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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

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5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Thursday, February 25, 2010
8 10:10 a.m.

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PRESENT:

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
13 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
14 COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
15 COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
16 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
17 COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
18 COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
19 COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
20 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
21 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
22 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
23 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
24 COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
25 COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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18 MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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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 recognizes
12 Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 I would ask all members and
14 guests to please rise.

15 (Members and guests rise.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Good
17 morning.

18 Heavenly Father, we thank you
19 for this day. We thank you for the lives
20 of all who are here, who are elected to
21 serve your people and all people. We ask
22 you, Lord, to give us the wisdom to know
23 what to do, the wherewithal and the
24 passion always to care to do the things
25 that we should.

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2 We ask that you bless all
3 across this country who are worried about
4 the snow, the snowstorm. Bless people
5 who are in nursing homes and boarding
6 homes. Bless people who are ill and
7 unable to get up. Bless people who don't
8 know who they are and where they are.

9 Lord, we ask a special blessing
10 upon those who are homeless, for those
11 who don't know where they'll live or how
12 they're going to get their next meal or
13 how they're going to pay their mortgage
14 or rent.

15 And, Father, we always give you
16 the praise and honor. We know that all
17 good things come from you.

18 And, finally, we say now unto
19 him, who is able to keep you from falling
20 and to present you faultless before the
21 presence of his glory with exceeding
22 praise, to the only wise God our savior,
23 be glory and majesty, dominion and power,
24 both now and forever more.

25 Amen.

1 2/25/10 - STATED - APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

2 (Amen.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

5 The next order of business is
6 the approval of the Journal of the
7 meeting of Friday, February 12th, 2010,
8 and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
11 President, I move that the Journal of the
12 meeting of Friday, February 12th, 2010
13 stand approved.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
16 has been moved and properly seconded that
17 the Journal of the meeting of Friday,
18 February 12th, 2010 stand approved.

19 All in favor will indicate by
20 saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

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2 ayes have it, and the Journal is
3 approved.

4 The next order of business is
5 requests for leaves of absence, and,
6 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
9 President, on behalf of the majority,
10 there is a request for a leave of absence
11 for Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
13 you. Leave will be granted.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Kelly.

16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
17 President, on behalf of the minority, a
18 request for leave of absence for
19 Councilman Brian O'Neill and Councilman
20 Frank Rizzo.

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

23 The Chair will dispense with
24 the regular order of business to
25 recognize guests and visitors joining us

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

9 Is Councilwoman Brown in the
10 room?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
13 think we'll go on with the business of
14 the day.

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

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
22 and members of the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
24 that on February 17, 2010, I signed all
25 of the bills that were passed by Council

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2 at its session on February 4, 2010; and

3 I am transmitting for the
4 consideration of your honorable body a
5 resolution approving the redevelopment
6 contract and disposition supplement of
7 the Redevelopment Authority of the City
8 of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
9 urban renewal of a portion of the 45th
10 and Sansom Urban Renewal Area, designated
11 as Parcel No. 11; and

12 Also an ordinance authorizing
13 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
14 Development to purchase approximately 20
15 acres on Summerdale Avenue between
16 Foulkrod Street and Godfrey Avenue; and

17 Also an ordinance amending
18 Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill No.
19 080725) approved November 19, 2008,
20 entitled, "An ordinance authorizing the
21 revision of lines and grades on a portion
22 of City Plan No. 120," by extending the
23 period for compliance with the terms and
24 conditions stated therein, all under
25 certain terms and conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you. The messages will be printed in the
4 Journal.

5 The Chief Clerk will please
6 read any other communications in his
7 possession.

8 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
9 Madam President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 At this time, the Chair
13 recognizes Councilwoman Brown, who will
14 present a resolution recognizing the
15 League of Women Voters on their 90th
16 Anniversary.

17 Will Ms. Kelly Green and those
18 accompanying her please join the
19 Councilwoman at the podium.

20 I see that Councilwoman Brown
21 is being joined by Councilwoman Miller
22 and Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
24 Madam President. Today we are thrilled
25 to recognize and congratulate the League

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2 of Women Voters of Philadelphia on the
3 occasion of their 90th Anniversary.

