

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, May 26, 2011
10:30 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
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 please come to
7 order. Members will take their seats and
8 visitors will retire to the seats outside
9 the rails.

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair welcomes Father Dan
12 Moriarity of the Nativity Blessed Virgin
13 Mary Roman Catholic Church. He is here
14 today as the guest of Councilwoman
15 Krajewski.

16 I would ask all members and
17 guests to please rise.

18 (Members and guests rise.)

19 FATHER MORIARITY: Good
20 morning.

21 (Good morning.)

22 FATHER MORIARITY: On this
23 happy occasion, I think of the two
24 families we have in life, and especially
25 on this Memorial Day weekend, we think of

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2 the debt of gratitude we owe our men and
3 women in the Armed Services, whether it
4 be the Armed Services, the Fire
5 Department or the Police Department. The
6 debt of gratitude we'll never be able to
7 pay them. So, please, this weekend, as
8 you share with your own physical
9 families, remember your spiritual family.

10 And remember the spiritual
11 family gathered here this morning, each
12 one of us, and as I quote from the Bible,
13 it says, As long as you did it for all,
14 you did it for me. And if I think our
15 family lives will be so different and so
16 full of love and kindness and
17 consideration and understanding and
18 forgiveness, if we were as kind and as
19 patient and understanding with each other
20 as we are with that person in the mirror.

21 You made me say it. You made
22 me do it.

23 Let us remember, none of us
24 need ever regret the unkind word never
25 spoken. And we ask God to continue

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2 leading us in our journey towards faith,
3 because we don't believe in life after
4 death. We believe in life after life.

5 So we pray now not only for our
6 deceased relatives and friends and loved
7 ones who have left us, we pray also to
8 them, because God is the judge, none of
9 us. So let us ask the Holy Spirit to
10 direct our thoughts and actions today.

11 Direct, oh Lord, all our
12 actions by divine inspiration that every
13 prayer and good work of ours may be
14 always from you and by you be happy
15 ended, through Christ our Lord.

16 And a prayer for all of us:
17 Give us the faith that asks not why. We
18 shall know God's plan by and by. Give us
19 the faith that looks at pain and says to
20 all be right again in time and eternity.
21 Give us the faith that holds God's hand
22 when things are hard to understand. Give
23 us the faith to face our lives with all
24 its pain and wrong and strife. And then
25 with the day's setting sun, we'll close

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2 our eyes when our life is done. Our
3 souls will go down to care knowing that
4 God is waiting there.

5 May the peace of the Lord drill
6 always in your hearts, in your homes, and
7 may the Lord send his holy angels from
8 heaven to watch over, to cherish, to
9 protect, to be in your hearts and your
10 homes.

11 May the blessing of almighty
12 God, the Father, the Son and the Holy
13 Spirit descend upon you and your families
14 and remain with you forever. Amen.

15 And a prayer for all of us:
16 Holy Spirit, show us your way.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you, Father, for that beautiful
19 invocation.

20 Council will be at ease.

21 (Council at ease.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 next order of business is the approval of
24 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
25 May 12th, 2011, and the Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I move that the Journal
5 of the meeting of Thursday, May 12th,
6 2011 be approved.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
9 has been moved and properly seconded that
10 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
11 May 12th, 2011 stand approved.

12 All in favor will indicate by
13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

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

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

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. On behalf of the
3 majority, a leave of absence is requested
4 for Councilwoman Donna Miller.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 O'Neill.

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

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
14 you.

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

24 At this time, the Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Brown, who will

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2 present a resolution honoring the Free
3 Library.

4 Would Sandy Horrocks and those
5 accompanying her please join the
6 Councilwoman at the podium.

7 At this time, the Chair
8 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Madam President. We certainly want
11 to thank Carol Brooks-Bryant, Manager of
12 International Trade and Diplomatic
13 Affairs, who works for our Commerce
14 Department and does so much for us in the
15 area of Africa, the Caribbean and places
16 all over the world. Today, thanks to
17 her, we want to welcome Victor Zhang, who
18 is an attorney who works in the
19 legislative affairs for the Office of
20 Shanghai Municipal Government. In that
21 capacity, he participates in drafting
22 legislation and conducts administrative
23 hearings. He is here in Philadelphia for
24 the International Association of Trial
25 Lawyers program. While in our city, he

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2 wants to learn about our system of
3 government and how it functions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

5 Mr. Zhang, please stand so that we can
6 recognize you. Welcome.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 Good morning. This morning we
13 are thrilled to honor a wonderful new
14 tradition in our city wherein we will
15 recognize and congratulate the Free
16 Library of Philadelphia on the successful
17 completion of our 9th annual One Book,
18 One Philadelphia literacy program.

19 Whereas, the Free Library of
20 Philadelphia was first chartered in 1891
21 through the extraordinary and commendable
22 efforts of Dr. William Pepper; and

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Whereas, the
24 mission of the Free Library of
25 Philadelphia is to provide all segments

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2 of Philadelphia's diverse population with
3 a comprehensive collection of recorded
4 knowledge, ideas, artistic expression and
5 information in a variety of media
6 platforms; and

7 Whereas, in 2003, the Free
8 Library of Philadelphia furthered its
9 mission by initiating the One Book, One
10 Philadelphia program, which promotes
11 reading, literacy and libraries by
12 encouraging the entire greater
13 Philadelphia area to come together to
14 read and discuss a single book;

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas, in
16 2011, the 9th annual One Book, One
17 Philadelphia program commenced with the
18 selection of two works - War Dances and
19 The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time
20 Indian - written by acclaimed American
21 author Sherman Alexie; and

22 Whereas, the Free Library
23 reached thousands of Philadelphians
24 through One Book, One Philadelphia by
25 organizing nine weeks of activity for

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2 over 500 community groups, including
3 several book discussions, craft-making
4 workshops, performances by members of the
5 Lenni Lenape Tribe and a speech by the
6 author in front of 1,200 students and
7 community members at Parkway Central
8 Library; and

9 Whereas, the achievements of
10 the One Book, One Philadelphia program
11 were supported by leading sponsors
12 Walmart, along with PECO, North American
13 Beverage, The Lenfest Foundation, The
14 Field Foundation, The Hassel Foundation,
15 Beneficial Savings Bank and the law firms
16 of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, Pepper
17 Hamilton, and McCarter & English; and

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
19 the development of proficient literacy
20 skills through programs like One Book,
21 One Philadelphia are of paramount
22 importance to our young people, to
23 families and to the City of Philadelphia;
24 now, therefore, be it

25 Resolved, by the Council of the

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2 City of Philadelphia, that we hereby
3 celebrate, recognize and congratulate the
4 Free Library of Philadelphia on the
5 successful completion of our 9th annual
6 One Book, One Philadelphia literacy
7 program.

8 Further resolved, that an
9 engrossed copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the Free Library of
11 Philadelphia leadership and membership as
12 evidence of the sincere sentiments of
13 this legislative body.

14 This resolution was introduced
15 by Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown
16 and supported by all members of the
17 Philadelphia City Council. We
18 congratulate the Free Library of
19 Philadelphia.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. McPEAK: I'm Joe McPeak.
22 I'm the Associate Director of the Free
23 Library. I want to thank Walmart and all
24 other sponsors for helping to make this
25 program real and to help it really spread

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2 reading and get people to share a
3 particular type of reading throughout
4 every neighborhood in the City of
5 Philadelphia.

6 So thank you, and thank you,
7 City Council, for this resolution.

8 (Applause.)

9 (Council at ease.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 Chair now recognizes Councilman Clarke,
12 who will present a resolution honoring
13 Darrell Scott.

14 Would Darrell Scott and those
15 accompanying him please join the
16 Councilman at the podium.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 Madam President, it's an honor
22 today to be in a position to honor a
23 great young individual, who will probably
24 at some point in time in his life end up
25 in a place like this. Seeing that he's

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2 from North Philadelphia, he might end up
3 in this job.

