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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 2, 2005, 10:20 a.m.

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN JUAN F. RAMOS
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS-BROWN
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: May I
6 have everyone's attention, please. Thank
7 you.

8 I note that the hour has come and
9 that a quorum of this Council is present.
10 Council will please come to order.
11 Members will take their seats and visitors
12 will retire to the seats outside the
13 rails.

14 To give our invocation this morning,
15 the Chair is delighted and welcomes Father
16 Paul Brandt, President of the Roman
17 Catholic High School. He is here today as
18 the guest of Councilman DiCicco.

19 I would ask all members and guests to
20 please rise.

21 FATHER BRANDT: Let us pray.
22 God of all creation, we thank you for the
23 countless blessings that you have given to
24 us, your children. We thank you for the
25 freedom and the bounty that you have given

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2 to us as citizens of the United States of
3 America. We ask your care over all those
4 who serve to defend our freedom and the
5 freedom of citizens throughout the world.

6 We ask you to continue to guide all
7 those who serve in the government of our
8 City of Brotherly Love. May all that they
9 do reflect the love that you have for us
10 and that we are called upon to reflect to
11 our brothers and sisters.

12 Give members of this Council the
13 wisdom and insight to faithfully serve all
14 people of the City of Philadelphia so that
15 we may live in peace, respect and charity
16 for all of your children. We ask this in
17 your name, amen.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

19 The Chair thanks Father Brandt for
20 his very inspiring invocation.

21 Council will be at ease.

22 (Pause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 next order of business is the approval of
25 the journal of the meeting of Thursday,

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2 May 26, 2005. The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Madam President.

6 I move that the journal of the
7 meeting of Thursday, May...

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 26th.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you. May 26th be approved.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I
13 heard a second?

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
16 been moved and properly seconded that the
17 journal of the meeting of Thursday, May
18 26, 2005 stand approved.

19 All in favor will indicate by saying
20 aye.

21 (Chorus of "ayes.")

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it, the motion carries, and the
3 journal of the meeting of May 26, 2005 is
4 approved.

5 The next order of business is
6 requests for leave of absence. And again,
7 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Madam President.

11 There are no requests for leaves of
12 absence on the part of the majority.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Rizzo.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
18 President, there is no request for leave
19 of absence from the Republicans.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair will dispense with the
23 regular order of business to recognize the
24 guests and visitors joining us in chambers
25 this morning. On behalf of all Members of

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2 City Council, I welcome you to our Council
3 session. We appreciate your taking the
4 time to join us as we attend to the
5 legislative affairs of our city. We
6 certainly invite you to come again.

7 At this time the Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Tasco, who will present a
9 resolution declaring June 3, 2005 as Safe
10 Night Philadelphia Day.

11 Will Dr. Victoria Yancey and those
12 accompanying her please join the
13 Councilwoman at the podium.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: And
19 Councilwoman Tasco is being joined by
20 Councilwoman Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
22 Madam President.

23 This morning it gives me pleasure to
24 present this resolution declaring June 3,
25 2005 as Safe Night Philadelphia Day.

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2 Whereas Safe Night Philadelphia is a
3 city-wide effort to address the issue of
4 youth safety by training students and
5 community-based organizations on how to
6 deal with conflict and anger.

7 And whereas Safe Night Philadelphia
8 was developed from Safe Night U.S.A., a
9 program that reaches and encourages young
10 people across the country to hold safe
11 nights for young people. And a safe night
12 is an event planned by young people and
13 adults which integrates fun with lessons
14 and conflict resolution, leadership
15 development and anger management.

16 And whereas Safe Night U.S.A.
17 originated in the wake of the tragedy at
18 Columbine High School and was adapted by
19 Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the mid 1990's as
20 a response to rising youth homicide rates
21 and...

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas
23 Dr. Victoria Yancey, Reverend Diane
24 Fauntleroy, and Michael Johnson brought
25 the Safe Night program to Philadelphia.

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2 And Safe Night Philadelphia is being
3 hosted by the School District of
4 Philadelphia's faith-based task course, in
5 partnership with the City of Philadelphia,
6 the Urban Family Council, our Philadelphia
7 Police Department, the Urban League of
8 Philadelphia, Mothers in Charge,
9 Philadelphia Phillies, Boys and Girls Club
10 of Philadelphia, the Anti-defamation
11 League, Men United for a Better
12 Philadelphia, our Philadelphia Department
13 of Recreation, and Townwatch Integrated
14 Services and...

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas
16 Safe Night Philadelphia will be held in
17 all high schools, boys and girls clubs,
18 YouthNet centers, Police Athletic League
19 centers and other participating sites from
20 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday June 3,
21 2005.

22 Now, therefore be it resolved by the
23 Council of the City of Philadelphia that
24 we declare June 3, 2005 as Safe Night
25 Philadelphia Day and salute Dr. Yancey,

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2 Reverend Fauntleroy and Mr. Johnson for
3 bringing this program to Philadelphia.

4 Further resolve that an engrossed
5 copy of this resolution be presented to
6 representatives of Safe Night Philadelphia
7 as an expression of the sincere sentiments
8 of this legislative body.

9 This resolution was introduced by
10 Councilwoman Tasco, Blondell
11 Reynolds-Brown, and sponsored by all
12 member of City Council. And we thank you
13 and congratulate you, and appreciate all
14 your hard work, my sister, my friend.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair recognizes Dr. Victoria Yancey.

18 DR. YANCEY: Thank you and good
19 morning to the President and Members of
20 City Council Philadelphia.

21 First of all, I thank God and I thank
22 you for this honor and acknowledgment of
23 my work in the field of education and
24 safety for the children of the City of
25 Philadelphia. As guardian angel of the

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2 City of Philadelphia, as I have come to be
3 known, it is a wonderful feeling to be
4 acknowledged in this way.

5 I especially would like to thank City
6 Councilwoman Marian Tasco for her hard
7 work and support for the Safe Night
8 Philadelphia initiative that will take
9 place tomorrow, June 3rd, between the
10 hours of 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., in an effort
11 to have no students arrested, admitted to
12 the hospital, harmed or hurt in any way;
13 but to be in a safe, caring environment,
14 provided in over 300 locations around the
15 city, but not just tomorrow, but to have
16 their safe doors open to students every
17 week of the year.

18 I thank Mr. Paul Vallas, CEO of the
19 school district, for being a visionary and
20 recognizing that the needs of the students
21 go far beyond the walls of the schools.
22 Again, I thank you for this wonderful
23 opportunity and this recognition.

24 (Applause.)

25 REVEREND FAUNTLEROY: Good

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2 morning. My name is Reverend Diane
3 Fauntleroy.

4 I thank God, first of all, for
5 allowing us go to come together to do a
6 Safe Night in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
7 and I thank you for being a part of Safe
8 Night Philadelphia.

9 Our aim is, as Dr. Yancey said, not
10 for one child to be hurt, to be admitted
11 to the hospital, to have any tragedies.
12 And I would like to thank Marian Tasco for
13 being such a blessing to Safe Night
14 Philadelphia, and Mr. Paul Vallas. And
15 also, we would like to thank you.

16 As you continue to work together in
17 unity, we will have unity in these
18 communities of Philadelphia. God bless
19 you and thank you.

20 MR. JOHNSON: Good morning.
21 Michael Johnson, Chairperson for Safe
22 Night Philadelphia.

23 I want to thank the City Council for
24 supporting this event tomorrow. Let me
25 tell you, tomorrow is going to be an

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2 exciting event. We're going to have Safe
3 Night activities taking place from 4 to 6
4 o'clock tomorrow simultaneously, at the
5 same time in Boys and Girls Clubs, in
6 YMCA's, in our high schools, in our middle
7 schools, in partnership with faith-based
8 organizations. This is a phenomenal
9 event.

10 What we decided to do was that we
11 didn't want Safe Night Philadelphia to be
12 a one-day "feel good" type of event.
13 That's why we're partnering with
14 faith-based institutions, community-based
15 organizations to organize events on a
16 regular basis for young people during the
17 summer. So we're now seeing this Safe
18 Night Philadelphia which is going to take
19 place every Friday and every Saturday
20 night in partnership with the Department
21 of Recreation to keep young people safe in
22 our community.

23 So we thank you all for your support.
24 We hope that you can come out tomorrow.
25 If you go on our web site at

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2 www.phila.k12.pa.us, there's a list of
3 every organization that's participating in
4 Safe Night Philadelphia.

5 So we thank City Council for their
6 support, we thank the Mayor for his
7 leadership, we thank Councilwoman Tasco
8 for supporting us in Safe Night
9 Philadelphia, and we hope that we can get
10 you all involved tomorrow. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you. Council will be at ease.

14 (Pause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair now recognizes Councilman Ramos, who
17 will present a resolution recognizing June
18 4th through June 12th as Philippine
19 Independence Week.

20 Will the president of the Filipino
21 Executive Council please join the
22 Councilman at the podium.

23 I understand that Councilman Clarke
24 will be joining Councilman Ramos for the
25 presentation.

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2 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Good morning.

3 A resolution recognizing and honoring the
4 week of June 4th through June the 12th as
5 Philippine Independence Week.

6 Whereas this year will mark the 107th
7 anniversary of the Philippines declaration
8 of independence from Spain in 1898,
9 establishing the first constitutional
10 democracy in Asia.

11 And whereas the United States and the
12 Philippines fought together in the Pacific
13 during World War II to defend democratic
14 principles, and have remained friends and
15 allies ever since and...

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas
17 Filipino Americans are the fastest growing
18 Asian population in the United States.

19 Whereas nearly two million Filipino
20 Americans continue to maintain their rich
21 heritage by celebrating their culture and
22 tradition, enhancing both the quality of
23 their lives and the lives of all
24 Americans.

25 Whereas the Filipino American

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2 Community of Greater Philadelphia is well
3 over 30,000 strong; and whereas the
4 presence of Filipino Americans in the
5 greater Philadelphia area is also adding
6 to the cultural diversity of Philadelphia,
7 as well as contributing and making great
8 strides in professional fields such as
9 medicine, engineering and educational
10 teachers.

11 Now, therefore be it...

12 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Resolved by
13 the Council of the City of Philadelphia
14 that we hereby recognize and honor the
15 more than 30,000 Filipino Americans living
16 in the City of Philadelphia by declaring
17 the week of June 4th through the 12th as
18 Philippine Independence Week.

19 Further resolved that an engrossed
20 copy of this resolution be presented to
21 Nazario Pidlaoan, Jr., president of the
22 Filipino Executive Council of Greater
23 Philadelphia, as evidence of the sincere
24 respect, deep admiration and high regard
25 this legislative body has for all Filipino

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2 Americans.

