

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, October 20, 2011
10:05 a.m.

PRESENT:

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

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

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

10 We are indeed honored this
11 morning to welcome Archbishop Charles
12 Chaput to give our invocation. He is
13 here today as the guest of Councilman
14 Green.

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

17 (Members and guests rise.)

18 ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT: Thank you
19 very much for the honor of being with you
20 and to support you in your service to our
21 great city. So I have a few comments and
22 then a prayer.

23 Teddy Roosevelt was a man who
24 had a reputation for being frank and
25 direct. In 1900, a year before he

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2 entered the White House, he wrote these
3 words: "No community is healthy where it
4 is ever necessary to distinguish one
5 politician from his fellows because,"
6 quote, 'he is honest,' quote. "Moreover,
7 it is not enough that a public official
8 should be honest. No amount of honesty
9 will avail if he is also not brave and
10 wise. The weakling and the coward cannot
11 be saved by honesty alone," end of quote.

12 Leadership requires two virtues
13 that seem very simple until they become
14 very inconvenient - honesty and courage.
15 All of you have earned the right to be
16 here today by winning the trust of the
17 people of Philadelphia, but along with
18 that honor comes a duty of humility,
19 integrity and public service. So let's
20 settle our hearts for just a moment in
21 prayer.

22 God of Justice and Mercy, thank
23 you for the gift of life and the
24 opportunity to serve the people of our
25 city. Help us to act with character and

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2 conviction. Help us to listen with
3 understanding and goodwill. Help us to
4 speak with charity and restraint. Give
5 us a spirit of service. Remind us that
6 we are stewards of your authority. Guide
7 us to be the leaders your people need.
8 Help us to see the humanity and dignity
9 of those who disagree with us and to
10 treat all persons, no matter how weak or
11 poor, with the reverence your creation
12 deserves.

13 Finally, Father, renew us with
14 the strength of your presence and the joy
15 of helping to build a community worthy of
16 a human person.

17 We ask this as your sons and
18 daughters, confident in your goodness and
19 love.

20 Amen.

21 (Amen.)

22 ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT: Thank you
23 so much for this opportunity to be here
24 with you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair thanks Archbishop Chaput for his
3 wonderful invocation.

4 Council will be at ease.

5 (Council at ease.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 next order of business is the approval of
8 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
9 October 13th, 2011.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I move that the Journal
14 of the meeting of Thursday, October 13th,
15 2011 be approved.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
18 has been moved and properly seconded that
19 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
20 October 13th, 2011 stand approved.

21 All in favor will indicate by
22 saying 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 Journal is
5 approved.

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

10 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
11 Madam President. On behalf of the
12 majority, there are no requests for leave
13 of absence today.

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
19 President, on behalf of the republicans,
20 there are no requests for leave of
21 absence.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chair will dispense with
25 the regular order of business to

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

10 At this time, the Chair
11 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco, who will
12 present a resolution honoring the
13 Business Center for Entrepreneurship and
14 Social Enterprise on its 10th Annual
15 Enterprising Woman Business Plan
16 Competition. Would Pamela Rich-Wheeler
17 and those accompanying her please join
18 the Councilwoman at the podium.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
22 Madam President. It gives us great
23 pleasure this morning to present this
24 resolution honoring the Business Center
25 for Entrepreneurship and Social

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2 Enterprise on its 10th Annual
3 Enterprising Woman Business Plan
4 Competition.

5 Whereas, in 1999, the Business
6 Center for Entrepreneurship and Social
7 Enterprise, known as The Business Center,
8 was established as a non-profit business
9 incubator to serve the businesses and
10 neighborhoods of Northwest Philadelphia
11 and beyond, and through its work, it has
12 helped to energize neighborhood
13 revitalization and economic development
14 in the Greater Philadelphia region; and

15 Whereas, shortly after its
16 creation, The Business Center started its
17 annual Enterprising Woman Business Plan
18 Competition, known as the Competition,
19 where female entrepreneurs with
20 businesses less than three years old and
21 with less than \$250,000 in annual
22 earnings compete for several prizes based
23 on the viability of a strong business
24 plan that includes sound financial data
25 and demonstrates excellent management and

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2 marketing goals; and

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,

4 through the Competition, approximately 66

5 female entrepreneurs have received

6 monetary awards to assist them in growing

7 their businesses, and as a result, The

8 Business Center has aided these

9 businesses to become successful business

10 ventures; and

11 Whereas, for the 10th Annual

12 Competition, The Business Center has

13 developed collaborative partnerships with

14 Mount Airy Revitalization Corporation,

15 Philadelphia Development Partnership,

16 Tabas Funding, The Empowerment Group, The

17 Enterprise Center, Temple University

18 League of Entrepreneurial Women, Temple

19 Small Business Development Center, The

20 Reinvestment Fund, U.S. Small Business

21 Administration, Women's Business

22 Development Center, Women's Opportunity

23 Resource Center and Women's Yellow Pages;

24 and

25 Whereas, the 10th Annual

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2 Competition is being sponsored by
3 Citizens Bank, Elizabeth B. and Arthur
4 Roswell Foundation, PNC Bank,
5 Philadelphia University, Wachovia/Wells
6 Fargo and Sovereign Bank. Therefore, be
7 it

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Therefore,
9 be it, resolved by the Council of the
10 City of Philadelphia, that we hereby
11 honor The Business Center for
12 Entrepreneurship and Social Enterprise on
13 its 10th Annual Enterprising Woman
14 Business Plan Competition.

15 Further resolved, that an
16 engrossed copy of this resolution be
17 presented to representatives of The
18 Business Center for Entrepreneurship and
19 Social Enterprise as evidence of the
20 sincere sentiments of this legislative
21 body.

22 Certification that this is a
23 true and correct copy of the original
24 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
25 City of Philadelphia on the 6th of

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2 October 2011. It is signed by President
3 Verna and sponsored by all members of
4 City Council.

5 We congratulate you and thank
6 you for the work you do in the community.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair recognizes Ms. Wheeler for remarks.

10 MS. WHEELER: Good morning. I
11 would like to thank Councilwoman Donna
12 Reed Miller, Councilwoman Marian Tasco
13 and Chief of Staff Derek Green for
14 bestowing this honor to The Business
15 Center in honor of the Enterprising Woman
16 Business Plan Competition.

17 According to the Center for
18 Women's Business Research and Babson
19 College, women of color starting business
20 are starting business at a rate of three
21 to five times faster than all other
22 businesses. We are happy this afternoon
23 we'll have with us the winners for this
24 year, which are first-place winner
25 Michelle Tollen of Au Naturale,

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2 second-place winner Alicia Agnew and
3 third-place winner Polished
4 Professionals, which the owner is Ayana
5 Pilgrim-Brown. Additionally, we have
6 with us this morning our very first
7 winner from 2001, who is now a
8 seven-year-old business located in the
9 Frankford area serving police officers,
10 firefighters and vets with her senior
11 living facility. Let's give her a hand.

12 (Applause.)

13 MS. WHEELER: Her name is Diane
14 Richardson of The Richardson Group.
15 She's an active member of her society as
16 well the community that she lives in,
17 which is Mount Airy. She's also an
18 officer with the Frankford Business
19 Association and just recently she became
20 a Board member of The Business Center for
21 Entrepreneurship, and we really like
22 that.

23 So I encourage you also to
24 recognize another past winner who is with
25 us today, Bea Joyner, and we would also

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2 ask that you join us later this afternoon
3 from 12:00 to 1:30 where you'll get to
4 personally meet the winners for this
5 year. And we also encourage you to
6 support the program going forward,
7 because it is a fact that women will be
8 in positions of power and authority in
9 all capacities of life.

10 We thank you again for this
11 opportunity, and we honor you with peace
12 and blessings going forward.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

15 Council will be at ease.

16 (Council at ease.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Brown,
19 who will present a resolution recognizing
20 Temple University's Temple 20/20
21 Scholarship Program. Would Ken Lawrence
22 and those accompanying him please join
23 the Councilwoman at the podium.

24 I see that Councilwoman Brown
25 is being accompanied by Councilman

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2 O'Neill and Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I'm joined by an alum
5 of Temple University and colleague Brian
6 O'Neill and by Councilwoman Jannie
7 Blackwell, who, of course, chairs our
8 Education Committee, and we're always
9 thrilled to salute institutions that are
10 creating the next pipeline of leadership.

11 Today we recognize Temple
12 University's Temple 20/20 Scholarship
13 Program.

14 Whereas, Temple College was
15 founded in 1884 by Dr. Russell Conwell
16 and became Temple University in 1907; and

17 Whereas, Temple University has
18 evolved into a comprehensive urban
19 research and academic institution with
20 over 39,000 students at nine campuses and
21 with 320 academic degree programs; and

22 Whereas, in 2009, one-quarter
23 of Temple students were from Philadelphia
24 and one out of every eight
25 college-educated individuals in the

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2 Greater Philadelphia area have at least
3 one degree from Temple University; and

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

5 Whereas, Temple University works closely
6 with the School District of Philadelphia,
7 the City of Philadelphia and many
8 partners to prepare, recruit, enroll and
9 graduate students in Philadelphia through
10 efforts ranging from middle school early
11 intervention to full scholarships; and

12 Whereas, through the Office of
13 Community Relations, Temple University
14 strives to be a beacon for community
15 engagement through supporting
16 volunteerism, hosting community
17 organizations and providing direct
18 service to University neighbors; and

19 Whereas, in 2011, Temple
20 University created the 20/20 Scholarship
21 Program which aims to increase the number
22 of Philadelphians with college degrees
23 beginning with the incoming fall 2011
24 freshman class; and

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Whereas,

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2 the Temple 20/20 Scholarship Program has
3 created 250 four-year scholarships worth
4 \$5 million to be awarded over ten years
5 to students in the North Philadelphia
6 neighborhoods surrounding its main campus
7 in Councilman Darrell Clarke's district;
8 and

9 Whereas -- that's not in the
10 resolution, but I happen to know that.

11 Whereas, Philadelphians have
12 benefited tremendously from the efforts
13 of Temple University to support
14 educational opportunities for City
15 residents; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved, by the Council of the
17 City of Philadelphia, that we hereby
18 recognize Temple University's Temple
19 20/20 Scholarship Program.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Further
21 resolved, that an engrossed copy of this
22 resolution be presented to the
23 representatives and leadership and our
24 very own Ken Lawrence of Temple
25 University as evidence of the sincere

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2 sentiments of this legislative body.

