

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, January 26, 2012
10:10 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILMAN DENNIS O'BRIEN
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning, everyone.

(Good morning.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I note that the hour has come and that a 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.

I only hope I said that as good as Council President Verna did.

To give our invocation this morning, the Chair recognizes Reverend Tamieka Moore of the Tenth Memorial Baptist Church. She is here today as my guest.

I would ask all members and guests to please rise.

(Members and guests rise.)

REVEREND MOORE: Let us pray.

To the God of grace and glory, mercy and majesty, we want you to know that we have gathered seeking your plan

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2 and your purpose. We invoke your
3 presence. We invoke your power. We
4 invoke your protection over this meeting.

5 We thank you for bringing us to
6 this day, the first City Council meeting
7 for 2012. Thank you for a period of rest
8 and reflection and for bringing
9 Councilmembers back with a new sense of
10 purpose and vision.

11 We are joined together this day
12 by our love for this great city, the City
13 of Philadelphia, of this country, the
14 United States of America, and for the
15 people that call them home.

16 We are joined together today by
17 visions of a better world and by hope and
18 care for the generations that will come
19 after us. We are joined together for
20 good work and worthy purposes.

21 We thank you for those on whose
22 strong shoulders we stand. We thank you
23 for this community of colleagues, allies,
24 friends, and family. We thank you for
25 those that enact laws and adopt the

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2 City's operating budget. We thank you
3 for those who help others by making our
4 local communities livable and safe. We
5 thank you for all who offer themselves
6 for public service and open their lives
7 to scrutiny. We thank you for days work,
8 dollars given, miles walked, and hours of
9 sleep sacrificed in the pursuit of social
10 justice.

11 Empower them so that they may
12 not fall short of their convictions.
13 Empower them to give their best selves.
14 Empower them as they seek to renew their
15 commitment to love and to serve, to value
16 freedom and fairness, to balance civic
17 duty and personal responsibilities.
18 Empower them to remember the value of
19 dignity and respect for all members of
20 the human race.

21 Remember Mayor Michael A.
22 Nutter as he leads representing justice.
23 We are asking today that you especially
24 remember Councilman Darrell Clarke as he
25 seeks to provide leadership to this great

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2 group of public servants. Grant him
3 wisdom as he endeavors to shape and
4 direct. Watch over him as he schedules
5 and runs meetings. Guide him as he
6 organizes and appoints committee chairs.
7 Help him to enforce with patience and
8 kindness. Manage him as he manages the
9 central administrative policy and
10 budgetary staff of City Council.

11 Remember each of them as they
12 remember your commandment and their
13 commitment to the least among us.
14 Remember them as they seek to maintain
15 grace, humility, compassion,
16 understanding, and service. Remember
17 them as they remember those beyond these
18 walls who are vulnerable and need support
19 and advocacy. Anoint them afresh, both
20 individually and collectively. Breathe
21 in us your holy spirit to strengthen, to
22 comfort, and to guide as we move further
23 in this day.

24 In Jesus' name we pray. Let
25 everybody say amen.

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2 (Amen.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 Chair thanks Reverend for her invocation.
5 Council will be at ease.

6 (Council at ease.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you. I would ask if everyone
9 please turn off their cell phones or turn
10 them on vibrate or, better yet, put them
11 in the hallway.

12 The next order of business is
13 the approval of the Journal of the
14 meeting of Monday, January 2nd, 2012.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Jones.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I move that the Journal
19 of the meeting of Monday, January 2nd,
20 2012 be approved.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
23 has been moved and seconded.

24 All in favor?

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 ayes have it. The Journal of the meeting
7 of Monday, January 2nd, 2012 stands
8 approved.

9 The next order of business is
10 requests for leaves of absence.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Jones.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. On behalf of the
15 majority, there are no requests for
16 leaves of absence today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chair thanks the gentleman.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:
22 Mr. President, on behalf of the
23 republicans, there are no requests for
24 leave of absence.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 Chair thanks the gentleman.

3 The Chair will dispense with
4 the regular order of business to
5 recognize the guests and the visitors
6 joining us in the Chambers this morning.

7 On behalf of all members of Council, I
8 welcome you to our Council session. We
9 appreciate your taking the time to join
10 us as we attend to the legislative
11 affairs of our wonderful city. We
12 certainly invite you to come again.

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

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 read the messages.