4 Whereas, the League of Women
5 Voters of Philadelphia is the
6 organization where hands-on work to
7 safeguard democracy leads to civic
8 improvement; and

9 Whereas, the League of Women
10 Voters is a non-partisan political
11 organization that has fought since 1920
12 to improve our system of government and
13 impact public policy through citizen
14 education and advocacy;

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
16 League members are constantly striving to
17 serve their communities to make strong,
18 safe, fair and vibrant places to live;
19 and

20 Whereas, the League of Women
21 Voters of Philadelphia believes in
22 representative government and in the
23 individual liberties established in the
24 Constitution of the United States; and

25 Whereas, the League of Women

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2 Voters of Philadelphia has always worked
3 to promote the values and the processes
4 of representative government; and

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,
6 the League of Women Voters of
7 Philadelphia collaborates with other
8 organizations to achieve mutual goals,
9 increase civic participation, create
10 lasting change in the community and to
11 make democracy work; and

12 Whereas, the League, for 90
13 years, has held the public trust by
14 respectfully bringing elected leaders and
15 the public together through non-partisan,
16 civil means and through thoughtfully
17 advancing solutions; and

18 Whereas, Philadelphia has
19 benefited tremendously from the countless
20 volunteer hours donated by League members
21 over its 90-year history of enhancing our
22 democracy.

23 Now, therefore, be it

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Resolved,
25 by the Council of the City of

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2 Philadelphia, that City Council hereby
3 recognizes and congratulates the League
4 of Women Voters of Philadelphia on their
5 90th Anniversary.

6 Further resolved, that an
7 engrossed copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the leadership and the
9 membership of the League of Women Voters
10 as evidence of the sincere sentiments of
11 this legislative body.

12 This resolution was introduced
13 by my colleague Councilwoman Maria
14 Quinones-Sanchez, Councilmembers Bill
15 Green, Curtis Jones, Donna Reed Miller
16 and Marian Tasco, and we want to say
17 thank you to all members who co-sponsored
18 this resolution.

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
22 Chair recognizes Ms. Green for remarks.

23 MS. GREEN: Thank you. Thank
24 you. I did not know that I was speaking
25 today.

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2 So this is a wonderful
3 opportunity. Thank you, Council
4 President and members of City Council.
5 Thank you, Councilwoman Blondell, for
6 introducing this resolution.

7 It's amazing to me that just
8 over 90 years ago women didn't even have
9 the right to vote. And so we stand here
10 before you and I look out and I see
11 elected women and I see a tremendous
12 amount of powerful women and elected
13 women in City Council and it gives me
14 great pride to represent this
15 organization that is hitting their 90th
16 anniversary.

17 So thank you very much for
18 taking the time to acknowledge us. And
19 behind me stands this wonderful, amazing
20 group of women who work tirelessly, who
21 work hours beyond understanding as a
22 volunteer. We are a volunteer
23 organization. So these are the women and
24 this is the Board who dedicate their
25 lives to making sure and securing

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2 democracy and helping people to receive
3 trustworthy and accurate information
4 about their elected officials and about
5 candidates. So please take the time to
6 acknowledge them. This is Jody Bender,
7 Audrey Ross, Rachel Lawton, who is our
8 Vice-President, and Alison Rickets.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. GREEN: As expected, due to
11 the lovely weather, we don't have some of
12 our members with us, but, again, thank
13 you so much for this acknowledgment.
14 Please look forward to the future. In
15 September we will be hosting a huge
16 celebration to honor our 90th anniversary
17 during Constitution Week. So look out
18 for more information.

19 Thank you again.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
22 you.

23 Council will be at ease.

24 (Council at ease.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The

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2 next order of business is the
3 introduction of bills and resolutions.

4 The noise level is much too
5 high.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I offer three
10 resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 fully endorsing the Commonwealth of
17 Pennsylvania's pending application before
18 the Federal Highway Administration to
19 toll Interstate 80.