3 Introduced by Blondell Reynolds
4 Brown and, of course, supported by all
5 members of the Philadelphia City Council.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 Chair recognizes Mr. Lawrence for
9 remarks.

10 MR. LAWRENCE: Good morning.

11 (Good morning.)

12 MR. LAWRENCE: I want to thank
13 Councilwoman Brown for sponsoring this
14 resolution and all of City Council for
15 supporting it. I'm joined here this
16 morning by Bill Black, who is our Senior
17 Vice Provost for Enrollment Management,
18 and Beverly Coleman, our Assistant
19 Vice-President for Community Relations
20 and Economic Development. Both of them
21 were instrumental in getting these
22 scholarships instituted.

23 Russell Conwell founded Temple
24 University back in 1884, as you heard,
25 and it was a night school. He had seven

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2 students who came to be tutored by him at
3 the Baptist Temple. And our founder,
4 Russell Conwell, would often talk about
5 the acres of diamonds in our backyard,
6 and we considered these Temple 20/20
7 scholarships a continuation of that
8 tradition. Even as Temple grows as an
9 international university, we want our
10 neighbors to know that there's the
11 opportunity for them too to benefit from
12 a Temple education.

13 So thank you very much for this
14 acknowledgment of the program, and go
15 Temple Owls.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

18 Council will be at ease.

19 (Council at ease.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 next order of business is communications.
22 The Chair requests that the
23 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages
24 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the messages from the Mayor.

3 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
4 and members of the Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
6 that on October 19, 2011, I signed all of
7 the bills that were passed by Council at
8 its session on October 6, 2011; and

9 I am transmitting herewith for
10 introduction and consideration of your
11 honorable body a resolution reappointing
12 a current member to the Board of
13 Directors of the Philadelphia Energy
14 Authority; namely, Ken Ogawa, term ending
15 January 1, 2017; and

16 I am transmitting a resolution
17 approving the redevelopment contract and
18 disposition supplement of the
19 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
20 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
21 urban renewal of a portion of the
22 Haddington Urban Renewal Area, Unit Nos.
23 2 and 3, designated as Parcel No. 24 and
24 also sometimes identified by house number
25 and street address as 5526 through 48

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2 Vine Street including 243 through 249

3 North Vodges Street; and

4 Also an ordinance authorizing

5 Neighbors of Overbrook Association,

6 located at 933 North 65th Street, to

7 construct, own and maintain an

8 encroachment of a sign on the traffic

9 island located on Lebanon Avenue at the

10 intersection of Wynnewood Road; and

11 An ordinance authorizing and

12 approving the execution and delivery of

13 one or more supplements to an existing

14 service agreement (or a new service

15 agreement on substantially the same

16 terms) between the City and the

17 Redevelopment Authority relating to a

18 comprehensive neighborhood transformation

19 program; the issuance by the

20 Redevelopment Authority of bonds or other

21 evidence of indebtedness to refund bonds

22 previously issued to finance such

23 neighborhood transformation program; and

24 the obligation of the City to pay certain

25 amounts payable under such service

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2 agreement; all under certain terms and
3 conditions.

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

7 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
8 please read any other communications in
9 his possession.

10 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
11 Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The next order of business is
15 the introduction of bills and
16 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
17 Councilman Kenney.

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

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

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

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2 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
3 resolutions today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Greenlee.

8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
9 you, Madam President. I offer one
10 resolution co-sponsored by Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 honoring Philadelphia's homeless
18 veteran's and declaring November as
19 Homeless Veterans Month.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
21 resolution will be placed on the Final
22 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
23 next session of Council.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Krajewski.

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

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
10 President, I offer one bill and one
11 resolution, and I wish to be recognized
12 after the title of the resolution setting
13 forth recommendations to the Zoning Code
14 Commission is read for a motion on the
15 resolution.

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 authorizing and approving the execution
22 and delivery of one or more supplements
23 to an existing service agreement (or a
24 new service agreement on substantially
25 the same terms) between the City and the

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2 Redevelopment Authority relating to a
3 comprehensive neighborhood transformation
4 program.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 setting forth recommendations to the
10 Zoning Code Commission for amendments to
11 the Zoning Code Commission's Preliminary
12 Report dated May 2011.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move that the rules
17 of Council be suspended to permit
18 consideration of the resolution on
19 today's Final Passage Calendar.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
22 has been moved and seconded that the
23 rules of Council be suspended to permit
24 consideration of this resolution at
25 today's session of Council.

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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 motion passes. This
10 resolution will be placed on today's
11 Final Passage Calendar.

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
15 you, Madam President. Today I have no
16 bills or resolutions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Sanchez.

21 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
22 you, Madam President. No bills or
23 resolutions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Green.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
5 Madam President. No bills or
6 resolutions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Jones.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
12 Madam President. Two resolutions, one
13 bill.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
15 you.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing Neighbors of Overbrook
20 Association, located at 933 North 65th
21 Street, to construct, own and maintain an
22 encroachment of a sign on the traffic
23 island located on Lebanon Avenue at the
24 intersection of Wynnewood Road.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

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2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
6 Property to execute and deliver to the
7 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
8 Philadelphia, without consideration,
9 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
10 title to certain City-owned lots or
11 pieces of ground with the buildings and
12 improvements thereon, situate in the
13 Thirty-Fourth Ward of the City of
14 Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
16 resolution will be placed on the Final
17 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
18 next session of Council.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 approving the redevelopment contract and
21 disposition supplement of the
22 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
23 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
24 urban renewal of a portion of the
25 Haddington Urban Renewal Area, Unit Nos.

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2 2 and 3, designated as Parcel No. 24.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
4 resolution will be placed on the Final
5 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
6 next session of Council.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Goode.

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

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 Chair thanks the gentleman.

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
17 Madam President. No bills or resolutions
18 this morning.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I offer five bills and
25 one resolution.

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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 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 establishing a parking regulation on
8 Durfor Street, south side, 11th Street to
9 12th Street.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
14 establishing a parking regulation on
15 Jessup Street, west side, Mifflin Street
16 to McKean Street.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 establishing a parking regulation on
22 Camac Street, west side, Shunk Street to
23 Oregon Avenue.

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

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2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
4 establishing a parking regulation on
5 Bainbridge Street, both sides, 11th
6 Street to 12th Street.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 establishing a parking regulation on 13th
12 Street, east side, Reed Street to Wharton
13 Street.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
19 Property to execute and deliver to the
20 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
21 Philadelphia, without consideration,
22 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
23 title to certain City-owned lots or
24 pieces of ground with the buildings and
25 improvements thereon, situate in the

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2 Thirty-First Ward of the City of
3 Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
5 resolution will be placed on the Final
6 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
7 next session of Council.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
11 President, I have no bills or
12 resolutions.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I have six resolutions.

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 opposing the "National Right-to-Carry
25 Reciprocity Act," as introduced in the

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2 United States Congress.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

5 Don't you want the suspension
6 of the rules on this so we could vote on
7 it today?

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Oh,
9 absolutely, Madam President. I wasn't
10 aware I could do that. Absolutely.

11 Madam President, I ask for a
12 suspension of the rules to allow us to
13 vote on this today.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
16 in favor?

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
3 Property to execute and deliver to the
4 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
5 Philadelphia, without consideration,
6 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
7 title to certain City-owned lots or
8 pieces of ground with the buildings and
9 improvements thereon, situate in the
10 Forty-Seventh Ward of the City of
11 Philadelphia.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
13 resolution will be placed on the Final
14 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
15 next session of Council.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 to amend the Institutional Development
18 District Master Plan of Temple
19 University, located on the block bounded
20 by 11th Street, Berks Street, 12th
21 Street, and Norris Street, by allowing
22 for the construction of a new building
23 addition for use as the Science Education
24 and Research Building.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This

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2 resolution will be placed on the Final
3 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
4 next session of Council.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 approving the redevelopment contract and
7 disposition supplement of the
8 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
9 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
10 urban renewal of a portion of the
11 Brewerytown Urban Renewal Area,
12 designated as Parcel No. 26.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
14 resolution will be placed on the Final
15 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
16 next session of Council.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
19 Property to execute and deliver to the
20 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
21 Philadelphia, without consideration,
22 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
23 title to certain City-owned lots or
24 pieces of ground with the buildings and
25 improvements thereon, situate in the

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2 Sixteenth, Twenty-Ninth and
3 Thirty-Seventh Wards of the City of
4 Philadelphia.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
6 resolution will be placed on the Final
7 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
8 next session of Council.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 confirming the reappointment of Ken Ogawa
11 as a member of the Board of the
12 Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve
13 in the term ending January 1, 2017.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
15 resolution will be placed on the Final
16 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
17 next session of Council.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Kelly.

20 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
21 President, no bills or resolutions.

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Rizzo.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam

3 President, nothing today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

5 you.

6 The next order of business is
7 reports from committees.

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

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

12 President, the Committee on Finance
13 reports six bills with a favorable
14 recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

16 you.

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 read the report.

