

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, May 7, 2009
10:30 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning. I note that the hour has come and that quorum of this Council is present.

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

To give our invocation this morning, the Chair welcomes Reverend Kirk Berlenbach of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. He is here today as the guest of Councilman Rizzo.

I would ask all members and guests to please rise.

(Members and guests rise.)

REVEREND BERLENBACH: Thank you, Councilwoman.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for this day and all the promise and opportunity that it holds. We pray that your spirit would descend upon this City Council, that it may govern with wisdom,

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2 equity and justice and serve the needs of
3 all your people so that this City of
4 Philadelphia might truly become a city of
5 brotherly and sisterly love.

6 Amen.

7 (Amen.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 Chair thanks Reverend Berlenbach for his
10 invocation.

11 Council will be at ease.

12 (Council at ease.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 next order of business is the approval of
15 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
16 April 30th, 2009.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
20 President, I move that the Journal of the
21 meeting of Thursday, April 30th, 2009
22 stand approved.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
3 April 30th, 2009 stand approved.

4 All in favor will indicate by
5 saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 ayes have it and the Journal is approved.

12 The next order of business is
13 requests for leave of absence, and the
14 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
16 President, on behalf of the majority,
17 there are no requests for leaves of
18 absence today.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
24 President, on behalf of the republicans,
25 there are no requests for leave of

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2 absence.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chair will dispense with
6 the regular order of business to
7 recognize the guests and visitors joining
8 us in Chambers this morning. On behalf
9 of all members of City Council, I welcome
10 you to our Council session. We
11 appreciate your taking the time to join
12 us as we attend to the legislative
13 affairs of our city. We certainly invite
14 you to come again.

15 At this time, the Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Rizzo, who will
17 present a resolution honoring St.
18 Timothy's Episcopal Church on the
19 occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

20 Will Reverend Berlenbach and
21 those accompanying him please join the
22 Councilman at the podium.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 Madam President, you run a very

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2 efficient Council. We have the
3 invocation and the resolution all in one
4 day.

5 Honoring and commending and
6 thanking St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
7 on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

8 Whereas, St. Timothy's has
9 maintained a central role in the
10 Roxborough community since J. Vaughan
11 Merrick and D. Rodney King founded the
12 church as a Sunday school a century and a
13 half ago;

14 Whereas, the cornerstone of the
15 church building was laid in 1862. Since
16 then, St. Timothy's has been through
17 several major expansions, reaching its
18 present configuration of buildings in
19 1924;

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas,
21 over the years, the parish has
22 meticulously maintained the church's
23 beautiful building and grounds. St.
24 Timothy's gothic revival architecture and
25 rich history merited a prominent place in

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2 Robert W. Moss' Historic Sacred Places in
3 Philadelphia; and

4 Whereas, at St. Timothy's,
5 worship is vital, yet still traditional,
6 enhanced by a wonderful organ and choir.

7 The church's signature bell tower
8 contains eight bells which are rung by
9 hand each and every service;

10 Whereas, the church founded St.
11 Timothy's Hospital and the House of Mercy
12 in 1890. This evolved into Roxborough
13 Hospital, which is the only hospital or
14 public health center in the 4th
15 councilmanic district;

16 Whereas, during the last
17 century, the church's sense of mission
18 has extended well beyond the
19 neighborhood. Ministries to the poor and
20 needy in Philadelphia, in Appalachia and
21 across the world are admired and
22 supported at St. Timothy's;

23 Whereas, St. Timothy's features
24 a membership that is diverse in age,
25 ethnic and socioeconomic status. The

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2 church also sponsors an active and
3 growing youth group; and

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, the
5 Philadelphia City Council looks forward
6 to another 150 years of excellent service
7 and good work from St. Timothy's.

8 Now, therefore, be it resolved,
9 by the Council of the City of
10 Philadelphia, that it honors and commends
11 and thanks St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
12 on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

13 Further resolved, that an
14 engrossed copy of this resolution will be
15 presented to St. Timothy's Episcopal
16 Church as further evidence of the sincere
17 admiration and appreciation of this
18 legislative body.

19 Also joining the Pastor today
20 is many of the parishioners of St.
21 Timothy's, so we thank them for coming.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair recognizes Reverend Berlenbach for

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2 remarks.

3 REVEREND BERLENBACH: I simply
4 wish to thank this body and both
5 Councilmen for their dedication and time
6 in bringing our parish before you today.

