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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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City Hall, Room 400
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 23, 2006
10:25 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
10 COUNCILMAN FRANK DICICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE
11 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
12 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
13 COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
14 COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
15 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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17 PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning, everyone. I note that the hour has come and that a quorum of this Council is present. Council will please come to order, members will take their seats, and visitors will retire to the seats outside the rails.

To give our invocation this morning, the Chair welcomes Reverend Donald Strickland, associate pastor of Miracle Temple of Christ. He is here today as the guest of Councilman Kenney. I would ask all members and guests to please rise.

REVEREND STRICKLAND: Good morning.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning, Reverend.

REVEREND STRICKLAND: Let us seek the Lord in prayer.

Heavenly Father, we give you glory, thanks and praise for one more day of existence on this earth. We come this day to recognize you as creator, a

1
2 sovereign and supreme God, as savior and
3 a personage of Jesus the Christ and being
4 ever present through your spirit, which
5 we reverence as holy. Thank you for this
6 day, our families, our life, health, and
7 strength, which we acknowledge comes from
8 you.

9 We thank you for this great
10 city of ours and ask that you will
11 increase us in our love and care for one
12 another. Watch over and protect our
13 neighborhoods and citizens of this city.

14 Heavenly Father, I ask that you
15 will bless this session of City Council,
16 that it will be productive and fruitful,
17 that ideas and thoughts can be shared
18 with respect towards one another, that
19 this Council will have a joint focus for
20 the welfare of our city and its people,
21 that decisions will be beneficial, right,
22 and just for governing this city.

23 By your spirit I ask for the
24 resolution and removal of any confusion
25 and misunderstanding between those who

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2 are assembled here today. And at the end
3 of this day I ask that this meeting of
4 City Council will be honorable and
5 acceptable in your site, oh, Lord,
6 because of their diligence and great
7 stewardship that carry out the duties
8 that have been bestowed upon by the
9 people and blessed by you, oh, Lord.

10 Our Heavenly Father, it is in
11 Jesus' name that I pray this prayer and
12 ask for your many blessings. Amen.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

14 The Chair thanks Pastor
15 Strickland for his very inspiring
16 invocation.

17 Council will be at ease.

18 (Council at ease.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 next order of business is the approval of
21 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
22 March 16, 2006, and the Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
25 you, Madam President.

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2 I move that the Journal of the
3 meeting of Thursday, March 16, 2006,
4 stand approved.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
7 has been moved and properly seconded that
8 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
9 March 16, 2006, stand approved.

10 All in favor will indicate by
11 saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 ayes have it and the Journal of the
18 meeting of Thursday, March 16, 2006, is
19 approved.

20 The next order of business is
21 requests for leave of absence, and again
22 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
25 you, Madam President.

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2 On behalf of the Majority a
3 leave of absence is requested for
4 Councilman Mariano.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you. Leave will be granted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
10 President, on behalf of the republicans
11 there are no requests for leave of
12 absence.

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

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

25 At this time the Chair will

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2 recognize Councilwoman Blackwell, who
3 will introduce some of our guests.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Madam President.

6 I would like to give a warm
7 welcome today to three distinguished
8 guests with us from Mosul, Iraq. They
9 are here in Philadelphia for the State
10 Department's Partners For Peace Program.
11 IVC has partnered with Mosul during their
12 ten days in Philadelphia and we are
13 providing training in city management,
14 the legislative process, consensus and
15 conflict resolution as well as civic
16 engagement/civil society.

17 They are Vice-Governor Gran,
18 Provincial Council Member Raoof, a woman,
19 and Provincial Council Member Akmed.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

22 Welcome. Welcome. We hope you enjoy
23 your visit. Thank you very much.

24 The Chair will now recognize
25 Councilman Kenney, who will present a

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2 resolution proclaiming March 2006 as
3 American Red Cross month.

4 Will Mr. Thomas Foley and those
5 accompanying him please join the
6 Councilman at the podium.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
8 Madam President.

9 This is a resolution
10 proclaiming the month of March 2006 as
11 American Red Cross month.

12 Whereas, the American Red Cross
13 was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, a
14 woman selflessly devoted to the needs of
15 humanity and chartered in the City of
16 Philadelphia in 1916 and

17 Whereas, compassion, courage,
18 character, civic duty are inherent in the
19 Red Cross mission to prevent and relieve
20 human suffering, and the City of
21 Philadelphia shares these grand ideals;
22 and.

23 Whereas, the Red Cross is
24 chartered and authorized by Congress to
25 act in times of need, providing

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2 compassionate assistance to people
3 afflicted by personal, local or national
4 disasters; and

5 Whereas, Red Cross volunteers
6 from the Southeastern Pennsylvania
7 Chapter responded to more than 800
8 disasters last year, providing thousands
9 of residents with food, clothing, shelter
10 and mental health support; and

11 Whereas, people have counted on
12 the Red Cross for the information and
13 skills they need to be safe at home, at
14 work, at school and at play. Last year
15 the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter
16 trained and reached nearly 285,000 people
17 with valuable lifesaving information; and

18 Whereas, the American Red Cross
19 reached more than 40,000 students in the
20 School District of Philadelphia last year
21 with some form of health, safety,
22 leadership or disaster education
23 training; and

24 Whereas, the American Red
25 Cross, through its Penn-Jersey Blood

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2 Region, provides lifesaving blood and
3 blood products whenever and wherever
4 needed. The safety of the blood supply
5 is its number one priority.

6 Whereas, in 1943 President
7 Franklin Delano Roosevelt called upon the
8 American people with this request, that
9 during this month our people rededicate
10 themselves to the splendid aims and
11 activities of the Red Cross; now
12 therefore

13 Resolved by the Council of the
14 City of Philadelphia that we hereby
15 proclaim the month of March 2006 as
16 American Red Cross month in the City of
17 Philadelphia.

18 Thank you and congratulations.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
21 Chair recognizes Mr. Foley for remarks.

