

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 4, 2009
10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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

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

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair welcomes Pastor Keon
12 Gerow of the Catalyst for Change Church.
13 He is here today as the guest of
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

17 (Members and guests rise.)

18 PASTOR GEROW: We can assume
19 the position and posture of prayer.

20 Our great God who has brought
21 us from a mighty long way, we give you
22 praise, adoration and thanks for who you
23 are and what you're doing in the lives of
24 these, your people, here in the City of
25 Philadelphia. How grateful we are and

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2 humbled, honored even, that you would
3 give us breath in our bodies and the
4 activities of our limbs on this day.

5 God, we pray for every City
6 Council member here. We pray that you
7 will raise up leaders of integrity,
8 morals and ethics to lead this city into
9 a brighter tomorrow.

10 God, we pray for the young
11 people that are gathered here today from
12 Imhotep. Thank you for their victory and
13 championship, not only on the field but
14 also in the classroom.

15 God, we pause to remember,
16 reflect and pray for the young daughter
17 of our community, small, precious,
18 innocent 11-year-old girl who was
19 brutally raped at the hands of her
20 perpetrator and predator. God, we pray
21 for healing in her body, healing in her
22 emotions, healing in her mind. We pray
23 that the community will gather around her
24 to love her, to be there for her, and we
25 pray that justice would take place. We

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2 pray that justice will roll down like a
3 mighty river and righteousness like a
4 mighty stream.

5 Now, God, continue to be
6 glorified here in the Chambers. Touch
7 every single individual gathered here on
8 today. And we thank you for unity across
9 the aisles.

10 We pray for our President and
11 every elected leader in the federal
12 government. We pray that you would give
13 them vision that's unparalleled. And we
14 give you praise for what you're going to
15 do in advance.

16 In Jesus' name, amen.

17 (Amen.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair thanks Pastor Gerow for his
20 inspiring invocation.

21 Council will be at ease.

22 (Council at ease.)

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 21st, 2009, and the Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I move that the Journal
6 of the meeting of Thursday, May 21st,
7 2009 stand approved.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
10 has been moved and properly seconded that
11 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
12 May 21st, 2009 stand approved.

13 All in favor will indicate by
14 saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 ayes have it, and the Journal is
21 approved.

22 The next order of business is
23 requests for leave of absence, and,
24 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Tasco.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
3 Madam President. On behalf of the
4 majority, a leave of absence is requested
5 for Councilman Bill Green.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you. Leave will be granted.

8 The Chair now recognizes
9 Councilman O'Neill.

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

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

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

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2 At this time, the Chair
3 recognizes Councilman O'Neill, who will
4 present a resolution honoring someone we
5 all know very well, Charles Isdell, Jr.,
6 on the occasion of his retirement.

7 Would Mr. Isdell and those
8 accompanying him please join the
9 Councilman at the podium.

10 I see that Councilwoman Tasco
11 is being joined by Councilman O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
13 President, Charlie's former colleagues at
14 the Airport, I'd ask them to come up and
15 join Charlie.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: By
17 all means.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Charlie
19 may be surprised this many people came on
20 their own. We are not.

21 I think the Airport has shut
22 down --

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Who
24 is watching the store?

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: The

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2 Airport has shut down until noon, I
3 believe.

4 This is a resolution honoring
5 Charles Isdell, Jr. on his retirement.

6 Whereas, the Council of the
7 City of Philadelphia is pleased to
8 recognize and honor Charles Isdell, Jr.
9 on the occasion of his retirement
10 following a distinguished career of 37
11 years service to the citizens of
12 Philadelphia;

13 Whereas, Charles Isdell, Jr.
14 has served as Director of Aviation since
15 2000; and

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,
17 during his time as Director of Aviation,
18 Philadelphia International Airport ranked
19 highest in customer satisfaction for
20 large airports in J.D. Power and
21 Associates' 2008 North American Airport
22 Satisfaction Study; and

23 Whereas, Charles Isdell, Jr.
24 oversaw a master plan for the
25 construction of new international and

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2 commuter terminals, and the opening of a
3 connector building between Terminals D
4 and E; and

5 Whereas, Charles Isdell, Jr.
6 has worked at the Airport since 1993,
7 following a successful career with
8 assignments as City purchasing agent,
9 Acting Director of what is now the
10 Greater Philadelphia Film Office and as
11 Manager of the City Representative's
12 Office; and

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Whereas,
14 Charles Isdell, Jr. has served the public
15 with energy, commitment and fidelity. He
16 has earned high praise for his efforts
17 and the esteem of both his peers and
18 staff.

19 Now, therefore, resolved by the
20 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that
21 we recognize and honor Charles Isdell,
22 Jr. on the occasion of his retirement
23 after 37 years of outstanding service to
24 the citizens of our region and the City
25 of Philadelphia.

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2 Further resolved, that an
3 engrossed copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Charles Isdell, Jr.
5 evidencing the sincere sentiment of this
6 legislative body.

7 This is a certification that
8 this is a true and correct copy of the
9 original resolution, adopted by the
10 Council of the City of Philadelphia on
11 the 22nd day of January 2009. Signed by
12 all Councilmembers and especially Council
13 President Anna Verna.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 (Applause.)

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

19 MR. ISDELL: First, let me say
20 thank you to Councilman O'Neill and
21 Councilwoman Tasco, President Verna, all
22 the members of City Council. So many
23 times over the years we have appeared
24 before this body asking for your help,
25 for your support, budgetary, capital

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2 programs, and the support has always been
3 there for the Airport, and on behalf of
4 the Airport and myself, I want to thank
5 you sincerely from the bottom of my heart
6 for the wonderful treatment that we've
7 always experienced here in City Council.

8 I want to thank my wife, Nancy,
9 for being with me today.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. ISDELL: For helping me to
12 get to this point.

13 And I really want to say, as
14 I've said to some of the high school
15 students that I'm going to be teaching
16 and have been teaching recently, that the
17 fact that I became the Director of
18 Aviation for the City of Philadelphia is
19 proof that any one of them could become
20 the Director of Aviation or similar
21 position in the City government or
22 elsewhere. I'm just a kid from Mayfair
23 who had a lot of support, a lot of help.

24 I see Deputy Mayor Cutler out
25 there. Thank you.

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2 I see my sister, Marie.

3 Thanks, Marie.

4 Mark Gale, the person who is
5 running the Airport today.

6 And without taking up too much
7 of your time, I would say that when I
8 moved to the Airport after 17 years
9 working for various City departments in
10 Center City, the thing that changed my
11 life was meeting other Airport employees
12 like Mark Gale and like some of the
13 people behind me today, highly motivated,
14 caring City employees, self-motivated,
15 who wanted to make our airport and our
16 city a better place. Because of them, I
17 began to study airport management,
18 airport security and other things,
19 because I wanted to be like them.

20 So thank you to all of you.

21 Thanks to everybody who is here today,
22 and God bless you.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

25 Council will be at ease.

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2 (Council at ease.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Brown,
5 who will present a resolution recognizing
6 Philadelphia native Ms. Hudes.

7 Will Ms. Hudes and those
8 accompanying her please join the
9 Councilwoman at the podium.

10 I see that Councilwoman Brown
11 is being joined by Councilwoman Sanchez.

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 Madam President, colleagues and
17 guests, I have come to know Quiara
18 because of one of my favorite arts and
19 cultural institutions here in the City
20 known as Philadelphia Young Playwrights,
21 and what the Philadelphia Young
22 Playwrights teaches young people is that
23 they have a voice worth hearing. They
24 encourage them to make it heard by
25 writing a play.

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2 So Quiara is one of the alum of
3 the Philadelphia Young Playwrights
4 program, and since her wonderful work
5 there, we should be proud to know that
6 she was nominated for a Tony award for
7 writing the book and the Broadway
8 musical -- who goes to Broadway?

