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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 29, 2007
10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILWOMAN CAROL ANN CAMPBELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILMAN DANIEL SAVAGE

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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MICHAEL DECKER, THE CLERK

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good

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morning. I note that the hour has come

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and that a quorum of this Council is

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present. Council will please come to

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order. Members will take their seats and

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visitors will retire to the seats outside

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the rails.

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To give our invocation this

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morning, the Chair recognizes Father Jack

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Kaloejey. He is from Father Judge High

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School and is here as the guest of

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Councilman Kelly.

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I would ask all members and

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guests to please rise.

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(Everyone rises.)

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FATHER KALOEJEY: Good morning.

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Before we begin the busyness and the work

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of our daily routine, our meetings, our

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sessions, all the things that happen to

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us each and every day, let us take a

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moment to seek the strength and the

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guidance that is within us to ask our God

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to be with us and bless us.

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God of all goodness and love,

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2 you gather us here today to do your work.

3 By virtue of our office, you have called

4 all of us here to serve one another,

5 especially those in most need.

6 Hear our prayers, those we hold

7 within the silence of our hearts. You

8 know our needs and our petitions. You

9 know the decisions we need to make and

10 the things we need to do. Give us your

11 grace and your strength this day to reach

12 out to others to see the God within one

13 another and to always keep foremost in

14 our mind those who are in most need,

15 those who are very much in need of your

16 help and your grace this day.

17 Be pleased with all that we do

18 and bless us as we begin these

19 proceedings that we may make the right

20 decision guided by your spirit to always

21 seek what is above and to help those here

22 below. Bless us and all those who will

23 be affected by our meetings and our

24 decisions and help us to love one

25 another.

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2 We ask this in your holy name.

3 Amen.

4 (Amen.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair thanks Father Kaloejey for his very
7 inspiring invocation.

8 Council will be at ease.

9 (Council at ease.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 next order of business is the approval of
12 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
13 March 22, 2007, and the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Madam President. I move that the
17 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March
18 22, 2007 stand approved.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
21 has been moved and properly seconded that
22 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
23 March 22, 2007 stand approved.

24 All in favor will indicate by
25 saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 ayes have it, and the Journal of the
8 meeting of Thursday, March 22, 2007 is
9 approved.

10 The next order of business is
11 requests for leave of absence, and,
12 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you, Madam President. On behalf of the
16 majority, there are no requests for
17 leaves of absence today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chair now recognizes
21 Councilman Rizzo.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
23 Madam President. Madam President, there
24 are no requests for leave of absence from
25 the republicans.

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

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

14 At this time, the Chair
15 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell, who
16 will present a resolution honoring
17 someone we certainly all know and
18 respect, James J. Binns, for his many
19 years of service in the Philadelphia
20 legal community.

21 Will Mr. Binns and those
22 accompanying him please join the
23 Councilwoman at the podium.

24 I see that the Councilwoman is
25 being joined by Councilman Kenney and I

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2 also see Councilwoman Miller is also
3 joining the Councilwoman.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Good
5 morning. We are joined by the head of
6 the Firefighters, the Police, certainly
7 by Monsignor McCulken, by the eMOM shop,
8 Sadine Ali (ph), and many, many others.
9 I will let Jimmy Binns certainly make the
10 presentation. And as I read this
11 resolution, we would like to say that he
12 will likewise be honored by Men United
13 with the annual Lucien E. Blackwell Award
14 on Monday morning at 9 o'clock in the
15 Mayor's reception room.

16 Resolution honoring James J.
17 Binns for his years of practice in the
18 Philadelphia legal community, in support
19 of the City's charitable institutions and
20 the establishment of the Hero Plaque
21 programs commemorating police and
22 firefighters killed in the line of duty.

23 Whereas, James J. Binns is a
24 lifelong Philadelphian who graduated with
25 honors from LaSalle University and

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2 Villanova Law School; and

3 Whereas, Mr. Binns has
4 practiced law in Philadelphia and
5 throughout the country for more that 43
6 years; and

7 Whereas, he is licensed to
8 practice law in 20 states and is admitted
9 to the federal courts of every state
10 where he is licensed, including all 11
11 Circuit Court of Appeals and the United
12 States Supreme Court; and

13 Whereas, Mr. Binns' practice
14 includes, inter alia, white-collar
15 criminal defense, complex and
16 multi-district litigation; and

17 Whereas, Mr. Binns is the
18 former Boxing Commissioner initially
19 appointed by Governor Rick Thornburgh and
20 reappointed by Governor Robert P. Casey
21 and a member of the Pennsylvania Boxing
22 Hall of Fame; and

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas, he
24 enjoys celebrity status for his roles in
25 the major motion picture Rocky V and

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2 Rocky Balboa; and

3 Whereas, his support of
4 charitable institutions in the City of
5 Philadelphia includes endowing scholastic
6 scholarships at St. Paul's Parochial
7 School, Roman Catholic High School and
8 LaSalle University where he dedicated the
9 James J. Binns Fitness Center; and

10 Whereas, he serves as a
11 Director of the Philadelphia Charity
12 Ball, Incorporated, and chairs the Hero
13 Scholarship Thrill Show for children of
14 deceased police officers and firefighters
15 and established the Judeo-Christian
16 School at Roman Catholic High School; and

17 Whereas, Mr. Binns established
18 the Hero Plaque Program commemorating
19 police officers and firefighters who were
20 killed in the line of duty; and

21 Whereas, these programs
22 commemorate the 274 deceased Philadelphia
23 police officers and 285 deceased
24 Philadelphia firefighters by placing
25 plaques at the locations where they died.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
3 the program has received national
4 recognition; and

5 Whereas, the City of
6 Philadelphia and indeed the nation owes
7 Mr. Binns a heartfelt debt of gratitude
8 for his dedication and generosity.

9 Now, therefore resolved, that
10 the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
11 honors James J. Binns for his years of
12 practice in the Philadelphia legal
13 community, his support of the City's
14 charitable institutions and establishment
15 of the Hero Plaque Programs commemorating
16 police and firefighters killed in the
17 line of duty.

18 Further resolved, that an
19 engrossed copy of this resolution be
20 presented as a sincere expression of this
21 Council's appreciation for his dedication
22 and generosity.

