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## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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## STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Thursday, September 18, 2008  
10:05 a.m.

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## PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE

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COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good

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morning. I note that the hour has come

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and that a quorum of this Council is

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present. Council will come to order.

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Members will take their seats and

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visitors will retire to the seats outside

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the rails.

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At this time, the Chair

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recognizes Councilman Kenney, who will be

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joined by Councilmembers O'Neill, Tasco

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and Brown, to make a very special

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presentation recognizing PECO for their

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environmental stewardship and leadership

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and thanking them for their generous

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contributions towards sustainable

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initiatives in Philadelphia.

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Will Mr. Denis O'Brien and

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those accompanying him please join the

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Councilman at the podium.

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Councilman O'Neill.

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Mr. O'Brien.

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COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

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Madam President.

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This is a resolution

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2                   recognizing PECO for their environmental  
3                   stewardship and leadership and thanking  
4                   them for their generous contributions  
5                   towards sustainable initiatives in  
6                   Philadelphia.

7                   Whereas, PECO is an electric  
8                   and natural gas utility based in  
9                   Philadelphia serving 1.6 million electric  
10                  and 480,000 natural gas customers in  
11                  southeastern Pennsylvania; and

12                 Whereas, PECO employs  
13                 approximately 2,500 people in the region  
14                 and is one of the Greater Philadelphia  
15                 region's most active corporate citizens,  
16                 providing leadership, volunteer and  
17                 financial support to numerous arts and  
18                 culture, education, environmental,  
19                 economic development and community  
20                 programs;

21                 Whereas, PECO's focus on  
22                 sustainability includes numerous programs  
23                 focused on energy conservation for its  
24                 operations and customers; and

25                 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,

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2                   commenting on PECO's environmental  
3                   initiatives, Denis O'Brien, President and  
4                   CEO of PECO, stated, and I quote, "We are  
5                   proud to open PECO's first green building  
6                   and take major steps to demonstrate our  
7                   corporate commitment to environmental  
8                   stewardship. We all are responsible for  
9                   the environment, as business leaders and  
10                  as citizens. The work at West Chester  
11                  shows how the changes we make impact the  
12                  world around us. And I personally look  
13                  forward to the many more exciting changes  
14                  planned during the next 12 months," end  
15                  of quote; and

16                  COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Whereas,  
17                  the green roof planned for PECO's  
18                  headquarters at 23rd and Market Streets  
19                  will cover more than 45,000 square feet  
20                  and save in heating and cooling costs;

21                  Whereas, the roof designed by  
22                  Philadelphia-based Roofscapes, Inc. will  
23                  be the largest green roof on an existing  
24                  urban building in Pennsylvania; and

25                  Whereas, in addition to

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2           greening its own buildings, PECO is  
3           donating \$50,000 to the Free Library of  
4           Philadelphia for their own green roof  
5           project; and

6                       Whereas, additionally, PECO has  
7           donated 1,300 energy-efficient light  
8           bulbs to the City of Philadelphia to  
9           efficiently illuminate -- pretty soon --  
10          City Council Chambers, Caucus Room, Chief  
11          Clerk's Office and general offices next  
12          to the Chambers, in addition to the  
13          Mayor's Reception Room and Conversation  
14          Hall;

15                      Whereas, these bulbs, totalling  
16          \$25,000, will save taxpayers around  
17          \$11,000 annually in electricity costs.  
18          Furthermore, the bulbs will last longer,  
19          saving on maintenance.

20                      Now, therefore, be it resolved

21                      COUNCILMAN KENNEY: That City  
22          Council hereby recognize PECO for their  
23          environmental stewardship and leadership  
24          and thanking them for their generous  
25          contributions toward sustainable

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2                   initiatives in Philadelphia.

3                   And we want to thank PECO very  
4                   much for all their efforts in this regard  
5                   and everything that they do for our  
6                   community. Thank you very much.

7                   (Applause.)

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
9                   Chair recognizes Mr. O'Brien for remarks.

10                  MR. O'BRIEN: Thank you,  
11                  President Verna. Thank you for the  
12                  resolution. It's greatly appreciated.

13                  I have to say, as President of  
14                  PECO, I'm always focused on keeping the  
15                  lights on, and as a utility executive,  
16                  when you come into a room and it's dark,  
17                  you get these panic attacks. Your whole  
18                  career flashes in front of your eyes. So  
19                  when I came in this morning and it was  
20                  dark in here, my career flashed in front  
21                  of my eyes, and then I realized that was  
22                  the plan for the day.

23                  I'm delighted to be here on  
24                  behalf of PECO. I commend Mayor Nutter,  
25                  City Council and the City of Philadelphia

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2                   for their commitment in helping to  
3                   improve the environment.

4                   Just a few years ago, we worked  
5                   with the City to provide wind power to  
6                   power City Hall. As a matter of fact,  
7                   Lisa Crutchfield has gotten me before she  
8                   left here a windmill tie that I was able  
9                   to wear today for this event.

10                  It's great to be here once  
11                  again to work with the City on another  
12                  initiative to improve the environment.

13                  Just two weeks ago, the Mayor  
14                  was gracious enough to help us announce  
15                  the green roof at our PECO building and  
16                  our donation to the Free Library of  
17                  Philadelphia for a green roof on their  
18                  building also. At the same time as that  
19                  announcement, we announced our  
20                  environmental initiative, which we call  
21                  P-Eco. Creative there. We were able to  
22                  take our name and turn it into P-Eco. So  
23                  the PECO environmental initiative, P-Eco,  
24                  which includes the opening of our first  
25                  green building in West Chester,

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2           Pennsylvania, which we did that just  
3           recently; efforts to LEED certify all of  
4           our other main buildings. And for those  
5           of you that may need a reminder like I  
6           do, LEED certification stands for  
7           Leadership in Energy and Environmental  
8           Design.

9                       We will soon be announcing our  
10          intentions to replace the Crown Lights on  
11          our building that are really an icon in  
12          this city with energy-efficient light  
13          bulbs also, and that plan is underway.  
14          In addition to that, we filed a plan with  
15          the PUC, or the Pennsylvania Public  
16          Utility Commission, last week to have an  
17          energy-efficiency program, of which one  
18          of the first parts of that will be  
19          discounted compact fluorescent light  
20          bulbs. We will give discounts for 3.3  
21          million light bulbs over a five-year  
22          period, and at the height of the program,  
23          we will be providing for discounts for  
24          light bulbs for about one million light  
25          bulbs a year.



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2                   As part of our announcement  
3                   last week, Mayor Nutter provided some  
4                   incredibly valuable words. He said that  
5                   the most successful environmental  
6                   initiatives are going to be the ones  
7                   where we all work together. And the  
8                   Mayor could not be more right. This is  
9                   something that we understand at PECO and  
10                  we want to take a leading role.

11                  I want to extend a special  
12                  thanks to Councilman Jim Kenney. How we  
13                  got here today is, I arranged a meeting  
14                  for my boss, John Rowe, Chairman of  
15                  Exelon, to meet the new Mayor, Michael  
16                  Nutter, and when we were in that meeting,  
17                  he had mentioned the resolution that Jim  
18                  had introduced and that Council had  
19                  passed to install energy-efficient  
20                  lighting in City Hall, and we saw that  
21                  just as an opportunity to figure out,  
22                  well, how can we jump-start that great  
23                  idea, and that's how we got here today.

24                  So, Councilman, we thank you  
25                  for your commitment and for the great

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2 idea. We were just trying to figure out  
3 how we could help and how we could get it  
4 jump-started.

5 Installing energy-efficiency  
6 fixtures and compact fluorescent light  
7 bulbs is something that everybody can do.  
8 You can do it in your home. You can do  
9 it in your business. It's affordable and  
10 the savings are substantial.

11 This City Hall installation  
12 should save about \$11,000 per year. It  
13 will basically pay for itself within two  
14 years. It will reduce greenhouse gas  
15 production by 110,000 pounds per year.  
16 And because the length -- or the life of  
17 one of these light bulbs is closer to  
18 seven to eight years, it will reduce the  
19 amount of light bulbs that are in the  
20 waste stream, because they last so much  
21 longer than a regular bulb.

22 So if all of the citizens of  
23 Philadelphia and the surrounding regions  
24 were just to change out a few light  
25 bulbs, the savings would be considerable

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2 and the impact would be wonderful.

3 There are a few people that I  
4 would just like to take a moment today  
5 who deserve some special recognition for  
6 their hard work in making this project a  
7 success. First, Clay Armbrister, Chief  
8 of Staff to the Mayor. He was in that  
9 first meeting, and as always, a couple  
10 people get the bright ideas and some  
11 other folks have to figure out how to  
12 make it work. So thanks for taking the  
13 idea and helping us make it work.