4 So that means I have to stay
5 around for a while until you're ready,
6 keep the seat warm.

7 Madam President, today City
8 Council, we would like to recognize and
9 honor Darrell Scott for his heroism and
10 calm, responsible action in rescuing his
11 family from their burning home.

12 Whereas, when a nighttime fire
13 broke out in the family's North
14 Philadelphia row house, Darrell Scott
15 recalled what he had learned in his
16 Junior Fire Patrol program and saved the
17 lives of 11 family members;

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas,
20 when the fire started, Darrell told his
21 mother, nine siblings and cousins to
22 crawl under the smoke to get out of the
23 house, and told his mother to "Always be
24 calm, Mom"; and

25 Whereas, Darrell said although

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2 he didn't know it was coming, he knew it
3 could happen and long before the fire had
4 an escape route and pre-determined
5 gathering sites for his family; and

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Darrell's
7 plan was to stay calm, and that if the
8 fire was not at the front of the house,
9 he and his family would go outside
10 through the front door, go to the store
11 across the street and call 9-1-1, which
12 he executed precisely when the fire broke
13 out;

14 In a ceremony at John Moffet
15 School in Northern Liberties, Darrell
16 received an award for heroism from the
17 Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers, who
18 recognized Darrell for his commitment,
19 dedication and service;

20 Whereas, Commissioner Ayers
21 acknowledged that Darrell represented
22 heroism, wisdom and grace through his
23 presence of mind, calm and responsible
24 action, and knowledge of safe emergency
25 procedures; now therefore

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Be it
3 resolved, by the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia, that Darrell Scott be
5 recognized and honored for his heroism
6 and calm, responsible action in rescuing
7 his family from their burning home.

8 Further resolved, that an
9 engrossed copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Darrell Scott as evidence of
11 the sincere appreciation of this
12 legislative body.

13 Darrell, thank you, and
14 congratulations, young man.

15 (Standing ovation.)

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
17 President, we'd like to also say that
18 Darrell's family and the safety officers
19 and members from the school are here
20 today also. Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
22 Wonderful.

23 Darrell, would you like to say
24 a few words.

25 MR. SCOTT: First, I would like

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2 to thank my mom, my grandmom and Fireman
3 Alex and City Council and Red Cross. So
4 thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

7 Council will be at ease.

8 (Council at ease.)

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 next order of business is communications.

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

15 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Madam Chair?

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes.

17 COUNCILMAN GREEN: May I be
18 recognized?

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm
20 sorry. I didn't see your light on. The
21 Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo -- I'm
22 sorry; Councilman Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I've been called worse.

25 I'd like to introduce a group

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2 of --

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: But
4 not better.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I'd like to
6 introduce a group of seventh graders from
7 Roosevelt Middle School --

8 (Fire alarm.)

9 (Brief recess for evacuation.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I'd like to introduce a
14 group of seventh graders who are joining
15 us today from Roosevelt Middle School in
16 Germantown. The students are here as
17 part of the Urban League's Behind the
18 Business program, which exposes students
19 to a range of careers and informs them
20 about the education and expertise needed
21 to get jobs in those fields, like, for
22 example, being a City Council person or a
23 staffer here.

24 I'd like to thank Tomeka Lee,
25 who is a member of the Urban League and

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2 helped arrange the visit, and I'd ask
3 that Ms. Lee, the Roosevelt students and
4 their school counselor please rise to be
5 recognized.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

8 Welcome.

9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

10 Madam President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

12 Chief Clerk will please read the messages
13 from the Mayor.

14 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

15 and members of the Council of the City of
16 Philadelphia, pursuant to Section 2-303
17 of the Home Rule Charter, I am today
18 transmitting to the Council the
19 recommendation of the City Planning
20 Commission regarding proposed amendments
21 to Bill Nos. 110135 and 110136; and

22 Pursuant to Sections 4-604 and

23 2-303 of the Home Rule Charter, I am
24 today transmitting to the Council the
25 recommendation of the City Planning

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2 Commission regarding the following bills:

3 110257, 110273, 110276, 110302, 110303,
4 110306, 110310, 110312, 110347 and
5 110377, and the Commission's request for
6 an additional 45 days to consider Bill
7 No. 110311; and

8 I am pleased to advise you that
9 on May 23 and May 25, 2011, I signed all
10 of the bills that were passed by Council
11 at its session on May 12, 2011, and that
12 on May 25, 2011, I signed all of the
13 bills that were passed by Council at its
14 session on May 5, 2011; and

15 I am transmitting for the
16 consideration of your honorable body a
17 resolution authorizing the Committee of
18 the Whole to hold public hearings to
19 review the Zoning Code Proposals of the
20 Zoning Code Commission; and

21 A resolution approving the
22 annual Program Statement and Budget for
23 the expenditure of the Neighborhood
24 Transformation Initiative Bond Proceeds
25 for Fiscal Year 2012; and

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2 A resolution approving the
3 redevelopment contract and disposition
4 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority
5 of the City of Philadelphia for the
6 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
7 portion of the Models Cities Urban
8 Renewal Area, designated as Parcel Nos.
9 699 and 702 and also sometimes identified
10 by house numbers and street addresses for
11 Parcel No. 699 as 1941 through 45 Judson
12 Street and for Parcel No. 702 as 1937
13 Judson Street; and

14 A resolution approving the
15 redevelopment contract and disposition
16 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority
17 of the City of Philadelphia for the
18 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
19 portion of the Cecil B. Moore Avenue
20 Urban Renewal Area, designated as Parcel
21 No. 80 and also sometimes identified by
22 house number and street address as 1620
23 through 24 North Sydenham Street; and

24 An ordinance amending Chapter
25 19-1600 of The Philadelphia Code,

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2 entitled "Water and Sewer Rents," by
3 revising the terms for discontinuance of
4 water and sewer charges; and

5 An ordinance authorizing the
6 Director of Housing, on behalf of the
7 City, to file applications with the
8 United States Department of Housing and
9 Urban Development for a Community
10 Development Block Grant; and

11 An ordinance constituting the
12 Twentieth Supplemental Ordinance to the
13 General Gas Works Revenue Bond Ordinance;
14 authorizing the City of Philadelphia to
15 sell, either at public or private sale,
16 Gas Works Revenue Bonds, Twentieth
17 Series; and

18 An ordinance constituting the
19 Eleventh Supplemental Ordinance to the
20 General Gas Works Revenue Bond Ordinance
21 of 1998; authorizing the City of
22 Philadelphia to sell, either at public or
23 private sale, Gas Works Revenue Bonds,
24 Tenth Series; and

25 An ordinance authorizing Kimmel

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2 Center, Inc., 200 South Broad Street,
3 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, owner of the
4 Kimmel Center located at 300 South Broad
5 Street, to construct, own and maintain
6 various encroachments in the right-of-way
7 on the south sidewalk of Spruce Street
8 between Broad and Fifteenth Streets, all
9 under certain terms and conditions.

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

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read any other communications in his
15 possession.

16 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
17 Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
19 next order of business is the
20 introduction of bills and resolutions.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
24 Madam President. On behalf of myself and
25 Councilwoman Brown, I offer one bill.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chief Clerk will please read the title.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business
7 Privilege Taxes," by changing the
8 reporting requirement relating to the
9 Sustainable Business Tax Credit.

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

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
17 one resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chief Clerk will please read the title.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 recognizing and honoring Mister Mann
22 Frisby for his accomplishments as a
23 novelist and his commitment to helping
24 young people particularly African
25 American males reach their full

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2 potential.