23 Certified that this is a true
24 and correct copy of the original
25 resolution, adopted by the Council of the

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2 City of Philadelphia on the 29th day of
3 March 2007, signed by Anna C. Verna,
4 President of City Council, introduced by
5 Jannie L. Blackwell, James F. Kenney and
6 Donna Reed Miller and co-sponsored by all
7 members of City Council.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
10 Monsignor, would you like to say a few
11 words? Monsignor McCulken.

12 MONSIGNOR MCCULKEN: This is a
13 wonderful day, an opportunity for the
14 City to recognize the wonderful work that
15 Mr. Binns has done in so many ways.
16 Certainly the reading of the proclamation
17 allows us to give recognition to all the
18 many things that he has accomplished in
19 his life, but is a day also to give
20 thanksgiving to God for not only blessing
21 him with so much talent and so many
22 graces and such a spirit of generosity,
23 but also to thank God for all who have
24 benefited by it.

25 May God bless him and God bless

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2 the City of Philadelphia.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you, Monsignor.

6 The Chair recognizes Mr. Binns
7 for remarks.

8 MR. BINNS: Madam President, it
9 is indeed a wonderful honor for me to be
10 up here with my dear friend, Jannie
11 Blackwell, because I go back to Lou, and
12 all of you know Congressman Blackwell was
13 an avid boxing fan and, in his day, a
14 wonderful boxer. And Lou and I were soul
15 mates for his entire time here on earth,
16 and now I've been able to prolong my
17 affiliation with the family through this
18 wonderful woman, whom all of you know and
19 who is a wonderful leader here in this
20 august body.

21 I was told at the beginning
22 that I would be able to bring my family,
23 so I brought my family. I have my son
24 Jimmy. I have my brother Bobby Eddis, my
25 other brother Brian McBride, my other

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2 brother Bobby Pantano. I've got the
3 Monsignor with me. I've got Donna Reed
4 Miller. I've got Mikey Fera here, who
5 has got his own contingent that he
6 brought with him from the head of the
7 Cement Masons Union.

8 And our Plaque Program, as you
9 may all know, is a wonderful partnership
10 of Philadelphians and it flows right from
11 the top. We have, of course, the most
12 wonderful Police Commissioner in the
13 United States of America, Sylvester
14 Johnson.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. BINNS: He's another one of
17 my brothers. He's a younger brother.
18 And in addition to Sylvester Johnson and
19 the entire Police force, who we all know
20 now, they're in the trenches and all of
21 us should be supporting these heroes, and
22 I have some of them up here with us.
23 These are the highway patrol officers,
24 some of them, under Mike Cochran.

25 (Applause.)

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2 MR. BINNS: And they're the
3 people that this Plaque Program is
4 designed for, because in addition to
5 paying homage to the fallen heroes who
6 have given their life in the line of
7 duty, we want to send a message loud and
8 clearly that we support these heroes in
9 uniform. And so every time you see a
10 child who wants to get an autograph from
11 somebody who plays on a team that's in a
12 uniform, I always tell them, Go and seek
13 out a police officer or a firefighter and
14 get their autograph, because they are the
15 ones who are wearing our uniform and
16 they're on the front line every day for
17 us. So I'd like to give a round of
18 applause to our police officers.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. BINNS: And they're the
21 ones who we really should be rallying
22 behind, because you know we're in a war
23 that Jannie and Anna and Donna and Jimmy
24 and the rest of these City Councilpeople
25 are fighting for us right now. We have

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2 already 100 murders in the first three
3 months, and that is something that we all
4 have to ban together behind them. But
5 the people that we're pushing out in
6 front are the people in uniform, and so
7 when the bullets start flying and we all
8 start diving for cover, you got to
9 remember that they're the ones that have
10 to run to where the fire is coming from.
11 They have the only profession in this
12 life, the only profession where in one
13 eight-hour tour of duty -- and I'm
14 borrowing this from our Police
15 Commissioner, but it's so appropriate --
16 they can either give a life, take a life
17 or save a life. Nobody else can do that.
18 And so that's why this Plaque Program is
19 important. And the same holds true for
20 the Plaque Program that has been now
21 implemented on behalf of the
22 firefighters. To date, we've done 31
23 police plaques. We've done 12
24 firefighter plaques. Brian McBride from
25 Local 22, he's the President of Local 22,

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2 is the person that I'm working with for
3 the firefighters. We're going to do 285.
4 Imagine, 285 human lives given fighting
5 our fires. Bobby Eddis, of course, is my
6 partner in the Plaque Program for the
7 police officers. Two hundred and
8 seventy-four police officers have given
9 their lives.

10 And one thing everybody has to
11 bear in mind, these programs are blue.
12 There's no race. There's no creed.
13 There's no color. There's no religion.
14 We have honored Muslims, Jewish,
15 Protestant, Catholic, white,
16 African-American, male, female members of
17 these two departments. We will continue
18 to do that until the message goes loud
19 and clear that we care for our brothers
20 and sisters in blue.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. BINNS: I'm not going to
23 belabor this, but the man in the white
24 here, Mike Fera, the President of the
25 Cement Masons Union --

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2 (Applause.)

3 MR. BINNS: There's another one
4 of my little brothers.

5 Get up here, Mr. Gillespie.

6 Here's the President of the
7 Building Trades Union, Pat Gillespie.
8 He's here for some other reason, but he's
9 one of my younger brothers, too, and he
10 lends total support. We have total
11 support of the building trades.

12 Sam Staten and the Laborers
13 Union alone sponsored 20 plaques a year.
14 Just imagine that, one faction of the
15 labor movement. But Pat Gillespie is
16 responsible.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. BINNS: But now little
19 Mikey Fera is the guy who he and his men
20 go out, they break the cement, they pour
21 the concrete, and it's beautifully cured
22 for each one of our plaque ceremonies.
23 They won't accept a cup of coffee for it.
24 All of our plaque ceremonies are catered
25 by the IBEW, Johnny Doc's guys.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MR. BINNS: You must have labor
4 people. I don't understand this.

5 And we have another important
6 member of our team, and that's the
7 Philadelphia Daily News and the Inquirer,
8 but the Daily News writes a story every
9 time we have a plaque dedication and they
10 recount and chronicle the heroism of
11 these heroes that we honor. And, of
12 course, you all know that each of our
13 plaques are sponsored by individual
14 citizen sponsors. So it's a ground-swell
15 movement. It's a grassroots movement.
16 And I am just honored to be a part of it,
17 and I thank, once again, my dear friend,
18 Jannie, for bringing this to the
19 attention of all of you and to our
20 citizenry in general.