9 (Some audience members raising
10 their hands.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Who has
12 seen In the Heights currently playing on
13 Broadway?

14 (Some audience members raising
15 their hands.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Today with
17 us is the writer of In the Heights.
18 She's the winner of the Lucille Lortel
19 Award, Best Musical; Outer Critics Circle
20 Award for Best Musical; 2008 Tony Award,
21 Best Musical; 2008 Grammy Award for Best
22 Musical; and just this year she is a
23 finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for
24 Drama. Philadelphia has every reason to
25 be proud.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: It gives
3 me great pleasure because I'm related to
4 Quiara and she is a fabulous human being
5 and I think a product of not only
6 Philadelphia but of the potential that
7 exists within the Puerto Rican/Latino
8 community. So it gives me great honor to
9 share the stage with my colleague in
10 honoring and recognizing Quiara for all
11 her work at such a young age, and we know
12 she's going to do more fabulous things.
13 And when she gets more famous, we might
14 not be able to get her back in Council,
15 so we wanted to get this in.

16 Recognizing playwright and
17 Philadelphia native Quiara Alegria Hudes
18 on the Broadway debut of her musical In
19 the Heights.

20 Whereas, Playwright Quiara
21 Alegria Hudes is a proud Philadelphia
22 native and a graduate of the Philadelphia
23 public school system; and

24 Whereas, Quiara is the daughter
25 of community activist Virginia Sanchez,

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2 my sister-in-law, and the stepdaughter of
3 my brother-in-law, Mercedes "Sedo"
4 Sanchez, and the older sister of
5 Gabriella, an aspiring actress who
6 currently attends Philadelphia's Creative
7 and Performing Arts High School;

8 Whereas, Quiara is happily
9 married to her soulmate, Ray Beauchamp,
10 and together they share a beautiful
11 daughter, Cecilia, and reside in the
12 Northern Liberties section our city;

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
14 Quiara has received much acclaim and has
15 been highlighted in Latina magazine as
16 one of the top young Latinas to watch;
17 and

18 Whereas, Quiara's theatrical
19 work draws heavily on the rich Puerto
20 Rican/Latino heritage of Philadelphia and
21 her experiences growing up in a large
22 extended family in our city; and

23 Whereas, the spirit and energy
24 of Philadelphia's neighborhoods are
25 strongly present in the recent play In

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2 the Heights; and

3 Whereas, In the Heights made
4 its Broadway debut at the Richard Rogers
5 Theatre on Sunday, March 9th, 2008; and

6 Whereas, In the Heights has
7 been met with ecstatic audiences and
8 critical acclaim from such papers as the
9 Philadelphia Inquirer and the New York
10 Times;

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Be it
12 resolved that the Council of the City of
13 Philadelphia hereby recognizes and
14 celebrates Quiara Alegria Hudes on her
15 achievements in the arts and applauds the
16 success of her play In the Heights. May
17 her story and work be an inspiration to
18 all young aspiring artists in
19 Philadelphia for years to come.

20 Further resolved, that an
21 engrossed copy will be presented to
22 Quiara as evidence of the sincere
23 sentiments and recognition of this
24 legislative body.

25 Muchas felicidades.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Ms. Hudes for remarks.

5 MS. HUDES: Thank you so much,
6 Councilwomen. I'm so honored to be in
7 your presence. You're both absolutely
8 role models for me and many other
9 aspiring community leaders here. I do it
10 through writing. You guys do it through
11 government. But thank you both so much.

12 I love the City of
13 Philadelphia. This is incredible for me.
14 I was born and raised in West Philly.
15 The soulmate they mentioned, we met at
16 Central High in the class of 254. We've
17 lived all over the City. We're now
18 mostly residing in New York. So I'm
19 doing my best to represent the City of
20 Philadelphia there. Definitely have not
21 turned into a Mets or Yankees fan yet.
22 Don't plan on it.

23 But I want to thank my family.
24 My husband's parents are here, my parents
25 are here, the staff of Philadelphia Young

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2 Playwrights. When I was in 10th grade,
3 they helped me to write and produce my
4 first play, and 16 years later I have a
5 play opened on Broadway. So it's been a
6 wonderful story.

7 I continue to write about the
8 City of Philadelphia and all of its many,
9 many wonderful neighborhoods, like West
10 Philly and North Philly and Chinatown
11 and --

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: South
13 Philly.

14 MS. HUDES: South Philly,
15 absolutely. Italian Market. Check that
16 out in my next -- I have an upcoming
17 children's book about the City of
18 Philadelphia that includes the Italian
19 Market in it, a family who works there,
20 Fontaise, Hollywood Meat Market.

21 So thank you all so much. I'm
22 very, very proud to be in this room
23 today. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 MS. HUDES: And I do -- the

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2 Councilwoman is telling me that I should
3 let you guys know I have a children's
4 musical called Barrio Grrrl opening at
5 the Kennedy Center for the Performing
6 Arts in October, and that is about a girl
7 from North Philly who just tries to save
8 every broken heart on her block. So keep
9 your eye out for that, too.

10 Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

13 Mr. Knapp, please approach the podium.

14 MR. KNAPP: Thank you very
15 much, Madam President.

16 Thank you, Councilwomen.

17 Thank you, Quiara.

18 On behalf of Young Playwrights,
19 I can say it's a very fortunate day for
20 us indeed to be sharing this date with
21 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown, who
22 is our inspiration for always putting the
23 needs of children first, and, of course,
24 the amazing and wonderful Quiara Alegria
25 Hudes, who we've come to know not only as

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2 an extraordinary artist and one of
3 America's finest playwrights right now in
4 musical theatre artists, but also for her
5 modesty and grace, and the enthusiasm
6 with which she gives back to her
7 community and specifically to young
8 people is admirable and a model for us
9 all.

10 Thank you for the recognition
11 today of Young Playwrights. Every young
12 person has an important voice worth
13 hearing.

14 Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
17 you.

18 Council will be at ease.

19 (Council at ease.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: At
21 this time, the Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Miller, who will present a
23 resolution recognizing Imhotep Charter
24 School.

25 Will Mr. Wiggins and those

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2 accompanying him please the Councilwoman
3 at the podium.

4 I'm sorry. That's
5 Mrs. Wiggins. I apologize.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I see
8 that Councilwoman Miller is being joined
9 by Councilwoman Tasco, Councilwoman Brown
10 and Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Clarke -- I'm sorry;
13 Councilwoman Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
15 you. Thank you, Madam President.

16 Good morning, everyone. It's
17 certainly an honor to recognize Imhotep.
18 Imhotep is actually one of the, I
19 believe, premiere charter schools, and
20 there's data to support that here in
21 Philadelphia. For nine years in a row,
22 the entire graduating class -- that's 100
23 percent of the graduating class -- has
24 moved on to post secondary education.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
3 you. This morning, though, we're
4 honoring and recognizing the Imhotep
5 Institute Charter School as the 2009
6 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic
7 Association State Boys Basketball
8 Champions.

