

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, October 4, 2012
10:30 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 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

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morning, everyone.

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(Good morning.)

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I

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will ask that the guests and visitors

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please retire behind the rail and ask

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Councilmembers to please take their

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seats.

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It is clear we have established

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a quorum. Council will come to order.

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To give our invocation this

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morning, the Chair recognizes Dr. Wilson

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Goode, Sr.

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(Standing ovation.)

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And,

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Dr. Goode, you don't mind, as always, I

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always still call you Mayor.

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Dr. Goode is the Associate

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Minister of First Baptist Church of

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Paschall. He is here today as the guest

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of obviously Councilman W. Wilson Goode,

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Jr.

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Dr. Goode.

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Everyone rise.

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2 (Members and guests rise.)

3 REVEREND DR. GOODE: Let us bow
4 our heads, please.

5 Dear God, we are so glad that
6 we can come to you both in times of need
7 and times of thanksgiving.

8 We come first this morning in
9 times of thanksgiving. We give thanks
10 for these talented men and women you've
11 set apart to help govern this city. We
12 thank you for the unique gifts you've
13 given each of them and the unselfish
14 manner in which they carry out their
15 responsibilities.

16 So we come also in a time of
17 need. Too many black men and boys dying
18 and fewer people seem to care. Too many
19 black boys dropping out of school. Too
20 many children going to bed hungry and
21 waking up hungry in the morning. Too
22 many families in homeless shelters. Too
23 many citizens in prison.

24 So, God, this is my prayer,
25 that these men and women you have set

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2 aside and apart become not accumulators
3 of wealth but distributors of resources
4 to those who need it the most, that they
5 will seek fairness and justice for all.
6 They will seek a level playing field for
7 all in this city.

8 Well, God, if we could close
9 this way. We started by simply thanking
10 you for your unselfish, incredible love
11 that you have for us. We thank you for
12 your forgiving spirit. So, God, we ask
13 you now to bless this city. Give those
14 here and elsewhere the vision to see us
15 to a better future and a better day.
16 Guard those who lead with wisdom and
17 discernment. Grant them direction.
18 Teach them to know right from wrong and
19 always do what is right.

20 God, we don't want to worry you
21 anymore. You know exactly what we need.
22 So we just ask you to do what only you
23 can do. Bless them that are here. Bless
24 this city. Encourage those who lead in
25 this Council that they may empower those

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2 who are marginalized, and may we all have
3 love and respect one for another.

4 So, God, we honor you and thank
5 you for all that you do for us. Even
6 when we do things that we don't deserve
7 your forgiveness, you forgive us. We
8 honor you as an awesome God. We honor
9 you as a loving God, and we thank you for
10 just being who you are. And so we
11 magnify your name. We adore your name.
12 We love you.

13 We ask this prayer in the name
14 of Jesus who is the Christ and for his
15 sake.

16 Amen.

17 (Amen.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you, Reverend.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Council will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you so much, Reverend.

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2 The next order of business is
3 the approval of the Journal of the
4 meeting of Thursday, September 27th,
5 2012.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Greenlee.

8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
9 you, Mr. President. I move that the
10 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
11 September 27th, 2012 be approved.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
14 has been moved and properly seconded that
15 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
16 September 27, 2012 stand approved.

17 All in favor say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 ayes have it. The Journal is approved.

24 The next order of business is
25 the request for leaves of absence.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Jones.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES:

5 Mr. President, on behalf of the majority,
6 there are no requests for leaves of
7 absence.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you, Councilman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 O'Neill, leaves of absence on behalf of
12 the minority.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. On behalf of the
15 republicans, leave of absence is
16 requested for Councilman Dennis O'Brien.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you. Leave shall be granted.

19 The Chair will currently
20 dispense with the regular order of
21 business to welcome all guests and
22 visitors today. We hope that your visit
23 today will be one that you will cherish
24 and that you will want to come back very
25 shortly. So, again, thank you, and we

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2 hope you enjoy yourself.

3 I would like at this time to
4 recognize Councilwoman Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you.
6 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. I
7 simply want to give an extra special
8 hello and thank you to the work of the
9 NAACP and the Women's Christian Alliance
10 in their celebration of what has come to
11 be known as the Parent and Family
12 Appreciation Month.

13 I thank you for allowing us to
14 salute them this morning. And, again, we
15 want to say a huge thank you to Quibila
16 Divine and her team of parents who are
17 helping us realize the important value of
18 parents being actively engaged in the
19 academic life of their children.

20 Let's salute them,
21 Mr. President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
23 ask them to please rise.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you so much for your great work.

3 At this time, I would like to
4 recognize Councilman Curtis Jones, who
5 will present a resolution recognizing
6 October 2012 as Crime Prevention Month.

7 Would Police Commissioner
8 Charles Ramsey and those accompanying him
9 please join the Councilman at the podium.

10 We have Councilman Henon,
11 Councilman Johnson, and Councilwoman
12 Tasco joining Councilman Jones, and also
13 Councilman Squilla and Councilwoman
14 Blackwell and Councilman Greenlee.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: This morning
16 I am honored to be joined by Police
17 Commissioner Ramsey to acknowledge Crime
18 Prevention Month, as well as members of
19 the community town watch advisory,
20 concerned citizens, because crime
21 prevention is a verb. It's an action
22 word that takes a team of individuals
23 both from government and from our
24 respective communities that we call home.

25 To that end, we will

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2 acknowledge the month with a resolution
3 recognizing October as "Crime Prevention
4 Month."

5 Whereas, in 1984, the National
6 Crime Prevention Council (NCPC)
7 designated October as Crime Prevention
8 Month; and

9 COUNCILMAN HENON: Whereas,
10 every year then since, government
11 agencies, civic groups, schools,
12 businesses, and youth organizations have
13 reached out to educate the public,
14 showcase their accomplishments, and
15 explore new partnerships during this
16 special month; and

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Whereas,
18 in essence, October has become the
19 official month for recognizing and
20 celebrating the practice of crime
21 prevention, while promoting awareness of
22 important issues such as victimization,
23 volunteerism, and creating safer, more
24 caring communities; and

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas,

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2 the month-long celebration spotlights
3 successful crime prevention efforts on
4 the local, state, and national levels;
5 and

6 Whereas, the efforts throughout
7 the month generate enthusiasm for
8 prevention so it can grow stronger and
9 become more widespread; and

10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Whereas,
11 truly effective prevention requires
12 addressing the causes of crime and
13 reducing opportunities for it to occur.
14 Everyone, no matter what age, position or
15 capacity, can and must take individual
16 action to stop crime; and

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:
18 Whereas, the problem of crime, violence,
19 and drug abuse are best addressed through
20 local action supported by city and state
21 policies; partnerships that actively
22 involve the local police and community
23 residents are the key to preventing
24 crime; and

25 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Whereas,

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2 the National Crime Prevention Council's
3 Annual Crime Prevention Month Kit is full
4 of reproducible brochures, tips, and
5 resources to help you prevent crime and
6 can be found at www.mcgruffstore.org; now
7 therefore

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Resolved, by
9 the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
10 that October 2012 is hereby recognized as
11 Crime Prevention Month.

12 This is authored by myself,
13 Councilwoman Tasco, Councilman Dennis
14 O'Brien, Councilman Squilla, and all
15 members of City Council.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chair recognizes Commissioner Ramsey for
19 remarks, please.

20 Commissioner, recognize you for
21 remarks, please. Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER RAMSEY: Thank
23 you, Mr. President, and I want to thank
24 all the members of City Council for
25 passing this resolution. It means a lot

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2 to all of us here in not only the Police
3 Department but all the citizens and
4 residents of Philadelphia. And I want to
5 thank our town watch partners, all of our
6 community members, everyone who helps us
7 tirelessly fight crime on a regular
8 basis.

9 Ironically, October happens to
10 be one month of the year where some of
11 our highest crime statistics take place.
12 A lot of people look at summer months,
13 but actually October is a month that is
14 consistently high in all kinds of crime.
15 So it's very appropriate that October be
16 the month that we redouble our efforts to
17 prevent crime from occurring in the first
18 place.

19 So thank you all very much.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Council will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you, Commissioner.

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2 At this time, the Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Kenyatta Johnson,
4 who will present a resolution honoring
5 Jeri Lynne Johnson, founder of the Black
6 Pearl Chamber Orchestra.

7 Would Ms. Johnson and those
8 accompanying her please join the
9 Councilman at the podium.

10 And joining Councilman Johnson
11 we have Councilman Goode and Councilwoman
12 Brown and Councilman Squilla and also
13 Councilwoman Bass and Councilwoman Tasco.

14 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Good
15 morning, everyone.

16 (Good morning.)

17 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: How is
18 everybody feeling today? Pretty good?
19 That's good.

20 Today I am proud and honored to
21 have this opportunity to honor a young
22 lady who is a leader in the Philadelphia
23 community, a mentor to young women and
24 young boys, and during this current
25 climate of violence and often misguided

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2 youth, I've always admired her
3 extraordinary talents and leadership in
4 the area of music and also, more
5 importantly, inspiring our young people
6 to go on and do great things.

7 And at this time, I'm going to
8 bring on my colleague, Councilwoman
9 Blondell Reynolds Brown, to offer some
10 kind words as well to our honoree.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you.
12 Thank you. Thank you.

13 Good morning. My heart always
14 gets exceedingly happy when I meet young
15 women like the musician we're going to
16 present this morning who is deeply
17 devoted to their craft. She is an artist
18 in every sense of the word, and for those
19 of us who love the arts, we might say
20 she's an artiste. And literally and
21 figuratively, she stands in a class by
22 herself. She has captured a piece of the
23 music here in town, and I would simply
24 advise all of you to pay a lot of
25 attention, because you haven't heard

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2 anything yet when we think about a young
3 woman who is indeed on the incline of her
4 career and is going to -- has already
5 begun to make a real place in the hearts
6 of other younger women who absolutely
7 love the arts.

8 So pay attention over the next
9 many decades to what she is doing. And
10 it's a thrill that we're saluting her
11 today.

12 I might add that my office
13 actually spotted her five years ago and
14 saluted her as one of the next generation
15 of women leaders who is going to lead
16 this town when it comes to music in ways
17 we've never, ever seen before, and we
18 salute this young lady this morning.

19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: And I
20 don't know if any of you pay attention to
21 some of the events that we host around
22 City Hall this past summer. She was
23 actually outside conducting an orchestra
24 with some young people, and I kind of
25 came out and kind of had an opportunity

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2 to see again firsthand her great work.

3 So at this time, this
4 resolution, honoring, recognizing, and
5 commending Jeri Lynne Johnson, founder of
6 the Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra, for
7 her extraordinary service and dedication
8 as a musician, conductor, and historian.