19 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
20 and members of the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia, the Committee on Finance,
22 to which was referred Bill No. 110130,
23 entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter
24 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code,
25 entitled 'Real Estate Taxes,' to provide

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2 a credit against the tax for owners of
3 condominiums and cooperatives and planned
4 community units who do not receive
5 regular City refuse, recycling and bulk
6 item collection services"; and

7 Bill No. 110518, entitled "An
8 ordinance authorizing the Procurement
9 Commissioner, on behalf of the City of
10 Philadelphia, to enter into a lease and
11 related agreements with the Philadelphia
12 Municipal Authority, for use by the City
13 of certain cogeneration facilities to be
14 located at the Northeast Water Pollution
15 Control Plant at 3899 Richmond Street";
16 and

17 Bill No. 110560, entitled "An
18 ordinance amending Chapter 19-200 of The
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'City Funds -
20 Deposits, Investments, Disbursements,' by
21 revising the list of City depositories
22 because of non-compliance with certain
23 provisions of that Chapter"; and

24 Bill No. 110612, entitled "An
25 ordinance amending Bill No. 110136

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2 (approved June 24, 2011), entitled 'An
3 ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2012 Capital
4 Budget,' by adding and revising certain
5 projects, amounts and sources"; and

6 Bill No. 110613, entitled "An
7 ordinance amending Bill No. 110135
8 (approved June 24, 2011), entitled 'An
9 ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for
10 the six Fiscal Years 2012 through 2017
11 inclusive,' by adding and revising
12 certain projects, amounts and sources";
13 and

14 Bill No. 110660, entitled "An
15 ordinance constituting the Eleventh
16 Supplemental Ordinance to the Amended and
17 Restated General Airport Revenue
18 Refunding Bond Ordinance; authorizing the
19 Mayor, the City Controller and the City
20 Solicitor, or a majority of them, to
21 issue and sell one or more series of
22 tax-exempt or taxable Airport Revenue
23 Refunding Bonds of the City of
24 Philadelphia," respectfully reports it
25 has considered the same and returns the

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2 attached bills to Council with a
3 favorable recommendation.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I move that the rules
10 of Council be suspended so as to permit
11 first reading of these bills just
12 reported from committee, with the
13 exception of Bill No. 110130.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
16 has been moved and properly seconded that
17 the rules of Council be suspended so as
18 to permit first reading this day of the
19 bills just reported from committee, with
20 the exception of Bill No. 110130.

21 All in favor will indicate by
22 saying 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 bills just read
5 will be placed on our First Reading
6 Calendar for today. Bill No. 110130 will
7 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
8 for our next session of Council.

9 The Chair now recognizes
10 Councilman Greenlee for a report from the
11 Committee on Law and Government.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
13 you, Madam President. The Committee on
14 Law and Government reports one bill with
15 a favorable 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 Law and Government, to which was referred
22 Bill No. 110631, entitled "An ordinance
23 amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia
24 Code, entitled 'Miscellaneous,' by
25 regulating the public availability of

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2 police accident reports, including, but
3 not limited to, providing for the
4 confidentiality of certain information
5 contained in such reports, and providing
6 fees for the issuance of such reports,
7 all under certain terms and conditions,"
8 respectfully reports it has considered
9 and amended the same and returns the
10 attached bill to Council with a favorable
11 recommendation.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Greenlee.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
17 you, Madam President. I move that the
18 rules of Council be suspended so as to
19 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
20 110631.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I
23 hear a second?

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

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2 has been moved and seconded that the
3 rules of Council be suspended so as to
4 permit first reading this day of the bill
5 just reported from committee.

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 bill just read will
13 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
14 for today.

15 The Chair now recognizes
16 Councilman DiCicco for a report from the
17 Committee on Streets and Services.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
19 Madam President. The Committee on
20 Streets and Services reports 38 bills out
21 with a favorable recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the report.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
3 Streets and Services, to which was
4 referred Bill No. 110291, entitled "An
5 ordinance revising parking restrictions
6 on Walnut Street, north side, between
7 33rd Street and Cobbs Creek Parkway"; and

8 Bill No. 110293, entitled "An
9 ordinance revising parking restrictions
10 on Chestnut Street, south side, between
11 31st Street and Cobbs Creek Parkway"; and

12 Bill No. 110499, entitled "An
13 ordinance authorizing Chinta Shah, owner
14 and operator of the newsstand located on
15 the southeast corner of 18th Street and
16 JFK Boulevard, to construct, use and
17 maintain conduits in, under and across
18 the southeast corner of 18th Street and
19 JFK Boulevard"; and

20 Bill No. 110550, entitled "An
21 ordinance amending Section 2 of an
22 ordinance (Bill No. 090120) approved
23 April 15, 2009, entitled 'An ordinance
24 authorizing the revision of lines and
25 grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 107

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and 130 by striking from the City Plan
and vacating the legally open portions of
47th Street from Fairmount Avenue to
Brown Street,' by extending the period
for compliance with the terms and
conditions stated therein"; and

Bill No. 110555, entitled "An
ordinance amending Section 2 of an
ordinance (Bill No. 090442) approved June
26, 2009, entitled 'An ordinance
authorizing the revision of lines and
grades on a portion of City Plan No. 157
by placing on the City Plan Fourth Street
from Westmoreland Street to Ontario
Street,' by extending the period for
compliance with the terms and conditions
stated therein"; and

Bill No. 110566, entitled "An
ordinance authorizing the revision of
lines and grades on a portion of City
Plan No. 63 by striking from the City
Plan and vacating a portion of
Pennsylvania Avenue, between Nineteenth
Street and Twentieth Street"; and

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2 Bill No. 110608, entitled "An
3 ordinance authorizing Milk & Honey
4 Limited Liability Company to construct,
5 own and maintain an open-air sidewalk
6 cafe at 4435 Baltimore Avenue"; and

7 Bill No. 110609, entitled "An
8 ordinance authorizing 4511 M&T Inc. to
9 construct, own and maintain an open-air
10 sidewalk cafe at 4511 through 13
11 Baltimore Avenue"; and

12 Bill No. 110611, entitled "An
13 ordinance authorizing the revision of
14 lines and grades on a portion of City
15 Plan Nos. 292 and 321 by striking from
16 the City Plan Delaware Avenue from
17 Pennypack Street to its terminus
18 approximately five-thousand five-hundred
19 feet southwestwardly therefrom"; and

20 Bill No. 110614, entitled "An
21 ordinance authorizing the revision of
22 lines and grades on a portion of City
23 Plan No. 18-S by striking from the City
24 Plan and vacating the legally open
25 portions of Shedwick Street from Reed

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2 Street to Wharton Street"; and

3 Bill No. 110615, entitled "An
4 ordinance authorizing Bourse Mall
5 Associates and Bourse Tower Associates,
6 owners of the Bourse Building at 111
7 South Independence Mall East, to legalize
8 various encroachments within the City
9 right-of-way"; and

10 Bill No. 110616, entitled "An
11 ordinance authorizing the revision of
12 lines and grades on a portion of City
13 Plan No. 118 by striking from the City
14 Plan and vacating Clifton Street from
15 Montgomery Avenue to Berks Street"; and

16 Bill No. 110634, entitled "An
17 ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Use Of An
19 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
20 Prevent Red Light Violations,' by
21 authorizing the installation of red light
22 enforcement systems at the intersection
23 of Worthington Road at Byberry Road"; and

24 Bill No. 110635, entitled "An
25 ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000 of The

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Use Of An
3 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
4 Prevent Red Light Violations,' by
5 authorizing the installation of red light
6 enforcement systems at the intersection
7 of Woodhaven Road at Knights Road"; and

8 Bill No. 110648, entitled "An
9 ordinance authorizing and directing the
10 revision of lines and grades on a portion
11 of City Plan Nos. 305 and 306 by placing
12 on the City Plan Delaware Avenue from
13 Lewis Street to Buckius Street"; and

14 Bill No. 110649, entitled "An
15 ordinance establishing a no truck parking
16 regulation on Bath Street, between Hedley
17 Street and Orthodox Street, both sides";
18 and

19 Bill No. 110651, entitled "An
20 ordinance establishing a parking
21 regulation on Montrose Street, north
22 side, 15th Street to 16th Street"; and

23 Bill No. 110652, entitled "An
24 ordinance establishing a parking
25 regulation on Carpenter Street, both

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2 sides, 20th Street to 21st Street"; and

3 Bill No. 110653, entitled "An
4 ordinance establishing a parking
5 regulation on 18th Street, both sides,
6 Carpenter Street to Christian Street";
7 and

8 Bill No. 110654, entitled "An
9 ordinance establishing a parking
10 regulation on Catharine Street, both
11 sides, 18th Street to 19th Street"; and

12 Bill No. 110655, entitled "An
13 ordinance establishing a parking
14 regulation on Catharine Street, both
15 sides, 21st Street to 22nd Street"; and

16 Bill No. 110656, entitled "An
17 ordinance establishing a parking
18 regulation on Fitzwater Street, both
19 sides, 23rd Street to 22nd Street"; and

20 Bill No. 110657, entitled "An
21 ordinance establishing a parking
22 regulation on Grays Ferry Avenue, east
23 side, Carpenter Street to Christian
24 Street"; and

25 Bill No. 110658, entitled "An

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2 ordinance establishing a parking
3 regulation on Bainbridge Street, south
4 side, 15th Street to Broad Street"; and

5 Bill No. 110659, entitled "An
6 ordinance authorizing Newbold's Brew,
7 trading as Brew, to construct, own and
8 maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe at
9 1900 South 15th Street, under certain
10 terms and conditions"; and

11 Bill No. 110665, entitled "An
12 ordinance authorizing Campanaro
13 Consulting, doing business as Village
14 Belle Restaurant & Bar, to legalize
15 various existing sidewalk encroachments
16 located on the footway in front of 757
17 South Front Street"; and

18 Bill No. 110666, entitled "An
19 ordinance authorizing Campanaro
20 Consulting doing business as Village
21 Belle Restaurant & Bar, to construct, own
22 and maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe at
23 757 South Front Street"; and

24 Bill No. 110667, entitled "An
25 ordinance authorizing Gabriel Bravo to

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construct, own and maintain an open-air
sidewalk cafe at 1201 South 9th Street";
and

Bill No. 110668, entitled "An
ordinance authorizing Watkins Drinkery,
Inc. to construct, own and maintain an
open-air sidewalk cafe at 1712 South 10th
Street"; and

Bill No. 110671, entitled "An
ordinance authorizing the revision of
lines and grades on a portion of City
Plan No. 271 by striking from the City
Plan and vacating Bodine Street from
Spring Garden Street to Green Street";
and

Bill No. 110673, entitled "An
ordinance establishing a parking
regulation on Poplar Street, north side,
2nd Street to New Market Street"; and

Bill No. 110674, entitled "An
ordinance establishing a parking
regulation on Emily Street, south side,
11th Street to 12th Street"; and

Bill No. 110675, entitled "An

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2 ordinance establishing a parking
3 regulation on Catharine Street, both
4 sides, Broad Street to 13th Street"; and

5 Bill No. 110676, entitled "An
6 ordinance establishing a parking
7 regulation on Annin Street, south side,
8 11th Street to 12th Street"; and

9 Bill No. 110677, entitled "An
10 ordinance establishing a parking
11 regulation on 12th Street, both sides,
12 Porter Street to Shunk Street"; and

13 Bill No. 110678, entitled "An
14 ordinance establishing a parking
15 regulation on Dickinson Street, both
16 sides, Juniper Street to Clarion Street";
17 and

18 Bill No. 110679, entitled "An
19 ordinance establishing a parking
20 regulation on Iseminger Street, east
21 side, Oregon Avenue to Shunk Street"; and

22 Bill No. 110680, entitled "An
23 ordinance establishing a parking
24 regulation on George Street, both sides,
25 3rd Street to Orianna Street,"

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

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

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I move that the rules
10 of Council be suspended so as to permit
11 first reading this day of all of the
12 bills that have just been read into the
13 record, with the exception of Bill No.
14 110671.