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 Greenlee.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
10 you, Madam President. I offer one bill
11 co-sponsored by Councilmen Clarke and
12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 read the title.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia
19 Code, entitled "Traffic Code," by adding
20 a new Chapter, entitled "Bicycle Lanes,"
21 requiring the designation of bicycle
22 lanes by ordinance.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Krajewski.

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

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
12 President, I offer three bills for the
13 Administration, four bills and two
14 resolutions for you, and two resolutions
15 for Tasco and one bill on behalf of
16 Council.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
19 the bills.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
22 Property, on behalf of the City of
23 Philadelphia, to convey to the
24 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
25 Development a parcel of land located at

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2 1628 Fitzwater Street.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
7 authorizing Kimmel Center, Inc., 200
8 South Broad Street, owner of the Kimmel
9 Center located at 300 South Broad Street,
10 to construct, own and maintain various
11 encroachments in the right-of-way on the
12 south sidewalk of Spruce Street between
13 Broad and Fifteenth Streets.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 amending Section 9-213 of The
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers'
20 Markets," by adding as a permissible
21 location the sidewalk of the west side of
22 South 58th Street between Chester Avenue
23 and Kingsessing Avenue.

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

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2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
4 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia
5 Code, entitled "Public Employees
6 Retirement Code," by amending the options
7 for retirement benefits; in particular,
8 amending Section 22-310, entitled
9 "Deferred Retirement Option Plan," by
10 making various changes to DROP to reduce
11 its costs, including, but not limited to,
12 changing eligibility requirements and the
13 interest credited to DROP accounts;
14 adding a new option for retirees to take
15 a lump sum benefit at retirement, in
16 exchange for an actuarial reduction of
17 their regular monthly pension.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 authorizing the Director of Housing, on
23 behalf of the City, to file applications
24 with the United States Department of
25 Housing and Urban Development for a

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2 Community Development Block Grant.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
7 constituting the Twentieth Supplemental
8 Ordinance to the General Gas Works
9 Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1975;
10 authorizing the City of Philadelphia to
11 sell, either at public or private sale,
12 Gas Works Revenue Bonds, Twentieth
13 Series.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 amending Chapter 19-1600 of The
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Water and
20 Sewer Rents," by revising the terms for
21 discontinuance of water and sewer
22 charges.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 constituting the Eleventh Supplemental
4 Ordinance to the General Gas Works
5 Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1998;
6 authorizing the City of Philadelphia to
7 sell, either at public or private sale,
8 Gas Works Revenue Bonds, Tenth Series.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 declaring May 28th through the 30th, 2011
14 as Cherokee Heritage Weekend in
15 celebration of the Eighteenth Annual
16 Cherokee Indian Festival.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
22 declaring May, 2011 as
23 Neuro-fibroma-tosis Awareness Month.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
25 resolution will be placed on the Final

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2 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
3 next session of Council.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 approving the annual Program Statement
6 and Budget for the expenditure of the
7 Neighborhood Transformation Initiative
8 Bond Proceeds for Fiscal Year 2012.

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

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

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
25 resolution will be placed on the Final

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2 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
3 next session of Council.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Sanchez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
7 you, Madam President. Nothing today.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Green.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
13 Madam President. Nothing today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Jones.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
19 Madam President. Two bills, one
20 resolution co-sponsored by Councilpersons
21 Goode, Brown and Sanchez.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the title of the first bill.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 authorizing the revision of lines and
4 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 227
5 by striking from City Plan and vacating
6 Markle Street from Ridge Avenue to
7 Houghton Street.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
12 amending Section 9-213 of The
13 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers'
14 Markets," but adding a permissible
15 location on the sidewalk of the north
16 side of Diamond Street from 33rd Street
17 for 200 feet west.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
22 honoring Wendy "Lady-B" Clark, hip-hop
23 pioneer and one of the first female radio
24 personalities to introduce the musical
25 genre of hip-hop, for thirty years of

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2 dedication to her art and most
3 importantly, her community.

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 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Point of
9 order, Madam President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: My
12 resolution for the Cherokee nation, I'd
13 like to get a suspension of the rules to
14 have that pass today, at the end of the
15 day, whenever, at whatever point.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do
17 you mind if we continue.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Sure. I
19 just want to remind you. Thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I offer no bills or

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2 resolutions today.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I offer two
9 resolutions, one co-sponsored by Chair of
10 the Environment Committee, Councilman
11 Kenney, and Councilman Jones, and I wish
12 to speak on one of the resolutions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 supporting the Environmental Protection
17 Agency's proposed emission standards for
18 mercury and other air toxins.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 authorizing the Committee on Education to
24 hold hearings to gather and investigate
25 an inventory of all services rendered by

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2 institutions of higher education in
3 Philadelphia to the School District 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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 DiCicco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam
12 President, I would like to speak on one
13 of the resolutions briefly, if I may. I
14 promise to be brief.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
16 Please do.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
18 Madam President. First, on the topic of
19 the School District of Philadelphia, I
20 want to commend Majority Whip Councilman
21 Clarke on the brilliant resolution he'll
22 be offering today, which suggests that we
23 need to begin to look at this issue of
24 how we fund our School District in a
25 very, very different way.

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2 As we all know, we heard
3 powerful testimony from the School
4 District on Tuesday, a marathon session
5 it was, and we heard testimony from over
6 90 citizens yesterday, including
7 organizations we're familiar with like
8 the PFT and PCCY, and then young people
9 like John Story -- forgive me; like
10 William Bess, the John Story Jenks
11 Elementary School, who came to us asking
12 us to preserve music programs, a
13 nine-year-old who has been playing the
14 violin for three years, to the
15 80-year-old grandmother from West
16 Philadelphia in Councilwoman Blackwell's
17 district who came worried and uncertain,
18 asking us to make sure we preserve
19 full-day kindergarten so her young
20 person, five-year-old, could start
21 kindergarten.

22 What we also know is that the
23 Philadelphia School District came to us
24 not asking us to fund failure. They have
25 shown remarkable record gains over the

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2 last eight years, with their AYP going
3 from 9 percent to 59 percent. And guess
4 what? Graduation rates are up from 59
5 percent to 63 percent, which is
6 consistent with the Mayor's goal of
7 increasing graduation rates in our city.

8 I introduce this resolution
9 today as one additional response to the
10 testimony we heard and operating under
11 the notion that no one stakeholder, no
12 one constituency, no one group, idea,
13 proposal or concept should be exempt or
14 should receive a pass when we figure out
15 how we help the School District meet this
16 potential \$600 million gap wherein
17 they're asking for 100 million.

18 I learned early in my career,
19 Madam President, that people listen to
20 what we say, but they watch what we do.
21 And in the ten years that I've been in
22 this Chamber, I've also learned that
23 people listen to what we say, they
24 ultimately watch what we do based on how
25 we vote. So as we look to figure out

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2 this \$600 million budget deficit gap and
3 look to see how we can be helpful to the
4 School District, we should be mindful
5 that ultimately we'll be measured on how
6 we vote.

7 Thank you, Madam President.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I offer one bill and
15 three resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia
22 Code, entitled "Traffic Code," by
23 amending Chapter 12-900, entitled
24 "Parking Regulations and Penalties," by
25 adding a new Section authorizing the

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2 Philadelphia Parking Authority to
3 designate reserved parking spaces for
4 hotel owned vehicles, adding definitions
5 to Section 12-102, and making certain
6 technical changes.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 authorizing the Committee of the Whole to
12 hold public hearings to review the Zoning
13 Code Proposals of the Zoning Code
14 Commission.

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 authorizing the Committee of the Whole to
21 hold public hearings to review the Zoning
22 Code proposals of the Zoning Code
23 Commission.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
25 resolution will be placed on the Final

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2 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
3 next session of Council.

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-Ninth 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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
22 President, I offer one bill.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the title of the bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 authorizing the installation of all-way
5 stop signs at the intersection of
6 Winchester Avenue and Narvon Street.