9 Whereas, Jeri Lynne Johnson
10 began conducting during her doctoral
11 studies in music theory and history at
12 the University of Chicago; and

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Whereas,
14 while a student in Chicago, Ms. Johnson
15 was awarded the 1998 Jorge Mester
16 Conducting Scholarship to attend the
17 Aspen Music Festival; and

18 Whereas, Ms. Johnson's teachers
19 and mentors have included Sir Simon
20 Rattle, Marin Alsop, and Daniel
21 Barenboim; and

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas,
23 Ms. Johnson was engaged by the Chamber
24 Orchestra of Philadelphia to serve as the
25 ensemble's assistant conductor from 2000

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2 to 2004. Her debut at the Kimmel Center
3 for the Performing Arts won high praise
4 from the Philadelphia Inquirer; and

5 Whereas, Ms. Johnson's unique
6 approach to music and her warm embrace of
7 new audiences has set a new standard for
8 creating diversity for orchestral
9 ensembles; and

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
11 in 2005, Ms. Johnson made history as the
12 first African American woman to win an
13 international conducting prize when she
14 was awarded the Taki Concordia Conducting
15 Fellowship; and

16 Whereas, in 2007, Ms. Johnson
17 founded the Black Pearl Chamber
18 Orchestra, the only professional
19 orchestra in the region, and one of the
20 few in the country, to champion ethnic
21 classical music; and

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas, the
23 Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra is
24 dedicated to normalizing diversity in
25 classical music by presenting concerts

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2 and innovative community programs of the
3 highest artistic and educational standard
4 and performed by diverse musicians; and

5 Whereas, Ms. Johnson has been
6 featured in numerous magazines and
7 newspapers as well as television and
8 radio shows including 20/20 and the Tavis
9 Smiley Show. Ms. Johnson was heralded as
10 one of today's leading conductors on the
11 NBC Today Show; and

12 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Whereas,
13 Ms. Johnson has received countless honors
14 and awards including being named a 2011
15 Woman of Distinction by the Philadelphia
16 Business Journal, a Creative Connector by
17 Leadership Philadelphia, 2010 British
18 American Project Fellow, a 2010 Philly
19 360 Creative Ambassador by the Greater
20 Philadelphia Tourism and Marketing
21 Corporation, a 2010 Honoree in Arts and
22 Culture for the Power Shift, and a
23 recipient of the 2009 Leeway
24 Transformation Award; now therefore

25 Resolved, by the Council of the

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2 City of Philadelphia, that we hereby
3 honor, recognize, and commend Jeri Lynne
4 Johnson, founder of the Black Pearl
5 Chamber Orchestra, for her extraordinary
6 service and dedication as a musician,
7 conductor, and historian.

8 And, Jeri Lynne, I just want to
9 present this citation to you officially
10 and say congratulations.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 Chair recognizes Ms. Johnson for remarks.

14 MS. JOHNSON: I want to thank
15 Councilman Kenyatta Johnson and all of
16 the Councilmembers up here for their very
17 lovely remarks. It's always very
18 humbling to hear your accomplishments
19 read out loud.

20 I am so grateful and honored to
21 be here. I would not be here, I have to
22 say, without the work of my wonderful
23 chamber orchestra, who I am here
24 representing as well.

25 I want to say one brief thing

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2 about the education work that we do that
3 is germane to the proceedings that go on
4 here. We teach young people in
5 after-school programs who are often at
6 risk. I teach them how to conduct. And
7 the goal for this program -- we call it
8 orchestrating leadership -- is not to
9 make them world-class musicians as we
10 are, but to teach them the power and the
11 privilege of choice, that they have a
12 responsibility to take action in their
13 lives, to get reengaged in their
14 educations, and to become better
15 citizens. And so classical music through
16 Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra is truly an
17 act of performing the arts that are by
18 the people, of the people, and for the
19 people.

20 And so I am really, really
21 honored to be a part of Black Pearl
22 Chamber Orchestra, to found this great
23 institution, and to work alongside City
24 Council, the School District and to
25 really align the arts with the work that

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2 we all do to improve the lives of
3 children.

4 Thank you so much.

5 Get out and vote, please.

6 Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you.

10 Council will be at ease.

11 MS. JOHNSON: I'm sorry. This
12 is one of those award situations where
13 you forget to thank the people.

14 My mother could not be here,
15 but she's with us. She just had another
16 appointment. My father is here. He's
17 wonderful. We have the same name, by the
18 way, Jerry Johnson. And my brother,
19 Jonathan Johnson, is here as well. I
20 have a wonderfully supportive family and
21 friends and colleagues who are here in
22 this room.

23 Thank you all very much.

24 (Applause.)

25 (Council at ease.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 At this time, the Chair again
5 recognizes Councilman Kenyatta Johnson,
6 who will present a citation recognizing
7 the Friends of Schuylkill Banks.

8 Would Mr. James Price and those
9 accompanying him please join the
10 Councilman at the podium.

11 And the Councilman is joined by
12 Councilman Henon, Councilman Oh,
13 Councilman Squilla, and Councilwoman
14 Bass.

15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Good
16 morning again. At this time, this is an
17 organization in which plays a critical
18 role in my overall health and
19 development. Most of you may or may not
20 know, I'm somewhat of a health buff in
21 terms of my eating habits and also making
22 sure that I maintain my health so I can
23 keep up with this fast-paced position
24 that I have. And so I spend a lot of
25 time on the Schuylkill River Trail. It's

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2 a jewel in the City of Philadelphia. I
3 believe that the Schuylkill River Trail
4 can compete with any other trail
5 throughout this country. I often, with
6 my wife, ride our bike from the beginning
7 of the trail at 25th and Walnut all the
8 way up to Valley Forge, but one time we
9 did it in cars and then I noticed we had
10 to come back. And so I probably won't do
11 that again.

12 But as a State Representative,
13 I remember hosting hearings, and I
14 remember Councilman Jones was just
15 elected and he came down to support all
16 my efforts, because we wanted to bring
17 exposure and, more importantly, funding
18 to the development of the Schuylkill
19 River Trail. And so today I'm honored
20 and privileged and pleased to have this
21 opportunity to present a citation to the
22 Friends of the Schuylkill River Trail.

23 And the citation reads: The
24 Council of the City of Philadelphia is
25 pleased and proud to honor and recognize

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2 the Friends of the Schuylkill Banks for
3 its work to revitalize the Tidal
4 Schuylkill River from the Fairmount Dam
5 to the Delaware River.

6 Whereas, Friends of the
7 Schuylkill Banks was founded in 2010 to
8 provide financial and volunteer support
9 for the Schuylkill River Development
10 Corporation in its mission to revitalize
11 the Tidal Schuylkill River and from the
12 Fairmount Park Dam to the Delaware River;
13 and

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Whereas,
15 Friends of Schuylkill Banks has played a
16 vital role in Philadelphia's park system,
17 the large regional trail network, and the
18 planned east coast greenway connecting
19 Maine to Key West; and

20 Whereas, Friends of Schuylkill
21 Banks focuses on grassroot fundraising
22 efforts and engage current and future
23 users of the banks of the Schuylkill
24 River and utilizes individual
25 contributions to help SRDC improve

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2 maintenance, increase programming, and
3 focus on capital projects, fundraising,
4 and implementation; and

5 COUNCILMAN HENON: Whereas, in
6 2004, a revitalization project along the
7 Schuylkill River brought Fairmount Park's
8 River Drive to the heart of Center City,
9 giving Philadelphia residents the
10 opportunity to enjoy scenic banks of the
11 Schuylkill River; and

12 Whereas, in 2011, the Grays
13 Ferry Crescent opened between 34th Street
14 and Wharton Street, bringing waterfront
15 access to many South and West
16 Philadelphia neighborhoods for the first
17 time, while promoting outdoor activities,
18 exercise, and environmental appreciation;
19 and

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Whereas, in
21 2012, several additional segments and
22 improvement projects are operational,
23 creating further linkages to communities
24 on both sides of the river, increasing
25 residents' access to open space, and

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2 creating more opportunities for active
3 transportation and commuting; and

4 COUNCILMAN OH: Whereas,
5 Friends of Schuylkill Banks' commitment
6 to the revitalization of the Schuylkill
7 River benefits all Philadelphians by
8 providing recreation opportunities and
9 promoting healthy outdoor activities.

10 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Therefore,
11 by virtue of this citation, the Council
12 of the City of Philadelphia does hereby
13 honor and recognize the Friends of the
14 Schuylkill Banks for their outstanding
15 service to the community. With the
16 appreciation for all it does for the
17 City, we extend the sincere respect and
18 admiration of this legislative body.

19 And at this particular time, I
20 want to ask Mr. Price to come up, and I
21 would like to present you this citation
22 on behalf of the City Council of
23 Philadelphia.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 Chair recognizes Mr. Price for remarks.

3 MR. PRICE: Good morning,
4 everyone. My name is James Price. I'm
5 the founder and co-chair of the Friends
6 of Schuylkill Banks. Friends of
7 Schuylkill Banks is an all-volunteer
8 non-profit that acts as an extra
9 fundraising arm for the Schuylkill River
10 Development Corporation.

11 In September of 2010, we had
12 our first fundraiser, recruited 70 people
13 for a beautiful evening and boat cruise
14 out on the river. That night we made our
15 first donation to SRDC for \$500. We've
16 been hard at work ever since, and just
17 last month, we held our Schuylkill
18 Soiree, recruited 250 people, and raised
19 over \$3,500 for the Schuylkill Banks.
20 We're just getting started and we have
21 big plans. FOSB is so grateful to
22 Councilman Johnson for recognizing our
23 efforts.

24 Thank you, Councilman.

25 I want to quickly thank SRDC

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2 President Joe Syrnick behind me. I also
3 want to thank Board Chair Jerry Sweeney.
4 Thank you also to the Friends of
5 Schuylkill Banks Board of Directors and
6 Co-Chair Sydney Waldron.

7 I think it's safe to say all of
8 us have a dream and vision of seeing this
9 trail extend from Locust Street down to
10 South Street, which is already happening
11 right now, onto Bartram's Garden and
12 eventually down to the Delaware River.
13 With all of us working together, along
14 with the continued support of City
15 Council and Mayor Nutter, I know we can
16 realize this dream.

17 Thank you very much.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Council will be at ease.

21 MR. PRICE: I just realized I
22 forgot to thank my mother, Rosalyn Price.

23 I love you, mom.

24 (Council at ease.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And

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2 for our last presentation, at this time
3 I'd like to recognize Councilwoman Jannie
4 Blackwell, who will present a citation
5 recognizing October as Philly Plays
6 Scrabble Month.

7 Would Ms. Marciene Mattleman
8 and those accompanying her please join
9 the Councilwoman at the podium.

10 Councilwoman is joined by
11 Councilwoman Sanchez, Councilman Jones,
12 and also Councilwoman Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
14 you, Mr. President. We're pleased to
15 make this presentation, City Council,
16 City of Philadelphia citation recognizing
17 and declaring October as Philly Plays
18 Scrabble Month.