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, with
21 the exception of Bill No. 110671.

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 bills just read
5 will be placed on our First Reading
6 Calendar for today. Bill No. 110671 will
7 be placed on the First Reading Calendar
8 for our next session of Council.

9 The next order of business is
10 the consideration of the Calendar. I
11 note that the bills just reported from
12 committee with suspension of rules have
13 been deemed to have had a first reading.
14 These bills will be placed on the Second
15 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for
16 the next session of Council.

17 As there are no additional
18 bills for the First Reading Calendar, the
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for
20 the purpose of calling up the bills and
21 resolutions on the Second Reading and
22 Final Passage Calendar for consideration
23 today.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
25 Madam President. The following

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2 resolutions and bills are being called up
3 from the Second Reading and Final Passage
4 Calendars today: Nos. 110722, 110723,
5 110724, 110726, 110727, 100200-AAAA and
6 110689. All other bills and resolutions
7 are being -- I'm sorry. Bill 110689 is
8 being amended. All other bills and
9 resolutions are being held.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 Before considering these bills
13 and resolutions, we will consider public
14 comment as follows: Your public comment
15 must concern bills on the Second Reading
16 and Final Passage Calendars for possible
17 action at today's Council session.

18 All speakers must sign up in
19 order to testify. If you have not
20 already signed up for today's session,
21 please do so by giving your name to the
22 Sergeant-At-Arms at the table to my left.

23 You will be called in the order
24 in which your name appears on the sign-up
25 sheet. You will have up to three

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2 minutes, three minutes to speak. We have
3 a number of people who have signed up,
4 and in order to give everyone an
5 opportunity to voice their concerns, I
6 would ask that you please abide by the
7 three-minute rule.

8 At this time, I would ask the
9 Chief Clerk to please read the name of
10 our first speaker.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Khadijah White,
12 commenting on 110633.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
14 you.

15 (Witness approached podium.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
17 morning.

18 MS. WHITE: Good morning.
19 Before I begin, I would like to
20 acknowledge everyone here from both
21 Occupy Philly and beyond the Philadelphia
22 community who opposes 110633. If you
23 guys can stand up just to show.

24 (Witnesses stand.)

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

3 Welcome.

4 MS. WHITE: Thank you.

5 My name is Khadijah White. I
6 live in District 9, and my Councilmember
7 is Darrell L. Clarke. I am a Ph.D.
8 candidate at the Annenberg School for
9 Communication. I've been proud to serve
10 my citizens, whether it was as a White
11 House intern for President Obama or a
12 journalist at PBS. I'm also the oldest
13 of four children. I love my siblings.
14 Thus, I was justifiably concerned and
15 anguished when I discovered that the City
16 Council was seen set on passing a law
17 that would make it illegal for me to take
18 my 13-year-old brother out to a movie on
19 a Saturday night on a warm summer
20 evening. That my mom and my brother
21 could be in prison for up to three months
22 and fined \$300 for activities like this
23 seem to be such an outrageous violation
24 of my civil liberties, that I found
25 myself rereading the bill in conjunction

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2 with the 2007 enforcement ordinance and
3 Mayor Nutter's recent curfew decree
4 several times over just to make sure that
5 this was in fact true. I now find myself
6 anxious of the thought of my 18-year-old
7 sister visiting me, worried that if she
8 mistakenly leaves her ID at home, she
9 might be thrown into the back of a police
10 van and detained as a criminal.

11 Outside of this bill's clear
12 attack on my own ability to live as a
13 full citizen in the city I love, this
14 bill is morally and ethically
15 irresponsible on a number of other
16 points. First, the curfew is a law in
17 which a parent or child could be in
18 prison for three months because a
19 teenager might have stayed out too late.
20 My mother was a single parent. Looking
21 back, I can't imagine her being in jail
22 for up to three months because I lost
23 track of time when hanging out with my
24 friends. Can you honestly say it would
25 be appropriate to put four kids in foster

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2 care because one child was out too late a
3 few times? Is that really justice in any
4 sense of the word?

5 I believe that this law is
6 intentionally deceptive. It seeks
7 political points, with no substantive
8 objectives. Research studies on curfews
9 have shown that there is no evidence that
10 curfews prevent crime and victimization.

11 I also believe that the youth curfew
12 would likely only be implemented and
13 enforced among poor communities of color.
14 Policies like stop and frisk have already
15 been shown to target African Americans,
16 with them making up 75 percent of the
17 people detained in this law, with only 8
18 percent resulting in arrest. I have no
19 doubt that the curfew law will lead to
20 the similar detainment and incarceration
21 of poor kids of color and their parents.

22 I've already heard numerous
23 accounts of minors being illegally
24 stopped, detained and fined on their way
25 home from work and church groups. Yes,

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2 they can fight an unfair ticket, but this
3 puts an undue burden on parents and
4 minors who presumably have to miss school
5 or work to pursue such a matter. How is
6 this in the best interest of children
7 doing the right thing?

8 Lastly, I believe that all
9 Philadelphia citizens should be able to
10 move freely throughout the City. In
11 limiting the movement of youth, we are
12 also restricting them to the poor and
13 less safe areas of the City. We
14 vehemently oppose this back-door approach
15 to enforcing a widespread segregation and
16 caging of Philadelphia's youth, and we
17 believe it echoes the black codes and
18 slave codes of America's history.

19 In my opinion, instead of
20 punishing poor youth of color who have
21 had every obstacle set before them and
22 instead of funneling them into prisons at
23 alarming rates, the City and federal
24 government should take the money being
25 spent on prisons and spend it on

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2 education, health care and services for
3 youth. And not just the money being
4 spent on prisons, but also the money
5 being spent on policing these kids.

6 This is in fact, to most of us
7 here, an essential election issue, and we
8 will respond accordingly.

9 With me I have 140 signatures
10 of concerned Philadelphia citizens who
11 object to this curfew law. I hope that
12 you hear us.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you very much.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chief Clerk will please call the next
19 witness.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Earl Lively,
21 commenting on Bill 100200-AAAA.

22 (Witness approached podium.)

23 MR. LIVELY: Good morning,
24 Madam President. Good morning, City
25 Council. First, I would like to say I

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2 would thank the Councilmen and women that
3 was listening to me last week versus the
4 BlackBerry that takes up a lot of your
5 time, I see. But I want to acknowledge
6 you and Councilman Jones, who really was
7 really attentive, so obviously somewhere
8 along the line that this bill does mean
9 something, not just to me but it means a
10 whole lot, a whole lot to the future of
11 those that will have satellite or
12 antennas.

13 But what I want to say to
14 Councilman Clarke as well as Councilman
15 DiCicco and Councilman Green -- am I on
16 the right side this time?

17 What I would like to say to you
18 is that what I did personally. I'm not
19 going to talk about no Harvard degree.
20 I'm not going to talk about any of those
21 things. I want to talk about that I am
22 one person but many voices, and I'm not
23 schizophrenic. But what I want to say to
24 you seriously is, we are in support of
25 what Councilman Clarke's project is. We

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2 are in support of Councilman DiCicco's
3 project. We are in support of Councilman
4 Green. Whether this bill today is
5 amended and gets passed, I just want to
6 let you know.

7 As a citizen and as a voter
8 that lives in North Philly, that,
9 Councilman Clarke, you are our
10 Councilman, what I did is, I did a
11 research out of 100 people that had
12 satellites. Thirty-five was in support.

13 Back up. The question was that
14 I asked them, Do you as a homeowner
15 support restrictions on the amendment
16 bill, and I read it off to them.
17 Thirty-five was in support, 25 not sure,
18 10 percent didn't care because they said
19 City Council was going to do whatever
20 they had to do anyway, but that other 30
21 percent was like me, that I was against
22 this bill, of amending it.

23 So as a person I have to
24 realize, I have to go with the voters.
25 Yeah. I'm a citizen, and I stand here

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2 and I speak for a whole lot of people.

3 I've been one up here on this podium from

4 day one instead of letting the bill that

5 is going to affect. But the people

6 spoke, and that's from Spring Garden --

7 listen to the diversity of the group of

8 people -- Ridge Avenue, Olney, Erie,

9 Temple. Didn't get over there in your

10 areas, Councilman Green, Councilman

11 DiCicco, but I know in the area of the

12 5th District they were in support.

13 So what I'm going to say is the

14 community and the people speak that

15 they're in support of your bill. So

16 whatever you guys do in the future, then

17 we'll have to pay the consequences,

18 because there's many things that I

19 believe -- I heard that three minutes --

20 that still is going to affect. And what

21 I want to say is as someone stepped to me

22 earlier today before I came in, they said

23 did I know what this bill was all about.

24 Did I know? Did I know what I was

25 talking about? You're doggone right I

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2 knew what I was talking about, because
3 first of all, we know that it's no longer
4 a shift on the homeowners. This is going
5 to be future of the provider such as
6 someone who sells something to somebody
7 or a commodity. That's what this bill is
8 going to affect, because what they're
9 going to do is, they're going to change
10 fees. The fees on the maintenance for
11 you to take these things off the houses,
12 they're going to start charging us, which
13 I'm not saying that we shouldn't be
14 charged.

15 I'm not going to waste any more
16 of your time. The community has spoke.
17 They're in support of it. There's
18 nothing I can do.

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
21 you.

22 Our next witness.

23 CHIEF CLERK: P.J. Ghose,
24 commenting on 110633.

25 (Witness approached podium.)