9 Whereas, Imhotep Institute
10 Charter School is an African-centered
11 science, math and technology learning
12 center located in the 8th Council
13 District;

14 Whereas, Imhotep Institute
15 formed its first basketball team in its
16 2005 and 2006 season; and

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:
18 Whereas, on September 19th, 2008, Imhotep
19 celebrated the opening of their first
20 basketball court on school property; and

21 Whereas, in the 2008-2009
22 season, under the leadership of Head
23 Coach Andre Noble, Imhotep was victorious
24 in all but one game; and

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,

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2 Imhotep went on to win the Philadelphia
3 Public League Championship and District
4 8-2A City Championship; and

5 Whereas, on Saturday, March 21,
6 2009 at Penn State's Bryce Jordan
7 Center -- any Penn Staters in here -- the
8 Imhotep Panthers defeated Pittsburgh
9 North Catholic High School Trojans in
10 double overtime, 76 to 67; and

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas,
12 five Panther players scored double
13 digits - seniors Sam Prescott, 21
14 points --

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: -- Kenny
17 Battle, 12 points --

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: -- Will
20 Adams, 11 points --

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: -- Parrish
23 Grant, 10 points --

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: -- and

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2 sophomore David Appolon, 15 points.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: And

5 whereas, not only is Imhotep Institute

6 Charter School the home of 2009 State

7 Basketball Champions, they have succeeded

8 in academics as well, boasting a 100

9 percent graduation rate for seven

10 straight years since 2002.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Now,

13 therefore, be it

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Resolved,

15 by the Council of the City of

16 Philadelphia, that Council hereby

17 authorizes, honors and recognizes Imhotep

18 Institute Charter School as the 2009 PIAA

19 State Boys Basketball Champions.

20 Certification, this is a true

21 and correct copy of the original

22 resolution, adopted by the Council of the

23 City of Philadelphia on the 13th day of

24 April 2009. Signed by Anna C. Verna,

25 President of City Council. Introduced by

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2 Donna Reed Miller, Blondell Reynolds
3 Brown, Jannie Blackwell and Marian Tasco,
4 and co-sponsored by all members of City
5 Council.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 Chair recognizes Mrs. Wiggins for
9 remarks.

10 MS. WIGGINS: It is with
11 extreme honor that I said this, I need my
12 students to understand that it is very
13 helpful for me, because I cannot do
14 anything except try to be a woman of
15 excellence, when I'm surrounded by these
16 women of excellence that are role models
17 for me, and that's why I have to be the
18 best woman I can in trying to design a
19 school that educates children and works
20 for excellence.

21 To all that are here,
22 understand that Imhotep Institute Charter
23 High School just moved into a \$10 million
24 facility, built in this city in an area
25 that supposedly is a blight area, all

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2 union built, all empowering young
3 businesses to be supportive. And in that
4 building are 525 outstanding young
5 people. With us today, we also brought
6 this year's graduating class. Again, 100
7 percent graduation, 100 percent going on
8 to post secondary.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. WIGGINS: And I must make
11 sure that I say with my outstanding coach
12 that he educated me that to have all
13 three of these championships in one year
14 has never happened in the City of
15 Philadelphia or in the history, to have
16 one high school to win all three. And
17 just for Philadelphia, my coach decided
18 when we were playing against Pittsburgh,
19 Philadelphia had to bring that trophy
20 home. So that's why we worked hard.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. WIGGINS: First of all --
23 Coach, come and help me -- this is the
24 Public League Championship trophy, and it
25 really is historical. It's passed on,

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2 and it goes back to 1916. And it's
3 passed from school to school to school.
4 My team this year is already trying to
5 make sure that it doesn't go anywhere for
6 next year.

7 This one is the State
8 Championship trophy, and then in the
9 front is the plaque, which is the
10 Philadelphia City Championship trophy.
11 All of them we have at the school. We
12 had to go and buy a trophy case just for
13 all of that.

14 At this time, we would like all
15 Imhotep Institute Charter High School
16 senior class to stand.

17 (Senior class standing.)

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. WIGGINS: We also want to
20 call one name out at this time. There is
21 one basketball player missing, but we
22 want to acknowledge Will Adams. If you
23 don't know, Will Adams played that hard
24 game not knowing that he had
25 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and is in

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2 treatment right now, so he's not with us,
3 but that's why we want to call his name.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

6 Council will be at ease.

7 (Council at ease.)

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

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

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
16 and members of the Council of the City of
17 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
18 that on May 27th and June 3rd, 2009, I
19 signed all of the bills that were passed
20 by Council at its session on May 21st,
21 2009, except Bill No. 090244; and

22 I am transmitting herewith for
23 the introduction and consideration of
24 your honorable body an ordinance
25 authorizing the revision of lines and

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2 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 55

3 by striking from the City Plan Duncan

4 Street from Aramingo Avenue to the

5 Delaware Expressway; and

6 An ordinance authorizing the
7 revision of lines and grades on a portion
8 of City Plan Nos. 63 and 67 by relocating
9 the northeasterly and southwesterly
10 curblines of Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

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

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

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

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you very much.

21 The next order of business is
22 the introduction of bills and
23 resolutions.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
3 Madam President. On behalf of myself,
4 Councilmembers DiCicco and Green, I offer
5 one resolution.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 authorizing the Committee on Legislative
12 Oversight to hold public hearings to
13 explore the opportunity to implement a
14 permanent SCOPE project to create a
15 simplified and cost-effective process for
16 putting vacant and underutilized
17 City-owned properties back into
18 productive use.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
25 has been moved and seconded.

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2 All in favor will indicate by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 ayes have it, and the resolution will be
10 referred to the appropriate committee.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
14 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
15 one bill and five resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
17 you.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Chapter 9-400 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Carriers,"
23 by adding a new Section 9-408, entitled
24 "Multi-Seat Pedalcycles," to provide for
25 the licensing and regulation of

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2 businesses operating multi-seat
3 pedalcycles for hire, all under certain
4 terms and conditions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
6 bill will be referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 recognizing the service of Jettie D.
10 Newkirk, Esquire, on the Board of the
11 Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation
12 Authority.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Madam President. This is
17 co-sponsored by Councilman Jones,
18 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown, and
19 I move for its adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will indicate by
25 saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

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 recognizing June 8, 2009 as "Homeless
11 Children and Youth Day," and
12 congratulating Dr. Ellen Bassuk of the
13 National Center on Family Homelessness
14 and the Family Service Provider Network
15 for leadership on the problem of homeless
16 children and youth.

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

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

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 approving the University of
12 Pennsylvania's proposed amendment to the
13 Institutional Development District Master
14 Plan pursuant to Chapter 14-1107 of The
15 Philadelphia Code relating to "Zoning and
16 Planning."

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

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will indicate by
4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
14 Property to execute and deliver to the
15 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
16 the 24th, 51st and 60th Wards of the City
17 of Philadelphia.

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

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
13 Property to execute and deliver to the
14 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
15 the 3rd Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

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

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

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will say aye.

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2 (Aye.)

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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Greenlee.

11 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
12 you, Madam President. I offer one bill.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
15 the bill.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia
18 Code, entitled "Finance, Taxes and
19 Collections," by adding a new Chapter
20 providing for the recovery of enhanced
21 monetary damages for persons who file
22 false or fraudulent claims with the City.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Krajewski.

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

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 read the title.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 authorizing the revision of lines and
12 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 55
13 by striking from the City Plan Duncan
14 Street from Aramingo Avenue to the
15 Delaware Expressway.

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

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
22 President, I offer two bills on my
23 behalf, one resolution on behalf of the
24 Administration and two resolutions on
25 your behalf.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you.

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

6 COUNCILWOMAN Tascio: I'm sorry.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia
9 Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," by adding
10 a new chapter with provisions relating to
11 how and when required notices shall be
12 published and advertised.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 amending Section 9-213 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers'
19 Markets," by adding as a permissible
20 location the east side of Wadsworth
21 Avenue.

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

25 COUNCILWOMAN Tascio: Madam

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2 President, point of order, please. We
3 sent out one resolution we shouldn't
4 have. Would you get it, the
5 Administration's resolution. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

7 You're welcome.

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 36th Ward of the City of
13 Philadelphia.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
16 motion.

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
9 Property to execute and deliver to the
10 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
11 the 36th and 40th Wards of the City of
12 Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
14 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Tasco.

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

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

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
9 you, Madam President. Today I have one
10 resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
12 you.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 honoring and recognizing Stenton Park
17 Blue Bandits Soccer Team for capturing
18 the 2009 inaugural Philadelphia Parking
19 Authority/Department of Recreation Indoor
20 Soccer Championship.

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

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

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

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

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Sanchez.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
16 you, Madam President. I have two
17 resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
19 you.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 honoring the Philadelphia Portuguese
24 Heritage Commission on the commemoration
25 of Portuguese Day.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
5 you. I move for the adoption.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I
7 hear a second?