19 The Council of the City of
20 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to
21 recognize and declare October as Philly
22 Plays Scrabble Month as an annual event
23 in the City of Philadelphia; and

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And
25 whereas, literacy of its citizens is

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2 important to the City of Philadelphia for
3 its workforce, for parents to help their
4 children, and for the City's economic
5 vibrancy; and

6 Whereas, ASAP, also known as
7 After School Activities Partnerships, and
8 the Free Library have shown that literacy
9 is achieved in many diverse ways; and

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Whereas,
11 research has shown that Scrabble expands
12 literacy skills while having fun; and

13 Whereas, during October, adults
14 who love the game of Scrabble are eager
15 to share their skills with young people,
16 either for pleasure or as a competition,
17 can foster learning and create love of
18 words and their meanings; and

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas,
20 those who enjoy playing competitively
21 will have an opportunity to be involved
22 in a non-rated championship match,
23 bringing excitement to the City of
24 Philadelphia; and

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

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2 Therefore, by virtue of this citation,
3 the Council of the City of Philadelphia
4 does hereby recognize and declare October
5 as Philly Plays Scrabble Month as an
6 annual event in the City of Philadelphia.
7 We honor those who highlight and support
8 Scrabble as a means of developing a more
9 literate population, and extend sincere
10 respect and admiration of our legislative
11 body.

12 Thank you, Ms. Mattleman and
13 all concerned.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 Chair recognizes Dr. Mattleman at this
17 time.

18 DR. MATTLEMAN: Thank you. I
19 want to thank Councilwoman Blackwell,
20 Sanchez Quinones, Reynolds Brown, and
21 Curtis Jones for being good enough to
22 recognize this important day, and I'm
23 pleased to see Mayor Goode here. I don't
24 know if he's still here, but he brought
25 me to the whole field of literacy and

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2 City Hall. And yesterday, if you pick up
3 the Daily News today, you'll see that
4 Philly Plays Scrabble started because we
5 had Annette Hall -- Annette John-Hall and
6 Ronnie Polaneczky. Annette John-Hall is
7 from the Inquirer and Ronnie Polaneczky
8 is from the Daily News, and they sparred.
9 And I won't even tell you who won the
10 game, but they kicked off Scrabble. And
11 maybe next year we're going to get Wilson
12 Goode, Jr., who I know is a Scrabble
13 aficionado, to play somebody and we'll
14 see how he does.

15 How many people in here play
16 Scrabble? You know it's good and you
17 know it's important, and it's so
18 important for kids, because it's a
19 wonderful way to improve your literacy
20 skills.

21 It's estimated that 40,000 kids
22 are alone and unsupervised during the
23 afternoon hours 3:00 to 6:00, which
24 police have identified as the most
25 dangerous for young people. And since

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2 2002 when ASAP started, the lives of kids
3 are even worse - more poverty, more
4 crime, more dysfunctional families. Last
5 year's flash mobs and recent shooting
6 incident on the subway bring to light the
7 need for engaging kids in activities in
8 the afternoon to help the activities that
9 help them see their consequences of their
10 actions. Certainly Scrabble and chess,
11 which is important to us as well, and
12 drama and debate all help kids see what's
13 the next move.

14 ASAP serves more than 5,000
15 kids every year in initiatives that are
16 all tied to academic performance. They
17 correlate with what happens in the
18 classroom.

19 We have our directories today.
20 All the Councilpeople got them. These
21 are about a thousand sites in the City
22 that really tell parents and caregivers
23 and youth workers where they can find
24 places that will be safe and sustainable
25 for kids, and that's terribly important.

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2 Philadelphia has a strong
3 Scrabble community. It goes all the way
4 back to 1945. Scrabble started with an
5 unemployed lawyer or accountant, I think,
6 and he was just looking to do something,
7 and it's grown enormously important in
8 the City. And what we do with Philly
9 Plays Scrabble Month is try to get
10 people -- who are you people who play
11 Scrabble -- to do a Scrabble club for
12 kids once a week, because we depend on
13 volunteers such as you.

14 We have with us this morning
15 Justin Ennis, who is our Executive
16 Director; Leah Wright, Scrabble
17 Coordinator; and a new person in town
18 (unintelligible) who is with PNC Bank,
19 who is our program officer. PNC is our
20 lead literacy sponsor.

21 So I want to thank you all and
22 for making sure that kids in the City
23 have a better chance to learn after
24 school.

25 Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Council will be at ease.

7 (Council at ease.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you.

10 The next order of business is
11 communications. The Chair requests that
12 the Sergeant-of-Arms delivers the
13 messages from the Mayor to the Chief
14 Clerk.

15 Mr. Decker, please read the
16 messages from the Mayor.

17 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
18 and members of the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
20 that on September 29, 2012, I signed the
21 following bill that was passed by Council
22 at its session on September 27, 2012:
23 Bill No. 120643.

24 And I am transmitting herewith
25 for the consideration of your honorable

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2 body an ordinance authorizing the
3 Procurement Commissioner and the Free
4 Library of Philadelphia, on behalf of the
5 City of Philadelphia, to enter into a
6 sublease agreement for the leasing of
7 personal computers and associated
8 equipment, to include related maintenance
9 and other services, from the Philadelphia
10 Municipal Authority, for the use of the
11 Free Library of Philadelphia; and

12 An ordinance amending Title 14
13 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
14 "Zoning and Planning," by revising and
15 clarifying certain provisions and making
16 technical changes; and amending various
17 other Titles to make conforming changes,
18 all under certain terms and conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you. Do you have any other
21 messages, Mr. Decker?

22 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
23 Mr. President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you.

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2 The next order of business is
3 the introduction of bills and
4 resolutions.

5 Councilman Kenney here?

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you, Mr. President. I have one
10 privileged resolution today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you, Councilwoman.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
14 resolution recognizing and commending the
15 West Philadelphia High School on their
16 100th Anniversary.

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

20 The Chair now recognizes
21 Councilman Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
23 you, Mr. President. I offer one bill on
24 behalf of the Administration and one
25 resolution on your behalf.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
6 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
7 revising and clarifying certain
8 provisions and making technical changes;
9 and amending various other Titles to make
10 conforming changes, all under certain
11 terms and conditions.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a
16 non-privileged resolution authorizing the
17 Commissioner of Public Property to
18 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
19 Redevelopment Authority, without
20 consideration, deeds conveying
21 conditional fee simple title to certain
22 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
23 the buildings and improvements thereon,
24 situate in the Twenty-Eighth and
25 Forty-Seventh Wards of the City of

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2 Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
4 resolution will be placed on next week's
5 Final Passage Calendar.

6 The Chair now recognizes
7 Councilman Henon.

8 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. I have two bills, one
10 resolution, one of the bills
11 co-introduced by yourself, Council
12 President, and Councilman Kenney.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you, Councilman.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia
17 Code, entitled "Finance, Taxes and
18 Collections," to provide for a private
19 right of action to enforce certain tax
20 laws, including penalties for
21 non-payment.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
25 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia

1 10/4/12 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses,
3 Trades and Professions," by amending
4 Section 9-1004, entitled "Contractors,"
5 to add additional requirements for
6 obtaining and displaying contractor
7 licenses, and to further provide for
8 regulation, penalties and enforcement.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
13 resolution recognizing November 2012 as
14 Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
16 resolution will be placed on today's
17 Final Passage Calendar.

18 The Chair now recognizes
19 Councilwoman Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO:
21 Mr. President, I offer one bill.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you, Councilwoman.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 establishing a no truck parking

1 10/4/12 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 regulation on 74th Avenue, between Ogontz
3 Avenue and Washington Lane, both sides.

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

7 The Chair now recognizes
8 Councilman Johnson.

9 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:
10 Mr. President, I have one bill.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you, Councilman.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 amending Section 6 of Bill No. 120519,
15 entitled "An ordinance authorizing 2303
16 Bainbridge Street to construct, own and
17 maintain various encroachments within the
18 City right-of-way on the north side of
19 Bainbridge Street between South 24th
20 Street and Grays Ferry Avenue.

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

23 The Chair now recognizes
24 Councilwoman Sanchez.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

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2 you, Mr. President. I have two bills.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilwoman.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 establishing a one-way regulation on West
7 Loudon Street, from North 5th Street to
8 North 6th Street, westbound.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 establishing a no truck parking
14 regulation on Kinsey Street, between
15 Hedge Street and Paul Street, north side.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
17 bill will also be referred to committee.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Green.

20 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
21 Mr. President. I have no bills or
22 resolutions today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you, Councilman.

25 The Chair now recognizes

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2 Councilman Goode.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
4 Mr. President. I offer no bills or
5 resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you, Councilman.

8 The Chair now recognizes
9 Councilwoman Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
11 morning, Mr. President. I offer one bill
12 and one resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you, Councilwoman.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
17 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
18 amending Section 14-603, entitled
19 "Use-Specific Standards," by revising
20 requirements relating to family day care,
21 all under certain terms and conditions.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a

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2 non-privileged resolution supporting
3 House Resolution 840 which urges The
4 Pennsylvania State University to use the
5 endowment created pursuant to the consent
6 decree with the National Collegiate
7 Athletic Association to fund
8 Pennsylvania's children's advocacy
9 centers.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Councilwoman, you want that on for next
12 week?

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Please,
14 Mr. President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you.

17 That resolution will be placed
18 on next week's Final Passage Calendar.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I have two bills and two
23 privileged resolutions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you, Councilman.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: One
3 co-sponsored by Councilman Johnson.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
5 Thank you.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 establishing a one-way regulation on
8 North Dewey Street, from Market Street to
9 Arch Street, northbound.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia
14 Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to
15 establish a towing zone location on
16 Midvale Avenue; all under certain terms
17 and conditions.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
22 resolution acknowledging the skills,
23 contributions and employment needs of
24 individuals with disabilities by
25 declaring October as Disability

1 10/4/12 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 Employment Awareness Month in
3 Philadelphia.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
8 resolution proclaiming November, 2012 as
9 "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in
10 Philadelphia and urging all who work,
11 live, or study in the city to learn more
12 about lung cancer and lung cancer
13 prevention while taking steps toward
14 making lung cancer a public health
15 priority.

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:
22 Mr. President, I have no bills or
23 resolutions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you, Councilman.

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2 The Chair now recognizes
3 Councilman Squilla.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
5 Mr. President. I have no bills or
6 resolutions today.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you, Councilman.

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Bass.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. I have two bills, one on
13 behalf of the Administration.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 authorizing the Procurement Commissioner
18 and the Free Library of Philadelphia to
19 enter into a sublease agreement for the
20 leasing of personal computers and
21 associated equipment, to include related
22 maintenance and other services, from the
23 Philadelphia Municipal Authority.

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 establishing a one-way regulation on West
5 Seymore Street, from Morris Street to
6 Wayne Avenue, eastbound.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
8 bill will also be referred to committee.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Oh.

11 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. I offer one privileged
13 resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you, Councilman.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
17 resolution recognizing November 2012 as
18 National Family Caregivers Month in the
19 City of Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
21 resolution will be placed on today's
22 Final Passage Calendar.

23 The next order of business is
24 reports from committees.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Greenlee for a report from the Committee
3 on Rules.

4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
5 you, Mr. President. The Committee on
6 Rules reports two bills with a favorable
7 recommendation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Thank you.