14 Public Property Commissioner,  
15 Joan Schlotterbeck; Jim Lewis, Director  
16 of Public Property -- I saw Jim here  
17 somewhere -- and Paul Miles, our Manager  
18 of Marketing and Technology Services.  
19 From helping to make the connection to  
20 City Council to PECO, to overseeing the  
21 technical aspects of the project, these  
22 people were very instrumental in making  
23 all this come together for today.

24 So I hope you enjoy these new  
25 lights, the savings they bring and the

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2                   bright future that they will provide for  
3                   our environment.

4                   Well, now it's time to turn on  
5                   the switch, if Jim and some others would  
6                   help me here.

7                   Three, two, one.

8                   (Lights came on.)

9                   (Applause.)

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

11                  Before our invocation, I would like  
12                  everyone to stand for a moment of silence  
13                  for Officer Isabel Nazario.

14                  (All members and guests  
15                  standing.)

16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
17                  you.

18                  To give our invocation this  
19                  morning, the Chair recognizes Reverend  
20                  Ellis I. Washington. He is Pastor of St.  
21                  Matthew African Methodist Episcopal  
22                  Church. He is here today as the guest of  
23                  Councilman Kenney. Again, I would ask  
24                  all members and guests to please rise.

25                  (All members and guests rise.)



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2                   our actions. As we deliberate over the  
3                   budget, let us remember that all our  
4                   resources ultimately flow from you and  
5                   that you give us the responsibility of  
6                   being good stewards in the management of  
7                   those resources.

8                   I pray that we do not sell  
9                   short those who depend upon our actions  
10                  for their survival. Give us, oh, Lord,  
11                  right thinking regarding the proposed  
12                  casinos in our city. Let us not be  
13                  motivated by any greed, but by doing what  
14                  is best for the citizens of Philadelphia  
15                  in the long term.

16                 As we consider the cell phone  
17                 legislation, direct us to put the safety  
18                 of our motorists and pedestrians first  
19                 and act in a way that is both sensible  
20                 and responsible.

21                 Grant, Lord, your wisdom that  
22                 we may bring about effective practice to  
23                 the ponderings of our hearts. May we  
24                 emulate the wisdom of King Solomon and  
25                 Jesus the Christ in the way we proceed.

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2 We pray your covering over our  
3 Mayor, Mayor Nutter, our Council, our  
4 judges, all City officials and employees,  
5 especially our police officers and  
6 firefighters and all of the City  
7 residents.

8 This we ask, oh, God, in your  
9 magnificent and magnificent name.

10 Amen.

11 (Amen.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
13 Chair thanks Reverend Washington for his  
14 invocation.

15 Council will now be at ease.

16 (Council at ease.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
18 next order of business is the approval of  
19 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,  
20 June 19, 2008, and the Chair recognizes  
21 Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,  
23 Madam President. I move that the Journal  
24 of the meeting of Thursday, June 19th  
25 stand approved.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
4 has been moved and properly seconded that  
5 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,  
6 June 19, 2008 stand approved.

7 All in favor will indicate by  
8 saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
14 ayes have it and the Journal is approved.

15 The next order of business is  
16 requests for leave of absence, and the  
17 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,  
19 Madam President. On behalf of the  
20 majority, there are no requests for  
21 leaves of absence today.

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman  
25 O'Neill.



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2                   COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam  
3                   President, on behalf of the republicans,  
4                   there are no requests for leave of  
5                   absence.

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
7                   you.

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

18                  The Chair now recognizes  
19                  Councilman Kenney, who will present a  
20                  resolution honoring the Philadelphia  
21                  International Airport.

22                  Will Mr. Charles Isdell and  
23                  those accompanying him please join the  
24                  Councilman at the podium.

25                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,



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2           year; medium, 10 million to 30 million  
3           passengers a year; and small, fewer than  
4           10 million passengers per year;

5                       Whereas, six factors, assessed  
6           through 27 specific attributes, are  
7           examined to determine overall customer  
8           satisfaction: airport accessibility;  
9           baggage claim; check-in/baggage check  
10          process; terminal facilities; security  
11          check; and food and retail services; and

12                      Whereas, the Philadelphia  
13          International Airport ranked the highest  
14          in the large airport category, improving  
15          five rank positions since last year, and  
16          performing particularly well in the  
17          terminal facilities and baggage claim  
18          factors;

19                      Whereas, the customer  
20          satisfaction survey was conducted among  
21          21,165 passengers who took roundtrip  
22          flights between April 2007 and March 2008  
23          at 18 large airports throughout the  
24          country; and

25                      Whereas, the City-owned

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2                   Philadelphia International Airport  
3                   generates \$14 billion in spending for the  
4                   regional economy and has nearly 34,000  
5                   employees.

6                                 Now, therefore, be it resolved  
7                   by the Council of the City of  
8                   Philadelphia, that Council does hereby  
9                   recognize and honor the Philadelphia  
10                  International Airport for ranking the  
11                  highest in overall customer satisfaction  
12                  among large airports in J.D. Power and  
13                  Associates' 2008 Airport Customer  
14                  Satisfaction Report.

15                                Congratulations, and please  
16                   keep up the good work.

17                                (Applause.)

18                                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
19                   Chair recognizes Mr. Isdell for remarks.

20                                MR. ISDELL: Thank you very  
21                   much, Madam President. Thank you,  
22                   Councilman Kenney, members of City  
23                   Council.

24                                We do have a small contingent  
25                   of the 800 Airport City employees with us

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2                   today. I'd like to acknowledge them in  
3                   the balcony, and in particular --

4                                 (Applause.)

5                                 MR. ISDELL: Because this award  
6                   really belongs to all of the Airport  
7                   employees, and in particular,  
8                   representing our employees, we have one  
9                   of our exemplary custodial workers who  
10                  has been recognized many times for  
11                  outstanding work in maintaining the  
12                  ladies rooms in Terminal D. This is  
13                  Ms. Sheryl Jones holding the J.D. Power  
14                  award.

15                                (Applause.)

16                               MR. ISDELL: And, lastly, I  
17                  want to thank Deputy Mayor Rina Cutler,  
18                  who is with us today, Deputy Mayor for  
19                  Transportation and Utilities; Mayor  
20                  Nutter; and the entire City of  
21                  Philadelphia team. Thank you very much  
22                  for this great honor.

23                                (Applause.)

24                                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

25                  Council will be at ease.

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2                   (Council at ease.)

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
4                   Chair now recognizes Councilwoman  
5                   Sanchez, who will present a resolution  
6                   recognizing radio personality Marvin  
7                   Barrish.

8                   Will Mr. Barrish and those  
9                   accompanying him please join the  
10                  Councilwoman at the podium.

11                  I see that Councilwoman Sanchez  
12                  is being joined by Councilman Green.

13                  COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Good  
14                  morning, folks. One of the things that I  
15                  love --

16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
17                  Councilwoman, I suggest you wait just a  
18                  moment. Our visitors are leaving and it  
19                  is a little noisy.

20                  (Brief pause.)

21                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All  
22                  right, Councilwoman. Please proceed.

23                  COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank  
24                  you. Thank you, Madam President.

25                  One of the things I love best

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2           about this institution in Council is that  
3           throughout the year we get to recognize  
4           the folks at the ground level, at the  
5           community level doing good work, and that  
6           is the case of Mr. Barrish. So I want to  
7           thank him for all his work and his  
8           efforts.

9                       This resolution reads,  
10          recognizing radio personality Marvin  
11          Barrish for his dedication to charity and  
12          perseverance in the face of physical  
13          adversity.

14                      Whereas, Marvin Barrish informs  
15          the people of the Northeast with his  
16          radio program on 1360 WNJC; and

17                      Whereas, Mr. Barrish is a  
18          lifelong entertainer and has devoted his  
19          life to charitable work; and

20                      Whereas, Mr. Barrish was  
21          paralyzed by a gunshot in 1980, and much  
22          of his charitable work has focused on  
23          fundraising and support for people with  
24          disabilities; and

25                      COUNCILMAN GREEN: Whereas, in

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2                   1988, Mr. Barrish made headlines for his  
3                   role in talking down a recently paralyzed  
4                   police officer who was attempting  
5                   suicide; and

6                   Whereas, Mr. Barrish has  
7                   tirelessly worked to raise funds for the  
8                   families of slain Philadelphia Police  
9                   Officers Chuck Cassidy, Gary Skerski and  
10                  Steven Liczbinski.

11                  Now, therefore, be it

12                  COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ:

13                  Resolved, that the Council of the City of  
14                  Philadelphia hereby recognizes and honors  
15                  Mr. Barrish for his tireless charitable  
16                  work. His bravery and perseverance  
17                  serves as a model for all of us.

18                  Further resolved, that an  
19                  engrossed copy of this resolution be  
20                  presented to him.

21                  Thank you.

22                  (Applause.)

23                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
24                  Chair recognizes Mr. Barrish for remarks.

25                  MR. BARRISH: Okay. Now, David



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2                   Owens says if I start a speech, I will be  
3                   there for two hours.