19 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
20 and members of the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith
22 for the introduction and consideration of
23 your honorable body an Ordinance
24 authorizing the revision of lines and
25 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 308

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2 by striking from the City Plan and
3 vacating Spruce Street from 25th Street
4 to the Pierhead and Bulkhead Line of the
5 Schuylkill River; and

6 Also an Ordinance authorizing
7 the revision of lines and grades on a
8 portion of City Plan Nos. 347 and 350 by
9 striking from the City Plan Strahle
10 Street from Pine Road to the Philadelphia
11 and Montgomery County Line; and

12 An Ordinance amending Section 2
13 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 070504),
14 entitled "An Ordinance authorizing and
15 directing the revision of lines and
16 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 197
17 by striking from the City Plan and
18 vacating the legally open portions of
19 Casper Street from Tioga Street to
20 Russell Street," by extending the period
21 for compliance with the terms and
22 conditions stated therein, all under
23 certain terms and conditions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you. The messages will be printed

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2 in the Journal.

3 The Chief Clerk will please
4 read any other communications in his
5 possession.

6 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
7 Mr. President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Thank you, sir.

10 The next order of business is
11 the introduction of bills and
12 resolutions.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. On behalf of myself and
17 Councilman Henon, I offer one resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution
23 authorizing the Committee on Commerce and
24 Economic Development to hold public
25 hearings investigating the feasibility,

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2 advantages and legal measures required to
3 establish a special purpose zone in one
4 or more struggling neighborhoods to spur
5 economic development.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Councilman, you would prefer that to lay
8 over a week?

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes,
10 Mr. President. Let it lay over a week.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you.

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

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Greenlee.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
3 you, Mr. President. I have no bills or
4 resolutions today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
6 Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Henon.

9 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. I have two bills and one
11 resolution co-sponsored by Councilman Oh.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you.

14 The Clerk will please read the
15 title of the bills.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
17 amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill
18 No. 070504) approved July 3, 2007,
19 entitled "An Ordinance authorizing and
20 directing the revision of lines and
21 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 197
22 by striking from the City Plan and
23 vacating the legally open portions of
24 Casper Street from Tioga Street to
25 Russell Street."

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 bill will be referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
6 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
7 changing the zoning designations of
8 certain areas of land located within an
9 area bounded by Torresdale Avenue,
10 Megargee Street, Cottage Street, Placid
11 Street, Frankford Avenue, and Tulbut
12 Street.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
14 bill will be referred to the appropriate
15 committee.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
17 authorizing City Council's Committee on
18 Technology and Information Services to
19 hold public hearings for the purpose of
20 determining the current condition of the
21 City's information technology (IT)
22 environment and the Office of Innovation
23 and Technology's plans for improving and
24 supporting the internal requirements of
25 City departments and agencies which will

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2 enable the public and City agencies to
3 interact efficiently, creatively, and
4 transparently.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
6 resolution will be referred to the
7 appropriate committee. Thank you.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO:
11 Mr. President, I offer two resolutions
12 and one bill.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
18 establishing a no truck parking
19 regulation on Front Street, from 65th
20 Avenue to Godfrey Avenue, both sides.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
22 bill will be referred to the appropriate
23 committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
25 Recognizing and Honoring Author Sonia

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2 Sanchez as the First Poet Laureate of the
3 City of Philadelphia.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0:
5 Mr. President, I ask that the bill be
6 considered at the end of the day's
7 Calendar.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Thank you. That resolution will be
10 considered at the end of today's
11 Calendar.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution,
13 a privileged resolution, Recognizing and
14 Honoring Dr. Robert R. Jennings as the
15 Thirteenth President of Lincoln
16 University.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move
18 that the resolution be heard at the end
19 of the day's Calendar.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
21 resolution will be placed at the end of
22 today's Calendar.

23 Councilman Johnson.

24 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I have no
25 bills, Mr. President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 Councilwoman Sanchez.

5 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
6 you, Mr. President. I have four
7 resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you.

10 The Clerk will please read the
11 title of the resolutions.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution
13 authorizing the Council Committee on
14 Education to conduct hearings to examine
15 the Philadelphia School District's
16 discipline policy and recent report "Zero
17 Tolerance in Philadelphia" by the
18 Advancement Project and Youth United for
19 Change, which documents the negative and
20 disproportionate effect of zero tolerance
21 discipline policies on poor and minority
22 students.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
24 resolution will be referred to the
25 appropriate committee.

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2 Please read the next title.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
4 calling on the Federal Taskforce of 50
5 States Attorney General's negotiating a
6 settlement with major banks relating to
7 the mortgage crisis, not to offer any
8 settlement that would grant banks
9 immunity to further prosecution, and
10 preserve each States right to pursue
11 legal action on the broader issues of
12 mortgage abuse.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you. That resolution will be
15 placed on the Calendar for next week.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
17 urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly
18 to reject House Bill 2029 as unnecessary
19 and inconsistent with our core
20 constitutional principles, and affirming
21 that the Council of the City of
22 Philadelphia welcomes all religious
23 beliefs, traditions and heritages, and
24 has full confidence in the U.S.
25 Constitution and the laws of the state of

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2 Pennsylvania and does not entertain any
3 concern that any foreign or religious law
4 offers a threat to the law of the land.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
6 resolution will be placed on today's
7 Final Passage Calendar.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the
11 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
12 Philadelphia, without consideration,
13 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
14 title to certain City-owned lots or
15 pieces of ground with the buildings and
16 improvements thereon, situate in the
17 Nineteenth and Thirty-Sixth Wards of the
18 City of Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
20 bill will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee. Thank you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Green.