10 Mr. Decker, please read the
11 title of the report.

12 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
13 and members of the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
15 which was referred Bill No. 120397,
16 entitled "An ordinance continuing the
17 Port Richmond Industrial Development
18 Enterprise Neighborhood Improvement
19 District beyond its termination date in
20 the area bounded generally by the north
21 side of Allegheny Avenue, west side of
22 Memphis Street between Allegheny Avenue
23 and East Westmoreland Street, south side
24 of East Westmoreland Street, properties
25 facing west along the east side of Tulip

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2 Street, the north side of Venango Street,
3 and the west side of Amber Street,
4 continuing Port Richmond Industrial
5 Development Enterprise, Inc., a
6 Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, as
7 the Neighborhood Improvement District
8 Management Association for the District";
9 and

10 Bill No. 120645, entitled "An
11 ordinance amending Title 14 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Zoning and
13 Planning,' by making, revising, and
14 consolidating certain regulations
15 regarding flood protection, and by
16 further repealing Chapter 10-1100A of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Development
18 in Defined Floodplain Areas,'"
19 respectfully reports it has considered
20 the same and returns the attached bills
21 to Council with a favorable
22 recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Greenlee.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
4 you, Mr. President. I move that the
5 rules of Council be suspended so as to
6 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
7 120397 and 120645.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you. It has been moved and
11 properly seconded that the rules of
12 Council be suspended this day as to
13 permit the first reading of Bill No.
14 120397 and 120645.

15 All those in favor say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it. These bills will be placed
22 on our First Reading Calendar today.

23 The Chair now recognizes
24 Councilman Jones for a report from the
25 Committee on Public Safety.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. The Committee on Public
4 Safety reports one bill with a favorable
5 recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you.

8 Mr. Decker, please read the
9 report.

10 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
11 Public Safety, to which was referred Bill
12 No. 120725, entitled "An ordinance
13 amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia
14 Code, entitled 'Traffic Code,' by
15 providing for prohibitions relating to
16 all-terrain vehicles, and for penalties
17 and enforcement, all under certain terms
18 and conditions," respectfully reports it
19 has considered the same and returns the
20 attached bill to Council with a favorable
21 recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Jones.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
3 again, Mr. President. I move that the
4 rules of Council be suspended as to
5 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
6 120725.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
9 has been moved and properly seconded that
10 the rules of Council be suspended this
11 day as to permit first reading of Bill
12 No. 120725.

13 All those in favor say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 ayes have it. This bill will be placed
20 on today's Final Reading Calendar --
21 First Reading.

22 The next order of business is
23 consideration of the Calendar.

24 I note that the bills that have
25 just been read and reported from

1 10/4/12 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING
2 committee with suspension of the rules
3 have been deemed to have had a first
4 reading. These bills will be placed on
5 the Second Reading and Final Passage
6 Calendar for the next session of Council.

7 As there are no additional
8 bills on the First Reading Calendar, the
9 Chair now recognizes Councilman Jones for
10 the purpose of calling up all bills and
11 resolutions on the Final Passage.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
13 again, Mr. President. The following
14 resolutions and bills are being called up
15 for Second Reading and Final Passage
16 Calendar today: Nos. 120758, 120759,
17 120760, 120765, 120767, 120769, 120770,
18 120650, 120534, 120563, 120564, 120566,
19 120567, 120653, 120657, 120659, 120660.
20 All other bills and resolutions are being
21 held.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 We will now go to public
25 comment. Before we vote on the bills and

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2 resolutions on the Final Passage, the
3 public comment will be as follows:

4 If you are interested in
5 testifying on bills and resolutions that
6 are on the Final Passage Calendar today,
7 you must sign up at the table to my left.

8 The public comment will be as
9 follows: There's a podium in the middle
10 of the Council. You will be given three
11 minutes. We limit you to three minutes
12 because we want to make sure that
13 everybody has an opportunity to speak.

14 There's a device on the podium.
15 When the light turns green, it is your
16 time to speak. When the light turns
17 yellow, it means that you have 30 seconds
18 before your time is up. And then the
19 light will turn red and the microphone
20 will be terminated.

21 Mr. Decker, will you please
22 read the name of the first individual who
23 is interested in testifying.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Gloria Gilman,
25 commenting on 120650.

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2 (Witness approached podium.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
4 morning.

5 MS. GILMAN: Good morning,
6 Mr. President and honorable members of
7 Council. The Pennsylvania Project is a
8 not-for-profit, non-partisan Pennsylvania
9 public policy organization that seeks to
10 educate and advocate on behalf of new
11 public policies that we believe are
12 needed to ensure widespread economic
13 opportunity and prosperity for all the
14 people of Pennsylvania.

15 Central to creating economic
16 opportunity in a modern economy is broad
17 access to sustained and affordable credit
18 for businesses, individuals, families,
19 students, and even municipal governments.

20 In the aftermath of the
21 collapse of the too-big-to-fail U.S.
22 banking giants and their subsequent
23 rescue, there was and continues to be a
24 severe contraction in the availability of
25 credit in Pennsylvania and across the

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2 nation, and the cost of such credit as is
3 available is often grotesquely out of
4 proportion to the cost of funds provided
5 to the major banks by the Federal
6 Reserve.

7 We applaud the efforts of
8 Council and the sponsors of this
9 legislation to examine the lending
10 practices in the City of Philadelphia of
11 the banks with which the City does
12 business. If similar undertakings in
13 other major American cities are a
14 guide -- and we think they are -- we
15 believe the following will be
16 demonstrated:

17 One, significant parts of the
18 population of the City are unserved or
19 underserved by any banking institutions
20 and are prey to payday banks and
21 similarly exploitive banking services.

22 Two, small business lending
23 remains far below 2007 levels.

24 Three, businesses of less than
25 12 employees are almost completely locked

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2 out of credit markets.

3 Four, the City presently has
4 little clout with the banks with which it
5 does business and little opportunity to
6 direct lending to areas of greatest need
7 and opportunity.

8 However, we urge City Council
9 to go beyond a review of bank lending
10 practices and instead review City banking
11 practices and look for new models that
12 will ensure that City funds collected
13 from the people of the City in taxes,
14 fees, permits, fines, and other sources
15 are banked in ways that ensure the
16 maximum amount is circulated within the
17 City to ensure the affordable credit that
18 can drive economic development and job
19 creation.

20 One way to do that is to create
21 a public bank of Philadelphia to hold all
22 City revenues and assets and partner with
23 community banks, credit unions, and other
24 financial institutions within the City to
25 increase the volume and lower the cost of

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2 credit to individuals and businesses.

3 Such a bank, modeled on the
4 hugely successful Bank of North Dakota,
5 can also generate significant new non-tax
6 revenue for the City as well as lower the
7 costs of municipal borrowing.

8 Since 2010, 20 states and a
9 growing number of municipalities have
10 initiated legislation to form or study
11 formation of a public bank.

12 Sustained and affordable credit
13 is vital to ongoing economic opportunity,
14 job creation, and a broadly shared
15 prosperity for all Philadelphians, all
16 Pennsylvanians, and indeed all Americans.

17 The creation of a Responsible
18 Banking Review Committee is a very
19 positive action on the part of the City
20 Council, and we applaud Mr. Goode and
21 other members who have brought this bill
22 forward and urge its unanimous passage.
23 But we urge Council to not only examine
24 the lending practices of banks, but to
25 examine the banking practices of the City

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2 to find new ways to keep the money of the
3 people of the City of Philadelphia
4 circulating and working in Philadelphia.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Williams,
9 commenting on 120534.

10 (Witness approached podium.)

11 MR. WILLIAMS: First of all,
12 I'd like to thank Councilwoman Blackwell
13 for not supporting this bill in
14 committee. My name is Robert Williams.
15 I'm a 28-year-old Temple University
16 graduate, and I've been skateboarding in
17 Philadelphia since 1997. I'm voicing my
18 concern about this amendment for the
19 following reasons:

20 Number one, the language and
21 rhetoric used in this bill is too vague
22 and open-ended; and, number two, the
23 level of punishment is far too high for
24 the acts committed. It leaves too much
25 up to the arresting officer. Examples

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2 I'd like to address are as follows:

3 On Page 2, Section 2,
4 Subsection (c), it says, in regards to
5 institutional vandalism, "any courthouse,
6 historic monument or landmark, museum or
7 civic shrine." Under this in Subsections
8 ([d]e) and ([e]f), it says "the grounds
9 occupied by any facility set forth in
10 Subsection 2(a) and any property located
11 in any facility set forth in Subsection
12 2(a)."

13 Does this mean that skating in
14 any park or space that has one of these
15 listed items could be grounds for the
16 90-day jail sentence or \$2,000 fine, even
17 if I was to be skating -- even if I was
18 to not actually skate the physical
19 monument itself? This is unclear and
20 unreasonable.

21 You also use the word "artwork"
22 in this amendment, but choose never to
23 define what that encompasses. This
24 should be clearly defined.

25 You also include in Subsection

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2 2(g) the word "sub-base or supporting
3 structure," but go into no detail on
4 defining what that is. At this point,
5 pretty much any slab of concrete could be
6 misconstrued as a supporting structure,
7 and I believe this is unfair.

8 Under Prohibited Conduct, both
9 point number one, you choose to combine
10 ethnic intimidation and institutional
11 vandalism in the same sentence, but
12 everywhere else in this bill you keep
13 them separate. There's no correlation
14 between these two issues, so I suggest
15 that they be separate bullet points in
16 this location or even separate bills
17 entirely.

18 In relation to this, I notice
19 that in 10-201 Definitions, you do not
20 have a clearly defined ethnic
21 intimidation definition. Now, I know
22 that skateboarders are not defined as an
23 ethnicity, but this amendment and severe
24 level of punishment are in fact
25 intimidation and a threat to us all.

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2 Within skateboarding, biking or
3 roller blading mentioned in this bill,
4 there are people of different races and
5 ethnicities, and I feel that by passing
6 this amendment, you will, in effect,
7 morally violate your own law. Thus, I
8 suggest to the Council that you either
9 strike down this amendment or you table
10 this amendment for several more weeks to
11 make the appropriate reductions and
12 penalties, needed definitions and
13 explanations to make this law more
14 focused, defined, and less open-ended.
15 Because as you have it right now, I
16 believe you have potentially
17 disenfranchised thousands of
18 Philadelphians and have created the
19 opportunity to destroy a lot of lives and
20 futures within this amendment of young
21 and old citizens of the City.

22 Thank you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Steve Miller,
3 commenting on 120534.

4 (Witness approached podium.)

5 MR. MILLER: I'd like to first
6 thank you for having us here to speak and
7 share our side of this story. My name is
8 Steve Miller. I'm owner of an Exit
9 Skateboard Shop located here in
10 Philadelphia based in the Northern
11 Liberties neighborhood. I'm a lifetime
12 Philadelphia resident, entrepreneur,
13 artist and, most importantly, I am a
14 skateboarder. I am here today to address
15 the hugely negative consequences of this
16 bill, not only for skateboarders, but the
17 City and our local culture as a whole.