7 Thank you very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: You're
10 welcome back any time.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Brown,
16 who will represent a resolution honoring
17 the Philadelphia Police Department
18 Employee Assistance Unit on its 40th
19 Anniversary.

20 Will Captain Thomas Collier and
21 those joining him please join the
22 Councilwoman at the podium.

23 I see that Councilwoman Brown
24 is being accompanied by Councilwoman
25 Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Honoring
3 and congratulating the Philadelphia
4 Police Department Employee Assistance
5 Unit on its 40th Anniversary.

6 Whereas, the Employee
7 Assistance Program was established in
8 1969 under the Counseling Unit with the
9 goal of assisting officers with alcohol
10 problems; and

11 Whereas, EAP evolved into its
12 current state in 1987 after joining
13 forces with the Police Department's Peer
14 Counseling Unit to aid police officers,
15 police radio dispatchers, sheriff
16 deputies, school crossing guards and
17 their respective children and families in
18 overcoming problems that could possibly
19 affect the officers, their spouses or
20 dependent family members' personal or
21 professional life; and

22 Whereas, the program focuses on
23 issues related to stress, chemical
24 dependency, family issues and critical
25 incidents; and

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
3 the job of a police officer is
4 consistently ranked and regarded as one
5 of the most stressful occupations in the
6 United States and, therefore, this
7 program provides a valuable and critical
8 tool to assist the officers and their
9 families in maintaining excellent mental
10 and emotional health; and

11 Whereas, in the year 2008 the
12 Philadelphia Police Department has
13 endured, for the first time in its
14 recorded history, the tragic deaths of
15 five officers killed in the line of duty,
16 culminating with the death of Officer
17 John Pawlowski on February 13th, 2009;
18 and

19 Whereas, the EAP Unit has been
20 and will continue to be vitally important
21 and committed to providing the highest
22 level of confidential peer counseling and
23 referral service in the areas of marital
24 difficulties, emotional concerns, grief,
25 chemical dependency, pathological

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2 gambling/financial concerns, personal
3 stress, family and child issues, and all
4 critical incidents involving police
5 officers and the dependent family
6 members.

7 Now, therefore, be it

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Resolved,
9 by the Council of the City of
10 Philadelphia, that we hereby honor and
11 congratulate the Philadelphia Police
12 Department Employee Assistance Unit on
13 its 40th Anniversary.

14 Further resolved, that an
15 engrossed copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the Philadelphia Police
17 Employee Assistance Unit as evidence of
18 the sincere appreciation of this
19 legislative body.

20 The resolution was introduced
21 by Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown
22 and co-sponsored by all the members of
23 the Philadelphia City Council.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

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2 Chair recognizes Captain Collier for
3 remarks.

4 CAPTAIN COLLIER: Good morning.

5 On behalf of the Philadelphia Police
6 Department EAP Program Unit, commonly
7 called EAP, I'd like to thank the
8 President, Councilmembers and especially
9 Councilwoman Brown for this resolution.
10 It's always great to be recognized,
11 especially when you're in a support type
12 function, and the Police Department is
13 the greatest one we have.

14 Along with me, I brought my
15 unit and with my supervisors, who are all
16 involved in our daily business of running
17 the EAP Unit for the Police Department.
18 I'll start with the uniform. To my far
19 right is Inspector Robert Small. Next to
20 him is Chief Inspector Robert Davis.
21 They oversee the Support Bureau and
22 Division that we report to. So they're
23 my immediate supervisors.

24 Then behind -- well, to my far
25 right you have Officer Curtis Gee,

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2 Officer Kelly Hopkins, Corporal Reena
3 Morris. She's my right hand. Also Joe
4 Kane, Officer Tracy Brooks, Officer Mark
5 Goodson.

6 And, again, thank you for
7 everything, and it's always great again
8 to be appreciated.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair now recognizes Councilman Kenney,
16 who will present a citation recognizing
17 the African American Historical Calendar
18 and its creator, George Beach, on the
19 occasion of its 40th Anniversary.

20 Will Mr. George Beach and those
21 accompanying him please join the
22 Councilman at the podium.

23 Councilman Kenney is being
24 joined by Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 Councilman Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 This is a resolution
5 recognizing the African American
6 Historical Calendar and its creator --

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
8 Councilman, just a moment.

9 The noise level is much too
10 high.

11 Thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
13 Madam President.

14 This is a resolution
15 recognizing the African American
16 Historical Calendar and its creator,
17 George Beach, on the occasion of
18 celebrating its 40th Anniversary issue.