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

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

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will indicate by
6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 congratulating the Community College of
16 Philadelphia's Men's Basketball Team for
17 winning the Pennsylvania Collegiate
18 Athletic Association state title game.

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 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 congratulating the Brian Westbrook on his
14 outstanding career with the Philadelphia
15 Eagles.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
17 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move 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
10 Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
12 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
13 one resolution.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
18 Property to execute and deliver to the
19 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
20 Philadelphia, without consideration,
21 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
22 title to certain City-owned lots or
23 pieces of ground situate in the
24 Twenty-Fourth Ward of the City of
25 Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell
4 for a motion on the resolution.

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

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will indicate by
13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

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

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Greenlee.

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

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

3 Chair thanks the gentleman.

4 The Chair recognizes

5 Councilwoman Krajewski.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank

7 you, Madam President. I have no bills or

8 resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

10 you.

11 The Chair recognizes

12 Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

14 President, I offer one bill on your

15 behalf, two bills and one resolution on

16 my behalf.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

18 you.

19 The Chief Clerk will read the

20 title of the first bill.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

22 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia

23 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by

24 amending Section 14-1631, entitled

25 "Off-Street Parking Control District."

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
6 authorizing and directing the Mayor of
7 the City of Philadelphia, on behalf of
8 the City, to enter into, execute, and
9 deliver an agreement with the
10 Philadelphia Housing Authority to broaden
11 and make more efficient housing
12 opportunities and related services
13 administered by the Philadelphia Housing
14 Authority.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
20 for Industrial Development to purchase
21 approximately 20 acres on Summerdale
22 Avenue between Foulkrod Street and
23 Godfrey Avenue.

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

1 2/25/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 honoring the National Association of
5 University Women on its 100th
6 Anniversary.

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

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 ayes have it and the resolution is
24 adopted.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
4 you, Madam President. Today I offer two
5 resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
12 Property to execute and deliver to the
13 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
14 Philadelphia, without consideration,
15 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
16 title to certain City-owned lots or
17 pieces of ground situate in the
18 Seventeenth Ward of the City of
19 Philadelphia.

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

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

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

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

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 authorizing City Council's Committee on
14 Public Safety and Committee on Public
15 Health and Human Services to hold a
16 public hearing to investigate the
17 Department of Human Services current
18 policies and procedures for tracking
19 children and investigate new and
20 innovative ways to track and protect all
21 those who are going through DHS.

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

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
25 you, Madam President. I move for the

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2 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 and will be referred to the

15 appropriate committee.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

19 Madam President. I co-introduce a bill

20 with 11 colleagues that prevents future

21 elected officials from receiving deferred

22 retirement payments and puts this

23 divisive issue behind City Council once

24 and for all.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

1 2/25/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 you.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 amending Section 22-310 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Deferred
8 Retirement Option Plan," by conforming
9 the City's DROP program to the
10 requirements of Pennsylvania Act No. 44
11 of 2009 (House Bill 1828), which
12 restricts the DROP eligibility of elected
13 officials.

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

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Jones.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
20 Madam President. One bill, one
21 resolution co-sponsored by Councilman
22 Goode and Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the title of the bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
4 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
5 changing the zoning designations of
6 certain areas of land located within an
7 area bounded by 59th Street, Lancaster
8 Avenue, 62nd Street, Woodbine Avenue and
9 Upland Way.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 bill will be referred to the appropriate
12 committee.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 recognizing, honoring and celebrating
15 Philadelphia University's Men's
16 Basketball Coach Herb Magee for his 902nd
17 career coaching win.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
19 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Jones.

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

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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I offer no bills or
17 resolutions today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
19 Chair thanks the gentleman.