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I have two resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
15 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
16 the first resolution.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 approving the redevelopment contract and
19 disposition supplement of the
20 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
21 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
22 urban renewal of a portion of the Model
23 Cities Urban Renewal Area, designated as
24 Parcel Nos. 699 and 702 and also
25 sometimes identified by house numbers and

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2 street addresses for Parcel No. 699 as
3 1941 through 45 Judson Street and for
4 Parcel No. 702 as 1937 Judson Street.

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 authorizing a request to the Law
11 Department to represent City Council in a
12 lawsuit or lawsuits against the Governor
13 of Pennsylvania and any other appropriate
14 State officials, challenging the legality
15 of the funding for public education in
16 the Commonwealth and particularly in
17 Philadelphia, and seeking to compel the
18 Commonwealth to carry out its
19 constitutional duty to provide for the
20 maintenance and support of a thorough and
21 efficient system of public education;
22 and, if the Law Department declines to
23 render such service to City Council,
24 authorizing the retention of outside
25 counsel to provide such services.

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Kelly.

8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
9 President, I have no bills or
10 resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Rizzo.

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Nothing
16 today, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The next order of business --
20 oh, I'm sorry. Councilwoman Tasco, did
21 you want to be recognized on one of the
22 resolutions that you introduced?

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Yes, Madam
24 President. I move that the rules of
25 Council be suspended so the resolution

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2 recognizing the Cherokee nation on their
3 powwow this weekend be voted on.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
6 has been moved and seconded that the
7 rules of Council be suspended so as to
8 permit consideration of this resolution
9 at today's session of Council.

10 All in favor will indicate by
11 saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 ayes have it and the motion passes. This
18 resolution will be placed on today's
19 Final Passage Calendar.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 next order of business is reports from
23 committees.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the

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2 Committee of the Whole.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

4 President, the Committee of the Whole
5 reports eight resolutions with a
6 favorable recommendation.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 read the report.

11 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
12 and members of the Council of the City of
13 Philadelphia, the Committee of the Whole,
14 to which was referred Resolution No.
15 110403, entitled "A resolution
16 reappointing Allan Domb to the Board of
17 Directors of the Center City District";
18 and

19 Resolution No. 110404, entitled
20 "A resolution appointing Linda Ann
21 Galante to the Board of Directors of the
22 Center City District"; and

23 Resolution No. 110405, entitled
24 "A resolution appointing Jerry Sweeney to
25 the Board of Directors of the Center City

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2 District"; and

3 Resolution No. 110406, entitled
4 "A resolution appointing David Campoli to
5 the Board of Directors of the Center City
6 District"; and

7 Resolution No. 110407, entitled
8 "A resolution appointing Romona Riscoe
9 Benson to the Board of Directors of the
10 Center City District"; and

11 Resolution No. 110408, entitled
12 "A resolution reappointing Edward
13 Goldberg to the Board of Directors of the
14 Center City District"; and

15 Resolution No. 110409, entitled
16 "A resolution reappointing John Connors
17 to the Board of Directors of the Center
18 City District"; and

19 Resolution No. 110410, entitled
20 "A resolution reappointing Ronald Bowlan
21 to the Board of Directors of the Center
22 City District," respectfully reports it
23 has considered the same and returns the
24 attached resolutions to Council with a
25 favorable recommendation.

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

6 The Chair now recognizes
7 Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the
8 Committee on Finance.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
10 President, the Committee on Finance
11 reports five bills with a favorable
12 recommendation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 read the report.

17 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
18 Finance, to which was referred Bill No.
19 110754, entitled "An ordinance amending
20 Chapter 19-2600 of The Philadelphia Code,
21 entitled "Business Privilege Taxes," by
22 providing for exclusions and
23 certifications for hobbies and other
24 not-for-profit activities"; and

25 Bill No. 110206, entitled "An

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2 ordinance amending Section 10-1001 of The
3 Philadelphia Code relating to fees
4 charged by the Commissioner of Records by
5 providing that certain fees imposed for
6 the recording of deeds shall be waived
7 with respect to a deed filed solely for
8 the purpose of removing the name of a
9 deceased spouse or life partner and
10 re-titling the property in the name of
11 the surviving spouse or life partner";
12 and

13 Bill No. 110244, entitled "An
14 ordinance amending Section 19-1705 of The
15 Philadelphia Code to increase the amount
16 of interest and penalty on any unpaid
17 money or claim collectible by the
18 Department of Revenue that may be waived
19 by the Revenue Commissioner"; and

20 Bill No. 110342, entitled "An
21 ordinance authorizing the Director of
22 Commerce to enter into an Extension of
23 the Use and Lease Agreements between the
24 City of Philadelphia and each of the
25 airlines servicing Philadelphia

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2 International Airport"; and

3 Bill No. 110343, entitled "An
4 ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2012
5 Capital Budget providing for expenditures
6 for the capital purposes of the
7 Philadelphia Gas Works (including the
8 supplying of funds in connection
9 therewith) subject to certain constraints
10 and conditions, and acknowledging receipt
11 of the Forecast of Capital Budgets for
12 Fiscal Years 2013 through 2017,"
13 respectfully reports it has considered
14 the same and returns the attached bills
15 to Council with a favorable
16 recommendation.

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

19 COUNCILWOMAN Tasco: I move
20 that the rules of Council be suspended so
21 as to permit first reading this day of
22 Bill Nos. 100754, 110206, 110244, 110342
23 and 110343.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

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

6 All in favor will indicate by
7 saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

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

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read any other bills on the First Reading

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2 Calendar.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 110181,
4 entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter
5 19-1200 of The Philadelphia Code,
6 entitled 'Parking Tax,' by providing for
7 scheduled reductions in the rate of the
8 tax beginning in Fiscal Year 2012, and by
9 making certain technical amendments, all
10 under certain terms and conditions."

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 Chair agrees.

13 The Chair now recognizes
14 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of
15 calling up the bills and resolutions on
16 the Second Reading and Final Passage
17 Calendar to be considered today.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
19 Madam President. The following
20 resolutions and bills are being called up
21 for the Second Reading and Final Passage
22 Calendar today: Nos. 110395, 110396,
23 110397, 110398, 110399, 110401, 110402,
24 110207, 110157, 110184, 100783, 110081,
25 110273, 110276, 110294, 110295 and

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2 110296. All other bills and resolutions
3 are being held.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 Before considering the bills
7 and resolutions, we will consider public
8 comment. Your public comment must
9 concern matters on the Second Reading and
10 Final Passage Calendar for possible
11 action at today's Council session.

12 All speakers must sign up in
13 order to testify. If you have not
14 already signed up for today's session,
15 please do so by giving your name to the
16 Sergeant-At-Arms, who is at the table to
17 my left. You will be called in the order
18 in which you have signed up. And at this
19 time, I want to advise you that you will
20 have three minutes to speak.

21 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
22 please read the name of our first
23 speaker.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Sue Rosenthal,
25 commenting on 110207.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

3 Welcome, Ms. Rosenthal.

4 MS. ROSENTHAL: Good morning.

5 Good morning, members of
6 Council. I am Sue Rosenthal, Chair of
7 the Community Board of Public Health
8 Center 10. Thank you, President Verna,
9 members of Council and especially
10 Councilwoman Krajewski, for introducing
11 our ordinance to name my health center
12 "District Health Center 10, the Judge
13 Edward B. Rosenberg Health Center."

14 As GIs returning from World War
15 II began to have families, many chose to
16 purchase the thousands of new, reasonably
17 priced homes being built in Northeast
18 Philadelphia. It was then an immense but
19 sparsely populated area. Within a few
20 years, the Northeast housed over 300,000
21 Philadelphians. It was a huge community,
22 lacking schools, playgrounds, libraries
23 and a public health center.