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
25 Mr. President. I introduce one bill on

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2 your behalf creating an Asset Sales
3 Optimization Fund, with 16 total
4 sponsors. I introduce five bills and two
5 resolutions, one of which is on your
6 behalf.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you.

9 The Clerk will please read the
10 title of the bills.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
12 providing for the submission to the
13 qualified electors of the City of
14 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
15 a Resolution approved by Council
16 proposing an amendment of The
17 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing
18 for a mandatory Asset Sales Optimization
19 Fund.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
21 bill will be referred to the appropriate
22 committee.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
24 amending Chapters 19-2600, 19-1500, and
25 19-2800 of The Philadelphia Code,

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2 entitled, respectively, "Business
3 Privilege Taxes," "Wage and Net Profits
4 Tax," and "Pennsylvania Intergovernmental
5 Cooperation Authority Tax on Wages and
6 Net Profits," by providing certain
7 exclusions and revising certain
8 definitions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
10 bill will be referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
13 amending Chapter 17-1000 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Employment
15 of Low-Income and Moderate-Income Persons
16 by City Contracts," to require that a
17 certain percentage of work hours
18 performed under certain public
19 construction and non-professional
20 services contracts be performed by
21 available City resident workers, and that
22 businesses entering into such contracts
23 submit an employment plan and report on
24 workforce compliance.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That

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2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
5 amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia
6 Code, entitled "Contracts and
7 Procurement," by adding a new Chapter,
8 entitled "First Source Jobs Policy,"
9 requiring the creation of a registry of
10 City residents for the purpose of
11 employment referral and further requiring
12 that the Beneficiaries of certain City
13 Financial Assistance use such registry as
14 the first source for all hiring related
15 to any new, entry-level job created as a
16 result of such Financial Assistance.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
18 bill will be referred to the appropriate
19 committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
21 providing for the submission to the
22 qualified electors of the City of
23 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
24 a Resolution approved by Council
25 proposing an amendment to The

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2 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
3 for City Council's power to require
4 certain City contractors and recipients
5 of financial assistance to employ a
6 specified percentage of City residents to
7 perform work on such contracts.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
9 bill will be referred to the appropriate
10 committee.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
12 amending Section 17-109 of The
13 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Local
14 Bidding Preferences," by revising the
15 process for certifying Local Business
16 Entities; requiring targeted goals to
17 increase Local Business Entity
18 participation in both competitively bid
19 and non-competitively bid contracts; and
20 requiring reporting on such goals in the
21 Annual Report.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
23 bill will be referred to the appropriate
24 committee.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution

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2 proposing an amendment to The
3 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing
4 for a mandatory Asset Sales Optimization
5 Fund, and providing for the submission of
6 the amendment to the electors of
7 Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
9 resolution will be referred to the
10 appropriate committee.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
12 providing an amendment to The
13 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating
14 to the employment of City residents by
15 certain City contractors and recipients
16 of City financial assistance, and
17 providing for the submission of the
18 amendment to the electors of
19 Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
21 resolution will be referred to the
22 appropriate committee. Thank you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 O'Brien.

25 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. I have one resolution and
3 I respectfully request that it be held
4 over.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you.

7 The Clerk will please read the
8 title of the resolution.

9 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution
10 recognizing April 2012 as Autism
11 Awareness Month in honor of the
12 individuals diagnosed and living with
13 Autism along with their caregivers and
14 families.

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I offer two bills and one
23 resolution.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you.

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2 The Clerk will please read the
3 title of the bills.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
5 amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business
7 Income and Receipts Taxes," by revising
8 the "Special Tax Credit Opportunity for
9 Job Creation."

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
11 bill will be referred to the appropriate
12 committee.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
14 amending Chapter 17-1600 of The
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Economic
16 Opportunity Plans," by enacting a new
17 Section 17-1607, entitled "Economic
18 Opportunity Review Committee."

