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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

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5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Thursday, November 20, 2008
8 10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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

19 PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF

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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 Members will take their seats
7 and visitors will retire to the seats
8 outside the rails.

9 At this time, I would ask all
10 of my colleagues to please stand for a
11 moment of silent prayer for our former
12 colleague Carol Ann Campbell, who passed
13 away yesterday.

14 (Members and guests stand for
15 moment of silence.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: May
17 she rest in peace.

18 Please remain standing.

19 To give our invocation this
20 morning, the Chair welcomes Reverend
21 Thomas Ritter, Pastor of the Second
22 Macedonia Baptist Church. He is here
23 today as the guest of Councilwoman Tasco.

24 Welcome, Reverend.

25 REVEREND RITTER: Shall we all

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2 bow and pray together.

3 Merciful, eternal God, our

4 Father, thou who art the giver of life

5 and life everlasting, thou who implanted

6 in the hearts and minds of these who lead

7 the City through this Council to serve

8 your people with joy and thanksgiving, we

9 thank you for all who are in attendance,

10 and we pray, Lord, that whatever is done

11 here will bless your people and glorify

12 your name.

13 In Jesus' name we pray and for

14 his sake.

15 Amen.

16 (Amen.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

18 Chair thanks Reverend Ritter for his

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 November 13, 2008.

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I move that the Journal
6 of the meeting of Thursday, November 13,
7 2008 stand approved.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
10 has been moved and properly seconded that
11 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
12 November 13, 2008 stand approved.

13 All in favor will indicate by
14 saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you,
3 Madam President. On behalf of the
4 majority, Councilwoman Maria
5 Quinones-Sanchez has requested a leave of
6 absence.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Leave
8 will be granted.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 O'Neill.

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

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

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

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2 you to come again.

3 At this time, the Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco, who will
5 present a resolution honoring the 50th
6 anniversary of Reverend Thomas Ritter's
7 leadership of the Second Macedonia
8 Baptist Church.

9 Will Reverend Ritter and those
10 accompanying him please join the
11 Councilwoman at the podium.

12 And I see that Councilwoman
13 Tasco is being joined by Councilman Goode
14 and Councilwoman Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Good
16 morning, everyone. The other day when we
17 were having hearings in Council on
18 reverse mortgages, we had a witness come
19 before us who named a number of people
20 who had given their lives and their
21 hearts to working in public service for
22 all of the citizens of Philadelphia, and
23 we so quickly forget the many
24 contributions that are made by
25 individuals who go into public service

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2 and fight for justice and freedom for
3 all. Today we have such a person, who
4 has given much of his life to the welfare
5 of the City of Philadelphia, the United
6 States and this world, and I am just so
7 pleased to have known him and know him
8 and know that his church is in my
9 district, and we have worked together for
10 so many years, as have most of us in this
11 room.

12 So I am pleased to present this
13 resolution honoring the 50th anniversary
14 of Reverend Thomas J. Ritter's pastoral
15 leadership of Second Macedonia Baptist
16 Church.

17 Whereas, the Council of the
18 City of Philadelphia is pleased and proud
19 to honor Thomas J. Ritter on the 50th
20 anniversary of his pastoral leadership of
21 Second Macedonia Baptist Church -- Second
22 Macedonia, as we call it -- and for his
23 several years of civic and community
24 service to the citizens and institutions
25 of the City of Philadelphia; and

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2 Whereas, Reverend Thomas J.
3 Ritter was born in 1922 in Allendale,
4 South Carolina and later his family
5 settled in York, Pennsylvania, and in
6 1942, Reverend Ritter came to
7 Philadelphia and he enrolled in Temple
8 University and later at Eastern Baptist
9 College, where he received his
10 theological education; and

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
12 Reverend Ritter had served as the
13 Associate Pastor of Enon Tabernacle
14 Baptist Church, Enon, and at the request
15 of Enon's Senior Pastor, the late
16 Reverend William B. Toland, Reverend
17 Ritter came to Second Macedonia; and