18 First and foremost, this bill's
19 penalty, simply put, is insane. A \$2,000
20 fine and 90 days imprisonment is an
21 incredibly harsh and unfair punishment.
22 It turns our kids into criminals, not for
23 doing drugs or engaging in violent crime,
24 but rather for participating in an
25 athletic and productive activity,

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2 something that enhances one's health and
3 well-being, and has been proven to keep
4 kids away from drugs and violence, which
5 brings me to my second problem: the
6 bill's designation of what is subject to
7 these fines and punishment.

8 Skateboarders can receive a \$2,000 fine
9 and 90 days imprisonment for skating on
10 what the bill quotes "any publicly
11 accessible outdoor artwork or memorial,
12 whether or not publicly owned."

13 Now, I'm sorry. Excuse me for
14 a second to sound like an art student
15 here. I still am confused what is art.
16 And this has been a hundred-year debate
17 that has continued to go on, but what
18 scares me so much is that a debate that
19 is usually held within coffee shops or
20 art galleries is now brought to the
21 streets of Philadelphia. And if you find
22 yourself on the losing side of this
23 argument, you're in fact now a criminal,
24 facing 90 days worth of prison. You
25 might not have a job, but you will be

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2 defined as a criminal for the rest of
3 your life. This scares me. And I'm
4 sorry, but the fact of the matter is, the
5 ability to determine what is and what
6 isn't art, publicly accessible or
7 privately owned, is not a learned
8 ability, and the children of the City,
9 some of which who are in fact
10 skateboarders, have not naturally
11 developed this ability, and also, quite
12 frankly, I believe that the arresting
13 officers have not either. They are not
14 qualified to determine what is and what
15 isn't art.

16 As a lifetime Philadelphia
17 resident and an appreciator of the arts
18 and history, I honestly believe that art
19 is everywhere around us. It is our
20 entire city. And what scares me about
21 this bill is, if that is the case, then I
22 am in fact, and all the children of the
23 City that do skateboard, are forbidden to
24 skate anywhere in the City of
25 Philadelphia, because the City is in fact

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2 art in itself.

3 The murkiness of this bill
4 scares me. I believe that you should
5 reconsider it, strike it down or convene
6 in the future, but as it stands, it is in
7 fact insane.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHIEF CLERK: John Puca,
11 commenting on 120534.

12 (Witness approached podium.)

13 MR. PUCA: Honorable Council,
14 my name is John Puca. I'm also a
15 lifelong resident of Philadelphia and a
16 skateboarder since 1988.

17 I'll make this brief as
18 possible. My sentiments are the same of
19 the two gentlemen that came before you
20 earlier.

21 I think it is targeting a
22 specific part of the population in
23 Philadelphia. Also, the penalty is very
24 severe, considering you have children
25 sliding on smooth marble.

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2 Thank you, and please strike
3 this down.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Anne Gemmell,
8 commenting on 120650.

9 (Witness approached podium.)

10 MS. GEMMELL: Good morning,
11 City Council. My name is Anne Gemmell.
12 I'm the Political Director at Fight for
13 Philly. I'm here to testify in support
14 of Bill 120650, which would create a
15 Responsible Banking Committee. Thanks,
16 Councilman Goode, for continuing your
17 leadership on bank accountability issues.

18 Reporting requirements already
19 in place are good, but given the rapid
20 expansion of our banks and the financial
21 instruments that they use and their
22 banking practices, banks are no longer
23 really tied to the community. They are
24 huge global entities.

25 Our hope is that the

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2 Responsible Banking Committee will pass
3 and provide a place to gather and process
4 the significant amount of information
5 about our banks' behaviors in the global
6 marketplace so that we can evaluate their
7 practices and impact on our community.

8 But now Fight for Philly, we
9 have no delusions that local communities
10 will be able to control large global
11 financial practices, but the issue here
12 and the goal is not really about control.
13 It's about having a conversation and
14 providing that space. So I think the
15 Responsible Banking Committee is a great
16 step, and it would provide a place to
17 broaden the civic dialogue about banks,
18 behemoth banks, and their impact on
19 municipal finances. Furthermore, it is
20 yet another step forward for
21 Philadelphia, which, thanks to Councilman
22 Goode's leadership, is a national model
23 for bank accountability.

24 And, lastly, as more and more
25 municipalities ask these questions, let's

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2 not dilute ourselves. If just
3 Philadelphia is doing this, it hardly
4 will have an impact, but if Philadelphia
5 models and other cities adopt our best
6 practices in bank accountability,
7 suddenly you have a chorus of what's been
8 called "might."

9 Cities are small customers in
10 the scope of these banks, but if all of
11 these voices start asking similar
12 questions, then together they'll be
13 really difficult to ignore, and the hope
14 is that banking practices change.

15 This is not a committee
16 designed to punish banks, but a committee
17 designed to have a conversation, provide
18 a space to connect citizens who are
19 feeling the impact of banks and larger
20 global practices with cities in the
21 middle and the choices that we as a
22 municipality make in the middle.

23 So please vote yes on 120650,
24 and we look forward to working together
25 on that.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Ashley Crozier.

5 (No response.)

6 CHIEF CLERK: Ashley Crozier.

7 (No response.)

8 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Dulecki,
9 commenting on 120534.

10 (Witness approached podium.)

11 MR. DULECKI: Thank you for
12 having me. My name is Robert Dulecki.
13 The few people that summarized it pretty
14 well before, I just wanted to add a few
15 comments.

16 I think anyone would agree that
17 the act of riding bicycles and
18 skateboards in our community is a healthy
19 activity for the youth of our city. It
20 gets them out in front -- from out in
21 front of the TV screens and being
22 physically active, which in turn helps
23 curb the childhood obesity epidemic
24 that's gripping our country today. It
25 gives the youth a positive outlet and

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2 helps build self-esteem, be it achieving
3 personal accomplishment and building
4 friendships, to name a few. It helps
5 channel their energy towards a positive
6 activity instead of down all the avenues
7 of negativity that plague a good number
8 of our city youth right now.

9 Now, we have a bill that
10 criminalizes activity with no clear
11 terms. It's a Band-Aid for a minor
12 issue. So some people think there's a
13 problem with the youth riding bikes and
14 skateboards in public places like Love
15 Park and City Hall. This bill
16 mercilessly burdens the working parents
17 of these children with outrageous fines
18 and imprisonment, no less. The solution
19 is constructing the public space to be
20 beneficial to all citizens, including our
21 youth.

22 There were (unintelligible)
23 being rebuilt right now. It's not
24 difficult to design a multi-use public
25 space that can also withstand the use of

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2 skateboards and bike riders. It's a
3 public space.

4 To summarize, this bill is
5 completely absurd in its current form.
6 Let's find a solution that actually
7 benefits all citizens, including our
8 youth, the future of our great city.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Henry Barnum,
14 commenting on 120534.

15 (Witness approached podium.)

16 (Mr. Barnum testifying through
17 sign language interpreter.)

18 THE INTERPRETER: Good morning,
19 everybody. Good morning, Councilman,
20 City Council, and also the Philadelphia
21 lawyers that are here in regards to
22 skateboarding.

23 If they are having an enjoyable
24 activity and refraining from drugs and
25 making trouble, then I think they're

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2 having fun and have more of a positive
3 impact on the City of Philadelphia.

4 There might be deaf or hard-of-hearing
5 skateboarders as well, and if they get
6 arrested and get in trouble, the
7 policeman might not make the appropriate
8 decision. It doesn't mean that they're
9 involved with drugs and other illegal
10 activities. They're just out there
11 having fun and having a positive
12 experience, which will impact the City.

13 You see a lot of that being
14 advertised on television, and it's
15 better -- it should not be outlawed and
16 criminalized. I think that would
17 increase the angst against the City. I
18 think it's better to really just increase
19 the love and the fun of these youth.

20 Am I right?

21 (Applause.)

22 THE INTERPRETER: The Council
23 should really strike this bill and really
24 do their homework to really analyze what
25 the problems are and really identify what

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2 art is very clearly.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHIEF CLERK: Jeremy Girard,
6 commenting on 120534.

7 (Witness approached podium.)

8 MR. GIRARD: Good morning,
9 Councilman, Councilmembers. I'd just
10 like to say that I've been a citizen of
11 Philadelphia for almost a quarter of my
12 life, and like many other people I know,
13 I was attracted to the City of
14 Philadelphia because of skateboarding.
15 And many people who don't skateboard may
16 not know this, but international tourists
17 are attracted to Philadelphia because of
18 skateboarding. And I have embraced the
19 culture here and the music and everything
20 about the City because of that. And, you
21 know, I think that the City actually owes
22 this particular part of their community a
23 great deal, and in passing this bill
24 would completely ostracize that part of
25 the community.

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2 And I just think that -- I
3 learned recently that in the year 2000,
4 the X Games were brought to Philadelphia
5 because of skateboarding, and that raised
6 something like \$80 million in revenue for
7 the City. I really think skateboarding
8 in Philadelphia is only benefiting the
9 City and not hurting it, and this bill
10 will ruin that, and I propose it be
11 struck down.

12 Thank you very much.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you.

16 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
17 other speakers on the public comment
18 list, Mr. President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you, Mr. Decker.

21 COUNCILMAN OH: If I could be
22 heard now, Mr. President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Since we're talking, let's --

25 COUNCILMAN OH: Since we're

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2 talking, I will make a statement then.

3 We all appreciate the energy
4 and creativity of Philadelphians,
5 especially the young, vibrant section of
6 our community, many of whom are
7 represented by people who enjoy
8 skateboarding. It's a wonderful
9 activity, biking and roller blading.

10 In this situation, however,
11 we're coming across a conflict, and this
12 actually is a proposal from the
13 Administration, which I agree with. If I
14 didn't agree with it, I would not sponsor
15 it here.

16 At the end of the day, we have
17 an issue over space and use. And no one
18 is trying to prevent people from
19 skateboarding or doing healthy
20 activities, but there is what we
21 understand to be sacred ground. And
22 oftentimes it is young people who were,
23 through no will of their own, taken into
24 combat and killed there and they did not
25 return home. They are police officers

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2 and firefighters whose families are
3 without a father and a provider. And
4 those of us who remain behind have got no
5 way to recognize them or appreciate them
6 but to give them a piece of ground and
7 make it hallowed.

8 This is not a playground, and I
9 don't think people sitting here disagree
10 with that. I don't think they disagree
11 with the notion that a piece of marble or
12 cement or a piece of brick that was
13 dedicated by those who loved those people
14 would be respected and not damaged.

15 We're not asking people not to
16 skateboard in any place in Philadelphia,
17 but in those places where we memorialize
18 those who died before their time in
19 public service or in service of their
20 country. Those places are not many times
21 paid for or maintained by public dollars.
22 They are maintained by those people who
23 were 18 or 19 years old when these acts
24 occurred and who are now 50 and 55 and 60
25 and they cannot police those areas. They

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2 raise the funds. They care take it.

3 They stand outside. And unfortunately,

4 there is a history of skateboards that

5 are damaging either these memorials or

6 these public arts with great cost.