4                   I just did two fundraisers for  
5                   Chuck Cassidy, two fundraisers for  
6                   Sergeant Liczbinski, a fundraiser for  
7                   Gerry Pellegrini. I talked a police  
8                   officer in a wheelchair out of committing  
9                   suicide, and I just did the Hero Thrill  
10                  Show on my -- James Trainor was on my  
11                  radio show talking about the Hero Thrill  
12                  Show that will take place on September  
13                  20th.

14                  I have now set -- this is my  
15                  73rd political award. I'd like to thank  
16                  all the Councilmembers who have honored  
17                  me in the past. I'd like to thank  
18                  Councilwoman Joan Krajewski, who was with  
19                  me when I took a 53 and a half pound  
20                  manual wheelchair, wheeled it 16 miles  
21                  and raised \$50,000 for the March of Dimes  
22                  Fund.

23                               (Applause.)

24                   MR. BARRISH: Twenty-five  
25                   thousand dollars was allocated to the

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2                   Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation. Georgie  
3                   Woods, the man with the goods, brought me  
4                   on his radio talk show. Only three white  
5                   people were ever on Georgie Woods' talk  
6                   show: Marvin Barrish, former Councilman  
7                   David Cohen and Arlen Specter.

8                   Donna Reed Miller, I'd like to  
9                   thank you for your award. I went up to  
10                  Haines and Ardleigh and entertained at  
11                  the David P. Richardson picnic. I talked  
12                  about it on my radio show, and we had  
13                  4,000 people there. Jonathan Seidel was  
14                  cooking the food.

15                  Back to Marian Tasco, me and  
16                  Marian Tasco worked the phones at the  
17                  Variety Club Telethon together.

18                  Now let's go back to James  
19                  Kenney. Me and James Kenney, I was the  
20                  entertainer down Penns Landing where I  
21                  met Councilman James Kenney, took  
22                  pictures with him and former Judge  
23                  Dominic Cermele.

24                  I have helped 52 different  
25                  organizations in the City of



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2                   University of Pennsylvania City Planning.

3                   So if we could please welcome someone who

4                   is absorbing public policy on a daily

5                   basis, Jeffrey Knowles.

6                   (Applause.)

7                   COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

8                   Madam President.

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

10                  You're welcome.

11                  Councilwoman Blackwell.

12                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

13                  you, Madam President. This morning in

14                  caucus we recognized Jeff Cooper, who is

15                  Vice-President of Government and

16                  Community Relations for Penn, and we want

17                  to acknowledge that we did that. But

18                  today I rise with regard to two bills,

19                  Bill No. 808 -- excuse me; 080550 and

20                  080542, which are a bill and a resolution

21                  to put on the ballot what I call a job

22                  tax, and as all of you know, it's on

23                  Second Reading and Final Passage today.

24                  We have opted to hold this legislation

25                  after talking and communicating and

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2           negotiating with the Mayor, the Civil  
3           Service Commission Director and  
4           Vice-Chair and also Director of Human  
5           Resources, Mr. Albert D'Attilio, who is  
6           here with us this morning.

7                       What has happened is that the  
8           Administration has agreed to, on April  
9           1st, to totally do away with this job  
10          tax, this \$35 jobs fee that we've been  
11          fighting since it was introduced in '04,  
12          and so we're happy that we were able to  
13          work that out. Meanwhile, between now  
14          and then, the whole group of -- the whole  
15          class of individuals who apply will be  
16          broadened, not just from those who are on  
17          Social Security or those who receive  
18          their other checks, quote/unquote,  
19          welfare checks, but it will be those who  
20          would qualify for low-income energy  
21          assistance, Crisis, LIHEAP, customer  
22          responsibility programs, et cetera. So  
23          the whole group of people will increase  
24          between now and then. And the Board will  
25          meet to make those changes to the civil

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2           service regulations, and then April 1st,  
3           the entire job tax will be wiped out.

4                       So we want to thank all of  
5           those with whom we were able to negotiate  
6           to work out something so that the  
7           citizens of our city who work for the  
8           City won't feel that they're being unduly  
9           preyed upon because they want to apply  
10          for jobs for our city.

11                      Thank you very much for all who  
12          were involved in these negotiations.

13                      (Applause.)

14                      COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
15          you.

16                      The next order of business is  
17          communications. The Chair requests that  
18          the Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages  
19          to the Chief Clerk.

20                      The Chief Clerk will please  
21          read the messages from the Mayor.

22                      CHIEF CLERK: To the President  
23          and members of the Council of the City of  
24          Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you  
25          that on June 27th, July 2nd, July 15th

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2           and August 4th, 2008, I signed all of the  
3           bills that were passed by Council at its  
4           session on June 19th, 2008, and I am  
5           transmitting herewith for the  
6           introduction and consideration of your  
7           honorable body an ordinance further  
8           amending Bill No. 070368, entitled "An  
9           ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2008  
10          Capital Budget providing for expenditures  
11          for the capital purposes of the  
12          Philadelphia Gas Works"; and

13                    An ordinance authorizing the  
14          revision of lines and grades on a portion  
15          of City Plan No. 34-S in the area south  
16          of Oregon Avenue and west of Christopher  
17          Columbus Boulevard; and

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

24                    An ordinance authorizing the  
25          revision of lines and grades on a portion

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2           of City Plan No. 308 by striking from the  
3           City Plan and vacating Moravian Street  
4           from 19th Street to 20th Street; and

5                     An ordinance authorizing the  
6           revision of lines and grades on a portion  
7           of City Plan No. 120 by striking from the  
8           City Plan and vacating Cleveland Street  
9           from Girard Avenue; and

10                    An ordinance authorizing the  
11           revision of lines and grades on a portion  
12           of City Plan No. 128 by striking from the  
13           City Plan and vacating 18th Street from  
14           Cambria Street to Indiana Avenue; and

15                    An ordinance authorizing the  
16           revision of lines and grades on a portion  
17           of City Plan No. 158 by striking from the  
18           City Plan and abandoning a certain  
19           right-of-way for drainage purposes which  
20           extends southeastwardly from the easterly  
21           side of B Street; and

22                    An ordinance authorizing the  
23           revision of lines and grades on a portion  
24           of City Plan No. 58 by placing on the  
25           City Plan an extension of Mount Vernon



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2           Street; and

3                   An ordinance amending Section 2  
4           of an ordinance, Bill No. 060317,  
5           approved September 28, 2006, entitled "An  
6           ordinance authorizing and directing the  
7           revision of lines and grades on a portion  
8           of City Plan No. 275," by extending the  
9           period for compliance with the terms and  
10          conditions stated therein; and

11                   An ordinance authorizing the  
12          grant to the City of two rights-of-way  
13          for municipal and public utility purposes  
14          within an area bounded by Market Street,  
15          former 32nd Street, Chestnut Street and  
16          33rd Street; and

17                   An ordinance authorizing the  
18          grant to the City of a right-of-way for  
19          gas main purposes within the lines of  
20          former Stevenson Street southeast of  
21          Frankford Avenue; and

22                   An ordinance authorizing the  
23          revision of lines and grades on a portion  
24          of City Plan No. 204 by striking from the  
25          City Plan the northeasterly 20 feet wide

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2                   portion of Clearview Street from Johnson  
3                   Street; and

4                               An ordinance authorizing the  
5                   revision of lines and grades on a portion  
6                   of City Plan No. 63 by striking from the  
7                   City Plan and abandoning a right-of-way  
8                   reserved for gas main purposes; and

9                               An ordinance authorizing the  
10                  paving of Ontario Street from the  
11                  northwesterly side of the right-of-way of  
12                  the Philadelphia Beltline Railroad to  
13                  Delaware Avenue; and

14                              An ordinance authorizing the  
15                  revision of lines and grades on a portion  
16                  of City Plan No. 197 by placing on the  
17                  City Plan an extension of Ontario Street  
18                  from its existing terminus; and

19                              An ordinance amending Section 2  
20                  of an ordinance, Bill No. 040569,  
21                  approved July 1, 2004, entitled "An  
22                  ordinance authorizing the revision of  
23                  lines and grades on a portion of City  
24                  Plan No. 205," by extending the period  
25                  for compliance with the terms and

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2           conditions stated therein; and

3                   An ordinance amending Section 2  
4           of an ordinance, Bill No. 060730,  
5           approved November 16, 2006, entitled "An  
6           ordinance authorizing and directing the  
7           revision of lines and grades on a portion  
8           of City Plan No. 278," by extending the  
9           period for compliance with the terms and  
10          conditions therein; and

11                   An ordinance authorizing and  
12          directing the revision of lines and  
13          grades on a portion of City Plan No. 34-S  
14          and 41-S by striking from the City Plan  
15          and vacating the legally open portions of  
16          Packer Avenue; and

17                   An ordinance authorizing the  
18          Philadelphia Authority for Industrial  
19          Development, PAID, to convey a simple fee  
20          title to certain property located in the  
21          vicinity of 61st Street and Eastwick  
22          Avenue; and

23                   An ordinance amending Chapter  
24          19-2600 of The Philadelphia Code,  
25          entitled "Business Privilege Taxes," by

1           9/18/08 - STATED - COMMUNICATIONS  
2           amending Section 19-2602 thereof,  
3           entitled "Licenses," to add a new  
4           subsection requiring licensees operating  
5           a food service establishment to cooperate  
6           in the reporting and investigation of  
7           violent crimes in or near the  
8           establishment, under certain terms and  
9           conditions.

