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Thursday, March 31, 2005, 10:05 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JUAN F. RAMOS

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DI CICCIO

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
6 morning, everyone. I note that the hour has
7 come and that a quorum of this Council is
8 present. Council will come to order.
9 Members will take their seats, and visitors
10 will retire to the seats outside the rails.

11 To give our invocation this morning,
12 the Chair welcomes Dr. Keith W. Reed, Sr.,
13 Senior Pastor of the Sharon Baptist Church.
14 He is here today as the guest of Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

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

18 (All rise.)

19 Reverend.

20 DR. REED: Let us pray. Our Father
21 and our God, again we come in Your divine
22 presence to thank You for another day's
23 journey. Thank you for life, health and
24 strength, a sound mind. We bless You for who
25 You are, and for the things that You have

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2 done, and the things that you do.

3 This day we ask that You would crown
4 these persons that are in authority of this
5 City with wisdom, insight and foresight, so
6 that they may be able to make decisions and
7 laws and precepts that will govern this City,
8 a city that we pray that will reflect His
9 name, phileo, brotherly love.

10 Bless even now and we ask these
11 things, in the name that's above every name.
12 And in Your name we pray, amen.

13 CHORUS OF VOICES: Amen.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

15 The Chair thanks Dr. Reed for his
16 very inspiring invocation.

17 Council will be at ease.

18 (Pause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
20 order of business is the approval of the
21 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, March 24,
22 2005, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 I move that the Journal of the
3 Meeting of Thursday, March 24, 2005, stand
4 approved.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear
6 a second?

7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
9 been moved and properly seconded that the
10 meeting of Thursday, March 24, 2005, stand
11 approved.

12 All in favor will indicate by saying
13 aye.

14 (Chorus of "ayes.")

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
19 have it. The motion carries. And the
20 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, March,
21 24, 2005 is approved.

22 The next order of business is a
23 request for leave of absence. And the Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

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2 Madam President.

3 On behalf of the majority, a leave
4 of absence is requested for Councilwoman
5 Krajewski and one for Councilman Kenney.

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

8 COUNCILWOMAN Blackwell: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The chair
10 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN Rizzo: Madam President,
12 the Republicans have no requests for leave of
13 absence.

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

16 The Chair will dispense with the
17 regular order of business to recognize the
18 guests and visitors joining us in Chambers
19 this morning.

20 On behalf of all members of City
21 Council, I welcome you to our Council
22 session. We appreciate your taking the time
23 to join us as we attend to the legislative
24 affairs of our City. We certainly invite you
25 to come again.

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2 At this time, the Chair recognizes
3 Councilman Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
5 I have a guest with me today. And I'd like
6 to introduce a retired police officer that
7 wanted to see what we do here. And I'd like
8 to introduce a retired police officer Joe
9 McAllister who worked for over 30 years in
10 the department and finished up at the
11 airport. So, let's all welcome Joe
12 McAllister.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Welcome.
14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 Today we have 30 students from
20 Central High School which is, of course,
21 located in the 8th District. And they are a
22 part of the Philadelphia Chapter of Student
23 Voices. They are accompanied by their social
24 science teacher, Mr. William Graham, and
25 they're seated to my right.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: If they
3 would stand, we would like to welcome you.

4 (Students stand.)

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At this
7 time the Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco,
8 who will present a resolution, honoring
9 Richmond Elementary School and their fifth
10 grade class.

11 Will their principal, Mr. Ciampoli,
12 and those accompanying him please join the
13 Councilman at the podium.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you, and
15 good morning.

16 Resolution honoring Peggy Marie
17 Savage's fifth grade class at Richmond
18 Elementary School, and congratulating Renad
19 Rapi for the respective team and individual
20 second place finishes in the First in Math
21 National Competition.

22 Whereas, Suntext International,
23 Inc., introduced the computer game number 24
24 as a tool to make math appealing and
25 accessible, thereby helping students to move

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2 on to excel in math, science and related
3 fields.

4 Whereas, first introduced in 2002,
5 the First in Math Online Team concept used
6 the game number 24 to offer substantive
7 content that supports core curriculum and
8 ties into national and state standards.

9 Students progress at their own pace,
10 and their individual and team scores are
11 recorded, to be compared against 100,000
12 students in 25 different states;

13 And whereas, the School District of
14 Philadelphia began using First in Math last
15 year to supplement the math curriculum and to
16 help boost student test scores, and Richmond
17 principal Anthony Ciampoli believe the game
18 has succeeded and helped the school meet
19 national requirements required by the No
20 Child Left Behind Act.

21 And whereas, in an environment where
22 approximately 50 percent of the students
23 speak English as a second language, First in
24 Math has made numbers and mathematics a
25 universal language.

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2 And whereas, in November Peggy Marie
3 Savage's 30 fifth grade students, including
4 Mr. Rapi, competed in the first math contest,
5 as a team and as an individual the class and
6 Rapi finished second.

7 Now, therefore, resolved that the
8 Council of the City of Philadelphia honors
9 Peggy Marie Savage's fifth grade class at
10 Richmond Elementary School and congratulates
11 Mr. Rapi for their respective team and
12 individual place finishes in the first math
13 national competition.

14 Certification. This is a true and
15 correct copy of the original Resolution
16 adopted by the Council of the City of
17 Philadelphia on the 3rd day of February,
18 2002.

19 Presented by the Council President,
20 Anna C. Verna, introduced by myself and
21 Councilman Mariano, co-sponsored by all
22 members of City Council.