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 ayes have it and the resolution is
19 adopted.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
22 Property to execute and deliver to the
23 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
24 the 7th, 19th, 23rd, 33rd and 37th Wards
25 of the City of Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

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

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will indicate by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 ayes have it and the resolution is
19 adopted.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I have two resolutions,
24 one co-sponsored by yourself, Councilman
25 Goode, Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell and

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2 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller, and then
3 a second co-sponsored by Councilwoman
4 Donna Reed Miller.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 recognizing and celebrating the 20th
11 anniversary of the Father's Day Rally
12 Committee in their efforts to promote
13 positive programs and activities for the
14 African American male population of our
15 great city.

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

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move for the
20 adoption.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will say aye.

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2 (Aye.)

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 recognizing and celebrating the
11 Philadelphia Tribune on the occasion of
12 its 125th anniversary serving the African
13 American community in the Greater
14 Philadelphia area.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

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

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Goode.

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

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
16 Madam President. No bills or resolutions
17 today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
19 Councilman DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
21 Madam President. One resolution.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
23 you.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

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2 Property to execute and deliver to the
3 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
4 the 2nd Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

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

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I move for the adoption
9 of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will indicate by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

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2 President, I have no bills or
3 resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
5 Chair thanks the gentleman.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I have four bills. One
10 of the bills is co-sponsored by
11 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown and
12 Councilman Curtis Jones.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
14 you.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 authorizing the Commission on Parks and
17 Recreation to establish Regional Parks
18 and Recreation Advisory Committees, and
19 providing for the powers and
20 responsibilities, and composition, of
21 said Committees; all under certain terms
22 and conditions.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 authorizing the revision of lines and
4 grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 63
5 and 67 by relocating the northeasterly
6 and southwesterly curblines of Benjamin
7 Franklin Parkway.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
12 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
13 changing the zoning designations of
14 certain areas of land located within an
15 area bounded by Ridge Avenue, Sedgley
16 Avenue, Diamond Street and Glennwood
17 Avenue.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 amending Bill No. 080588, approved
23 December 22nd, 2008, entitled "An
24 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
25 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning

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2 designations of certain areas of land

3 located within an area bounded by Arch

4 Street, 18th Street, Cuthbert Street and

5 19th Street."

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This

7 bill will be referred to the appropriate

8 committee.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman

10 Kelly.

11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam

12 President, I offer one privileged

13 resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

15 Chief Clerk will please read the

16 resolution.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

18 honoring Philadelphia Police Detective

19 Robert B. Ballentine, Jr., Badge No.

20 9063, on the occasion of his retirement

21 from the Philadelphia Police Department.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

23 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman

24 Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam

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2 President, I move for the adoption.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

5 has been moved and seconded that the

6 resolution be adopted.

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

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 Rizzo.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam

18 President, two resolutions today.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

20 you.

21 The Chief Clerk will please

22 read the title of the first resolution.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

24 recognizing, honoring, celebrating and

25 thanking the Philadelphia African Baptist

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2 Church of Philadelphia for its invaluable
3 contributions to the City of Philadelphia
4 on the occasion of its 200th anniversary.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 resolution -- I believe that's in my
7 district. You did have me cosign it; did
8 you not?

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Yes. I
10 brought it up to you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Rizzo.

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
16 President, I move the adoption of this
17 resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 recognizing, honoring and celebrating the
8 insulators and allied workers, Local 14,
9 a Philadelphia-based organization of
10 skilled workers, for its invaluable
11 contributions to the public and to the
12 commercial infrastructure in the City of
13 Philadelphia.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
17 President, I move for the adoption of
18 this resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

5 ayes have it and the resolution is

6 adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes

8 Councilwoman Krajewski.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank

10 you, Madam President. I'd just like to

11 take a moment. I'd like to welcome Ryan

12 Petteroff today to City Council. He's

13 visiting with his grandmother, Pat

14 Petteroff. Many of us remember the late

15 great Fran Petteroff Egan, who was one of

16 our best State Reps from Northeast

17 Philadelphia and also was our L&I

18 Commissioner. Ryan is her nephew, and I

19 want him and the Petteroff family to know

20 that we miss his Aunt Fran greatly and

21 miss her service to the City of

22 Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

24 you.

25 If you would stand, we'd like

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2 to welcome you. Welcome.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 next order of business is reports from
6 committees, and the Chair recognizes
7 Councilman Kenney for a report from the
8 Committee on Rules.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
10 Madam President. The Committee on Rules
11 reports out ten bills with favorable
12 recommendations.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 read the report.

17 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
18 and members of the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
20 which was referred Bill No. 090128,
21 entitled "An ordinance continuing the
22 East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement
23 District beyond its termination date";
24 and

25 Bill No. 090169, entitled "An

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2 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
3 Zoning Maps located in an area bounded by
4 Berks Street, Delaware Avenue, Market
5 Street and Interstate 95"; and

6 Bill No. 090170, entitled "An
7 ordinance amending Title 14 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Zoning and
9 Planning,' by adding a new Section
10 14-1636, entitled 'Central Delaware
11 Riverfront Overlay District'"; and

12 Bill No. 090348, entitled "An
13 ordinance amending Title 14 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Zoning and
15 Planning,' by amending Section 14-1619,
16 entitled 'Frankford Avenue Special
17 District Controls'"; and

18 Bill No. 090349, entitled "An
19 ordinance amending Title 14 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Zoning and
21 Planning,' by creating a new Section
22 14-1636, entitled 'Delaware River
23 Conservation District'"; and

24 Bill No. 090354, entitled "An
25 ordinance amending Chapter 14-400 of The

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Commercial
3 Entertainment District'; and

4 Bill No. 090359, entitled "An
5 ordinance authorizing the revision of
6 lines and grades on a portion of City
7 Plan Nos. 146 and 271 by striking from
8 the City Plan and vacating Shackamaxon
9 Street from Delaware Avenue
10 southeastwardly"; and

11 Bill No. 090381, entitled "An
12 ordinance amending the Philadelphia
13 Zoning Maps located within an area
14 bounded by Broad Street, Delaware
15 Expressway, Pattison Avenue, Packer
16 Avenue"; and

17 Bill No. 090392, entitled "An
18 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
19 Zoning Maps located within an area
20 bounded by Wyoming Avenue, Ramona Avenue,
21 Adams Avenue and Castor Avenue"; and

22 Bill No. 090408, entitled "An
23 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
24 Zoning Maps located approximately 220
25 feet north of Cumberland Street, the

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2 Delaware River, a line located
3 approximately 328 feet south of Berks
4 Street, Beach Street, Richmond Street,
5 Schirra Drive, Beach Street and
6 Cumberland Street," respectfully reports
7 it has considered the same and returns
8 the attached bills to Council with a
9 favorable recommendation.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Kenney.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I move the rules of
16 Council be suspended so as to permit
17 first reading this day of Bill Nos.
18 090128, 169, 170, 348, 349, 354, 359,
19 381, 392 and 408.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
22 has been moved and properly seconded that
23 the rules of Council be suspended so as
24 to permit first reading this day of the
25 bills just reported from committee.

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 ayes have it, and the bills just read
9 will be placed on our First Reading
10 Calendar for today.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the
13 Committee on Finance.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
15 President, the Committee on Finance
16 reports out three bills and one
17 resolution with a favorable
18 recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 read the report.