10                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
11           you. The messages will be printed in the  
12           Journal.

13                   The Chief Clerk will please  
14           read any other communications in her  
15           possession.

16                   CHIEF CLERK: That's all I  
17           have, Madam President.

18                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
19           you.

20                   The next order of business is  
21           the introduction of bills and  
22           resolutions, and the Chair recognizes  
23           Councilman Kenney.

24                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,  
25           Madam President. I offer three bills and

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2           five resolutions.

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
4           you.

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

7                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
8           amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia  
9           Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses,  
10          Trades and Professions," by adding a new  
11          Chapter regulating the erection, use and  
12          inspection of tower cranes, all under  
13          certain terms and conditions.

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

17                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
18          amending Section 11-611 of The  
19          Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk and  
20          Roadway Lane Closures," by amending the  
21          provisions regulating the application for  
22          and issuance of permits for a temporary  
23          closure of a sidewalk or roadway lane.

24                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This  
25          bill will be referred to the appropriate

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           committee.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
4           amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia  
5           Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Building  
6           Construction and Occupancy Code," by  
7           amending Subcode B, by amending the  
8           provisions of Chapter 33, including  
9           provisions relating to the protection of  
10          pedestrians, all under certain terms and  
11          conditions.

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

15                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
16          recognizing and commending the volunteers  
17          who reset headstones and cleaned up after  
18          the damage done to over 200 headstones at  
19          Eden Cemetery.

20                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The  
21          Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney for a  
22          motion on the resolution.

23                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the  
24          adoption of the resolution.

25                           (Duly seconded.)

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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                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
14 recognizing PECO for their environmental  
15 stewardship and leadership and thanking  
16 them for their generous contributions  
17 towards sustainable initiatives in  
18 Philadelphia.

19                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
20 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman  
21 Kenney.

22                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the  
23 adoption of the resolution.

24                  (Duly seconded.)

25                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2           has been moved and properly seconded that  
3           the resolution be adopted.

4                     All in favor will indicate by  
5           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 resolution is  
12           adopted.

13                    CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
14           honoring the history of the Spectrum.

15                    COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
16           Councilman Kenney.

17                    COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the  
18           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 please say  
24           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       congratulating the Philadelphia Soul on  
10      the occasion of their ArenaBowl  
11      championship.

12                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
13      Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

14                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the  
15      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

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2           ayes have it and the resolution is  
3           adopted.

4                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
5           honoring the career of Frank Cappuccino  
6           on the occasion of his retirement.

7                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
8           Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

9                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the  
10          adoption of the resolution.

11                   (Duly seconded.)

12                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
13          has been moved and properly seconded that  
14          the resolution be adopted.

15                   All in favor will say aye.

16                   (Aye.)

17                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
18          opposed?

19                   (No response.)

20                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
21          ayes have it and the resolution is  
22          adopted.

23                   Is Councilwoman Blackwell in  
24          the room?

25                   (No response.)

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2                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
3 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

4                   COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank  
5 you, Madam President. I have no bills or  
6 resolutions today.

7                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
8 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

9                   COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank  
10 you, Madam President. I have five bills  
11 and one resolution co-sponsored by  
12 Councilwoman Miller and myself.

13                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
14 you.

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

17                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
18 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill  
19 No. 060730, approved November 16, 2006,  
20 entitled "An ordinance authorizing and  
21 directing the revision of lines and  
22 grades on a portion of City Plan No.  
23 278."

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

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           committee.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
4           authorizing the revision of lines and  
5           grades on a portion of City Plan No. 197.

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This  
7           bill will be referred to the appropriate  
8           committee.

9                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
10          authorizing the grant to the City of a  
11          right-of-way for gas main purposes within  
12          the lines of former Stevenson Street.

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

16                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
17          to 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, Salmon Street, Berkshire Street.

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

25                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           authorizing the paving of Ontario Street  
3           from the northwesterly side of the  
4           right-of-way of the Philadelphia Beltline  
5           Railroad.

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

9                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
10          recognizing September 2008 as Childhood  
11          Cancer Awareness Month in honor of  
12          childhood cancer patients, caregivers,  
13          survivors and those children who have  
14          succumbed to the disease.

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

17                   COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move  
18          for 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 say aye.

24                   (Aye.)

25                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2           opposed?

3                       (No response.)

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

7                       The Chair recognizes  
8           Councilwoman Blackwell.

9                       COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
10          you, Madam President. Today I introduce  
11          four bills and one resolution.

12                      COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
13          you.

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

16                      CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
17          authorizing and directing the revision of  
18          lines and grades on a portion of City  
19          Plan No. 42.

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

23                      CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
24          amending Title 13 of The Philadelphia  
25          Code, entitled, "Water and Sewer," by

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2           establishing special water and sewer  
3           rates for public housing owned or  
4           operated by the Philadelphia Housing  
5           Authority.

6                       COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This  
7           bill will also be referred to the  
8           appropriate committee.

9                       CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
10          amending Section 19-203 of The  
11          Philadelphia Code, entitled "Payroll  
12          Deductions," to add the Correctional  
13          Peace Officers Foundation to the list of  
14          designated payees.

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

18                      CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
19          authorizing the grant to the City of two  
20          rights-of-way for municipal and public  
21          utility purposes within an area bounded  
22          by Market Street, 32nd Street, Chestnut  
23          Street and 33rd Street.

24                      COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This  
25          bill will be referred to the appropriate

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2           committee.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
4           recognizing and honoring the life and  
5           music of renowned jazz recording artist  
6           Ahmad Jamal.

7                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
8           Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell  
9           for a motion on the resolution.

10                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
11           you, Madam President. I move for the  
12           adoption of the resolution.

13                   (Duly seconded.)

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

17                  All in favor will indicate by  
18           saying 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.



1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2                   The Chair recognizes  
3 Councilwoman Tasco.

4                   COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,  
5 Madam President. I offer on your behalf  
6 three bills and two resolutions. On my  
7 behalf I offer three bills and five  
8 resolutions.

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
10 you.

11                   The Chief Clerk will please  
12 read the title of the first bill.

13                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
14 authorizing the Mount Airy Revitalization  
15 Corporation to construct, own and  
16 maintain a sign on the traffic island of  
17 Wadsworth Avenue.

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

21                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
22 authorizing the installation of a left  
23 turn green arrow traffic signal at the  
24 intersection of Crescentville Road and  
25 Adams Avenue.

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

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

5                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
6 further amending Bill No. 070368,  
7 entitled "An ordinance approving the  
8 Fiscal Year 2008 Capital Budget."

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
10 bill will be referred to the appropriate  
11 committee.

12                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
13 authorizing the revision of lines and  
14 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 34-S  
15 in the area bounded by Oregon Avenue west  
16 of Christopher Columbus Boulevard.

17                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
18 bill will be referred to the appropriate  
19 committee.

20                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
21 authorizing and directing the revision of  
22 lines and grades on a portion of City  
23 Plan No. 34-S and 41-S.

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

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           committee.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
4           authorizing the Philadelphia Authority  
5           for Industrial Development,  
6           notwithstanding any contrary requirements  
7           of the Philadelphia Industrial and  
8           Commercial Development agreement.

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

12                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
13          declaring October as Domestic Violence  
14          Awareness Month.

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

17                  COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: 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 say aye.

24                         (Aye.)

25                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2           opposed?

3                   (No response.)

4                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The  
5           ayes have it and the resolution is  
6           adopted.

7                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
8           honoring the career of Burt Siegel.

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The  
10          Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11                  COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for  
12          the adoption of the resolution.

13                   (Duly seconded.)

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

17                  All 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 resolution is  
24          adopted.

25                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           calling upon the United States Congress  
3           to amend existing food-to-fuel mandates  
4           and immediately embark on a series of  
5           policy remedies at the production of  
6           advanced biofuels.

7                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
8           Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
9           Tasco.

10                   COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for  
11           the 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 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 resolution is  
24           adopted.

25                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           honoring the 50th anniversary of Reverend  
3           Thomas Ritter's pastoral leadership of  
4           the Second Macedonia Baptist Church.

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
6           Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

7                   COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for  
8           the adoption of the resolution.

9                   (Duly seconded.)

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
11           has been moved and properly seconded that  
12           the resolution be adopted.

13                  All in favor will indicate by  
14           saying aye.

15                  (Aye.)

16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
17           opposed?

18                  (No response.)