22 MR. FOLEY: Thank you, Madam
23 President, and thank you, Councilman
24 Kenney, and all of our friends in City
25 Council who have been so supportive.

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2 I just want to say a couple of
3 very quick things, Madam President. One,
4 this has been a very special year for the
5 American Red Cross, an unprecedented
6 year. 34 million hot meals were served
7 as a result of Hurricane Katrina by the
8 Red Cross. 3.75 million nights of
9 shelter were provided by the American Red
10 Cross to people down there. 1.2 million
11 families received \$1.5 billion from the
12 Red Cross because of Hurricane Katrina.

13 A number of people providing
14 those services were from right here in
15 this city. 299 of our volunteers were
16 deployed for an average of three weeks in
17 Louisiana and Mississippi. 309 of our
18 volunteers took over the emergency
19 response lines in the aftermath of that
20 disaster when all of the phone lines in
21 that part of the country went down. All
22 told, 233,000 Red Cross volunteers were
23 deployed to help in taking care of all of
24 those families, so an unprecedented year.

25 This is also a very special

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2 month for the Red Cross, and I appreciate
3 Councilman Kenney referring to FDR's
4 first proclamation back in 1943.

5 We celebrate this month the
6 fact that the Red Cross is the place
7 where 4 million strangers will give their
8 blood to someone they don't even though.
9 175,000 of those strangers live right
10 here in our area.

11 We celebrate this month the
12 fact that someone you don't even know is
13 prepared to save your child from
14 drowning. Last year 109,000 people took
15 lifesaving training from the American Red
16 Cross right here in Philadelphia.

17 We celebrate this month the
18 fact that when there is an emergency on
19 this side for a military person who is
20 serving overseas, that the American Red
21 Cross is there to take care of that
22 emergency, 2,933 times right here in
23 Philadelphia in the last year.

24 And we celebrate the fact that
25 someone you don't even know will put your

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2 family to bed the night after a fire.

3 72,000 times in America last year, over

4 800 times right here in our City,

5 American Red Cross workers were there.

6 It is also a very special week

7 for us. This week we will house the one

8 thousandth family in Red Cross House,

9 which is at 40th and Powelton Streets

10 right here in Philadelphia.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. FOLEY: Members of this

13 Council, especially Councilwoman

14 Blackwell, were strategic in placing that

15 one-of-a-kind facility. This is the only

16 Red Cross House in America. When people

17 are burned out of their homes in our

18 city, they have a place to go. We have

19 people who work full time to get them

20 back into their homes and back into their

21 normal lives. We had 998 families as of

22 last night, and the one thousandth will

23 be there this week.

24 Lastly and most importantly,

25 this is a very special day for us and we

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2 are very grateful to this Council for the
3 partnership they have displayed with us
4 on many issues. I have been out on the
5 street with many members of this Council.
6 I'm looking at one, Councilman Ramos,
7 because I have enjoyed several events
8 with him, but with so many of you. We
9 appreciate your partnership and we're
10 very grateful that you take this moment
11 in your important deliberations to
12 recognize the work of all of these
13 terrific people back here. And all the
14 work that I mentioned, someone among this
15 group of ten does that kind of work. And
16 I wanted you to see the breadth of folks
17 and talent that we have there. So thank
18 you very much, Councilman Kenney.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

21 Council will be at ease.

22 (Council at ease.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: For

24 many, many years that I can recall

25 Councilwoman Krajewski has patiently

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2 waited to present a resolution to our
3 very special guest today. This
4 resolution is honoring Philadelphia
5 legend and entertainment icon, Mr. Bill
6 Cosby.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Will
9 everyone please stand and welcome
10 Mr. Cosby.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
13 Councilwoman Krajewski?

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Oh,
15 I'm coming. And I would also like to
16 invite the other Council people to come
17 up here and present this, and my friend
18 Mary Mason. Where is she?

19 MR. COSBY: She went shopping.

20 (Laughter.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: This
22 really indeed is a pleasure. As the
23 president stated, I have been waiting a
24 long time. He happens to be one of my
25 favorites. He is Philadelphia's icon and

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2 I am really proud to be standing here
3 with Mr. Cosby.

4 This is a resolution honoring
5 Philadelphia legend and entertainment
6 icon Bill Cosby.

7 Whereas on July 12, 1937
8 William Henry Cosby, Jr., was born to
9 William Henry Cosby and Anna Pearl Hite
10 at 3:00 a.m. at Northwest Philadelphia's
11 Germantown Hospital.

12 The eldest of four boys, Bill
13 helped raised his brothers, James, Robert
14 and Russell, in the projects of North
15 Philadelphia, a locale that would later
16 prove fruitful for his entertainment
17 ambitions.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas he
19 attended Central High School and joined
20 the United States Navy. After four years
21 serving our country, he achieved the rank
22 of hospital corpsman third class. He won
23 an athletic scholarship to Temple
24 University working nights as a bartender,
25 which gave him an outlet for his

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2 one-liners, observations, and witty
3 stories. This prompted him to pursue
4 stand-up comedy in Greenwich Village, and
5 he was discovered by the legendary Carl
6 Reiner; and

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas
8 his big break came with the release of
9 "Bill Cosby is a Very Funny Fellow,
10 Right," a comedy album that had Cosby
11 never using harsh or derogatory language,
12 telling stories rather than jokes, often
13 surrounding his Philadelphia childhood,
14 particularly tales about the little
15 brothers and his friends, Weird Howard
16 and, of course, Fat Albert; and

17 Whereas, in 1965 Bill Cosby
18 became the first African-American actor
19 staring in a weekly dramatic series, the
20 television show I Spy where he portrayed
21 undercover CIA agent Alexander Scott, a
22 role he won several Emmy award for; and

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas, he
24 has one more Grammys for comedy than any
25 other artist, winning every year from