18 Whereas, when Reverend Ritter
19 came to Second Macedonia, it was located
20 at American and Dauphin Streets and had
21 only six members, and now after 50 years
22 and four moves, Second Macedonia has a
23 substantial membership and is located at
24 1301 West Ruscomb Street, where they
25 recently renovated the church sanctuary;

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2 and

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas, in
4 the 1950s, Reverend Ritter met and worked
5 with the late Reverend Leon Sullivan of
6 Zion Baptist Church. Together they
7 operated North Philadelphia Youth
8 Employment Service Center, which located
9 jobs for underemployed youth. As a
10 result of this work, they established the
11 Opportunities Industrialization Center,
12 OIC, in which Reverend Ritter was an OIC
13 co-founder and its first Executive
14 Director; and

15 Whereas, Reverend Ritter is one
16 of the most influential and
17 well-respected members of the clergy in
18 the Greater Philadelphia community. In
19 this regard, he served on numerous
20 boards, commissions, including, but not
21 limited to, the Philadelphia National
22 Bank, the Eastern Theological Seminary,
23 the Philadelphia Human Relations
24 Commission and the Philadelphia Gas
25 Works.

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2 Now therefore be it

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Resolved,
4 by the Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia, that we hereby recognize
6 and congratulate Reverend Ritter on his
7 50 years of pastoral leadership of Second
8 Macedonia Baptist Church and for his
9 several years of civic and community
10 service to the citizens and institutions
11 of the City of Philadelphia.

12 Further resolved, that an
13 engrossed copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Reverend Ritter as evidence
15 of the sincere sentiment of this
16 legislative body.

17 This is a true and correct copy
18 of the original resolution, adopted by
19 the Council of the City of Philadelphia
20 on the 18th day of September 2008.
21 Sponsored by Tasco, Goode, Miller and all
22 members of City Council.

23 We congratulate you, Reverend
24 Ritter, on 50 years of wonderful and
25 outstanding service.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Reverend Ritter for
5 remarks.

6 REVEREND RITTER: Madam Chair
7 Lady and all members of the Council,
8 particularly these Councilmembers who
9 have recommended that I receive this
10 honor, thank you so very, very much.

11 Accompanying me, of course, is
12 one of the members of my church and, of
13 course, my dear wife, and I'm glad they
14 were here to see what's happening to me.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
17 Council will be at ease.

18 (Council at ease.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I'd like to introduce
23 to members of Council and invited guests
24 the next leaders in urban policy, urban
25 public policy. Please let us welcome the

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2 Urban Politics class from Eastern

3 University, led by their professor,

4 Dr. Joseph Meade, Sr.

5 Please stand.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

7 Welcome.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

10 Madam President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

12 You're welcome.

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

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
20 and members of the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
22 that on November 16, 2008, I signed the
23 following bills that were passed by
24 Council at its session on November 13,
25 2008: Bill No. 080741 and Bill No.

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2 080742; and

3 On November 19th, I signed all
4 of the bills that were passed by Council
5 at its session on November 6, 2008; and

6 I am transmitting herewith for
7 the introduction and consideration of
8 your honorable body a resolution
9 reappointing a current member to the
10 Board of Directors of the City Avenue
11 Special Services District of Philadelphia
12 and Lower Merion; namely, Michael
13 Woodward, term to expire January 5, 2014,
14 and appointing a new member to the Board
15 of Directors of the City Avenue Special
16 Services District of Philadelphia and
17 Lower Merion; namely, Gary S. Brandeis,
18 term to expire January 5, 2013; and

19 A resolution authorizing the
20 Executive Director of the Philadelphia
21 City Planning Commission to apply for
22 funding for the purpose of conducting a
23 planning study in connection with the
24 Hunting Park Industrial Park; and

25 An ordinance authorizing

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2 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
3 Year 2008 within the General Fund to
4 certain or all City offices, departments,
5 boards and commissions; and

6 An ordinance authorizing
7 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
8 Year 2008 within the Water Fund to
9 certain or all City offices, departments,
10 boards and commissions; and

11 An ordinance authorizing
12 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
13 Year 2008 within the Aviation Fund to
14 certain or all City offices, departments,
15 boards and commissions; and