23 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
24 and members of the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, the Committee on Finance,

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2 to which was referred Bill No. 090288,
3 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the
4 Commerce Director to file an application
5 with the Commonwealth's Department of
6 Community and Economic Development under
7 the Main Street Program in an aggregate
8 amount not to exceed \$1 million to assist
9 in the revitalization of the Lancaster
10 Avenue Commercial Corridor"; and

11 Bill No. 090352, entitled "An
12 ordinance authorizing the Office of City
13 Treasurer, on behalf of the City, to
14 enter into an agreement with Wachovia
15 Bank"; and

16 Bill No. 090437, entitled "An
17 ordinance authorizing the Director of
18 Housing, on behalf of the City, to file
19 applications with the United States
20 Department of Housing and Urban
21 Development for a Community Development
22 Block Grant"; and

23 Resolution No. 090451,
24 approving the City's Substantial
25 Amendment to the Year 34 Consolidated

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2 Plan and application to the United States
3 Department of Housing and Urban
4 Development for \$14,046,629 in additional
5 Community Development Block Grant
6 funding," respectfully reports it has
7 considered and amended the same and
8 returns the attached resolution and bills
9 to Council with a favorable
10 recommendation.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Tasco.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
16 President, I move that the rules of
17 Council be suspended so as to permit
18 first reading this day of the bills just
19 reported from the committee.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
22 has been moved and properly seconded that
23 the rules of Council be suspended so as
24 to permit first reading this day of the
25 bills just reported from committee.

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 ayes have it, and the bills just read
9 will be placed on our First Reading
10 Calendar for today. Resolution No.
11 090451 will be considered at the end of
12 today's Calendar.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Clarke for a report from the Committee on
15 Public Property and Public Works.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
17 Madam President. The Committee on Public
18 Property and Public Works reports two
19 bills and one resolution with favorable
20 recommendations.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the report.

25 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

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2 and members of the Council of the City of
3 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public
4 Property and Public Works, to which was
5 referred Bill No. 090289, entitled "An
6 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
7 Public Property, on behalf of the City,
8 to acquire fee simple title, or a lesser
9 interest in real estate, in parcels of
10 land along the Delaware River and the K&T
11 Trail"; and

12 Bill No. 090361, entitled "An
13 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
14 Public Property and the Procurement
15 Commissioner, on behalf of the City, to
16 enter into an agreement with Motorola for
17 the upgrade of the City's 800 megahertz
18 trunked municipal radio communications
19 system"; and

20 A resolution approving the City
21 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Emergency
22 9-1-1 2008 Triennial Plan as an amendment
23 to the City's 9-1-1 Plan, as required by
24 the Pennsylvania Public Safety Emergency
25 Telephone Act," respectfully reports it

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2 has considered and amended the same and
3 returns the attached bills and resolution
4 to Council with a favorable
5 recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
11 President, I move that the rules of
12 Council be suspended so as to permit
13 first reading this day of Bill Nos.
14 090289 and 090361.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
17 has been moved and properly seconded that
18 the rules of Council be suspended so as
19 to permit first reading this day of the
20 bills just reported from committee.

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 ayes have it, and the bills just read
4 will be placed on our First Reading
5 Calendar for today. Resolution No.
6 090423 will be considered at the end of
7 today's Calendar.

8 At this time, the Chair
9 recognizes Councilman DiCicco for a
10 report from the Committee on Streets and
11 Services.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
13 Madam President. The Committee on
14 Streets and Services reports 25 bills out
15 with a favorable recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 read the report.

20 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
21 and members of the Council of the City of
22 Philadelphia, the Committee on Streets
23 and Services, to which was referred Bill
24 No. 090122, entitled "An ordinance
25 amending Section 9-604 of The

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Refuse
3 Collection,' by increasing the annual
4 license fee for the various licenses
5 required by that Section"; and

6 Bill No. 090123, entitled "An
7 ordinance amending the provisions of The
8 Philadelphia Code regulating dumpsters,
9 all under certain terms and conditions";
10 and

11 Bill No. 090259, entitled "An
12 ordinance authorizing William Schoepe to
13 construct, own and maintain an open-air
14 sidewalk cafe at 4000 Spruce Street"; and

15 Bill No. 090262, entitled "An
16 ordinance amending Section 9-211 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Boxes for
18 the Distribution of News and Printed
19 Material'"; and

20 Bill No. 090266, entitled "An
21 ordinance authorizing Dahlia Osman to
22 construct, own and maintain an open-air
23 sidewalk cafe at 1001 South 10th Street";
24 and

25 Bill No. 090290, entitled "An

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2 ordinance authorizing the revision of
3 lines and grades on a portion of City
4 Plan No. 46-S within an area bounded by
5 26th Street, the Schuylkill Expressway
6 and Penrose Avenue"; and

7 Bill No. 090291, entitled "An
8 ordinance establishing a no parking
9 regulation on the 5200 block of Marshall
10 Street, from Fisher Avenue to Duncannon
11 Avenue"; and

12 Bill No. 090320, entitled "An
13 ordinance authorizing the installation of
14 a traffic signal at the intersection of
15 7th Street and Godfrey Avenue"; and

16 Bill No. 090329, entitled "An
17 ordinance amending Section 9-213 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Farmers'
19 Markets,' by adding a permissible
20 location on the sidewalk of the west side
21 of South 18th Street between Walnut and
22 Locust"; and

23 Bill No. 090382, entitled "An
24 ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
25 Philadelphia Code by authorizing the

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2 installation of red light enforcement
3 systems at the intersection of Rising Sun
4 Avenue at Adams Avenue"; and

5 Bill No. 090386, entitled "An
6 ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
7 Philadelphia Code by authorizing the
8 installation of red light enforcement
9 systems at the intersection of Henry
10 Avenue at Walnut Lane"; and

11 Bill No. 090387, entitled "An
12 ordinance amending Section 9-208 of The
13 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Sidewalk
14 Cafes,' by permitting sidewalk cafes to
15 be maintained on Ridge Avenue, both
16 sides, between Rochelle Avenue and Domino
17 Lane"; and

18 Bill No. 090388, entitled "An
19 ordinance amending Section 9-213 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Farmers'
21 Markets,' by adding as a permissible
22 location Canal View Park"; and

23 Bill No. 090391, entitled "An
24 ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
25 Philadelphia Code by authorizing the

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2 installation of red light enforcement
3 systems at the intersection of Aramingo
4 Avenue at York Street"; and

5 Bill No. 090402, entitled "An
6 ordinance authorizing Ralph Picket to
7 construct, own and maintain an open-air
8 sidewalk cafe at 3900 Chestnut Street";
9 and

10 Bill No. 090403, entitled "An
11 ordinance authorizing certain existing
12 underground improvements owned by the
13 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in
14 the vicinity of South 34th Street and
15 Civic Center Boulevard"; and

16 Bill No. 090409, entitled "An
17 ordinance establishing a one way
18 regulation on Belgrade Street, from Ash
19 Street to Pratt Street"; and

20 Bill No. 090406, entitled "An
21 ordinance amending Section 9-205 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Sidewalk
23 Sales,' by prohibiting sidewalk sales on
24 portions of Broad Street, Venango Street,
25 Tioga Street and Ontario Street"; and

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2 Bill No. 090407, entitled "An
3 ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
4 Philadelphia Code by authorizing the
5 installation of red light enforcement
6 systems at the intersection of Aramingo
7 Avenue at Castor Avenue"; and

8 Bill No. 090409, entitled "An
9 ordinance authorizing the National Park
10 Service to construct, own and maintain a
11 building encroachment and steps at 530
12 Market Street"; and

13 Bill No. 090436, entitled "An
14 ordinance authorizing Adam Ritter to
15 construct, own and maintain an open-air
16 sidewalk cafe at 2201 Christian Street";
17 and

18 Bill No. 090438, entitled "An
19 ordinance establishing a no truck parking
20 regulation on Vernon Road, from
21 Cheltenham Avenue to Michener Avenue";
22 and

23 Bill No. 090441, entitled "An
24 ordinance authorizing the paving of 4th
25 Street from Westmoreland Street to

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2 Ontario Street"; and

3 Bill No. 090442, entitled "An
4 ordinance authorizing the revision of
5 lines and grades on a portion of City
6 Plan No. 157 by placing on the City Plan
7 4th Street from Westmoreland Street to
8 Ontario Street"; and

9 Bill No. 090444, entitled "An
10 ordinance amending Chapters 10-611 and
11 12-800 of The Philadelphia Code,
12 entitled, respectfully, 'Sidewalk
13 Behavior' and 'Bicycle Regulations and
14 Penalties,' to authorize the Department
15 of Streets to designate sidewalks on
16 which bicycle riding is permissible,"
17 respectfully reports it has considered
18 and amended the same and returns the
19 attached bills to Council with a
20 favorable recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move that the rules
3 of Council be suspended so as to permit
4 first reading this day of the 25 bills
5 that have just been read into the record.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
8 has 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 bills just reported from committee.