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2 MR. GHOSE: Good morning.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
4 morning.

5 MR. GHOSE: I'm a professor of
6 social work at the University of
7 Pennsylvania in social policy, and I got
8 to say I'm surprised at the results that
9 were just presented, because I've done
10 the research on this too in the
11 community. A lot of us have done
12 research on this, and there's at least
13 about an 80 to 90 percent vote going
14 against this bill if you actually do a
15 representative sample, when you actually
16 sample the kind of people who are going
17 to be affected by this bill, the single
18 mothers who are at work when their
19 children are being picked up because they
20 don't have the capacity to impose the
21 curfew at home, the children who are
22 going to be affected by this bill because
23 they're out there working, sister Olivia,
24 who was picked up last week, because she
25 was coming home. She's autistic. She's

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2 coming home from McDonald's working and
3 she was picked up because of this bill.

4 As a social worker, as a
5 professor of social work, as someone who
6 is working constantly with the youth of
7 this country and of this particular city,
8 this bill doesn't make sense, folks. Let
9 me lay it down for you.

10 We know for a fact that curfew
11 laws have been imposed in various
12 communities to achieve some of the same
13 purposes you're trying to in
14 Philadelphia. We know -- we have
15 results. I invite you back to Penn and
16 to some of our forums. I can bring it
17 here if you would like me to. We have
18 the facts and figures on that. It did
19 not work in Detroit. It did not work in
20 Compton. It did not work in Boston. It
21 did not work in New York City. So why
22 are we not going with evidence-based
23 policy?

24 We have some of the premier
25 scholars and implementers and child/youth

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2 advocates as well as child/youth
3 developers in the City. Why were we not
4 consulted when putting together this kind
5 of a law? It doesn't make sense, because
6 if it did, if this curfew law did work,
7 we would be imposing it on the marauding
8 drunk people coming out of a Phillies
9 loss or an Eagles loss, you know, and
10 there's a number of those on both counts.
11 We would be imposing it on the kind of
12 crazy drunk property raising kind of
13 parties that are going on at the
14 University of Pennsylvania every single
15 weekend. We know for a fact that that
16 destroys property and businesses way more
17 than the kind of flash mobs that have
18 been held out to be indicted by this
19 bill. We know we can do that, and we do
20 not do that. So why indeed are we going
21 with this kind of a bill?

22 I ask you, I implore you, do
23 not create a law that creates a class of
24 people and puts them under house arrest.
25 Do not create a law that is imposed on

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2 particular communities of color, because
3 this bill does not apply to the kids and
4 the teens living in Chestnut Hill. It
5 does not apply to kids living in
6 suburbia. It applies to West
7 Philadelphia. It applies to protecting
8 the kind of 1 percent businesses and the
9 1 percent population that go to those
10 businesses in Center City and South
11 Philly. This bill creates a class of
12 people. And this bill, we know -- and I
13 will give you the facts if you come to
14 me. This bill does accelerate the kind
15 of incredible incarceration rates that
16 are being imposed on our youth of color,
17 especially in the City, a city that has a
18 high proportion of colleges and
19 universities, the highest per capita in
20 the world, and as well, on the other
21 hand, a city that has the highest rates
22 of incarceration amongst the youth in the
23 world today.

24 So I ask you, I implore you, I
25 invite you all to come back with me to

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2 the School of Social Policy at the
3 University of Pennsylvania. Let's sit
4 down with the incredible community
5 advocates and activists and the youth who
6 are present here in Occupy Philly today,
7 with the kind of scholars that are
8 present here today, with the kind of
9 Councilmembers that are present here
10 today. Let's actually have a partnership
11 on this. Let's not go together into
12 insanity. Let's go together and show the
13 world that we are sane.

14 So I implore you. This is not
15 a plea just to you and me. This is a
16 plea for sanity. Let's revisit this and
17 let's make sure that we do not impose
18 this kind of racist, sexist policy on our
19 cities anymore.

20 Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Our
23 next witness.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Savannah Shange.

25 (Witness approached podium.)

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2 MS. SHANGE: Good morning. My
3 name is Savannah Shange. I came here to
4 speak out against the passage of Bill
5 110633. I base my opposition on three
6 levels of experience.

7 First of all, I grew up in
8 Philadelphia. I live on Mifflin Street
9 in District 1, and I am a graduate of the
10 Creative and Performing Arts High School.
11 I attended public high school and middle
12 school here in Philadelphia.

13 Secondly, I'm a Fontaine
14 Scholar of Education at the University of
15 Pennsylvania, studying youth policy and
16 its impact on learning and development.

17 And, third, and perhaps most
18 important, I have seven years of teaching
19 urban high school students myself.

20 First, as a person who grew up
21 in Philadelphia as a budding young
22 artist, I was a playwright and actor at
23 CAPA. I spent most of my evenings going
24 back and forth from friends' houses for
25 impromptu rehearsals and play writing

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2 sessions. We attended films and plays
3 late in the night as a pursuit of our own
4 artistic interest when our parents were
5 busy working or simply uninterested in
6 the same things we were. I would not
7 have had the ability to develop my
8 potential as an artist and be admitted to
9 the most prestigious acting school in
10 this country, to School of the Arts at
11 NYU, without the independent autonomist
12 ability to develop myself to my full
13 potential. If I had been afraid of
14 arrest or police harassment, I would not
15 have been able to develop myself to that
16 extent.

17 Secondly, as a scholar of
18 education, I am distressed that this city
19 like others across the country, as stated
20 by Professor Ghose, has continued to look
21 to restrictive curfew laws in the absence
22 of any evidence that they work. The only
23 empirical study of the effectiveness of
24 youth curfew laws was by Michael Males
25 and Dan Macallair in 1998. They found

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2 conclusively there is no link between
3 youth curfews and reduction in crime
4 rates, regardless of their popularity
5 among polls. Since curfews are in
6 effect, a restriction on the freedom of
7 assembly as granted by the U.S.
8 Constitution, which applies to all
9 citizens and residents regardless of age,
10 should only be used with completely and
11 overwhelmingly compelling evidence rather
12 than anecdote.

13 Finally, as a teacher, I also
14 want to testify to the detrimental impact
15 of early police contact on young people.
16 Imagine a young person who is going about
17 their business and they're impacted by an
18 interaction with a police officer that is
19 negative. Since Philadelphia does have
20 the highest incarceration rate, these
21 young people are more likely to have a
22 parent, a friend or a relative in prison,
23 and these interactions with police
24 continue to make young people think that,
25 Oh, I'm supposed to be a criminal because

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2 this is how my city interacts with me.

3 In addition to that, it also builds an

4 animosity between the institutions that

5 are supposed to support, protect and

6 develop young people as opposed to

7 continuing to disenfranchise them. We

8 could not afford to further alienate

9 low-income youth of color given that the

10 fate of our city depends on their engaged

11 and positive citizenship.

12 Given these considerations, I

13 respectfully urge the members of Council

14 to vote against the Bill 110633 and

15 further to repeal all other restrictions

16 on youth movement in the City of

17 Philadelphia.

18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHIEF CLERK: Che Gosstt.

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Call

23 the name again, Michael.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Che Gosstt.

25 MR. GOSSETT: That's my name,

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2 but my name is Che Gossett and I'm
3 speaking as a member of Active
4 Philadelphia and as a supporter of Occupy
5 Philly as well.

6 Most of what I have to say has
7 already been said by Professor Ghose, by
8 Khadijah White and by others who are
9 standing in opposition to this bill,
10 110633.

11 I'd like to emphasize that the
12 curfew -- the first time the curfew was
13 instituted in the United States was
14 during slavery as a means of social
15 control for free and enslaved black
16 people, and that's the legacy that the
17 curfew carries with it.

18 In addition, something that
19 hasn't been said but is a kind of hard
20 reality about curfews is that it
21 disproportionately will also impact,
22 along with black youth, youth of color in
23 general, homeless youth, many of whom who
24 are lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer and
25 transgender.

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2 And so I think that we should
3 think hard about our political priorities
4 and there's -- the Occupy Movement is big
5 about asking a rhetorical question: Who
6 are you protecting? Who is this curfew
7 protecting? It's protecting the centers
8 for business in Center City and also in
9 University City. It's protecting white
10 privilege. It's protecting people who
11 are wealthy. And it's really pushing a
12 lot of the weight of policing, of
13 disciplining and regulating people's
14 bodies against black people, people of
15 color, youth of color, those who are
16 already targeted by the prison industrial
17 complex, by mass incarceration and by
18 mass deportation.

19 So I really implore us to think
20 about other ways to solve social problems
21 than through moral panic and policing.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Schall.

25 (No response.)

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Schall.

3 (No response.)

4 CHIEF CLERK: Wali "Diop"

5 Rahman, commenting on 110633.

6 (Witness approached podium.)

7 MR. RAHMAN: Yes. City Council
8 and citizens of Philadelphia, my name is
9 Wali "Diop" Rahman. I'm actually running
10 for Mayor of Philadelphia as the only
11 independent candidate on the ballot, and
12 as soon as I was made aware of this
13 curfew policy, which we all know happened
14 in the month of August, I was appalled by
15 it, and particularly in terms of the way
16 it was presented to the public as a
17 so-called solution to violence and crime
18 as being perpetrated by the youth of
19 Philadelphia. And in later statements
20 made by Mayor Nutter, he racialized the
21 issue of youth violence and crime by
22 speaking to a church in West Philly and
23 associating the so-called violence and
24 crime with black youth and slandering not
25 only them but their parents, referring to

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2 their fathers as ATM machines and sperm
3 donors. And, of course, the curfew in
4 its initial stage was designed to protect
5 the wealth and property of particular
6 areas of the City that we know that the
7 same youth that were criminalized by
8 Nutter's statements do not reside in. So
9 I think this is important to recognize as
10 you consider the amended curfew policy
11 that's on the table right now.

