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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, November 2, 2006, 10:15 a.m.

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COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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Anna C. Verna, President

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Jannie L. Blackwell

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Blondell Reynolds Brown

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Darrell L. Clarke

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Frank DiCicco

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W. Wilson Goode, Jr.

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Jack Kelly

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James F. Kenney

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Joan L. Krajewski

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Donna Reed Miller

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Brian J. O'Neill

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Juan F. Ramos

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Frank Rizzo

Marian B. Tasco

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

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

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair recognizes Reverend
12 Dr. Alyn Waller, Senior Pastor of the
13 Enon Baptist Church. He is here today
14 as the guest of Councilwoman
15 Reynolds-Brown.

16 At this time, I would ask all
17 members and guests to please rise.

18 PASTOR WALLER: Thank you.

19 Thank you, first of all, God,
20 for allowing us to live where we live.
21 We thank you for this city and we thank
22 you for this state and this country.

23 And, God, we are reminded of
24 your words from the apostle Paul that we
25 have to pray for those that have

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2 leadership and have to rule, and so,
3 today, we are gathered to pray for those
4 who give leadership in the City of
5 Philadelphia.

6 We pray, O, God that the truth
7 of the proverbs that the king is in the
8 hands of the Lord would reign true in
9 this place that has decision-making and
10 the voting takes place, for the least of
11 these would be remembered.

12 And then, God, also recognize
13 that they are men and women in this room
14 today who come to serve this city but
15 who come in the context of their own
16 pain and their own struggles.

17 And so I pray for the
18 marriages of every Councilperson here.
19 I pray for their children, I pray, Lord,
20 for their home life; for as their homes
21 are blessed, they bring health and
22 proper decision-making to this moment.

23 And then, Lord, we pray for
24 those who are here in this room today to
25 exercise what is their duty to call to

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2 attention the gaps between the "is-ness"
3 and "ought-ness" of our city. And so we
4 pray for those who have come to critique
5 and even to criticize.

6 And we thank you, God, for our
7 country and a state and a city where it
8 is not only allowed, but expected.

9 And so, Lord, we say today
10 between those who see it one way and
11 those who see it the other, that your
12 will would be done, and that some would
13 come away from here, knowing that you're
14 still on the throne.

15 And, Lord, I thank you for
16 allowing me to speak life in these
17 chambers today.

18 And so I pray now, God, in the
19 Baptist name, in the only name I know,
20 and in the name of Jesus the Christ.
21 And for his sake, we do pray.

22 Let us all say... amen.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

24 I thanks, Reverend Waller, for
25 his very inspiring invocation.

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2 Council will be at ease.

3 (Short break taken.)

4 (Proceedings resume.)

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6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 next order of business is the approval
8 of the journal of the meeting of
9 Thursday, October 26, 2006, and the
10 Chair recognizes Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
12 you, Madam President.

13 I move that the journal of the
14 meeting of Thursday, October 26, 2006,
15 stand approved.

16 (Motion seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
18 has been moved and properly seconded
19 that the journal of the meeting of
20 Thursday, October 26, 2006, stand
21 approved.

22 All those in favor will
23 signify by saying aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The ayes have it, and the

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2 journal of the meeting of Thursday,
3 October 26, 2006, is approved.

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 next order of business is requests for
7 leaves of absence. And, again, the
8 Chair recognizes Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Madam President.

11 On behalf of the Majority,
12 there are no requests for leaves of
13 absence today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
15 Thank you.

16 At this time, the Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
19 President, there's no requests for
20 leaves of absence from the Republicans.

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

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24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair will dispense with the regular

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2 order of business to recognize the
3 guests and visitors joining us in the
4 chambers this morning.

5 On behalf of all members of
6 City Council, I welcome you to our
7 Council session. We appreciate your
8 taking the time to join us as we attend
9 to the legislative affairs of our city.
10 We certainly invite to you come again.

11 At this time, the Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown,
13 who will present a resolution honoring
14 Delilah Winder. Will Miss Winder and
15 those accompanying her please join the
16 Councilwoman at the podium.

17 (Honoree and others come
18 forward.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
20 Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown has been
21 joined by Councilman Clarke.

22 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:
23 Thank you, Madam President.

24 It gives me enormous pleasure
25 to introduce to some and present to

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2 others a woman who was highly recognized
3 by the world-renowned Oprah Winfrey, who
4 found her macaroni and cheese to be the
5 best in the world.

6 And I'm always inspired by
7 women who then take the leap and commit
8 their hearts to the written material and
9 write a book.

10 And for that reason and all
11 that she represents, we want to
12 celebrate Philadelphia's own, Delilah
13 Winder.

14 Councilman Clarke?

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And that
17 macaroni and cheese, shall we say, is
18 smokin'.

19 Today, we would like to honor
20 Miss Delilah Winder on the occasion of
21 the publication of her first book and
22 longtime promotion of culinary
23 excellence in the City of Philadelphia.

24 Whereas, Delilah has been a
25 beacon of nourishment for the City of

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2 Philadelphia. Throughout her 20-year
3 food career, she has become a successful
4 entrepreneur, owning five Delilah
5 Southern Cuisine locations in
6 Philadelphia and one full-service dining
7 location, Bluezette Restaurant; and

8 Whereas, she serves currently
9 as the Chair of the Board of the
10 African-American Chamber of Commerce and
11 also serves on the boards of the
12 Philadelphia Convention and Visitors
13 Bureau, the Food Trust, Pie in the Sky
14 for MANNA, Old City District, and the
15 Greater Philadelphia Restaurant
16 Purveyors Association; and

17 Whereas, civically, many
18 charitable organizations identify her as
19 a friend to their cause due to Delilah's
20 dedication over the years of giving,
21 such as teaching nutritional cooking
22 classes, facilitating supermarket tours
23 in the urban community for the Food
24 Trust, working with the Food Coalition
25 Against Hunger, Pie in the Sky for