23 Congratulations.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
25 Congratulations.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Mr. Ciampoli for remarks.

5 MR. CIAMPOLI: I want to thank
6 Councilman DiCicco for recognizing this
7 amazing achievement by this class and Mrs.
8 Savage -- raise your hand, Mrs. Savage, so
9 everybody can see you -- and Mr. Rapi who's
10 second in the nation. And this entire class
11 is second in the nation in this online math
12 program.

13 So, thank you for the recognition.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Council
16 will be at ease.

17 (Pause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At this
19 time the Chair recognizes Councilman Ramos
20 who will present a Resolution honoring the
21 Partners for Civic Pride.

22 Will Miss Brenda Exon and Mr. Rob
23 Stoller and those accompanying them please
24 join the Councilman at the podium.

25 The Councilman is being accompanied

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2 by Councilman Mariano and Councilwoman Tasco.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Ramos.

5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you, Madam
6 President.

7 Before I read the Resolution, I want
8 to acknowledge in the Chambers today are
9 members of the Philadelphia Pride Club from
10 Ben Franklin High School and their Vice
11 Principal, Eileen Butler.

12 They marched from Ben Franklin High
13 this morning to be present here today for the
14 proclamation in honor of our City flag.

15 Can you please stand up so we can
16 acknowledge you.

17 (Students stand.)

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Resolution
20 honoring the Partners for Civic Pride, Inc.,
21 for their diligent efforts on spreading the
22 history and pride of the Philadelphia Civic
23 Flag, and marking the 110th anniversary of
24 the Philadelphia Civic Flag by recognizing
25 March 27, 2005, as Philadelphia Flag Day.

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2 Whereas, Reverend Dr. Henry C.
3 McCook created and established the
4 Philadelphia Civic Flag, as recorded in his
5 1894 letter to then Mayor Edwin S. Stuart;
6 and...

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas, the
8 sentiments expressed in that original letter
9 are still valid and vital, as quoted herein,
10 and I quote, moreover, a civic flag is
11 calculated to inspire a spirit of civic
12 loyalty. The display and constant use of a
13 Philadelphia Civic Flag would act towards the
14 strengthening of civic pride, precisely as
15 similar use of the National Flag tends to
16 foster a spirit of national loyalty.

17 I know of no other City that needs
18 more than their own beloved municipality,
19 just such an influence, end of quote.

20 And whereas, Philadelphia's
21 universal reputation as the City of brotherly
22 love was born from the original slogan
23 displayed in Latin on our City flag's emblem,
24 quote, Philadelphia Maneto or Let Brotherly
25 Love Continue; and.

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2 Whereas, Partners for Civic Pride,
3 Inc., has done extensive field research in
4 and around Philadelphia to discover a
5 widespread lack of awareness of our City's
6 colors, though they may be displayed
7 throughout Philadelphia; and.

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Whereas, PFCP
9 is developing educational initiatives in
10 conjunction with the Board of Education,
11 beautification programs with the aid of the
12 Department of Streets, and awareness
13 campaigns in cooperation with several major
14 broadcast entities; and.

15 Whereas, PFCP is undertaking a
16 concerted city-wide effort to raise awareness
17 of the Philadelphia Flag as a unifying
18 symbol, and include the flag in programs and
19 at establishments throughout Philadelphia;
20 and.

21 Whereas, the adoption of this
22 resolution will represent an important step
23 in furthering PFCP'S mission of increasing
24 Philadelphia's social capital, a measurable
25 standard of civic engagement, community

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2 interaction, industrial cooperation and
3 cultural connectivity;

4 Now, therefore, be it.

5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Resolved by the
6 Council of the City of Philadelphia that we
7 hereby honor the Partners for Civic Pride,
8 Inc., for their diligent efforts on spreading
9 the history and pride of the Philadelphia
10 Civic Flag and marking the 110th anniversary
11 of the Philadelphia Civic Flag by recognizing
12 March 27, 2005, as Philadelphia Flag Day.

13 Resolved further, that an engrossed
14 copy of this resolution be presented to
15 Brenda Exon, better known as the flag lady,
16 and Rob Stoller, as evidence of the sincere
17 respect and admiration of this legislative
18 body.

19 Presented by all members of City
20 Council. Signed by Anna C. Verna, President
21 of the Council, and yours truly.

22 Congratulations.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Miss Exon and Mr. Stoller for

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2 remarks.

3 MS. EXON: Yahoo. Yeah. Yeah.

4 Really huge, you guys. This is a great day
5 for Philadelphia, our City colors, azure blue
6 and gold and yellow and the Philly Flag.

7 All of you here today are charged to
8 spread the word that we've got a flag, a
9 Philly Flag, and it's our universal
10 connector. It connects me to you -- don't be
11 too scared about that -- and everyone in the
12 City.

13 And once a year we hope to have a
14 great celebration, where we all come
15 together, living up to the motto on this
16 flag, Philadelphia Maneto, Let Brotherly Love
17 Continue.

18 And after Rob is finished here, we
19 have a very special way to let brotherly love
20 continue, before we leave the floor.

21 Rob.

22 MR. STOLLER: Thank you very much.

23 I want to thank Councilman Ramos for
24 stewarding this resolution and consenting to
25 join our board and actually being our flag

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2 man, as he said, and his excellent staff
3 Andrew Zilenski for helping pen the
4 resolution, and Josh Cohen.