16 An ordinance authorizing the
17 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
18 Development to purchase a certain tract
19 of land, with the improvements thereon,
20 situate 4601 Market Street; and

21 An ordinance authorizing the
22 revision of lines and grades on a portion
23 of City Plan No. 297 by relocating,
24 widening and extending Keely Street; and

25 An ordinance authorizing the

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2 revision of lines and grades on a portion
3 of City Plan No. 231 by striking from the
4 City Plan certain unopened portions of
5 Umbria Street; and

6 An ordinance authorizing the
7 revision of lines and grades on a portion
8 of City Plan Nos. 314 and 356 by placing
9 on the City Plan an extension of Tinicum
10 Boulevard from its existing terminus at
11 86th Street to Bartram Avenue.

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

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

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

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The next order of business is
23 the introduction of bills and
24 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
25 Councilman Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 honoring the life of Lieutenant Governor
10 Catherine Baker Knoll.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
14 President, I move the adoption of the
15 resolution by a standing yes vote.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
17 those standing will be voting in the
18 affirmative.

19 (All Councilmembers standing.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 resolution is adopted.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
25 you, Madam President. Today I introduce

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2 one bill.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

4 you.

5 The Chief Clerk will please

6 read the title of the bill.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

8 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority

9 for Industrial Development to purchase a

10 certain tract of land, with the

11 improvements thereon, in an area bounded

12 by 46th Street, Market Street, Haverford

13 Avenue and 48th Street.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

15 bill will be referred to the appropriate

16 committee.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman

18 Greenlee.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank

20 you, Madam President. I have no bills or

21 resolutions today.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

23 Chair thanks the gentleman.

24 The Chair recognizes

25 Councilwoman Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
3 you, Madam Chairman. I offer two bills.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

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

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Three.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
10 Three.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 amending transfers in appropriations for
13 Fiscal Year 2008 within the Aviation Fund
14 to certain or all City offices,
15 departments, boards and commissions.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
20 authorizing transfers in appropriations
21 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
22 Fund to certain or all City offices,
23 departments, boards and commissions.

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

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2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
4 authorizing transfers in appropriations
5 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Water
6 Fund to certain or all City offices,
7 departments, boards and commissions.

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

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
14 President, I offer one bill and one
15 resolution on your behalf.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 authorizing the revision of lines and
22 grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 314
23 and 356 by placing on the Plan an
24 extension of Tinicum Boulevard from its
25 existing terminus at 86th Street to

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2 Bartram Avenue.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 finding that a negotiated private sale of
8 General Obligation Bonds is in the best
9 financial interest of the City of
10 Philadelphia.

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
14 the adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will indicate by
20 saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution is
3 adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Miller.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
7 you, Madam President. Today I have two
8 resolutions and one bill.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 continuing the Chestnut Hill Business
15 Improvement District beyond the date of
16 termination of the District in the area
17 that generally includes both sides of
18 Germantown Avenue from 7640 to 8705, both
19 sides of Bethlehem Pike from 10 to 105
20 and certain blocks of streets that
21 intersect that portion of Germantown
22 Avenue.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 that the City Council of Philadelphia
4 calls upon the Commonwealth of
5 Pennsylvania to allow Pennsylvania voters
6 the opportunity of no excuse, in-person
7 early voting at election offices or other
8 satellite locations.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
12 for the adoption of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will indicate by
18 saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 initiating action to continue the
4 Chestnut Hill Business Improvement
5 District beyond the date of termination
6 of the District in the area that
7 generally includes both sides of
8 Germantown Avenue from 7640 to 8705.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
12 for the adoption.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

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

25 Those on the balcony, please be

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2 very careful. You can hold that, but...

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Green.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I have no bills or
7 resolutions today.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I have three bills and
14 four resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 authorizing the revision of lines and
21 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 231
22 by striking from the City Plan certain
23 unopened portions of Umbria Street.

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 authorizing the revision of lines and

5 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 297

6 by relocating, widening and extending

7 Keely Street.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

9 bill will be referred to the appropriate

10 committee.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

12 amending Section 12-901 of The

13 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Stopping,

14 Standing or Parking Prohibited at Certain

15 Places."

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

17 bill will be referred to the appropriate

18 committee.