19                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
20           ayes have it and the resolution is  
21           adopted.

22                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
23           honoring and congratulating St. Gabriel  
24           School on its centennial year, 1908 to  
25           2008.

1                   9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4                   COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for  
5 the adoption of the resolution.

6                   (Duly seconded.)

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

10                  All in favor will say aye.

11                  (Aye.)

12                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
13 opposed?

14                  (No response.)

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

18                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
19 honoring and recognizing the 25th  
20 anniversary of the Ogontz Avenue  
21 Revitalization Corporation.

22                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
23 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

24                  COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for  
25 the adoption of the resolution.

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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 honoring and congratulating St. Monica  
16 School on its centennial year, 1908 to  
17 2008.

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

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: 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 9/18/08 - 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 three  
14 bills and five resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
16 you.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
20 authorizing the revision of lines and  
21 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 204  
22 by striking from the City Plan the  
23 northeasterly 20 feet wide portion of  
24 Clearview Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           bill will be referred to the appropriate  
3           committee.

4                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
5           authorizing the revision of lines and  
6           grades on a portion of City Plan No. 128  
7           by striking from the City Plan and  
8           vacating 18th Street from Cambria Avenue  
9           to Indiana Avenue.

10                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This  
11           bill will be referred to the appropriate  
12           committee.

13                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
14           amending Chapter 19-2600 of The  
15           Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business  
16           Privilege Taxes," by amending Section  
17           19-2602 thereof, entitled "Licenses," to  
18           add a new subsection requiring licensees  
19           operating a food service establishment to  
20           cooperate in the reporting and  
21           investigation of violent crimes in or  
22           near the establishment.

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

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
3       proclaiming September 2008 as Hunger  
4       Action Month.

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
6       Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

7                   COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move  
8       for the adoption of the resolution.

9                   (Duly seconded.)

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
11       has been moved and properly seconded that  
12       the resolution be adopted.

13                  All in favor will indicate by  
14       saying aye.

15                  (Aye.)

16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
17       opposed?

18                  (No response.)

19                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
20       ayes have it and the resolution is  
21       adopted.

22                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
23       proclaiming September 2008 as National  
24       Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery  
25       Month.

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
3 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman  
4 Miller.

5                   COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move  
6 for the adoption of the resolution.

7                   (Duly seconded.)

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
9 has been moved and properly seconded that  
10 the resolution be adopted.

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 resolution is  
19 adopted.

20                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
21 honoring the NAACP's ACT-SO competition  
22 for its 30th anniversary and the four  
23 Philadelphia medal winners.

24                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
25 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

1                   9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2                   COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move  
3 for the 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 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                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
17 proclaiming September 25, 2008 as  
18 Philabundance Day in the City of  
19 Philadelphia.

20                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The  
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

24                  (Duly seconded.)

25                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           has been moved and properly seconded that  
3           the resolution be adopted.

4                     All in favor will indicate by  
5           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 resolution is  
12           adopted.

13                    CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
14           proclaiming September 2008 as National  
15           Preparedness Month.

16                    COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
17           Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
18           Miller.

19                    COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move  
20           for the adoption 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 indicate by

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

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                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
11           honoring grandparents on the National  
12           Grandparents Day.

13                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
14           Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

15                  COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move  
16           for the adoption of the resolution.

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 indicate by  
22           saying aye.

23                   (Aye.)

24                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
25           opposed?

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2           (No response.)

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

6           The Chair recognizes  
7 Councilwoman Sanchez.

8           COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank  
9 you, Madam President. I have two bills  
10 and one resolution.

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 2 of an ordinance, Bill  
17 No. 040569, approved July 1, 2004,  
18 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the  
19 revision of lines and grades on a portion  
20 of City Plan No. 205," by extending the  
21 period for compliance with the terms and  
22 conditions stated therein.

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



1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
3           authorizing the revision of lines and  
4           grades on a portion of City Plan No. 158  
5           by striking from the City Plan and  
6           abandoning a certain right-of-way for  
7           drainage purposes.

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This  
9           bill will be referred to the appropriate  
10          committee.

11                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
12          honoring the Council of Spanish Speaking  
13          Organizations on the occasion of the 46th  
14          annual Puerto Rican Festival and Parade.

15                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
16          Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez,  
17          and maybe you would like to make an  
18          announcement about the festivities  
19          tomorrow so everybody can hear it.

20                  COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Yes.  
21          Thank you, Madam President. I move for  
22          the adoption of the resolution first.

23                          (Duly seconded.)

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

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2           the resolution be adopted.

3                   All in favor will say 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                  COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I want  
12          to invite all of the citizens of  
13          Philadelphia to join us in the flag  
14          raising on Monday, a tradition started by  
15          former Councilman Juan Ramos. We will be  
16          in the northeast corner of City Hall at  
17          12 o'clock on Monday.

18                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
19          you.

20                  COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank  
21          you.

22                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
23          Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

24                  COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,  
25          Madam President. I offer one bill

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           co-sponsored by Councilman Greenlee and  
3           Councilman Rizzo.

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           amending Chapter 12-1100 of The  
10          Philadelphia Code, entitled  
11          "Miscellaneous Regulations and  
12          Penalties," by adding a new section  
13          prohibiting the use of a hand-held mobile  
14          telephone by a person operating a motor  
15          vehicle or other vehicle on a City  
16          street, under certain terms and  
17          conditions.

18                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This  
19          bill will be referred to the appropriate  
20          committee.

21                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
22          Jones.

23                  COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,  
24          Madam President. I offer two  
25          resolutions, one co-sponsored by

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2           Councilman Green.

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
4           you.

5                   The Chief Clerk will please  
6           read the title of the first resolution.

7                   CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
8           calling on the Treasurer to do an  
9           analysis to determine the degree to which  
10          the City loses revenue as a result of  
11          unclaimed and uncashed paper checks  
12          disbursed by the Commonwealth of  
13          Pennsylvania and the steps necessary to  
14          implement electronic transfer of these  
15          funds.

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

18                  COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for  
19          the 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           9/18/08 - 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                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
9       urging the United States Congress to  
10      extend the expiring Clean Energy Tax  
11      incentives that are spurring production  
12      of renewable energy and increase the use  
13      of energy-efficient technologies and  
14      practices, and particularly urging  
15      Congress to pass an eight-year extension  
16      of the Solar Investment Tax Credit.

17                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
18      Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

19                  COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,  
20      Madam President. I move for the adoption  
21      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           9/18/08 - 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 Councilman  
11          Goode.

12          COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,  
13          Madam President. I offer one bill and  
14          one resolution. After the introduction,  
15          I would like to be excused from the  
16          Council Chambers. If I'm not able to  
17          return, I would like to be recorded as  
18          voting aye on all bills and resolutions.

19          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
20          you. Leave will be granted.

21          The Chief Clerk will please  
22          read the title of the resolution -- I'm  
23          sorry; the bill. Let's do the bill  
24          first.

25          CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           providing for the submission to the  
3           qualified electors of the City of  
4           Philadelphia of a proposal set forth in a  
5           Resolution approved by Council proposing  
6           an amendment to the Philadelphia Home  
7           Rule Charter relating to Councilmembers  
8           elected at large, including the number of  
9           such members who shall serve on Council,  
10          the number of candidates for  
11          Councilmember at large each party and  
12          other political body is permitted to  
13          nominate, and the number of  
14          Councilmembers at large for which each  
15          elector has the right to vote, and  
16          authorizing the appropriate officers to  
17          publish notice and to make arrangements  
18          for the special election.

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

22                   I would ask the Chief Clerk to  
23                   please read the resolution.

24                   CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
25                   proposing an amendment to the

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating  
3           to the Councilmembers elected at large,  
4           including the number of such members who  
5           serve on Council.

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
7           resolution will be referred to the  
8           appropriate committee.

9                   The Chair recognizes  
10          Councilwoman Brown.

11                   COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,  
12          Madam President. This morning I offer  
13          two bills, one bill co-sponsored by  
14          Council colleagues Jim Kenney, Bill Green  
15          and Bill Greenlee, and three resolutions.

16                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
17          you.

18                   The Chief Clerk will please  
19          read the title of the bill.

20                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
21          providing for the submission to the  
22          qualified electors of the City of  
23          Philadelphia of an amendment to the  
24          Philadelphia Home Rule Charter  
25          authorizing City Council to provide, by



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2           ordinance, for bid preferences in the  
3           awarding of public contracts, for  
4           businesses whose products, services or  
5           operations demonstrate a high level of  
6           environmental performance.

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

10                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
11           amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia  
12           Code, entitled "Traffic Code," by  
13           amending Section 12-102, entitled  
14           "Definitions," by amending Section  
15           12-902, entitled "Parking for Certain  
16           Purposes Prohibited," to prohibit the  
17           standing or parking on the roadway of  
18           watercraft trailers or watercraft for the  
19           purpose of display for sale or for  
20           commercial washing.