5 I want to recognize Will Smith
6 behind me, the entire board. But Will is one
7 of our founders and has been a driving force
8 here.

9 And as Brenda said, it's a great day
10 for Philadelphia. It's the beginning of
11 awareness on the City's part of this great
12 flag that's celebrated its 110th anniversary
13 this month.

14 Thank you very much.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. EXON: And now, will Jerome
17 Russell and Jeremy Morrison please walk
18 forward with the four foot by six foot
19 Philadelphia Flag, followed by the Ben
20 Franklin Junior R.O.T.C. flag folders.

21 (Aforementioned comply with
22 request.)

23 MS. EXON: Irma, with the Philly
24 Pride Flag Box that is going to go to
25 Baghdad, Iraq, in honor of Anthony Fucetti,

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2 Specialist Anthony Fucetti.

3 His mother, Debbie Fucetti and his
4 father, Luke Fucetti, would you please come
5 forward to receive the first Philly Flag for
6 a Philly soldier, on behalf of the Partners
7 of Civic Pride, Ben Franklin High School
8 Pride Club, and the beautiful Philadelphia
9 City Council.

10 (Color guard folds flag.)

11 MS. EXON: This is for Specialist
12 Anthony Fucetti who requested this
13 Philadelphia Flag, and sent his mother and
14 father on a mission to get the flag, of which
15 luckily Partners for Civil Pride...

16 (The remainder of Ms. Exon's remarks
17 were delivered away from the microphone, not
18 reportable.)

19 (Color guard salute.)

20 (Color guard places flag in box.)

21 (Ms. Exon delivered remarks away
22 from the microphone, not reportable.)

23 (Applause.)

24 (Flag presented to parents.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council

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2 will be at ease.

3 (Pause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Would the
5 parents please come forward.

6 (Parents comply with request.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Can we
8 have another round of applause for the Civic
9 Pride?

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
12 order of business is communications.

13 The Chair requests that the
14 sergeant-at-arms deliver the messages from
15 the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

16 The Chief Clerk will please read the
17 messages from the Mayor.

18 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
19 members of the Council of the City of
20 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that
21 on March 31, 2005, I signed all of the bills
22 that were passed by Council at its session on
23 March 17, 2005.

24 And I am transmitting for the
25 consideration of your Honorable Body a draft

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2 of a resolution approving the redevelopment
3 contract and disposition supplement of the
4 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
5 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
6 renewal of a portion of the New Kensington
7 Fishtown Urban Renewal Area; and a resolution
8 approving the redevelopment contract for the
9 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
10 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
11 Area, designated as parcel number 89; and a
12 resolution approving the redevelopment
13 contract for the redevelopment and urban
14 renewal of a portion of the Fairhill Street
15 New Urban Renewal Area; and a resolution
16 approving the redevelopment contract and
17 disposition for the redevelopment and urban
18 renewal of a portion of the 44th and Aspen
19 Urban Renewal Area; and a resolution
20 approving the redevelopment contract and
21 disposition supplement for the redevelopment
22 and urban renewal of a portion of the 44th
23 and Aspen Urban Renewal Area designated as
24 parcel number 29; and a resolution approving
25 the redevelopment contract and disposition

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2 supplement for the redevelopment and urban
3 renewal of a portion of the 44th and Aspen
4 Urban Renewal Area designated as parcel
5 number 32; and an ordinance approving the
6 12th amendment of the redevelopment proposal
7 for the Mantua Urban Renewal Area; and an
8 ordinance amending Title 14 of the
9 Philadelphia Code entitled Zoning and
10 Planning, by increasing the permissible
11 height for fences located on the front line
12 lot of certain properties and residential
13 districts; and an ordinance dissolving the
14 1600 North Broad Tax Increment Financing
15 District and creating the Avenue North Tax
16 Increment Financing District; and an
17 ordinance amending Title 14 of the
18 Philadelphia Code, relating to Zoning and
19 Planning, by amending Chapter 14-500 entitled
20 Industrial Districts, all under certain terms
21 and conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
23 The message will be printed in the Journal.

24 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
25 please read any other communications in her

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2 possession.

3 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
4 Madam President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
6 very much.

7 The next order of business is the
8 introduction of bills and resolutions.

9 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Blackwell for a motion.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President.

13 I move that the rules of Council be
14 suspended in order to permit the immediate
15 consideration of resolutions at their time of
16 introduction.

17 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
18 Second.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
20 been moved and seconded that the rules of
21 Council be suspended so as to permit
22 immediate consideration of resolutions at the
23 time of introduction.

24 All in favor will indicate by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Chorus of "ayes.")

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
7 have it. And the motion carries.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 Today I introduce one bill and three
13 resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance approving
18 the 12th amendment of the redevelopment
19 proposal for the Mantua Urban Renewal Area.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill
21 will be referred to the appropriate
22 committee?

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 approving the redevelopment contract and
25 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment

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2 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for a
3 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
4 of the 44th and Aspen Urban Renewal Area.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a
7 motion on the resolution.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
9 Madam President.

10 I move for the adoption of the
11 resolution.

12 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
13 Second.

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

17 All in favor will indicate by saying
18 aye.

19 (Chorus of "ayes.")