3 Introduced by yours truly, and signed
4 by Anna C. Verna, president of City
5 Council of Philadelphia, and sponsored by
6 all member of the City Council.
7 Congratulations.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes the president for
11 remarks.

12 MR. PIDLAOAN: My name is
13 Nazario Pidlaoan, Jr. I'm from the
14 FILIPINO Executive Council.

15 On behalf of the Filipino American
16 community in Philadelphia, I would like to
17 thank the City Council, through Councilman
18 Juan Ramos, for recognizing the
19 contributions of the Filipino American
20 community in Philadelphia through this
21 resolution. We will continue to work with
22 the city on various community projects to
23 make Philadelphia the most diversified
24 city in the United States.

25 You're all welcome to attend our

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2 107th anniversary celebration at the Penns
3 Landing at the flagship Olympia, which
4 played a major part in our independence.
5 Thank you very much and have a good day,
6 everybody.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
9 Council will be at ease.

10 (Pause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 next order of business is communications.

13 The Chair requests that the
14 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from
15 the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

16 The Chief Clerk will please read the
17 messages from the Mayor.

18 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
19 and the Members of the Council of the City
20 Philadelphia:

21 I am pleased to advise you that on
22 June 2, 2005, I signed the following bill
23 that was passed by Council at its session
24 on May 19, 2005: Bill No. 050166.

25 And I'm transmitting for the

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2 consideration of your honorable body a
3 draft of a resolution approving the
4 redevelopment contract and disposition
5 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority
6 of the City of Philadelphia for the
7 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
8 portion of the Mantua Urban Renewal Area;
9 and a resolution approving the
10 redevelopment contract for the
11 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
12 portion of the Mantua Urban Renewal Area;
13 and a resolution approving the
14 redevelopment contract for the
15 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
16 portion of the Point Breeze East Urban
17 Renewal Area; and a resolution approving
18 the redevelopment contract for the
19 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
20 portion of the Point Breeze East Urban
21 Renewal Area; and a resolution proposing
22 an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule
23 Charter providing for mandatory ethics
24 training for all candidates and for
25 persons elected to elective city office;

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2 and an ordinance providing for the
3 submission to the qualified electors of
4 the City of Philadelphia other proposals
5 set forth in the resolution approved by
6 Council proposing amendment to the
7 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing
8 for mandatory ethics training for all
9 candidates and persons elected to elective
10 city offices; and an ordinance authorizing
11 and directing the revision of lines and
12 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 163
13 of an area bounded by Ridge Avenue,
14 Calumet Street, and the Philadelphia,
15 Germantown and Norristown railroad; and an
16 ordinance authorizing the paving of
17 Driftwood Drive, Fall Circle, Riverview
18 Lane and an extension of Flounders Place;
19 and an ordinance granting permission to
20 Green Street Collaborative to construct,
21 own and maintain two exterior step
22 encroachments to be built in conjunction
23 with a new four-story multi-family
24 dwelling; and an ordinance authorizing the
25 Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf

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2 of the City of Philadelphia, to execute an
3 easement agreement to Philadelphia
4 University; and an ordinance authorizing
5 the Commissioner of Public Property to
6 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
7 Authority for Industrial Development a
8 deed for 250 Fountain Street; and an
9 ordinance authorizing the paving of Valley
10 Green Court under certain terms and
11 conditions; and an ordinance authorizing
12 and directing revision of lines and grades
13 on a portion of City Plan No. 299 by
14 placing on the city plan Valley Green
15 Court.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you. The messages will be printed in the
18 journal.

19 The Chief Clerk will please read any
20 communications in her possession.

21 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
22 Madam President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The next order of business is the

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2 introduction of bills and resolutions, and
3 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Blackwell for a motion.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
6 you, Madam President. I move that the
7 rules of Council be suspended in order to
8 permit the immediate consideration of
9 resolutions at their time of introduction.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
12 been moved and properly seconded that the
13 rules of Council be suspended so as to
14 permit immediate consideration of
15 resolutions at the time of introduction.

16 All in favor of the motion will
17 please indicate by saying aye.

18 (Chorus of "ayes.")

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 to sublease from the Philadelphia
3 Municipal Authority a building located at
4 6901 Woodland Avenue.

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

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

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

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you, Madam President.

19 I move for the adoption of the
20 resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will please say aye.

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All in
4 favor will please say aye.

5 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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 approving the redevelopment contract for
14 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
15 portion of the Point Breeze East Urban
16 Renewal Area.

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

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
21 you, Madam President.

22 I move for the adoption of the
23 resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has

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

4 All in favor will signify by saying
5 aye.

6 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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 approving the redevelopment contract for
15 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
16 portion of the Mantua Urban Renewal Area.

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

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you, Madam President.

21 I move for the adoption of the
22 resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will signify by saying
4 aye.

5 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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 approving the redevelopment contract for
14 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
15 portion of the Mantua Urban Renewal Area.

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

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
19 you, Madam President.

20 I move for the adoption of the
21 resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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 the students of West Philadelphia
12 High School.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Madam President.

17 I believe this resolution is
18 co-sponsored by Councilwoman Blondell
19 Reynolds-Brown. I move for the adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Chorus of "ayes.")

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 calling on City Council Committee on
11 Housing, Neighborhood Development and the
12 Homeless and the Committee on Health and
13 Human Services to hold joint public
14 hearings to bring attention to the Aids
15 epidemic in Philadelphia, and to examine
16 possible solutions to this crisis.

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

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you, Madam President.

21 This is co-sponsored by Councilwoman
22 Tasco, chair, Health and Human Services
23 Committee, and I move for its adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has

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

4 All in favor will signify by saying
5 aye.

6 (Chorus of "ayes.")

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 ayes have it, and the resolution will be
12 referred to the joint committee on
13 Housing, Neighborhood Development and the
14 Homeless and also the committee on Health
15 and Human Services.

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

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
24 you, Madam President.

25 I move for the adoption of the

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2 resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will please say aye.

8 (Chorus of "ayes.")

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
16 honoring Patricia L. Smith, director of
17 the city's Neighborhood Transformation
18 Initiative.

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

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President.

23 I move for the adoption of the
24 resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 I have no bills or resolutions today.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Cohen.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 In accordance with the policy of the

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2 President's referral of Home Charter
3 amendments of the chairman and the
4 committee, on behalf of the
5 administration, I'm introducing an
6 ordinance and a resolution. But this is
7 not to be taken as a filing by me of a
8 bill on my behalf. I have not read them,
9 and I take no position.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: So you
11 have so indicated. You are introducing
12 them by request?

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 providing for the submission to the
20 qualified electors of the City of
21 Philadelphia of a proposal set forth in a
22 resolution approved by Council proposing
23 amendment of the Philadelphia Home Rule
24 Charter providing for mandatory ethics
25 training for all candidates for and

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2 persons elected to elective city office,
3 and authorizing the appropriate officers
4 to publish notice and to make arrangements
5 for the special election.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia
11 Home Rule Charter providing for mandatory
12 ethics training for all candidates for and
13 persons elected to elective city office.

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

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
20 President, I offer one resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 celebrating the 65th anniversary of
3 Nazareth Hospital.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Move
7 for the adoption.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will please indicate by
13 saying aye.

14 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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 Mariano.

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
24 President, no bills or resolutions today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair thanks the gentleman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
6 President, I offer two resolutions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
9 the first resolution.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 honoring the United Parents Against Lead
12 for their efforts to end the threat of
13 lead poisoning and other environmental
14 hazards to children.

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

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will indicate by saying
24 aye.

25 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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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 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the
11 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
12 the 42nd Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

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

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

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will please indicate by
22 saying aye.

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
25 those in favor will please indicate by

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2 saying aye.

3 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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 Councilwoman

11 Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,

13 Madam President.

14 Today I have no bills or resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman

18 Nutter. Councilman Nutter, do you have

19 any bills or resolutions to be introduced

20 today?

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Sorry, Madam

22 Chair. I've got it looks like six bills,

23 one resolution.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

25 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

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2 the first bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 authorizing and directing the revision of
5 lines and grades in a portion of City Plan
6 No. 299 by placing on the city plan Valley
7 Green Court.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
12 authorizing the paving of Valley Green
13 Court.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 authorizing and directing the revision of
19 lines and grades in a portion of City Plan
20 No. 163 of the area bounded by Ridge
21 Avenue, Calumet Street and Philadelphia,
22 Germantown and Norristown railroad.

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

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2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
5 Property to execute and deliver to the
6 Redevelopment Authority of the city deeds
7 located in the 52nd Ward of the City of
8 Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognize Councilman Nutter.

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
12 Madam President.

13 I move the adoption of the
14 resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will indicate by saying
20 aye.

21 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
7 Madam President.

8 I offer one resolution on your
9 behalf, and I wish to speak on the
10 resolution at the appropriate time.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 calling on the Pennsylvania General
17 Assembly and Governor Rendell to restore
18 state funding for public libraries to
19 2002-2003 level of 75 million dollars;
20 thereby enabling public libraries, both in
21 Philadelphia and throughout Pennsylvania,
22 to fully and completely deliver the vast
23 array of vital service they provide to
24 communities throughout the Commonwealth.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Move for
4 adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
7 been moved and seconded.

8 Again, the Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 I thank you for allowing me to speak
13 briefly on this resolution. And I must
14 first salute you for introducing this
15 today and thank you for allowing me to
16 offer a few words on your behalf.

17 Two years ago I offered up Resolution
18 030358, which passed unanimously by this
19 Council, and made the request of the
20 General Assembly to enact legislation to
21 fully restore to the Commonwealth budget
22 for FY '04 the full amount of funding that
23 was in the state budget for FY '03.

24 Unfortunately, while there have been
25 modest increases since the initial cut,

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2 the state has not seen the merit of
3 increasing support, and therefore, to
4 fully restore its funding. Meanwhile, we,
5 on the city level in this body, have been
6 forced to debate the merits of funding our
7 central library renovations against
8 staffing needs of our local branches.

9 I would be remiss if I did not
10 mention the leadership of both Council
11 Members Frank DiCicco and Councilman
12 Michael Nutter, who have kept the library
13 on the front burner of our budget process.

14 However, central library expansion
15 and local staffing is a debate we should
16 not have to have. The state needs to step
17 up to the plate, and as you put it in your
18 resolution, and I quote, Funds from the
19 Commonwealth pay for 15 percent of the
20 Free Library of Philadelphia's budget, and
21 the significant reduction of state funding
22 over the past two years has had a
23 detrimental impact. As a result of the
24 decreased state funding, our library has
25 seen no new purchases of children or adult

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2 books, videos, tapes, periodicals since
3 December 2003.