12 All in favor will say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 ayes have it, and the bills just read
19 will be placed on our First Reading
20 Calendar for today.

21 The Chair now recognizes
22 Councilwoman Brown for a report from the
23 Committee on Parks, Recreation and
24 Cultural Affairs.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. The Committee on Parks,
3 Recreation and Cultural Affairs reports
4 six bills with a favorable
5 recommendation. In addition, the
6 Committee submits a report pursuant to
7 Resolution 090057.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the report.

12 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
13 and members of the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, the Committee on Parks,
15 Recreation and Cultural Affairs, to which
16 was referred Bill No. 090098, entitled
17 "An ordinance renaming and designating
18 Fotteral Square Playground as the 'James
19 Young Memorial Playground'; and

20 Bill No. 090192, entitled "An
21 ordinance renaming and designating the
22 park located at the intersection of
23 Germantown Avenue, York Street and North
24 8th Street as the 'Danny Boyle Community
25 Park'; and

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2 Bill No. 090210, entitled "An
3 ordinance renaming and designating the
4 McAlpin Playground located at 36th and
5 Aspen Street as the 'Miles Mack
6 Playground'"; and

7 Bill No. 090327, entitled "An
8 ordinance authorizing the President of
9 the Fairmount Park Commission to enter
10 into a Master Lease, under which PAID
11 will be required to enter into an
12 agreement pursuant to which PAID will
13 sublease the property to Northwestern
14 Stables, Inc."; and

15 Bill No. 090330, entitled "An
16 ordinance authorizing the President of
17 the Fairmount Park Commission to enter
18 into a Master Lease and under which PAID
19 will be required to enter into an
20 agreement pursuant to which PAID will
21 sublease the property to the Philadelphia
22 Holocaust Remembrance Foundation"; and

23 Bill No. 090443, entitled "An
24 ordinance authorizing the Executive
25 Director of Fairmount Park and under

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2 which PAID entered into a sublease with
3 the Fairmount Park Historic Preservation
4 Trust," respectfully reports it has
5 considered the same and returns the
6 attached bills to Council with a
7 favorable recommendation.

8 And in addition, after
9 conducting the required hearings pursuant
10 to Resolution No. 090057, entitled
11 "Resolution authorizing Council's
12 Committee on Parks, Recreation and
13 Cultural Affairs to hold public hearings
14 for applicants seeking nomination to
15 serve on the Commission on Parks and
16 Recreation, and further authorizing the
17 Committee to recommend for Council's
18 consideration nominations to be forwarded
19 to the Mayor," respectfully reports it
20 has developed a list of recommended names
21 and submits them to Council in the
22 attached report with a favorable
23 recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

5 Madam President. I move that the rules

6 of Council be suspended so as to permit

7 first reading this day of Bill Nos.

8 090098, 090192, 090210, 090327, 090330

9 and 090443.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

12 has been moved and properly seconded that

13 the rules of Council be suspended so as

14 to permit first reading this day of the

15 bills just reported from committee.

16 All in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

22 ayes have it, and the bills just read

23 will be placed on our First Reading

24 Calendar for today.

25 The Chair at this time

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2 recognizes Councilman Goode for a report
3 from the Committee on Commerce and
4 Economic Development.

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
6 Madam President. The Committee on
7 Commerce and Economic Development reports
8 three bills with a favorable
9 recommendation.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chief Clerk will please read the report.

12 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
13 and members of the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, the Committee on Commerce
15 and Economic Development, to which was
16 referred Bill No. 090012, entitled "An
17 ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Business
19 Privilege Taxes,' by providing for the
20 'New Philadelphia Job Creation Tax
21 Credit'; and

22 Bill No. 090353, entitled "An
23 ordinance amending Section 19-2604 of The
24 Philadelphia Code by amending the
25 provisions providing a credit for

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2 contributions to community development
3 corporations"; and

4 Bill No. 090389, entitled "An
5 ordinance authorizing the Commerce
6 Director to file an application with the
7 Commonwealth's Department of Community
8 and Economic Development under the Main
9 Street Program in an aggregate amount not
10 to exceed \$1,306,000 to support the
11 City's various Main Street programs,"
12 respectfully reports it has considered
13 the same and returns the attached bills
14 to Council with a favorable
15 recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move the rules of
22 Council be suspended so as to permit
23 first reading this day of Bill Nos.
24 090012, 090353 and 090389.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
3 has been moved and properly seconded that
4 the rules of Council be suspended so as
5 to permit first reading this day of the
6 bills just reported from committee.

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 ayes have it, and the bills just read
14 will be placed on our First Reading
15 Calendar for today.

16 We do have a special business.
17 Council will proceed under a special
18 order of business, a resolution
19 re-calling Bill No. 090015-A, and at this
20 time, the Chair recognizes Councilman
21 DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I offer one resolution,
24 and because this resolution was not
25 circulated yesterday, I move that the

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2 rules of Council be suspended to permit
3 consideration of the resolution at this
4 time.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
7 has been moved and properly seconded that
8 the rules of Council be suspended to
9 permit consideration of Councilman
10 DiCicco's resolution at this time.

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 ayes have it.

18 The Clerk will please read the
19 title of the resolution.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 requesting the Mayor to return to Council
22 Bill No. 090015-A, entitled "An ordinance
23 amending Section 9-212 of The
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Newsstands,'
25 to permit the placement of commercial

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2 advertising on newsstands and revise the
3 fees for a newsstand license," for the
4 purpose of reconsideration by the Council
5 of the vote by which said bill passed
6 Council.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 Chair again recognizes Councilman
9 DiCicco.

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 ayes have it and the resolution has
24 passed.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the letter from the Mayor.

3 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
4 and members of the Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith, as
6 requested by your resolution adopted
7 today, Bill No. 090015-A, entitled "An
8 ordinance amending Section 9-212 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Newsstands,'
10 to permit the placement of commercial
11 advertising on newsstands and revise the
12 fee for a newsstand license, all under
13 certain terms and conditions," for the
14 purpose of reconsideration by the Council
15 of the vote by which said bill passed
16 Council.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco for a
19 motion that Council reconsider the vote
20 by which Bill No. 090015-A was passed.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: So moved,
22 Madam President.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
25 you.

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

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 ayes have it. A majority of all members
10 having voted in the affirmative, the
11 motion carries, and the vote by which
12 Bill No. 090015-A was passed has been
13 reconsidered.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I offer an amendment to
18 Bill No. 090015-A. A copy of the
19 amendment has been circulated to all
20 members of Council and I would move for
21 the adoption of the amendment.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
24 has been moved and properly seconded that
25 the amendment to Bill No. 090015-A be

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2 adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 ayes have it, and Bill No. 090015-A has
10 been amended. This bill will be placed
11 on our Final Passage Calendar for our
12 next session of Council.

13 We will now consider a
14 resolution re-calling Bill No. 090244.

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I offer one resolution,
19 and because this resolution was not
20 circulated yesterday, I move that the
21 rules of Council be suspended to permit
22 consideration of the resolution at this
23 time.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

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2 has been moved and properly seconded that
3 the rules of Council be suspended to
4 permit consideration of Councilwoman
5 Tasco's resolution at this time.