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2 MANNA, and providing Meals on Wheels for
3 the Action AIDS; and

4 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

5 Whereas, through all of her work,
6 Delilah finds the time to still serve as
7 a mentor during the summer at the Girl
8 Scout Camp VIP; and

9 Whereas, Delilah has been
10 honored by the culinary community for
11 her outstanding achievements and
12 contributions, which include invitation
13 to cook at the world-renowned James
14 Beard Foundation, and which has seen her
15 favorite features on many national
16 television food shows, including the
17 Food Network-The Best of Southern
18 Cuisine and CBS's Chef on a Shoestring;
19 and

20 Whereas, accolades include 100
21 Favorite Foods by Saveur Magazine, Best
22 of Philly, and her crowning achievement
23 of being voted as the best macaroni and
24 cheese in the nation by Oprah Winfrey.

25 Now, therefore, be it resolved

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2 by the City of Philadelphia that we
3 hereby honor and salute and commend and
4 salute you, Miss Delilah Winder, on the
5 occasion of her newest endeavor,
6 "Delilah's Everyday Soul Cookbook."

7 Further resolved that an
8 engrossed copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Miss Delilah Winder as
10 evidence of the sincere sentiments of
11 this legislative body.

12 Introduced by Councilwoman
13 Blondell Reynolds-Brown and sponsored by
14 all of the members of the Philadelphia
15 City Council.

16 Congratulations to you,
17 Delilah Winder.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Miss Winder for
21 remarks.

22 MS. WINDER: I just want to
23 say thank you for Councilwoman
24 Reynolds -- I'm hesitant to say
25 "Blondell" because that's how we know

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2 each other -- and for Councilman Clarke
3 for supporting me in this endeavor and
4 all of City Council.

5 And for thanking my friends.
6 All of my girls are here. They got them
7 in, and that was a surprise for me. My
8 mom is here, and I have a cousin here
9 and other friends.

10 And I just want to say thank
11 you to everyone.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

14 Council will be at ease.

15 (Short break taken.)

16 (Proceedings resume.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair now recognizes Councilman Rizzo,
19 who will present a resolution honoring
20 the Parents Patrol of Simon Gratz High
21 School.

22 Will Miss Selma Johnson and
23 those accompanying her please join
24 Councilman Rizzo at the podium, and
25 Councilman Rizzo is being accompanied by

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2 Councilwoman Miller.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Come on,
4 folks.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
8 Madam President.

9 Good morning, everyone.

10 Today we're going to recognize
11 a very, very special group of parents in
12 the proximity of the Simon Gratz High
13 School. And we're also very fortunate
14 today to have the principal, Dr. Delores
15 Williams, the principal of Gratz here
16 with us today.

17 And also my colleague
18 Councilwoman Donna Miller, Simon Gratz
19 is in her Councilmatic district.

20 And it reads:

21 Recognizing, honoring, and
22 celebrating the Parent Patrol at Simon
23 Gratz High School for their innovative
24 efforts to help keep students safe to
25 and from school by patrolling areas in

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2 close proximity of the school through
3 the use of Push-To-Talk cellphones.

4 Whereas, it is so important
5 that children are safe going to and from
6 school; and

7 Whereas, the Philadelphia
8 Police Department, which does a
9 remarkable job protecting all of us,
10 face even greater demands every day; and

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER:

12 Whereas, the City needs the involvement
13 of its citizens to help keep the city
14 safe, as safe as it can be; and

15 Whereas, the Parent Patrol
16 started at Simon Gratz in January of
17 2006 under the area's Town Watch, with
18 Selena Johnson as the director of the
19 program; and

20 Whereas, these parents are
21 only asked to volunteer for three hour
22 shifts per day but have instead
23 generously committed themselves to a
24 full day of 9:00 to 4:00, patrolling
25 from Hunting Park Avenue, Germantown

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2 Avenue, and Erie Avenue; and

3 Whereas, in these times, it is
4 paramount that parents display courage
5 and dedication to protecting our youth,
6 not only to secure their young lives,
7 but to show them what a role model is
8 and what can be accomplished through
9 hard work; and

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas,
11 the brave Parent Patrol workers are
12 Selena Johnson, Heather Smith, Eugenia
13 Harris, Melva Anderson, Devery Moore,
14 Cynthia Geiger, Audrey Ross, Deborah
15 Richardson, Doreen Cooper, Rosemary
16 Benjamin, Diane Washington, Crystal
17 Bryant, and Cindy Cook.

18 Therefore, be it resolved by
19 the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
20 the City Council hereby recognizes,
21 honors, and celebrates the Parent Patrol
22 at Simon Gratz High School for their
23 innovative efforts to help keep students
24 safe to and from school by patrolling
25 areas in close proximity.

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2 It is further resolved that an
3 engrossed copy of the resolution be
4 presented to Selena Johnson as further
5 evidence of the sincere admiration and
6 gratitude of this legislative body.

7 Now, when we found out that
8 there was an issue with communication,
9 Selena mentioned to me that one of the
10 problems they have when they're out on
11 their patrol is communicating with each
12 other.

13 And so I turned to a company
14 that I know is committed to involving
15 themselves in projects like this in
16 community involvement, and that's
17 Cingular Wireless.

18 And Dan LeFond, the top
19 executive, and some of the team from
20 Cingular stepped forward because they
21 have a product that's called
22 Push-To-Talk, and they are providing six
23 telephones to the Parent Patrol that
24 they can inter-communicate, they can
25 call the school security, they can call

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2 9-1-1 in the event of an issue that they
3 need assistance with, because the
4 walkie-talkies that they had were
5 marginal and they weren't providing the
6 coverage that they needed.