4 So we, as a united City Council, have
5 said it before and we are here to say it
6 again: State funding for our libraries
7 should be a high priority for our Governor
8 and members of the state legislature.
9 Your resolution requests again and insists
10 that the state increase funding for our
11 libraries.

12 Thank you, Madam President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 It has been moved and seconded that
16 the resolution be adopted.

17 All in favor will please indicate by
18 saying aye.

19 (Chorus of "ayes.")

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Goode.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
5 Madam President.

6 I offer one resolution sponsored by
7 all members of Council.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please read the
11 title of the resolution.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 appointing a nine-person committee,
14 entitled the Living Wage Advisory
15 Committee, pursuant to Section 17-1311 of
16 the Philadelphia Code, the purpose of
17 which shall be to review the
18 implementation and effectiveness of
19 Chapter 17-1300 of the Philadelphia Code,
20 entitled Philadelphia 21 Century Minimum
21 Wage Standard.

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

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Move for the
25 adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will indicate by saying
7 aye.

8 (Chorus of "ayes.")

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Ramos.

17 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 No bills or resolutions today.

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 DiCicco.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 I offer one bill and one resolution.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 granting permission to Nancy Trachtenberg,
8 owner of Benna's Cafe, tenant of the
9 property at 1236 8th Street, to operate
10 and maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe on
11 the northwest corner of South 8th Street.

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

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

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

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 I move for the adoption of the

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2 resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will please indicate by
8 saying aye.

9 (Chorus of "ayes.")

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 O'Neill.

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

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
21 Chair thanks the gentleman.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President,
25 I have two resolutions and one bill.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 granting permission to Green Street
8 Collaborative, owner of the property at
9 2019 to 2023 Green Street, to construct,
10 own and maintain a two exterior step
11 encroachment to be built in conjunction
12 with a new four-story multi-family
13 dwelling.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 authorizing the Commission of Public
19 Property to execute and deliver to the
20 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
21 the 29th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

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

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
25 adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will please say aye.

7 (Chorus of "ayes.")

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

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

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

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
23 adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has

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

4 All in favor will please say aye.

5 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Kelly.

14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
15 President, I have no bill or resolutions
16 today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair thanks the gentleman.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Rizzo.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
22 President, no bills or resolutions today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The next order of business is reports

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2 from committees. The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Blackwell for a report from
4 the Committee of the Whole.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
6 you, Madam President.

7 The Committee of the Whole reports
8 out four bills with a favorable
9 recommendation.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chief Clerk will please read the
13 report.

14 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
15 and Members of the Council of the City of
16 Philadelphia:

17 The Committee of the Whole, to which
18 was referred Bill No. 050496, entitled an
19 Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
20 the Department of Streets, on behalf of
21 the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an
22 agreement with BFI Waste Systems of North
23 America.

24 And Bill No. 050497, entitled an
25 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of

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2 the Department of Streets, on behalf of
3 the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an
4 agreement with Transriver Marketing
5 Company.

6 And Bill No. 050498, entitled an
7 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
8 the Department of Streets, on behalf of
9 the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an
10 agreement with Waste Management Systems of
11 Pennsylvania.

12 And Bill No. 050499, entitled an
13 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
14 the Department of Streets, on behalf of
15 the City of Philadelphia, to enter into an
16 agreement with Republic Services of
17 Pennsylvania, respectfully reports it has
18 considered the same and returns the
19 attached bills to Council with a favorable
20 recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

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2 you, Madam President.

3 I move that the rules of Council be
4 suspended so as to permit first reading
5 this day of Bill Nos. 050496, 97, 98 and
6 99.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
9 been moved and properly seconded that the
10 rules of Council be suspended so as to
11 permit first reading today of Bill Nos.
12 050496, 050497, 050498 and 050499.

13 All in favor will indicate by saying
14 aye.

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
17 Apparently, we're all being very
18 distracted today.

19 All those in favor will please
20 indicate by saying aye.

21 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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 bills just read will
3 be placed on the first reading calendar
4 for today.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Blackwell for a report from the Committee
7 on Housing, Neighborhood Development and
8 the Homeless.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Madam President.

11 The Committee on Housing,
12 Neighborhood Development and the Homeless
13 reports out two bills with a favorable
14 recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chief Clerk will please read the
18 report.

19 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
20 and Members of the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia:

22 The Committee on Housing,
23 Neighborhood Development and the Homeless,
24 to which was referred Bill No. 050059,
25 entitled an ordinance adding Chapter

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2 21-1600 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
3 Housing Trust Fund, to create the
4 Philadelphia Housing Trust Fund and
5 establish the purpose for which monies in
6 the fund may be used.

7 And Bill No. 050294, entitled an
8 ordinance authorizing the Director of
9 Housing and Community Development, on
10 behalf of the City, to file applications
11 with the United States Department of
12 Housing and Urban Development for a
13 community development block grant,
14 respectfully reports it has considered the
15 same and returns the attached bills to
16 Council with a favorable recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President.

23 I move that the rules of Council be
24 suspended so as to permit first reading
25 this day of Bill Nos. 050059 and 050294.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
4 been moved and properly seconded that the
5 rules of Council be suspended so as to
6 permit first reading this day of Bill Nos.
7 050059 and 050294.

8 All in favor will please indicate by
9 saying aye.

10 (Chorus of "ayes.")

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
15 ayes have it, and the bills just read will
16 be placed on the first reading calendar
17 for today.

18 The next order of business is
19 consideration of the calendar. The Chief
20 Clerk will please read the bills on the
21 first reading calendar.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Bill
23 No. 050232, an ordinance amending Title 14
24 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled Zoning
25 and Planning, by increasing the

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2 permissible height for fences located on
3 the front lot line of certain properties
4 in residential districts.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair agrees.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill
8 No. 050496, an ordinance authorizing the
9 Commissioner of the Department of Streets,
10 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
11 enter into an agreement with BFI Waste
12 Systems of North America.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair agrees.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill
16 No. 050497, an ordinance authorizing the
17 Commissioner of the Department of Streets,
18 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
19 enter into an agreement with Transriver
20 Marketing Company.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair agrees.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill
24 No. 050498, an ordinance authorizing the
25 Commissioner of the Department of Streets,

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2 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
3 enter into an agreement with Waste
4 Management Systems of Pennsylvania.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair agrees.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill
8 No. 050499, an ordinance authorizing the
9 Commissioner of the Department of Streets,
10 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
11 enter into an agreement with Republic
12 Services of Pennsylvania.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair agrees.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill
16 No. 050059, an ordinance adding Chapter
17 21-1600 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
18 Housing Trust Fund, to create the
19 Philadelphia Housing Trust Fund and
20 establish the purposes for which monies in
21 the fund may be used.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair agrees.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill
25 No. 050294, an ordinance authorizing the

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2 Director of Housing and Community
3 Development, on behalf of the City, to
4 file applications with the United States
5 Department of Housing and Urban
6 Development for a community development
7 block grant.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you. That completes our first reading
10 calendar.

11 Councilman Nutter, may I have your
12 attention a minute. You were not in
13 caucus this morning. I don't know what
14 your desire is or your position is on the
15 bills of yours that are on the second
16 reading and final passage calendar.

17 Of course, we have Bill No. 63A. I
18 assume you're going with that. That's on
19 Page 2.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: At the
21 moment, Madam President, yes.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Then I
23 believe the next bill you would have is on
24 Page 6, Bill No. 050071.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: That's okay.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: How

3 about Bill No. 040767?

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: That's okay.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Pardon

6 me?

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: That's okay.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: 050343

9 on Page 10?

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: That's okay.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I

12 believe that covers yours.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam

14 President?

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Based on our

17 earlier discussion, I would ask with

18 regard to Bill 050063A if that be taken

19 out of order, given where it is on the

20 calendar presently.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very

22 well. No objection. Thank you.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

25 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell

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2 for the purpose of calling up the bills on
3 the second reading and final passage
4 calendar.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
6 you, Madam President.

7 Today, Bill Nos. 050063A, 050017.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No,
9 71.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I'm
11 sorry.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: 71.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Wait a
14 minute. Let me make sure.

15 050071, 050215, 050229, 050190,
16 050236.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
18 sorry. 236 I believe --

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It's
20 being held. I'm sorry, Madam President.
21 I'm distracted.

22 040767; 050001, 2 and 3; 050451, 2
23 and 3; 050230, 233, 285, 339, 295; 050297,
24 299, 343, 416; 050454, 595, 203, 204. 266
25 is being amended. 050267 and 050022.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
3 believe Councilwoman Miller indicated that
4 she would like her bill to be called up,
5 050342.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Right.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
8 Councilwoman Blackwell, what is your
9 position -- we're holding the resolution
10 on the very last page, Resolution No.
11 050022.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: We can.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I beg
14 your pardon?

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I
16 suppose it depends on what we want to do
17 with regard to a vote. But we can hold it
18 for another week.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Very
20 well.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please read the

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2 title of Bill No. 050071.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 authorizing the Managing Director, on
5 behalf of the City, to execute a mutual
6 aid agreement creating the Southeastern
7 Pennsylvania Terrorism Task Force, under
8 certain terms and conditions.

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

13 The Chief Clerk will please call the
14 roll.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
22 Councilman Cohen, how are you voting on
23 this, sir?

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I'm voting
25 no. Too many questions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 DiCicco.
6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
10 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Krajewski.
15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Mariano.
18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Miller.
21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Reynolds-Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

14 Verna.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

16 The ayes are 16. The nays are zero.

17 A majority of all members having voted in

18 the affirmative, the bill passes.

19 I'm sorry. It's 16 to one. Sorry.

20 I'm just trying to rush.

21 The next bill to be called for

22 consideration is Bill No. 050215.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

24 approving the second amendment of the

25 redevelopment proposal for the 44th and

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2 Aspen Urban Renewal Area.

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

7 The Chief Clerk will please call the
8 roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

22 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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

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2 Verna.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 The ayes are 17. The nays are zero.

5 A majority of all members having voted in
6 the affirmative, this bill passes.

7 The next bill to be called for
8 consideration is Bill No. 050229.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 approving the 12th amendment of the
11 redevelopment proposal for the Mantua
12 Urban Renewal Area.

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 call the
18 roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 DiCicco.
4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Krajewski.
13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Mariano.
16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Miller.
19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman 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 17. The nays are zero.