6 All in favor will indicate by
7 saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 ayes have it.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 requesting the Mayor to return to Council
18 Bill No. 090244, entitled "An ordinance
19 amending Section 9-2700 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Sales and
21 Use Tax and Hotel Occupancy Tax,' by
22 revising the rate of tax, under certain
23 terms and conditions," for the purpose of
24 reconsideration by the Council of the
25 vote by which said bill passed Council.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
4 Tasco.

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

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will indicate by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 ayes have it and the resolution has
19 passed.

20 The Clerk will please read the
21 letter from the Mayor.

22 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
23 and members of the Council of the City of
24 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith, as
25 requested by your resolution adopted June

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2 4th, 2009, Bill No. 090244, entitled "An
3 ordinance amending Section 19-2700 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Sales and
5 Use Tax and Hotel Occupancy Tax,' by
6 revising the rate of tax, under certain
7 terms and conditions," for the purpose of
8 reconsideration by the Council of the
9 vote by which said bill passed Council.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
12 motion that Council reconsider the vote
13 by which Bill No. 090244 was passed.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: So moved,
15 Madam President.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
18 in favor will indicate by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
24 ayes have it. A majority of all members
25 having voted in the affirmative, the

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2 motion carries, and the vote by which
3 Bill No. 090244 was passed has been
4 reconsidered.

5 The Chair now recognizes
6 Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
8 President, I offer an amendment to Bill
9 090244. A copy of the amendment has been
10 circulated to all members of Council. I
11 move for the adoption of the amendment.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
14 has been moved and seconded that the
15 amendment to Bill No. 090244 be adopted.

16 All in favor please say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 ayes have it and Bill No. 090244 has been
23 amended. This bill will be placed on our
24 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
25 for our next session of Council.

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2 The Chair now recognizes
3 Councilwoman Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I offer one resolution
6 co-sponsored by Councilman Clarke and
7 Councilman Jones and supported by all
8 members of City Council.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: And
10 that is Resolution No. 090057?

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Madam
12 President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 Chief Clerk will please read the
15 resolution.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 nominating 25 individuals for
18 consideration by the Mayor as appointees
19 to the Commission on Parks and
20 Recreation.

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

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I move for the
25 adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
4 has been moved and properly seconded.

5 All in favor will please say
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 ayes have it, and the resolution will be
13 submitted to the Mayor.

14 The next order of business is
15 the consideration of the Calendar. I
16 note that the bills just reported from
17 committee with a suspension of the rules
18 have been deemed to have had a first
19 reading. The bills will be placed on the
20 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
21 for our next session of Council.

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 read any other bills on the First Reading
24 Calendar. I don't believe there are any.

25 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,

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2 Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
4 you.

5 At this time, the Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for the
7 purpose of calling up bills on the Second
8 Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. Bill Nos. 080901 and
11 090324 are being called up for Second
12 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for
13 today. All other bills are being held.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
15 don't think that's so.

16 Councilwoman Sanchez, your bill
17 is okay to go?

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: No.
19 Hold.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: I
21 apologize, Madam President.

22 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Point of
23 order, Madam President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes.
25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Sanchez.

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I would
4 like to speak on that, if I could.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
6 President, let me finish introducing the
7 bills. I'm sorry.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
9 Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Let me
11 just begin again, please, Madam
12 President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
14 Please.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Bill Nos.
16 080901, 090324 and Resolution 090451 are
17 being called up for Final Passage
18 Calendar today. All other bills are
19 being held.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
21 Councilwoman, how about Bill No. 090324
22 on the last page? Councilwoman, I
23 believe Bill No. 080381 should be called
24 up.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: That's a

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2 withdrawal, yes.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And
4 it's my understanding Councilman DiCicco
5 will ask that that be withdrawn. Bill
6 No. 080901, also Bill No. 090075. That
7 will be a request to refer back to
8 committee. And then we have Bill No.
9 090324.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Yes. I
11 said 090324.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you. All other bills are being held.
14 Okay.

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 read the title of Bill No. 080381.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
18 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
19 changing the zoning designations of
20 certain areas of land located within an
21 area bounded by Delaware Avenue,
22 Fairmount Avenue, Front Street and Poplar
23 Street.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
3 Madam President. At this time, I make a
4 motion that Bill No. 080381 be withdrawn.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's
7 been moved and seconded at the request of
8 the sponsor Bill No. 080381 be withdrawn.

9 All in favor will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
15 ayes have it. The motion carries.

16 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
17 please read the title of Bill No. 080901.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 continuing the Chestnut Hill Business
20 Improvement District beyond the date of
21 termination of the District in the area
22 that generally includes both sides of
23 Germantown Avenue from 7640 to 8705, both
24 sides of Bethlehem Pike from 10 to 105,
25 and certain blocks of streets that

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2 intersect that portion of Germantown
3 Avenue and for which the Chestnut Hill
4 Business Improvement District.

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

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 call the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Greenlee.

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Kenney.
7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Krajewski.
10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Miller.
13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 O'Neill.
16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: 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 Sanchez.
24 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: 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 16; the nays are
8 zero. A majority of all members having
9 voted in the affirmative, the bill
10 passes.

11 We will now consider Bill No.

12 090075.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 amending Chapter 9-600 of The
15 Philadelphia Code to establish the
16 Advanced Recovery Fee for disposable
17 shopping bags, all under certain terms
18 and conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

20 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
21 DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
23 Madam President. As you know, this
24 legislation was approved unanimously by
25 the Committee on the Environment. While

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2 most members recognize and support the
3 intent of this legislation, a number have
4 asked for additional conversation
5 regarding this bill. I believe that such
6 a conversation is best held in committee
7 and also believe that the discussion
8 should include an outright ban.

9 Therefore, I move that Bill No. 090075 be
10 referred back to the Committee on the
11 Environment.

12 And I'd also like to take this
13 opportunity, Madam President, to
14 recognize students from the Belmont
15 Charter School and their teacher, Julie
16 Mandolini-Trummel. They are here today
17 in what they thought would be support of
18 the bill. So I'd ask them to please rise
19 and be recognized.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is
22 there a second?

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
25 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.

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2 090075 be referred back to committee.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 ayes have it and the motion carries.

10 We will now consider Bill No.
11 090324.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 authorizing the issuance of one or more
14 series of general obligation bonds to
15 provide funds to refund certain
16 outstanding general obligation bonds of
17 the City of Philadelphia and agreements
18 to manage interest costs and certain
19 other actions.

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
25 call the roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Clarke.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

9 DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Greenlee.

15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

19 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Reynolds Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Sanchez.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: 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 16; the nays are

23 zero. A majority of all members having

24 voted in the affirmative, the bill

25 passes.

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Sanchez.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
5 you, Madam President. This morning I was
6 ready and prepared to move this bill, but
7 at the request of the Mayor, I have held
8 the bill for a week, but I wanted to read
9 into the record his commitment on Council
10 Bill 090292, which is he fully
11 understands the importance of this issue
12 and obviously the spirit in which this
13 Council has operated even prior to my
14 joining it around the support and the
15 protection of worker rights and ensuring
16 prevailing wage -- prevailing and
17 liveable wages. And I look forward to
18 working with the Administration over the
19 next week to ensure that we accomplish
20 that, but I fully intend to call for a
21 vote next week.

22 Thank you, Madam President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
24 You're welcome.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion on
3 Resolution No. 090451.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
5 President, I move for the adoption of the
6 resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will indicate by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 ayes have it and the resolution is
19 adopted.

20 I guess I'm moving much too
21 fast. We didn't read the resolution.

22 Please.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution No.
24 090451, a resolution approving the City's
25 Substantial Amendment to the Year 34

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2 Consolidated Plan and application to the
3 United States Department of Housing and
4 Urban Development for \$14,046,629 in
5 additional Community Development Block
6 Grant funding for economic development
7 and housing activities pursuant to funds
8 made available through the American
9 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Well,
11 I'll tell you, with all that money
12 available, I'm going to recognize
13 Councilwoman Tasco again for a motion on
14 Resolution No. 090451.