21 Thank you, and God bless you
22 all.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

25 Council will be at ease.

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2 The Police Commissioner is
3 joining us, so I'm sure he wants to get
4 in the photo.

5 (Council at ease.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Miller,
8 who will present a resolution proclaiming
9 March 2007 as Justice Month.

10 Will Ms. Judith Trustone and
11 those accompanying her please join the
12 Councilwoman at the podium.

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
16 you. Thank you, Madam President.

17 Before we start, I'd just like
18 to make an announcement.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
20 Councilwoman, just a minute, please.

21 The noise level is much, much
22 too high. Anyone having conversation,
23 please do so in the corridor.

24 Please proceed.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

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2 you.

3 Before we start with this
4 citation, there is an all-day
5 conference -- there's actually a whole
6 lot of activities affiliated with Justice
7 Month, but on Saturday at the Broad
8 Street Ministry at 315 South Broad
9 Street, there is an all-day conference
10 titled "Locked Up: Keys to Prison
11 Change." And I just wanted to let
12 Philadelphia know, in addition to some of
13 our local activists, we're also going to
14 have at that conference Angela Davis,
15 Civil Rights Activist; Sister Helen
16 Prejean, who is an author; and Devon
17 Brown, who is Director of the Department
18 of Corrections in Washington, DC.

19 So everyone is invited to
20 attend, and the entire day, the cost is
21 \$25, and that includes lunch, and you can
22 pick up tickets from Robin's Bookstore.
23 With that, thank you.

24 Resolution proclaiming March
25 27th as Justice Month.

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2 The City Council of
3 Philadelphia designates the month of
4 March 2007 as Justice Month in
5 Philadelphia and encourages participation
6 in a month-long "Festival of Justice" in
7 the City of Philadelphia.

8 Whereas, now, at the beginning
9 of the 21st Century, the United States
10 has a higher percentage of citizens in
11 prison than any other country in the
12 world. Almost two and a half million
13 people are in prison and close to eight
14 million are in the system, either in
15 prison, on parole or on probation; and

16 Whereas, the prison industrial
17 complex has become a \$52 billion a year
18 industry and is one of the United States'
19 few growth industries; and

20 Whereas, the City of
21 Philadelphia spent \$263 million in the
22 2005 fiscal year; and

23 Whereas, the cost of running
24 the criminal justice system is causing a
25 strain on the economy at both local and

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2 national levels, and the system exhibits
3 an almost 70 percent recidivism rate; and

4 Whereas, roughly 40 percent of
5 prisoners suffer from HIV, Hepatitis C,
6 Tuberculosis or are acutely mentally ill;
7 and

8 Whereas, as a society, it is
9 necessary for us to look more closely and
10 critically at who makes up this prison
11 population. For instance, the war on
12 drugs has created a situation where 70
13 percent of the incarcerated are now
14 non-violent offenders. Likewise, with
15 one in three African-American men serving
16 time in penal institutions, at some point
17 in their lives this should be regarded as
18 an acute situation; and

19 Whereas, it is time for us to
20 look collectively at some of the
21 alternatives available to the current
22 practices of punitive justice; and

23 Therefore, in order to work
24 towards achieving this goal here in
25 Philadelphia, we do hereby declare March

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2 2007 Justice Month and initiate a
3 month-long "Festival of Justice" in the
4 City. This festival brings various
5 regional organizations and persons
6 together to tackle difficult social
7 questions; and

8 Therefore, we invite the
9 hundreds of organizations in the greater
10 Philadelphia region who are working on
11 solutions to these problems to contribute
12 through their thoughts and energies in
13 order to expand this important dialogue
14 on public safety, incarceration and
15 reentry; and

16 Now therefore, be it resolved,
17 by the City Council of Philadelphia that
18 the month of March 2007 be declared
19 Justice Month and City Council encourages
20 participation in the "Festival of
21 Justice" in the City of Philadelphia.

22 Further resolved, that an
23 engrossed copy of this resolution be
24 presented to Judith Trustone from
25 Sagewriters.

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2 Certification, this is a true
3 and correct copy of the original
4 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
5 City of Philadelphia on the 14th day of
6 September 2006, signed by Anna C. Verna,
7 President of City Council, introduced by
8 Donna Reed Miller and sponsored by all
9 members of City Council.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair recognizes Ms. Trustone for
13 remarks.

14 MS. TRUSTONE: Thank you so
15 much for the opportunity to be here
16 today. I'd like to acknowledge Larry
17 Robin, whom I'm sure you all know from
18 Robin's Bookstore, who has worked with me
19 on this project for almost two years.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. TRUSTONE: And Byard
22 Lancaster, someone else that you might
23 know.

24 (Applause.)

25 MS. TRUSTONE: And Michael

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2 Forrest, whose devotion to the work is
3 truly remarkable.

4 (Applause.)

5 MS. TRUSTONE: I have a few
6 words, and I appreciate your patience.

7 Philadelphia City Council, I
8 honor you for your courage and common
9 sense in choosing to bring to the public
10 through your resolution for Justice Month
11 a public conversation about whether or
12 not we wish to continue mass
13 incarceration of our fellow citizens or
14 seek more humane, effective and less
15 costly alternatives to our complex and
16 serious social problems. It's time to
17 examine whether "lock them up and throw
18 away the key" is serving our communities.

19 I offer to you copies of the
20 second edition of "Celling America's
21 Soul: Torture and Transformation in Our
22 Prisons and Why We Should Care," which I
23 wrote with prisoners, for you to read
24 what those behind bars suggest as
25 effective alternatives.

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2 Justice Month, a massive public
3 safety educational initiative, an
4 appliance of the justice community, the
5 many organizations working on prison
6 change, is culminating in a March 31st
7 conference, which you've just heard
8 about. Here's an opportunity to create
9 community dialogue about alternatives to
10 begin to think outside the cellblock.

11 Most of us are not interested
12 in what goes on in prisons until someone
13 we care about is caught up in them. Then
14 it's a shock.