15 A majority of all members having voted in

16 the affirmative, the bill passes.

17 The next bill to be called for

18 consideration is Bill No. 050190.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

20 dissolving the Networks Tax Increment

21 Financing District.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

23 bill, having been read on two different

24 days, the question now is shall the bill

25 pass finally.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please call the

3 roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Krajewski.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 Mariano.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Miller.
4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman 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 17. The nays are zero.
24 A majority of all members having voted in
25 the affirmative, the bill passes.

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2 The next bill to be called for
3 consideration is Bill No. 040767.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Section 19-2604 of the
6 Philadelphia Code relating to tax rates,
7 credits and alternate tax computation for
8 Business Privilege Tax by reducing certain
9 tax rates, all under certain terms and
10 conditions.

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 call the
16 roll.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
20 sorry, Councilman. I didn't see your
21 light on.

22 Yes, sir. The Chair recognizes
23 Councilman Cohen.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: As I
25 understand it, this bill will, in due

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2 course of the next few years, eliminate
3 the taxes generally on business. That
4 seems to be the main function of this
5 Council is to find every way to eliminate
6 taxes on all business. And in return for
7 that, because even those that want to cut
8 all the taxes know that you have to have
9 some to run the city, they want to
10 increase the real estate appraisals so the
11 real property taxes in Philadelphia begin
12 to assume wild proportions as they do in
13 many other communities.

14 So what we're talking about is not
15 just cutting taxes for business, all
16 businesses, but increasing at the same
17 time the real estate taxes. And what does
18 that mean? It means that many of our
19 citizens, usually those less able to fend
20 for themselves, will find themselves
21 eventually living with their children or
22 living on the streets. They're the two
23 main realities.

24 The same group that's advocating
25 these tax cuts on business say that it is

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2 a good sign when real estate values go up,
3 and the reason it's a good sign is that
4 then tax revenues from real estate taxes
5 go up. And many of us are already worried
6 in Philadelphia about what will happen
7 when the Board of Revision of Taxes goes
8 to a 100 percent valuation assessment on
9 the worth of houses as a basis for
10 taxation.

11 I believe we've cut taxes more than
12 enough to justify Philadelphia being
13 considered a tax haven for those who don't
14 want to pay business taxes. I think the
15 rich are getting by with many wonderful
16 features in Philadelphia they never
17 enjoyed before when the City Council
18 really represented the people rather than
19 representing big business.

20 And when I talk about business, I'm
21 not including the small family businesses.
22 I believe there's got to be a third class
23 of taxpayer considered, and that is a
24 business that lives in the environment of
25 the residential area. The small mom and

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2 pop stores have to be considered as
3 residential businesses as a combination
4 because they suffer the same way that the
5 residents suffer.

6 What it's going to mean -- and I'm
7 talking to those in this Council
8 particularly who always favor the biggest
9 tax cuts for business, who when a business
10 comes in and asks for a tip of a million
11 dollars will, by their questions, indicate
12 they think the business should have asked
13 for at least double that amount; but that
14 whenever anything is proposed with respect
15 to the needs of ordinary human beings,
16 they question it to the penny, but not
17 when it comes to business.

18 Now, residential businesses, that is,
19 the businesses that make a neighborhood a
20 real residence, should be considered at
21 the same tax level as residents. But
22 that's going to be for another bill.

23 But I want to say I'm voting no on
24 this bill. I think it's a bad bill. And
25 the vote can be 16 to one or it can be a

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2 thousand to one and I would be voting
3 against it because it's the wrong way to
4 go.

5 What we need is a city that doesn't
6 lose population. And the reason we lose
7 population is that the city has, for
8 example, potholes. The Mayor denies that
9 there are potholes. But talk to the
10 citizens and they'll tell you how, when
11 they drive around Philadelphia, they
12 suffer from enormous potholes.

13 We need more services to retain a
14 good population in Philadelphia. And a
15 good population, to my dear colleagues on
16 this Council, means not only rich
17 colleagues. It means the ordinary people
18 of working people, the poor people. They
19 all go up to make the fabric of the
20 community.

21 Therefore, I say this bill itself is
22 a highly discriminatory bill. It's good
23 only for the big businesses, which will
24 escape taxation in short order under the
25 terms of this bill. And it's a bad bill

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2 for Philadelphians.

3 At one time we poo-pooed the loss of
4 residents in the city. All we were
5 worried about were the loss of businesses.
6 But we've come to realize that loss of
7 residents is also very severe. We're now
8 under a million and a half population, and
9 that's getting to be a very dangerous sign
10 for Philadelphia if it can't hold on to
11 that kind of population that gives the
12 city great diversification.

13 So I'm saying from every point of
14 view this is a bad bill and should be
15 defeated. Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you, sir.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Nutter.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
22 President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
24 sorry.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: If I could

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2 ask Councilman Nutter to step aside. I'd
3 just like to ask Councilman Cohen if I
4 could interrogate him on his remarks.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes,
7 you may.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you.

9 Councilman Cohen, I'm just a little
10 perplexed. Last year we were voting on
11 massive cuts in the BPT over a 12-year
12 period, hundreds of millions of dollars.
13 You voted yes, yes, yes, even voted to
14 override the Mayor's veto.

15 This year we're voting on very tiny
16 cuts, almost imperceptible in the budget
17 that we have before us today. And I don't
18 understand. Maybe you could enlighten me
19 on what changed from last year to this
20 year.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Well, a lot
22 of things changed. Like anybody else, I
23 don't like taxes. I've heard complaints
24 about taxes. And I was convinced last
25 year, or whenever it was, that the taxes

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2 were then too high. But I never under the
3 wildest sense of imagination ever dreamt
4 that anybody would try to eliminate the
5 net profit version of the taxes on
6 business.

7 I thought this bill originally was a
8 bill to eliminate the gross profits tax, a
9 tax which I thought then and think now is
10 unfair because it's a tax on the amount of
11 business done without respect to whether
12 the business is done at a profit or at a
13 loss. And it wasn't until after the votes
14 were in that I came to understand that the
15 goal of tax-cutting was to eliminate taxes
16 on businesses, including taxes on profits.

17 That event occurred at the same time
18 as President Bush's idea that it was more
19 important to give over a trillion dollars
20 in tax money back to very rich people who
21 didn't need a penny of it. Instead of
22 taking care of the men in Iraq and
23 Afghanistan with proper equipment, instead
24 of taking care of human needs, he gave tax
25 money already paid by people under proper

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2 laws in the United States, he gave that
3 tax money back.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: So last
5 year you were confused?

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: It shows me
7 that at both the local and at the national
8 level there was a drive on to make this
9 country a country that cares solely and
10 totally for the rich and not at all for
11 those that need the government's help.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: So last
13 year you were confused? You understood
14 what President Bush was doing in
15 Washington but you didn't understand what
16 we were doing here in City Council?

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No, both.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: You were
19 confused on both?

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I thought it
21 almost bordered on criminal for people in
22 Philadelphia to think in terms of
23 eliminating taxes on profitable
24 businesses.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: So when you

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2 voted last year time and again to reduce
3 the Business Privilege Tax by massive
4 amounts and to override the Mayor's veto,
5 you were confused as to what taxes we were
6 trying to cut?

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I was
8 confused. I didn't understand it because
9 nobody said then anything other than that
10 we wanted to get rid of this unfair tax on
11 businesses' revenue.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Okay.
13 Thank you, Councilman.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The chair recognizes Councilman
17 Kenney -- Nutter. I'm sorry. Councilman
18 Nutter, then Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
20 Madam President. We are often confused
21 for each other, Councilman Kenney and I.

22 (Laughter.)

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Just a
24 couple points. First, just to clear the
25 record -- and I appreciate Councilman

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2 O'Neill's inquiry.

3 My colleague, Councilman Cohen, in
4 his opening comments made reference to the
5 bill eliminating the Business Privilege
6 Tax in a mere couple years. That is not
7 correct. The bill only provides
8 incremental tax reduction for the next
9 five years, and will not eliminate either
10 component of the Business Privilege Tax
11 within a couple years. That is not
12 correct.

13 Second, there is no bill in front of
14 us that has anything to do with increasing
15 real estate taxes. This Council has not
16 changed the real estate millage rates
17 since 1991. They have been the same.

18 Homeowners or property owners do
19 experience an increase in their assessment
20 because of a very hot real estate market
21 here in Philadelphia, and the Board of
22 Revision of Taxes has the responsibility
23 for assessing property values.

24 When my colleague talks about
25 residential businesses and somehow there's

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2 a distinction between those businesses and
3 I assume downtown businesses, the reality
4 is that all of the businesses pay the same
5 rate. They pay the same tax. And if
6 large businesses are having difficulties
7 with an onerous tax structure, I can only
8 imagine the difficulty that small
9 businesses are experiencing, whether
10 downtown or in our neighborhoods.

11 Many of our constituents work
12 downtown. That's why public
13 transportation is so important. Thousands
14 of people use it every day, many of whom
15 are either coming downtown for their job
16 from a neighborhood or they are reverse
17 commuting because they can't find jobs in
18 our city in many instances and so they
19 work in the suburbs from where they leave
20 their residential home and go find work
21 outside of the City of Philadelphia.

22 My colleague talks about the need for
23 city services. I agree with him. There's
24 a desperate need for city services. But I
25 don't know that anyone is moving from the

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2 city to get better services out in the
3 suburbs.

4 I spent a little time out there. My
5 district borders Montgomery County. I've
6 hit a few potholes in Lower Merion. I
7 think it's the environment. I think it's
8 the tax environment. It may be the school
9 environment. It may be open space. There
10 may be a whole host of issues. But I
11 don't know necessarily know that a whole
12 lot of people are moving to get to the
13 better services out in our suburban areas.

14 According to the Bureau of Labor
15 Statistics, the City of Philadelphia last
16 year lost 10,600 jobs. And as a result of
17 that, some people probably left. So when
18 my colleague expresses concern about the
19 need to increase the population in
20 Philadelphia, in many instances people
21 follow the jobs and jobs also follow the
22 people. Our onerous tax structure here is
23 not conducive to keeping the residents
24 that we have or encouraging people to come
25 here.

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2 Lastly, with regard to whether it was
3 last year or this year, because this bill
4 is the same bill that was introduced two
5 times last year, approved by this Council
6 twice, vetoed by the Mayor twice, and lost
7 by one vote on an override twice, it is
8 the exact same bill with decreases in
9 rates in the gross receipts tax as well as
10 the net income portion of the Business
11 Privilege Tax.