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2 1965 to '70 and again in 1987, racking up
3 three gold and six platinum certified
4 comedy albums. He is a best-selling
5 author with the books "Fatherhood," "Love
6 and Marriage" and "Time Flies" as well as
7 being the beloved face of products such
8 as Jell-O, Eastman Kodak, and Coca-Cola.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
10 the landscape of television was changed
11 forever on September 20, 1984 when The
12 Cosby Show first premiered on NBC.
13 Millions tuned in to watch the day-to-day
14 lives of the upper middle class Huxtable
15 family. Headed by Dr. Cliff Huxtable and
16 his attorney wife, Clair, their bunch of
17 five children, Sondra, Denise, Theo,
18 Vanessa and Rudy, dominated television on
19 Thursday nights staying in the top 20 for
20 the next eight years; and

21 MR. COSBY: Whereas...

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:
23 Whereas, he raised a family of four
24 daughters and one son with Camille Cosby
25 and established the Hello Friend Ennis

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2 William Cosby Foundation to fulfill the
3 goals and dreams of their late son Ennis.
4 The foundation is dedicated to being a
5 friend to all people with dyslexia,
6 recognizing and celebrating their gifts,
7 opening the doors of learning to them,
8 and helping them reach their full
9 potential; and now

10 MR. COSBY: Whereas...

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No
12 whereas in this one.

13 (Laughter.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

15 Therefore, the City Council of
16 Philadelphia respectfully honors and pays
17 homage to our most famous Philadelphia
18 son, who has dedicated his life's work to
19 the enjoyment, entertainment, and
20 laughter of others while carving out an
21 impact felt on every social class in
22 America.

23 This is a true and correct copy
24 signed by the President of City Council,
25 Anna C. Verna, and sponsored by all

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2 members of City Council.

3 Now, you know, one thing, with
4 the Huxtables you were not allowed a
5 hoagie. You had to hide it. I will tell
6 you now, Mr. Cosby, you can't hide this
7 hoagie.

8 (Presentation of hoagie to Mr.
9 Cosby.)

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. COSBY: Thank you.

12 Where are all of my whereases?
13 Please step forward, whereases.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair now recognizes Mr. Cosby for
16 remarks.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. COSBY: First of all, when
19 Wilson Goode was Mayor, they honored me
20 so many times. He would call me and for
21 no reason just give me something, and I
22 think we got down to bowls with pictures
23 of people who weren't from Pennsylvania.
24 He was borrowing stuff from the State of
25 Virginia.

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2 And, finally, he said, "We
3 don't have anything else to give you."
4 So I said, "Okay. What about a house?"

5 He says, "In Fairmount Park.
6 I'm give you a house in Fairmount Park
7 near the horses."

8 This is a great, great
9 pleasure. I have been honored all across
10 this United States by cities and given
11 keys. And when you look at my body of
12 work, you will always see that even
13 though the character I play will change
14 names, I never change, except for the
15 cowboy picture I did, the city that the
16 fellow is from.

17 I have always felt a great deal
18 of pride in the rights and the wrongs,
19 the ups and the downs and everything, a
20 great deal of pride because to come to
21 this city and to hear that sound, it's
22 not Pittsburgh; it's Philadelphia.

23 And today I wanted to say to
24 all of you: The children, I don't
25 understand how we can appear to be so

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2 child unfriendly. This is a new time,
3 ladies and gentlemen. Those of you must
4 understand it. Even if you look at the
5 Red Cross, we have to change. We have to
6 go into areas. We have to put bodies on
7 our children today.

8 I'm 68 years old. We had in
9 that neighborhood up to Fairmount Avenue,
10 Brown, Parrish, 10th, 9th, all of these
11 streets of North Philadelphia, we had
12 Salvation Army, we had the Sixth Ninth
13 Police Athletic League, we had the Red
14 Cross. And as boys we heard about these
15 places and we went there. Today's
16 children don't go there and it is up to
17 us to go get these children. It is up to
18 us to pick up the phone, forget
19 bureaucracy. I'm serious. Call friends.
20 Call friends with kids in college and
21 tell them to volunteer.

22 Tell people to speak up on
23 buses, on subways, in public places.
24 These children will tone down when you
25 ask them nicely, "Please watch your

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2 language." Don't you appear to be angry.

3 Just "Would you all, please, just watch

4 your language."

5 We've got to say something to

6 these children because for many within

7 the four walls of their homes or

8 apartments there is no protection,

9 protection I mean by the way your mother,

10 your father or both would do things to

11 you, and that was protection. Example:

12 Even though my father drank and even

13 though he said he didn't want

14 responsibility, the man still had some

15 kind of weird ego about me and so he

16 would sit there sometimes half high and I

17 would hate to see him because he was

18 going to ask me something.

19 And so I had to when I was

20 sitting in school, even though I didn't

21 want to study, I had to listen because

22 this man was going to ask me something.

23 And so he would say, "What did you do in

24 math," and I had to be able to B.S. him.

25 And then if I didn't pay

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2 attention, he was going to say, "Go get
3 the book." And even though he didn't
4 know what he was looking at, he would sit
5 there and we would stay there for three,
6 four hours while he pretended to know
7 what he was talking about. I didn't
8 know, so he had me.

9 (Laughter.)

10 MR. COSBY: And so I had to
11 listen to poor Mr. Sapolski even though I
12 didn't want to, and I would say to my
13 father, "Well, dad," knowing my father
14 knew nothing about geometry, "Dad, there
15 is this wonderful man. His name is
16 Isosceles and he has a triangle and he
17 loves his triangle so much, Dad, and he
18 worries about the hypotenuse."

19 And my father would say, "All
20 right. That's enough of that."

21 (Laughter.)

22 MR. COSBY: And then sometimes
23 he would say, "What about science? What
24 are you doing in science?"

25 I said, "Dad, do you know that

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2 a leaf has 3000 veins?"

3 And you could see him thinking,

4 "Oh, God." And he would say, "Never

5 mind. Never mind. That's good enough."