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
23 Madam President. No bills or resolutions
24 this morning.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I offer four bills,
7 three of which were co-sponsored by
8 Councilmembers Kenney and Clarke.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
10 you.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 amending Section 19-1303(4) of The
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled
16 "Authorization to Offer Exemption from
17 Real Estate Taxes on New Construction of
18 Residential Properties," by providing for
19 additional abatements in certain
20 depressed areas of the City.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
25 amending Section 19-1303(2) of The

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled

3 "Authorization to Offer Exemption from

4 Real Estate Taxes on Improvements to

5 Residential Properties," by providing for

6 additional abatements in certain

7 depressed areas of the City.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

9 bill will be referred to the appropriate

10 committee.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

12 amending Section 19-1303(3) of The

13 Philadelphia Code, entitled

14 "Authorization to Offer Exemptions from

15 Real Estate Taxes on Improvements to

16 Deteriorated Industrial, Commercial or

17 Other Business Properties," by providing

18 for additional abatements in certain

19 depressed areas of the City.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

21 bill will be referred to the appropriate

22 committee.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

24 amending Section 9-213 of The

25 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers'

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2 Markets," by adding as a permissible
3 location the sidewalk of the east side of
4 South Broad Street between Porter and
5 Ritner Streets.

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Clarke.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I have two bills.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 amending Title 16 of The Philadelphia
18 Code, entitled "Public Property," by
19 setting forth certain requirements for
20 Council's approval of redevelopment
21 proposals and redevelopment contracts
22 submitted for Council approval under the
23 provisions of the Urban Redevelopment
24 Law.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
5 amending Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill
6 No. 080725) approved November 19, 2008,
7 entitled, "An ordinance authorizing the
8 revision of lines and grades on a portion
9 of City Plan No. 120," by extending the
10 period for compliance with the terms and
11 conditions stated therein.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: This
13 bill will also be referred to the
14 appropriate committee.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Kelly.

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
18 President, no bills or resolutions today.

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

21 The next order of business is
22 reports from committees.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Kenney for a report from the Committee on
25 Rules.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
3 Madam President. The Committee on Rules
4 reports out two bills with favorable
5 recommendations.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 read the report.

10 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
11 and members of the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
13 which was referred Bill No. 100003,
14 entitled "An ordinance to amend the
15 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
16 zoning designations of certain areas of
17 land located within an area bounded by
18 Marsden Street, Friendship Street,
19 Keystone Street and Tyson Avenue"; and
20 Bill No. 100014, entitled "An
21 ordinance amending Section 14-1638,
22 entitled 'Central Delaware Riverfront
23 Overlay District,' by establishing no
24 height limit and making technical
25 changes, all under certain terms and

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2 conditions," respectfully reports it has
3 considered and amended the same and
4 returns the attached bills to Council
5 with a favorable recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you.

8 Again, the Chair recognizes
9 Councilman Kenney.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I move that the rules
12 of Council be suspended so as to permit
13 first reading this day of Bill Nos.
14 100003 and 100014.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I
16 hear a second?

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will indicate by
24 saying 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 bills just read
7 will be placed on our First Reading
8 Calendar.

9 The Chair now recognizes
10 Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the
11 Committee on Finance.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
13 President, the Committee on Finance
14 reports four bills with a favorable
15 recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 read the report.

20 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
21 Finance, to which was referred Bill No.
22 090833, entitled "An ordinance amending
23 Chapter 19-3100, entitled 'Attorney Fees
24 in Collection Matters; Retention of
25 Private Attorneys,' by providing for

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2 imposition of attorney and collection
3 agency fees in connection with certain
4 collection activity"; and

5 Bill No. 100004, entitled
6 "An ordinance authorizing the Bond
7 Committee to sell bonds at public or
8 private negotiated sale, to provide funds
9 toward various capital municipal
10 purposes"; and

11 Bill No. 100005, entitled "An
12 ordinance constituting the Thirteenth
13 Supplemental Ordinance to the Restated
14 General Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond
15 Ordinance of 1989, as supplemented"; and

16 Bill No. 100006, entitled "An
17 ordinance authorizing, generally, the
18 continued issuance and sale by the City
19 of Philadelphia of Gas Works Revenue
20 Notes of the City," respectfully reports
21 it has considered and amended the same
22 and returns the attached bills to Council
23 with a favorable recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair again recognizes
3 Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: 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 the bills just
8 reported from committee.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
11 has been moved and properly seconded that
12 the rules of Council be suspended so as
13 to permit first reading this day of the
14 bills just reported from committee.