12 The only difference is the cuts are
13 only guaranteed for five years and the
14 schedule was significantly decreased on
15 the net income portion so as to cut the
16 cost. The FY '06 cost of the bill is
17 \$600,000. \$600,000.

18 I will not enter into the discussion
19 about what the President was doing or what
20 he does in foreign lands and whether it's
21 Iraq or Afghanistan or anywhere else
22 around the world. What I'm primarily
23 interested in is what's going on in West
24 Philly, North Philly, South Philly, the
25 Northeast, the Northwest, and on our river

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2 wards. That's where my focus is on a
3 pretty regular basis.

4 We need jobs, we absolutely need
5 services, but what our constituents need
6 most is the dignity of work. And we need
7 to expand our base here in Philadelphia so
8 that we can put our residents to work and
9 they'll get all the services that they
10 need.

11 Thank you, Madam President.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
14 welcome.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 I'll be supporting this bill, gladly
20 supporting it today. And with all due
21 respect to Councilman Nutter and his hard
22 work on this bill, it really isn't enough.
23 We needed to do more in the cutting of
24 taxes for business in the city.

25 It is incorrect to say that without

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2 the expansion of jobs and without the
3 expansion of the population we're ever
4 going to be able to afford adequate
5 services that are necessary for our
6 citizens. As people continue to leave and
7 as jobs continue to leave, the service
8 level goes down because the tax base is
9 shrinking.

10 It flies in the face of any common
11 sense that cutting taxes to preserve jobs
12 and residents will at some point not
13 provide a larger tax base to provide the
14 services necessary. If that were not
15 correct, raising taxes would be the way to
16 go and none of us are advocating that.

17 With all due respect to Councilman
18 Cohen, I think it's unfortunate and
19 incorrect that he has linked the small,
20 minuscule tax cut that we're contemplating
21 here today to the rise in real estate
22 taxes for senior citizens and others who
23 have been long-time residents of the city.

24 First of all, I don't think they're
25 related, number one, as Councilman Nutter

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2 talked about. But secondly, since 1985
3 the City of Philadelphia was given
4 permission by the Commonwealth of
5 Pennsylvania to provide tax relief for
6 long-term residents living in what were
7 known as gentrified areas. And there's
8 still gentrification going on, as we
9 speak.

10 Gentrification is a good thing
11 because we have people that are coming in
12 and repairing homes, improving homes,
13 building new homes. But we don't want
14 people who were living in those
15 neighborhoods when they were on the
16 downside to suffer as a result of
17 increased real estate taxes as a result of
18 increased assessment in their property.

19 We have the ability to do it now.
20 Councilman Clarke and I have been talking,
21 and Councilman Clarke has been looking and
22 working and trying to figure out a way
23 where we can adopt a formula that would
24 trigger the notice of gentrification in an
25 area and then allow the city to give those

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2 long-term residents tax breaks.

3 We have the authority and the ability
4 to do it now. We just need to find the
5 will and the formula to do it. But from
6 my perspective, these miniscule tax cuts
7 have nothing to do with increased real
8 estate taxes for senior citizens or anyone
9 else struggling to keep their homes.

10 We have a responsibility to help them
11 but at the same time growing the tax base,
12 growing our job base, and then be able to
13 provide services through the private
14 sector taxes that we're now doing through
15 the public sector. And I think that it's
16 important that we vote on this bill today
17 aye, in favor of it to pass it, but also
18 important that we continue to look at the
19 cutting of tax rates even more than we
20 have already.

21 Thank you, Madam President.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
24 welcome.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Cohen.

3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you.

4 Those who advocate this bill love to
5 point out that there's been no increase in
6 the tax rate for real estate in a number
7 of years, and they believe that that's the
8 only problem that exists, no increase in
9 tax rates. Well, that's not at all their
10 theory.

11 The theory is that it is a good thing
12 for values in real estate to rise. It
13 indicates that land is desirable, that
14 people want it, they pay more for it.
15 That's fine for the people that are
16 younger, that work hard, have a good
17 income. But I ask what happens to those
18 who live on Social Security, who don't
19 have anything more than a very small cost
20 of living increase, if they have that,
21 each year.

22 When the value of real estate gets
23 great, your real estate taxes, not the
24 rate of the tax but the actual dollars you
25 pay increases. And when we raise that

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2 with the people who are sponsoring this
3 bill, they have one answer. Well, you
4 know, if people can't pay the increased
5 taxes, they can always get a reverse
6 mortgage or they can move in with their
7 children.

8 Now, I submit to you that those of us
9 who worked for many years --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney for a
12 point of information.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I'm just
14 curious as to what member of this Council
15 ever made that statement. It's fine in a
16 debate --

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No, it wasn't
18 a member of Council.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I wanted to
20 make sure the record was clear that none
21 of us said that people should move in with
22 their kids.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I did not
24 mean -- I never heard members of Council
25 say that because we're too wise in the way

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2 of politics ever to say that. We let the
3 outsiders who don't run for office point
4 out those things.

5 They point it out that if a woman is,
6 say, a widow and she can't keep up with
7 her payments, then she can get a reverse
8 mortgage. You know, that's the newest,
9 most popular thing. You pay off your home
10 mortgage. You feel you've worked for 30,
11 40, 50 years, you now are safe, and then
12 you find you can't make your payments and
13 then the world of business comes up with
14 these very attractive ideas. Change your
15 after-death plans. Don't leave your
16 family an estate. Leave them a mortgage
17 to pay off on your house. Don't give them
18 a free house.

19 So you get a reverse mortgage, which
20 pays you money as long as you live in that
21 house, all the time the debt and mortgage
22 on the house is increasing.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam

24 President, I feel like --

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Now, to tell

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2 an older person whose goal in life often
3 after finishing work is to leave something
4 to the children that now you've achieved
5 the goal where you're going to take away
6 from your children and leave them nothing
7 is to give them a tale of defeat, not of
8 the victory that ought to follow a good
9 hard-working life.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
11 President, I feel like I've fallen through
12 the looking glass. What we need is high
13 taxes and low real estate values and then
14 we'll all be fine. So thank you, Madam
15 President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
17 welcome.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I don't
19 think, Madam President, that that's the
20 answer, to tell the people living on --
21 barely making it on Social Security today
22 that what they're going to look forward to
23 in the future is either homelessness or
24 not leaving anything to their children
25 except an increased debt on the home.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you, sir.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I'll be very brief.

8 For those of you who have not
9 traveled to the 7200 block of Ogontz
10 Avenue and beyond, I encourage you to do
11 so. For the last 20 years, it's been a
12 revitalization of that business corridor
13 led by my state representative, Dwight
14 Evans.

15 But if you travel and visit at that
16 area, you will see a small number of -- a
17 number of small businesses which have
18 moved into that community. I applaud Paul
19 Bill, who has maintained his flower shop
20 on Ogontz Avenue during the blight and now
21 through the revitalization, who has served
22 that community as well as the city as a
23 small business person. He employs
24 neighborhood people in his business as
25 well as the other businesses in the

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2 community.

3 I support this bill because I agree
4 with Kenney it's not enough, but it does
5 send a signal that we do understand the
6 concerns of small neighborhood businesses
7 who are struggling to stay in the city and
8 provide services and employment for our
9 community.

10 At one point I was somewhat concerned
11 about the bill. But as we went through
12 the budget process and looked at all of
13 the detailed financial information
14 provided to us by our technician, Charlie
15 McPherson, I was amazed to find that we
16 were not at the doom and gloom and all
17 services were going to stop because we
18 passed this bill. And I really find it
19 disingenuous of efforts to try to scare us
20 into looking at possible cuts in services
21 and cutbacks in the departments because we
22 might pass a small -- or accelerate what
23 we tried to do.

24 So I will be supporting this bill
25 because I do think it sends a signal.

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2 Philadelphia is a great city. It needs to
3 grow. It needs to thrive. We need to
4 encourage businesses to come here so that
5 we can provide jobs for the people who
6 live here, because if they do go to the
7 suburbs, we lose that tax base for the
8 city. So I think I will be supporting the
9 bill.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you very much.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
16 Madam President.

17 I will be supporting this bill as
18 well. Essentially, I enjoy these debates
19 and discussions on strategies for economic
20 growth. And the discussions we had at the
21 Economic Development Summit several months
22 ago led to a predominant recommendation
23 that we do need to do something about
24 business taxes.

25 While we share different strategies

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2 at times and have different philosophies,
3 I sometimes also think we live in
4 different realities. In my reality, I
5 recognize that real estate does not move.
6 People move. Businesses move. And when
7 businesses move, jobs move.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: First of
15 all, I'd like to incorporate those remarks
16 as my own. I couldn't have said it any
17 more succinctly.

18 Having supported the total abolition
19 of this tax last year, I find it
20 impossible not to support these miniscule
21 cuts. And I also agree with my colleagues
22 that we have to do more. But this is a
23 start at least.

24 But I was glad to hear from
25 Councilman Cohen about his concern about

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2 real estate appreciation causing tax
3 assessment increases and tax bills that'll
4 be more than people can afford. I welcome
5 it because last year I had a 4 percent cap
6 bill that would have needed state
7 authorization and I was one vote short.

8 It would have capped the amount you
9 would have to pay on your increased
10 assessment to no more than 4 percent a
11 year, and Councilman Cohen was a no vote
12 on that. So I welcome his conversion.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
19 Madam President.

20 I'm going to vote against this bill
21 along with Councilman Cohen. Although I
22 like his point about sending people to
23 Iraq and not giving them the proper
24 equipment, we could spend hours on that.
25 He was absolutely right about that. That

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2 has something to do with all this. And
3 what George Bush does has something to do
4 with what goes on in Juniata Park and
5 anywhere in the City of Philadelphia.

6 But the main thing here that
7 everybody is missing is as long as nobody
8 in this Council is sitting on the second
9 floor and doing that budget -- I mean, you
10 may like that guy. You may dislike that
11 guy. Your face may get red when his name
12 comes up. You may take his face and make
13 it a white face with blond hair and put it
14 in your magazine. You may write articles.
15 You can do whatever you want. He is still
16 the Mayor. He's the one that's doing the
17 budget.

18 Many of my colleagues here last week,
19 Councilman DiCicco for one of them, worked
20 hard to save them firehouses and I applaud
21 him for that. It's simple. If we cut
22 taxes, no matter how symbolic, no matter
23 who gets the cut, rich people or poor
24 people, we're all people trying to
25 survive. What happens is services will

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2 suffer.

3 The very thing that we fought for,
4 the fire stations, the recreation centers,
5 the libraries, the Art Museum, all those
6 places, it's simple. It is really simple.
7 And it's simple as keep it simple, stupid.
8 That's me. It's simple. If you cut
9 taxes, you have to cut services.