24 Edward Rosenberg, one of these
25 new residents, was an active, concerned

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2 mover and shaker in the Northeast.

3 Wherever there was a neighborhood need,
4 he became part of the group pushing to
5 find a solution.

6 I knew Ed as one of the
7 kindest, most concerned, most determined
8 citizens in our city. He was often the
9 organizer of civic groups to improve our
10 community.

11 So it happened with Public
12 Health Center 10. Twenty years before,
13 the City had recognized our need by
14 placing a health center for the Northeast
15 into its Capital Budget. There it sat,
16 until 1969 when Ed discovered the
17 property next to the Northeast Regional
18 Library on busy Cottman Avenue was for
19 sale. In the middle of a shopping area?
20 "Perfect," reasoned Ed, "easy for people
21 to reach by public transportation."

22 He called a community meeting
23 and successfully made his case. Seven
24 years later, in 1976, Health Center 10
25 became a reality. Ed was right about the

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2 need. Our Northeast health center is the
3 busiest in the City.

4 He left his mark as well on the
5 City as well as on the Northeast. He had
6 a private law practice. Later as a Court
7 of Common Pleas judge, he presided in
8 Family Court. He was a certified
9 marriage counselor, interested in solving
10 the problems of couples, families and
11 children.

12 He served as President of the
13 Northeast Community Center for Mental
14 Health and the Northeast Health and
15 Welfare Counsel. For six terms he
16 chaired the Philadelphia Community
17 College Board of Trustees, the first
18 President of the Oxford Circle Jewish
19 Community Center.

20 Because of my time limitation,
21 I will not list his many other
22 accomplishments for the City and the
23 Northeast.

24 In gratitude for all Ed
25 accomplished and because members of a

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2 community should know its history and
3 those who made it what it is, our health
4 center will be known as "District Health
5 Center 10, the Judge Edward B. Rosenberg
6 Center."

7 Thank you again.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
9 you very much.

10 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
11 please call our next witness to testify.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Bruce Rosenberg,
13 commenting on 110207.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
15 morning.

16 MR. ROSENBERG: Good morning.

17 Madam President, Council,
18 family, friends, good morning. Although
19 I do feel my father was always worthy of
20 bells and whistles, we'd like to issue a
21 disclaimer that the 11 o'clock bells and
22 whistles had absolutely nothing to do
23 with him.

24 Everyone can be great, because
25 anybody can serve. You don't have to

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2 have a college degree to serve. You
3 don't have to make your subject and your
4 verb agree to serve. You don't have to
5 know the second theory of thermodynamics
6 in physics to serve. You only need a
7 heart full of grace, a soul generated by
8 love. Martin Luther King, Jr.

9 Edward B. Rosenberg was not a
10 king, but he was a champion, and he had a
11 dream. The dream was to advocate for the
12 family concept, for the needy, for the
13 challenged, for the worthy, for those who
14 have gone astray, for children and for
15 those seeking education, knowledge and
16 growth.

17 The dream was to champion the
18 underdog, something he knew about
19 firsthand. Born into a modest life in a
20 single-parent setting, my dad never knew
21 from entitlement, but he did live a life
22 of privilege. He was privileged to be
23 Tessie's son, the mom we used to hear
24 about that worked three jobs and, yes,
25 scrubbed floors to send her son to

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2 college and to law school, even though at
3 age 19 her son, my dad, was given ten
4 years to live by his doctors. But Tessie
5 believed and Edward believed.

6 Because he shared, cared and
7 dared, he had the privilege to be paired
8 with his lifelong love, the shine on his
9 shoes, the twinkle in his eye, the
10 acknowledged wind beneath his wings, my
11 mom Hilda, who elevated my father's
12 goodness to greatness. No wonder he was
13 a man of faith.

14 By believing, he began
15 achieving and conceiving. After due
16 diligence with steadfast resolve, he
17 would turn from fear and choose to steer.
18 When he had a vision, he made a decision
19 and lived out his mission.

20 I am Bruce Rosenberg, one of
21 his three proud sons here representing
22 our family and those who appreciated and
23 revered Edward B. We thank Sue Rosenthal
24 for rallying the troops with her idea to
25 make this day happen. We thank

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2 Councilperson Krajewski and her staff,
3 City Council, the civil servants. We
4 thank the supporters of this initiative,
5 like District Health Center 10,
6 Eagleville Hospital, Northeast Mental
7 Health Center, Community College of
8 Philadelphia, as well as those who
9 supported petitioning City Council with
10 their heartfelt letters, capturing the
11 essence of the incredible dynamo I knew
12 as "Dad."

13 Today, you honor "his honor,"
14 the Honorable Edward B. Rosenberg. You
15 honor family values, principles and
16 commitment. Furthermore, you honor
17 service and pursuit of justice. You
18 honor the indomitable spirit within. You
19 honor the reason we are the City of
20 Brotherly Love.

21 My dad knew not racial
22 prejudice. He was, in effect,
23 colorblind, but he always envisioned the
24 rainbows.

25 Should you pass "District

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2 Health Center No. 10, the Edward B.
3 Rosenberg Center," know well that my dad
4 invested himself for the betterment of
5 humanity. And when you speak his name or
6 see his name in print, know well that you
7 are honoring a man who helped try to make
8 the world a better place.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHIEF CLERK: Therese Mallory,
12 commenting on 110294.

13 MS. MALLORY: And more
14 generally on any of the resolutions
15 having to do with financial allocations,
16 financial crisis, cutbacks in education
17 and other necessary social services that
18 we're all experiencing.

19 I am with the LaRouche
20 Political Action Committee and we're
21 addressing dozens of City Councils
22 throughout Pennsylvania, in fact
23 throughout the country, on a new bill
24 that has the greatest relevance. It just
25 came into Congress three weeks ago. It

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2 has great bearing on solving the
3 financial crisis of our state and our
4 city and all the cities throughout the
5 country and the bankrupt states. This is
6 HR 1489 called the Prudent Banking Act of
7 2011, and it will end forever the bailout
8 of Wall Street and the European banks,
9 which are still going on even as our
10 states and cities are in grave, grave
11 condition and crisis. The co-sponsors
12 are a democrat, Marcy Kaptur, from
13 Toledo, Ohio and a republican, Walter
14 Jones from North Carolina. There are
15 already seven co-sponsors in addition to
16 that, one of which that you might know,
17 Jesse Jackson, Jr. from Chicago, John
18 Conyers from Detroit, Michigan.

19 What this bill will do is it
20 will restore the banking regulations we
21 had called Glass-Steagall that Franklin
22 D. Roosevelt signed into law in 1932 and
23 that was repealed in 1999, which
24 separated commercial banks from
25 investment houses, and commercial banks

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2 were tightly regulated, could not
3 speculate. Investment houses like
4 Goldman Sachs could take a lot of risk,
5 but if they lost, they were on their own.
6 They could not come to Uncle Sam. We had
7 a stable banking system and America was
8 working.

9 I urge the City Council -- you
10 cannot pass this bill here, but you can
11 urge our Congressmen in Philadelphia,
12 Congressman Brady, Congressman Chaka
13 Fattah, to immediately become cosigners,
14 end the bailout, which is already 20
15 trillion. This is way above and beyond
16 TARP, which was peanuts, 750 billion or
17 something. The bailout is ongoing.

18 And in conclusion, the former
19 head of the IMF, who is now under house
20 arrest, Strauss-Kahn, was here to
21 negotiate with Geithner and Bernanke
22 another trillion dollars of taxpayers'
23 money for the European banks.