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

24                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
25           proposing an amendment to the

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2           Philadelphia Home Rule Charter  
3           authorizing City Council to provide, by  
4           ordinance, for bid preferences in the  
5           awarding of public contracts for  
6           businesses whose products, services or  
7           operations demonstrate a high level of  
8           environmental performance.

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

11                  COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for  
12          the adoption.

13                   (Duly seconded.)

14                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm  
15          sorry. Is that a bill or a resolution?

16                  CHIEF CLERK: It's a  
17          resolution.

18                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,  
19          I'm sorry. It's a Charter. That will be  
20          referred to the appropriate committee.

21                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
22          calling on the City Council of  
23          Philadelphia to adopt a Local Government  
24          Green Jobs Pledge.

25                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2           Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

3                   COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam

4           President, I move for the adoption.

5                   (Duly seconded.)

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

7           has been moved and properly seconded that

8           the resolution be adopted.

9                   All in favor will say 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                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

18           honoring the Jacob Lawrence series

19           "Hiroshima" and the Pennsylvania Academy

20           of Fine Arts as it continues to grow and

21           provide the rare combination of the

22           world-class museum and an extraordinary

23           facility known for its commitment to

24           students and for the stature and quality

25           of its artistic work.

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2                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

4                   COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,  
5 Madam President. I move for the  
6 adoption.

7                   (Duly seconded.)

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
9 has been moved and properly seconded that  
10 the resolution be adopted.

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 resolution is  
19 adopted.

20                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
21 recognizing, honoring and celebrating  
22 William Randolph "Sonny" Hill on the  
23 occasion of his being named the 2008  
24 co-recipient of the Mannie Jackson  
25 Basketball Human Spirit Award on the

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2           National Basketball Hall of Fame.

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4           Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
5           Brown.

6                   COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,  
7           Madam President. I move for the  
8           adoption.

9                   (Duly seconded.)

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
11           has been moved and properly seconded that  
12           the resolution be adopted.

13                  All in favor will say aye.

14                  (Aye.)

15                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
16           opposed?

17                  (No response.)

18                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
19           ayes have it and the resolution is  
20           adopted.

21                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
22           DiCicco.

23                  COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,  
24           Madam President. I offer one bill and  
25           three resolutions.

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2                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
3           you.

4                   The Chief Clerk will please  
5           read the title of the bill.

6                   COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Madam  
7           President, point of order. It's the  
8           other way around, three bills, one  
9           resolution. I apologize.

10                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
11           amending Section 14-1621 of The  
12           Philadelphia Code, entitled "Passyunk  
13           Avenue Special District Controls," by  
14           adding telemarketing as a prohibited use,  
15           all under certain terms and conditions.

16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
17           bill will be referred to the appropriate  
18           committee.

19                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
20           amending Section 9-605 of The  
21           Philadelphia Code, entitled "Towing," by  
22           amending the requirements required for  
23           towing from private lots, private  
24           property and driveways.

25                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           bill will be referred to the appropriate  
3           committee.

4                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
5           amending Section 12-918 of The  
6           Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking for  
7           Car Sharing Organizations," by adding  
8           locations.

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
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 25th and 31st Wards of the City of  
17          Philadelphia.

18                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
19          Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

20                  COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,  
21          Madam President. I move for the adoption  
22          of the resolution.

23                         (Duly seconded.)

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

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           the resolution be adopted.  
3                   All in favor will say 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                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
12          O'Neill.  
13                  COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam  
14          President, I have no bills or  
15          resolutions.  
16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
17          you.  
18                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
19          Clarke.  
20                  COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,  
21          Madam President. I have five bills.  
22                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Don't  
23          you have two resolutions?  
24                  COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'm holding  
25          those, Madam President.



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

5                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
6 authorizing the revision of lines and  
7 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 63  
8 by striking from the City Plan and  
9 abandoning a right-of-way reserved for  
10 gas main purposes.

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

14                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
15 authorizing the revision of lines and  
16 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58  
17 by placing on the City Plan an extension  
18 of Mount Vernon Street.

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

22                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
23 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia  
24 Code, by amending Section 9-203 relating  
25 to Street Vendors and Section 205

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2           relating to Sidewalk Sales.

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

6                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
7           amending The Philadelphia Code relating  
8           to Educational Housing Districts, by  
9           amending Chapter 10-1800 regarding  
10          student address notification requirements  
11          applicable to students, universities and  
12          colleges.

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

16                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
17          authorizing the revision of lines and  
18          grades on a portion of City Plan No. 308  
19          by striking from the City Plan and  
20          vacating Moravian Street from 19th Street  
21          to 20th Street.

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

25                  The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2           Kelly.

3                   COUNCILMAN KELLY:   Madam

4           President, I offer one bill and one  
5           resolution.

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:   Thank  
7           you.

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

10                  CHIEF CLERK:   An ordinance  
11           amending Section 9-1004 of The  
12           Philadelphia Code, entitled  
13           "Contractors," to prohibit contractors,  
14           newspaper publishers, distribution  
15           companies and distributors of commercial  
16           publications from publishing or  
17           distributing any advertisements for  
18           contractors in newspapers or in  
19           commercial publications which do not also  
20           include the contractor's license number,  
21           all under certain terms and conditions.

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

25                  CHIEF CLERK:   And a resolution

1           9/18/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           reminding Philadelphia that the month of  
3           September is MRSA Awareness Month in the  
4           City of Philadelphia.

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

7                   COUNCILMAN KELLY: I move for  
8           the adoption.

9                   (Duly seconded.)

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
11           has been moved and properly seconded that  
12           the resolution be adopted.

13                  All in favor will say aye.

14                  (Aye.)

15                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
16           opposed?

17                  (No response.)

18                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
19           ayes have it and the resolution is  
20           adopted.

21                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
22           Rizzo.

23                  COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,  
24           Madam President. Madam President, I have  
25           six bills and three resolutions.

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2                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
3           you.

4                   The Chief Clerk will please  
5           read the title of the first bill.

6                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
7           amending Chapter 20-600 of The  
8           Philadelphia Code, entitled "Standards of  
9           Conduct and Ethics," by amending  
10          provisions prohibiting City officers and  
11          employees from soliciting or accepting  
12          gifts from certain sources.

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

16                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
17          amending Chapter 20-600 of The  
18          Philadelphia Code, entitled "Standards of  
19          Conduct and Ethics," to prohibit  
20          political committees from soliciting or  
21          receiving political contributions on  
22          behalf of elected City officials.

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 Chapter 20-600 of The  
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Standards of  
5 Conduct and Ethics," by adding provisions  
6 restricting City officers and employees  
7 from having certain kinds of outside  
8 employment or business interests, under  
9 certain terms and conditions.

10                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This  
11 bill will be referred to the appropriate  
12 committee.

13                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
14 amending Title 20 of The Philadelphia  
15 Code, entitled "Officers and Employees,"  
16 by adding a new Chapter entitled  
17 "Lobbying," under certain terms and  
18 conditions.

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

22                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
23 amending Chapter 20-600 of The  
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Standards of  
25 Conduct and Ethics," by adding

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2           anti-nepotism provisions prohibiting City  
3           officers and employees, including all  
4           elected City officers, from taking or  
5           recommending certain personnel actions  
6           affecting family members, under certain  
7           terms and conditions.

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

11                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
12          amending Chapter 20-1000 of The  
13          Philadelphia Code, entitled "Political  
14          Contributions and Expenditures," by  
15          amending the limits for campaign  
16          contributions made to candidates for City  
17          offices, all under certain terms and  
18          conditions.

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

22                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
23          authorizing a joint hearing for both City  
24          Council's Committee on Public Safety and  
25          City Council's Committee on Technology

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2           and Information Systems to hold public  
3           hearings to investigate and determine the  
4           cause and failure of the City of  
5           Philadelphia's \$62 million 800 megahertz  
6           digital radio system.

7                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
8           Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

9                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam  
10          President, I move for the adoption of  
11          that resolution.

12                   (Duly seconded.)

13                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is  
14          there a second?

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: All  
22          in favor will please indicate whether  
23          you're voting for or against. All in  
24          favor will please say aye.

25                   (Aye.)



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2           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
3           opposed?

4           (No.)

5           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
6           ayes have it --

7           (Roll call.)

8           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Roll  
9           call, please.

10          COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Would you  
11          please read it again.

12          CHIEF CLERK: Read it again?  
13          Okay.

14          A resolution authorizing --

15          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No.  
16          We're asking for a roll call on the last  
17          resolution.

18          COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Could we  
19          have her read it again, Madam President?

20          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I beg  
21          your pardon?

22          COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Could she  
23          read the resolution again, please?

24          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All  
25          right.

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2                   CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
3           authorizing a joint hearing for both City  
4           Council's Committee on Public Safety and  
5           City Council's Committee on Technology  
6           and Information Systems to hold hearings  
7           to investigate and determine the cause of  
8           the failure of the \$62 million 800  
9           megahertz digital radio system which  
10          occurred at 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July  
11          22nd, 2008.