7 So Dan LeFond is here to make
8 the presentation of six Push-To-Talk
9 cellphones to Selena Johnson, and then
10 we will hear from the principal and some
11 of the other folks.

12 Selena? Dan LeFond wants to
13 present the six telephones to you.

14 MR. LEFOND: Selena, on behalf
15 of Cingular Telephone -- first off, I
16 want to thank Councilman Rizzo for
17 getting us involved in such a great,
18 great venture of keeping the city
19 streets safe and our students safe. It
20 is important that Cingular stay active
21 in community in which we serve our
22 customers.

23 And on behalf of Cingular, I
24 have six phones with the service to keep
25 the patrol in constant communication

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2 with each other and law enforcement if
3 necessary.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. JOHNSON: I'd like to say
7 thank you on behalf of myself and the
8 Simon Gratz Parent Patrol. We will
9 definitely make these radios effective;
10 we will wear them out, as the kids would
11 say.

12 We will make sure we do the
13 right thing by them and we will let you
14 know that we will never let you down.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 DR. WILLIAMS: As principal of
18 Simon Gratz High School, I'd like to
19 first thank Councilman Rizzo,
20 Councilwoman Donna Reed-Miller, and the
21 executives of Cingular.

22 And when Miss Johnson, a
23 parent, came to me, she said, "I'm going
24 to write to Councilman Rizzo because we
25 need telephones," and I said, "Go ahead

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2 and do it," and she did it and she got a
3 response.

4 And I'll tell you, on the high
5 school level, you very seldom see
6 parents involved in their children's --
7 I wouldn't say education, but in the
8 welfare and taking an active part in the
9 welfare of the children.

10 And our parents came together
11 as a result of a crisis that we had at
12 the school involving students.

13 And this is our student
14 government president here, Kasheema
15 Montgomery.

16 (Applause.)

17 MISS MONTGOMERY: Oftentimes,
18 you hear parents saying, What are you
19 doing to the schools to keep our
20 children safe?

21 So Miss Johnson and I said,
22 Well, let's call the parents to task and
23 ask them to join our community and work
24 in and outside of the school.

25 And from that, we have

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2 approximately probably about 13 parents,
3 all of them who aren't here today, who
4 are on board every single day and are
5 making an impact on the safety of our
6 school.

7 So I just want to say publicly
8 I thank the parents as well, because
9 they didn't have to do what they do, and
10 they're doing it for free, because they
11 care and they're committed to the Simon
12 Gratz High School community.

13 (Applause.)

14 UNIDENTIFIED STUDENT: Good
15 morning.

16 I just would like to say thank
17 you to everybody for this wonderful
18 presentation.

19 I would like to say thank you
20 also to Simon Gratz parents that help
21 out, great help -- I mean absolutely
22 great help. I feel protected every day
23 coming home from school. We know them
24 very well, we relate very well. They're
25 like parents to us, not only to their

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2 own children but to everybody.

3 So I would like to say, Thank
4 you, guys.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: And, again,
7 we would like to thank Cingular for
8 stepping forward and recognizing this
9 valuable program. And the parents are
10 just great.

11 And, finally, I'd like to ask
12 Deputy Commissioner Patricia Fox to come
13 along with Inspector Sullivan and Jim
14 Golden, who is the Chief Safety
15 Executive for the School District of
16 Philadelphia also to say thank you.

17 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOX: Good
18 morning. On behalf of the Police
19 Commissioner, who was unable to be here
20 today, and the rest of the police
21 department, not only do I want to
22 congratulate the Parent Patrol, but I
23 want to sincerely thank them.

24 As the Police Commissioner
25 says over and over again, we can't do

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2 this job by ourselves. And you
3 represent the Cadillac of community
4 partnership, so thank you very, very
5 much for all you do.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: And
8 Inspector Sullivan is the commanding
9 officer of the Northwest Police
10 Division, and obviously Simon Gratz is a
11 major responsibility to his officers.

12 OFFICER SULLIVAN: Good
13 morning. And on behalf of the men and
14 women of the Northwest Police Division,
15 I'd like to thank the members of
16 Council, especially Councilman Rizzo and
17 Councilwoman Miller and, of course,
18 Cingular, and most especially the Parent
19 Patrol for helping us keep our children
20 safe.

21 And, of course, there is no
22 more noble endeavor. Thank you all.

23 (Applause.)

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good
25 morning.

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2 On behalf of the School Reform
3 Commission and our CEO, Paul Vallas, I
4 want to thank Councilman Rizzo and
5 certainly Councilwoman Donna Reed-Miller
6 and also Dr. Williams for her fine
7 leadership at Gratz, our partners at
8 Cingular Wireless, and last but not
9 least, certainly our parent volunteers.

10 You know, in the last two
11 years, we've had a 24 percent reduction
12 in serious incidents and violence
13 throughout the city in and around our
14 schools. That doesn't just happen; it
15 happens because of the shining example
16 that you see here this morning, the
17 partnership and community collaboration.

18 And so, again, thank you all
19 very much.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
22 Madam President, for your indulgence
23 and, again, Cingular Wireless and the
24 Parent Patrol and all who are involved
25 in this program. Let's hope that this

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2 program can grow, and Cingular can stay
3 involved throughout our city.

4 Thanks.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

6 Council will be at ease.

7 Councilman Rizzo, I think the
8 photographer is ready for you.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thanks.

10 (Short break taken.)

11 (Proceedings resume.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 chair now recognizes Councilman Kenney.
14 Who will present a resolution
15 recognizing November 13 through November
16 17, 2006, as "Retirement Planning
17 Education Week" in the City of
18 Philadelphia.

19 We'll Miss Mabel Capolongo and
20 those accompanying her please join the
21 Councilman at the podium.

22 (Councilman Kenney and guests
23 come forward.)

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 This a resolution recognizing
3 November 13 through 17, 2006, as
4 "Retirement Planning Education Week" in
5 the City of Philadelphia.