19 Whereas, the African American
20 Historical Calendar is an annual
21 tradition capturing and depicting the
22 richness, diversity and critical role of
23 African Americans in the United States
24 history, created by artist, advertising
25 executive and businessman George Beach;

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2 and

3 Whereas, the calendar provides
4 12 delicate snapshots into the personal
5 and public lives of outstanding African
6 Americans, one for each month of the
7 year, providing a convenient way for
8 black history to be honored from January
9 through December; and

10 Whereas, by highlighting both
11 famous and less celebrated faces in black
12 heroism, the calendar educates and
13 enriches people of all walks of life; and

14 Whereas, the calendar enjoys
15 consistent growth in popularity and
16 serves as a necessary reminder of how
17 American society has been immeasurably
18 enhanced by the contributions and
19 achievements of African Americans; and

20 Whereas, a premier resource for
21 the ongoing preservation of black life
22 and culture, the African American
23 Historical Calendar began as a project of
24 the African American Commemorative
25 Society, which was founded in 1968;

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And

3 whereas, in 1970, the calendar emerged as
4 an outgrowth of the Society's mission to
5 promote positive images of African
6 Americans through its Commemorative Medal
7 Series. In creating each edition,
8 Founder and Executive Editor George Beach
9 works with a committed team, including
10 portraitist Calvin Massey, illustrator
11 Robert L. Jefferson, writers Joel Avery
12 and Stephanie Renee, a graphic designer
13 Drew Kim, researcher Matthew Beach, and a
14 group of dedicated interns; and

15 Whereas, the calendar's
16 distinctive character continues to inform
17 and inspire individuals of all ages, from
18 the classroom to the boardroom. With
19 simple dignity and quiet commitment, the
20 African American Historical Calendar
21 proudly portrays a lasting living
22 heritage.

23 Now, therefore, the Council of
24 the City of Philadelphia does hereby
25 recognize the African American Historical

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2 Calendar and its creator, George Beach,
3 on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary
4 issue.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Therefore,
6 by virtue of this citation, the Council
7 of the City of Philadelphia does hereby
8 recognize the African American Historical
9 Calendar and its creator, George Beach,
10 on its 40th Anniversary. With
11 appreciation, we extend sincere respect
12 and admiration of this legislative body.

13 Congratulations.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Mr. Beach for remarks.

17 MR. BEACH: Madam President,
18 Councilmembers and Philadelphians, I am
19 pleased to accept this wonderful citation
20 on behalf of all of those who have
21 contributed to the growth of this
22 wonderful calendar. I thank God for the
23 opportunity to be useful, and I thank my
24 parents for giving us the sense of
25 history about our people, our family and

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2 people who have done great things in
3 life.

4 African Americans, they have
5 been great, great leaders. They are
6 champions of change. As a matter of
7 fact, today I'd like to share an e-mail
8 that I received two days ago from down
9 under. It was from a writer from
10 Australia.

11 He says to me, Dear George, I
12 have just acquired on eBay as part of my
13 never-ending quest for Florence Mills'
14 trove and memorabilia a copy of the 1980
15 calendar published by you and included a
16 page on Florence. On digging a bit
17 further, I found that you have been
18 publishing these calendars for many
19 years. I think it is a wonderful thing
20 you have done in general and especially
21 that you were one of the dwindling band
22 who was honoring Florence Mills more than
23 50 years after her death. I hope you may
24 live to publish many, many more years of
25 your excellent calendar.

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2 Best wishes, Bill Egan.

3 I share that with you because
4 down under the calendar was received as a
5 matter of historical significance. So I
6 thank everyone who has participated on
7 it, and I thank you very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

10 Council will be at ease.

11 (Council at ease.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Tasco,
14 who will present a resolution recognizing
15 Mothers in Charge.

16 Will Mrs. Dorothy Johnson
17 Speight and those accompanying her please
18 join the Councilwoman at the podium.

19 Councilwoman Tasco is being
20 joined by Councilwoman Miller,
21 Councilwoman Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Good
23 morning. This is a grand day for us in
24 City Council to recognize some women who
25 have suffered great tragedy in their

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2 lives, as a number of people in the City
3 of Philadelphia, but they have come
4 together to focus in on the issue of
5 violence and how to stem the tide of
6 violence and have provided programs
7 throughout the City to address this
8 issue.

9 My neighbor and constituent and
10 friend, Dorothy Johnson Speight, lost a
11 daughter, and I was working with her on
12 Compassionate Friends. So she's had
13 tragedy in her life and was doing
14 something about it. And then her son was
15 killed and, as a result of that, we came
16 to realize and recognize and know Mothers
17 in Charge.