10 We can sit here and litigate and talk
11 about and pontificate about different
12 things that are going to go on. But as
13 long as he's calling the shots on the
14 second floor and we cut taxes for no
15 matter who -- I like the people in the
16 chamber. They came in with Bruce
17 Crawley's wife. It was a great
18 presentation. I told them that.

19 I can't be for it. You touch one
20 recreation center in my neighborhood, I
21 have to go back and look at those people
22 that live in my neighborhood. That's what
23 Councilman Cohen is trying to tell us. So
24 I'll be voting with Councilman Cohen to
25 oppose this bill, and everyone else here

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2 with a conscience should do that.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
9 Madam President.

10 I will be voting in support of this
11 bill for all the reasons that have been
12 acknowledged by my colleagues who are
13 supporting it as well. I think it's a
14 great opportunity.

15 I know there have been a number of
16 debates in this Council, and I suspect we
17 will have in the future even more debates
18 when we talk about doing TIF's and/or
19 certain types of tax incentives to
20 specific projects.

21 My colleague, Councilman Cohen, has
22 made an argument eloquently on a number of
23 occasions about why we're playing
24 favorites with certain types of
25 corporations, these big corporations don't

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2 need these tax breaks. So that debate
3 goes on and has gone on for a long time,
4 and I suspect will continue to go on.

5 I think this is an opportunity for us
6 to offer all the businesses in the City of
7 Philadelphia, not any specific corporation
8 or entity, an opportunity to realize some
9 significant -- or not significant. It's
10 rather insignificant in terms of numbers.
11 But it's a signal that we're sending that
12 we mean business in this town, that we
13 want to reduce taxes because we know that
14 it's important to create and grow jobs.

15 So, again, this is an opportunity to
16 give tax relief to all business, not one
17 or two specific corporations. That has
18 always been the argument for debate in
19 this Council for as long as I've been
20 here. So I will be voting yes in support
21 of this bill.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 Again, I will repeat, this bill

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2 having been read on two different days,
3 the question now is shall the bill pass
4 finally.
5 The Chief Clerk will please call the
6 roll.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.
9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 DiCicco.
16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
20 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Krajewski.
25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Mariano.
4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: No.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Miller.
7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: No.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 O'Neill.
12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
14 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: No.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Reynolds-Brown.
17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: No.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Tasco.
22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
24 Verna.
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: The nays are
3 eight. The ayes are nine. The bill
4 passes.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 next bill to be called for consideration
7 is Bill No. 050001.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
9 adopt the capital program for the six
10 fiscal years 2006 to 2011 inclusive.

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 call the
16 roll.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Krajewski.
11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Mariano.
14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Miller.
17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman 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 17. The nays are zero.
13 A majority of all members having voted in
14 the affirmative, the bill passes.
15 The next bill to be called for
16 consideration is Bill No. 050002.
17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
18 adopt the fiscal 2006 capital budget.
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 call the
24 roll.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Blackwell.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 DiCicco.
10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Krajewski.
19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Mariano.
22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Miller.
25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Reynolds-Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

14 Councilman Rizzo.

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

20 Verna.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

22 The ayes are 17. The nays are zero.

23 A majority of all members having voted in

24 the affirmative, the bill passes.

25 The next bill to be called for

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2 consideration is Bill No. 050003.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 adopting the operating budget for fiscal
5 year 2006.

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

10 The Chief Clerk will please call the
11 roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: No.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madame
4 President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Can I speak
7 on this bill, please?

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We're
9 taking the roll call at this point.

10 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I had my
11 light on, but you evidently didn't see it.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's
13 not on. Now it is.

14 Do we do this in the middle of a roll
15 call vote? I would suggest that you ask
16 that the rules of Council be suspended.

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I move that
18 the rules of Council be suspended in order
19 that I may be able to address this issue.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
22 been moved and seconded that the rules of
23 Council be suspended in order that
24 Councilman Kelly have an opportunity to
25 speak on Bill No. 050003.

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2 All in favor will indicate by saying
3 aye.

4 (Chorus of "ayes.")

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 ayes have it, and the motion carries. The
10 Chair recognizes Councilman Kelly.

11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
12 Madam President. Thank you for this
13 opportunity to speak on this.

14 Now, this is an issue which probably
15 the media doesn't give a damn about and
16 maybe most people in this room don't care
17 about that much. But I think it's very,
18 very important. I know with the
19 heightening controversy surrounding the
20 ethics bills and the smoking bills and
21 whatnot it's understandable that they
22 could probably miss this issue. And the
23 issue is the closings of two mini-city
24 halls, one in North Philadelphia, one in
25 Northeast Philadelphia.

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2 Now, this, to me, is a quality of
3 life issue. It affects many thousands of
4 people who use the services provided by
5 those offices. And I know that right now
6 that Councilwoman Miller, Councilman
7 Mariano and Councilwoman Krajewski have
8 been and will be negotiating with the
9 administration on reopening these offices.

10 Now, that's one of the reasons why I
11 offered an amendment last week. The
12 amendment would have restored the money,
13 the funding, the appropriate funding for
14 if and when they do open this office they
15 would have no financial obstacle blocking
16 their way. And I fully support their
17 efforts in reopening these facilities. I
18 think it is important.

19 You have to remember the two offices
20 probably cost no more than \$400,000 in
21 this budget. To the give you an idea, the
22 overhead on the Northeast office alone,
23 that includes the real estate, that
24 includes the electrical and heating and
25 everything else, the overhead on that

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2 building is \$45,000. That's not much to
3 ask for in a 3.4 billion dollar budget.

4 To give you an idea, that office
5 brings in about 38 million dollars in real
6 estate taxes alone. So I think that this
7 is a service that does a great or provides
8 a great service to the people up there.

9 Now, I, along with many other of my
10 colleagues in Council, have supported and
11 fought for the restoration of funding for
12 the Art Museum, the Atwater Kent, the
13 libraries, the recreation centers and the
14 fire department. And I'll tell you that
15 if the mini-city halls was included, I
16 would be a very big advocate for this
17 budget. I would be promoting this budget.
18 I would be supporting it and I'd be voting
19 for it.

20 But I think at this point, because of
21 this omission, which, to me, I think is a
22 blatant slap to the people who use this,
23 who use these offices, and I think that
24 someone has to speak out on their behalf
25 and I am doing that. In fact, I think my

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2 actions will speak louder than my words
3 because there's no way in hell that I'm
4 voting for this budget because of that
5 omission.

6 I thank you, Madam President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
8 welcome.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
12 President, I will be voting no for the
13 same reasons as Councilman Kelly, on the
14 Northeast office. Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 Madam President, I just wanted to
22 commend you and your leadership on pulling
23 together this budget process. It was a
24 very difficult budget. There were
25 substantial amount of cuts proposed by the

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2 administration, and you've set up a
3 process involving all Council members.
4 Although all of us don't agree on this
5 particular budget, I think it was a fair
6 process. And I would like to publicly
7 commend you for the process that you set
8 up.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you very much.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I know my
12 good friend, Councilman DiCicco, probably
13 doesn't want me to say this. But I want
14 to commend him on his dogged persistence
15 on the restorations of the fire department
16 and the deployment issue. And I just want
17 to publicly commend him for his great
18 work. It actually assisted some
19 restorations at three of the fire stations
20 in my Counsilmanic District.

21 I also want to thank all of the other
22 members of Council, in spite of your
23 ultimate position, for the process and
24 participating in the process. Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you, Councilman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Kenney.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
6 Madam President.

7 I'd like to commend all members of
8 Council for their hard work in this budget
9 process, including those already mentioned
10 by Councilman Clarke. However, I'm voting
11 no on this budget because I believe that
12 this entire crisis was contrived. This
13 entire budget crisis, when the budget
14 first got to this room in the beginning of
15 this process, this entire budget was a
16 contrived crisis to link tax reform to
17 service cuts.

18 Now, in the end the Mayor finds the
19 money magically after we go through months
20 of rallies and meetings and letters and
21 complaints and protests about everything
22 from libraries to fire stations to rec
23 centers and mini-city halls. And all of a
24 sudden now, at the 11th hour, the money
25 magically appears.

So I am voting no because of the way this Council has been treated. I think the Council members responded appropriately by working hard, by attending rallies, by coming to hearings, by going to meetings. And in the end the Mayor dangles the money right back at us and says, By the way, I think I'll put it back. As a matter of fact, I'll give you more money for the libraries than you wanted in the first place.

I believe this is not the way we should be treated. And I will continue to vote no on budgets that treat this Council in this manner.

And again, I don't have a problem with any of my colleagues and the way they've acted throughout the course of this. They've performed as they thought they needed to perform because they were trying to protect their constituents on those issues. But in the end he knew he was going to put the money back and he was just trying simply to link tax reform to

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2 budget cuts. And that hasn't worked
3 obviously because we passed more tax
4 reforms. So I will be voting no.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 I would ask the Chief Clerk perhaps
8 we should start over again with the roll
9 call.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
17 Councilman Cohen.

18 (Inaudible.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: How
20 are you voting, sir?

21 (Inaudible.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
23 sorry. How's he voting?

24 CHIEF CLERK: No.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Reynolds-Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

11 Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

13 The votes are?

14 CHIEF CLERK: The nays are four.

15 The ayes are 13. The bill passes.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

17 you.

18 The next bill to be called for

19 consideration, Bill No. 050451.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

21 amending Title 19 of the Philadelphia Code

22 by creating a new Chapter 19-3400,

23 entitled excise tax on outdoor advertising

24 transactions, under certain terms and

25 conditions.

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

6 The Chief Clerk will please call the
7 roll.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: No.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Mariano.
5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Miller.
8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: No.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 O'Neill.
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
15 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Reynolds-Brown.
18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Tasco.
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
25 Verna.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The votes are?

4 CHIEF CLERK: The nays are five.

5 The ayes are 12. The bill passes.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The next bill to be called is Bill
9 No. 050452.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Chapter 19-1200 of the
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled parking tax.

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 call the
18 roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 DiCicco.
4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: No.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Krajewski.
13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Mariano.
16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Miller.
19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 O'Neill.
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
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 14. The nays are three.

15 Pardon me?

16 CHIEF CLERK: The nays are

17 three. The ayes are 14.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: A

19 majority of all members having voted in

20 the affirmative, the bill passes.