12                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: A  
13          roll call was suggested, so I would ask  
14          the Chief Clerk to please call the roll.

15                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
16          Blackwell.

17                   (No response.)

18                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
19          Councilwoman Blackwell, how are you  
20          voting on the resolution?

21                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

22                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
23          Clarke.

24                   COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2           DiCicco.  
3                   COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No.  
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: No.  
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.

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2           COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.  
3           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
4           Reynolds Brown.  
5           COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: No.  
6           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.  
7           COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.  
8           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
9           Sanchez.  
10          COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.  
11          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
12          Tasco.  
13          COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.  
14          CHIEF CLERK: Council President  
15          Verna.  
16          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.  
17          CHIEF CLERK: The nays are  
18          five; the ayes are 12. The resolution is  
19          adopted.  
20          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
21          Therefore, the resolution is adopted.  
22          I would ask the Chief Clerk to  
23          please read the next resolution.  
24          CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
25          recognizing, honoring and celebrating

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2           September of 2008 as Death, History and  
3           Awareness Month.

4                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
5           Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

6                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for  
7           the adoption of the resolution.

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I  
9           hear a second?

10                   (Duly seconded.)

11                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
12           has been moved and properly seconded that  
13           the resolution be adopted.

14                   All in favor will say aye.

15                   (Aye.)

16                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
17           opposed?

18                   (No response.)

19                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
20           ayes have it and the resolution is  
21           adopted.

22                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
23           recognizing, honoring and celebrating the  
24           400th anniversary of the first Polish  
25           settlers in America who arrived on

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2           October 1, 1608.

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4           Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman  
5           Rizzo.

6                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for  
7           the adoption of this resolution.

8                   (Duly seconded.)

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
10          has been moved and properly seconded that  
11          the resolution be adopted.

12                  All in favor will say aye.

13                  (Aye.)

14                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
15          opposed?

16                  (No response.)

17                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I  
18          guess the resolution is adopted.

19                  As there are no reports from  
20          committees and no bills on the First  
21          Reading Calendar, the Chair recognizes  
22          Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of  
23          calling up bills on the Second Reading  
24          and Final Passage Calendar.

25                  COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

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2                   Madam President. Today Bill Nos.  
3                   080380-A, 080251, 080543 are being called  
4                   up for second reading and final passage  
5                   today. The other bills will be held.

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
7                   you.

8                   The Chief Clerk will please  
9                   read the title of Bill No. 080380-A.

10                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
11                  authorizing and directing the revision of  
12                  curb lines and grades on a portion of  
13                  City Plan No. 97 by relocating the  
14                  easterly curb line of Broad Street  
15                  approximately nine feet six inches  
16                  eastwardly from a point approximately 75  
17                  feet one inch south of the south curb  
18                  line of Fitzwater Street.

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

23                  The Chief Clerk will please  
24                  call the roll.

25                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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



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2                   COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.  
3                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
4           Miller.  
5                   COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.  
6                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
7           O'Neill.  
8                   COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.  
9                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
10          Reynolds Brown.  
11                  COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.  
12                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.  
13                  COUNCILMAN RIZZ0: Aye.  
14                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
15          Sanchez.  
16                  COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.  
17                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
18          Tasco.  
19                  COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.  
20                  CHIEF CLERK: Council President  
21          Verna.  
22                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.  
23                  The ayes are 17; the nays are  
24          zero. A majority of all members having  
25          voted in the affirmative, the bill

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2                   passes.

3                   We will now consider Bill No.

4                   080251.

5                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
6                   establishing a neighborhood improvement  
7                   district in an area that generally  
8                   includes the east and west sides of  
9                   Aramingo Avenue to be known as the  
10                  Aramingo Avenue Shopping District.

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

15                  The Chief Clerk will please  
16                  call the roll.

17                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
18                  Blackwell.

19                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
21                  Clarke.

22                  COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
24                  DiCicco.

25                  COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

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

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2 Reynolds Brown.

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

5 Councilwoman Brown, how are you voting?

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye, Madam  
7 President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
9 you.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
13 Sanchez.

14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Council President  
19 Verna.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

21 The ayes are 17; the nays are  
22 zero. A majority of all members having  
23 voted in the affirmative, the bill  
24 passes.

25 The final bill to be called for

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2 consideration is Bill No. 080543.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
4 authorizing the creation of a loan or  
5 loans to provide funds for and toward  
6 various capital municipal purposes;  
7 authorizing the Mayor, City Controller  
8 and City Solicitor or a majority of them  
9 to sell bonds at public or private  
10 negotiated sale.

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

15 The Chief Clerk will please  
16 call the roll.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
24 DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

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2                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.  
3                   COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.  
4                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.  
5                   COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.  
6                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
7                   Greenlee.  
8                   COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.  
9                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.  
10                  COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.  
11                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.  
12                  COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.  
13                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
14                  Kenney.  
15                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.  
16                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
17                  Krajewski.  
18                  (No response.)  
19                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
20                  Councilwoman Krajewski.  
21                  COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.  
22                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
23                  Miller.  
24                  COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.  
25                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2           O'Neill.  
3                   COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.  
4                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
5           Reynolds Brown.  
6                   COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.  
7                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.  
8                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.  
9                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
10          Sanchez.  
11                   COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.  
12                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
13          Tasco.  
14                   COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.  
15                   CHIEF CLERK: Council President  
16          Verna.  
17                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.  
18                   The ayes are 17; the nays are  
19          zero. A majority of all members having  
20          voted in the affirmative, this bill  
21          passes.  
22                   That completes our Calendar for  
23          today.  
24                   Are there speeches on the part  
25          of the minority?

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2                   The Chair recognizes Councilman  
3                   Kelly.

4                   COUNCILMAN KELLY: Yes. Thank  
5                   you, Madam President. I would just like  
6                   to make a few comments about a bill that  
7                   was introduced today, and with all due  
8                   respect to Councilman Goode --

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
10                  Councilman, just a moment.

11                  (Pause.)

12                  COUNCILMAN KELLY: With all due  
13                  respect to Councilman Goode, his bill is  
14                  nothing less than undemocratic and a  
15                  front to Philadelphia's thousands of  
16                  proud registered republicans.  
17                  Furthermore, I would caution the  
18                  Councilman that he is treading on a  
19                  slippery slope. Why stop at eliminating  
20                  one at-large Council seat? Why not  
21                  eliminate every at-large Council seat, as  
22                  one news publication from Northeast  
23                  Philadelphia has already suggested.

24                  The bottom line for me is that  
25                  although democrats hold a significant



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2                   registration advantage in this city,  
3                   Councilman Goode's bill would serve only  
4                   to disenfranchise tens of thousands of  
5                   loyal, law-abiding, tax-paying citizens  
6                   simply because they have an "R" next to  
7                   their names. I think this is the wrong  
8                   direction to go.

9                   Thank you, Madam President.

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
11                  you.

12                  The Chair recognizes  
13                  Councilwoman Tasco.

14                  COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,  
15                  Madam President. Although it is good to  
16                  be back in City Council to do the work of  
17                  the people of Philadelphia, we return to  
18                  Council during troubling and unsettling  
19                  times. Our financial markets are in  
20                  chaos and disarray: Bear Stearns, Fannie  
21                  Mae and Freddie Mac, Lehman Brothers, AIG  
22                  and many more possibly to come.  
23                  Financial giants that have needed  
24                  government bailouts have collapsed.

25                  What has caused these problems

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2                   and so much financial turmoil? Predatory  
3                   mortgages and home equity loans.

4                   As you are all aware, I have  
5                   been fighting against this problem for  
6                   years and we are now suffering from the  
7                   repercussions of predatory loans. Many  
8                   bad actors have been involved in this  
9                   crisis. It's more than just banks, but  
10                  also home improvement contractors,  
11                  realtors, real estate appraisers and  
12                  mortgage brokers.

13                 From this perspective, I am  
14                 taking this opportunity to commend State  
15                 Representative Curtis Thomas for being a  
16                 prime sponsor of House Bill No. 2179,  
17                 which passed this summer relatively  
18                 quietly. This new law, which took effect  
19                 on July 8th, requires all loan solicitors  
20                 or brokers operating in Pennsylvania to  
21                 be tested and licensed. Before this law,  
22                 anyone could become a mortgage broker by  
23                 just paying a fee. Through the  
24                 outstanding work and efforts of  
25                 Representative Thomas, we now have a

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2           state law that will protect the citizens  
3           of Philadelphia and all other  
4           constituents of our Commonwealth.

5                   I want to thank him. And I  
6           didn't know until I got a mailing from  
7           him, and I just wanted to thank him for  
8           taking the lead and bringing this about,  
9           because it was one of the recommendations  
10          that this Council had made when we passed  
11          our legislation back in 2000, that the  
12          mortgage brokers had to be licensed.