12 In addition to that, I think
13 that you should consider that if the City
14 were really interested in stopping
15 violence and crime, then they would,
16 first and foremost, address the violence
17 and the violent policies coming straight
18 from its own Administration, not only in
19 the Mayor's Office but City Council as
20 well. I'm talking about the violence of
21 the budget cuts of our schools, the
22 violence of poverty imposed on our
23 community through a lack of economic
24 development, lack of jobs and businesses
25 that should be made available to our

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2 community, of violence of a public policy
3 of police containment, which spends over
4 \$1 billion every year on police, prisons
5 and courts, but meanwhile, they claim
6 they can't find the money to keep the
7 schools open and provide jobs and
8 businesses for our community.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. RAHMAN: So these are
11 really important questions that you need
12 to address if you are really concerned
13 about stopping violence and crime in the
14 City of Philadelphia.

15 I believe that African youth in
16 this city are being made scapegoats
17 through this policy and essentially being
18 blamed for economic and social and
19 political crisis that actually has been
20 caused by this city's Administration and
21 the ruling elite that have a clear
22 relationship with the government of this
23 city.

24 So as you consider this
25 so-called solution to youth violence and

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2 crime, I think that your first step
3 should not be to create a curfew, which
4 is clearly a designer law, not unlike Jim
5 Crow in the South or apartheid in South
6 Africa. But you should start with the
7 question of economic development,
8 transferring all the resources that
9 you're using on these wastes of money,
10 like stop and frisk -- and I consider the
11 curfew to be but another form of stop and
12 frisk, which is a 24-hour curfew if you
13 happen to be black and Latino in the City
14 of Philadelphia.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. RAHMAN: The money that is
17 going towards policies like stop and
18 frisk and this policy of the curfew need
19 to be transferred towards real,
20 meaningful programs for economic
21 development to provide a meaningful
22 future for the youth who are being so
23 viciously criminalized by the City of
24 Philadelphia.

25 So that's all I have to say.

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2 Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHIEF CLERK: Nicholas Shanken,
5 commenting on 110633.

6 (Witness approached podium.)

7 MR. SHANKEN: Thank you for
8 permitting me to speak with you today.
9 My name is Nicholas Shanken. I was the
10 founder of the campaign Trash the Curfew.
11 It was a non-profit collective group. We
12 conducted an after-hours trash pickup for
13 the youth. I'd like to speak on behalf
14 of those like myself who feel that the
15 curfew is unjust. We feel this way for
16 the following reasons:

17 The proposed curfew violates
18 the basic right to secure one's own
19 persons and to travel freely and
20 peacefully on taxpayer-funded streets
21 that we pay for. Statistics show that
22 the majority of the arrests have been
23 tinged by racial profiling and take place
24 primarily in areas where minorities
25 dominate the local population of

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2 residents. It is a fact that only four
3 of the 11 flash mobs have actually
4 occurred after the hours included in the
5 curfew, and this raises the question of
6 whether or not the curfew will do
7 anything to prevent flash mobs in the
8 first place.

9 Since many people who took part
10 in the flash mobs were over the age of
11 18, it's a realistic concern of many
12 Philadelphians that this law is the first
13 step toward restricting everyone's right
14 to leave their homes at night.

15 During one of our operations
16 for Trash the Curfew, we interviewed a
17 police officer who claimed that if the
18 Mayor were to extend the age to 30,
19 that -- the restrictions I mean for the
20 age of 30 -- he would indeed enforce that
21 as well.

22 The curfew penalizes an entire
23 group of people for the transgressions of
24 a few. Whatever happened to the idea
25 that everyone is innocent until proven

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2 guilty, a basic principle of proper
3 justice?

4 The curfew promotes fear of
5 police and authority from a very young
6 and impressionable age. Do we really
7 want to raise children in a city where
8 they are taught to fear and find ways to
9 disobey those sworn to protect and serve?
10 Couldn't this distaste for authority
11 serve to promote criminality rather than
12 prevent it?

13 Many of us feel that the curfew
14 will only lead to the escalation of
15 violence as children become more and more
16 distracted by being kept in their homes
17 like prisoners, and they will become more
18 likely to act out against the law and
19 many other laws similar to the curfew.

20 The curfew's enforcement
21 necessarily entails what amounts to what
22 is nothing short of a police state.
23 Policing for children from 10:00 p.m. to
24 6:00 a.m. is both costly and detrimental
25 to the community, police who otherwise

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2 would have spent their time stopping
3 actual crimes instead of chauffeuring
4 children to police stations with none of
5 the costs of the taxpayers that -- I mean
6 none of the cost to the taxpayers that
7 provide police officers' salaries being
8 spared.

9 Restricting individual freedom
10 is never the way to solve crime. It is
11 merely an unconstitutional form of
12 control and a temporary solution to the
13 issue of crime in the City. All it does
14 essentially is sweep potential criminals,
15 juvenile or otherwise, under the rug.
16 And it will do little to reduce the
17 potential for criminal acts. Instead, it
18 will encourage criminals to find newer
19 and more innovative ways to engage in
20 illegal activities in out-of-sight places
21 where police will be unable to prevent
22 them.

23 We urge you not to pass this
24 unjust bill. Instead, we encourage you
25 to work together with the community to

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2 fight the problem of the City's crime
3 directly rather than merely treating one
4 of its many symptoms.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
6 you.

7 MR. SHANKEN: Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
9 you.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHIEF CLERK: Doris Thomas.

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is
14 Doris Thomas here?

15 MS. THOMAS: Yes, I'm here.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Commenting on
17 110722 and 110728.

18 (Witness approached podium.)

19 MS. THOMAS: Good morning. My
20 name is Doris Thomas. I'm very much
21 interested in the Bill 110722 in regards
22 to economic development as well as
23 community development. I think it's
24 imperative that City Council strongly
25 consider taking some of the public

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2 properties and the City-owned properties
3 and vacant lots and turning it into a
4 land trust as well as a land bank for
5 revitalization in the community. I'm
6 sure you are aware about Occupy Wall
7 Street, how they're taking funds and
8 utilizing it for their own personal gain.
9 I think it's an opportunity for City Hall
10 as well as Harrisburg, Philadelphia and
11 Harrisburg, everybody is claiming that
12 they're bankrupt. Maybe we need to
13 contact some of these JPMorgan Chase,
14 Washington Mutual, all these other
15 companies and banks that received a lot
16 of money in bailout funds to assist those
17 who need to have their communities
18 revitalized.

19 I've lived in the Frankford
20 section area. There are plenty of
21 industrial warehouses and factories that
22 are sitting vacant that need to be
23 remediated because of the chemical waste
24 that has been sitting in some of those
25 properties, and there's a great

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2 opportunity for economic development as
3 well as promoting housing for low-income
4 as well as middle-income families.

5 So I strongly consider taking
6 some of these properties and putting the
7 people back to work, in addition to
8 contacting some of these various banks
9 and mortgage companies and making sure
10 that they are reinvesting in our
11 communities.

12 So that's all I have to say.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
16 you.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Adan Stevens,
18 commenting on 110633.

19 (Witness approached podium.)

20 MR. STEVENS: Hi. My name is
21 Adan Stevens-Diaz. I'm a Temple doctoral
22 student, also a community activist. I
23 know Mr. Curtis Jones over there.

24 First of all, I want to, of
25 course, speak to 110633 and my

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2 opposition. I wanted to share some
3 stories of how this law is actually being
4 implemented.

5 I've seen a flash mob happen
6 before. In fact, I was on South Street
7 on Saint Patrick's Day. And one didn't
8 really pop off, but you definitely saw a
9 lot of young black and brown youth out
10 there. At the same time, we're seeing a
11 lot of white middle-class people
12 completely drunk, completely disorderly
13 all over the street, and the police did
14 nothing to stop these white patrons, but
15 any time there was four or five black
16 youth just standing on a corner minding
17 their own business, they were told, Move,
18 get out of the way, leave. So that's the
19 first example I wanted to pull out.

20 The second example was soon
21 after the curfew was passed, at the time
22 I was living in Chinatown in Center City.
23 I went to the Wawa on 11th and Arch. I
24 saw some white teenagers, couldn't have
25 been more than 15 or 16 years old, at 1

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2 o'clock at night. I saw police officers
3 in the same Wawa, no stopping for
4 questioning, nothing. They were
5 completely allowed to go about their own
6 business.

7 So I'm just trying to give you
8 some concrete examples of how this is
9 being used.

10 We already spoke to a woman at
11 Occupy Philly. Her name was Anna. She
12 was saying that her friend's daughter,
13 Olivia, was working at a McDonald's. I
14 believe that that example was used
15 before. She had anticipated she would be
16 stopped after work at 9 o'clock, had her
17 papers. The police did not care,
18 detained her anyway. She was charged
19 \$75.

20 Now, I ask you, do you think
21 she'd be working until 9 o'clock if she
22 had \$75 to spend, let alone the next time
23 she's pulled up and asked to pay 300? Do
24 you think that her -- she can't pay it
25 and her parents can't pay it. Then what?

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2 They go to jail? They lose their jobs?

3 How does this make the situation at all
4 better?

5 Now, just to bring up a couple
6 other points here. The question is, is
7 this making Philadelphia safer? Is
8 further repression against communities of
9 color making the City any safer? We've
10 had many decades of crime problems, we've
11 had many decades of police presence, and
12 the situations don't get any better. So
13 it's time to stop using the same broken
14 solutions that are proven not to work.

15 I also want to mention --

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. STEVENS: Thank you.

18 I also want to mention who it
19 does keep safer. It keeps safer again
20 these neighborhoods where these youth are
21 not welcome. That's what it is all
22 really about. These are white-only
23 designated areas where the shop owners,
24 the patrons don't want to welcome youth
25 of color. So you're really talking about

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2 keeping rich people safer, white people
3 safer, middle-class people safer rather
4 than the poor youth.

5 Finally, I don't appreciate, of
6 course, obviously how the media tries to
7 portray this. They try to take out of a
8 flash mob of thousands, of thousands, a
9 dozen kids, maybe two dozen kids who act
10 out and then portray the thousands of
11 people as part of a massive terrorist
12 attack. That's what's going on here.

13 I will back up. They are
14 rebellious against, again, not being
15 allowed in these communities.

16 And the last thing -- I just
17 want to finish my last sentence.

18 (Ms. Bowling speaking without
19 microphone.)

20 MR. STEVENS: Okay. The last
21 thing I wanted to say then is that it
22 appalled me to see that Mayor Nutter
23 would get into a house of God, at the
24 pulpit and preach such hate and hatred
25 against his own community. Where are

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2 those tough words when --

3 (Applause.)