15 People, we have to talk about
16 the growth of the prison industrial
17 complex, which has gotten so out of
18 control that we now must choose between
19 schools and prisons. We've got to talk
20 about our lust for punishment and our
21 obsession with guns, human-killing guns,
22 not squirrel rifles, men's Viagra in a
23 toxic planet needing a new healthier
24 pro-life forum of masculinity.

25 We've got to talk about how we

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2 need men to change to adapt to the
3 planetary needs of the 21st Century, to
4 let go of the patriarchal 19th Century
5 man with his propensity for violence,
6 competition and dominance and hunger for
7 war.

8 What we have now is a system of
9 men gone wild, from Bush on down to
10 Former PA Prison Guard Charles Grainer,
11 more recently convicted for abuses at Abu
12 Ghraib. Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo grew
13 out of the American criminal justice
14 system, which even the American Bar
15 Association acknowledges is broken.

16 Imagine what healthcare,
17 housing and education every community
18 could have with the two billion dollars a
19 week we're spending on the war in Iraq.
20 Charles Dickens was right, in the 1840's
21 when he visited Philadelphia's new
22 Eastern Penitentiary, he announced that
23 the Quaker-sponsored model would never
24 work. Those who devise this system and
25 those benevolent gentlemen who carry it

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2 into execution do not know what they're
3 doing. I hold this slow and daily
4 tampering with the brain to be
5 immeasurably worse than any torture of
6 the body.

7 People, what are we doing?

8 Despite his warning, we build more
9 prisons like it as a response to our
10 acceptance of a high level of poverty,
11 lack of healthcare, an inadequate social
12 safety net, racism, poor education and an
13 obsession with firearms and the military
14 in a culture that loves violence.

15 Out-of-control guns and mandatory
16 sentencing have filled prisons and made
17 too many Philadelphia streets like
18 Baghdad. Are we stuck with prisons the
19 same way we're stuck in Iraq? How can we
20 switch from institutions of punishment to
21 institutions of healing? Prisons clearly
22 are obsolete.

23 Thomas Paine in Common Sense

24 wrote, "And a long habit of not thinking
25 a thing wrong gives it a superficial

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2 appearance of being right and raises at
3 first a formidable outcry in defense of
4 custom."

5 We need to talk about why we
6 incarcerate more of our citizens than any
7 other country, where at least 10,000
8 innocents a year go to prison. Why does
9 Pennsylvania have more lifers than any
10 other state in the country? Yes, we need
11 to protect the community from violence,
12 but only 20 percent of prisoners are
13 violent.

14 A government-sponsored survey
15 of prison administrators showed that 92
16 percent said we have to look at
17 alternatives and that they could release
18 half the people in prison tomorrow with
19 little or no threat to the community.
20 One high-level prison official said to
21 me, Just because we run prisons doesn't
22 mean we believe in them.

23 Pennsylvania is only one of
24 five states where a sentence of life
25 without parole means the only way for

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2 someone with a life sentence to be freed
3 is through commutation by the Governor
4 upon the recommendation of the Board of
5 Pardons, which has pardoned only three
6 people in the last 11 years. Prior to
7 the Thornburgh Administration, hundreds
8 of Pennsylvania lifers were pardoned each
9 term.

10 If the almost 5,000 lifers in
11 Pennsylvania had been convicted across
12 the river in New Jersey, most would have
13 been freed years ago. Paroled lifers
14 have a two percent rate of recidivism.

15 We need to talk about why we
16 continue to imprison so many lifers more
17 than any other state, costing us \$350
18 million a year. Imagine what
19 Philadelphia schools could do with that
20 money.

21 Then there's the slavery issue.
22 The 13th Amendment reads "neither slavery
23 nor involuntary servitude, except as a
24 punishment for crime whereof the party
25 shall have been duly convicted, shall

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2 exist within the United States." A real
3 wakening civil rights movement demands
4 the removal of that clause allowing
5 slavery. If inmates were treated like
6 citizens, paid minimum wage, not
7 tortured, and allowed to vote, as they
8 are in Europe, imagine politicians
9 campaigning to prisoners.

10 There will be a rally Sunday at
11 noon at the Liberty Bell about this.

12 There's so many reasons why we
13 should care, but what are the
14 alternatives? For the non-violent,
15 there's house arrest, electronic
16 monitoring, community service -- remember
17 all the bridges that were built during
18 WPA -- restorative justice, restitution
19 and other approaches used in more
20 progressive countries. People come here
21 from Europe to visit our prisoners.

22 As long as we think in terms of
23 us and them, the fear-controlled public
24 can be easily manipulated. As we
25 silently support the continuation of 19th

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2 Century prisons, we need to stop
3 ourselves and ask what can we do. I
4 suggest that we get together and
5 brainstorm ways to make vital changes.
6 Here are a few ideas to stimulate
7 dialogue: I propose that City Council
8 and communities of conscience establish
9 ongoing public forums at all levels to
10 discuss whether or not we want to
11 continue mass incarceration. Just as
12 citizens are standing up against the Iraq
13 War and standing up against casinos in
14 our neighborhoods, so we must stand up
15 against the continuation of prisons with
16 institutionalized torture and replace
17 them with restorative justice and houses
18 of healing.

19 Let's explore programs like
20 those at the San Francisco jail, the
21 Delancey Street Project, the Center for
22 Therapeutic Justice in Williamsburg, the
23 Creative Arts programs in Philadelphia
24 prisons and those of our neighbor across
25 the river in Camden.

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2 There's no one-size-fits-all
3 approach. We need to look to other
4 countries where those who break the laws
5 spend little time in prison but are moved
6 quickly into treatment and training.
7 Here are some ideas: Establish a
8 coalition for prison change with the
9 formerly incarcerated families of
10 prisoners, corrections professionals,
11 political leaders, activists and
12 visionaries. Do a survey of prisoners at
13 a sampling of prisons to see what ideas
14 they might have that might work.

15 Let's establish a series of
16 community education initiatives, work to
17 eliminate laws blocking successful
18 reentry and mandatory sentencing, return
19 discretion to judges. Let's work with
20 our legislators. Let's give voice to the
21 voiceless. Let's provide continuing
22 support, not for a month of justice but a
23 year for justice. Let's get corporations
24 to agree to train and hire formerly
25 incarcerated people. Let's work on

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2 housing. Let's support the federal
3 Second Chance Act sponsored by Arlen
4 Specter, Barack Obama and others, and
5 let's learn what other countries do.