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

23 the 4th District of the City of

24 Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I move for the adoption
5 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 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 appointing Gary S. Brandeis to the Board
20 of Directors of the City Avenue Special
21 Services District.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

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2 reappointing Michael Woodward to the
3 Board of Directors of the City Avenue
4 Special Services District.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
6 resolution will be referred to the
7 appropriate committee.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 authorizing the Executive Director of the
10 Philadelphia City Planning Commission to
11 apply for funding through the
12 Commonwealth's Land Use Planning and
13 Technical Assistance Program.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

5 ayes have it and the resolution is

6 adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman

8 Goode.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,

10 Madam President. I offer no bills or

11 resolutions this morning.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

13 Chair thanks the gentleman.

14 The Chair recognizes

15 Councilwoman Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

17 Madam President. No bills or resolutions

18 this morning.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman

22 DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,

24 Madam President. I offer one bill.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
3 the bill.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 authorizing the Philadelphia Regional
6 Port Authority, the owner and developer
7 of 1901 South Christopher Columbus
8 Boulevard, and its successors and assigns
9 to construct, own and maintain various
10 encroachments to be installed in
11 conjunction with a warehouse development,
12 all under certain terms and conditions.

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
19 President, I offer one resolution in
20 honor of the memory of Sergeant Timothy
21 Simpson, Badge No. 387, and I ask my
22 colleagues to stand for a moment of
23 silence, indicating approval of this
24 resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 All those standing will be
4 voting in favor of the resolution.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 naming Holme Avenue between Academy Road
7 and Roosevelt Boulevard and the streets
8 at the intersection of Allegheny and
9 Aramingo Avenues in honor of Sergeant
10 Timothy Simpson, Badge No. 387.

11 (All Councilmembers standing.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 resolution is adopted.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I have one resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
24 Property to execute and deliver to the
25 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in

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2 the 20th Ward of the City of

3 Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

5 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for

7 the adoption.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

10 has been moved and properly seconded that

11 the resolution be adopted.

12 All in favor will say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

18 ayes have it and the resolution is

19 adopted.

20 Is Councilman Kelly in the

21 room?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

24 President, I understand he's here, but

25 delayed upstairs.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
7 President, two resolutions today.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 recognizing, honoring and celebrating the
14 Center City Proprietors Association on
15 the occasion of its 30th anniversary.

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

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

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I
22 hear second?

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 that the Philadelphia City Council is
13 pleased and proud to hereby recognize and
14 honor Navy Captain and National
15 Aeronautics and Space Administration
16 Astronaut Christopher Ferguson, Mission
17 Commander of the Space Shuttle Endeavor,
18 during its 15-day flight to rebuild the
19 International Space Station.

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

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
23 President, I move for the adoption of
24 this resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I

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2 hear a second?

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Kelly.

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

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

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

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the
25 Committee of the Whole.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam

3 President, the Committee of the Whole

4 reports six bills with a favorable

5 recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

7 you.

8 The Chief Clerk will please

9 read the report.

10 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

11 and members of the Council of the City of

12 Philadelphia, the Committee of the Whole,

13 to which was referred Bill No. 080853,

14 entitled "An ordinance amending certain

15 Sections of Title 4, Title 6, 9, 14 and

16 16 related to license and permit fees and

17 other charges by modifying the amount of

18 such fees, under certain terms and

19 conditions"; and

20 Bill No. 080854, entitled "An

21 ordinance amending Section 19-2604 of The

22 Philadelphia Code, by revising certain

23 tax rates, all under certain terms and

24 conditions"; and

25 Bill No. 080855, entitled "An

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2 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1500 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Wage and Net
4 Profits Tax,' by revising certain tax
5 rates and making technical changes"; and
6 Bill No. 080856, entitled "An
7 ordinance amending Section 9-305 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, by revising the
9 amounts of certain fees and penalties and
10 the number of permissible false alarms";
11 and
12 Bill No. 080858, "An ordinance
13 amending Title 6 of The Philadelphia Code
14 by revising permitting provisions and
15 license and permit fees related to
16 asbestos work"; and
17 Bill No. 080859, entitled "An
18 ordinance amending certain Sections of
19 Title 3 and Title 6 of The Philadelphia
20 Code relating to license and permit fees
21 and other charges by modifying the amount
22 of such fees, under certain terms and
23 conditions," respectfully reports it has
24 considered the same and returns the
25 attached bills to Council with a