18 So today we're here to
19 recognize and acknowledge Mothers in
20 Charge, Inc. on the launch of its first
21 publication, entitled "Mothers in Charge,
22 Faces of Courage."

23 Whereas, Mothers in Charge,
24 Inc. (Mothers in Charge) was founded in
25 May 2003 by Dorothy Johnson Speight and

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2 several grieving mothers whose care for
3 our city extends beyond seeking solace
4 after losing a child to the senseless
5 violence that has ravaged our community,
6 and this group of women is comprised of
7 impassioned mothers, grandmothers, aunts
8 and sisters, many of which have
9 experienced the horror of having a son,
10 daughter or loved one murdered, and are
11 committed to working towards saving lives
12 and preventing other mothers from having
13 to experience this terrible tragedy; and

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
15 Mothers in Charge is a Philadelphia-based
16 non-profit family and community
17 organization that provides support,
18 advocacy, education and intervention on
19 issues related to violence and its
20 enormous impact on our local community,
21 and six years after its inception,
22 Mothers in Charge has over 300 members
23 and supporters in four chapters,
24 including New York and Atlantic City; and

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

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2 Whereas, the women who work or volunteer
3 under the auspices of Mothers in Charge
4 exemplify the utmost strength and
5 compassion when reaching out to other
6 families affected by violence, and
7 through community outreach, engaging
8 dialogue and grief counseling, these
9 women freely share personal experiences
10 of coping with the loss of their loved
11 ones; and

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
13 Mothers in Charge now provides an
14 additional means for conveying its
15 message to the community through its
16 recent publication, entitled "Mothers in
17 Charge, Faces of Courage," a newly
18 published literary piece that is an
19 inspirational and compelling collection
20 of members' unique stories, which openly
21 discuss grief and tragedy and illustrate
22 the irreplaceable bond shared between a
23 mother and a child; and

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Whereas,
25 this awe-inspiring piece of literature,

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2 from which all sale proceeds go to
3 support the life-affirming work of
4 Mothers in Charge, further conveys the
5 power, strength and courage of these
6 committed women; and

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas,
8 their work to combat violence, encourage
9 other women who have experienced loss and
10 inspire our youth not to engage in
11 violence is critical towards preserving
12 our communities, and we are forever
13 grateful for Mothers in Charge and their
14 commitment to save Philadelphia's
15 greatest asset, our children.

16 Now, therefore, be it resolved,
17 by Council of the City of Philadelphia,
18 that we hereby celebrate, recognize and
19 honor Mothers in Charge on the occasion
20 of its unveiling of its first literary
21 publication, "Mothers in Charge, Faces of
22 Courage" and for six years of invaluable
23 service to Philadelphia and communities
24 impacted by violence.

25 Furthermore be it resolved,

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2 that an engrossed copy of this resolution
3 be presented to Dorothy Johnson Speight,
4 President and Co-Founder of Mothers in
5 Charge, on behalf of the entire
6 membership of this outstanding
7 organization, as an expression of our
8 sincere sentiment of this legislative
9 body.

10 Introduced by Councilwoman
11 Marian B. Tasco and Councilwoman Blondell
12 Reynolds Brown April 30th, 2009.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
15 Chair recognizes Mrs. Speight for
16 remarks.

17 MS. SPEIGHT: Good morning. I
18 want to thank Council, especially Marian
19 Tasco, for this honor this morning. It
20 is truly an honor to be recognized by
21 Council on our sixth anniversary and also
22 the publication of our new book "Faces of
23 Courage." It's an idea that we wanted to
24 present to the public to inform people of
25 the impact of violence, but in spite of

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2 that, these courageous women of Mothers
3 in Charge -- and every mother here on
4 this stage has lost a son, a daughter or
5 loved one to violence -- get up every day
6 to make a difference in the City of
7 Philadelphia with the issue of violence.

8 So I'm very pleased to be
9 honored this morning on behalf of the
10 mothers that are here and on the mothers
11 that could not be here today. We truly
12 thank City Council for this beautiful
13 citation.

14 I was reminded to say that this
15 is a club that no one wants to be a
16 member of, and that is so true.
17 Unfortunately, this club is growing far
18 too fast and too many mothers are
19 becoming a part of this. So we want to
20 continue to work and engage the community
21 and our leaders to support our efforts to
22 make a difference in this city.