6 So I had to have something.

7 Today there are many, many

8 parents the child doesn't have to know a

9 thing and I'm telling you there are many

10 kids I've said, "What are you doing in

11 math?" And the kid would say (silence),

12 and that was the answer.

13 I had one young man. I said,

14 "What are you doing in science?" He was

15 a seventh grader and it was December. I

16 said, "What are you doing in science?"

17 He said, "something about

18 heat." That's not funny. That's on us.

19 That's on every one of us. People in

20 power, you pick up the darn phone. Don't

21 tell me, well, bureaucracy, and we can't

22 touch -- you see some boys and you know

23 or some girls and you see them and they

24 are going to fall through -- it is not

25 even a crack anymore; it is a gigantic

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2 hole. And you see it and you make a
3 call. You make a call to somebody. Even
4 a wino, if there are any left.

5 These children are eating these
6 Oodles of Noodles. What is this stuff?
7 You get 17,000 for a dollar. It has 800
8 grams or milligrams of salt. And then
9 you go to the Dollar Store and for a
10 dollar you get 1200 hot dogs and
11 something. It's the same thing they
12 serve in prison. Children are eating
13 this stuff. We have got to stop it.

14 We have to put bodies on them,
15 make calls. College students, that's the
16 way all of these revolutions break loose.
17 You call the young. You make them
18 responsible. You don't send them in
19 where they are going to get killed now.
20 Nobody said go right up to the drug
21 dealer and say, "Get out of town." No.
22 Leave that up to the Muslims. They know
23 how to talk to these people.

24 (Laughter.)

25 MR. COSBY: They have

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2 sunglasses, a bowtie and a bean pipe,
3 brothers. You don't come in here with
4 that. Join with the Muslims. Let them
5 run them out of town.

6 I want to thank you for my
7 whereases, and I want you to know what is
8 special -- where are you, Joan?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Right
10 here.

11 MR. COSBY: Joan and Madam
12 President, hello, thank you so much.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: My
14 pleasure. Thank you.

15 MR. COSBY: You didn't give me
16 a check.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MR. COSBY: But what I want all
19 of you to understand, this is the first
20 group of whereases -- what time is it?
21 11 o'clock -- that I have had the rest of
22 the day for this and nobody proclaimed it
23 Bill Cosby Day. Usually they give it to
24 me on stage in some city and it's 9
25 o'clock at night and whereas we proclaim

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2 this Bill Cosby day and, man, I can't go
3 into handicapped parking or anything. So
4 thank you all very much

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

7 Council will be at ease.

8 (Council at ease.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 next order of business is communications.

11 The Chair requests that the
12 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages
13 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
17 and members of the Council of the City of
18 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
19 on March 23, 2006, I signed the following
20 bill that was passed by Council at its
21 session on March 9, 2006, Bill No.
22 051198; and

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

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2 contract and disposition supplement of
3 the Redevelopment Authority of the City
4 of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
5 urban renewal of a portion of the Point
6 Breeze urban renewal area; and

7 A resolution approving the
8 redevelopment contract and disposition
9 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority
10 of the City of Philadelphia for the
11 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
12 portion of the South Central urban
13 renewal area; and

14 An ordinance authorizing the
15 Church of New Hope and Faith to construct
16 and maintain a one-story vestibule
17 entrance at 661 North 39th Street under
18 certain terms and conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you. The messages will be printed in the
21 Journal.

22 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
23 please read any other communications in
24 her possession.

25 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I

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2 have, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 The next order of business is
6 the introduction of bills and
7 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Madam President.

11 I move that the rules of
12 Council be suspended in order to permit
13 the immediate consideration of
14 resolutions at their time of
15 introduction.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
18 has been moved and properly seconded that
19 the rules of Council be suspended so as
20 to permit immediate consideration of
21 resolutions at the time of introduction.

22 All in favor will indicate by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

5 ayes have it and the motion carries.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman

7 Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

9 Madam President. I have no bills or

10 resolutions today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

12 Chair thanks the gentleman.

13 The Chair recognizes

14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

16 you, Madam President.

17 Today I introduce five

18 resolutions and one bill, three

19 resolutions on your behalf, two

20 resolutions on my behalf, and one of

21 those resolutions is co-sponsored by

22 Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the title of the bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 authorizing Church of New Hope and Faith
5 to construct, operate, and maintain a
6 one-story vestibule located at 661 North
7 39th Street.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 approving the redevelopment contract in
13 disposition, supplement of the
14 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
15 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
16 urban renewal of a portion of the Point
17 Breeze East Urban Renewal Area.

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

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 resolution be adopted. All in favor will
3 please indicate by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 adopting findings of fact and conclusions
12 of law with respect to certain appeals
13 filed in the Philadelphia Court of Common
14 Pleas regarding Council's decision
15 disapproving applications to sell malt
16 and brewed beverages for consumption off
17 premises.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Again
19 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

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

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

1 3/23/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 has been moved and seconded that the
3 resolution be adopted. All in favor
4 please indicate by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 ayes have it and the resolution is
11 adopted.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 calling on the President and the United
14 States Congress to adopt bipartisan
15 federal legislation for comprehensive
16 immigration reform.

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

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

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
24 has been moved and seconded that the
25 resolution be adopted. All in favor will

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2 say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
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 authorizing the commissioner of Public
12 Property to execute and deliver to the
13 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
14 the 36th Ward of the City of
15 Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
23 has been moved and seconded that the
24 resolution be adopted. All in favor will
25 say aye.

1 3/23/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 authorizing the commissioner of Public
11 Property to execute and deliver to the
12 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
13 the 60th Ward of the City of
14 Philadelphia.

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

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

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
22 has been moved and seconded that the
23 resolution be adopted. All in favor will
24 say 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 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
11 President, I have no bills or
12 resolutions.

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

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
18 President, I have no bills or
19 resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
25 you, Madam President. Today I have two

1 3/23/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 resolutions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
6 please read the title of the first
7 resolution.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 authorizing City Council's Committee on
10 Public Safety to conduct public hearings
11 to examine the steep and sudden rise of
12 fatalities in the City of Philadelphia.