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
20 bill will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
23 authorizing the Committee on Commerce and
24 Economic Development to hold hearings to
25 review the annual City contract

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2 participation goals released by the
3 Finance Department pursuant to Title 17
4 of the Philadelphia Code.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
6 resolution will be referred to the
7 appropriate committee. Thank you.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
11 morning, Mr. President. I offer one bill
12 co-sponsored by Majority Leader Jones,
13 one resolution on your behalf and two
14 privileged resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
20 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia
21 Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses,
22 Trades and Professions," to provide for
23 the sale of liquor and malt or brewed
24 beverages until 3:00 a.m. by certain or
25 all liquor licensees.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
3 bill will be referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
6 Resolution honoring the African American
7 Children's Book Project on the occasion
8 of the 20th Annual African American
9 Children's Book Fair.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
11 resolution will be placed on today's
12 Final Passage Calendar.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
14 Resolution recognizing January as
15 "National Human Trafficking Awareness
16 Month" in Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
18 resolution will be placed on today's
19 Final Passage Calendar.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN:
21 Mr. President, I might add that that
22 resolution was co-sponsored by members
23 Councilman Jim Kenney, Councilwoman Tasco
24 and Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And
4 Councilwoman Bass.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
6 Thank you.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
8 appointing Councilmembers Marian Tasco
9 and Curtis Jones, Jr. to the Philadelphia
10 Gas Commission.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Jones.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. Today I offer six bills,
19 four on your behalf; four resolutions,
20 one on your behalf, and I wish to be
21 recognized after the title of the
22 resolution initiating action on
23 establishing the North Central
24 Neighborhood Improvement District as read
25 for a motion on that resolution.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 read the title of the bills.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance to
7 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
8 changing the zoning designations of
9 certain areas of land located within an
10 area bounded by Broad Street, Master
11 Street, Carlisle Street, and Thompson
12 Street.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
14 bill will be referred to the appropriate
15 committee.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
17 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
18 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," and
19 Title 16 of The Philadelphia Code,
20 entitled "Public Property," to provide
21 for a comprehensive plan for the
22 placement of advertising on municipal
23 property.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
25 bill will be referred to the appropriate

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2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
4 amending Chapter 10-1200 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Posting of
6 Signs," by allowing the posting of
7 temporary signs on utility poles and
8 streetlights in certain permitted areas.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
10 bill will be referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
13 naming and designated the "Robin Hood
14 Dell East" located at Ridge Avenue and
15 Huntingdon Drive as the "Georgie Woods
16 Entertainment Center."

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
18 bill will be placed on the appropriate
19 committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
21 amending Chapter 16-400, entitled "Vacant
22 and Surplus Properties" of The
23 Philadelphia Code, to establish
24 Development Districts wherein City-owned
25 real estate may be transferred to the

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2 Redevelopment Authority of Philadelphia
3 for further transfer, at a discount, for
4 economic development purposes.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
6 bill will be referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
9 establishing a neighborhood improvement
10 district in an area that generally
11 includes the areas roughly bounded by:
12 York Street, Carlisle Street, Girard
13 Avenue and 19th Street; and York Street,
14 the SEPTA Regional Rail Tracks,
15 Susquehanna Avenue and Watts Street; and
16 The Diamond Green, Kardon Atlantic,
17 University Village and Wanamaker School
18 Developments, to be known as the North
19 Central Neighborhood Improvement
20 District.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
22 bill will be referred to the appropriate
23 committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
25 Resolution acknowledging January 2012, as

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2 "National Mentoring Month" on their 11th
3 anniversary, and proclaiming January 26,
4 2012 as "Thank Your Mentor Day" here in
5 Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
7 resolution will be placed on today's
8 Final Passage Calendar.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
10 urging the Pennsylvania Department of
11 Public Welfare State to reconsider its
12 proposed asset test in order for needy
13 Pennsylvanians to receive benefits under
14 the Supplement Nutrition Assistance
15 Program.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
17 sorry. Would the Clerk please read that
18 title again.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
20 urging the Pennsylvania Department of
21 Public Welfare State to reconsider its
22 proposed asset test in order for needy
23 Pennsylvanians to receive benefits under
24 the Supplement Nutrition Assistance
25 Program.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 resolution will be placed on today's
4 Final Passage Calendar.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
6 authorizing Council's Committee on Public
7 Safety and Committee on Housing,
8 Neighborhood Development and the Homeless
9 to hold joint hearings on the City and
10 State's preparedness for the influx of
11 returning veterans from war, including
12 Iraq and Afghanistan.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
14 resolution will be referred to the
15 appropriate committee.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
17 initiating action to establish a
18 neighborhood improvement district in an
19 area that generally includes the areas
20 roughly bounded by: York Street,
21 Carlisle Street, Girard Avenue and 19th
22 Street; and York Street, the SEPTA
23 Regional Rail Tracks, Susquehanna Avenue
24 and Watts Street; and The Diamond Green,
25 Kardon Atlantic, University Village and

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2 Wanamaker School developments, to be
3 known as the North Central Neighborhood
4 Improvement District.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
6 resolution will be referred to the
7 appropriate committee.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
11 Mr. President. I move that the rules of
12 Council be suspended to permit
13 consideration of the resolution on
14 today's Final Passage Calendar.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
17 been moved and seconded.