23 As you know, each Councilperson
24 has received a copy of our beautiful
25 coffee table book and its stories and the

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2 stories and pictures of the mothers who
3 have lost their children. Twenty-six
4 members of our organization are profiled
5 in this book. But, more importantly,
6 it's a book to inspire and encourage and
7 move people to be involved in making a
8 difference to save lives.

9 So, again, I thank the Council,
10 and I truly thank the members of this
11 organization for all the hard work they
12 do. They could have laid down and died,
13 but instead they get up every day to make
14 a difference, and I'm truly so proud of
15 them and I love them all.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: We would
19 like to invite you and the public to a
20 book-signing event this evening in the
21 City Council Caucus Room at 5 o'clock.
22 Thank you. It's a wonderful book. And
23 we will sign the Councilmembers' books at
24 that time. So you have to come and get
25 your signature. Smart ladies.

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2 Thank you so much.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
4 you.

5 Council will be at ease.

6 (Council at ease.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 next order of business is communications.
9 The Chair requests that the
10 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
11 the Chief Clerk.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
15 and members of the Council of the City of
16 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith
17 for the consideration of your honorable
18 body an ordinance amending Section
19 20-304, entitled "Compensation for
20 Members of Boards, Commissions,
21 Committees and Councils," by revising the
22 compensation for the members of the Board
23 of Revision of Taxes, under certain terms
24 and conditions; and

25 An ordinance authorizing

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2 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
3 Year 2009 within the General Fund from
4 the Board of Revision of Taxes to the
5 Director of Finance; and

6 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 Broad Street, the Delaware Expressway,
11 Pattison Avenue, Packer Avenue, Delaware
12 Avenue and League Island Boulevard; and

13 An ordinance authorizing the
14 Commerce Director to file an application
15 with the Commonwealth's Department of
16 Community and Economic Development under
17 the Main Street Program in an aggregate
18 amount not to exceed \$1,306,000 to
19 provide for two additional years of Main
20 Street funding through the DCED New
21 Communities Program.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
23 you. The messages will be printed in the
24 Journal.

25 I would ask the Chief Clerk to

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2 please read any other communications in
3 her possession.

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

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you.

8 The next order of business is
9 the introduction of bills and
10 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
11 Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.
13 I have no bills or resolutions today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
15 you.

16 The chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

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

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

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chair thanks the gentleman.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Krajewski.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
7 you, Madam President. I offer one bill.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 Chief Clerk will please read the title.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
12 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
13 amending Chapter 14-700, entitled
14 "Recreational Districts," by amending the
15 uses permitted in the District, and by
16 adding provisions with regard to signs.

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

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
23 President, I offer one bill and one bill
24 on your behalf.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

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2 you.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
6 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
7 changing the zoning designations of
8 certain areas of land located within an
9 area bounded by Broad Street, Delaware
10 Expressway, Pattison Avenue, Packer
11 Avenue, Delaware River and League Island
12 Boulevard.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of an
19 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
20 Prevent Red Light Violations," by
21 authorizing the installation of red light
22 enforcement systems at the intersection
23 of Rising Sun Avenue at Adams Avenue.

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

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2 committee.

3 The Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Miller.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
6 you, Madam President. Today I have no
7 bills or resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Sanchez.

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
13 you, Madam President. I have one
14 resolution and three bills, and I'd like
15 to speak on one of the bills.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Section 19-2604 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates,
23 credits and alternative tax computation
24 for the business privilege tax, by
25 revising tax rates for Fiscal Years 2010

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2 and 2011.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
7 amending Chapter 19-1500 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net
9 Profits Tax," by revising tax rates for
10 Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
12 bill will be referred to the appropriate
13 committee.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
15 amending the Health Code, Title 6 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, by amending Section
17 6-102, entitled "Definitions," and by
18 creating a new Section 6-309, entitled
19 "Outdated Products," to prohibit the sale
20 of expired non-prescription drugs, infant
21 formula, baby food, milk, milk products
22 and eggs, all under certain terms and
23 conditions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
25 Councilwoman Sanchez, I assume you want

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2 to speak on this bill?

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
4 you, Madam President. I first want to
5 acknowledge the many stakeholders from
6 Cure CVS Campaign, UFCW 1766, UFCW Local
7 613, ACORN, Penn Action, the National
8 Organization of Women, Friends
9 Neighborhood Guild, the Coalition of
10 Labor Union Women, Temple College
11 Democrats, the Hunting Park NAC, the
12 Kensington Welfare Rights Union, SEIU 32
13 BJ, AFT, Jobs With Justice, Student Labor
14 Action Project, the Living Water United
15 Church of Christ, the Philadelphia
16 Department of Health.