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

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
20 has been moved and seconded that the
21 resolution be adopted. All in favor will
22 say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 ayes have it and the resolution will be
5 referred to the Committee on Public
6 Safety.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 authorizing the commissioner of Public
9 Property to execute and deliver to the
10 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
11 the 11th and 13th Wards of the City of
12 Philadelphia.

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 seconded that the
20 resolution be adopted. All in favor will
21 please say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Nutter.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I have no bills or
9 resolutions today.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I have one resolution.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
20 honoring the memory of the Honorable K.
21 Leroy Ervis, Esquire.

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

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam
25 President, I failed to mention that that

1 3/23/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 resolution is co-sponsored by my
3 colleague, W. Wilson Goode, and I move
4 for the adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
7 has been moved and seconded that the
8 resolution be adopted. All in favor?
9 May I suggest that we have this vote by
10 standing vote? Thank you.

11 (All Council members standing.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
13 those standing will be voting in favor of
14 the adoption.

15 The resolution has been
16 adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I have no bills and
21 resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Ramos.

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2 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I have no bills or
4 resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair thanks the gentleman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Madam
10 President, I offer one resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
17 Property to execute and deliver to the
18 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
19 the 25th and 31st Wards of the City of
20 Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I move for
24 the adoption of the resolution, Madam
25 President.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
4 has been moved and seconded that the
5 resolution be adopted. All in favor will
6 please 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 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
17 President, I have no bills or
18 resolutions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair thanks the gentleman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
24 President, one bill.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

1 3/23/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

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

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Title 17 of the Philadelphia
6 Code entitled "Contracts and Procurement"
7 by adding a Chapter providing for the
8 development of and setting forth
9 provisions relating to Economic
10 Opportunity Plans in connection with
11 certain City contracts and projects, all
12 under certain terms and conditions.

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Kelly.

18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
19 President, I have no bills or resolutions
20 today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you.

23 Councilman Goode, did you want
24 to be recognized?

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Madam

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2 President, I need to be excused from
3 Council chambers on Council business
4 time. I would look to be recorded as
5 voting in favor of all bills and
6 resolutions except for the last two on
7 the calendar. I would like to be
8 recorded as voting nay on Resolution 101
9 and Bill 92.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And
11 that would hold true for the resolution
12 too? The resolution also?

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Resolution
14 101 and Bill 92.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Fine.
16 Thank you. Leave will be granted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
20 President, I have one bill today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

1 3/23/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2 amending Section 19-203 of the
3 Philadelphia Code entitled "Payroll
4 Deductions," to add the German American
5 Fire Fighters Association to the list of
6 designated payees to whom an employee may
7 direct payroll deductions, all under
8 certain terms and conditions.

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

12 The next order of business is
13 reports from committees, and the Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a
15 report from the Committee on Finance.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
17 you, Madam President.

18 The Committee on Finance
19 reports out one bill with a favorable
20 recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the report.

25 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

1 3/23/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2 and the members of the Council of the
3 City of Philadelphia, the Committee on
4 Finance, to which is referred Bill No.
5 050661 entitled "An ordinance authorizing
6 the creation of a loan or loans to
7 provide funds for and towards various
8 capital municipal purposes and fixing a
9 date for holding the election for
10 obtaining such consent and providing for
11 the arrangements for holding such
12 election," respectfully reports it has
13 considered and amended the same and
14 returns the attached bill to Council with
15 a favorable recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair again recognizes
19 Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
21 you, Madam President.

22 I move that the rules of
23 Council be suspended so as to permit
24 first reading this day of Bill No.
25 050661.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I
3 hear a second?

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
6 has been moved and properly seconded that
7 the rules of Council be suspended so as
8 to permit first reading this day of Bill
9 No. 050661. All in favor will indicate
10 by indicating aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 ayes have it. The bill just read will be
17 placed on our First Reading Calendar for
18 today.

19 The Chair now recognizes
20 Councilman DiCicco for a report from the
21 Committee on Streets and Services.

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you
23 Madam President. The Committee on
24 Streets and Services reports 13 bills
25 with a favorable recommendation.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 read the report.

6 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
7 and members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia, the Committee on Streets
9 and Services, to which is referred Bill
10 No. 060009 entitled, "An ordinance
11 authorizing Antoinette McCoy, doing
12 business as Cuisine of Soul, to
13 construct, operate and maintain an
14 open-air sidewalk located at 4835
15 Frankford Avenue"; and

16 Bill No. 060051 entitled, "An
17 ordinance authorizing and directing
18 revision of lines and grades on a portion
19 of City Plan No. 143 under certain terms
20 and conditions"; and

21 Bill No. 060053 entitled, "An
22 ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000 of the
23 Philadelphia Code by authorizing the
24 installation of red light enforcement
25 systems at the intersection of Broad

1 3/23/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Street and Oregon Avenue and at the
3 intersection of Grays Ferry Avenue and
4 34th Street" and

5 Bill No. 060057 entitled, "An
6 ordinance amending Title 9 of the
7 Philadelphia Code by prohibiting street
8 and sidewalk vending on certain portions
9 of Spring Garden Street"; and

10 Bill No. 060086 entitled, "An
11 ordinance authorizing Evangelissonna of
12 Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church to
13 construct a handicapped entrance ramp and
14 raised platform landing providing
15 ingress/egress located on the eastern
16 part of 6501-05 Bustleton Avenue"; and

17 Bill No. 060110 entitled, "An
18 ordinance authorizing George Wake d/b/a
19 Big George's Diner to construct an
20 existing one-story building addition
21 located at 285 South 52nd Street"; and

22 Bill No. 060112 entitled, "An
23 ordinance amending Section 2 of an
24 ordinance (Bill No. 040763) approved
25 October 27, 2004 by extending the time

1 3/23/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2 for compliance with conditions stated
3 therein"; and