18 All in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 ayes have it. That resolution will be
25 placed on today's Final Passage Calendar.

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2 Thank you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

6 Mr. President, I offer two bills.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you.

9 The Clerk will please read the
10 title of the bills.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
12 authorizing the revision of lines and
13 grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 347
14 and 350 by striking from the City Plan
15 Strahle Street from Pine Road to the
16 Philadelphia and Montgomery County Line.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
18 bill will be referred to the appropriate
19 committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
21 repealing Bill No. 070955-AA (approved
22 December 21, 2007), entitled "An
23 Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
24 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
25 designations of certain areas of land

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2 located within an area bounded by
3 Burholme Avenue, Napfle Avenue, Burholme
4 Avenue, Hartel Avenue, Hasbrook Avenue,
5 Central Avenue, Cottman Avenue, Fillmore
6 Avenue and Shelmire Avenue (Extended)."

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
8 bill will be referred to the appropriate
9 committee. Thank you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Squilla.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
13 Mr. President, I'd like to offer two
14 bills, one co-sponsored by Councilman
15 Johnson.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Thank you.

18 The Clerk will please read the
19 title of the bills.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
21 amending the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
22 changing the zoning designations of
23 certain areas of land located within an
24 area bounded by Chestnut Street, 2nd
25 Street, Walnut Street and 3rd Street.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
3 bill will be referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an Ordinance
6 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
7 changing the zoning designations of
8 certain areas of land located within an
9 area bounded by Snyder Avenue, the
10 Delaware River, Pattison Avenue and the
11 Delaware Expressway.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
13 bill will be referred to the appropriate
14 committee. Thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Bass.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I have two resolutions,
19 one privileged for consideration today
20 and one non-privileged. Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
24 Resolution recognizing Cooperatives'
25 Contributions to Economic and Social

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2 Development during the International Year
3 of Cooperatives.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
5 resolution will be placed on today's
6 Final Passage Calendar.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
8 calling on the Philadelphia City Council
9 Committee on Parks, Recreation and
10 Cultural Affairs to hold public hearings
11 to determine and identify Parks and
12 Recreation Department resources, along
13 with other city departments' programming,
14 universities, cultural institutions,
15 social and non-profit organizations
16 focused on youth.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
18 resolution will be referred to the
19 appropriate committee. Thank you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Oh.

22 COUNCILMAN OH: Good morning,
23 Mr. President. I have no bills or
24 resolutions to offer. Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I

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2 didn't quite know where you were, sir.

3 Thank you. Thank you so much.

4 There being no reports from
5 committees today, the next order of
6 business is the consideration of the
7 Calendar. As there are no bills on the
8 First Reading Calendar, the Chair now
9 recognizes Councilman Jones for the
10 purpose of calling up bills and
11 resolutions on the Second Reading and
12 Final Passage Calendar.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. The following resolution
15 is being called up for Second Reading and
16 Final Passage Calendars today: No.
17 120001. There are no other bills or
18 resolutions on Second Reading and Final
19 Passage Calendar for today.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you.

22 Before considering this
23 resolution, we will consider public
24 comment as follows: Your public comment
25 must concern matters of the Second

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2 Reading and Final Passage Calendars for
3 possible action at today's Council
4 session. All speakers must sign up in
5 order to testify. If you have not
6 already signed up for today's session,
7 please do so by giving your name to the
8 Sergeant-At-Arms at the table at my left.

9 You will be called in the order
10 in which your name appears on the sign-up
11 sheet. You will have up to three minutes
12 to speak.

13 I want to say one thing. In
14 order to be fair to all those wishing to
15 speak, I intend to hold faithfully to the
16 three-minute limit. When you begin
17 speaking, you will see a green light on
18 the podium. When there are 30 seconds
19 remaining to your time, the light will
20 turn yellow, which is your reminder to
21 conclude your remarks. Once three
22 minutes have passed, the light will turn
23 red and the Sergeant-At-Arms will
24 disconnect the microphone. At that time,
25 please yield the podium to the next

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2 speaker if you have not already done so.

3 I also reserve the right, pursuant to our
4 rules of Council, to limit repetitious
5 comments on the same matter.

6 I would ask that the Chief
7 Clerk please read the name of our first
8 speaker.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Sillar,
10 commenting on Resolution 120001.

11 (Witness approached podium.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you. Come to the microphone, give
14 your comments, sir.

15 MR. SILLAR: My name is Robert
16 Sillar. I live on Kendrick Street in the
17 Northeast, and I want to comment on this
18 resolution, specifically Subsection 16.

19 As you recall, last year the
20 City lost a lawsuit which required you to
21 allow public comment at the full City
22 Council meetings. You then quickly
23 adopted a resolution that restricted
24 public comment only to the issues that
25 the City Council had brought forth and

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2 was considering. I oppose this because
3 it doesn't allow citizens the ability to
4 address the City Council on issues that
5 are of concern to them.