17 Madam President, we have a
18 problem with expired medicines and baby
19 formula in the City of Philadelphia. I
20 want to thank my colleagues Councilwoman
21 Blondell Reynolds Brown and Councilman
22 Greenlee for working with me on this very
23 important piece of legislation.

24 The problem in Philadelphia is
25 the shelves of our neighborhood

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2 pharmacies are filled with expired
3 products, baby formula and
4 over-the-counter medicines that are
5 months and in some cases years past their
6 expiration date. These products are less
7 effective, less nutritious and
8 potentially dangerous.

9 The survey of CVS stores
10 conducted over the last year by Change to
11 Win Philadelphia has showed that the sale
12 of expired medicine is widespread and
13 persistent. In spite of the legal action
14 in the states of New York and California
15 and the growing media coverage of expired
16 goods issued, this problem has continued.

17 A month ago we asked our City
18 Solicitor and this Administration to join
19 us and these states in legal action.
20 That is why we are taking legislative
21 action today. This legislation will
22 provide for stiff penalties for the sale
23 of expired medications and infant
24 formula. If a customer finds an expired
25 product on the shelves, he or she will be

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2 entitled to a new version of this product
3 at a 50 percent discount. This
4 legislation will ensure that when you
5 enter a pharmacy in Philadelphia, that
6 the medicine that we buy and the formula
7 that we feed our children is safe and
8 effective.

9 I look forward to working with
10 the Administration, my Council colleagues
11 and the community stakeholders present
12 here today to pass this legislation as
13 soon as possible.

14 Thank you, Madam President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
16 you.

17 (Applause.)

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

21 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
22 please read the title of the resolution.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 calling on the Pennsylvania Congressional
25 Delegation to support the Youth PROMISE

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2 Act of 2009.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

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

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will signify by
13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

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

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
24 Madam Chair. I introduce two bills
25 today, which I would like to speak on

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2 after the second bill is read.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
4 you.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 amending Title 2 of The Philadelphia
9 Code, entitled "City-County
10 Consolidation," by abolishing the Board
11 of Revision of Taxes and reassigning its
12 powers, functions and duties to three
13 newly created City agencies.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 amending Title 2 of The Philadelphia
19 Code, entitled "City-County
20 Consolidation," by removing the authority
21 of the Board of Revision of Taxes to hear
22 appeals.

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

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2 Councilman Green.

3 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
4 Madam President.

5 I want to thank you for your
6 suggestion that Council use these bills
7 as our vehicle to work with the
8 Administration to reform the BRT, and I
9 look forward to working closely with the
10 Administration once they have a chance to
11 review these measures over the summer.

12 Thank you, Madam President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Jones.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I have three bills, one
19 resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
22 the first bill.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of an

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2 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
3 Prevent Red Light Violations," by
4 authorizing the installation of red light
5 enforcement systems at the intersection
6 of Henry Avenue at Walnut Lane.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 amending Section 9-208 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
13 Cafes," by permitting sidewalk cafes to
14 be maintained on Ridge Avenue, both
15 sides, between Rochelle Avenue and Domino
16 Lane.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 amending Section 9-213 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers'
23 Markets," by adding as a permissible
24 location Canal View Park, all under
25 certain terms and conditions.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 recognizing, honoring and celebrating
7 Jill Scott for her accomplishments and
8 lifelong commitment to the City of
9 Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I move for the adoption
14 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 say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 ayes have it and the resolution is

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2 adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Goode.

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I offer two bills, one
7 on behalf of the Administration.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 authorizing the Commerce Director to file
14 an application with the Commonwealth's
15 Department of Community and Economic
16 Development under the Main Street Program
17 in an aggregate amount not to exceed
18 \$1,306,000 to support the City's various
19 Main Street programs.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 amending Chapter 16-400 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Vacant and

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2 Surplus Properties," by amending Section
3 16-404, entitled "The Vacant Property
4 Review Committee."

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
6 bill will be referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
11 Madam President. No bills or resolutions
12 this morning.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I offer one bill.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
20 you.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of an

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2 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
3 Prevent Red Light Violations," by
4 authorizing the installation of red light
5 enforcement systems at the intersection
6 of Aramingo Avenue at York Street.

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 O'Neill.