7 I think there are shoppers and

8 shoplifters. I think to take a small

9 group of skateboarders who continuously

10 damage this property, whether it's the

11 image of our city and the public art that

12 we support or the memorials that we

13 dedicate to those who have passed and

14 died, that there's not a lot of these

15 spaces. I think it's a matter of

16 self-policing. You know the ones.

17 You can skate in Love Park.

18 You can skate in places, unless there is

19 a sign that says no skateboarding and

20 unless there are people who don't have

21 common courtesy that tries some of these

22 outlandish tricks while seniors and

23 senior citizens and persons in

24 wheelchairs and young children are

25 sharing that space. The issue is to

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2 police yourselves and we won't have these
3 laws.

4 The punishment is actually this
5 so that you may understand it. If there
6 is someone who is skateboarding on a
7 memorial that is dedicated to a soldier,
8 a sailor, a marine, an Air Force person,
9 a firefighter, a police officer, there
10 should be a sign posted that says no
11 skateboarding.

12 A police officer who does issue
13 a citation, if you pay that citation,
14 it's \$75, and it doesn't go past that.
15 If for some reason that person wants to
16 contest that, that's fine. If you win,
17 you win in court, but the judge has the
18 option based on the testimony of
19 escalating that if there is egregious,
20 egregious violations.

21 I would hope that everyone in
22 here who enjoys skateboarding enjoys it
23 in a way that is very positive for this
24 city and that you would not condone
25 people whose skateboards are flying in

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2 the middle of children, senior citizens
3 or who are flying off of artwork and
4 causing tens of thousands of dollars of
5 damage or skateboarding and damaging
6 memorials to people who have died in
7 public service.

8 That is what this law is.

9 Ultimately it will be up to the judge as
10 to how egregious the matter is, as often
11 it is, but I would hope that people would
12 understand, using your own common sense
13 and common courtesy, that you're welcome
14 to skateboard in roads and playgrounds,
15 in parks. We're building skateboard
16 parks. We're doing all those things, but
17 you yourselves and your friends and
18 talking to those who may not be your
19 friends should exercise common courtesy
20 and common decency in respecting those
21 particular areas.

22 There's faults on our city's
23 part. We don't post clearly, and
24 certainly, as you know, we don't enforce.
25 There's an issue coming up of how we

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2 enforce the public spaces in this city,
3 and as we approach that, we certainly
4 would love your involvement in letting
5 our city know how we should properly
6 enforce this so that we're not impinging
7 upon your activities, which we do
8 encourage, but let us also know how you
9 will police up some of your fellow
10 skateboarders who are causing this
11 damage.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes

16 Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you, Mr. President. I voted against this
19 legislation and will vote against it
20 again today. I believe that if we -- as
21 has been said, the X Games did bring
22 millions and millions of dollars to our
23 city. And to the issues that my
24 colleague mentions, certainly we know my
25 predecessor, the late and great

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2 Congressman Lucien Blackwell, served in
3 the Korean conflict. All of us in this
4 Council respect the rights of those who
5 have died for our country and those who
6 have serviced them, but nowhere is that
7 mentioned in the legislation. Nowhere
8 are we dealing with the posting of signs
9 or the lack thereof. Nowhere are we
10 dealing with the fact that we have a \$300
11 fine on the books. Nowhere are we
12 talking about enforcement of that.

13 What we have done with this
14 legislation is talk about imprisoning
15 people for 90 days who certainly deface
16 property. We're talking about raising a
17 fine to \$2,000. And we believe that
18 maybe there's something we can do.
19 Certainly skateboarders are picked on and
20 singled out, and we believe that maybe
21 there is something that we need to do,
22 but the legislation, as also has been
23 said, does not define artwork, and it is
24 not, in my opinion, prepared to the
25 extent that we can do the right thing by

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2 those who have serviced our country well
3 and we can do the right thing by the
4 young people who skateboard and that we
5 can do the right thing to make this a law
6 that is better and that respects
7 everybody and respects those who have
8 serviced our country.

9 I believe, Mr. President, that
10 really we should hold this legislation
11 and try to make it something that works
12 for everybody rather than move ahead and
13 certainly disrespect people in our city
14 who just want to have fun or who just
15 want to skateboard, and who are not
16 trying to disrespect all of those people
17 and public artwork that honors those who
18 certainly deserve to be honored.

19 So I ask again if we could hold
20 this legislation and come up with
21 something that does the right thing and
22 honors people and certainly doesn't
23 offend other people in our city who
24 certainly have rights as well.

25 Thank you, Mr. President.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
6 Mr. President. I just want to say I
7 thought that the comment period here was
8 extremely useful to me. I think some
9 excellent points were made about the lack
10 of clarity with respect to some of the
11 definitions, what will apply.

12 I also -- it's not clear to me
13 why this is not already a misdemeanor,
14 destruction of property if you do harm on
15 purpose on private or public property and
16 other laws apply that wouldn't be imposed
17 just on skateboarders or other particular
18 segments of the community having to be
19 singled out in a piece of legislation.
20 And I personally would like the time to
21 understand these issues better.
22 Obviously supporting the theme of
23 Councilman Oh's comments, I'd like to
24 understand these issues better and
25 perhaps look at some amendments that make

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2 the definitions far more clearer before
3 I'd be in favor of voting for this
4 legislation.

5 So I'd ask that it be held
6 today so that we can take another look at
7 some of the specific issues that were
8 raised today before we proceed, and if
9 that is not able to be done, I'll be
10 voting no.

11 Thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

17 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very
18 much, Mr. President. First, I'd like to
19 thank the skateboarders for coming out
20 here today, because you're exercising
21 your democratic rights and privileges and
22 you have spoken out.

23 I do believe that there is no
24 need to rush legislation, that there's no
25 deadline that we're facing, and that

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2 rushed legislation is not necessarily
3 very good legislation.

4 I think all of us have our
5 opinions. Certainly mine are pretty
6 firm. However, there's always room for
7 improvement. And in light of my
8 colleagues' requests and the people that
9 have voiced their concerns, we should
10 hold this matter to get the opinions of
11 some of our citizens who are here today
12 as well as those of our veterans and some
13 of our public spaces to see if we can't
14 tweak this legislation to make it more
15 clear, and I would hope at the end of
16 this process, we would have the support
17 of everyone as best we can that at least
18 they felt they had a fair say in this
19 process.

20 So I would move to hold this
21 legislation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
4 Mr. President. This might be the first
5 time in the history of comment period
6 where actually something got
7 accomplished.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: And while I
10 totally agree with Councilman Oh relative
11 to the sanctity of things like the
12 Vietnam Veterans Memorial, I'm not
13 Vietnam veteran age, but I was close to
14 it. It would seem to me that a lot of
15 people whose names are inshrined on that
16 wall, including a second cousin of mine,
17 a cousin of my mother's, would be the
18 same type of spirit and personality that
19 is embodied in some of these
20 skateboarders, because it was the '60s
21 and '70s and people were a little
22 rebellious at that time too.

23 So I think there's a kindred
24 spirit in many ways between these young
25 folks and those folks who went and served

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2 their country and didn't come home.

3 From a housekeeping standpoint,
4 I would appreciate if there would be some
5 way if you could dry dock this bill or
6 put it in a special place so that it
7 doesn't appear on the Calendar every week
8 for the next five or six or seven weeks
9 until we figure this out. While I
10 respect everything that was said today, I
11 don't think I need to hear it again week
12 after week after week.

13 So if there's some technical
14 way which you can not withdraw the bill
15 necessarily but put it somewhere that we
16 can all talk about it but not talk about
17 it every Thursday would be a helpful
18 suggestion that I would like to make to
19 you as President. So any way you can
20 figure that out, I'd appreciate it.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you. Well, thank you, Councilman.
23 At this point, still being a relatively
24 new Council President, I will probably at
25 this point follow the time-honored

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2 position of allowing the sponsor of the
3 bill to determine that particular process
4 at this point. So the fact that
5 Councilman Oh has said and clearly
6 indicated that he's not only willing to
7 hold it today and have further
8 discussion, and knowing during this most
9 recent budget process how Councilman Oh
10 participated, I think that he's a person
11 of his word. So I feel comfortable at
12 this time, but I understand being a
13 veteran of Council, I do understand your
14 concern. Thank you.

15 So let the record reflect that
16 Councilman Oh has requested that Bill
17 120534 be held. Thank you, Councilman.

18 At this time, we'd like to
19 consider bills and resolutions on the
20 Second Reading and Final Passage
21 Calendar.

22 Mr. Decker, would you please
23 read the title of Resolution No. 120758.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
25 authorizing the use of Neighborhood

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2 Transformation Initiative bond proceeds
3 to acquire title reports, plot plans,
4 legal descriptions and appraisals.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell
7 for a motion.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you, Mr. President. I move for the
10 adoption of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Moved and properly seconded.

14 All those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 ayes have it. Resolution 120758 is
21 adopted.

22 Mr. Decker, Resolution No.
23 120759.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

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2 Property to execute and deliver to the
3 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
4 Philadelphia, without consideration,
5 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
6 title to certain City-owned lots or
7 pieces of ground with the buildings and
8 improvements thereon, situate in the
9 Twenty-Fourth Ward of the City of
10 Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you, Mr. President. I move for the
16 adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All those in favor?

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 ayes have it. Resolution 120759 is
3 adopted.

4 Mr. Decker, 120760.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to execute and deliver to the
8 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority,
9 without consideration, deeds conveying
10 conditional fee simple title to certain
11 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
12 the buildings and improvements thereon,
13 situate in the Twenty-Eighth,
14 Twenty-Ninth, Thirty-Second and
15 Thirty-Seventh Wards of the City of
16 Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Greenlee.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
22 you, Mr. President. I move the adoption
23 of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Moved and properly seconded.

3 All those in favor?

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 ayes have it. 120760 is adopted.

10 Mr. Decker, No. 120765.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
13 Property to execute and deliver to the
14 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority,
15 without consideration, deeds conveying
16 conditional fee simple title to certain
17 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
18 the buildings and improvements thereon,
19 situate in the Twenty-First and
20 Thirty-Eighth Wards of the City of
21 Philadelphia.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilmember Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
25 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Moved and properly seconded.

5 All those in favor?

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it. Resolution 120765 is
12 adopted.

13 Mr. Decker, No. 120767.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 authorizing the use of Neighborhood
16 Transformation Initiative bond proceeds
17 to acquire title reports, plot plans,
18 legal descriptions and appraisals.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
23 of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

1 10/4/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Moved and properly seconded.

3 All those in favor?

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 ayes have it. Resolution 120767 is
10 adopted.

11 Mr. Decker, 120769.

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

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
25 Mr. President. I move for the adoption

1 10/4/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Moved and properly seconded.

6 All those in favor?

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 ayes have it. Resolution 120769 is
13 adopted.