21 The next bill to be called for

22 consideration is Bill No. 050453.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

24 amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code,

25 Section 9-602, entitled outdoor

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2 advertising, by amending the requirements
3 for obtaining the conditions for issuance
4 of licenses and making technical changes,
5 all under certain terms and conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam Chair,
9 I move to suspend the rules of City
10 Council to permit consideration of an
11 amendment to delete the word "primarily"
12 from Section H and Bill No. 050453.
13 That's the amendment offered last week.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
15 Councilman.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: And we
17 circulated --

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
19 Councilman.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: There
22 is no need to suspend the rules. If you
23 will just offer your amendment, we'll be
24 happy to consider it.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: All right.

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2 Thank you.

3 I offer the amendment. I'd like to
4 arrange a distribution to each member.
5 Then I'd like to speak briefly on the
6 amendment.

7 This amendment relates to the
8 distinction between a mural and commercial
9 art. And the sole purpose of the word
10 "primarily" is to have a tax function. A
11 license fee is necessary for all forms of
12 art, mural or otherwise. It's an annual
13 license fee. But the tax is based upon
14 the commercial value.

15 And the word "primarily" is an
16 indication that already the sign-makers
17 are seeking to have the form of a mural
18 art which advertises, say, Trump's Casino
19 as a sponsor listed as a name, they want
20 that considered primarily as a mural
21 rather than as an art. And I think that
22 we need the revenue enough to throw the
23 weight first in the direction of something
24 being taxable.

25 This is not to bar murals in any way.

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2 All this does is decide whether or not
3 it's commercial enough in order to require
4 a tax payment in addition to license fees.
5 So the argument -- and I noticed in the TV
6 replay of the proceeding no one of us in
7 Council mentioned what the argument was
8 about because I think none of us were
9 actually sure.

10 But the definition that I'm
11 attacking, Section H, is a definition of
12 the word "mural art." And I think the
13 benefit ought to be on the side of the
14 city to make a commercial offering pay its
15 way through taxes rather than to give the
16 advantage to the business and to say it's
17 not taxable. And that's all we're talking
18 about, dollars and cents that are owed.

19 To me, it's a sign that the outdoor
20 sign people are already trying to weigh
21 the thing their way. And I think by
22 eliminating the word "primarily," we're
23 putting the city in the best advantage to
24 get a favorable tax judgment.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
6 Madam President.

7 I was not able to completely hear all
8 the comments of my colleague, Councilman
9 Cohen.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
11 wasn't seconded. He didn't make a motion
12 to adopt the amendment. Councilman
13 DiCicco's light went on, so I'm
14 recognizing him.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: If you need
16 to make the second, I'll wait for the
17 second.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Well,
19 he's going to have to make the motion
20 first.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I move to
22 suspend the rules to permit --

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No.
24 Just move for the adoption of your
25 amendment.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I move for
3 the adoption of the amendment.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
5 there a second?

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Second.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you for
8 the reciprocal gesture.

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

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. And thank you,
13 Councilman Kenney, for that delayed
14 second.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: When the city
16 needs money, we're all going to vote
17 for --

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
19 Councilman, you made a motion. It's been
20 seconded. Someone else is speaking. So
21 we will proceed, please.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I will be
23 urging my colleagues to vote no on the
24 Councilman's amendment for the same
25 reasons that I spoke of last week.

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2 There's an opinion from the Managing
3 Director that was circulated yesterday.
4 I'm not certain if all my colleagues
5 received one.

6 I have serious concerns, as I did
7 last week and still continue, that an
8 anti-advertising advocacy group or
9 individuals, if a company were to decide
10 to fund a mural but that company's logo
11 was included in the mural -- whether it's
12 1 percent, 10 percent or 100 percent of
13 the mural, I have no way of knowing
14 that -- that there would be legal grounds
15 for the advocacy group who is opposed to
16 outdoor advertising to challenge that
17 mural.

18 Charlie Pizzi was here -- I think he
19 left -- the CEO of Tastykake, which is a
20 local baking company which is a nationally
21 renowned company. If they decide to fund
22 a mural and the kids in the mural are
23 holding a Tastykake and it has the
24 advertisement on it, someone could
25 consider that as outdoor advertising and

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2 the funding for that mural would be in
3 jeopardy.

4 So I again am asking my colleagues to
5 vote no. Respectfully, I appreciate what
6 Councilman Cohen is concerned about. But
7 I have serious concerns, as I just pointed
8 out, and I would ask my colleagues to be
9 voting no on his amendment.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you very much.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 The whole purpose is to protect the
17 mural arts, to prevent mural arts from
18 being taken over for commercial purpose,
19 or if taken over for commercial purpose,
20 to see that the commercial tax is paid
21 rather than having murals add to the
22 tax-free income of businesses.

23 Now, I understand Councilman DiCicco
24 because he always speaks for free taxation
25 of business but soaks the poor people

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2 heavily. And that's what he's doing here.
3 He's saying don't demand that a business
4 which is going to benefit from an outdoor
5 sign pay its tax, let the people who live
6 in the rowhouses pay increased taxes.

7 But my amendment strengthens the
8 mural movement because it prevents murals
9 from being used commercially, which
10 they're not supposed to do.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you, Councilman.

13 It has been moved and seconded that
14 Councilman Cohen's amendment be adopted.
15 All in favor will please say aye.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (Chorus of "noes.")

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I beg
21 your pardon?

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Based on
23 [inaudible] from Chester yesterday, don't
24 look for relief from Philadelphia. We're
25 just as bad as he says the city government

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2 of Chester was.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 motion fails. So I would ask the Chief
5 Clerk to -- this bill, having been read on
6 two different days, the question now is
7 shall the bill pass finally.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: No.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Mariano.
5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Miller.
8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: No.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 O'Neill.
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
15 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Reynolds-Brown.
18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Tasco.
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
25 Verna.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The ayes are 11. The nays are six.

4 A majority of all members having voted in
5 the affirmative, the bill passes.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you
7 all.

8 (Laughter.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 next bill to be called for consideration
11 is Bill No. 050230.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia
14 Code, entitled Zoning and Planning, by
15 amending Chapter 14-200, entitled
16 Residential Districts, by amending
17 requirements relating to courts in certain
18 Residential Districts, under certain terms
19 and conditions.

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

24 The Chief Clerk will please call the
25 roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 DiCicco.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

15 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Krajewski.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

22 Mariano.

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Miller.

1 Stated - 6/2/05
2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman 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 17. The nays are zero.
22 A majority of all members having voted in
23 the affirmative, the bill passes.
24 The next bill to be called for
25 consideration is Bill No. 050233.

1 Stated - 6/2/05

2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending Title 14, entitled Zoning and
4 Planning, to add definitions for certain
5 architectural features, under certain
6 terms and conditions.

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

11 The Chief Clerk will please call the
12 roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

1 Stated - 6/2/05
2 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Krajewski.
7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Mariano.
10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Miller.
13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman 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: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Verna.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 17. The nays are zero.

9 A majority of all members having voted in
10 the affirmative, this bill passes.

11 The next bill to be called is Bill
12 No. 050285.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
14 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
15 changing the zoning designations of
16 certain areas of land.

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

21 The Chief Clerk will please call the
22 roll.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

1 Stated - 6/2/05
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 DiCicco.
8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
12 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Mariano.
20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Miller.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Reynolds-Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: 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 zero.

19 A majority of all members having voted in

20 the affirmative, the bill passes.

21 Bill No. 050339.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to

23 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by

24 changing the zoning designations of

25 certain areas of land.

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

6 The Chief Clerk will please call the
7 roll.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Krajewski.

1 Stated - 6/2/05
2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Mariano.
5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Miller.
8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 O'Neill.
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
15 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Reynolds-Brown.
18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Tasco.
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
25 Verna.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The ayes are 17. The nays are zero.

4 A majority of all members having voted in
5 the affirmative, the bill passes.

6 The next bill to be called for
7 consideration is Bill No. 050295.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for
10 Industrial Development to file an
11 application with the Office of the Budget
12 to assist in the development of the Mill
13 Creek Development project.

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.

18 The Chief Clerk will please call the
19 roll.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

3 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: 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 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

13 Verna.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

15 The ayes are 17. The nays are zero.

16 A majority of all members having voted in

17 the affirmative, the bill passes.

18 The next bill to be considered is

19 Bill No. 050297.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

21 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for

22 Industrial Development to file an

23 application with the Office of the Budget

24 to assist in the construction,

25 rehabilitation and renovation of Pleasant

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2 Hill Park.

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

7 The Chief Clerk will please call the
8 roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
16 Councilman Cohen, how are you voting on
17 this bill, sir?

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

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

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 Councilwoman Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
7 Verna.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

12 We will now consider Bill No. 050299.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for
15 Industrial Development to file an
16 application with the Office of the Budget
17 to assist in renovations of Simon's
18 Recreation Center.

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 call the
24 roll.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Blackwell.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 DiCicco.
10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Krajewski.
19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Mariano.
22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Miller.
25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Reynolds-Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

18 Verna.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

20 The ayes are 17. The nays are zero.

21 A majority of all members having voted in

22 the affirmative, the bill passes.

23 We will now consider Bill No. 050343.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

25 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for

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2 Industrial Development to file an
3 application with the Office of the Budget
4 to assist in the renovation and expansion
5 of Roxborough YMCA.

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

10 The Chief Clerk will please call the
11 roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Krajewski.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Mariano.

9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Reynolds-Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

5 Verna.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 17. The nays are zero.

8 The majority of all members having voted

9 in the affirmative, the bill passes.

10 The next bill to be called for

11 consideration is Bill No. 050416.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for
14 Industrial Development to file an
15 application with the Office of the Budget
16 to assist in the construction, renovation
17 an expansion of the emergency room at the
18 Mercy Nazareth Hospital in Philadelphia.

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 call the
24 roll.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Blackwell.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 DiCicco.
10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Krajewski.
19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Mariano.
22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Miller.
25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Reynolds-Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

18 Verna.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

20 The ayes are 17. The nays are zero.

21 A majority of all members having voted in

22 the affirmative, this bill passes.

23 The next bill to be called for

24 consideration is Bill No. 050454.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 amending Bill No. 040765, entitled An
3 Ordinance Approving the Fiscal Year 2005
4 Capital Budget, providing for expenditures
5 for the capital purposes of the
6 Philadelphia Gas Works.

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

11 The Chief Clerk will please call the
12 roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

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2 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Krajewski.
7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Mariano.
10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Miller.
13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman 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: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Verna.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 17. The nays are zero.

9 A majority of all members having voted in
10 the affirmative, this bill passes.

11 040595 will be considered next.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code
14 by amending Section 9-605 to prohibit
15 certain towing upon the establishment of a
16 rotational towing system.

