a
12 Time for 25 years of dedicated service to
13 the prevention of drug abuse.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
15 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you, Madam President. I move for 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 say aye.

25 (Aye.)

1 3/12/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Greenlee.

10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
11 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
12 resolutions today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 Chair thanks the gentleman.

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Krajewski.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
18 you, Madam President. I offer one bill.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
20 you.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 authorizing the installation of all-way
25 stop signs at the intersection of Jackson

1 3/12/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Street and Higbee Street.

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

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
9 President, I offer one resolution on your
10 behalf and two bills by request.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Section 22-311 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled
18 "Cost-of-Living Measures for Retirees,
19 Beneficiaries and Survivors," by amending
20 the provisions governing when deposits
21 are made into the Pension Adjustment
22 Fund.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 bill will be referred to the appropriate
25 committee.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia
4 Code, entitled "Public Employees
5 Retirement Code," by amending Section
6 22-310, entitled "Deferred Retirement
7 Option Plan," by revising the interest
8 rate applied to DROP account balances.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
10 bill will be referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
14 Property to execute and deliver to the
15 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
16 the 36th Ward of the City of
17 Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for
21 the adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 3/12/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 ayes have it and the resolution is
9 adopted.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
13 you, Madam President. Today I have two
14 resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 read the title of the first resolution.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
20 proclaiming March 2009 as "Deaf History
21 Month."

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
25 for the adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 ayes have it and the resolution is
13 adopted.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
16 Property to execute and deliver to the
17 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
18 the 12th and 13th Wards of the City of
19 Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
21 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Miller.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
24 for the adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

1 3/12/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
3 has been moved and properly seconded that
4 the resolution be adopted.

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 ayes have it and the resolution is
12 adopted.

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Sanchez.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I offer
16 nothing this morning, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Green.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I offer one resolution
23 and one bill co-sponsored by
24 Councilmembers DiCicco, Goode, Krajewski,
25 Jones and Kelly.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
4 the bill.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 providing for the submission to the
7 qualified electors of the City of
8 Philadelphia of a proposal to adopt a tax
9 on real property dedicated for the sole
10 purpose of funding public libraries;
11 fixing the date of a special election for
12 such purpose; prescribing the form of the
13 ballot question to be voted on.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 authorizing the Committee on Streets and
19 Services to hold hearings to investigate
20 the benefits and feasibility of either
21 temporary or permanently closing certain
22 city streets to vehicle traffic in
23 cooperation with local business in order
24 to help boost retail and restaurant sales
25 in Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
5 Madam President. Approving the truism
6 that there's no monopoly on good ideas, I
7 would like to note for the record that
8 since circulating this resolution, the
9 Chair of Streets and Services, Councilman
10 DiCicco -- I've learned that the Chair of
11 Streets and Services, Councilman DiCicco,
12 and Councilman Kenney have been actively
13 investigating street-closing ideas, and I
14 would welcome the opportunity to work
15 with them on this issue.

16 I move for the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 ayes have it, the resolution is adopted,
4 and the resolution will be referred to
5 the appropriate committee.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Jones.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
9 morning, Madam President. No bills or
10 resolutions today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 Chair thanks the gentleman.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I offer no bills or
17 resolutions today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
23 Madam President. One bill.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read the title of the bill.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
6 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
7 amending Chapter 14-1400, entitled
8 "Parking and Loading Facilities," by
9 adding a new subsection providing for
10 bicycle parking, under certain terms and
11 conditions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 bill will be referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I have no bills or
19 resolutions today.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
25 President, I offer one bill.

1 3/12/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
4 the bill.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
7 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," to
8 prohibit the transfer of special
9 approvals provided by the Zoning Board of
10 Adjustment.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 bill will be referred to the appropriate
13 committee.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I have one bill and one
18 resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
21 the bill.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
23 renaming and designating the park located
24 at the intersection of Germantown Avenue,
25 York Street and North 8th Street as the

1 3/12/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 "Danny Boyle Community Park."

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 bill will be referred to the appropriate
5 committee.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
8 Property to execute and deliver to the
9 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
10 the 32nd Ward of the City of
11 Philadelphia.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke for a
14 motion on his resolution.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
16 the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 ayes have it and the resolution is
4 adopted.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Kelly.

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

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

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Rizzo.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
15 President, one resolution today.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
20 honoring, commending and thanking St.
21 Timothy's Episcopal Church on the
22 occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam

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2 President, I move for the adoption of
3 this 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 say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 ayes have it and the resolution is
15 adopted.

16 The next order of business is
17 reports from committees. The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Kenney for a report
19 from the Committee on Rules.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
21 Madam President. The Committee on Rules
22 reports out one bill with a favorable
23 recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read the report.