14 Mr. Decker, 120770.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 approving the redevelopment contract of
17 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
18 for the redevelopment and urban renewal
19 of a portion of the Wister III Urban
20 Renewal Area, identified by house number
21 and street address as 5128 Wakefield
22 Street.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I move for

1 10/4/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 the adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

5 been moved and properly seconded.

6 All those in favor?

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

12 ayes have it. 120770 is adopted.

13 Mr. Decker, please read the

14 title of Bill No. 120650.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

16 amending Chapter 19-200 of The

17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds -

18 Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by

19 authorizing the establishment of a

20 Responsible Banking Review Committee.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This

22 bill having been read on two separate

23 days, the question now is shall the bill

24 pass finally.

25 Mr. Decker, please call the

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2 roll.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Bass.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Blackwell.

8 (No response.)

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Greenlee.

15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

17 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Johnson.

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

6 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Quinones-Sanchez.

9 (No response.)

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Reynolds Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Squilla.

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

20 Clarke.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

22 That number, Mr. Decker?

23 CHIEF CLERK: The ayes are 14.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

25 Mr. President?

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
3 sorry. Councilwoman Blackwell is back.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you, Councilwoman. 15?

7 CHIEF CLERK: The ayes are 15.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 ayes are 15; the nays are zero. The bill
10 passes.

11 Mr. Decker, please read the
12 title of Bill No. 120534.

13 After all that debate, I forgot
14 that we're holding it. Sorry.

15 Mr. Decker, I'm sorry. Please
16 read the title of Bill No. 120563.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 establishing a parking regulation on
19 Brill Street, both sides, Frankford
20 Avenue to Darrah Street.

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

25 Please call the roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Bass.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 Greenlee.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

16 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Johnson.

19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

5 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Quinones-Sanchez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Reynolds Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 Squilla.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

19 Clarke.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

21 The ayes are 16; the nays are

22 zero. The bill passes.

23 Mr. Decker, please read the

24 title of 120564.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

1 10/4/12 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 establishing a parking regulation on
3 Ellsworth Street, north side, 2nd Street
4 to Front Street.
5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
6 bill having been read on two separate
7 days, the question now, shall the bill
8 pass finally.
9 Mr. Decker, please call the
10 roll.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Bass.
13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.
16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
20 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Greenlee.
23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
25 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Johnson.

4 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

14 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Quinones-Sanchez.

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Reynolds Brown.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

22 Squilla.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Tasco.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

4 Clarke.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

6 The ayes are 16; the nays are

7 zero.

8 The Chair recognizes

9 Councilwoman Sanchez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
11 you, Mr. President. My apologies. I had
12 to step out of the room. I want to make
13 sure that I am voting aye on the previous
14 bills before I came back into the room.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you, Councilwoman. The record
17 shall reflect that.

18 Mr. Decker, please read the
19 title of Bill No. 120566.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 establishing a parking regulation on
22 Iseminger Street, west side, Porter
23 Street to Ritner Street.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
25 bill having been read on two separate

1 10/4/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 days, the question is shall the bill pass
3 finally.

4 Mr. Decker, please call the
5 roll.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Bass.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

15 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 Greenlee.

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

20 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

22 Johnson.

23 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

9 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Quinones-Sanchez.

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Reynolds Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 Squilla.

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

23 Clarke.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

25 The ayes are 16; the nays are

1 10/4/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 zero. A majority of all members present
3 voting in the affirmative, the bill
4 passes.

5 Mr. Decker, please read the
6 title of 120567.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 establishing a parking regulation on
9 Fitzwater Street, north side, 13th Street
10 to Juniper Street.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
12 bill having been read on two separate
13 occasions, the question is shall the bill
14 pass finally.

15 Mr. Decker, please call the
16 roll.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Bass.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 Greenlee.

5 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

7 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

9 Johnson.

10 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

20 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Quinones-Sanchez.

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Reynolds Brown.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 Squilla.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

10 Clarke.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

12 The ayes are 16; the nays are
13 zero. All members present having voted
14 in the affirmative, the bill passes.

15 Mr. Decker, please read the
16 title of 120653.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 authorizing Aquinas 2021 Chestnut Street
19 to construct, own and maintain various
20 encroachments within the City
21 right-of-way on Chestnut Street between
22 20th Street and 21st Street and on
23 Ranstead Street between 20th Street and
24 21st Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I

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2 have it listed as an amendment. The
3 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
5 you, Mr. President. I offer an amendment
6 to Bill No. 120653. A copy of the
7 amendment has been circulated to all
8 members of Council, and I move for the
9 adoption of that amendment.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
12 has been moved and properly seconded.

13 All those in favor of the
14 amendment?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 ayes have it. Bill No. 120653 is amended
21 and will be placed on next week's Final
22 Passage Calendar.

23 Mr. Decker, please read the
24 title of 120657.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

1 10/4/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 authorizing PNC Bank to construct, use
3 and maintain encroachments within the
4 right-of-way on South Street between 10th
5 Street and Alder Street and on Alder
6 Street between South Street and
7 Bainbridge Street.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
9 bill having been read on two separate
10 days, the question is shall the bill pass
11 finally.

12 Mr. Decker, please call the
13 roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Bass.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Greenlee.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

4 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Johnson.

7 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

17 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Quinones-Sanchez.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Reynolds Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Squilla.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

7 Clarke.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

13 Mr. Decker, please read the
14 title of 120659.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 authorizing KHP II Chestnut Street, doing
17 business as Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants,
18 to construct, own and maintain various
19 right-of-way encroachments at 433 through
20 41 Chestnut Street.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you.

23 This bill having been read on
24 two separate days, the question is shall
25 the bill pass finally.

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2 Mr. Decker, please call the
3 roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Greenlee.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

18 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 Johnson.

21 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

7 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Quinones-Sanchez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Reynolds Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Squilla.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

21 Clarke.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

23 The ayes are 16; the nays are

24 zero. A majority of all members present

25 having voted in the affirmative, the bill

1 10/4/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 passes.

3 Mr. Decker, please read the
4 title of Bill No. 120660.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill
7 No. 040511), entitled "An ordinance
8 authorizing the revision of lines and
9 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 55
10 in the area bounded by Aramingo Avenue,
11 Frankford Creek, and Adams Avenue," by
12 extending the period for compliance with
13 the terms and conditions stated therein.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
15 bill having been read on two separate
16 days, the question is shall the bill pass
17 finally.

18 Mr. Decker, please call the
19 roll.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Bass.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 Greenlee.

8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

10 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

12 Johnson.

13 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

23 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Quinones-Sanchez.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 Squilla.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

13 Clarke.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

19 This concludes our Calendar.

20 I'm sorry. Mr. Decker, do you
21 have any other resolutions?

22 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
23 resolution recognizing and commending the
24 West Philadelphia High School on their
25 100th Anniversary, introduced by

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2 Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Moved and properly seconded.

11 All those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 recognizing November 2012 as Pancreatic
20 Cancer Awareness Month, introduced by
21 Councilman Henon.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilman Henon.

24 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
25 Mr. President. I move for the adoption

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2 of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Moved and properly seconded.

6 All those in favor?

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 acknowledging the skills, contributions
15 and employment needs of individuals with
16 disabilities by declaring October as
17 Disability Employment Awareness Month in
18 Philadelphia, introduced by Councilman
19 Jones.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Moved and properly seconded.

3 All those in favor?

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 proclaiming November, 2012 as "Lung
12 Cancer Awareness Month" in Philadelphia
13 and urging all who work, live, or study
14 in the city to learn more about lung
15 cancer and lung cancer prevention while
16 taking steps toward making lung cancer a
17 public health priority, introduced by
18 Councilman Jones.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
22 again, Mr. President. I move for the
23 adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Been

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2 moved and properly seconded.

3 All those in favor?

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 recognizing November 2012 as National
12 Family Caregivers Month in the City of
13 Philadelphia, introduced by Councilman
14 Oh.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Oh.

19 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
21 of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Been
24 moved and properly seconded.

25 All those 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: There are no
9 other resolutions on the Final Passage
10 Calendar, Mr. President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you, Mr. Decker.

13 Are there any speeches on the
14 part of the minority?

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Oh.

17 COUNCILMAN OH: Mr. President,
18 I do have an administrative task to do
19 prior to making a comment, which I would
20 like to do, but I have learned that the
21 administrative procedure so that this
22 resolution does not continually appear on
23 the Calendar until such time as we place
24 it on the Calendar is to move that it be
25 placed on the Suspension Calendar until

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2 it is brought back up again.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 That's for a resolution or for a bill?

5 COUNCILMAN OH: That is for a

6 resolution -- I'm sorry; for the bill.

7 I'm sorry. Yes.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Okay.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Councilman Kenney, was that your second?

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes. How

14 about a third?

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All

16 in favor?

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

22 ayes have it. It is placed on the

23 Suspension Calendar.

24 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very

25 much, Mr. President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 You're welcome, Councilman.

4 COUNCILMAN OH: And I would
5 like to make a comment, Mr. President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Sure.

8 COUNCILMAN OH: The issue that
9 we all are concerned about here in
10 Council is how to make our city better
11 and how to make it more engaging and more
12 prosperous so people have good jobs and
13 good opportunities, good education in a
14 safe community and a good quality of
15 life. And to that extent, I would like
16 to invite everyone who has an interest to
17 participate in the hearings that we have
18 scheduled next week.

19 While we have scheduled a
20 series of hearings for Tuesday and
21 Wednesday covering a wide variety of
22 topics, I know that all these topics are
23 of interest to all of us and some; for
24 example, manufacturing with Councilman
25 Henon, who is leading that effort and has

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2 expressed great interest, transportation
3 with Councilman Kenyatta Johnson and
4 everyone else who heads a committee or
5 has great interest, that if there's
6 something particular on the schedule that
7 you're interested in, to please come and
8 participate or let me know, and I'll
9 schedule the Councilpeople in to
10 participate in the hearings.

11 So thank you very much,
12 Mr. President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you, Councilman.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I'll be brief.

19 First, let me thank my
20 colleagues today for approving my 80th
21 bill to become law.

22 Second, I want to invite my
23 colleagues to join me for the founding
24 meeting of a new network of progressive
25 municipal officials to be held in

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2 Washington, DC on November 16th, ten days
3 after the reelection of President Barack
4 Obama. It's called the National
5 Progressive Municipal Network. Its
6 purpose is to build a broad coalition of
7 local elected officials to share best
8 practices and policies and develop
9 strategies for advancing shared goals,
10 like responsible banking, living wages,
11 and paid sick leave.

12 This network will only be as
13 strong as its members. That's why I
14 invite you to join me and the other
15 interim Board members, the Honorable Nick
16 Licata of Seattle City Council, the
17 Honorable Brad Lander of New York City
18 Council, the Honorable Joe Moore of
19 Chicago City Council, the Honorable Chuck
20 Lesnick of Yonkers City Council and
21 others. When? November 16th through
22 18th. Where? The Marriott Park Hotel in
23 Washington, DC. Please join and/or
24 register at www.localprogress.net. For
25 your convenience, I will directly forward

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2 this information to you this afternoon.