6 People, it's time we talked
7 about this.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
11 you.

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
15 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Brown,
16 who will present a resolution supporting
17 the recommendations from the Maternity
18 Care Coalition's Report "Childbirth at a
19 Crossroads."

20 Will Ms. Letty Thall and those
21 accompanying her please join the
22 Councilwoman at the podium.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 On February 16th of this year,

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2 the Philadelphia Inquirer reported an
3 alarming announcement about another
4 closing of an obstetric hospital here in
5 our city, and it raises a lot of
6 questions, because no one knows now what
7 will happen with the 1,500 births
8 previously delivered at Jeanes where they
9 will go now in the future. When that
10 hospital closing took place, Jeanes
11 actually absorbed much of the volume of
12 births that were taking place at
13 Frankford Hospital and, before that,
14 Parkview Hospital, which closed in 2003.

15 So the work of the Maternity
16 Care Coalition becomes incredibly
17 invaluable and more needed as our city
18 confronts yet another closing of a major
19 hospital in our city providing obstetric
20 services to prospective moms.

21 Thus, today we are supporting
22 the recommendations from the Maternity
23 Care Coalition Report of "Childbirth at a
24 Crossroads" and calling on both the
25 Governor and our state Legislature to

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2 incorporate the five major issues from
3 this report into the ultimate healthcare
4 plan that comes from the Commonwealth.

5 Whereas, Governor Edward G.
6 Rendell has prescribed a healthcare plan
7 for Pennsylvanians, which will attempt
8 to, A, reduce growing costs of affordable
9 healthcare and uninsured adults, expand
10 access to healthcare services, make
11 healthcare more affordable, and increase
12 wellness through promotion of preventive
13 healthcare; and

14 Whereas, "Childbirth at a
15 Crossroads" is an outline of issues and
16 recommendations that can be implemented
17 into the Governor's health plan's four
18 broad goals; and

19 Whereas, the state should
20 provide diversity in the population of
21 Pennsylvanians by requiring healthcare
22 facilities to comply with federal
23 standards and identifying the predominant
24 language needs of the community to
25 overcome language barriers; and

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2 Whereas, many women lack access
3 to adequate healthcare, thus sufficient
4 funding provisions through state and
5 local sources to ensure all women receive
6 care; and

7 Whereas, an increase in the
8 number of healthcare professionals to aid
9 low-income or minority women to help
10 prevent a decline in the pool of
11 qualified health practitioners by making
12 changes in laws that create
13 reimbursements for use of their skills
14 would be beneficial; and

15 Whereas, each county in the
16 Commonwealth should issue an annual
17 health "report card" that will highlight
18 maternal and child health indicators to
19 identify significant racial disparities
20 in conjunction with national statement of
21 health goals; and

22 Whereas, the final
23 recommendation of the report suggests
24 balancing medicine of the current day
25 with needs of our families; and

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2 Whereas, the state's healthcare
3 plan must recognize the importance for
4 all families to be equipped with
5 family-friendly practices, along with
6 sufficient financial support to
7 participate in statewide healthcare; and

8 Whereas, "Childbirth at a
9 Crossroads" is an outline of issues and
10 recommendations to be implemented into
11 the Governor's health plan's four broad
12 goals.

13 Now therefore, be it resolved,
14 that the City Council support the
15 recommendations from the Maternity Care
16 Coalition Report and call on the Governor
17 and our state Legislature to incorporate
18 the five major issues from the report
19 into the ultimate healthcare plan that
20 comes from our Commonwealth.

21 Certified, this is a true copy
22 of the original resolution, adopted by
23 the City Council, signed by President
24 Anna C. Verna, introduced by Blondell
25 Reynolds Brown, sponsored by all the

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2 members of the Philadelphia City Council.

3 Thank you, Madam President.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Ms. Thall for remarks.

7 MS. FISCHER: Thank you, Madam
8 Chair and Councilwoman Brown. I'm JoAnne
9 Fischer, the Executive Director of
10 Maternity Care Coalition, and with me is
11 Letty Thall, our Director of Public
12 Policy.

13 Most of you know us through the
14 MOMobile Program in the neighborhoods
15 where your constituents find support
16 around having a baby, or the Cribs for
17 Kids Program where our staff is out
18 educating folks about safe sleep and
19 providing cribs with your support to
20 families who can't afford them, or our
21 MOMobile newly established at Riverside
22 Correctional Facility for Women.

23 What you may not know is that
24 we have long waiting lists with people
25 who have questions every day about having

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2 babies and what help they can get.

3 That's what drove us to developing this

4 report, "Childbirth at a Crossroads,"

5 which all of you received in September,

6 and where we discovered some startling

7 facts, like one out of ten families in

8 our community speak a language other than

9 English. Is our healthcare system ready

10 and able to serve those families? That

11 even though infant mortality in our

12 community has been reduced since

13 Maternity Care Coalition was

14 established -- and that was the reason we

15 were established 26 years ago -- the

16 disparities and inequities, particularly

17 among African-American families,

18 continue. It is still true that an

19 African-American baby has twice a chance

20 of dying in their first year.

21 It is also a startling fact to

22 learn that breastfeeding in

23 Philadelphia -- we see ourselves as a

24 community with lots of healthcare

25 resources, but we are number ten among

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2 the ten largest cities in the United
3 States in initiating breastfeeding,
4 something that can support families
5 bonding, reduce obesity and a variety of
6 other things, and we don't even know why.

7 So we're addressing the issues
8 around health insurance, but we have
9 decided that in September we were
10 childbirth at a crossroads. Now we are
11 childbirth in crisis.

12 With the decision -- and I
13 don't know how many of you knew that
14 Jeanes had closed. It was buried in an
15 article on Temple laying off staff that
16 said that Jeanes Hospital would be
17 closing their obstetrical unit. That is
18 an additional 1,500, 1,600 births to be
19 absorbed, right after Frankford closed
20 nine months ago and Parkview before that.
21 So Northeast Philadelphia is in a
22 particularly difficult situation. And we
23 have to ask this question: Is this the
24 kind of decision that an individual
25 hospital or healthcare system can make

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2 based on their bottom line or do we need
3 to look at the needs of the community?
4 We still have 50,000 births in this
5 community and there's been 14 closures of
6 OB units over the past 11 years. Who is
7 making these decisions on what basis?
8 One thing we know, the needs of the
9 community is not the basis for that
10 decision-making and it needs to be.