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
24 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution for

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2 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
3 portion of the 44th and Aspen Urban Renewal
4 Area designated as parcel number 32.
5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.
7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
8 Madam President.
9 I move for the adoption of the
10 resolution.
11 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
12 Second.
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
14 been moved and properly seconded that the
15 resolution be adopted.
16 All in favor will indicate by saying
17 aye.
18 (Chorus of "ayes.")
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
20 opposed?
21 (No response.)
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
23 have it, and the resolution is adopted.
24 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
25 approving the redevelopment contract and

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2 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
3 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
4 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
5 of the 44th and Aspen Urban Renewal Area,
6 designated as parcel number 30 and 31.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 again recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
10 Madam President.

11 I move for the adoption of the
12 resolution.

13 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
14 Second.

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

18 All in favor will indicate by saying
19 aye.

20 (Chorus of "ayes.")

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
25 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam
5 President, I have a resolution.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
7 Clerk will please read the title of the
8 resolution.

9 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 recognizing April 2005 as Parkinson Disease
11 Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for the
15 adoption of the resolution.

16 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
17 Second.

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

21 All in favor will indicate by saying
22 aye.

23 (Chorus of "ayes.")

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 honoring Maxine Griffin, A.I.C.P.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Again the
8 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: I move for the
10 adoption of the resolution.

11 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
12 Second.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
14 been moved and properly seconded that the
15 resolution be adopted. All in favor will say
16 aye.

17 (Chorus of "ayes.")

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
22 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Miller.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,

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2 Madam President.

3 Today I have no bills or
4 resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 thanks the Councilwoman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Nutter.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I offer two resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
12 Clerk will please read the title of the first
13 resolution.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution calling
15 upon United States Senators Specter and
16 Santorum to support a federal energy bill
17 that is both economically and environmentally
18 responsible, to oppose any bill not meeting
19 the standard, and urging Philadelphia
20 community groups and businesses to lead
21 Pennsylvania and the nation toward clean,
22 responsible, substantial energy by joining a
23 coalition for a new energy future.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
3 President.

4 I move the adoption of the
5 resolution, and I'd like to make brief
6 remarks.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Do I need to
10 wait for a second?

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Did I hear
12 a second?

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Second.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
15 President.

16 Just very briefly, but to make this
17 record clear, in 2003 the National League of
18 Cities signed on to a coalition urging
19 Senators across the country to oppose H.R. 6,
20 an energy bill similar to the one currently
21 under consideration by the House of
22 Representatives.

23 This bill would have provided
24 liability immunity to producers of gasoline
25 with the fuel additives MTBE which would have

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2 caused a \$29 billion cleanup to be paid for
3 by local taxpayers.

4 Taxpayers in Pennsylvania have
5 already paid more than \$50 million to clean
6 up abandoned toxic waste in 2004, a 315
7 percent increase from 1995.

8 If Pennsylvania had displaced 40
9 percent of its dirty fossil fuel power with
10 wind and solar energy and increased its
11 energy efficiency, the state could avoid an
12 estimated 900 early deaths, 15,000 plus
13 asthma attacks and 127,000 lost work days
14 each year.

15 Clearly we need to look at our
16 energy policy. I understand that we're the
17 Philadelphia City Council, but we do have
18 representatives in the Congress and in the
19 Senate.

20 And having them understand our
21 concerns about federal policy as it affects
22 local governments I think is critically
23 important.

24 And, so I urge my colleagues to
25 support this resolution and send the right

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2 message to our two Senatorial
3 representatives.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
5 It has been moved and seconded.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I offer no
9 bills or resolutions this morning.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sorry.
11 We didn't vote. I thought you wanted to
12 speak on Councilman Nutter's resolution.

13 It has been moved and seconded that
14 Councilman Nutter's resolution be adopted.

15 All in favor will indicate by saying
16 aye.

17 (Chorus of "ayes.")

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
22 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

23 Chief clerk will please read the
24 title of the next resolution.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 authorizing City Council's Committee of the
3 Whole to hold public hearings, to make
4 inquiries and investigations, relating to the
5 financial condition of the City, authorizing
6 the committee to issue subpoenas to compel
7 the attendance of witnesses, and the
8 production of documents and other evidence,
9 and further authorizing the committee to
10 employ and fix the compensation of experts to
11 assist the committee in its inquiry and
12 investigation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
16 President.

17 I move the adoption of the
18 resolution.

19 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
20 Second.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
22 been moved and seconded...

23 Councilwoman Blackwell, you're light
24 is on.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes. I

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2 would like to ask the sponsor, if I might,
3 just a question. I should have asked him
4 when he came around with the resolution.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Sure.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And that
7 is, is this an investigation into the current
8 budget process? And were you talking about
9 for future? Or just what did you have in
10 mind?

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We are
13 suddenly in the middle of it and almost
14 toward the end of our process.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I understand.

16 Thank you, Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Certainly.

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: The primary
19 purpose of the resolution is to understand
20 over time what our fiscal condition is, and a
21 and a series of factors that have led to us
22 where we are today.

23 So, it would be not only a look
24 backward but also a look forward, to help us
25 in our future budget process to better

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2 understand the impact of a wide variety of
3 factors, some of which are possibly within
4 our control, some of which are not within our
5 control, like health care costs, our pension
6 system, other spending priorities, the impact
7 of tax reform, and a whole host of other
8 issues that do affect us.

9 So, we're going through -- as you
10 point out, we are going through our budget
11 process and we're going to pass a budget.

12 But I think it is helpful to this
13 Council to understand over time the impact of
14 various factors, some of which are within our
15 control, some of which are not.

16 And how do we adjust to many of
17 those factors, that while we may not be able
18 to control them, we can certainly try to put
19 policies in place that better contain our
20 fiscal condition.