6 For example, these types of
7 restrictions don't allow citizens to come
8 forward and address concerns about
9 misrepresentations by the now City
10 Council President when he writes articles
11 or that articles go in the paper on
12 November 25th stating such things that
13 he's now in agreement or that the Police
14 Department and the DA's Office are going
15 to begin enforcing the gun ordinance,
16 when the fact is that's not true. It's a
17 fabrication and a lie.

18 Unfortunately, when you try to
19 address these matters with the individual
20 Councilmembers, they can hide behind
21 their staffers and don't have to have
22 that addressed to them. These types of
23 restrictions prevent citizens from coming
24 forward and addressing City Council.

25 When people from City Council

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2 make statements to the press or they're
3 out in the media, they speak on behalf of
4 all of City Council. If they hide in
5 their offices, citizens need to be able
6 to address City Council in its entirety.

7 I oppose that amendment or that
8 section. Public comment should be
9 permitted for any issue that is of
10 concern to any citizen of this city.
11 Remember, you represent our interests.
12 We don't represent yours.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you so much for your comment. And
16 I must say it was a pretty creative way
17 of getting the issue about the Florida
18 gun loophole in today's agenda. Thank
19 you.

20 I would ask that the Chief
21 Clerk please read the name of our next
22 speaker.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Sandra Stewart,
24 commenting on Resolution 120001.

25 (Witness approached podium.)

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2 MS. STEWART: Hi. Good
3 morning --

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
5 morning.

6 MS. STEWART: -- newly elected
7 Council President. Congratulations to
8 you, sir.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you so much.

11 MS. STEWART: And good morning,
12 members of Council.

13 On this bill, I did not see the
14 Reynolds Brown bill that I wanted to
15 comment on. As far as the bill that
16 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown is proposing
17 to keep the bars open until 3:00 a.m.,
18 this issue, in my opinion, goes to public
19 safety, and in my district, District 6,
20 that Councilman Henon now represents, we
21 have --

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Ma'am, could I interrupt you for one
24 second?

25 MS. STEWART: Sure.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
3 I'm actually going to let you speak,
4 although you're not speaking on the
5 subject matter.

6 I just want to make sure you
7 understand the rules, that the subject
8 matter must be on the Final Calendar.
9 But you're here, we only have three
10 people today to speak, so --

11 MS. STEWART: Right, and I also
12 went online to get the agenda and the
13 agenda was not online. So I'm taking a
14 shot in the dark. I appreciate you
15 working with me on that.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: No
17 problem.

18 MS. STEWART: I also found it
19 interesting online, it hasn't been
20 updated with the newly elected
21 Councilmembers either, so you might want
22 to look into that.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 We're working on that.

25 MS. STEWART: But thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 We're working on that.

4 MS. STEWART: I just wanted to
5 say we had another Philadelphia citizen
6 shot and killed on Frankford Avenue at a
7 Family Dollar store just within the last
8 24 hours. And although I support, of
9 course, Councilman Jones' commitment to
10 finding new ideas to increase the revenue
11 for the City, this bill, if you do not
12 allocate it specifically to the
13 entertainment district in the Center City
14 portions of Philadelphia, you will again
15 wreak havoc not just in my district, but
16 in the family communities of Northeast
17 Philadelphia that do not need bars open
18 until 3:00 a.m.

19 I implore every City
20 Councilmember to at least specify the
21 areas in the City that will be affected
22 by the bill, should you choose to enact
23 it, and keep it in the entertainment
24 district solely.

25 And then as far as Councilman

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2 Greenlee's bill, I implore all of you
3 City Councilmembers to start this year
4 off right and put public safety in terms
5 of the Philadelphia Fire Department that
6 is being beat over the head in terms of
7 brownouts and the Philadelphia Police
8 Department that is also -- basically has
9 their hands tied, I urge all of you to
10 put that at the top of your agenda.

11 The safety of all Philadelphia
12 citizens ought to be foremost on all of
13 your minds. Public safety is the most
14 important thing.

15 Thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Thank you, ma'am. Thank you.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Bob Noble.

19 (Witness approached podium.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
21 morning.

22 MR. NOBLE: Thank you,
23 Mr. President and Councilpeople and the
24 public here. I'm here to speak on behalf
25 of Councilwoman Bass' resolution

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2 supporting cooperative businesses in
3 their development for community and
4 economic help in underserved communities
5 in Philadelphia.

6 Two years ago, the United
7 Nations declared --

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Sir -- Councilwoman, you just introduced
10 that resolution today?

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Yes.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
13 right. Did you understand the ruling
14 that until that is actually on the
15 Calendar, the Final Passage and Second
16 Reading, that you're not authorized to
17 speak under the new Council rules?