11 So we ask you to join with us
12 to find out what can be done so that
13 every hospital isn't deciding that it is
14 no longer profitable to be doing
15 obstetrics and, therefore, eliminating
16 that service so that the young people in
17 this room will have no place to have
18 their babies. We need your help so that
19 we can make sure that every baby born in
20 our community is welcomed into the world
21 in a safe and healthy and loving way.

22 So thank you very much for
23 endorsing these recommendations, and
24 please join with us in creating truly a
25 welcoming world for babies in our

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2 community.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

6 Council will be at ease.

7 (Council at ease.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

9 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Tasco,

10 who will present a resolution honoring

11 the Philadelphia Department of

12 Recreation's Swim Team.

13 Will Mr. Jim Ellis and those

14 accompanying him please join the

15 Councilwoman at the podium.

16 I see the Councilwoman is being

17 joined by Councilwoman Miller and

18 Councilman Clarke, also Councilwoman

19 Brown.

20 The Chair recognizes

21 Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Good

23 morning, Madam President and members of

24 Council and guests. This is indeed an

25 honor today to present this resolution

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2 honoring Jim Ellis and the Philadelphia
3 Department of Recreation, "PDR," Swim
4 Team.

5 Whereas, the City Council of
6 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to
7 honor Mr. Jim Ellis for over 40 years of
8 civic and community service to the City
9 of Philadelphia through his outstanding
10 work as a competitive swimming coach,
11 mentor to youth and motivational speaker,
12 as well as the founding and development
13 of the nationally recognized Philadelphia
14 Department of Recreation Swim Team; and

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
16 the newly released "Pride" is a Liongate
17 film starring Terrence Howard, Bernie Mac
18 and Kimberly Elise, is based on the true
19 events surrounding U.S. Swimming Coach
20 Jim Ellis and the PDR Swim Team. "Pride"
21 tells a story of a swim coach and youth
22 mentor who built a successful swimming
23 program in North Philadelphia in the
24 1970s; and

25 Whereas, Philadelphia's own Jim

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas,
7 over the past 35 years, Jim Ellis has
8 been introducing competitive swimming to
9 inner city youth and their families. His
10 coaching has provided a healthy and
11 stimulating environment in which young
12 athletes can grow and compete; and

Whereas, Jim Ellis teaches the PDR swimmers more than how to compete in the water. He teaches them success through hard work, dedication, team work and other important life-changing lessons that prepare them for a better future; and

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
21 today PDR Swim Team is the City's
22 nationally recognized competitive swim
23 team, has sent numerous swimmers to the
24 U.S. Olympic team trials, is the nation's
25 best predominantly African-American team

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2 and has become a model for urban swim
3 programs around the country; and

4 Whereas, the City of
5 Philadelphia, no doubt, greatly and
6 knowingly privileged to hold within its
7 borders the bright and enduring light of
8 this vibrant leader, groundbreaker,
9 public servant and devotee to youth and
10 athletes.

11 Now therefore

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Resolved,
13 by the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, that we hereby recognize
15 and congratulate Mr. Jim Ellis for his 35
16 years of civic and community service to
17 the City of Philadelphia through his
18 outstanding service as a swimming coach
19 and youth mentor and the release of the
20 major motion picture based on his life
21 and experiences in building on one of the
22 country's premier African-American swim
23 teams; and

24 Further resolved, that an
25 engrossed copy of this resolution be

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2 presented to Mr. Jim Ellis as evidence of
3 the sincere sentiments of this
4 legislative body.

5 Certification, that this is a
6 true and correct copy of the original
7 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
8 City of Philadelphia on the 15th day of
9 February 2007. It is introduced by
10 Councilwoman Tasco, Councilman Darrell
11 Clarke, Blondell Reynolds Brown and Donna
12 Reed Miller and supported by all members
13 of City Council.

14 Congratulations and thank you
15 so much.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. ELLIS: Good morning. I'd
18 like to take the time to thank
19 Councilpersons Clarke, Brown, Miller and
20 Tasco for presenting us with this honor,
21 and I say "us" because I am the one
22 that's accepting it, but this is
23 something that's been a community
24 project.

25 I'd like to take the time to

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2 thank God for bringing me to Philadelphia
3 from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I'd like
4 to thank Philadelphia for embracing me as
5 a young man. I'd like to thank the City
6 of Philadelphia for hiring me. I'd like
7 to thank the Philadelphia School Board
8 for putting up with me. I'd like to
9 thank all the community people who have
10 made some type of donation to our
11 program. I'd like to thank all the
12 community people who were instrumental in
13 sending me their young people to
14 participate in a program that was a dream
15 of mine and a passion. I'd like to thank
16 you, City Council, and everyone else who
17 had a hand in this.

18 I'd also like to take the time
19 to say that although this program may
20 have seemed to be an elite program for so
21 long in the City of Philadelphia, the
22 young people, parents and the community
23 people who went out and represented the
24 City on the highest level possible, these
25 are the people who should be named in

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2 this, and the list is long. These young
3 people have gone on to become productive
4 citizens, not only in the City of
5 Philadelphia but in the United States all
6 across the country.

7 I would like to think that the
8 City, City Council, can find in their
9 hearts a way to put more money into
10 facilities in the City of Philadelphia so
11 we can bring more young people --

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. ELLIS: -- so we can bring
14 more young people off the streets to
15 participate in a program such as this.

16 My father always told me
17 actions speak louder than words, and I
18 think we've given you the actions for
19 30-plus years and I think now is the time
20 for the City to reach back, sit back and
21 look at what they need to do for our
22 young people, not only in the classroom,
23 because I'm a teacher at one of the most
24 finest high schools in the City, Bodine
25 High School, High School of International

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2 Affairs, and young people are putting it
3 down every day achieving.

4 I work with the Rec Department,
5 two of the finest facilities, Sayre
6 Recreation Center and Foster Pool. These
7 facilities have fallen into disrepair,
8 and it's not fair to our young people,
9 who didn't ask to be here. They're here,
10 and we need to let them know that we care
11 about them and we're concerned. They'll
12 continue to produce for you, but we have
13 to stand behind them and we have to give
14 them their support, day in and day out.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. ELLIS: So, again, I accept
17 this award, not for myself but for all
18 the young people who have come,
19 participated in the program and have
20 represented the City of Philadelphia on
21 its highest level.