4 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
5 and members of the Council of the City of
6 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
7 which was referred Bill No. 080954,
8 entitled "An ordinance to amend the
9 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
10 zoning designations of certain areas of
11 land located within an area bounded by
12 Broad Street, 15th Street, Oxford Street
13 and Cecil B. Moore Avenue, and by
14 amending Section 14-1620 of The
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Avenue of
16 the Arts North Special District
17 Controls,' all under certain terms and
18 conditions," 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 VERA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move that the rules
4 of Council be suspended as to permit
5 first reading this day of Bill No.
6 080954.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
9 has been moved and properly seconded.
10 All in favor will indicate by
11 saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

20 Again, the Chair recognizes
21 Councilman Kenney for a motion concerning
22 Bill No. 090166.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
24 Madam President. Bill No. 090166,
25 entitled "An ordinance to amend the

1 3/12/09 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
3 zoning designations of certain areas of
4 land located within an area bounded by
5 Front Street, Oregon Avenue, the Delaware
6 River and Railroad Right-of-Way, also
7 known as the Northern Boundary of the
8 Philadelphia Naval Base," was referred to
9 the Committee on Rules. At the request
10 of the sponsor, I move that Bill No.
11 090166 be withdrawn.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
14 has been moved and properly seconded.

15 All in favor will indicate by
16 saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
22 ayes have it, the motion carries, and
23 Bill No. 090166 has been withdrawn.

24 The Chair now recognizes
25 Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the

1 3/12/09 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Committee on Finance.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

4 President, the Committee on Finance

5 reports one bill with a favorable

6 recommendation.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

8 you.

9 The Chief Clerk will please

10 read the report.

11 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

12 and members of the Council of the City of

13 Philadelphia, the Committee on Finance,

14 to which was referred Bill No. 090007,

15 entitled "An ordinance amending Section

16 19-203 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled

17 'Payroll Deductions,' to add the Friends

18 of the Free Library Philadelphia to the

19 list of designated payees to whom an

20 employee may direct payroll deductions,

21 all under certain terms and conditions,"

22 respectfully reports it has considered

23 the same and returns the attached bill to

24 Council with a favorable recommendation.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

1 3/12/09 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman

3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move

5 that the rules of Council be suspended so

6 as to permit first reading this day of

7 Bill No. 090007.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

10 has been moved and properly seconded.

11 All in favor will indicate by

12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

18 ayes have it and the motion carries. The

19 bill just read will be placed on our

20 First Reading Calendar for today.

21 The next order of business is

22 the consideration of the Calendar. I

23 would note for the record that the bills

24 just reported from committee with

25 suspension of the rules have been deemed

1 3/12/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 to have had a first reading and they will
3 not be read a second time. Instead, they
4 will be placed on the Second Reading and
5 Final Passage Calendar for our next
6 session of Council.

7 There are no additional bills
8 on the First Reading Calendar.

9 Therefore, the Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of
11 calling up bills on the Second Reading
12 and Final Passage Calendar.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. Bill Nos. 090003,
15 090095 and Resolution 090173 are being
16 called up for Second Reading and Final
17 Passage Calendar today. All other bills
18 are being held.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 read the title of Bill No. 090003.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 authorizing the extension of the extended
25 trial program authorized by Bill No.

1 3/12/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 060799 under which advance approval is
3 given to the Philadelphia Facilities
4 Management Corporation on behalf of the
5 Philadelphia Gas Works, subject to
6 certain terms and conditions.

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

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 call the roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Sanchez.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

9 Verna.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

15 We will now consider Bill No.
16 090095.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia
19 Code, entitled "Contracts and
20 Procurement," by creating new
21 requirements relating to the submission
22 of an Economic Opportunity Plan.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
24 bill having been read on two different
25 days, the question now is shall the bill

1 3/12/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 pass finally.

3 The Chief Clerk will please
4 call the roll.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

17 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Greenlee.

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

24 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Aye.

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

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 read the title of Resolution No. 090173.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution
10 approving the redevelopment contract and
11 disposition supplement of the
12 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
13 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
14 urban renewal of a portion of the Point
15 Breeze East Urban Renewal Area.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
17 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
19 President, I move for the adoption of the
20 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 indicate by

1 3/12/09 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 ayes have it and the resolution is
9 adopted.

10 That completes our Calendar for
11 today.

12 Are there speeches on the part
13 of the minority?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
16 there speeches on the part of the
17 majority?

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Jones.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
21 Madam President.

22 As we anxiously anticipate the
23 state of our city's address by our Mayor,
24 we look at some difficult decisions ahead
25 by way of our operating departments. As

1 3/12/09 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 we look at 10, 20 and possibly 30 percent
3 cuts, it is important that we not forget
4 the capital side of this budget, that in
5 fact we've done a good job as a
6 municipality trying to get in position
7 for the stimulus package that is coming
8 from Washington, that we've done a
9 yeoman's job of preparing certain capital
10 projects so that we could fit within the
11 federal timeframe of taking advantage of
12 them.