21 I think everyone agrees that we do
22 have a challenging fiscal situation, not just
23 this year, but for many years to come, based
24 on decisions that we make today and some of
25 which have been made in the past.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And may I
3 ask one more question, Madam President?

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Certainly.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: How do you
6 see the Century 21 hearings in that whole
7 study? How does that fit into what you would
8 like to do?

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: You're
10 challenging my recollection.

11 Are you talking about the 21st
12 Century Review Forum?

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: (Nods head
14 in the affirmative.)

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I think that
16 dealt with five subject areas. I know
17 ethics was obviously one of them. And I
18 think that the other four talked about
19 specific areas.

20 I don't necessarily know that they
21 went into the finances of the City. I think
22 they were more programmatic driven and how
23 some of the systems can work better.

24 But I don't have any recollection...
25 I read through that report. I don't think

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2 they dealt with the finances of the City and
3 how we might run a more fiscally sound
4 operation.
5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.
6 Thank you, Madam President.
7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
8 welcome.
9 Councilman Nutter did make a motion
10 that the resolution be adopted. I believe it
11 was seconded; was it not?
12 It has been moved and seconded. All
13 in favor will indicate by saying aye.
14 (Chorus of "ayes.")
15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?
17 (No response.)
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
19 have it.
20 The resolution will be referred to
21 the Committee of the Whole.
22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Mariano.
24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
25 madam president.

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2 I have four bills and two
3 resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
8 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
9 Zoning and Planning, by amending Chapter
10 14-200 entitled residential districts, by
11 amending requirements relating to courts in
12 certain residential districts, under certain
13 terms and conditions.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 authorizing transfers and appropriate for
19 fiscal year 2005 within the Grants Revenue
20 Fund from the Director of Finance for other
21 grants to the Department of Public Property.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
23 will be referred to the appropriate
24 committee.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code
3 entitled Zoning and Planning, by increasing
4 the permissible height for fences located in
5 the front lot line of certain properties and
6 residential districts.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 amending Title 14, entitled Zoning and
12 Planning, to add definitions for certain
13 architectural features that are commonly
14 located on residential buildings.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 approving the redevelopment contract and
20 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
21 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
22 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
23 of the Fairhill Street New Urban Renewal
24 Area.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Mariano.

4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
5 President, I move for the adoption of that
6 resolution.

7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

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

11 All in favor will indicate by saying
12 aye.

13 (Chorus of "ayes.")

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
18 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
21 Property to execute and deliver to the
22 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
23 7th, 18th, 23rd and 37th wards of the City of
24 Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Again the

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam

4 President, I move for the adoption of this
5 resolution.

6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

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

10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Chorus of "ayes.")

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

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

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Brown.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 My position has not changed. I have
22 no bills or resolutions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Goode.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
3 President.

4 I offer one bill. I would like to
5 speak on it.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Chief
7 Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
9 Title 17 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
10 Contracts and Procurement, by enacting a new
11 Chapter 17-1100, entitled Philadelphia 21st
12 Century Minimum Wage Standard, requiring a
13 new minimum wage standard within the City of
14 Philadelphia, all under certain terms and
15 conditions.

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

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
19 President.

20 Today I introduce a Philadelphia
21 21st Century Minimum Wage Standard Bill, a
22 living wage type bill that requires City
23 supported employers to pay at least 150
24 percent the minimum wage to its employees.

25 This wage standard is already

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2 required in Philadelphia under both local and
3 state job creation tax credit laws, requiring
4 a minimum hourly wage of \$7.72 per hour,
5 rather than just \$5.15.

6 For the record, someone being paid
7 only \$5.15 an hour, even if they work 40
8 hours per week and work all 52 weeks of the
9 year, will earn only \$10,712.

10 Obviously, the purpose of this
11 legislation is to assure that as many
12 employees as possible within the City of
13 Philadelphia earn a new wage that enables
14 them to live with more dignity and increase
15 economic self-sufficiency.

16 The City contracts with businesses
17 and organizations to provide services to the
18 public, provides financial assistance to
19 developers for the purpose of promoting
20 economic development and job growth.

21 Such public expenditure should also
22 be invested in a better community economic
23 standard. It is an investment in those who
24 are most vulnerable economically.

25 We need more of the economic hope

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2 that is missing in many of our neighborhoods,
3 leading to despair, drug addiction, crime and
4 violence.

5 Philadelphia is far behind other
6 major cities, in terms of enacting this type
7 of legislation. Chicago, in July of 1998,
8 created a minimum wage standard of \$9.43 per
9 hour. And as of July 2004, that standard
10 remains constant.

11 Los Angeles, in June of 1999,
12 created a minimum wage standard of \$8.32 per
13 hour. And as of July 2004, that standard has
14 been raised to \$9.46 per hour.

15 In November of 2002, post 9/11, New
16 York created a minimum wage standard of \$9.10
17 per hour. And as of July of 2004, that
18 standard has been raised to \$10.60 per hour.

19 Philadelphia has never set its own
20 minimum wage standard. This bill sets our
21 new standard 150 percent of the federal and
22 state minimum wage, whichever is higher.

23 Under Pennsylvania House Bill 257
24 and Senate Bill 369, a minimum wage worker
25 would not earn \$7 or more until 2007, two

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2 years from now.

3 Enactment of this local legislation

4 would take covered employees to \$7.72 now.

5 Enactment of both state and local legislation

6 would take covered minimum wage employees to

7 \$9 per hour now, and as much as \$10.72 in two

8 years, more in part with other major cities.