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

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
20 Madam President. One bill co-sponsored
21 by Councilwoman Sanchez and myself and
22 two resolutions, one resolution
23 co-sponsored by all members of Council.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
25 you.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
5 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
6 changing the zoning designations of
7 certain areas of land located within an
8 area bounded by Wyoming Avenue, Ramona
9 Avenue, Adams Avenue and Castor Avenue.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 honoring Sister Mary Scullion for her
15 steadfast dedication and tireless
16 advocacy efforts on behalf of
17 Philadelphia's homeless population and
18 for being chosen as one of Time
19 Magazine's "World's Most Influential
20 People" for 2009.

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

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
24 the adoption.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
15 Property to execute and deliver to the
16 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
17 the 28th Ward of the City of
18 Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
22 the adoption.

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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Kelly.

13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
14 President, I offer one resolution, which
15 is co-sponsored by Councilman Greenlee.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
20 authorizing the Committee on Public
21 Health and Human Services to hold public
22 hearings to examine and investigate the
23 manner in which the Philadelphia
24 Department of Public Health and the
25 Office of the Mayor awards contracts to

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2 vendors performing animal care and
3 control on behalf of the City of
4 Philadelphia.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilman Kelly.

7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I move for
8 the adoption.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 ayes have it and the resolution is
20 adopted, and the resolution will be
21 referred to the appropriate committee.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
25 President, no bills or resolutions today.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you.

4 The next order of business is
5 reports from committees, and the Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Kenney for a report
7 from the Committee on the Environment.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you
9 very much. The Committee on the
10 Environment reports two bills out with
11 favorable recommendations.

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. 090075, entitled "An ordinance
21 amending Chapter 9-600 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Service and
23 Other Businesses,' by adding a new
24 Section 9-614, entitled 'Advanced
25 Recovery Fee for Disposable Shopping

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2 Bags'"; and

3 Bill No. 090258, "An ordinance
4 amending Section 3-306 and 3-401 of Title
5 3 ("Air Management Code") of The
6 Philadelphia Code, to eliminate dual
7 licensing and permitting requirements on
8 air contaminant emitting facilities, and
9 to clarify air pollution control
10 standards, all under certain terms and
11 conditions," respectfully reports it has
12 considered the same and returns the
13 attached bills to Council with a
14 favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
20 rules of Council be suspended as to
21 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
22 090075.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the rules of Council be suspended so as
3 to permit first reading this day of the
4 bills just reported from committee.

5 All in favor will indicate by
6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 ayes have it, and the bills just read
13 will be placed on our First Reading
14 Calendar for today. Bill No. 090258 will
15 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
16 for our next session of Council.

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

25 There are no additional bills

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2 on our First Reading Calendar.

3 Therefore, the Chair recognizes

4 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of

5 calling up bills on the Second Reading

6 and Final Passage Calendar.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
8 Madam President.

9 Madam President, Bill 090015
10 will be amended. Bill 080951 and 090263
11 are being called up for Second Reading
12 and Final Passage Calendar today. All
13 other bills are being held.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
15 you.

16 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
17 please read the title of Bill No. 090015.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Section 9-212 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Newsstands,"
21 to permit the placement of commercial
22 advertising on newsstands and revise the
23 fee for a newsstand license, all under
24 certain terms and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I believe all members
5 of Council have received a copy of the
6 amendment and I would, therefore, ask for
7 its adoption.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
10 has been moved and seconded that the
11 amendment 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 motion carries.

19 We will now consider Bill No.
20 080951.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
22 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
23 Property, on behalf of the City, to
24 accept from the Delaware River Port
25 Authority conveyance of title to certain

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2 parcels of land located within the
3 vicinity of 8th and Race Streets and
4 Florist Street, between 2nd and 4th
5 Streets, under certain terms and
6 conditions.

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

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 call the roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Greenlee.

4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Krajewski.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Miller.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Reynolds Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Sanchez.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
9 Verna.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

15 We will now consider Bill No.
16 090263.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
19 Property, on behalf of the City, to
20 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
21 Authority for Industrial Development a
22 deed located in the vicinity of the
23 intersection of Belmont Avenue and
24 Monument Road, for further conveyance to
25 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for

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2 nominal consideration, under certain
3 terms and conditions.

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

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 call the roll.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Greenlee.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

5 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Krajewski.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Reynolds Brown.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Sanchez.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Verna.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 17; the nays are
9 zero. A majority of all members having
10 voted in the affirmative, the bill
11 passes.