24 So I urge you to pass a
25 resolution, the City Council of

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2 Philadelphia, and get our Congressmen to
3 get on board so we can redirect the
4 credit to our nation into creating
5 millions of infrastructure jobs across
6 the country and temporarily rescuing our
7 distressed states and cities.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
10 you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 Chair recognizes Councilman Kelly --
14 Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: He's over
16 there. I'm over here.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
18 know.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Sadly,
20 Madam President, I have to leave the
21 Chamber to attend to business in the
22 building and I would like to be recorded
23 as voting aye on all bills and
24 resolutions in my absence.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

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2 you.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Leave
5 will be granted.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Taylor,
7 commenting on 110295.

8 MR. TAYLOR: Good morning,
9 Madam President --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
11 morning.

12 MR. TAYLOR: -- members of
13 Council, ladies and gentlemen. I am
14 happy to address this body once again. I
15 am Robert Taylor, citizen of South
16 Philadelphia. I'm commenting on Bill No.
17 110295, the Water Fund.

18 It is unclear why the transfer
19 of funds of \$450,000 coming from a
20 personal service account going to
21 materials, supplies and equipment is
22 needed. In any event, I'm opposed to any
23 funds being used to support materials or
24 supplies that might include adding
25 fluoride to our water supply.

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2 The U.S. Department of Health
3 and Human Services admitted that current
4 amounts of fluoride at one part per
5 million causes enamel fluorosis.
6 According to Dr. Paul Connett, who wrote
7 the book, The Case Against Fluoride: How
8 Hazardous Waste Ended Up in Our Drinking
9 Water and the Bad Science and Powerful
10 Politics That Keep It There, too much
11 fluoride in the environment already in
12 foods and pesticides. We need to get
13 this poison out of our water supply
14 altogether. The 2006 U.S. National
15 Research Council report agrees with this
16 view.

17 The general water supply should
18 never be a vehicle for the delivery of
19 medicine. This goes against the
20 Nuremberg Code. The dose cannot be
21 monitored or controlled. If one argues
22 that water is a good way to dispense
23 fluoride, why not use free bottled water,
24 issued by a pharmacist. We do this with
25 other dangerous drugs, right?

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2 There's no debate. Too much
3 fluoride is deadly. Just look at the
4 poison control warnings on a tube of
5 toothpaste. We certainly don't need
6 things like lithium or statins added to
7 the water supply to treat certain
8 conditions, as some suggest. There's no
9 drug that can be safely given to all
10 people regardless of dosage, age, other
11 medications and medical backgrounds.

12 Most of the fluoride in the
13 water supply is a toxic waste by-product.
14 Much of this by-product has been found to
15 have other ingredients, such as uranium.

16 There is too much fluoride in
17 our children's bodies. This is known by
18 the amount of dental fluorosis that is
19 evident in their teeth. Forty-one
20 percent of the children ages 12 to 15
21 have enamel fluorosis. If the teeth are
22 being damaged, then it's reasonable to
23 believe that other parts of the bodies of
24 our children are being damaged as well.

25 Who would want to suggest that

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2 we should protect children's teeth at the
3 expense of their brains, pineal gland,
4 the thyroid gland and bones and other
5 organs?

6 Thank you, and God save our
7 children.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
9 you very much.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Our
12 next witness.

13 CHIEF CLERK: David Fattah.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is
15 Mr. Fattah here?

16 MR. FATTAH: Yes.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Commenting on
18 110395.

19 MR. FATTAH: Giving honor to
20 God.

21 How are you, Madam President?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
23 morning.

24 MR. FATTAH: I'd like to thank
25 my District Councilperson, Curtis Jones,

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2 who allowed me to have this opportunity
3 to come down here and say a few words.
4 And you too, Al.

5 This bill is extremely personal
6 to me. I'm excited about it, because it
7 addresses, if you notice, the Freedom
8 Riders. And the Freedom Riders, 1961
9 were students, students that put their
10 bodies, their minds and their careers on
11 hold to fight against Jim Crow. And that
12 was done as an inspiration for many.

13 In fact, if you look at the
14 resolution itself before us, it says
15 these activists for equality had an
16 impact on the Civil Rights Movement. And
17 that's a direct link to myself and the
18 House of Umoja. As some of you might
19 know, I'm one of the founders of the
20 House of Umoja, whose very name and title
21 came out of a movement, which were the
22 results of the Civil Rights Movement.
23 So, therefore, it's important that we
24 begin to learn rules from there.

25 But one of the things that we

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2 can look at -- in fact, if you want to
3 know more about it, why do they do this,
4 there's a book by Raymond Arsenault and
5 it's called Freedom Riders: 1961. So
6 you might want to pick that up to get
7 some more information.

8 But, you know, it took a lot of
9 courage to go down to Birmingham and to
10 go down to Montgomery and talk about you
11 want to sit down and eat with somebody.
12 At first, people didn't take him that
13 serious. They felt that if you locked a
14 couple of them up, this thing will kind
15 of blow over and go away. But when you
16 locked a couple of them up, they called a
17 couple more. The next thing they know,
18 half the people around, college students,
19 left all kinds of campuses and came down
20 to Birmingham, to Alabama, to let them
21 know they were in the United States of
22 America. And every once in a while,
23 people forget that. In fact, one of the
24 most dynamic sayings from the Civil
25 Rights Movement, if someone says "let

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2 freedom ring," let it ring from shore,
3 let it ring in Alabama, in fact it
4 started ringing in China too a couple
5 times I heard and now it's ringing in
6 Egypt and the Middle East. But that bell
7 is in Philadelphia. That bell sits in
8 the home of champions, champions not only
9 in sports but champions for education.

10 One of the main things of the
11 concern for Freedom Riders was education.
12 If they were to come to Philadelphia
13 today, they would applaud this Council
14 and they would applaud the Mayor for
15 allowing our people to come down here,
16 all citizens, to let them know and
17 understand that Philadelphia is indeed
18 the champion of education. We are not
19 going to stand back. We're not going to
20 let our students' schools close. We're
21 not going to cut down on music, sports,
22 because that is the foundation of
23 Philadelphia.

24 We have a Philadelphia sound.
25 We have a Philadelphia sports team. I'm

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2 sure these people would be proud and
3 honored to come forth and put up bobs to
4 support us in this time of need, and I
5 call on you to perhaps mention that to
6 them in passing.

7 And, finally, there was another
8 song, "Ain't Nobody Gonna Turn Me
9 Around." Did anybody hear that song
10 before? And that's what I say to you
11 today, don't let nobody turn you around.
12 I don't care what the Governor says. He
13 cannot stop education. I don't care what
14 anybody in Harrisburg says. Education is
15 their responsibility. It must go forth.
16 Education almost started here in
17 Philadelphia. I think we got
18 Pennsylvania University down the street.
19 Libraries started here in Philadelphia.
20 We are the home, heart and soul of the
21 education movement in the United States
22 of America, and we should not be denied
23 or let our children be denied or let them
24 down on anything less than a full-fledged
25 education in the United States of

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2 America.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is
6 there anyone else here who has signed up
7 to provide public comment on today's
8 agenda?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
11 Seeing none, that concludes today's
12 public comment period.

13 Councilwoman Brown, your light
14 is on. Did you want to be recognized?

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: No, thank
16 you, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
18 you.

19 We will now consider the bills
20 and resolutions on the Second Reading and
21 Final Passage Calendar.

22 The Clerk will please call the
23 title of Resolution No. 110395.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution
25 commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the

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2 Freedom Riders and the impact that these
3 activists for equality had on the Civil
4 Rights Movement.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
8 Madam President. On behalf of Councilman
9 Kenney, I move for the adoption.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 We will now consider Resolution
23 110396.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
25 approving the Drexel University Proposed

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2 Revision to its Institutional Development
3 District Master Plan.

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

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

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

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

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 read the title of Resolution 110397.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 honoring the Attack Mode Youth Boxing
25 Club.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
5 the adoption of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 ayes have it and the resolution is
17 adopted.