18 MR. NOBLE: I understood it was
19 going to be today.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'll
21 blame it on the fact that you didn't
22 know. You're here. You came down to our
23 wonderful Council session, so please
24 continue.

25 MR. NOBLE: I'll be brief.

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2 United Nations declared 2012 as
3 the International Year of Cooperatives,
4 with the theme that cooperative
5 enterprises make a better world.

6 Here in Philadelphia, we have
7 quite a few co-ops, and there's a new
8 organization called the Philadelphia
9 Cooperative Alliance, which has worked
10 with Councilwoman Bass to bring this
11 resolution before Council. We hope you
12 support it. I come from Weavers Way
13 co-op in West Philadelphia where we have
14 two stores, 130 employees, and it is
15 owned equally and democratically by
16 4,900-member households in the City.
17 There's another food co-op in West
18 Philadelphia called Mariposa on Baltimore
19 Avenue, and there's two more new start-up
20 efforts that will open retail stores in
21 Kensington and South Philadelphia within
22 the next two years. There are other
23 types of co-ops in the City, housing
24 co-ops, worker co-ops, and financial
25 co-ops that we call credit unions.

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2 So we please encourage your
3 support and we look forward to working
4 with you in the future.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you. Sir, I would like to
8 apologize to you. That is on today's
9 Calendar. First day mistake. Thank you.

10 Is there anyone else who has
11 signed up to provide public comment on
12 today's agenda?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Seeing none, this concludes today's
16 public comment period.

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

20 The Clerk will please read the
21 title of Resolution No. 120001.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution to
23 provide Rules for the Government of the
24 Council of the City of Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Greenlee for a motion on the resolution.

5 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
6 you, Mr. President. I move the adoption
7 of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

19 The Clerk will please read any
20 other additional resolutions on today's
21 Calendar.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution
23 Recognizing and Honoring Author Sonia
24 Sanchez as the First Poet Laureate of the
25 City of Philadelphia, introduced by

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2 Councilwoman Tasco.

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

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
7 been moved and seconded.

8 All in favor?

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Those opposed?

12 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: No.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
17 Recognizing and Honoring Dr. Robert R.
18 Jennings as the Thirteenth President of
19 Lincoln University.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
21 the adoption.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
24 been moved and seconded.

25 All in favor?

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
9 honoring the African American Children's
10 Book Project on the occasion of the 20th
11 Annual African American Children's Book
12 Fair, introduced by Councilwoman Reynolds
13 Brown.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
17 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
20 been moved and seconded.

21 Those in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 recognizing January as "National Human
6 Trafficking Awareness Month" in
7 Philadelphia, introduced by Councilwoman
8 Reynolds Brown.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
15 been moved and seconded.

16 Those in favor?

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
22 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution
24 acknowledging January 2012, as "National
25 Mentoring Month" on their 11th

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2 anniversary, and proclaiming January 26,
3 2012 as "Thank Your Mentor Day" here in
4 Philadelphia, introduced by Councilman
5 Jones.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Councilman Jones.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
12 been moved and seconded.

13 Those in favor?

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 initiating action to establish a
22 neighborhood improvement district in an
23 area that generally includes the areas
24 roughly bounded by: York Street,
25 Carlisle Street, Girard Avenue and 19th

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2 Street; and York Street, the SEPTA
3 Regional Rail Tracks, Susquehanna Avenue
4 and Watts Street; and The Diamond Green,
5 Kardon Atlantic, University Village and
6 Wanamaker School developments, to be
7 known as the North Central Neighborhood
8 Improvement District, introduced by
9 Councilman Jones for Council President
10 Clarke.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
17 been moved and seconded.

18 Those in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a Resolution

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2 recognizing Cooperatives' Contributions
3 to Economic and Social Development during
4 the International Year of Cooperatives,
5 introduced by Councilwoman Bass.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.
9 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
12 been moved and seconded.

13 Those in favor?

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

20 (Applause.)

21 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
22 other resolutions on the Final Passage
23 Calendar for consideration, Mr.
24 President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 That completes our Calendar for
4 today.

5 Are there any speeches on the
6 part of the minority?

7 (No response.)

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

11 Councilman Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES:

13 Mr. President, I would have been remiss
14 not to start your first day without a
15 speech of the majority, but I will
16 promise you that I will say less by
17 saying -- say more by saying less. So
18 this won't be every day, every session.

19 But I would be remiss to not
20 acknowledge that the Mayor is about to
21 embark upon an important initiative to
22 establish a public safety agenda. As
23 Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I
24 commend him for beginning that process.
25 I look forward to our body working with

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2 the Administration to make every part of
3 the 134 miles that the City has to offer
4 as safe as Center City.

5 The salient count in a tier is
6 9 percent. Whether it's in Frankford,
7 West Philadelphia, South Philadelphia or
8 the Far Northeast, tiers and safety are
9 important everywhere.