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Krajewski for a report from

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2 the Committee on Appropriations.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
4 you, Madam President. The Committee on
5 Appropriations offers three bills -- four
6 bills, I'm sorry, with a favorable
7 recommendation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the report.

12 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
13 Appropriations, to which was referred
14 Bill No. 090878, entitled "An ordinance
15 authorizing transfers in appropriations
16 for Fiscal Year 2010 within the General
17 Fund from the Department of Public
18 Department and the Department of Public
19 Property - Telecommunications to the
20 Managing Director - Division of
21 Technology"; and

22 Bill No. 090879, entitled "An
23 ordinance authorizing transfers in
24 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010 from
25 the General Fund to the Grants Revenue

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2 Fund, the Managing Director - Division of
3 Technology"; and

4 Bill No. 100001, entitled "An
5 ordinance authorizing transfers in
6 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010
7 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the
8 Director of Finance - Federal Stimulus
9 Funding to certain or all City offices,
10 departments, boards and commissions"; and

11 Bill No. 100002, entitled "An
12 ordinance authorizing transfers in
13 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010 from
14 the General Fund to the General Fund,
15 certain or all City offices, departments,
16 boards and commissions," respectfully
17 reports it has considered the same and
18 returns the attached bills to Council
19 with a favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Krajewski.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move
25 that the rules of Council be suspended so

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2 as to permit first reading of Bills

3 090878, 090879, 100001 and 100002.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

6 has been moved and properly seconded that

7 the rules of Council be suspended so as

8 to permit first reading this day of the

9 bills just reported from committee.

10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

16 ayes have it, and the bills just read

17 will be placed on our First Reading

18 Calendar for today.

19 The Chair now recognizes

20 Councilman Greenlee for a report from the

21 Committee on Law and Government.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank

23 you, Madam President. The Committee on

24 Law and Government reports one bill with

25 a favorable recommendation.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 read the report.

6 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
7 Law and Government, to which was referred
8 Bill No. 100063, entitled "An ordinance
9 amending Chapter 21-1700 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Publication
11 of Notices by City,' by revising
12 provisions concerning how and when
13 required notices shall be published and
14 advertised, all under certain terms and
15 conditions," respectfully reports it has
16 considered the same and returns the
17 attached bill to Council with a favorable
18 recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Greenlee.

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
24 you, Madam President. I move that the
25 rules of Council be suspended so as to

1 2/25/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
3 100063.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will please
11 indicate by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

20 The next order of business is
21 the consideration of the Calendar. I
22 note that the bills just reported from
23 committee with suspension of the rules
24 have been deemed to have had a first
25 reading. The bills will be placed on our

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2 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
3 for the next session of Council.

4 There are no additional bills
5 on the First Reading Calendar.

6 Therefore, the Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of
8 calling up bills on the Second Reading
9 and Final Passage Calendar to be
10 considered today.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. Bill Nos. 090626,
13 090591 and 090927 are being called up for
14 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
15 today. All other bills are being held.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 read the title of Resolution No. 090626.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 proposing an amendment to the
22 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to revise
23 the composition of the Zoning Board of
24 Adjustment by designating the
25 Commissioner of Licenses and Inspections

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2 as an alternate member of the Board who
3 may replace any absent or disqualified
4 appointed member.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke for a
7 motion on Resolution No. 090626.

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

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Since
13 Resolution No. 090626 is a proposed
14 amendment to the Home Rule Charter, it
15 requires a two-thirds majority.

16 At this time, I would ask the
17 Chief Clerk to please call the roll.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 DiCicco.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Verna.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 14; the nays are
9 zero. A majority of all members of
10 Council having voted in the affirmative,
11 the resolution is adopted.