13 But our work is yet undone.

14 It's important that we, from the federal
15 government perspective, have bailed out
16 Wall Street. It's important that we
17 continue to bail out Main Street, but
18 what we have as a task before us in this
19 Council is to bail out my street, which
20 is our neighborhoods around the City.

21 And I would urge us to take very active
22 participation in Resolution 090178, which
23 empowers the Fiscal Stability Committee
24 to take a look at what we're doing line
25 by line, point by point to maximize

1 3/12/09 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 economic opportunity for small businesses
3 and maximize job creation to individuals
4 from neighborhoods.

5 Likewise, I would urge us to
6 have a hearing scheduled for Resolution
7 080959, which examines the Water
8 Department and its upcoming contracts, of
9 which they are in the millions and
10 possibility even a half a billion
11 dollars. As we look at that, each one of
12 these contracts that are eligible for
13 stimulus money allows us to free up
14 needed capital money to do other needed
15 things for our city and its
16 infrastructure.

17 So I would encourage us to
18 participate in this, but not from an
19 engineer's eyes only, from getting from
20 Point A to Point B, but also how do we
21 get from job creation to tax revenues
22 generated for the City of Philadelphia,
23 because at the end of the day, we can't
24 count our way out of paperclips to get
25 out of this recession. The only way we

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2 get out of this recession is build, baby,
3 build.

4 Thank you, Madam President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

6 You're welcome.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Madam President. I rise again and
11 I'll pass out flyers again with Montel
12 Williams on it. We are still every
13 Thursday -- we have been and will be --
14 right out in front of between Councilman
15 Jones' office and mine with this
16 prescription assistance program. It's
17 called Partnership for Prescription
18 Assistance. So we invite you to still
19 come or your people who may come to your
20 offices who need help with prescriptions,
21 who need free prescriptions, because some
22 they get for three months, some they get
23 for longer periods of time. These are
24 companies who donate medicine so that
25 those in need can get them.

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2 So we invite you to take
3 advantage of this opportunity. They have
4 a bus also that they can bring to park
5 somewhere in your community. So you can
6 also reserve the bus. So we've been
7 dealing with it, I don't know, since
8 before Christmas, maybe last spring, and
9 we invite you all to take advantage of
10 this needed service.

11 And, finally, let me thank
12 Councilman Kelly for the wonderful Irish
13 potatoes, our wonderful sweets. And if
14 Lou were alive, Lou would challenge
15 everybody. I haven't been to Ireland
16 four times, but I've been there twice.
17 So he would challenge everybody to match
18 that record.

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
21 you.

22 Are there any other speeches on
23 the part of the majority?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

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2 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
3 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
4 adjourn.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
6 Madam President.

7 Madam President, before I make
8 the motion, I just would like to say that
9 my Legislative Assistant has informed us
10 that Monday is the deadline to submit
11 your recommendations for the fiscal
12 stability hearing. So I'm asking all
13 Councilmembers, whatever you have
14 relating to fiscal stability as per the
15 resolution, we're asking you get it in by
16 Monday, because we must issue the
17 document next week prior to the hearing
18 that you've called for us to put
19 together.

20 One other thing. I just would
21 like to real quickly concur with
22 Councilman Jones, particularly with
23 respect to his "drill, baby, drill"
24 statement. I think it's important,
25 because the reality is the City of

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2 Philadelphia, based on the stimulus
3 program, will receive probably more than
4 \$150 million in this next fiscal year as
5 a result of the stimulus program. So
6 it's very important, particularly as it
7 relates to construction, because the
8 reality is the construction has the
9 broadest implication as it relates to the
10 number of trades opportunities for people
11 in the City of Philadelphia, in addition
12 to which as it relates to building
13 revenue, you have a multiplier, because
14 first you purchase the materials, then
15 you build a house, which obviously
16 creates wage taxes and provides jobs,
17 then you sell the house, which obviously
18 creates recording fees, transfer taxes,
19 and somewhere down the line those people
20 actually start paying real taxes once the
21 ten-year tax abatement burns off.

22 So I would just like to concur
23 with Councilman Jones, that it is very
24 important that we get this right the
25 first time out.

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2 So with that, Madam President,

3 I make a motion that Council stand

4 adjourned until Thursday, March 19th,

5 2009, 10:00 a.m.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

8 has been moved and seconded that Council

9 stand adjourned until Thursday, March

10 19th at 10:00 a.m.

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

17 ayes have it and the motion carries.

18 Thank you.

19 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

20 11:00 a.m.)

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