4 Bill No. 060114 entitled, "An
5 ordinance authorizing and directing
6 revision of lines and grades in a portion
7 of City Plan Nos. 240 and 295 all under
8 certain terms and conditions"; and

9 Bill No. 060141 entitled, "An
10 ordinance amending Section 9-204 of the
11 Philadelphia Code by permitting vending
12 on the west side of 10th Street from
13 Market to Ludlow Street"; and

14 Bill No. 060156 entitled, "An
15 ordinance amending Section 12-1120 of the
16 Philadelphia Code entitled, 'Abandoned
17 Vehicles' by increasing the towing and
18 storage fees that an authorized salvor
19 may charge"; and

20 Bill No. 060158 entitled, "An
21 ordinance establishing a no parking any
22 time regulation on the east side of
23 Keystone Street between Unruh Avenue and
24 Longshore Avenue"; and

25 Bill No. 060183 entitled, "An

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 1ST READING
2 ordinance authorizing and directing
3 revision of lines and grades on a portion
4 of City Plan No. 393 by placing on the
5 City Plan Cates Way"; and

6 Bill No. 060184 entitled, "An
7 ordinance authorizing the paving of Cates
8 Way under certain terms and conditions,"
9 respectfully reports it has considered
10 and amended the same and returns the
11 attached bill to Council with a favorable
12 recommendation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move that the rules
19 of Council be suspended so as to permit
20 First Reading this day of the 13 bills
21 that have just been read into the record.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
24 has been moved and properly seconded that
25 the rules of Council be suspended so as

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 to permit First Reading this day of the
3 bills just reported from committee. All
4 in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

13 The next order of business is
14 the consideration of the calendar. The
15 Chief Clerk will please read the bills on
16 the First Reading Calendar.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 060043,
18 an ordinance approving the fourth
19 amendment of the Redevelopment Authority
20 proposal for the 45th and Sansom Urban
21 Renewal Area.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair agrees.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
25 060116, an ordinance amending Section

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 14-1610 of the Philadelphia Code
3 entitled, "All City Residential Areas
4 Special District Controls."

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair agrees.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
8 050661, an ordinance authorizing the
9 creation of a loan or loans to provide
10 funds for and towards various capital
11 municipal purposes.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair agrees.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
15 060009, an ordinance authorizing
16 Antoinette McCoy, d/b/a Cuisine of Soul,
17 to construct an open-air sidewalk cafe
18 located at 4835 Frankford Avenue.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
22 060051, an ordinance authorizing and
23 directing revision of lines and grades in
24 a portion of City Plan No. 143 under
25 certain terms and conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair agrees.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
5 060053, an ordinance amending Chapter
6 12-3000 of the Philadelphia Code, use of
7 automated red light enforcement system to
8 prevent red light violations.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair agrees.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
12 060057, an ordinance amending Title 9 of
13 the Philadelphia Code by prohibiting
14 street and sidewalk vending on certain
15 portions of Spring Garden Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair agrees.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
19 060086, an ordinance authorizing
20 Evangelissonna of Theotokos Greek Orthodox
21 Church to construct a handicapped
22 entrance ramp located on the eastern part
23 6501-05 Bustleton Avenue.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair agrees.

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

3 060110, an ordinance authorizing George
4 Wake, d/b/a/ Big George's Diner, to
5 construct a proposed one-story building
6 addition to be located at 283 South 52nd
7 Street.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair agrees.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

11 060112, an ordinance amending Section 2 of
12 an ordinance (Bill No. 040763) approved
13 October 27, 2004 by extending the time
14 for compliance with the conditions stated
15 therein.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair agrees.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

19 060114, an ordinance authorizing and
20 directing revision of lines and grades in
21 a portion of City Plan Nos. 240 and 295
22 all under certain terms and conditions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair agrees.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 by placing on the City Plan Cates Way.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
6 060184, an ordinance authorizing the
7 paving of Cates Way under certain terms
8 and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair agrees.

11 That completes our First
12 Reading Calendar.

13 The Chair now recognizes
14 Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of
15 calling bills to be considered on our
16 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
17 for today.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
19 you, Madam President. Today we start our
20 calendar at the bottom of Page 7 and all
21 of those thereafter will be called up for
22 Second Reading and Final Passage. They
23 are Bill Nos. 060044, 060054 and 55, Bill
24 Nos. 060107, 060117, 060101 and 060092.
25 All other bills are being held.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

4 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
5 please read the title of Bill No. 060044.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
7 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
8 changing the zoning designations of
9 certain areas of land located within an
10 area bounded by I-95 Expressway, Island
11 Avenue and the Philadelphia International
12 Airport.

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

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 call the roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: COUNCILMAN

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 DiCICCO.
3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode
5 voting aye.
6 Councilman Kelly.
7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Kenney.
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Krajewski.
13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Miller.
16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Nutter.
19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 O'Neill.
22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Reynolds Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

10 Verna.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Aye.

12 The ayes are 15; the nays are
13 zero. A majority of all members having
14 voted in the affirmative, the bill
15 passes.

16 Our next bill to be called for
17 consideration is Bill No. 060054.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Section 14-1624 of the
20 Philadelphia Code entitled, "North
21 Delaware Avenue Special Districts
22 Controls."

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

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 pass finally. The Chief Clerk will
3 please call the roll.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.
6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Clarke.
9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: COUNCILMAN
11 DiCICCO.
12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode
14 voting aye.
15 Councilman Kelly.
16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Kenney.
19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Krajewski.
22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Miller.
25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Nutter.
4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 O'Neill.
7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
9 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Reynolds Brown.
12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: 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 15; the nays are
22 zero. A majority of all members having
23 voted in the affirmative, the bill
24 passes.
25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Madam
4 President, thank you. I need to be
5 excused and I wish for my votes to be
6 recorded aye on all bills, resolutions
7 and/or amendments.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you. Leave will be granted.