3 Thank you, Mr. President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilman.

6 The Chair recognizes

7 Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. Mr. President, last
10 spring I called on my colleagues and
11 citizens throughout Philadelphia to
12 contact the Philadelphia State Senate
13 delegation to urge them to oppose House
14 Bill 2191, which legalized payday lending
15 in Pennsylvania. With only a few session
16 days left this fall and the predatory
17 payday lending industry pushing hard to
18 pass this bill, I renew this call with
19 greater urgency. Please, my colleagues,
20 call your State Senator and urge him or
21 her to vote against House Bill 2191.

22 House Bill 2191 legalizes
23 payday lending in Pennsylvania under the
24 misguided belief that this legislation is
25 needed to provide consumer protections

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2 for Pennsylvanians who are able to make
3 payday loans over the Internet. However,
4 payday lending is already illegal in
5 Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania
6 Supreme Court has upheld enforcement
7 actions by the Department of Banking
8 against online payday lenders that are
9 operating illegally.

10 Due to Pennsylvania's
11 longstanding usury laws, 24 percent is
12 the limit for annual interest rates on
13 small dollar loans, and compared to other
14 states with payday lending, these usury
15 laws have saved Pennsylvanians
16 approximately \$233 million annually.

17 House Bill 2191 does not
18 provide consumer protection for
19 Pennsylvania, because it legalizes
20 various predatory features of payday
21 loans, including triple-digit interest
22 rates over 350 percent; short minimum
23 loan terms, which are the borrower's next
24 payday; single balloon payments, forcing
25 borrowers to repay the entire loan,

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2 including all interest and fees, on the
3 next payday; and requiring post-dated
4 checks or pre-authorized electronic
5 debits as security for payday loans.

6 Over 50 organizations across
7 Pennsylvania oppose House Bill 2191, and
8 these groups have formed a coalition
9 entitled, quote, Stop Predatory Payday
10 Loans in Pennsylvania. And this
11 coalition includes AARP Pennsylvania,
12 Community Legal Services, Esperanza,
13 Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania,
14 Pennsylvania AFL-CIO, Pennsylvania
15 Council of Churches, PCCY, The
16 Reinvestment Fund, United Way of
17 Southeastern Pennsylvania, and Veterans
18 Leadership Programs of Western
19 Pennsylvania.

20 Once again, I urge you to
21 support this large coalition of
22 organizations, constituents, and voters
23 by calling members of the State Senate
24 and, in particular, the Philadelphia
25 delegation and ask them to vote no on

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2 House Bill 2191.

3 And last spring I did call the
4 sponsor of this bill and had a discussion
5 with him about it and the negative impact
6 on Pennsylvanians, but he definitely
7 believes that his bill would help
8 Pennsylvania. So I ask my colleagues to
9 call their Senators.

10 In addition to House Bill 2191,
11 I also call on my colleagues to tell the
12 State Senate that they oppose House Bill
13 2224, which is commonly known as "parks
14 for cash bill." Under current state law,
15 local courts are charged with oversight
16 for determining whether park land can be
17 used for another use. However, this bill
18 will remove judicial oversight and would
19 make it easier for park land to be sold
20 for many uses for which it was not
21 intended.

22 Consequently, the original
23 purpose for park land, open space for the
24 public, will be ignored. Approximately
25 75 member organizations, including the

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2 Pennsylvania Land Trust Association and
3 the Philadelphia Park Alliance, oppose
4 this bill. Considering these concerns
5 and this opposition, I call on the Senate
6 to vote against House Bill 2224.

7 Thank you very much. And that
8 park is used very dear to us in
9 Philadelphia, after all the work we've
10 done in this Council to protect our parks
11 and provide parks to be for public
12 service. So thank you very much, and
13 thank you, my colleagues. Please call
14 your State Senator. They need to hear
15 from you and not just me.

16 Thank you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you, Councilwoman, particularly on
19 your continued good work on your consumer
20 affairs. Thank you so much.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
24 Mr. President. I want to thank
25 particularly Judge Simpson for exercising

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2 judgment in delaying the implementation
3 of the voter ID law that would impact so
4 many people who do not have proper ID and
5 would have disenfranchised them from
6 voting in the November election.

7 Particularly, I want to give
8 credit to the Voter ID Coalition that
9 stood up and educated us on the
10 importance of this ruling, particularly
11 the NAACP, the Committee of Seventy, Joe
12 Certaine, you, Mr. President, and
13 particularly Councilwoman Bass, who
14 represented us in Council, and
15 Commissioner Singer of the City
16 Commissioners Office all banded together
17 and many members in this hall did things
18 small, did things big to bring attention
19 to this unjust law and its improper
20 timing.

21 So I want to thank the judge
22 for exercising judgment in that regard
23 and maybe eliminating and delaying a
24 catastrophe at the polls at a critical
25 point in deciding our presidential

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2 election. So thank you for your work
3 too, Mr. President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilman. Thank you for
6 your good work.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Green.

9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. I will be brief. I just
11 wanted to say I opened the Inquirer this
12 morning and read the article on Mayor
13 Nutter and six of his current and former
14 staffers joining the Board of Community
15 College of Philadelphia, and I just want
16 to say that I commend the Mayor and
17 congratulate him for the focus on
18 improving Community College and
19 particularly the focus on workforce
20 development that I know he's going to
21 concentrate on while he's there, and say
22 that I think it's tremendous that he's
23 putting the power of his office and
24 personal reputation at risk in an area
25 that is clearly important to the future

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2 of the City of Philadelphia. And
3 hopefully his engagement there will
4 result in federal funding or other
5 sources of revenue for Community College,
6 but if not, I hope that he comes back to
7 us with next year's budget with the
8 requested appropriation we approved for
9 2008 so that they can get on the business
10 of preparing our workforce.

11 Thank you, Mr. President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you, Councilman.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Squilla.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
17 Mr. President. Myself and Councilman
18 Kenyatta Johnson would like to invite all
19 our colleagues to our weekend of Columbus
20 Day festivities that we're having.
21 Tomorrow at noon in Chambers we'll be
22 having a resolution read and then
23 followed by lunch of some really good
24 Italian delicacies. So that will be
25 great tomorrow in the Caucus Room. We'll

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2 have lunch afterwards. And then on
3 Sunday, please join us to march down
4 Broad Street at the Columbus Day Parade
5 for a good time. Hopefully the weather
6 will be with us. We'll be lining up at
7 Broad Street, Broad and Moore around
8 11:30. I hope you'll be able to
9 celebrate with us.

10 To start the celebration today,
11 we're just going to pass along some
12 cannolis for everybody so that hopefully
13 people here in Council could enjoy a
14 little bit of the good Italian food
15 that's going to be served tomorrow, but
16 also in recognition of my desk mate,
17 Cindy Bass's birthday, who just wanted
18 two for a special occasion.

19 So thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you, Councilman.

22 Happy birthday, Councilwoman.
23 Snuck that by us. We'd have had a cake
24 in here had we known that.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Bass.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you
4 so much. It's not exactly my birthday,
5 but thank you so much.

6 Just a couple of things that I
7 would like to mention this morning. I
8 want to piggyback off of Councilman
9 Jones' comments earlier on the voter ID
10 decision that was made earlier this week,
11 and I wanted to thank all of those that
12 worked tirelessly to fight against the
13 voter ID requirement.

14 This week it was essentially
15 removed as a requirement, and rightfully
16 so. And now that we have at least
17 temporarily halted this lie that was
18 turned into a law, we would ask that the
19 Commonwealth reimburse its citizens for
20 any taxpayer-funded promotion of this
21 ill-timed, ill-prepared rush and
22 politically motivated piece of
23 legislation.

24 On another note, as the Chair
25 of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural

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2 Affairs Committee, I have the opportunity
3 to see so many of our cultural
4 institutions, most of which are holding
5 on or even thriving even during this
6 difficult economic time. Others, not so
7 much.

8 To all of those listening
9 today, I have a question for you. What
10 if I told you that Freedom Theatre, our
11 beloved cultural icon on North Broad
12 Street, was closing? What would you say?
13 What if this organization, which is 48
14 years old, nearing its 50th anniversary,
15 was in jeopardy? Would you say something
16 like, That's a shame; Aww, that's too
17 bad, I can't believe it, or I was just
18 getting ready to send a contribution to
19 support one of their fantastic programs.

20 Well, the good news is, they're
21 not closing, but they may if you don't
22 support them and support them now.
23 Freedom Theatre, which, in many minds, is
24 a stepchild of cultural assets in
25 Philadelphia, needs your help. You

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2 should care because they service over 400
3 young people annually here in
4 Philadelphia from all different parts of
5 the City. All of our districts benefit.
6 Ninety-eight percent of the people that
7 they service graduate from high school,
8 and 85 percent of those also graduate
9 from college and receive a four-year
10 degree.

11 Thus, we need to sound the
12 alarm. If they don't make it, then what?
13 We can complain about this travesty after
14 it's gone.

15 But what can I do, you may ask,
16 and I'll tell you, a lot. You can see a
17 student production. You can take a
18 class. You can go to a workshop for your
19 school or your organization. You can
20 volunteer. You can rent space for your
21 event or performance, and you can donate.

22 So I know you're ready to do
23 one of the above, so I would urge you to
24 call 215-765-2793 or go to
25 freedomtheatre.org, because they

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2 certainly need all of our help right now.

3 Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilwoman.

6 The Chair recognizes

7 Councilwoman Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. It gives me great
10 pleasure to acknowledge and I'm hopeful
11 that all of us will be ready to salute,
12 lift up, and celebrate Mr. Ed McBride, a
13 friendly face I've seen here for the last
14 12 years and a consummate professional.
15 He has earned his stripes and he's going
16 to be leaving us and moving on to serve
17 as the Manager of Public Policy at PECO.

18 Shall we salute him,
19 Mr. President?

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And,
22 Mr. President, the good news is that
23 succeeding him is a young lady, also a
24 promising rising star in Philly, and she
25 likes to brag in a good way that she's a

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2 Spellman grad. Her name is Melanie
3 Lassiter. And currently Melanie serves
4 on the Board of my former employer, or
5 one of my former employers, the Urban
6 League of Philadelphia. She was
7 identified as one of ten people under 40
8 to watch by the Philadelphia Tribune
9 Magazine recently, and more recently
10 served as Corporate Contributions Manager
11 in the Office of Corporate Relations for
12 PECO.

13 So now the new friendly face
14 and wonderful professional that will be
15 seen every Thursday is the new External
16 Affairs Manager of Philadelphia County
17 for PECO, and that would be Melanie K.
18 Lassiter.

19 Stand, Melanie.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
22 Mr. President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you, Councilwoman.

25 Any other speeches?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 There being none, I would like to
5 recognize Councilwoman Brown for a motion
6 to adjourn.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Sure,
8 Mr. President. I move that Council stand
9 adjourned until Thursday, October the
10 11th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
13 been moved and properly seconded that
14 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
15 October 11th, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

16 All those in favor?

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
22 ayes have it. Council shall stand
23 adjourned.

24 Thank you all very much.

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2 12:35 p.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
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