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

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Clarke.

7 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
8 please read the title. What are we
9 waiting for?

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I already
11 gave it.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution No.
13 090423, a resolution approving the City
14 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Emergency
15 9-1-1 2008 Triennial Plan as an amendment
16 to the City's 9-1-1 Plan, as required by
17 the Pennsylvania Public Safety Emergency
18 Telephone Act.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

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

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

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

4 All in favor will indicate by
5 saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

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

13 That concludes our Calendar for
14 today.

15 Are there speeches on the part
16 of the minority?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
19 there speeches on the part of the
20 majority?

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I have some comments
25 I'm going to make this morning that are

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2 very, very important to me and I feel
3 very passionately about, and I'm sure
4 that my colleagues share the same
5 concerns and others may also share the
6 concerns about which I plan to address.

7 On December 2005, my colleagues
8 and I passed legislation creating the
9 independent Board of Ethics, and on May
10 16th, 2006, the Philadelphia voters
11 approved the Board's creation in a
12 referendum, with the expectation that
13 this Board and its staff consist of
14 strong, independent people of the highest
15 integrity who will realize, above all
16 else, that they were empowered with the
17 public trust.

18 However, in the May 27th
19 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer, the
20 headline read "Board of Ethics Fines Own
21 Director." The article discloses that
22 the Executive Director, Shane Creamer,
23 violated the confidentiality provision of
24 the City's ethics laws, citing
25 Mr. Creamer's off-the-record conversation

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2 with a reporter regarding investigations
3 that were to remain confidential.

4 This article in the
5 Philadelphia Inquirer appeared four days
6 after a similar story ran in the
7 Philadelphia Daily News on May 23rd, the
8 Saturday before Memorial Day weekend.

9 This headline read, "Ethics Chief had a
10 lapse. He's fined for talking about
11 probe with the Daily News." The story
12 appeared on Saturday because the Ethics
13 Board released a story at 5:00 p.m.
14 Friday, surely when they thought no one
15 would notice.

16 A Philadelphia Inquirer
17 editorial that appeared in yesterday's
18 edition gave kudos to the Ethics Board
19 for citing its own Executive Director for
20 unethical conduct by breaching
21 confidentiality rules when speaking to a
22 reporter. But I ask you and all of you,
23 what faith can we have in the Ethics
24 Board in light of the unethical practice
25 of its Executive Director?

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2 The editorial further stated
3 that despite being an embarrassing
4 episode, Shane Creamer's sanction could
5 build credibility for the Board. I
6 couldn't disagree more. Under Chapter
7 20-200, Standards of Conduct and Ethics
8 of The Philadelphia Code, anyone who
9 violates ethics laws is subject to a
10 \$2,000 fine per incident. The \$500 fine
11 Shane Creamer received is nothing more
12 than a slap on the wrist. With this
13 sanction, the Board merely trivialized
14 the behavior of its own Executive
15 Director.

16 Shane Creamer's lapse in
17 judgment and unethical behavior has
18 breached the public confidence and
19 consequently compromised the public
20 trust.

21 How can we enforce ethics laws
22 when there is a two-tiered standard of
23 ethics, one for the Board and one for
24 everybody else?

25 I am expressing my outrage and

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2 that of others who are offended by
3 Mr. Creamer's reckless behavior. The
4 good government advocate, Zack Stalberg
5 and the Committee of Seventy, who are
6 usually very vocal when they perceive
7 public officials have done something
8 wrong, have been uncharacteristically
9 silent about this issue. Once again, is
10 there a two-tiered standard of ethics?

11 I have expressed my concerns
12 with the Mayor, and I'm awaiting his
13 response.

14 If we are to maintain a Board
15 of the highest order authorized to
16 enforce our ethics laws, we must preserve
17 the public trust. Therefore, Mr. Creamer
18 must be removed immediately from his
19 position as the Executive Director of the
20 Ethics Board.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: In fact, I
23 believe he tendered his resignation when
24 he decided to engage in unethical
25 conduct.

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2 The Executive Director of this
3 Board must be like that of Caesar's wife,
4 above even the suspicion of wrongdoing.

5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

7 You're welcome.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOT: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I would like to raise
13 the light on two issues that have
14 happened recently in the press.

15 I join the many citizens who
16 were saddened over the bicycle accident
17 where a father and son recreating
18 together were hit where Benjamin Franklin
19 Parkway meets Martin Luther King Drive.

20 Our crown jewel, the Benjamin
21 Franklin Parkway, is one of the great
22 city boulevards in America and, we all
23 know, home to our world-renowned cultural
24 institutions. I join the many who
25 believe that we are beginning to treat

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2 our Parkway more like a highway.

3 As we move towards becoming a
4 more sustainable and green city,
5 Philadelphia must also become more
6 pedestrian and bicycle friendly. I
7 concur with the important questions
8 raised in the recent editorial asking who
9 indeed is ultimately responsible for
10 creating a plan. Is it the Planning
11 Commission? Is it the Deputy Mayor for
12 Transportation? Is the Department of
13 Parks and Recreation responsible or the
14 institutions on the Parkway?

15 I welcome feedback and invite
16 all users from the community to join with
17 them in creating a solution, and
18 ultimately pray for a full recovery of
19 that young man.

20 To a more tragic incident,
21 Madam President. While our President,
22 Barack Obama, and some might argue
23 Professor Barack Obama, as recently as
24 this morning, spoke eloquently about the
25 rights of women on the international

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2 level, we will be remiss not to remain
3 reminded about what is happening to the
4 rights of women on the local level. I
5 reference and acknowledge and condemn the
6 murder of Dr. George Tiller of Wichita,
7 Kansas. Murdered while serving as an
8 usher at his church, Dr. Tiller was one
9 of the few physicians in America that
10 performs late-term abortions. He
11 provided critical reproductive healthcare
12 services, including abortion services, to
13 women facing some of the most difficult
14 medical circumstances in their lives.
15 Indeed, he showed deep compassion to his
16 patients.

17 It is worth noting that all
18 groups on all sides of the abortion
19 debate have condemned the murder of
20 Dr. Tiller, including the National Right
21 to Life Committee, who offered the
22 following statement, and I quote: "The
23 National Right to Life Committee
24 unequivocally condemns any such acts of
25 violence, regardless of motivation. The

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2 pro-life movement works to protect the
3 right to life and increase respect for
4 human life. The unlawful use of violence
5 is directly contrary to that goal."

6 I join with the National Right
7 to Life Committee in condemning this
8 tragic murder.

9 I thank you, Madam President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

11 You're welcome.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Jones.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
15 Madam President. Last week, New Castle,
16 Delaware decided to take a strategy of
17 raising their real estate taxes by 20
18 percent. I would like to note that this
19 body went a different direction facing
20 similar possibility of service cuts.

21 I'd like to point out, however,
22 our work is yet undone, that with the
23 same energy that we went and fought the
24 good fight about the battle of the
25 budget, that we need to now take up and

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2 support the Administration to do some of
3 the heavy lifting at the state level so
4 that we can get the sales tax passed. So
5 our relationships at the state level
6 should be used to move that particular
7 budget step forward, and I would
8 encourage all of our members here to take
9 advantage of those contacts to make sure
10 that our Mayor doesn't go it alone.

11 Thank you, Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

13 You're welcome.

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

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

18 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
19 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
20 adjourn.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I move that Council
23 stand adjourned until Thursday, June the
24 11th, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
3 has been moved and seconded that Council
4 stand adjourned until Thursday, June the
5 11th at 10:00 a.m.

6 All in favor will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 ayes have it and the motion carries.

13 Thank you.

14 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
15 12:00 p.m.)

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