6 Whereas, in recognition of the
7 National Retirement Planning Week, the
8 U.S. Department of Labor, along with the
9 Internal Revenue Service, the Social
10 Security Administration and WHYY,
11 Incorporated is planning an outreach
12 effort designed to do educate the
13 surrounding community about the critical
14 need for workers to begin planning for
15 their retirement; and

16 Whereas, retirement planning
17 is essential to contemporary workers
18 since they have more responsibility to
19 fund their own retirement than workers
20 of a previous generation; and --

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

22 Excuse me, Councilman.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes,
24 ma'am?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I

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2 think you deserve a little more respect
3 than you're getting. There is entirely
4 too much noise.

5 To the people having private
6 conversations, I suggest that you do
7 that in the corridor.

8 Please continue.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
10 Madam President.

11 Whereas, during National
12 Retirement Planning Week, the Department
13 of Labor will be hosting a free two-day
14 event, "Why Be Broke? Retirement
15 Strategies for the 21st Century Worker,"
16 which will provide the public with
17 valuable information that can be used in
18 planning for future financial
19 independence; and

20 Whereas, this event is
21 designed to especially benefit
22 low-income workers, small-business
23 employees, new entrants to the
24 workforce, and workers nearing
25 retirement; and

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2 Whereas, on Wednesday,
3 November 15th, the public will be
4 encouraged to call the Labor
5 Department's Employee Benefits Security
6 Administration to have questions
7 answered by experts about federal
8 pension plan protections and other
9 related issues; and

10 Whereas, on Thursday, November
11 16th, there will be a Meet-the-Expert
12 Information Fair held at Houston Hall on
13 the campus of the University of
14 Pennsylvania, where related federal,
15 state and local government agencies,
16 nonprofits, and professional
17 associations will be onsite,
18 distributing information and providing
19 counsel; and

20 Whereas, this event will equip
21 workers throughout the tristate area
22 with the tools they require to plan for
23 retirement, regardless of where they are
24 in their careers.

25 Now, therefore, resolved by

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2 the Council of the City of Philadelphia
3 that we recognize November 13 through
4 17, 2006, as "Retirement Planning Week"
5 in the City of Philadelphia, and we
6 thank and congratulate all of those
7 involved.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Miss Capolongo for
12 remarks.

13 MS. CAPOLONGO: Good morning.

14 I'd like to thank Council
15 President Verna, Councilman Kenney, and
16 all members of the Philadelphia City
17 Council for joining the U.S. Department
18 of Labor's Employee Benefits Security
19 Administration and the Women's Bureau,
20 the IRS, the Social Security
21 Administration, the Department of Health
22 and Human Services, and Coming of Age in
23 our unprecedented collaborative effort
24 to raise community awareness about the
25 importance of planning for a secure

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2 retirement.

3 This resolution recognizing
4 November 13 through 17, 2006, as
5 "Retirement Planning Education Week" in
6 Philadelphia and the full Council
7 support it received clearly demonstrates
8 your strong commitment to raise public
9 awareness about the need to plan and
10 save for retirement.

11 For workers who think that it
12 is too early to begin planning for
13 retiring, it's time to think again.
14 Times have changed. The pensions earned
15 by our parents and grandparents are
16 fading away. Today's workers have more
17 responsibility to fund their own
18 retirement than workers have had in
19 recent generations.

20 Future retirement security
21 depends on savings, and our current
22 retirement system now puts more of the
23 challenge of retirement savings squarely
24 in the hands of the workers.

25 Most experts agree that in

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2 order to maintain a similar standard of
3 living in retirement, households need
4 replacement income at a rate of 70 to 85
5 percent of pre-retirement income.

6 Unfortunately, despite this
7 reality, many Americans are consuming
8 more, saving less, and accumulating more
9 and more debt. Those who do not start
10 saving early for retirement will miss
11 out on our greatest ally -- time.

12 For every ten years a worker
13 puts off saving for retirement, he or
14 she will need to save three times as
15 much each month to catch up.

16 The primary objective for "Why
17 Go Broke? Retirement Strategies for the
18 21st Century Worker" is to equip the
19 Greater Philadelphia community with the
20 tools needed to take the vital first
21 steps in the retirement planning
22 process.

23 I'd like to recognize the
24 representatives from our partnering
25 agencies who will join me this morning:

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2 Carol Messa, the Department of Health
3 and Human Services; Iris Watts, Internal
4 Revenue Service; Lisa (indiscernible),
5 our Social Security Administration;
6 Lucille Bruce from the Women's Bureau of
7 the Department of Labor; and Dick
8 Goldberg, Coming of Age.

9 Your support of this
10 initiative is appreciated, and we look
11 forward to working with you as we
12 continue to educate the public in this
13 area.

14 Thank you very much.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

16 Council will be at ease.

17 (Short break taken.)

18 (Proceedings resume.)

19 * * *

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 next order business is communications.

22 The Chair requests that the
23 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages
24 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the messages from the Mayor.

3 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
4 and members of the Council of the City
5 of Philadelphia, I am transmitting for
6 the consideration of your honorable body
7 an ordinance approving the 35th
8 Amendment of the Redevelopment Proposal
9 for the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area.

10 And an ordinance approving the
11 third amendment of the Redevelopment
12 Proposal for the American Street
13 Industrial Corridor Urban Renewal Area.

14 And I am transmitting for the
15 consideration by your honorable body an
16 ordinance authorizing and directing the
17 placing upon City Plan No. 350 for water
18 main purposes and draining purpose in
19 the northeast area of Susquehanna Road
20 and northwest of Erie Road.