12 This concludes our Calendar for
13 today.

14 Are there speeches on the part
15 of the minority?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
18 there speeches on the part of the
19 majority?

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I'll be brief.

24 We are a week away from
25 reporting out the 2010 budget, and I

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2 believe that it's been at least two weeks
3 since leadership of Council conveyed to
4 the Administration that there are --
5 there's very little support and a whole
6 lot of "no" votes for any real estate tax
7 at this time. And I don't think we've
8 made any progress on this budget in terms
9 of serious discussions about alternatives
10 to that real estate tax, and I hope we
11 don't lose the four days between now and
12 Monday's hearing when the tax bills will
13 come up before the Committee of the
14 Whole, because if we wait that long, we
15 have three days instead of a week. A
16 week is not very much time to begin with.

17 So I want to go on record as
18 one of those people in Council, one
19 Councilmember who is absolutely opposed
20 to any increase in the real estate tax,
21 and I want to put it on the record today.

22 Thank you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
4 you, Madam President.

5 Just to remind you that our
6 Partnership for Prescription Assistance
7 is still available today, as it is after
8 all our Council sessions.

9 Thank you very much.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
11 You're welcome.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Goode.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I'll be brief.

16 In response to Councilman
17 O'Neill's comments, technically we don't
18 have to rush next week. We can always
19 come back on May 28th.

20 Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
22 You're welcome.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President.

3 I'd just like to support the
4 comments by Councilman O'Neill. We have
5 presented what we believe is a reasonable
6 solution of this financial crisis that we
7 have to the Mayor. The staffs are
8 talking and the individuals who advise us
9 are talking with both staffs, and I would
10 urge him to listen to reasonable
11 arguments about how our plan could
12 possibly be a part of the budget
13 solution.

14 The other day when we were
15 meeting with our consultants and some of
16 the Councilmembers, Dr. Bernard Anderson
17 gave a very compelling argument about how
18 we can address this issue. It made
19 sense, considering that we are in a very,
20 very serious national crisis and it's not
21 business as usual. We have to come up
22 with creative ways to address the issue.
23 The creative way is not to raise property
24 taxes. And when we had the hearing in my
25 district, all we heard were from -- the

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2 message that we heard from the people
3 from my district said no. And so I too
4 will not be in the mood to support any
5 property taxes. I think there are other
6 alternatives. We ought to look at them
7 and not delay the process for passing
8 this budget.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
14 Madam Chair.

15 I am a "no" vote for any
16 property tax increase. I would also like
17 that on the record.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Miller.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
23 you, Madam President.

24 I want to support my Council
25 colleagues that's already addressed this

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2 real estate tax of 19 percent. It will
3 cause too much of a hardship on
4 Philadelphians, and as Councilwoman Tasco
5 said, when we had the public hearing out
6 in the 8th and 9th Council districts,
7 that's all we heard all evening was not
8 to raise the taxes.

9 I think during this economic
10 hardship, people expected some increases,
11 some changes, but I don't think the
12 people expected a 19 percent real estate
13 tax increase. I think the tax should be
14 shared across the board, not just on
15 homeowners, and I just believe that this
16 tax will create too much of an additional
17 hardship.

18 Thank you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
24 you, Madam President.

25 Since my colleagues are on

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2 record at this time, I think it's time I
3 suppose that I should voice my opinion
4 that I absolutely will never vote for any
5 tax increase in the real estate.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Kelly.

10 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 I too am absolutely opposed to
13 any real estate tax at this time. It's
14 the wrong time to do it. I couldn't
15 agree more with my colleagues in Council
16 that have districts, because I've
17 traveled the City through up and down and
18 I don't see any support throughout this
19 city for any property taxes at this time.

20 I want to go on record as
21 opposing it, and I don't care what degree
22 that the Mayor may have in mind, but I'm
23 certainly absolutely against any property
24 taxes.

25 Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Similarly,
7 Madam President, no support from me on
8 any increase in property taxes. And we
9 need to keep this process on schedule.
10 We have a schedule and we need to keep
11 it.

12 Thanks.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
14 you.

15 I think that concludes the
16 speeches. I guess we took a poll on
17 property taxes.

18 If there are no further
19 comments, at this time the Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Clarke for a motion
21 to adjourn.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 I move that Council stand
25 adjourned until Thursday, May 14th, 2009,

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2 10:00 a.m.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
5 has been moved and seconded that Council
6 stand adjourned until Thursday, May the
7 14th.

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

15 Thank you.

16 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
17 11:30 a.m.)

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