13                   Thank you very much.

14                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
15          you. And we all know, Councilwoman, how  
16          hard you've worked on the issue of  
17          predatory lending, and I think that you  
18          brought it to the attention of many, many  
19          people who were not really aware of what  
20          was going on. So we thank you, too.

21                   The Chair recognizes  
22          Councilwoman Brown.

23                   COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam  
24          President, I will yield to my colleague,  
25          Councilman Goode, and go after Councilman

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2 Goode.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
4 you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman  
6 Goode.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,  
8 Madam President. I was not going to  
9 speak on the legislation that I  
10 introduced, but I feel compelled to do so  
11 since it was mischaracterized.

12 The goal of the legislation is  
13 actually not to take anything away from  
14 anybody. The goal of the legislation as  
15 it is currently constructed actually  
16 gives each party one more nomination and  
17 gives each voter one more vote. That's  
18 actually more democracy. That's actually  
19 more choice.

20 I would note for the record  
21 that this Council actually once had as  
22 many as 139 members, which is too many.  
23 It was based upon two per ward. When the  
24 Charter was changed after that, the  
25 number went down to 22, and it was based

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2                   upon state senatorial districts.

3                   I might remind my republican  
4                   colleagues, back then in those four  
5                   elections before the Charter was changed,  
6                   there were 22 Council seats. Twenty were  
7                   held by republicans, 20 out of 22.

8                   I've done my research. I know  
9                   the history. There were no set-asides,  
10                  no quotas then for democrats. We had to  
11                  change the Charter, put the corrupt  
12                  political machine out of power, took  
13                  over, and at that point, we were only  
14                  about 600,000 strong. We're now 800,000  
15                  strong. The number of democrats has now  
16                  decreased from 400,000 then to only about  
17                  140,000 to 150,000 now.

18                  The truth of the matter is, if  
19                  each party can nominate nominees, if each  
20                  voter can vote for those nominees, each  
21                  voter can choose a democrat, each voter  
22                  can choose a republican, they can choose  
23                  an independent, they can choose anyone  
24                  they'd like. If a party cannot attract  
25                  people to their policies and register

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2 enough people, if voters choose not to  
3 vote for you, then the simple matter is  
4 that you lost. Even maintaining that one  
5 seat, that one minority seat, I think is  
6 actually a compromise and a compromise  
7 I'm willing to make.

8 But this is not 1951. There is  
9 no consolation prize that should be in  
10 effect anymore. The truth of the matter  
11 is, this is democracy. It's giving  
12 parties one more choice in terms of  
13 nomination. It's giving voters one more  
14 vote. It will be the most votes that a  
15 voter has ever had in terms of City  
16 Council.

17 Thank you.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
19 you.

20 The Chair recognizes  
21 Councilwoman Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: All right  
23 now. Madam President, we would be remiss  
24 to start our new session and not  
25 acknowledge also that this is the

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2                   kick-off of the beginning of a new  
3                   academic school year, and I would like to  
4                   go on the record to both salute Mayor  
5                   Nutter and Dr. Arlene Ackerman for the  
6                   manner in which they've made it clear to  
7                   principals and teachers and students that  
8                   the bar has been raised and the  
9                   expectation is that teachers and  
10                  principals and students will rise and  
11                  meet that expectation.

12                  Secondly, and lastly, for those  
13                  of us who struggle still with physical  
14                  fitness, me included, and for those of us  
15                  who care about the environment, all are  
16                  invited to join us to help promote bike  
17                  sharing, where on September 19th from  
18                  7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. we can follow the  
19                  example of San Francisco where artists,  
20                  activists and citizens collaborate to  
21                  temporarily transform metered parking  
22                  spots into park, P-A-R-K, spaces. And so  
23                  we invite all who care about being  
24                  physically fit and caring about the  
25                  environment to join us on September 19th.

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2 Thank you, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 You're welcome.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman  
6 Jones.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,  
8 Madam President. I want to also go on  
9 the record and acknowledge the fact that  
10 this Council did good work last session  
11 by having hearings on homelessness and  
12 housing and calling for a moratorium of  
13 sheriff sales, working with the Sheriff's  
14 Department, the courts and the  
15 Administration to create a deferment  
16 program that may have well saved close to  
17 1,000 homeowners from losing their  
18 properties, and this is good work. We  
19 also had hearings on the benefit bank  
20 which was conducted, and we talked about  
21 batching services that could be provided  
22 to the 24 percent population of this town  
23 that lives below the poverty guideline.  
24 And I'd like to note that yesterday the  
25 Mayor, the Governor moved the first prong



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2                   of that program by introducing to the  
3                   public BENE (ph) Philadelphia, which is  
4                   batching of services designed to help  
5                   assist our seniors to take advantage of  
6                   programs that exist and all too often  
7                   leave money on the table.

8                   So this Council has done some  
9                   good work, but I, like my colleague,  
10                  Councilwoman Tasco, warn us that there  
11                  are some dark days ahead and we're going  
12                  to have to make some tough decisions on  
13                  behalf of the City of Philadelphia, and  
14                  that 24 percent of population that lives  
15                  below the poverty guidelines is going to  
16                  count on us to make the decisions that  
17                  benefit them as well as the majority of  
18                  Philadelphia.

19                  Thank you, Madam President.

20                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

21                  You're welcome.

22                  The Chair recognizes  
23                  Councilwoman Blackwell.

24                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
25                  you, Madam President. I would like to

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2                   first thank PIDC. Just yesterday we had  
3                   a business opportunity breakfast that  
4                   they sponsored for businesses affected by  
5                   the Market Street Elevated Project.  
6                   That's from 46th to 63rd Street. I want  
7                   to thank Peter Longstreth, President, for  
8                   being present, for sponsoring this  
9                   breakfast and for their presentation, as  
10                  well as Andy Altman, our Commerce  
11                  Director, being present and for all of  
12                  those from The Enterprise Center, Della  
13                  Clark, who was co-host, along with  
14                  myself, and the Partnership CDC, who  
15                  talked about credit repair. I would like  
16                  to thank all those involved with trying  
17                  to help in this issue.

18                  We still have until next year  
19                  before the whole project in curbs and  
20                  sidewalks and all related issues are  
21                  completed, and we would like to thank  
22                  everyone for helping to sponsor this  
23                  business opportunity breakfast and all  
24                  the presenters.

25                  I would also like to commend

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2           New York -- and we'll introduce a  
3           resolution next week -- and Rob Hess. As  
4           you all know, he was Director of OESS,  
5           Office of Emergency Shelter and Services  
6           as it was then called, because they just  
7           passed a resolution along with their  
8           Mayor, Mayor Bloomberg. The city agreed  
9           formally and permanently to a principle  
10          that said homeless people, homeless  
11          families are entitled to shelter. They  
12          ended a 25-year battle with their Legal  
13          Aid Society, and it was Rob Hess who  
14          worked with the Governor to make this  
15          happen.

16                   As all of you know, on or about  
17          August 5th, we had a press conference on  
18          homelessness, and just last Wednesday, on  
19          the 12th, we had one on housing  
20          opportunity, a housing policy forum, as  
21          we told the Mayor we'd be happy to talk  
22          about housing policy issues. We had that  
23          last Wednesday and then again yesterday,  
24          the business opportunity breakfast.

25                   As many of you may see, you'll

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2 see a new young lady walking around my  
3 office, and her name is Britney Hess, and  
4 she happens to be Rob Hess's daughter,  
5 who went to Temple, graduated and opted  
6 to stay in our city and now she's a part  
7 of our staff.

8 So across the board we commend  
9 people who are doing great things to move  
10 our city and our country forward, and we  
11 rise again to say thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman  
15 Kelly.

16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,  
17 Madam President. Again, in all due  
18 respect to my colleague, in all reality,  
19 the actions of his bill today will only  
20 just reduce a member of the republican  
21 members in Council. That's what it's  
22 going to do. The result is that no  
23 matter what numbers he gives out, the  
24 result of his bill would just minimize  
25 the republicans in City Council. And I

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2 would just like to say that as Ronald  
3 Reagan said, concentrated power has  
4 always been the enemy of liberty, and  
5 I'll end it with that.

6 Thank you.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman  
10 Goode.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,  
12 Madam President. There are no guarantees  
13 of seats in Congress. There are no  
14 guarantees of seats in the State  
15 Legislature, and the only guarantee for a  
16 seat in City Council should be the voters  
17 elect you.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
19 you.

20 Are there any other speeches?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
23 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes  
24 Councilman Clarke for a motion to  
25 adjourn.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,  
3 Madam President. Madam President, I move  
4 that Council stand adjourned until  
5 Thursday, September 25th, 10:00 a.m.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
8 has been moved and properly seconded that  
9 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,  
10 September 25th.

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 (Stated Meeting adjourned at  
19 11:40 a.m.)

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