22 Thanks again.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you very much, Mr. Ellis.

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2 Council will stand at ease.

3 (Council at ease.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 next order of business is communications.
6 The Chair requests that the
7 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
8 the Clerk.

9 The Clerk will please read the
10 messages from the Mayor.

11 THE CLERK: From the Mayor to
12 the President and members of the Council
13 of the City of Philadelphia, I am pleased
14 to advise you that today, March 29, 2007,
15 I signed all of the bills that were
16 passed by Council at its session on March
17 15, 2007, except Bill No. 070112, which I
18 am returning as disapproved; and

19 I am transmitting for the
20 consideration of your honorable body a
21 resolution approving the redevelopment
22 contract and disposition supplement of
23 the Redevelopment Authority of the City
24 of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
25 urban renewal of a portion of the Model

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2 Cities Urban Renewal Area; and

3 A resolution authorizing the
4 Secretary of Housing, or his designee, on
5 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
6 file an application and, if the
7 application is accepted, to execute a
8 contract to obtain a grant from the
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department
10 of Conservation; and

11 An ordinance authorizing Kevin
12 Alsbrook to own, use and maintain an
13 existing deck to be used for accessory
14 outdoor seating for a restaurant; and

15 An ordinance authorizing
16 Liberty Property Trust Limited
17 Partnership, owner of the Comcast Center
18 at 1701 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, to
19 place raised planters and stainless steel
20 security bollards adjacent to the Comcast
21 Center; and

22 An ordinance authorizing Rimas
23 Properties, owner of the property 1352
24 South Street, to construct, operate and
25 maintain a raised plaza encroachment; and

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2 An ordinance authorizing the
3 East Falls Development Corporation, 3654
4 Midvale Avenue, to install a gateway
5 entrance sign; and

6 An ordinance authorizing and
7 directing the revision of lines and
8 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 305
9 by placing on the City Plan Edgemont
10 Street from Juniata Street to Berkshire
11 Street; and

12 An ordinance authorizing and
13 directing the revision of lines and
14 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 63
15 by striking from the City Plan and
16 vacating Carlton Street from 20th Street
17 eastwardly approximately 98 feet 4 inches
18 to a dead-end; and

19 An ordinance authorizing and
20 directing the revision of lines and
21 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 187
22 by striking from the City Plan and
23 vacating the legally opened portion of
24 Belgrade Street from Butler Street to
25 Wheatsheaf Lane; and

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2 An ordinance authorizing and
3 directing the revision of lines and
4 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 306
5 by striking from the City Plan Buckius
6 Street from Miller Street to Belgrade
7 Street; and

8 An ordinance authorizing
9 Northstar Developments, owner of the
10 property 1617 North Second Street, to
11 construct, operate and maintain
12 multi-level bays and balconies, all under
13 certain terms and conditions.

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

17 I would ask the Clerk to please
18 read any other communications in his
19 possession.

20 THE CLERK: I have none, Madam
21 President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The next order of business is
25 the introduction of bills and

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2 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Sorry,
5 Madam President. I was not paying
6 attention. Madam President --

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
8 so sorry. Councilwoman, just a moment,
9 please.

10 The Chair at this time
11 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
13 President, thank you. At this time, I
14 would like to introduce Dr. Joseph
15 Procopio, a pharmacologist at Jefferson
16 Medical School here in Philadelphia, but
17 more than that, his two guests from the
18 University of Naples in Naples, Italy:
19 Dr. Gabriella Bianca, Professor of
20 Architecture, and her husband,
21 Dr. Alfredo Bianca, Professor of
22 Pharmacology and Toxicology, also at the
23 University of Naples. I'd like the
24 Council to give them a big welcome.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If

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2 they would stand. Welcome.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We do
5 hope you enjoy your visit. Nice seeing
6 you.

7 Councilwoman Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you, Madam President. I move that the
10 rules of Council be suspended in order to
11 permit the immediate consideration of
12 resolutions at their time of
13 introduction.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
16 has been moved and properly seconded that
17 the rules of Council be suspended so as
18 to permit immediate consideration of
19 resolutions at the time of introduction.

20 All in favor will please say
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 ayes have it and the motion carries.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I offer three
8 resolutions, one on your behalf.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
10 sorry. Three resolutions?

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: One on your
12 behalf.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

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

17 THE CLERK: A resolution
18 recognizing Northern Ireland's Catholic
19 and Protestant political parties on the
20 occasion of reaching a historic deal to
21 form a power-sharing government beginning
22 May 8, 2007.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney for a
25 motion on the resolution.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
3 adoption of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 ayes have it and the resolution has been
15 adopted.

16 The Clerk will please read the
17 title of the second resolution.

18 THE CLERK: A resolution
19 recognizing, honoring and celebrating
20 John F. Collins for his enormous
21 contributions to Philadelphia's urban
22 design.

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

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the

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2 adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

15 THE CLERK: A resolution
16 honoring the Christian Brothers for the
17 dedicated service and commitment to the
18 people of Philadelphia and throughout the
19 world.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
21 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
24 adoption of the resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I

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2 hear a second?

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
19 two bills on your behalf.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
21 you.

22 The Clerk will please read the
23 title of the first bill.

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance
25 authorizing the Director of Commerce to

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2 enter into Use and Lease Agreements
3 between the City of Philadelphia and each
4 of the airlines servicing Philadelphia
5 International Airport.

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

9 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
10 constituting the Seventh Supplemental
11 Ordinance to the Amended and Restated
12 General Airport Revenue Bond Ordinance.

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Greenlee.

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
19 you, Madam President. I offer one bill.

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

22 The Clerk will please read the
23 title of the bill.

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance
25 amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia

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2 Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," by adding
3 a new Chapter providing for notice
4 requirements whenever any deed, mortgage,
5 lien or other legal instrument connected
6 with real property is presented for
7 recording.

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

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Krajewski.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
14 you, Madam President. I offer three
15 bills and one resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

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

20 THE CLERK: An ordinance
21 authorizing and directing the revision of
22 lines and grades on a portion of City
23 Plan No. 306 by striking from the City
24 Plan Buckius Street from Miller Street to
25 Belgrade Street.