10 We will now consider Bill No.
11 060055.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Bill No. 040369, which became
14 law June 21, 2004, by further extending
15 its expiration date.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
17 bill having been read on two different
18 days, the question now is shall the bill
19 pass finally. The Chief Clerk will
20 please call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: COUNCILMAN
4 DiCICCO.
5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode
7 voting aye.
8 Councilman Kelly.
9 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Kenney.
12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Krajewski.
15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Miller.
18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Nutter.
21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 O'Neill.
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

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2 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Reynolds Brown.
5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Tasco.
10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
12 Verna.
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
14 The ayes are 15; the nays are
15 zero. A majority of all members having
16 voted in the affirmative, the bill
17 passes.
18 We will now consider Bill No.
19 060107.
20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 approving the first amendment of the
22 redevelopment proposal for the West
23 Fairhill/East Tioga/Hunting Park Urban
24 Renewal Area.
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

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2 bill having been read on two different
3 days, the question now is shall the bill
4 pass finally. The Chief Clerk will
5 please call the roll.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Clarke.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: COUNCILMAN
13 DiCICCO.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode
16 voting aye.

17 Councilman Kelly.

18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Krajewski.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Miller.
3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 Nutter.
6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 O'Neill.
9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
11 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Reynolds Brown.
14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: 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 15. The nays are
24 zero. The 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 060117.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
6 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
7 changing the zoning designations of
8 certain areas of land located within an
9 area bounded by Bustleton and Grant
10 Avenue.

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. The Chief Clerk will
15 please call the roll.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: COUNCILMAN
23 DiCICCO.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 voting aye.
3 Councilman Kelly.
4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Kenney.
7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Krajewski.
10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Miller.
13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Nutter.
16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 O'Neill.
19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
21 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Reynolds Brown.
24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

7 Verna.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

9 The ayes are 15; the nays are
10 zero. The majority of all members having
11 voted in the affirmative, the bill
12 passes.

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read the title of Resolution No. 060101.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 proposing an amendment to Article VIII,
17 Chapter V of the Philadelphia Home Rule
18 Charter, entitled, "Referenda Approved by
19 the Voters," by adding a new section
20 calling on the City to fight crime and
21 violence through the use of video
22 surveillance, which will be implemented
23 in a manner that protects civil liberties
24 and legitimate privacy interests.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke for a
3 motion on the Resolution No. 060101.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
5 President, I move for the adoption of the
6 resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you. I just would like to bring to
10 everyone's attention since Resolution No.
11 060101 is a charter change to the Home
12 Rule Charter, it requires a two-thirds
13 majority.

14 The Chief Clerk at this time
15 will please call the roll.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 DiCICCO.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 voting no.
3 Councilman Kelly.
4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Kenney.
7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Krajewski.
10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Miller.
13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Nutter.
16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 O'Neill.
19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
21 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Reynolds Brown.
24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

6 President, I'm sorry for this. We are in
7 the middle of a roll call.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
9 sorry. We can't hear you.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: We are in
11 the middle of a roll call, but I just
12 read this amendment, and I wanted to ask
13 Councilman Clarke, are we amending the
14 charter?

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Clarke.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: COUNCILMAN
22 DiCICCO.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode
25 voting aye.

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Councilman Kelly.
3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 Kenney.
6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Krajewski.
9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Miller.
12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Nutter.
15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 O'Neill.
18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
20 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Reynolds Brown.
23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I'm sorry,
5 to do this, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
7 sorry. We can't hear you.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: We're in
9 the middle of a roll call, but I just
10 read this amendment. I wanted to ask
11 Councilman Clarke: Are we amending the
12 charter?

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Actually,
14 yes. Thank you, councilwoman.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I'm sorry.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
17 President, I was trying to get your
18 attention when you made the reference to
19 the change in the charter. This is
20 somewhat confusing. We had this
21 discussion in the course of the public
22 hearing.

23 Unfortunately, under the rules
24 of the charter we are required in order
25 to get a referendum, although this one is

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2 a nonbinding referendum, you must amend
3 the charter to allow for a referendum to
4 be on the ballot. It technically says it
5 changes the charter, but it doesn't
6 actually change the charter because there
7 is a nonbinding referendum.

8 I don't like that process.

9 Unfortunately, we don't have the ability
10 to get anything on it as a ballot
11 question unless you use that process.
12 That came up in a public hearing and we
13 explained it at the time. It's not
14 something that I set up. It's the only
15 way we have of getting a referendum on
16 the ballot.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: What would
18 go on the ballot?

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: The ballot
20 question would essentially ask the
21 citizens of the City of Philadelphia if
22 they were interested in the affirmative,
23 that they support the use of video
24 surveillance cameras to fight crime. The
25 systems that would be implemented would

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2 be based on a series of discussions
3 between elected officials, community
4 organizations. The ultimate
5 implementation would helpfully be a part
6 of a process that assured that
7 individual's privacy was in fact
8 protected.

9 In all of the other
10 municipalities where it has been
11 implemented, there was no referendum.
12 There was no citizen participation. Law
13 enforcement just simply implemented the
14 system. I thought it was appropriate
15 because of the nature of this issue and
16 the sensitive nature of the issue that
17 the citizens should have a buy into it
18 and have an opportunity to state their
19 case, if they vote in the affirmative,
20 that this is something that they would be
21 interested in doing.

22 I think all of us should work
23 on a process that helps us fight crime
24 and enhance the Police Department's
25 ability to fight crime but make sure that

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2 individual's privacy rights are
3 protected.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: What is
5 confusing to me, Madam President, is the
6 wording of this resolution. Does it
7 become a part of the charter once we pass
8 this resolution?

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Is there
11 any possible way that we could change the
12 wording that would not change the charter
13 but provide a resolution to put the
14 question on the ballot?

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: To
16 the best of my knowledge, there is not.
17 Is there, Mr. Auerbach?