9 The issue today is not whether

10 minimum wage should be raised or if the state

11 or federal government will raise it, but why

12 we haven't set our own minimum wage standard.

13 Today I'm pleased to offer a bill

14 that addresses our responsibility to set our

15 own minimum wage standard and proud to say

16 that the bill's co-introduced by 12 other

17 members of Council.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

19 The bill will be referred to the

20 appropriate committee.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman

22 Ramos.

23 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you, Madam

24 President.

25 I offer one privileged resolution.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
3 The Chief Clerk will please read the title of
4 the resolution.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution honoring
6 the life of Joseph Simmons.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Ramos.

9 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
10 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

11 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
12 Second.

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

16 All in favor will signify by saying
17 aye.

18 (Chorus of "ayes.")

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
3 madam president.

4 I offer one bill and one resolution,
5 and I wish to speak on the bill.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance,
10 repealing an ordinance approved by the Mayor
11 on January 25, 2005, Bill Number 041041,
12 entitled an Ordinance Authorizing the
13 Commissioner of Public Property and Director
14 of Commerce, on behalf of the City of
15 Philadelphia, to enter into a ground lease
16 agreement, the Library ground lease, with the
17 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
18 Development, providing for the leasing by the
19 City to PAID, of certain parcels of land and
20 the improvements thereon, owned or to be
21 acquired by the City, and further authorizing
22 said officers to enter into a prime lease
23 between PAID and the City.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 This bill, if enacted, would repeal
5 the bond approval that City Council granted
6 to the City for the purpose of library
7 expansion.

8 But before I go any further, let me
9 be perfectly clear. I understand the
10 necessity behind this project. And I believe
11 the expansion would benefit the City.

12 Unfortunately, I do not believe that
13 that is enough. When Mr. Shelkrot testified
14 before this body, several members, including
15 myself, brought up concerns about our
16 neighborhood libraries.

17 We did not want them to close. We
18 did not want their hours reduced. We did not
19 want qualified staff members fired, demoted
20 or replaced by volunteers.

21 We questioned what we can tell our
22 constituents, how we can explain how we
23 approved a \$30 million bond for the Central
24 Library, when most of our constituents never
25 even visit the Central Library.

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2 Mr. Shelkrot promised that he had a
3 plan. We were told discussions were ongoing,
4 and we were told that because of those
5 discussions the plan could not be revealed.

6 We were promised that before any
7 changes were made, we would be consulted.

8 If I had known then what I know now,
9 if I had known then what this administration
10 plan was, if I had known that library staff
11 were going to be fired, if I had known that
12 branch hours were going to be cut, I would
13 have never voted to approve the expansion.

14 But hindsight is 20/20. It's time
15 for the future. It's time to figure out a
16 way to maintain our library services.

17 I ask you today, Madam President, to
18 schedule this bill for a hearing as soon as
19 possible.

20 At the hearing I will ask my
21 colleagues to report the bill out of
22 committee with a favorable recommendation.

23 And if the administration insists to
24 follow through with this plan, and if the
25 administration does not release the funds

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2 that this Council allocated to the library
3 system in 2005, if the administration does
4 not accept how we reallocate funds to the
5 library system in fiscal year '06, if this
6 administration continues its total disregard
7 of City Council's wishes and the thousands of
8 voices of our constituents, then I will ask
9 Council to vote on this bill.

10 It's time for this Council to stand
11 up for what is right, and it's time for the
12 administration to listen. If they do, I will
13 withdraw the bill. If not, I guess we'll
14 have to wait and see what happens.

15 Thank you, Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
20 President.

21 Madam President, for the record,
22 with respects to this issue, I just wanted to
23 tell Councilman DiCicco and other members of
24 this body, at the time of the discussion, as
25 it relates to the expansion project for the

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2 library, there were three bills that were
3 given to me as the sponsor because they were
4 in my district.

5 And I held one of those bills. I
6 held one of those bills because of my concern
7 about another matter, the parking issue.

8 Without the passage of that bill
9 that was held, the library cannot be built
10 because it is required for certain changes in
11 street patterns, lines and grades, while
12 somewhat innocuous, it is very pertinent to
13 the construction of that building. And you
14 recall we had the discussion about our
15 concerns.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I do.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So while I'm not
18 suggesting that you should not proceed with
19 the matter that you... But there already is
20 a bill that is being held that would prohibit
21 the construction and the expansion project of
22 the library.

23 And until we get the appropriate
24 responses on that issue -- and now you now
25 have new issues -- I will not be moving that

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2 particular bill.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

4 Councilman DiCicco, did you want to be...

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No comment at

6 this time.

7 Thank you, Councilman Clarke.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

9 The bill will be referred to the
10 appropriate committee.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution approving
14 the redevelopment contract and disposition
15 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of
16 the City of Philadelphia for the
17 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
18 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
19 Area.

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

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 I move for the adoption of the
25 resolution.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:

3 Second.

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

7 All in favor will indicate by saying
8 aye.

9 (Chorus of "ayes.")

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Cohen.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
18 President.

19 I have no bills or resolutions.

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
25 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Clarke.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
6 President.

7 I have two bills, two resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
9 Clerk will please read the title of the first
10 bill.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 dissolving the 1600 North Broad Tax Increment
13 Financing District, and creating the Avenue
14 North Tax Increment Financing District.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 amending Chapter 16-200 of the Philadelphia
20 Code, entitled Sales, Leases, and Other
21 Grants of City-owned buildings and
22 facilities.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
4 Property to execute and deliver to the
5 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
6 Philadelphia deeds located in the 18th, 28th,
7 37th and 43rd wards of the City of
8 Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
12 adoption.