4 MR. STEVENS: -- dealing with
5 the police officers of Philadelphia who
6 have been caught on camera beating
7 innocent bystanders? Where are his tough
8 words then?

9 We don't pay kids to be good
10 kids. We don't pay parents to be good
11 parents. We pay police officers. Maybe
12 he should think before throwing stones.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Taylor,
15 commenting on 110633.

16 (Witness approached podium.)

17 MR. TAYLOR: Good morning,
18 Madam President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
20 morning, Mr. Taylor.

21 MR. TAYLOR: Members of
22 Council, ladies and gentlemen. I'm
23 Robert Taylor, a citizen of South
24 Philadelphia. I'm commenting on Bill
25 110633, the curfew bill.

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2 I oppose this bill. The ACLU
3 opposes this bill. The Constitution
4 opposes this bill. What some may call
5 grouping or ponding, others call free
6 association. This measure will not
7 address crime, but rather it will harass
8 the young and their parents. This bill
9 is authoritarian and oppressive.

10 The Constitution -- quote, "The
11 Constitution is not an instrument for the
12 government to restrain the people. It's
13 an instrument for the people to restrain
14 the government, lest they come to
15 dominate" --

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. TAYLOR: -- "their lives
18 and their interest." Patrick Henry.

19 According to the Metro, quote,
20 "There have been 10,205 curfew stops
21 since Nutter issued this Executive Order
22 in August, of which 209 were given
23 citations," end quote. This whole
24 operation has an only 2 percent chance of
25 doing anything at all, and, of course,

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2 even the 2 percent may be innocent until
3 they are proven guilty. Thus, there is a
4 98 percent chance that innocent people
5 will be harassed, the youth and their
6 parents.

7 Quote, "The safety of the
8 people cannot be judged but by the safety
9 of every individual." Maxim of Common
10 Law.

11 Quote, "I believe there are
12 more instances of government abridgement
13 of the freedoms of the people, by gradual
14 and silent encroachments of those that
15 are empowered, than those by violent and
16 sudden usurpations." James Madison.

17 Let's keep the people free,
18 enjoying the fruits of liberty. Please
19 don't pass this bill, and let's end the
20 fed and Goldman Sachs robbery of the
21 people.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHIEF CLERK: Alyce Bowling.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes, Madam
5 President. Thank you. At this time, I'd
6 ask to be excused from the rest of the
7 session and be recorded as voting aye on
8 all bills and resolutions, and I'd
9 specifically like to thank and recognize
10 Stacey Graham and Rosalie Leonard for an
11 incredible job of staff work on the
12 Zoning Code Commission resolution. Just
13 incredible.

14 Thank you.

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

17 Our next witness.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Alyce Bowling,
19 commenting on 110257.

20 (Witness approached podium.)

21 MS. BOWLING: This morning -- I
22 am Alyce, A-L-Y-C-E, Bowling Ehrmann, ABE
23 for short, central coordinator -- a
24 central coordinator for EIPP, Earth
25 Individuals Prime and People.

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2 I did want to comment on 110257
3 because Jannie Blackwell, in all her good
4 works, I had one little question in your
5 bill, and it is my ignorance in fact that
6 may be at fault here, because I'm not
7 present at every session nor have read
8 all the literature.

9 When you say -- I objected to
10 more land being taken from the Zoo, but I
11 am aware of the deplorable circumstance
12 that has existed to the residents and
13 people of that area for many, many years.

14 When you say industrial, you
15 surely mean within the parameters of
16 clean environment. You don't mean black
17 smokestacks as we have here in
18 Philadelphia. Is that within the bill
19 that you --

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Not my
21 bill.

22 MS. BOWLING: -- that you
23 entertain? It says here in industrial,
24 providing for industrial space. What
25 kind of industrial space? That was my

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2 question on that bill.

3 But having come in here and
4 been influenced by the powers that be, I
5 have to editorialize a little bit and
6 censor and tame some of the things I
7 would have said.

8 When I woke this morning, as
9 did many indigenous of us, I saw the red
10 clouds coming from the south and the
11 west, southwest. Jersey cannot condemn
12 Pennsylvania for the pollution. The
13 systematic devastation of our planet,
14 with the approval of the EPA, is done in
15 such a way that at night the red clouds
16 and the black clouds move through the
17 area, and then come dawn, they turn gray.
18 Today they moved into Jersey over toward
19 the northern portion of Jersey.

20 Also, I would speak on the
21 homogenization of this city,
22 Philadelphia, city of love and light,
23 capital of the planet earth at this
24 point, our cradle of liberty. Yes, it is
25 true the censorship of individuals to

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2 come and go is not good, but remember the
3 legal age now is 18.

4 I believe President Obama and
5 Mayor Nutter and City Council have done
6 their best under the circumstances, and
7 it's good that you all speak now. I
8 notice the criticism of Mayor Nutter for
9 his defensive move trying to represent
10 his people, admonishing them to behave in
11 a better way.

12 I admonish you lettered
13 people -- I'm not lettered too much -- to
14 stop and think -- I have said to you when
15 you have your temper tantrums about your
16 student loans -- be thankful that you had
17 them. The homeless didn't. But they
18 have common sense, they have roots. So I
19 don't give a damn what goes beyond the
20 Ph.D. No education, no brainwashing.
21 The City of Philadelphia has the finest
22 education system. It just needs a little
23 redressing.

24 Now, as far as sanity goes, I
25 was ignorant of this University of

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2 Pennsylvania person, Kathy Chang, who
3 died, who predicted in defense of human
4 thinking, chaos.

5 Did we read Penn's thoughts
6 today before session? I wasn't here. He
7 asked, he prayed, he thought that there
8 would be those who would come after
9 him -- and there have been -- who would
10 protect this grand city. I heard people
11 from New York come in and say --

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

13 Ms. Bowling.

14 MS. BOWLING: I beg you to let
15 me finish.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes,
17 and I'm going to just say a word to you.
18 You're well beyond your three minutes.

19 MS. BOWLING: But I represent
20 so many --

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And I
22 am going to ask you -- we're willing to
23 listen to you, but you're going to have
24 to conclude --

25 MS. BOWLING: I shall.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 MS. BOWLING: When I was four,
5 as I may have mentioned, I was sexually
6 abused in broad daylight in an alley in
7 Philadelphia by a mixture of teens and
8 adults -- no. At that time, it was 21.
9 So they were probably 19, 20, 18, 16. It
10 was a 16-year-old that said, Put her
11 down, leave her go. He had more sense.

12 How dare you all debate whether
13 you should have the right or a parent
14 accompanying children should have a
15 right? The Constitution of the United
16 States is clear. You cannot prosecute a
17 13-year-old for an accident and call it
18 murder, in any degree. He's a juvenile.

19 When Mayor Nutter was reacting
20 to the flash whatever, take the adult, 18
21 and over, and incarcerate them for
22 harassment of their community, but
23 remember, those 17 and under should only
24 be tried, if at all, in the juvenile
25 situation.

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2 Now back to the stability of
3 Kathy Chang.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

5 Ms. Bowling, please.

6 MS. BOWLING: I was diagnosed
7 at age of 20 with acute -- get this, it's
8 so adorable -- acute undifferentiated
9 schizophrenia. No psychosis noted.

10 Now, that's interesting, isn't
11 it, if schizophrenia is a form of
12 psychosis, but none was noted, and it was
13 very acute.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
15 you, Ms. Bowling.

16 MS. BOWLING: Please let me --

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

18 Ms. Bowling, you are well beyond your
19 time. We appreciate your coming in, and
20 I'm sure we're going to see you next
21 week. Thank you.

22 (Ms. Bowling speaking without
23 microphone.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Our
25 next witness.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: James Babb.

3 (Ms. Bowling still talking
4 without microphone.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

6 Councilwoman Miller.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yes.

8 Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to
9 be excused to take care of Council
10 business and would like to be recorded as
11 voting aye on all bills and resolutions.

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

14 Our next witness.

15 CHIEF CLERK: James Babb.

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is he
18 here? Is Mr. Babb here?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

21 Apparently not.

22 Is there anyone else here who
23 has signed up to provide public comment
24 on today's agenda?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

3 Seeing none, that concludes today's
4 public comment period.

5 We will now consider bills and
6 resolutions on our Second Reading and
7 Final Passage Calendar.

8 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
9 please read the title of Resolution
10 110689.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 initiating action to establish a
13 neighborhood improvement district in an
14 area that generally includes the areas
15 roughly bounded by York Street, Carlisle
16 Street, Girard Avenue and 19th Street;
17 York Street, the SEPTA Regional Rail
18 tracks, Susquehanna Avenue and Watts
19 Street; and The Diamond Green, Kardon
20 Atlantic, University Village and
21 Wanamaker School developments, to be
22 known as the North Broad Neighborhood
23 Improvement District.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilman Green. Did

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2 you want to be recognized?

3 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

4 Madam President. I would also, for

5 Council business in a pre-arranged

6 meeting, like to be excused and recorded

7 as voting yes on all bills and

8 resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Leave

10 will be granted.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

12 Madam President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

14 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

16 Madam President. Madam President, I

17 would like to offer an amendment to

18 Resolution 110689. This is the plan for

19 the neighborhood improvement district.

20 I'd like to offer this amendment at this

21 time.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

24 has been moved and seconded that the

25 amendment be accepted.

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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 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
10 please read the title of Resolution
11 110722.

12 I'm sorry. Councilman Clarke,
13 did you want to be recognized again?

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes, Madam
15 President. My understanding, Madam
16 President, on this particular resolution,
17 we can amend and move the resolution --

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: -- at the
20 same session. So I would like a motion
21 for the adoption of this resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
24 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 motion carries.

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 read the title of Resolution No. 110722.

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

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
23 you, Madam President. I move for the
24 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. The resolution is adopted.

12 We will now consider Resolution
13 110723.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 proclaiming October 2011 as "Crime
16 Prevention Month."

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
19 motion on Resolution 110723.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
21 the 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 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the title of Resolution 110724.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 recognizing and supporting SEIU 32 BJ and
14 their "Good Jobs, Strong Communities"
15 Campaign.