21 And an ordinance authorizing
22 the paving of Palermo Drive, Colli
23 Drive, Milano Drive, San Vincenzo Drive,
24 Napoli Way, Petro Way, Messina Way,
25 Hartranft Street, Calabria Way, Foggia

1 11/2/06 STATED MEETING - COMMUNICATIONS
2 Drive, Salerno Way, Roman Drive, Genoa
3 Drive, and Trieste Way, under certain
4 terms and conditions.

5 And an ordinance authorizing
6 the Commissioner of Public Property to
7 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
8 Authority for Industrial Development a
9 deeds located 1716 to 1732 Frankford
10 Avenue.

11 And an ordinance authorizing
12 and directing the revision of lines and
13 grades on a portion of City Plan No.
14 46-S of an area bounded by 26th Street
15 and Penrose Avenue, all under certain
16 terms and conditions.

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

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 read any other communications in her
22 possession.

23 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
24 have, Madam President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

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2 Thank you.

3 At this time, the Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Kelly.

5 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
6 Madam President.

7 Due to a prior commitment, I
8 request to be excused, but I would like
9 to go on record as voting aye on all
10 resolutions and bills today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
12 Thank you, Councilman Kelly. Leave will
13 be granted.

14 * * *

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 next order of business is the
17 introduction of bills and resolutions,
18 and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Blackwell for a motion.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
21 you, Madam President.

22 I move that the rules of
23 Council be suspended in order to permit
24 the immediate consideration of
25 resolutions at their time of

1 11/2/06 STATED - INTRO. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS
2 introduction.

3 (Motion seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
5 has been moved and properly seconded
6 that the rules of Council be suspended
7 so as to permit immediate consideration
8 of resolutions at the time of
9 introduction.

10 All those in favor will say
11 aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it, and the
14 motion carries.

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I offer one bill by
19 request.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
21 Thank you.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 amending Section 22-311 of the

1 11/2/06 STATED - INTRO. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS
2 Philadelphia Code entitled
3 "Cost-of-living Measures for Retirees,
4 Beneficiaries, and Survivors" by
5 amending the provisions governing when
6 deposits are made into the Pension
7 Adjustment Fund.

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

11 The Chair now recognizes
12 Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
14 you, Madam President.

15 Today, I introduce three bills
16 on your behalf and one resolution on
17 behalf of myself and Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
19 Thank you.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
23 naming and designating the South
24 Philadelphia branch of the Free Library
25 of Philadelphia located at the southwest

1 11/2/06 STATED - INTRO. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS
2 corner of Broad and Morris Street at
3 Paul branch of the Free Library of
4 Philadelphia.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
9 authorizing and directing the revision
10 of lines and grades on a portion of City
11 Plan No. 46-S within an area bounded by
12 26th Street and the Penrose Ferry Road,
13 Hartranft Street, 22nd Street, and
14 Penrose Avenue.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 authorizing the paving of Palermo Drive,
20 Colli Drive, Milano Drive, San Vincenzo
21 Drive, Napoli Way, Petro Way, Messina
22 Way, Hartranft Street, Calabria Way,
23 Foggia Drive, Salerno Way, Roman Drive,
24 Genoa Drive, and Trieste Way, under
25 certain terms and conditions.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 honoring and congratulating Charles L.
7 Brockston on his career as an educator
8 in African-American studies, collector
9 of African-American artifacts, and
10 wishing him well on his upcoming
11 retirement.

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

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you, Madam President. I move for the
16 adoption of the resolution.

17 (Motion seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will signify by
22 saying aye.

23 Those opposed?

24 The ayes have it, and the
25 resolution is adopted.

1 11/2/06 STATED - INTRO. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Krajewski.

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
5 you, Madam President. I offer one
6 resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 clerk will please read the title of the
9 resolution.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 honoring Police Officer Earnest "Ernie"
12 Rain as the 206th PAL Officer of the
13 Year.

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

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

19 (Motion seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's
21 been moved and properly seconded that
22 the resolution be adopted.

23 All those in favor will
24 signify by saying aye.

25 Those opposed?

1 11/2/06 STATED - INTRO. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

2 The ayes have it, and the
3 resolution is adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
7 President, I offer three bills.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
9 Thank you.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Bill No. 060001, approved
14 June 8, 2006, relating to the Capital
15 Program for Fiscal Year 2007 through
16 2012 by adding line items for certain
17 capital projects in Fiscal Year 2007.

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

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 authorizing transfers in appropriations
25 for Fiscal Year 2007 from the Grants

1 11/2/06 STATED - INTRO. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS
2 Revenue Fund - Certain or All City
3 Offices, Departments, Boards, and
4 Commissions to the General Fund -
5 Certain or All City Offices,
6 Departments, Boards, and Commissions.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 amending Bill No. 060002, approved
12 June 8, 2006, relating to the Fiscal
13 2007 Capital Budget by adding line items
14 for certain capital projects.

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

18 The Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
21 you, Madam President. Today I offer one
22 resolution.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
24 Thank you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

1 11/2/06 STATED - INTRO. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS
2 read the title of the resolution.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
4 recognizing, honoring, and celebrating
5 Fresh Vision Theater Company for its
6 mission on transforming the lives of
7 young people mostly from the largely
8 African-American community of lower
9 Germantown Philadelphia through the
10 arts.

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

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
15 you, Madam President. I move for the
16 adoption of the resolution.

17 (Motion seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will signify by
22 saying aye.

23 Those opposed?

24 The ayes have it, and the
25 resolution is adopted.

1 11/2/06 STATED - INTRO. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

5 Thank you, Madam President. I offer

6 three resolutions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

8 Thank you.

9 The Chief Clerk will please

10 read the title of the first resolution.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

12 recognizing the 15th annual "My City, My

13 Place Writer Futures Award Event"

14 sponsored by the Philadelphia Department

15 of Behavioral Health and Mental

16 Retardation Services.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

18 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

19 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN: I

20 move for the adoption.

21 (Motion seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

23 has been moved and properly seconded

24 that the resolution be adopted.