13 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

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

17 All in favor will indicate by saying
18 aye.

19 (Chorus of "ayes.")

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
24 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

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2 recognizing April as Community College Month
3 in Philadelphia.
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 again recognizes Councilman Clarke.
6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
7 adoption.
8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.
9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Did I hear
10 a second?
11 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.
12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
13 been moved and properly seconded that the
14 resolution be adopted.
15 All in favor will please say aye.
16 (Chorus of "ayes.")
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?
19 (No response.)
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
21 have it, and the resolution is adopted.
22 Councilman O'Neill, your light is
23 on. Did you want to be recognized?
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Kelly.

3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Yes.

4 Madam President, I offer one
5 privilege resolution on behalf of
6 Councilwoman Krajewski.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And if she
8 is watching or listening, I want her to know
9 that we miss her, we love her, and we're
10 anxiously awaiting her return.

11 So, at this time I would ask the
12 Chief Clerk to please read the title of the
13 resolution.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 commemorating the 80th anniversary of Temple
16 Menorah Keneseth Chai of the Northeast Jewish
17 Community Center.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Kelly.

20 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Move for the
21 adoption.

22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

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

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2 All in favor will indicate by saying
3 aye.

4 (Chorus of "ayes.")

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
9 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Rizzo.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
13 I have three resolutions today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution. The
18 Philadelphia City Council designates the
19 month of April 2005 as Chastity Awareness
20 Month in Philadelphia, and encourages
21 participation in Chastity Day for
22 presentation for school and youth groups.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the

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2 adoption of the resolution.

3 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Chorus of "ayes.")

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
13 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 recognizing, honoring, celebrating and
16 thanking David Auspitz and his family, owners
17 of Famous Fourth Street Deli, the
18 accommodations of choice for election day
19 socializing and strategies, business deals
20 and union activities, journalists and
21 journalees, and the general of the local
22 celebrities after four generations and 82
23 years of commitment to the City of
24 Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Again the

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Move for the
4 adoption of this resolution.

5 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Second.

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

9 All in favor will signify by saying
10 aye.

11 (Chorus of "ayes.")

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 recognizing, honoring, and celebrating Ronica
19 Licciardello Miss Philadelphia 2005 for her
20 talents and well-rounded persona that earned
21 her the title Miss Philadelphia 2005 and
22 wishing her well in the Miss Pennsylvania
23 2005 pageant.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
3 adoption of this resolution.

4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Second.

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

8 All in favor will indicate by saying
9 aye.

10 (Chorus of "ayes.")

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

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

16 The next order of business is
17 reports from committees, and the Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Clarke for a report
19 from the Committee on Rules.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
21 President.

22 Madam President, the Committee on
23 Rules reports one bill with a favorable
24 recommendation.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please read the report.

3 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
4 members of the Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia: The Committee on Rules to
6 which was referred Bill Number 050164
7 entitled An Ordinance Approving the
8 Redevelopment Proposal of the Redevelopment
9 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
10 Redevelopment of the West Fairhill, East
11 Tioga, Hunting Park Urban Renewal Area, being
12 the area generally bounded by Wingohocking
13 Street and Roosevelt Boulevard on the north,
14 North Fifth Street and North Sixth Street on
15 the east, Lehigh Avenue on the south, and
16 Broad Street and Venango Street on the west,
17 respectfully reports it has considered the
18 same, and returns the attached bill to
19 Council with a favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
21 The Chair again recognizes Councilman Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move that the
23 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
24 first reading this day of Bill Number 050164.

25 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:

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2 Second.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
4 been moved and properly seconded that the
5 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
6 first reading this day of Bill Number 050164.

7 All in favor will indicate by saying
8 aye.

9 (Chorus of "ayes.")

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
14 have it, and the bill just read will be
15 placed on today's first reading calendar.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Blackwell for a report from the Committee on
18 Finance.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 The Committee on Finance reports out
22 one bill with a favorable recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Chief clerk will please read the
25 report.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
3 members of the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia, the Committee on Finance to
5 which was referred Bill Number 050214
6 entitled, An Ordinance Constituting the Sixth
7 Supplemental Ordinance to the Amended and
8 Restated General Airport Revenue Bond
9 Ordinance, Authorizing the Mayor, the City
10 Controller and the City Solicitor or a
11 Majority of Them to Issue Airport Revenue
12 Bonds of the City of Philadelphia in a
13 Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount not to
14 Exceed \$230 million, respectfully reports it
15 has considered the same, and returns the
16 attached bill to Council with a favorable
17 recommendation.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President.

23 I move that the rules of Council be
24 suspended so as to permit first reading this
25 day of Bill Number 050214.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I hear
3 a second?

4 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
5 Second.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
7 been moved and properly seconded that the
8 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
9 first reading this day of Bill Number 050214.
10 All in favor will indicate by saying
11 aye.

12 (Chorus of "ayes.")

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
17 have it, and the bill just read will be
18 placed on today's first reading calendar.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 DiCicco for a report from the Committee on
21 Streets and Services.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 The Committee on Streets and
25 Services reports one bill out with a

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2 favorable recommendation.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 The Chief clerk will please read the
5 report.