18 We will now consider Resolution
19 No. 110398.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 honoring the American Women's Heritage
22 Society on its 25th Anniversary.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for

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2 the adoption of the resolution.

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 The Chief Clerk will please
17 read the title of Resolution 110399.

18 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 declaring June 2nd as Creating a Legacy
20 of Wellness: Mind, Body, and Spirit Day
21 in Philadelphia.

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

24 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: I move for
25 the adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

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 resolution is
13 adopted.

14 The Chief Clerk will please
15 read the title of Resolution 110401.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 recognizing and honoring the week of June
18 4th through June 11th as Philippine
19 Independence Week.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

22 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I move
23 the adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

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

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

12 We will now consider Resolution
13 110402.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 honoring Alice Salomon Bast, the
16 president and founder of the National
17 Foundation for Celiac Awareness, and
18 congratulating her on receiving the 90th
19 annual Philadelphia Award.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I move for the
24 adoption.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

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

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read the title of Ordinance No. 110207.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 naming and designating Public Health
17 Center No. 10, located at 2230 Cottman
18 Avenue, as "District Health Center No.
19 10, the Judge Edward B. Rosenberg
20 Center."

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

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 call the roll.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.
5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Clarke.
8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 DiCicco.
11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
15 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Greenlee.
18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
22 (No response.)
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney
24 is voting aye.
25 Councilwoman Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Reynolds Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Sanchez.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

18 Verna.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

20 The ayes are 15; the nays are
21 zero. A majority of all members having
22 voted in the affirmative, the bill
23 passes.

24 Congratulations.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
3 will now consider Bill No. 110157.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 authorizing the revision of lines and
6 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 63
7 by relocating the northeasterly curbline
8 of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, from
9 Twentieth Street to Twenty-First Street,
10 two feet southwestwardly.

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

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 call the roll.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 Greenlee.

8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

12 (No response.)

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney

14 is voting aye.

15 Councilwoman Krajewski.

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

18 Councilwoman Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Reynolds Brown.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Sanchez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
11 Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

13 The ayes are 14; the nays are
14 zero. A majority of all members having
15 voted in the affirmative, the bill
16 passes.

17 We will now consider Bill No.
18 110184.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
21 Code by amending Section
22 14-305(7)(e)(.2)(.b) by exempting certain
23 corner lots from the application thereof;
24 and amending the Philadelphia Zoning Maps
25 by changing the zoning designations of

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2 certain areas of land located within the
3 area bounded by Walnut Street, 8th
4 Street, Locust Street, and 9th Street.

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

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 call the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Greenlee.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

6 (No response.)

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney

8 is voting aye.

9 Councilwoman Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

12 O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Reynolds Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Sanchez.

21 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

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2 Verna.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 Councilman Kelly, did you want
5 to vote on this bill?

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye, Madam
7 President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 ayes are 15; the nays are zero. A
10 majority of all members having voted in
11 the affirmative, this bill passes.

12 We will now consider Bill No.
13 100783.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 amending Chapter 9-200 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial
17 Activities on Streets," by amending
18 Section 9-205, entitled "Sidewalk Sales,"
19 by prohibiting sidewalk vending on
20 certain portions of Castor Avenue from
21 Oxford Avenue to Rhawn Street.

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

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 call the roll.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.
6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Clarke.
9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 DiCicco.
12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Greenlee.
19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney
25 is voting aye.

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2 Councilwoman Krajewski.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Reynolds Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Sanchez.

14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

19 Verna.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

21 The ayes are 16; the nays are
22 zero. A majority of all members having
23 voted in the affirmative, the bill
24 passes.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the title of Bill No. 110081.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Chapter 9-200 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial
6 Activities on Streets," by amending
7 Section 9-205, entitled "Sidewalk Sales,"
8 by prohibiting sidewalk sales within the
9 area bounded by and including both sides
10 of East Tioga Street, Kensington Avenue,
11 East Ontario Street, Potter Street, "I"
12 Street, East Westmoreland Street, "F"
13 Street, Kensington Avenue, East Monmouth
14 Street, and Emerald Street.

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

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Clarke.

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Sanchez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

12 Verna.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

14 The ayes are 16; the nays are
15 zero. A majority of all members having
16 voted in the affirmative, the bill
17 passes.

18 Councilman Kelly, your light is
19 on. Did you want to be recognized?

20 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Yes. Madam
21 President, I'd like to be recorded as
22 voting aye on the bills I may have missed
23 when I was out of the room.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 record will so indicate that. Thank you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read Bill No. 110273.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 authorizing the revision of lines and
6 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 278
7 by striking from the City Plan and
8 vacating Delaware Avenue from Robbins
9 Street to Levick Street.

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

14 The Chief Clerk will please
15 call the roll.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 DiCicco.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Greenlee.
7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney
13 is voting aye.
14 Councilwoman Krajewski.
15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 O'Neill.
18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Reynolds Brown.
21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Sanchez.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

7 Verna.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

9 The ayes are 16; the nays are
10 zero. A majority of all members having
11 voted in the affirmative, the bill
12 passes.

13 We will now consider Bill No.

14 110276.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

16 authorizing the revision of lines and
17 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 121
18 by striking from the City Plan and
19 vacating the legally open portions of the
20 westerly twelve feet wide portion of
21 Thirty-Second Street from Glenwood Avenue
22 to a point approximately twelve feet
23 south of the southerly side of Master
24 Street produced.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

1 5/26/11 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 bill having been read on two different
3 days, the question now is shall the bill
4 pass finally.

5 The Chief Clerk will please
6 call the roll.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

1 5/26/11 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney
4 is voting aye.
5 Councilwoman Krajewski.
6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 O'Neill.
9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Reynolds Brown.
12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Sanchez.
17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Tasco.
20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
22 Verna.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
24 The ayes are 16; the nays are
25 zero. A majority of all members having

1 5/26/11 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 voted in the affirmative, the bill
3 passes.

4 We will now consider Bill No.
5 110294.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 authorizing transfers in appropriations
8 for Fiscal Year 2011 from the General
9 Fund, certain or all City offices,
10 departments, boards and commissions and
11 from the Grants Revenue Fund, the
12 Director of Finance - Provision for Other
13 Grants to the General Fund, certain or
14 all City offices, departments, boards and
15 commissions.

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

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 call the roll.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

1 5/26/11 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Clarke.
3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 DiCicco.
6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Greenlee.
13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney
19 is voting aye.
20 Councilwoman Krajewski.
21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 O'Neill.
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

1 5/26/11 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Reynolds Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Sanchez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

13 Verna.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

15 The ayes are 16; the nays are
16 zero. A majority of all members having
17 voted in the affirmative, the bill
18 passes.

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 read the title of Bill No. 110295.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
22 authorizing transfers in appropriations
23 for Fiscal Year 2011 within the Water
24 Fund from the Managing Director - Office
25 of Fleet Management to the Managing

1 5/26/11 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Director - Office of Fleet Management.
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 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Greenlee.
24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney

6 is voting aye.

7 Councilwoman Krajewski.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Reynolds Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Sanchez.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

24 Verna.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

1 5/26/11 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 The ayes are 16; the nays are
3 zero. A majority of all members having
4 voted in the affirmative, the bill
5 passes.

6 We will now consider Bill No.
7 110296.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 authorizing transfers in appropriations
10 for Fiscal Year 2011 within the Grants
11 Revenue Fund from the Director of
12 Finance - Provision for Other Grants to
13 the Managing Director - Division of
14 Technology.

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

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Clarke.

1 5/26/11 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 DiCicco.
5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Greenlee.
12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney
18 is voting aye.
19 Councilwoman Krajewski.
20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 O'Neill.
23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Reynolds Brown.