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

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

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will indicate by

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2 saying 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 We will now consider Resolution
11 110726.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 recognizing October as National Arts and
14 Humanities Month.

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

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move for the
19 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 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 Chief Clerk will please
9 read the title of Resolution 110727.

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 with the buildings and
18 improvements thereon, situate in the
19 Twenty-Eighth, Twenty-Ninth,
20 Thirty-Seventh, Forty-Third and
21 Forty-Seventh Wards of the City of
22 Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for

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2 the adoption, Madam President.

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 indicate by
8 saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

16 We will now consider Bill No.
17 100200-AAAA.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
20 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
21 amending Section 14-231, entitled
22 "Residential District Rules and
23 Exceptions," by providing for
24 restrictions on the placement,
25 installation and maintenance of certain

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2 satellite dishes and antenna.

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

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 call the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green
21 is voting aye.

22 Councilman Greenlee.

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Krajewski.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Miller is voting aye.

12 Councilman O'Neill is voting

13 aye.

14 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Sanchez.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

25 Verna.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The ayes are 17; the nays are
4 zero. A majority of all members having
5 voted in the affirmative, the bill
6 passes.

7 Does the Chief Clerk have any
8 other bills or resolutions to be
9 considered at this time?

10 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution No.
11 110741, entitled "A resolution setting
12 forth recommendations to the Zoning Code
13 Commission for amendments to the Zoning
14 Code Commission's Preliminary Report
15 dated May 2011," introduced by
16 Councilwoman Tasco.

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

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
20 the adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
23 has been moved and seconded that the
24 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 motion carries.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution No.
9 110745, entitled "A resolution opposing
10 the 'National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity
11 Act,' as introduced in the United States
12 Congress," introduced by Councilman
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke for a
16 motion.

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

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 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 motion carries.

7 Does the Chief Clerk have any
8 other bill or resolution?

9 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
10 other resolutions for consideration,
11 Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 Then that will conclude our
15 Calendar.

16 Before we conclude our business
17 for today, I would ask that you please
18 join me in recognizing Rick Auerbach. As
19 many of you know -- Rick, stand please so
20 we could recognize you.

21 (Standing ovation.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: As
23 many of you know, Rick is retiring after
24 27 years of extraordinary service to the
25 City and today is his final session in

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2 Council.

3 Rick, on behalf of all of the
4 members of Council, past and present, we
5 cannot say thank you enough for all of
6 your diligence, your superior work and,
7 above all, your wise counsel.

8 I'm sure that each of us at
9 some point in time have worked with Rick,
10 and I'm sure that you have all
11 experienced what I have experienced with
12 him. I would often say to him on a given
13 issue, Rick, what do you personally think
14 about this? And he'd just give me one of
15 these (indicating), and I truly, truly
16 admired him, because he would never tell
17 you what he personally thought, but he
18 always told you what you should know
19 about the legal points on that issue.

20 Rick, I know I personally will
21 miss you enormously, as I know that all
22 of the members of Council will do so. I
23 don't know what your future plans are,
24 but whatever they are, may you always
25 have good health and much success in your

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2 future endeavors. God bless you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
5 there any speeches on the part of the
6 minority?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
9 there speeches on the part of the
10 majority?

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam
14 President, I will be brief, because I
15 know we all have demanding schedules, but
16 I would be remiss not to acknowledge the
17 passing of a former member of this
18 legislative body, Republican
19 Councilwoman-at-large Virginia Wright
20 Knauer. She was the first
21 Republican-at-large Councilmember.

22 I was struck by her story,
23 because she too is a fellow Girls High
24 girl. Elected in 1960, she served two
25 terms. And I was also struck by the

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2 notion that she insisted on being
3 referred to as "Councilman."

4 It is important to note, Madam
5 President, that the first member to be
6 called "Councilwoman" is here today, and
7 we know that would be you, where you
8 insisted that the City Charter be changed
9 to include the title "Councilwoman."

10 Ms. Knauer went on to serve as
11 Consumer Affairs Chief under Presidents
12 both Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and
13 Ronald Reagan, and judging by her resume,
14 it would appear to me that we would have
15 certainly ended up on opposite sides of
16 many public policy debates. But here is
17 one thing I was struck by:

18 Fifty years ago, Mrs. Knauer
19 angered the Washington establishment
20 within months of her appointment as
21 Director of Consumer Affairs when she
22 exposed what was actually in a hot dog
23 and called for a lower fat percentage in
24 all American products. So I would think
25 and hope she would have voted for the

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2 menu labeling bill 50 years later.

3 After debate on Tuesday, Madam
4 President, I acknowledged that it's still
5 a man's world. I was on the stage with
6 many prospective and current members of
7 Council, and it's still clear that to the
8 extent that we have women in public
9 office, issues that impact women,
10 children, family and our health don't get
11 acted upon. But we need to thank
12 Councilwoman Knauer, who indeed was a
13 trailblazer and a pioneer. The needle
14 still has a lot farther to move when it
15 comes to gender equity in politics.

16 Thank you, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

22 (Ms. Bowling speaking without
23 microphone.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
25 Councilwoman Jones.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Councilwoman
3 Jones?

4 (Laughter.)

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
6 Madam President. Okay. It's been a long
7 day, so I will be brief.

8 I want to thank this body for
9 listening to the citizens today from
10 Occupy Philly. They are very diverse
11 voices --

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: They are
14 very diverse voices on many issues. Many
15 of those issues this body has been
16 champions of in the past. Whether we
17 talk about Wilson Goode and the living
18 wage fight or whether we talk about
19 Jannie Blackwell and housing for poor
20 people, whether we talk about employment
21 and economic development opportunities,
22 many of these issues, many of these
23 issues we have brought forth. So we are
24 in agreement on many more things than we
25 are apart.

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2 In Washington last week,
3 Congress defeated the Jobs Act. We hope
4 it's down, but not out, and that when a
5 poll was done by NBC/Wall Street and Wall
6 Street Journal, it was interesting to
7 note that 64 percent of the people wanted
8 that jobs bill, that Jobs Act, passed and
9 only 34 percent were against it. These
10 are the voices that are inside this
11 Chamber, these are the voices that are
12 outside City Hall, and these are the
13 voices that should be heard in
14 Washington, DC. A lot of us --

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: I think it's
17 safe to say without fear of successful
18 contradiction, none of us are in this
19 Chamber in that 1 percent and all of us
20 in that 99 percent that need these kinds
21 of goods and services and issues pushed
22 forward.

23 So we hear you, and thank you
24 for exercising your constitutional right
25 and letting us know what you think.

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2 Thank you, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
4 you.

5 (Ms. Bowling speaking without
6 microphone.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Madam President.

11 (Ms. Bowling still speaking
12 without microphone.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Just
14 a moment, Councilwoman.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Madam President. Certainly we
17 stated our position and how we feel in
18 our newsletter that we passed out this
19 morning, and also we passed out a
20 newsletter -- I mean a flyer with regard
21 to a meeting tonight combatting violence
22 that we are co-chairing with Mothers in
23 Charge. But we're very upset to read in
24 the paper today about a first grader
25 Liberian. You know we have the Mayor's

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Commission on African and Caribbean
Immigrant Affairs that we co-founded and
we have Echoes of Africa that we've had
for about a dozen years. And we're upset
that we still have not reached a point
where first graders from West Africa,
specifically Liberia, are not beat up and
are not afraid to go to school.

So it means as much as we've
done, we have a long way to go. And
albeit that all of us do what we can to
combat violence, we certainly still
aren't doing enough.

But let me end on a positive
note. In addition to the flyer regarding
combatting violence tonight that we have
with Mothers in Charge, we will have a
free community night at the Penn Museum,
Imagine Africa. So this will allow
something positive to be said as we
conclude our remarks as we realize and
always acknowledge whether it be Occupy
Philadelphia, whether it be the rights of
Africans and Caribbeans and all people,

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2 we still acknowledge that we're all one
3 people under God, that we all have a
4 right to the tree of life and that we
5 have to continue to try to work together
6 to help make this city and this world
7 what we want it to be.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. BOWLING: One people in
13 God, not under God.

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

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I don't often give
18 speeches on the floor, and this is a very
19 light note.

20 Recently the deal was concluded
21 for the Philadelphia 76ers that changed
22 ownership, and while we appreciated
23 Mr. Snider's involvement in the team for
24 all these years and the championships
25 that they brought us -- championship that

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2 they brought us, it's been a tough
3 sports -- it was fun. It's been a tough
4 sports time in Philadelphia. Their
5 announcement -- and co-ownership is the
6 great Will Smith and Jada Smith from
7 Philadelphia, and they're part of this
8 whole package. But they announced that
9 9,000 of their seats, if they have the
10 season this year, will be cut immediately
11 in half. So you can sit in the Wells
12 Fargo Center, watch professional
13 basketball of Philadelphia, again if we
14 have the season, for under \$30. It will
15 bring families back again. It will bring
16 some energy and enthusiasm back to our
17 Sixers. It will hopefully bring, with
18 Will and Jada Smith, bring some star
19 power to the first row at center court
20 and put the Sixers back on the map again.

21 The reason I say this is
22 because not only is it good for the
23 City's image, but all of those folks that
24 work in that sports center, all of those
25 folks that have lost the month of October

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2 as a result of the Phillies collapse, all
3 of those folks that would lose as a
4 result of our teams not going as far as
5 they go, they're all people who are
6 making money paying tuitions, buying that
7 refrigerator, paying their car payments,
8 and I feel sorry for them. And hopefully
9 all of our teams can come back next year
10 and really put some economic engine power
11 back into South Philadelphia sports
12 complex so that those folks can continue
13 to make decent livings and we can all
14 have fun and pay for parades.

15 So thank you, Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Jones. Your light is on.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: No, Madam
21 President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do we
23 have anyone else that would like to be
24 recognized?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

3 Seeing no one, the Chair recognizes
4 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
5 adjourn.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I move that Council
8 stand adjourned until Thursday, October
9 the 27th, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
12 has been moved and seconded that Council
13 stand adjourned until Thursday, October
14 27th at 10:00 a.m.

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 motion carries.

22 Thank you very much.

23 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
24 12:05 p.m.)

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