6 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
7 members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia: The Committee on Streets and
9 Services to which was referred Bill Number
10 050065 entitled, An Ordinance Amending
11 Chapter 9-300 of The Philadelphia Code
12 Entitled Communication, and amending Title 11
13 of The Philadelphia Code entitled Streets,
14 and adding a new Chapter 11-700 to the
15 Philadelphia Code entitled, Right-of-way
16 Management, and Provision for Enforcement of
17 Such Provisions, all under certain terms and
18 Conditions, respectfully reports it has
19 considered the same, and returns the attached
20 bill to Council with a favorable
21 recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you,

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2 Madam President.

3 I move that the rules of Council be
4 suspended so as to permit first reading this
5 day on Bill Number 050065.

6 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:

7 Second.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
9 been moved and properly seconded that the
10 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
11 first reading this day of Bill Number 050065.

12 All in favor will indicate by saying
13 aye.

14 (Chorus of "ayes.")

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
19 have it, and the bill just read will be
20 placed on today's first reading calendar.

21 The next order of business is the
22 consideration of the calendar.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: Bill Number 050164, an

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2 ordinance approving the redevelopment
3 proposal of the Redevelopment Authority of
4 the City of Philadelphia for the
5 redevelopment of the West Fairhill, East
6 Tioga, Hunting Park Urban Renewal Area, being
7 the area generally bounded by Wingohocking
8 Street, Roosevelt Boulevard on the north,
9 North Fifth Street and North Sixth Street on
10 the east, Lehigh Avenue on the south, and
11 Broad Street and Venango Street on the west.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 agrees.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill Number
15 050214, an ordinance constituting the sixth
16 supplemental ordinance to the amended and
17 restated general airport revenue bond
18 ordinance, authorizing the Mayor, the City
19 Controller and the City Solicitor or a
20 majority of them to issue airport revenue
21 bonds of the City of Philadelphia in a
22 maximum aggregate principal amount not to
23 exceed \$230 million.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill Number
3 050065, an ordinance amending Chapter 9-300
4 of The Philadelphia Code entitled
5 Communications, and amending Title 11 of The
6 Philadelphia Code entitled Streets, and
7 adding a new Chapter 11-700 to The
8 Philadelphia Code entitled Right-of-way
9 Management, all under certain terms and
10 conditions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
12 The Chair agrees.

13 That completes our first reading
14 calendar for today.

15 We do not have any bills on the
16 second reading and final passage calendar to
17 be considered. So, at this time I would ask,
18 are there any speeches on the part of the
19 minority?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
22 speeches on the part of the majority?

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Brown.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

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2 Madam President.

3 One of every six children is two or
4 more grade levels behind in reading, and 80
5 percent of those children have vision
6 problems.

7 To that end, I wish to announce a
8 partnership my office has joined in with the
9 Junior League of Philadelphia, wherein on
10 Saturday, April 9, 2005, we will have free
11 vision screenings for children across the
12 City.

13 The location will be in councilman
14 Darrell Clarke's district, Church of the
15 Advocate, Washington Community Center, 1801
16 West Diamond Street.

17 These are free vision screenings for
18 children throughout the City. And the time
19 for that is 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. for
20 Philadelphia's children. Again, they will be
21 offering free vision screenings and free
22 glasses.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
3 President.

4 Several weeks ago I introduced a
5 bill commonly known as the Predatory
6 Superstore Bill.

7 It's a bill aimed at these large
8 developments by companies such as Wal-Mart.
9 And the feeling is among many people in the
10 community that these stores threaten, the
11 great size of them just threaten the
12 existence of many smaller stores, including
13 those we usually call mom and pop stores.

14 In order to answer the questions,
15 Local 1776 of the Food and Commercial Workers
16 Union has agreed to a presentation next
17 Wednesday, April 6th, at 9 o'clock in the
18 morning in the Caucus Room for the
19 information of Council members and their
20 staffs, as to the exact contents of the bill,
21 and the additional zoning requirements that
22 would have to be met before such a store can
23 be built.

24 So, I'm urging all of my colleagues
25 and their staffs to come and to hear this.

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2 More than 20 communities have already adopted
3 such legislation throughout the country, and
4 I'm sure it's going to provide a great deal
5 of interest in the City.

6 And this is a good way, prior to the
7 official hearing, to get information to be
8 able to probe whatever aspects of the bill
9 any member or staff member wishes to do.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: So next Wednesday
12 morning in the Caucus Room at 9:00 a.m.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
14 Cohen?

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I would
17 suggest that a member of your staff send a
18 memorandum.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Very good
20 suggestion.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: To all
22 Council members so they can mark their
23 calendars accordingly.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Very good
25 suggestion. Thank you, Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman

4 Ramos.

5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you, Madam

6 President.

7 Madam President, I've been informed

8 Terry Shiavo has passed away, and I ask that

9 we have a moment of silence to pray for her

10 eternal rest.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

12 I think everyone should stand for a moment of

13 silence, please.

14 (A moment of silence was observed.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

16 Are there any other speeches or

17 comments from members?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing

20 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco

21 for a motion to adjourn.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

23 President, I move that Council stand

24 adjourned until Thursday, April 7, at 10:00

25 a.m.

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2 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:

3 Second.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
5 been moved and properly seconded that Council
6 stand adjourned until Thursday, April 7th at
7 10:00 a.m.

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Chorus of "ayes.")

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
14 have it, and the motion carries.

15 Thank you all very much.

16 (Council adjourned at 11:11 a.m.)

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