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2 favorable recommendation.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move
8 that the rules of Council be suspended so
9 as to permit first reading this day of
10 Bill Nos. 080853, 080854, 080855, 080856,
11 080858 and 080859.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
14 has been moved and properly seconded.

15 All those in favor will
16 indicate by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 bills just read will be placed on our
23 First Reading Calendar for today.

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

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2 Rules.

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

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 on Rules, to
14 which was referred Bill No. 080724,
15 entitled "An ordinance amending Section
16 14-305 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 'C-4 and C-5 Commercial Districts,' by
18 negating any setback over 65 feet in
19 height for lots designated C-5 in the
20 area bounded by 15th Street and Arch
21 Street"; and

22 Bill No. 080751, entitled "An
23 ordinance amending Title 14 of The
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Zoning and
25 Planning,' by amending Section 14-1619,

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2 entitled 'Frankford Avenue Special
3 District Controls'; and

4 Bill No. 080754, entitled "An
5 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
6 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
7 designations of certain areas of land
8 located within an area bounded by 'B'
9 Street, Erie Street, 'G' Street and Tioga
10 Street"; and

11 Bill No. 080756, entitled "An
12 ordinance amending the Philadelphia
13 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
14 designations of certain areas of land
15 located within an area bounded by Roberts
16 Avenue, Wissahickon Avenue, Hunting Park
17 Avenue and Fox Street"; and

18 Bill No. 080789, entitled "An
19 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
20 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
21 designations of certain areas of land
22 located within an area bounded by Ditman
23 Street and Harbison Avenue"; and

24 Bill No. 080790, entitled "An
25 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia

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2 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
3 designations of certain areas of land
4 located within an area bounded by Ditman
5 Street, Cottman Avenue, Keystone Street
6 and Hellerman," respectfully reports it
7 has considered the same and returns the
8 attached bills to Council with a
9 favorable recommendation.

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

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
13 President, I move the rules of Council be
14 suspended so as to permit first reading
15 this day of Bill Nos. 080724, 751, 754,
16 756, 789 and 790.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
19 has been moved and properly seconded.

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 the ayes have it, and the bills just read
3 will be placed on our First Reading
4 Calendar for today.

5 The Chair again recognizes
6 Councilman Kenney for a report from the
7 Committee on the Environment.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
9 Madam President. The Committee on the
10 Environment reports one bill with a
11 favorable recommendation.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chief Clerk will please
15 read the report.

16 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
17 and members of the Council of the City of
18 Philadelphia, the Committee on the
19 Environment, to which was referred Bill
20 No. 080758, entitled "An ordinance
21 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code
22 by providing for certain requirements
23 regarding the efficient operation of air
24 conditioning and cooling systems in
25 certain buildings and structures,"

1 11/20/08 - STATED - 1ST READING
2 respectfully reports it has considered
3 and amended the same and returns the
4 attached bill to Council with a favorable
5 recommendation.

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

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
9 President, no suspension was requested.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
11 sorry?

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No
13 suspension was requested.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you. Then the bill will be placed on our
16 First Reading Calendar for our next
17 session of Council.