10 So as we begin to develop that
11 public safety agenda, we will work in
12 cooperation, Mr. President, with the
13 Administration to make sure that every
14 aspect of our city is taken care of
15 within the limited resources that we
16 have. We look forward to working with
17 the Mayor. We are proud that he has
18 taken a proactive step to deal with the
19 31 murders in 25 days that this city has
20 had to deal with.

21 So we look forward to working
22 with him. This body stands ready to
23 cooperate, and today at 2 o'clock we look
24 forward to what he has to offer.

25 Thank you, Mr. President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you, Councilman.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
8 Mr. President. I'd just like to welcome
9 all the new members to City Council and
10 hope they enjoy their term here. We're
11 looking forward to working with them.
12 And as you know, on the day that we were
13 inaugurated at the Academy of Music, I
14 was to present flowers to Mrs. Nutter and
15 Lisa, but unfortunately they weren't
16 there. But I want the Councilmembers to
17 know I got a thank you note from
18 Mrs. Nutter and Lisa. The flowers were
19 delivered to them on behalf of City
20 Council.

21 Thank you very much.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you, Councilwoman.

24 Before we call for an
25 adjournment, I have two things. He snuck

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2 out of the room. I just wanted to say
3 happy birthday to Mike Decker. Is he
4 still here? Our great Chief Clerk,
5 Michael Decker.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you, Mike.

9 And I'd also like to say I just
10 want to thank all of you, all of my
11 colleagues, for the wonderful support --
12 I'm sorry, Councilman Green. I have to
13 get used to checking all aspects of this
14 podium.

15 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. Congratulations on your
17 first presiding over City Council in this
18 great Chamber.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I want to
22 congratulate my colleague, Maria
23 Quinones-Sanchez, and her co-sponsors of
24 a bill that basically took manufacturing
25 and made it very important in the City of

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2 Philadelphia.

3 In the City of Philadelphia
4 last year, we said we had to level the
5 playing field for our manufacturers and
6 that we had to make it possible for them
7 to compete on a completely level playing
8 field between Philadelphia and the
9 surrounding counties. At the State of
10 the Union Address the other day,
11 President Obama, without mentioning
12 Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez,
13 adopted the same policy for the United
14 States of America, and I want to
15 congratulate her and all of those who
16 were responsible for getting that bill
17 passed today.

18 But on a serious level, what
19 the President talked about and in our
20 discussion of crime, the most important
21 thing that we can do is create jobs. The
22 biggest public safety effort possible is
23 to give someone a J-O-B, and that is what
24 we are focused on here in City Council.
25 We have introduced legislation today to

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2 do that. We are passing out a news
3 release from the Bureau of Labor
4 Statistics that shows that the City of
5 Philadelphia has a 10.9 percent
6 unemployment rate, while areas
7 surrounding us have between a 7 and 5.9
8 percent unemployment rate.

9 We need to create jobs. That
10 involves totally redoing our tax
11 structure and it involves spending City
12 dollars on Philadelphia residents when
13 possible.

14 Thank you, Mr. President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you, Councilman. I concur.

17 Councilwoman Sanchez.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
19 you. I want to also congratulate you on
20 the orderly fashion in which we're
21 conducting business this morning, but I
22 want us to focus our attention a little
23 bit about what's going on in Harrisburg
24 and the chaotic nature of the discussion.
25 We have voter ID discussion happening in

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2 Harrisburg, which would severely impede
3 the ability of minorities and seniors to
4 vote. We have the asset testing on food
5 stamps, which would devastate not only in
6 Philadelphia for the folks who need that
7 and who that serves as a safety net, but
8 the economy in Pennsylvania because of
9 our large agriculture sector. And then
10 yesterday the redistricting with the
11 Supreme Court.

12 So I'm going to ask my new
13 colleagues who have joined us from
14 Harrisburg to please help us put some
15 sanity in Harrisburg, because
16 Philadelphia, we got our stuff in order,
17 but Harrisburg needs some help.

18 So thank you, Mr. President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you. And, again, I concur.

21 Okay. No other speeches?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

24 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blondell
25 Reynolds Brown for a motion to adjourn.

1 1/26/12 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I thank
3 you, Mr. President. I also would be
4 remiss not to first congratulate our new
5 colleagues, to welcome them to these
6 proceedings in this their first Council
7 session of this year, and to encourage
8 them to lean on the leadership caucus,
9 because what we all know is that their
10 success is tied to the success of this
11 legislative body.

12 Mr. President, I move that the
13 next Council -- that Council stand
14 adjourned until Thursday, February 2nd,
15 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you. It has been moved and
19 seconded Council stand adjourned until
20 Thursday, February 2nd, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

21 All in favor say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it. Council is adjourned.

4 Thank you very much.

5 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
6 11:00 a.m.)

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