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

21 The chief clerk will please call the
22 roll.

23 I'm sorry. Councilman Cohen, you
24 wish to be recognized?

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes, I do.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair recognizes you, sir.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you.

5 I think today we received letters
6 from District Council 33 raising very
7 basic questions of discrimination against
8 small operators and against minority
9 operators. I think we ought to look into
10 the question before we vote this bill. So
11 I therefore move that this bill be held.

12 It raised both union and other kinds
13 of questions of discrimination. District
14 33 is a very responsible organization, and
15 I think we should honor their request.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
17 you asking the sponsor of the bill to
18 consider holding it?

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Who sponsored
20 it?

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's
22 Councilman Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Councilman
24 Rizzo, would you consider holding the
25 bill?

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I'm not going
3 to -- the information that -- he may have
4 something from District Council 33, but I
5 haven't seen anything. There's nothing
6 from District Council 33. There's a
7 letter, but I'd like to move forward.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman Ramos.

10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 Madam President, I have tow truck
13 operators that live half a block from my
14 house. This is an industry where in the
15 last -- particularly in the last five to
16 ten years has been an industry where
17 there's been a tremendous amount of
18 minority participation, mostly Latino
19 operators, not exclusively.

20 And I have spent a lot of time since
21 this bill was introduced talking to
22 operators from different viewpoints, the
23 salvagers and all the others, the repair
24 shops, and how this bill would impact upon
25 them.

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2 Councilman Rizzo and the chairman of
3 the Committee of License and Inspection,
4 Councilman Mariano, put in a lot of time
5 in trying to make sure that no one got --
6 that no one would be hurt. Nevertheless,
7 I believe that this bill has the potential
8 to remove people that this is their only
9 way of making a living. And I am still
10 very concerned that there could very well
11 be some particular tow truck operators
12 that would not be able to provide their
13 families with a decent living.

14 However, I have been informed
15 recently, as recent as last night to a
16 number of operators that there is some
17 good things in this bill; that we do in
18 fact need a rotation system; that this is
19 going to be something, according to the
20 bill, that the job of picking the towing
21 companies is going to be with the
22 procurement department.

23 In the bill there's a Section 2 that
24 says that this ordinance shall not be
25 effective unless the rotational towing

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2 system referenced in the section of this
3 ordinance is established pursuant to a bid
4 solicitation substantially in the form of
5 Exhibit A. I think that this leaves --
6 this is a very good thing because it could
7 very well address the participation of
8 minorities in this industry.

9 I will be voting yes for this bill
10 this morning. However, I will be the
11 first to come here, come back here in
12 September and amend this bill if in fact I
13 see that this has a drastic impact where
14 it's going to hurt the livelihood of tow
15 truck operators and their family.

16 And for the tow truck operators that
17 are listening or are here today, that they
18 can continue to count on me not to -- and
19 I'm quite sure they can continue to count
20 on Councilman Mariano and Councilman Rizzo
21 to make sure that this does not have a
22 negative impact on tow truck operators who
23 have put in a lot of money. These are
24 trucks that are very, very expensive, and
25 we want to make sure that we're not

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2 breaking up the livelihoods of people in
3 this industry. So I will be voting yes on
4 this bill.

5 I do appreciate the comments and I
6 agree with the comments with the exception
7 of the voting with my colleague,
8 Councilman Cohen. Thank you, Madam
9 President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Rizzo.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 I appreciate Councilman Ramos'
17 remarks. And I'd like for the record to
18 reflect that just yesterday
19 representatives of the industry met with
20 Michael Williams from the Minority
21 Business Council. I believe that's the
22 proper term. And everyone left that
23 meeting very assured that they were going
24 to be treated fairly. Mr. Williams
25 assured them, the people in the towing

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2 industry.

3 As you can see today, it is
4 relatively quiet here inside the chamber
5 at least because I think most of the
6 members or the people, the interested
7 parties, realize that there is going to be
8 a lot of careful observation. We've
9 invited the counsel for the towing
10 industry to be involved in the
11 implementation.

12 So I appreciate my colleagues'
13 support on this particular legislation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
19 Madam President.

20 Councilman Ramos and Councilman Rizzo
21 pretty much summed it all up. I'll be
22 voting in favor of this. But the people
23 on the committee -- I'm thinking of
24 Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown -- we
25 belabored this point for the exact reason

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2 that Councilman Ramos brought up. We want
3 to make sure that nobody is shut out from
4 this process.

5 This is strictly one of those things
6 that you run into government where you
7 can't please all the people all the time.
8 We could have held this thing up for
9 another two years. And Councilman Rizzo
10 was like an attack dog on this. He stayed
11 on it and stayed on it far longer than I
12 could have with my attention span.

13 But I just want you to know that
14 yesterday the political leader -- and he's
15 going to be embarrassed because he's
16 probably watching this -- Carlos Matos,
17 the Ward Leader of the 19th Ward, who has
18 a lot of clout in the Latino community,
19 along with Councilman Ramos and a few
20 other people, were down here yesterday and
21 met with Mr. Williams from MBEC to make
22 sure that nobody gets shut out.

23 And Rizzo and I, along with Ramos and
24 I'm sure everyone else here, if this
25 doesn't work out right, we're watching

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2 this. This is something because of a few
3 bad apples there has to be a rotation
4 system. It's not perfect, it's a work in
5 progress, and we can't please everybody
6 all the time.

7 If we could, it wouldn't be President
8 Bush. It would be President Mariano, so
9 there would be no problem. Thank you.

10 (Laughter.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 This bill, having been read on two
14 different days, the question now remains
15 shall this bill pass finally.

16 The Chief Clerk will please call the
17 roll.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

25 Councilman Cohen, how are you voting?

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

3 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: 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 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

13 Verna.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

15 The ayes are 16. The nays are one.

16 A majority of all members having voted in

17 the affirmative, the bill passes.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

20 next bill to be called for consideration

21 is Bill No. 050203.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

23 amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code

24 by amending Section 9-102, entitled

25 Licenses and Permits, by providing that no

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2 license or permit shall be issued or
3 renewed if the applicant is delinquent in
4 the payment of any City or School District
5 taxes.

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

10 The Chief Clerk will please call the
11 roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

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

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

5 Verna.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 17. The nays are zero.

8 A majority of all members having voted in

9 the affirmative, this bill passes.

10 The next bill to be called for

11 consideration is Bill No. 050204.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Title 4 of the Philadelphia Code,
14 entitled Philadelphia Building,
15 construction and Occupancy Code, by
16 amending Subcode A, Section A-202, by
17 providing that no license or permit
18 required by Title 4 shall be issued or
19 renewed if the applicant is delinquent in
20 any payment to the City or School
21 District.

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

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2 The Chief Clerk will please call the

3 roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Krajewski.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 Mariano.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Miller.
4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman 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 17. The nays are zero.
24 A majority of all members having voted in
25 the affirmative, the bill passes.

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2 The next bill to be called is Bill
3 No. 050266.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Title 9 of the Philadelphia Code
6 by amending Section 9-601, entitled
7 Garages, Parking Lot, Sales Lots and
8 Showrooms.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Kenney.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 I'm offering an amendment today to
16 further clarify the bill's purpose. It's
17 been circulated to all members of Council
18 yesterday. And I would move the adoption
19 of the amendment.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Chorus of "ayes.")

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 ayes have it, and the motion carries.

8 The next bill to be called for
9 consideration is Bill No. 050267.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Title 4, Subcode A of the
12 Philadelphia Administrative Code to
13 clarify the types of permits in connection
14 with which the Department of Licences and
15 Inspections may charge fees, all under
16 certain terms and conditions.

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

21 The Chief Clerk will please call the
22 roll.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

13 Councilman Kelly, how are you voting, sir?

14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 Mariano.

22 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Miller.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Reynolds-Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

18 Verna.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

20 The ayes are 17. The nays are zero.

21 A majority of all members having voted in

22 the affirmative, this bill passes.

23 The next bill to be called for

24 consideration is Bill No. 050342.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

1 Stated - 6/2/05
2 amending Chapter 10-1800 of the
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled Vicarious
4 Liability for Student Conduct, by amending
5 the definitions of Educational Housing
6 District to include the Eighth
7 Councilmanic District.

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

12 The Chief Clerk will please call the
13 roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Krajewski.
8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Mariano.
11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Miller.
14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman 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 17. The nays are zero.

10 A majority of all Council members having
11 voted in the affirmative, this bill
12 passes.

13 The next bill to be called for
14 consideration is Bill No. 050063A.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Chapter 10-600 of the
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled Public Places
18 - Prohibitive Conduct, by prohibiting
19 smoking in public places and in the
20 workplace, and providing for penalties,
21 all under certain terms and conditions.

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

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 Madam President, over the last
3 several days there's been what I consider
4 to be some rather productive discussion on
5 this particular bill. I think we're
6 getting close to a resolution, but I think
7 we need to have a little bit more
8 discussion.

9 So I would like to ask today the
10 sponsor of the bill to hold it for one
11 week so we can hopefully finalize and come
12 to some conclusion on this particular
13 bill.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 Madam President, Councilman Clarke is
19 absolutely correct. And I appreciate his
20 request, which is, in our tradition,
21 generally accommodated when a member makes
22 such a request.

23 Given the important nature of this
24 particular matter, it is timely as we try
25 to make significant improvement in the

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2 public health environment while also
3 respecting and trying to understand some
4 of the additional concerns. I will work
5 with, of course, Councilman Clarke. And
6 there are other members of this body who
7 have particular interest and concerns.

8 So I expect to spend the next week
9 diligently working with my colleagues so
10 that we can both work to a resolution,
11 maintain at the same time the fundamental
12 principles that people should not have to
13 risk their lives to hold down a job, cover
14 as many workplaces as possible to the
15 maximum extent; and whatever we do, make
16 sure that those principles are adhered to
17 in the most strict fashion.

18 So I look forward to the work, and we
19 hopefully expect to be back next week with
20 what may be the final components of a
21 smoke-free legislation here in
22 Philadelphia. Thank you, Madam President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 That will conclude our calendar for

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2 today. Are there speeches on the part of
3 the minority?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
6 there speeches on the part of the
7 majority?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing
10 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Tasco for a motion to adjourn.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
13 President, I move that Council stand
14 adjourned until Thursday, June 9th at
15 10:00 a.m.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
18 been moved and seconded that Council stand
19 adjourned until Thursday, June the 9th at
20 10:00 a.m.

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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 motion carries.
4 Thank you.
5 (Public hearing concluded at
6 12:36 p.m.)

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