25 All those in favor will

1 11/2/06 STATED - INTRO. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS
2 signify by saying aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 They ayes have it, and the
5 resolution is adopted.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 adopting the National League of Cities'
8 City Platform for Strengthening
9 Families.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:
13 Thank you Madam, President. I move for
14 the adoption of the resolution.

15 (Motion seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's
17 been moved and properly seconded that
18 the resolution be adopted.

19 All those in favor will
20 signify by saying aye.

21 Those opposed?

22 The ayes have it, and the
23 resolution is adopted.

24 The Chief Clerk will read the
25 title of the second resolution.

1 11/2/06 STATED - INTRO. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 recognizing the week of November 19th
4 through as "National Family Week" in
5 Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
8 Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:
10 Thank you, Madam President. I move for
11 the adoption of the resolution.

12 (Motion seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's
14 been moved and properly seconded that
15 the resolution be adopted.

16 All those in favor will
17 signify by saying aye.

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it, and the
20 resolution is adopted.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I have no bills or
25 resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chair thanks the gentleman.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilman Ramos.

6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I offer no bills or
8 resolutions today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
10 Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilman DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank
14 you, Madam President. I have no bills
15 or resolutions today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
17 Chair thanks the gentleman.

18 The Chair recognizes
19 Councilman O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank
21 you, Madam President. I have no bills
22 or resolutions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
24 Thank you.

25 The Chair recognizes

1 11/2/06 STATED - INTRO. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS
2 Councilman Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I have three bills and
5 one resolution.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
7 Thank you.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 granting permission Narid Dezi (ph),
12 owner/operator of the newsstand located
13 at the southeast corner of 16th Street
14 and JFK Boulevard.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 approving the third amendment of the
20 Redevelopment Proposal for the American
21 Street Industrial Corridor Urban Renewal
22 Area.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
24 bill will be referred to the appropriate
25 committee.

1 11/2/06 STATED - INTRO. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 approving the 35th Amendment of the
4 Redevelopment Proposal for the Model
5 Cities Urban Renewal Area.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 recognizing and commending elementary
11 Hall Stanton Elementary School for being
12 one of the five schools nationally to be
13 honored by the Education Trust.

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

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
18 the adoption.

19 (Motion seconded.)

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

23 All those in favor will
24 signify by saying aye.

25 Those opposed?

1 11/2/06 STATED - COMMITTEE REPORTS

2 The ayes have it, and the
3 resolution is adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilman Rizzo.

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

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

11 * * *

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 next order of business is reports from
14 committees.

15 At this time, the Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski for a
17 report from the committee on Licenses
18 and Inspections.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
20 you, Madam President.

21 The Committee on Licenses and
22 Inspections reports one bill out with a
23 favorable recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
25 Thank you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read the report.

4 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
5 and members of the Council of the City
6 of Philadelphia:

7 The Committee on Licenses and
8 Inspections, to which was referred Bill
9 No. 060345, entitled, "An ordinance
10 amending Chapter 9-600 of the
11 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Service
12 Businesses' to add new provisions to
13 prohibit the sale from certain retail
14 establishments of blunts, loosies,
15 cigarette papers, cigars, and other
16 items that may be otherwise legal but
17 are not commonly used as drug
18 paraphernalia, under certain terms and
19 conditions" respectfully reports that it
20 has considered and amended the same and
21 returns attached bill to Council with a
22 favorable recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

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2 Madam President, I move that the rules
3 of Council be suspended so as to permit
4 first reading at the next session of
5 Council on Bill 060345.

6 (Motion seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's
8 been moved and properly seconded that
9 the rules of Council be suspended so as
10 to permit first reading this day of the
11 bill just reported from committee.

12 All those in favor will please
13 say aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it, and the bill
16 just read will be placed on our
17 first-reading calendar for today.

18 * * *

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 next order of business is the
21 consideration of the calendar.

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 read the bills on the first-reading
24 calendar.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 060582,

1 11/2/06 STATED - FIRST-READING CALENDAR
2 an ordinance amending Title 14 of the
3 Philadelphia Code entitled "Zoning and
4 Planning," by adding a definition and
5 providing for day care in certain
6 commercial districts and as an accessory
7 use to churches, all under certain terms
8 and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
10 Chair agrees.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
12 060625, an ordinance to amend the
13 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
14 zoning destinations of certain areas of
15 land located within an area bounded by
16 the Delaware River, the Tacony Bridge,
17 Eldridge Street, New State Road, and
18 Magee Avenue.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 Chair agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
22 060631, an ordinance amending Chapter
23 14-400 of the Philadelphia Code,
24 entitled "Commercial Entertainment
25 Districts," by adding requirements for,

1 11/2/06 STATED - FIRST-READING CALENDAR
2 among others things, transportation and
3 parking-management plans.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair agrees.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
7 060635, an ordinance repealing Section 2
8 of an ordinance, Bill No. 050418,
9 approved December 1, 2005, by changing
10 the zoning designations of certain areas
11 of land located within an area bounded
12 by Fairmount Avenue, Canal Street, and
13 Poplar Street.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair agrees.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
17 060345, an ordinance amending Chapter
18 9-600 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
19 "Service Businesses" to add new
20 provisions to prohibit the sale from
21 certain retail establishments of blunts,
22 loosies, cigarette papers, cigars, and
23 other items that may be otherwise legal
24 but that are commonly used as drug
25 paraphernalia, under certain terms and

1 11/2/06 STATED - FIRST-READING CALENDAR
2 conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

4 Thank you.

5 Councilman O'Neill?

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do
8 you care to be recognized at this time?

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I move
10 that the rules of Council be suspended
11 so as to permit an amendment to Bill No.
12 060587.

13 (Motion seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
15 those in favor will signify by saying
16 aye.