12 The Chief Clerk will now read
13 the title of Bill No. 090591.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 providing for the submission to the
16 qualified electors of the City of
17 Philadelphia of an amendment to the
18 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to revise
19 the composition of the Zoning Board of
20 Adjustment by designating the
21 Commissioner of Licenses and Inspections
22 as an alternate member of the Board who
23 may replace any absent or disqualified
24 appointed member; fixing the date of the
25 special election for such purpose;

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2 prescribing the form of ballot questions
3 to be voted on; and authorizing the
4 appropriate officers to publish notice
5 and to make arrangements for the special
6 election.

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

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 call the roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Greenlee.
4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Kenney.
11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Krajewski.
14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Miller.
17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Reynolds Brown.
20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Tasco.
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
25 Verna.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The ayes are 14; the nays are
4 zero. A majority of all members having
5 voted in the affirmative, the bill
6 passes.

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 read the title of Bill No. 090927.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
10 amend the Institutional Development
11 District Master Plan of the Fox Chase
12 Cancer Center, located at 333 Cottman
13 Avenue, by allowing for the construction
14 of a new building to be used as a
15 comparative medical research facility.

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

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 call the roll.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

10 Verna.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

12 The ayes are 14; the nays are

13 zero. A majority of all members having

14 voted in the affirmative, the bill

15 passes.

16 That concludes our Calendar for

17 today.

18 Are there speeches on the part

19 of the minority?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are

22 there speeches on the part of the

23 majority?

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman

25 Jones.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I will be brief,
4 because the snow is pending, but I felt
5 compelled to talk a little bit about the
6 hearing held yesterday by the Public
7 Health and Human Services Committee
8 chaired by Councilwoman Tasco and in part
9 spurred on by the longtime interest of
10 Councilwoman Brown on the whole issue of
11 fitness and nutrition.

12 Quite frankly, when I first
13 came to this Council, that was not high
14 on my priority list, but due to the
15 dogged nature of insistence of my
16 colleague, I was educated on the issue,
17 and it is compelling to know that there's
18 a synonymous map to foods that are
19 unhealthy to loss of health due to organ
20 failure, diabetes and the like. And it
21 is important that this committee, this
22 body, did something and started to move
23 that issue to the forefront of our
24 thinking.

25 A lot of times because of the

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2 magnitude of all that's going on in the
3 world, budget crisis and other things, we
4 miss the small, yet important things of
5 our public health, and I want to thank
6 publicly my colleagues for keeping that
7 on the forefront of discussion in this
8 body.

9 Thank you, Madam President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Greenlee.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
15 you, Madam President. It seems we spent
16 some time in the end of Council the last
17 couple weeks saying good-bye to staff
18 members who are leaving us, and I guess
19 that's the price you pay for having good
20 people. When they have other
21 opportunities, they seize it.

22 Since I've been here, my
23 Legislative Director has been a young man
24 named Kevin Boyle, and he reminds me, by
25 the way, how young he is because he

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2 points out that when I started working
3 here in Council in 1980, he was not yet
4 born. But in spite of that, I'm going to
5 say nice things about him.

6 Kevin has been a credit to my
7 office and I believe to the entire City
8 Council. He was key in the issues that
9 I've been involved with. He always
10 worked hard, kept me well informed and
11 offered sound advice that, at least when
12 I was thinking straight, I actually
13 listened to.

14 Kevin is leaving tomorrow to
15 pursue a goal that I think many of us are
16 aware of, and he'll be officially
17 announcing that very soon. I know he'll
18 give that effort the same dedication that
19 he gave to me and my Council office, and
20 I thank him and wish him all the best in
21 the future.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
3 you, Madam President. We do have our
4 Partnership for Prescription Assistance
5 table in the hall for all those and their
6 constituents who can take advantage of
7 it.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

10 You're welcome.

11 Are there any other speeches?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

14 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
15 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
16 adjourn.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move that Council
19 stand adjourned until Thursday, March
20 4th, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
23 has been moved and seconded that Council
24 stand adjourned until Thursday, March
25 4th, 2010.

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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 motion carries.

9 Thank you.

10 (Stated Meeting concluded at
11 10:50 a.m.)

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