18 Mr. Auerbach is nodding his
19 head no.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I was
21 going to vote for it, I wanted you to
22 know that, until I read it, and I'm not
23 really comfortable with the way it reads.
24 So I'm going to vote no.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: So

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2 how are you voting?

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I'm voting

4 no.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No?

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It is only

7 because of the process. It is not the

8 issue, but I'm very concerned about

9 the --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

11 You're concerned about the verbiage in

12 the resolution?

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: And

14 changing the charter. That is my

15 question. That is my problem.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And

17 according to what I'm gathering from

18 Mr. Auerbach, that's the verbiage that

19 has to be used.

20 Councilman Rizzo.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Could

22 someone explain -- I just heard what

23 Councilman Clarke said. It's a technical

24 strategy to get the ballot question on

25 the ballot. What exactly would remain

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2 after the ballot question has been voted
3 upon? What would change in the charter?
4 If we could get the lawyers to please
5 tell us because I don't think it is a big
6 deal if it is just a process and it would
7 be unfortunate to not have clear
8 information and that affects people's
9 vote.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
11 Councilman Clarke, do you want
12 Mr. Auerbach --

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
14 President, point of order.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,
16 I'm sorry. Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: And I don't
18 mean in any way to be disrespectful to
19 anyone who is asking questions because I
20 think they are legitimate questions, but
21 we are in the middle a roll call vote
22 after we had the bill brought out from
23 committee with a lot of discussion. And
24 I recognize questions come up at the last
25 minute, but I have already cast my vote

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2 and many others have also.

3 And, again, I understand the
4 questions are legitimate but perhaps
5 should have been asked at a different
6 time, and I don't know what we are doing
7 procedurewise if we're interrupting a
8 roll call vote to debate and get legal
9 advice on a bill.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
15 President, if there was a process that
16 allowed us to have it on the ballot
17 without amending the charter, we clearly
18 would have used it, particularly given
19 the fact that this is a nonbinding
20 resolution, but there is no other
21 process, and I simply had to use the
22 tools which were provided to us.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very
24 well. Thank you.

25 Councilwoman Tasco.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
3 President, I do respect Councilman
4 Kenney. I was not on the committee and I
5 did not have the benefit of the
6 discussion, and I actually just read
7 this. And what I just want to know is
8 does this become a part of the charter in
9 the future? That's the question.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
11 Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
13 President, my understanding, according to
14 Mr. Auerbach, it does, but there are two
15 issues before us: One, it is a
16 nonbinding resolution; two, the
17 Philadelphia Police Department already
18 have the authority to implement video
19 surveillance systems, so if tomorrow
20 Sylvester Johnson was able to find money
21 in his budget or solicit money from
22 Homeland Security, he can do that without
23 a vote of the citizens or without a vote
24 of Council.

25 I thought it was appropriate,

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2 given the sensitive nature of this issue,
3 to have citizens buy in if, in fact, we
4 do do this. So it is not an issue
5 regardless of what is in the charter that
6 will prohibit the Police Commissioner
7 from doing this. They can do it now.
8 They have the authority to do it as we
9 speak.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
11 President, I do not disagree with having
12 the voters make their voices heard. That
13 is not my issue. The issue here is that
14 we are changing the charter and this goes
15 into the charter and I just want to know
16 what that means. I'm not clear about it.

17 The issue of the surveillance
18 cameras, having the citizens of
19 Philadelphia make their voices heard, I
20 think is a fine idea. I do not disagree
21 with that, and that is not my issue, or
22 the merits of what he's talking about.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I want my

1 3/23/06 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 vote to be understood. I'm not clear on
3 the resolution and therefore I will be
4 voting no.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 I would suggest that the Chief
8 Clerk continue to call the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Tasco voting no.

11 Council President Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

13 The ayes are 13; the nays are
14 two. Two-thirds of all the members of
15 Council having voted in the affirmative,
16 the resolution is adopted.

17 I would now ask the Chief Clerk
18 to please read the title of Bill No.
19 060092.

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 Article
24 VIII, Chapter 5, of the Philadelphia Home
25 Rule Charter, entitled "Referenda

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2 Approved By the Voters" by adding a new
3 section calling on the City to fight
4 crime and violence through the use of
5 video surveillance, which shall be
6 implemented in a manner that protects
7 civil liberties and legitimate privacy
8 interests; fixing the date of a special
9 election for such purpose; prescribing
10 the form of ballot questions to be voted
11 on; and authorizing the appropriate
12 officers to publish notice and to make
13 arrangements for the special election.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
15 bill having been read on two different
16 days, the question now is shall the bill
17 pass finally. The Chief Clerk will
18 please call the roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: COUNCILMAN

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2 DiCICCO.
3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode
5 voting no.
6 Councilman Kelly.
7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Kenney.
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Krajewski.
13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Miller.
16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Nutter.
19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 O'Neill.
22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Reynolds Brown.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Tasco.
8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
10 Verna.
11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
12 The ayes are 14; the nays are
13 1. The majority of all members having
14 voted in the affirmative, the bill
15 passes.
16 That concludes our calendar for
17 today.
18 Are there speeches on the part
19 the minority?
20 Are there speeches on the part
21 off the majority?
22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Ramos.
24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam
25 President, at this moment I want to

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2 introduce the newest member of my staff,
3 Mr. Vincent Thompson, as my chief of
4 staff. He spent many years over there in
5 the press box with The Philadelphia
6 Tribune, with WRTI, WHYY, and recently as
7 a spokesperson for the School District of
8 Philadelphia. I welcome him on behalf of
9 my staff to City Council.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

12 Welcome. Welcome.

13 Are there any other speeches on
14 the part of the majority?

15 Seeing none, the Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
17 motion to adjourn.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
19 President, I move that Council stand
20 adjourned until Thursday, March 30, at 10
21 a.m.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
24 has been moved and seconded that Council
25 stand adjourned until Thursday, March 30,

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2 at 10:00 a.m.
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 motion carries.
10 Thank you.
11 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
12 11:35 a.m.)
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