17 Those opposed?

18 The ayes have it.

19 The Chair again recognizes
20 Councilman O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
22 President, I would like to offer on
23 behalf of myself and Councilman
24 Krajewski an amendment to Bill No.
25 060582. A copy of the amendment has

1 11/2/06 STATED - FIRST-READING CALENDAR
2 been circulated to all members of the
3 Council.

4 I move the adoption of the
5 amendment.

6 (Motion seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
8 in favor of the motion will indicate by
9 saying aye.

10 Those opposed?

11 The ayes have it, and Bill No.
12 060582 is amended, and this bill will be
13 placed on our second-reading and
14 final-passage calendar for our next
15 session of Council.

16 Again, the Chair recognizes
17 Councilman O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank
19 you, Madam President.

20 I move that the rules of
21 Council be suspended so as to permit an
22 amendment to Bill No. 060345.

23 (Motion seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
25 in favor will signify by saying aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it.

4 And, again, the Chair

5 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

7 President, I would now like to offer an

8 amendment to Bill No. 060345. A copy of

9 the amendment has been circulated to all

10 members of Council, and I move the

11 adoption of the amendment.

12 (Motion seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All

14 those in favor of the motion will please

15 signify by saying aye.

16 Those opposed?

17 The ayes have it, and Bill No.

18 060345 is amended.

19 This bill and all other bills

20 read by the Chief Clerk will be placed

21 on our second-reading and final-passage

22 calendar for our next session.

23 That completes the

24 first-reading calendar.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At

1 11/2/06 STATED - 2ND-READING CALENDAR
2 this time, the Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose
4 of calling bills to be read on the
5 second-reading and final-passage
6 calendar to be considered today.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
8 you, Madam President.

9 Today, we will consider the
10 last four bills on the calendar.
11 Starting on Page 9: Bill No. 060544 and
12 585 are being called up for second
13 reading and final passage, as are the
14 only two bills on Page 10, Bill No.'s
15 060621 and 695.

16 All other bill are being held
17 at this time.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
19 Thank you.

20 At this time, I would ask the
21 Chief Clerk to please read the title of
22 Bill No. 060544.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 approving the third amendment of the
25 Redevelopment reproposal for the

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2 Kingsessing Urban Renewal Area.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
4 bill, having been read, the question now
5 is: Shall the bill pass finally?

6 The clerk will please call the
7 roll.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell?

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Clarke?

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 DiCicco?

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Goode?

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly
21 voting aye.

22 Councilman Kenney?

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Krajewski?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Miller?
5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 O'Neill?
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Ramos?
11 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Reynolds-Brown?
14 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:
15 Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Rizzo?
18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Tasco?
21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Council
23 President Verna?
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
25 The ayes are 14, the nays are

1 11/2/06 STATED - 2ND-READING CALENDAR
2 zero. The bill passes.

3 We will now consider Bill No.
4 060585.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 approving the second amendment of the
7 Redevelopment Proposal for the West
8 Fairhill East Tioga Hunting Park Urban
9 Renewal Area.

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

14 The clerk will please call the
15 roll.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Blackwell?

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Clarke?

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 DiCicco?

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Goode?

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly

5 voting aye.

6 Councilman Kenney?

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Krajewski?

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Miller?

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 O'Neill?

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Ramos?

19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Reynolds-Brown?

22 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Rizzo?

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Tasco?

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Council

7 President Verna?

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read the title of Bill No. 060621.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
16 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
17 changing the zoning designation of
18 certain areas of land located within an
19 area bounded by 57th Street, Market
20 Street, 56th Street, and Chestnut
21 Street.

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

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2 The Chief Clerk will call the
3 roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Blackwell?

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Clarke?

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 DiCicco?

12 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Goode?

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly
17 voting aye.

18 Councilman Kenney?

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Krajewski?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Miller?

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 O'Neill?

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Ramos?

7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Reynolds-Brown?

10 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

11 Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 Rizzo?

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Tasco?

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Council

19 President Verna?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

21 The ayes are 14, the nays are

22 zero. A majority of all members having

23 voted in the affirmative, the bill

24 passes.

25 The last bill to be called for

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2 consideration is Bill No. 060695.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Section 22-310 of the
5 Philadelphia Code entitled "Deferred
6 Retirement Option Plan."

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

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 call the roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell?

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Clarke?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 DiCicco?

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Goode?

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Council

4 President Verna?

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

6 The ayes are 14, the nays are
7 zero. A majority of all members having
8 voted in the affirmative, the bill
9 passes.

10 That completes our calendar
11 for today.

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13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
14 there any speeches on the part of
15 Minority?

16 (No speeches on the part of
17 the Minority.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
19 their any speeches on the part of the
20 Majority?

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 As we all know, Tuesday is

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2 Election Day. In addition to electing
3 three new colleagues to City Council, I
4 would like to briefly outline other
5 things on the ballot.

6 There are three ballot
7 questions; two of them are Charter
8 changes, and I'd like to outline the
9 purpose for Charter change number one.

10 The Philadelphia Home Rule
11 Charter will be changed related to the
12 powers and duties of the Finance
13 Director. The amendment will require
14 the Finance Director to file with the
15 Mayor a brief report on disadvantaged
16 business enterprises at least 30 days
17 before the start of each fiscal year.
18 The report shall include:

19 1. An up-to-date study that
20 analyzes the participation of
21 disadvantaged business enterprises in
22 City contracts for the purchase of goods
23 and services compared to the percentage
24 of qualified disadvantaged business
25 enterprises available to participate in

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2 such contracts. The annual disparity
3 study shall be performed either by the
4 Office of the Director of Finance itself
5 or by contract.

6 2. City contract participation
7 goals for disadvantaged business
8 enterprises for the upcoming fiscal
9 year.