1 5/26/11 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Sanchez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

12 Verna.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

14 The ayes are 16; the nays are
15 zero. A majority of all members having
16 voted in the affirmative, the bill
17 passes.

18 That concludes our Calendar for
19 today.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
23 President, I actually had a couple of
24 issues. One, we got a bill that came to
25 me late. I'd like to be able to

1 5/26/11 - STATED - SUSPENSION CALENDAR
2 introduce that.

3 And, second, I'd like to make a
4 motion. Madam President, earlier I
5 indicated in the Caucus Room that we
6 would like to move a bill off of the
7 Suspension Calendar known as "sick leave
8 bill," earned sick leave, 080 --

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
11 President, at this time, I will move that
12 Bill No. 080474 be removed from the
13 Suspension Calendar and placed on the
14 Final Passage Calendar for the next
15 session of Council.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
19 the bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 enacting a new Chapter 9-3300, entitled
22 "Promoting Healthy Families and
23 Workplaces," to provide that certain
24 employees are entitled to paid sick
25 leave, all under certain terms and

1 5/26/11 - STATED - SUSPENSION CALENDAR
2 conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
4 you.

5 It has been moved and properly
6 seconded that Bill No. 080474 be removed
7 from the Suspension Calendar and placed
8 on the --

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: --
11 and placed on the Final Passage Calendar
12 for the next session of Council.

13 All in favor will signify by
14 saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 ayes have it, the motion is adopted and
21 Bill No --

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: --
24 Bill No. 080474 will be placed on the
25 Final Passage Calendar for the next

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2 session of Council.

3 Now, I understand the
4 Councilman had a bill to introduce.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 amending Section 9-213 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers'
8 Markets," by adding a permissible
9 location on the sidewalk of the west side
10 of Germantown Avenue between North 10th
11 Street and North Alder Street.

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

15 I would ask the Clerk to please
16 read any additional resolutions on
17 today's Calendar.

18 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 declaring May 28th to the 30th, 2011 as
20 Cherokee Heritage Weekend in celebration
21 of the Eighteenth Annual Cherokee Indian
22 Festival, introduced by Councilwoman
23 Tasco.

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move for the adoption
4 of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

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

17 Are there any other
18 resolutions?

19 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
20 other resolutions for consideration.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you. Therefore, our Calendar is
23 concluded, and the Chair recognizes
24 Councilman Jones.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: I was

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2 waiting for the speech.

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

6 (No response.)

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you so
13 much, Madam President. I want to thank
14 you for having the stamina to sit through
15 most of those hearings yesterday and the
16 day before. It came at a point where it
17 almost reminded me of a bad "B" movie,
18 and a bad "B" movie when they do the "who
19 done it."

20 A lot of people were pointing
21 fingers at the federal government for not
22 replacing stimulus dollars. Some people
23 pointed the finger at the Commonwealth of
24 Pennsylvania for holding out on a rainy
25 day fund. Other people pointed at the

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2 School Board and Reform Commission itself
3 for management issues. But at the end of
4 the day, after the dancing is done, we
5 need to be prepared in this body to do
6 the heavy lifting.

7 We will not sit by and let
8 students be the unintended victims of any
9 of the above inter-multiple test
10 question. None of the above is
11 acceptable. We will not allow for them
12 to suffer.

13 This should never be the body
14 that eliminated kindergarten. We cannot
15 allow -- as Green often says, this is a
16 national security issue. As Councilwoman
17 Blondell Reynolds Brown said today, that
18 this is an important aspect of life in
19 Philadelphia and our future generations
20 of an educated workforce.

21 This is not a game. We want
22 all of the above to take a part in it.
23 We're looking for -- as young people say,
24 if the Governor doesn't know it's
25 raining, it's a doggone thunderstorm down

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2 here, and we need to take action.

3 So we're going to tighten up
4 our belts with the School Reform
5 Commission and hold them accountable for
6 the money we send, but at the end of the
7 day, when the voting is done, we need to
8 do the heavy lifting here. And I will
9 call on my colleagues personally to do
10 so.

11 As a public school graduate, as
12 a parent who sent his kids through public
13 school and as a proud "pop-pop" that
14 intends to send his kid to public school,
15 we have to do this. If we can build
16 stadiums, if we can exempt downtown from
17 taxes, we are going to do the right thing
18 by our kids, so help me.

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 I would like to place

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2 responsibility for the School District on
3 our shoulders. I'd also like to place
4 responsibility for our children on the
5 shoulders of the people who run the
6 Philadelphia School District, the School
7 Reform Commission.

8 There are several things that I
9 think have been lost in the debate and
10 were lost in the public testimony
11 yesterday, which was orchestrated in
12 large part by the million-dollar
13 communications staff of the Philadelphia
14 School District. I saw their
15 communications people back there lining
16 people up, getting them ready. That's a
17 million-dollar staff. The top person on
18 that staff makes \$170,000 a year. There
19 are seven people who make over \$100,000 a
20 year on that staff. So, yes, there's a
21 lot of responsibility to go around about
22 keeping full-day kindergarten and keeping
23 early childhood education, which I know
24 we're all committed to, but it starts
25 next week at the interim budget that is

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2 going to be passed by the School District
3 of the City of Philadelphia.

4 During testimony in this body,
5 the CFO said, yes, maybe we can solve the
6 education problem if you can help us
7 finance through the issue of state
8 reimbursement. In other words, we don't
9 get reimbursed for a year what we spend
10 this year. We can do that. That gets
11 them to about \$35 to \$50 million of the
12 \$100 million they asked for, without us
13 appropriating a penny, by guaranteeing a
14 bond they might issue or guaranteeing a
15 loan they could get from the bank before
16 they get the state appropriation next
17 year. That's halfway there. So we must
18 be responsible in the help, if any, that
19 we provide.

20 There are a couple of issues
21 that I think have been missed in the
22 testimony of the School District. The
23 first is that they're \$132 million short
24 by my count compared to what they
25 presented. They have two assumptions in

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2 the budget that don't appear to be true
3 at this point. The first is that they
4 will get \$75 million in labor
5 concessions. The second is that they
6 will get \$57 million in charter school
7 reimbursement from the State Legislature.
8 In order for any money we put into the
9 School District to be used for the things
10 that we consider priorities, both of
11 those assumptions will have to have been
12 true. We have not yet seen evidence that
13 they are true.

14 So there's a lot of hyperbole
15 and discussion about protecting the
16 children, but we also have to be
17 responsible.

18 President Obama from the
19 Moneygall Obamas recently was in Dublin,
20 Ireland, spoke to 30,000 of his cousins,
21 and he said several times during the
22 speech, quoted from a William Butler
23 Yeats poem, "in dreams begin
24 responsibility." We have dreams for the
25 children of the City of Philadelphia. We

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2 have dreams for the future of this city.
3 We have dreams about how we can help
4 them, but we have to be responsible
5 dreamers, and that means making sure that
6 the School District is responsible in the
7 choices that it's currently making in its
8 budget and that we are responsible in
9 making sure that if we provide help, it's
10 help that we agree with.

11 Thank you, Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Jones.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
17 Madam President. Thanks to the public
18 school system, I understood what
19 hyperbole was. It means talking stuff.
20 And at the end of it -- and I appreciate
21 it, but at the end of the day when we're
22 done talking stuff, we're going to have
23 to vote to help them kids.

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

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2 You're welcome.

3 Is there anyone else that would
4 like to be recognized?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

7 Seeing no one, the Chair recognizes
8 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
9 adjourn.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I move that Council
12 stand adjourned until Thursday, June 2nd,
13 2011, 10:00 a.m.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
16 has been moved and seconded that Council
17 stand adjourned until Thursday, June the
18 2nd.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 ayes have it. The motion carries.

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2 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

3 12:35 p.m.)

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