18 The next order of business is
19 consideration of the Calendar.

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 read the bills on the First Reading
22 Calendar.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080853,
24 an ordinance amending certain Sections of
25 Titles 4, 6, 9, 14 and 19 related to

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2 license and permit fees and other charges
3 by modifying the amount of such fees.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair agrees.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
7 080854, an ordinance amending Section
8 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code relating
9 to tax rates, credits and alternative tax
10 computation for the business privilege
11 tax.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair agrees.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
15 080855, an ordinance amending Chapter
16 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code,
17 entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax," all
18 under certain terms and conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
22 080856, an ordinance amending Section
23 9-305 of The Philadelphia Code, by
24 revising the amounts of certain fees and
25 penalties and the number of permissible

1 11/20/08 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 false alarms.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
6 080858, an ordinance amending Title 6 of
7 The Philadelphia Code by revising
8 permitting provisions and license and
9 permit fees relating to asbestos work.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair agrees.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
13 080859, an ordinance amending certain
14 Sections of Title 3 and Title 6 related
15 to license and permit fees and other
16 charges by modifying the amount of such
17 fees.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair agrees.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
21 080724, an ordinance amending Section
22 14-305 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
23 "C-4 and C-5," by negating any setback
24 over 65 feet in height for lots
25 designated C-5 in the area bounded by

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2 15th and Arch Streets.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
6 080751, an ordinance amending Title 14 of
7 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning
8 and Planning," by amending Section
9 14-1619, entitled "Frankford Avenue
10 Special District Controls."

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair agrees.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
14 080754, an ordinance to amend the
15 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
16 zoning designations of certain areas of
17 land located within an area bounded by
18 "B" Street and Tioga Street.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
22 080756, an ordinance amending the
23 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
24 zoning designations of certain areas of
25 land located within an area bounded by

1 11/20/08 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 Roberts Avenue and Fox Street.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
6 080789, an ordinance to amend the
7 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
8 zoning designations of certain areas of
9 land located within an area bounded by
10 Ditman Street and Harbison Avenue.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair agrees.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
14 080790, an ordinance to amend the
15 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
16 zoning designations of certain areas of
17 land located within an area bounded by
18 Ditman Street, Cottman Avenue, Keystone
19 Street and Hellerman Street.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chair agrees.

22 The Chair now recognizes
23 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of
24 calling up bills on the Second Reading
25 and Final Passage Calendar.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I offer a motion to
4 recommit Bill No. 080638. All other
5 bills are being held.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 read the title of Bill No. 080638.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 authorizing the installation of a left
12 turn green arrow traffic signal at the
13 intersection of Crescentville Road and
14 Adams Avenue.

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

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
21 in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 ayes have it, and the bill will be
4 recommitted to the Streets Committee.

5 That concludes our hearing for
6 today.

7 Are there any speeches on the
8 part of the minority?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
11 there speeches on the part of the
12 majority?

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
16 Madam President. As you heard in Council
17 Caucus chambers, there was a lively
18 discussion, ample debate about two
19 resolutions. One I was to introduce on
20 behalf of some of my colleagues to call
21 for a moratorium on the closing of the
22 free libraries. The second resolution
23 was going to be offered by Councilman
24 DiCicco calling for cuts in Council to
25 fund an independent study to see what

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2 cuts in the Fire Department could be done
3 as opposed to closing firehouses or at
4 least reducing the ladders and
5 firehouses.

6 What we decided to do was to
7 hold both resolutions in abeyance so that
8 we could have further dialogue with the
9 Administration about how we can come to
10 conclusion on this difficult subject of
11 our budget. We've asked you to lead us
12 in that dialogue.

13 There's members of the Free
14 Library that will be meeting with the
15 Administration. They are here today in
16 support of the libraries, as you can see,
17 and we -- I think non-binding resolutions
18 aren't as important as sincere dialogue,
19 bringing great minds together to solve
20 some of the problems this city is going
21 to face budgetarily.

22 So we're going to work together
23 on this with the Administration. We're
24 going to work together as colleagues, as
25 colleagues, who see things differently

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2 often, but we are all committed to
3 solving this problem together. We refuse
4 to be Washington, DC where we point
5 fingers and blame, and we're going to
6 come together to resolve this matter
7 collectively.

8 Thank you, Madam President.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I have two
16 announcements and two comments. I would
17 also like to introduce to Council high
18 school seniors, high school seniors from
19 the Nueva Esperanza Charter School, who
20 are studying urban politics at Eastern
21 University. They're visiting with us
22 today to see government in action, and I
23 would remiss not to bring them to the
24 attention of our audience.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If

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2 they are here, if they would kindly
3 stand, we'd be very happy to recognize
4 them.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: The young
6 people in our upper level.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
9 Welcome.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
13 You're welcome.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Green.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam
17 President, I wasn't quite finished.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Oh,
19 I'm sorry.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you.