10 To devise the annual
11 participation goal, the Finance Director
12 shall consider:

13 1. The present availability
14 of qualified disadvantaged business
15 enterprises;

16 2. The participation of
17 qualified disadvantaged business
18 enterprises on past contracts;

19 3. A forecast of eligible
20 contracts to be awarded within the
21 fiscal year; and

22 4. The latest disparity
23 study.

24 The purpose of this Charter
25 change is to create more diversity in

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2 city contracting by employing a
3 data-driven method of determining the
4 underutilization of qualified
5 disadvantaged businesses and requiring
6 annual participation goals based on an
7 up-to-date disparity analysis.

8 It should become a Charter
9 mandate duty at the cabinet of the
10 executive branch.

11 In the last fiscal year, the
12 City did about \$600 million in
13 contracting for goods and services with
14 taxpayer dollars. This Charter change
15 is necessary and is a step forward in
16 ensuring fairness in that process and in
17 expanding contract opportunities for
18 Philadelphia businesses.

19 I'm pleased to say that both
20 Chairman Bob Brady of the Democratic
21 Party as well as Vito Canuso of the
22 Republican Party are strongly
23 encouraging voters to vote yes on the
24 ballot question.

25 Unfortunately, that's not the

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2 case in the editorial offered today by
3 the Philadelphia Inquirer on the ballot
4 questions. That editorial states:

5 "Neither of the two City
6 Charter amendments before Philadelphia
7 voters next week would ask to the City's
8 costs, but one requiring the City
9 Finance Director to provide annual data
10 on participation by racial minorities
11 and women-owned businesses for City work
12 hardly meets the criteria for amending
13 the Charter. By all means, every city
14 administration should report on how it
15 assists these businesses but not by a
16 Charter mandate."

17 First of all, the ballot
18 question refers to disadvantaged
19 businesses, but the Inquirer editorial
20 refers to minority and women-owned
21 businesses.

22 The ballot question explicitly
23 states that disadvantaged businesses can
24 be categorized by Council ordinance, but
25 the Inquirer chooses not only to define

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2 it for us but to exclude businesses
3 owned by the disabled.

4 Secondly, the Inquirer
5 editorial only refers to an annual report
6 of participation rates and says nothing
7 about comparing those rates to the
8 availability of qualified businesses and
9 setting new participation goals based on
10 the underutilization of qualified
11 businesses. But, of course, the ballot
12 question does.

13 Third, the Inquirer editorial
14 says that ensuring that the \$600 million
15 in annual contracts of goods and services
16 is done fairly, and expanding contract
17 opportunities to Philadelphia's
18 businesses hardly meets the criteria for
19 amending the Charter.

20 Fourth, the Inquirer editorial
21 refers to the City contracting with
22 qualified minority and woman-owned
23 businesses as assisting these businesses
24 as opposed to utilizing these businesses
25 who are qualified.

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2 Lastly, the Inquirer editorial
3 says that every city administration
4 should do it but not by Charter mandate.

5 If I didn't know better, I
6 would think that we were trapped in the
7 last century. That's like saying that
8 women and people of color should have the
9 right but not by law or Constitutional
10 amendment.

11 That's like saying that
12 neighborhoods and schools should be
13 desegregated but that there's no need for
14 anti-discrimination laws.

15 So we urge the voters of both
16 the Democratic and Republican parties to
17 vote yes on the ballot questions. It's
18 the right thing to do. After all, it is
19 the 21st century.

20 Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

22 You're welcome.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

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2 you, Madam President.

3 I certainly would like to
4 associate myself with the comments made
5 by Councilman Goode.

6 I rise again today, as I do
7 every week to, speak about housing
8 reorganization and how it affects people
9 who live and work in our city.

10 I thought about the group we
11 honored in Council who talked about
12 planning their retirement and wished
13 that this group of people had the
14 opportunity to do the same.

15 One of the individuals who's
16 the vice chair of the second-in-charge
17 of the labor union had to opt to get
18 benefits, the five-year benefits
19 individuals can get, and so he's no
20 longer with us today.

21 And people are really torn.
22 You know, it's union against union,
23 employees being bumped against employees
24 being bumped, and people who have to
25 decide that for the sake of getting

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2 long-term benefits, they're forced to
3 take a drop, in spite of the fact that
4 they're stuck in between retirement age,
5 they're too young to retire and to
6 collect Social Security, and yet in the
7 work world, they're 40 and 50 and 53 and
8 54 years old and certainly don't know
9 where they will go and where they will
10 be able to be employed.

11 As we've said before -- only
12 last week, it was two people that we
13 knew of that were reported who had
14 positions and albeit I know that the
15 Mayor and other members of his
16 administration have contacted others,
17 but we're really, really stuck in terms
18 of people being able to fairly receive
19 other jobs in exchange for their, in
20 many cases, 36 years, 35 years, and 34
21 years of service to our city.

22 So we will be meeting again.
23 I'll be meeting with Kevin Hannah and
24 another member of the board, the RDA
25 Board, this afternoon.

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2 We're hopeful that, as always,
3 that as we speak out for people, that
4 you would do your best to certainly
5 continue to support the fact that people
6 deserve a right, given their lives of
7 service to the city, to be treated
8 fairly, to have a place to go to, and to
9 not feel that the city that they served
10 and the City Council that they served so
11 well is a part of pushing them out on
12 the street so that they don't know what
13 to do to support themselves and their
14 families.

15 So we will keep you posted.
16 We'll come to the podium again at our
17 next session.

18 And thank you very much.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

20 You're welcome.

21 Are there any other speeches
22 on the part of the Majority?

23 (No further speeches.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

25 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to
3 adjourn.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
5 President, I move that Council stand
6 adjourned until November 16, 2006.

7 (Motion seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
9 has been moved and seconded that Council
10 stand adjourned until Thursday, November
11 16th at 10 a.m.

12 All in favor will please say
13 aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it. The motion
16 carries.

17 Thank you very much.

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