21 Secondly, a reminder to my
22 colleagues that today we have
23 representatives from the not-for-profit
24 organization Innovation Philadelphia, our
25 leader in the City when it comes to the

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2 creative economy. So colleagues and/or
3 their staff are welcome to join us
4 immediately following Council in the
5 Caucus Room for a presentation, lunch and
6 reception around this new potential
7 economic driver for our city.

8 Thirdly, I would like to say
9 thank you, thank you to all of my
10 colleagues who listened and considered my
11 case for seeking support on our city's
12 first menu labeling bill. I especially
13 wish to acknowledge my colleagues who
14 asked very, very tough questions, those
15 who attended the menu labeling task force
16 meetings over the last 18 months, those
17 colleagues like Councilman Brian O'Neill
18 and Councilman Curtis Jones who with
19 candor raised and expressed serious
20 concern about this bill, principally
21 because it would directly impact
22 franchise owners in their councilmanic
23 districts.

24 I also would like to thank and
25 acknowledge Councilman Goode and

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2 Councilman Clarke, who cautioned me to be
3 not too careful in trying to reach a
4 consensus, because at the end of the day,
5 it's nine that matters and not 17, and
6 then those like Councilwoman Jannie
7 Blackwell and Marie Quinones-Sanchez and
8 Krajewski who said, Please move this
9 bill, let's vote on it. So I thank them
10 for that.

11 And then, finally, a huge
12 thank-you to our Mayor, who signed this
13 bill into legislation. This bill will
14 provide nutrition information not on
15 menus, because not on menus is like
16 placing pamphlets on the side of highways
17 to provide speed limits rather than
18 posting the information on prominent
19 signs visible while people are driving on
20 the highway.

21 We now join New York City and
22 the State of California. Our bill will
23 go into effect January 2010 to allow
24 local franchise owners to become in
25 compliance. And the good news, Madam

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2 President, is that menu labeling works.

3 Current proof is how chain restaurants of
4 all types in New York City are complying
5 with this law.

6 So, again, I thank my
7 colleagues. We now join three other
8 locations around the City and another
9 dozen who have this on their legislative
10 agenda. And I might add, as recently as
11 Sunday on the morning news, I learned
12 that currently in Congress a bill has
13 been put forth to consider menu labeling
14 because of the alarming rise of obesity.

15 So, again, in closing, I thank
16 my colleagues and I thank the Mayor.

17 Lastly, while we endure this
18 budget crisis, I wish to go on record to
19 remind all of us that while respectful
20 debate, open dialogue is needed, expected
21 and beneficial -- and, parenthetically,
22 let me commend Councilmen Jones and
23 DiCicco -- we all have to be disciplined
24 in recognizing that this is unprecedented
25 financial economic times and, therefore,

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2 requires that we be disciplined and
3 thoughtful in how we attack these serious
4 issues facing the City.

5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

7 You're welcome.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Green.

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I, too, want to echo
12 the comments of Councilwoman Blondell
13 Reynolds Brown and Councilman Jones. I'd
14 sum them up this way: We are in this
15 together. We need to get out of it
16 together, respectfully, with open
17 dialogue, with full information on all
18 sides so that we can propose alternative
19 funding sources for the things that this
20 body may find to be a priority.

21 As Councilman Jones said
22 yesterday, great minds don't just meet in
23 the library. Let's get together here and
24 see if we can't help solve some of these
25 problems.

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2 Thank you, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 You're welcome.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Any

7 other speeches on the part of the

8 majority?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

11 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes

12 Councilman Clarke for a motion to

13 adjourn.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

15 Madam President. I move that Council

16 stand adjourned until Thursday, December

17 4, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

20 has been moved and properly seconded that

21 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,

22 December 4th at 10:00 a.m.

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

1 11/20/08 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

5 ayes have it and the motion carries.

6 Thank you.

7 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

8 10:55 a.m.)

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