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

5 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
6 authorizing and directing the revision of
7 lines and grades on a portion of City
8 Plan No. 305 by placing on the City Plan
9 Edgemont Street from Juniata Street to
10 Berkshire Street.

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

14 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
15 authorizing and directing the revision of
16 lines and grades on a portion of City
17 Plan No. 187 by striking from the City
18 Plan and vacating the legally opened
19 portion of Belgrade Street from Butler
20 Street to Wheatsheaf Lane.

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

24 THE CLERK: And a resolution
25 authorizing the Secretary of Housing, or

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2 his designee, on behalf of the City of
3 Philadelphia, to file an application and,
4 if the application is accepted, to
5 execute a contract to obtain a grant from
6 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
7 Department of Conservation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move
11 for the adoption of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Tasco.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
3 President, I have no bills or resolutions
4 today.

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

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
10 you, Madam President. Today I have one
11 bill.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

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

16 THE CLERK: An ordinance
17 authorizing Kevin Alsbrook, 400 Gypsy
18 Lane, Apartment 735, Philadelphia, PA
19 19129, owner of Bazini's Cafe and the
20 property at 1800 Lindley Avenue, his
21 successors and assigns, to legalize an
22 existing deck encroachment.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Savage.

4 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I have one resolution
6 for today.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

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

11 THE CLERK: A resolution
12 recognizing, honoring, celebrating and
13 thanking George Edward "Butch" Ballard
14 for his outstanding contributions to jazz
15 music both in Philadelphia and
16 nationally.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Savage.

19 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: I move for
20 the adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will please say

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I offer two bills and
14 one resolution.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

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

19 THE CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Section 9-204 of The
21 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
22 Vendors in Center City," by prohibiting
23 vendors from within 15 feet of any
24 emergency egress.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

1 3/29/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
5 authorizing Rimas Properties, 11 through
6 15 North Second Street, Philadelphia, PA,
7 owner of the property 1352 South Street,
8 to construct, own and maintain a raised
9 plaza encroachment.

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

13 THE CLERK: And a resolution
14 honoring and recognizing the Honorable
15 Alan K. Silberstein on the occasion of
16 his retirement.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

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

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 3/29/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 All in favor will indicate by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I have one bill and one
15 resolution today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

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

20 THE CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Chapter 9-200 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial
23 Activities on Streets," by adding a new
24 section providing for the certification
25 of tour guides.

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

5 THE CLERK: And a resolution
6 urging the members of the General
7 Assembly to enact Senate Bill Nos. 167
8 and 171 in support of State Senator
9 Anthony Williams and Senator Rafael Musto
10 for their leadership role on kinship
11 care.

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

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I move for the
16 adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 3/29/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 ayes have it and the resolution is
4 adopted.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Goode.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I offer one bill.

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

12 THE CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Chapter 19-200 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds -
15 Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by
16 amending Section 19-201, entitled
17 "Depositories," by authorizing the City
18 Treasurer to deposit funds in Citibank.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
20 bill will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee, and the Chair recognizes
22 Councilman Ramos.

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

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

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Campbell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Thank
7 you, Madam President. I have four
8 ordinances.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
10 you.

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

13 THE CLERK: An ordinance
14 authorizing the East Falls Development
15 Corporation, 3654 Midvale Avenue, owner
16 of the property at 3800 Midvale Avenue,
17 for the installation of a gateway
18 entrance sign for the East Falls
19 community.

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

23 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
24 amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia
25 Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," by

1 3/29/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 amending certain provisions, all under
3 certain terms and conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
5 bill will be referred to the appropriate
6 committee.

7 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
8 amending Chapter 10 of The Philadelphia
9 Code, entitled "Regulation of Individual
10 Conduct and Activity," by amending
11 certain provisions, all under certain
12 terms and conditions.

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

16 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
17 amending Chapter 10 of The Philadelphia
18 Code, entitled "Regulation of Individual
19 Conduct and Activity," by amending
20 certain provisions, all under certain
21 terms and conditions.

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

1 3/29/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

4 President, I have no bills or

5 resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

7 Chair thanks the gentleman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman

9 Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam

11 President, I have three bills and one

12 resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

14 you.

15 The Clerk will please read the

16 first bill.

17 THE CLERK: An ordinance

18 authorizing and directing the revision of

19 lines and grades on a portion of City

20 Plan No. 63 by striking from the City

21 Plan and vacating Carlton Street from

22 20th Street eastwardly.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

24 bill will be referred to the appropriate

25 committee.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 THE CLERK: And an ordinance to
3 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
4 changing the zoning designations of
5 certain areas of land located within an
6 area bounded by West Jefferson Street,
7 North Mascher Street, West Oxford Street
8 and North Howard Street.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
10 bill will be referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
13 authorizing Liberty Property Trust
14 Philadelphia Limited Partnership, Eight
15 Penn Center, Suite 1100, 1628 John F.
16 Kennedy Boulevard, owner of the Comcast
17 Center at 1701 John F. Kennedy Boulevard,
18 for the placement of raised planters on
19 John F. Kennedy Boulevard.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
21 bill will be referred to the appropriate
22 committee.

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

1 3/29/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
3 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
4 urban renewal of a portion of the Model
5 Cities Urban Renewal Area.

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

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
9 the adoption.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will signify by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 ayes have it and the resolution is
22 adopted.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam

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2 President, I have no bills or resolutions
3 today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
9 Madam President. No bills or resolutions
10 today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
18 Madam President. Madam President, the
19 Committee on Rules reports two bills with
20 a favorable recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Clerk will please read the
24 report.

25 THE CLERK: To the President

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2 and members of the Council of the City of
3 Philadelphia, the Committee on rules, to
4 which was referred Bill No. 070009,
5 entitled "An ordinance to amend the
6 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
7 zoning designations of certain areas of
8 land located within an area bounded by
9 Reed Street, Tasker Street (extended),
10 Christopher Columbus Boulevard and the
11 Delaware River"; and

12 Bill No. 070013, entitled "An
13 ordinance amending Section 14-1605 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Regulated
15 Uses,' by prohibiting regulated uses
16 within 1,000 feet of any Commercial
17 Entertainment District and adding 'Payday
18 Lenders' as a regulated use, all under
19 certain terms and conditions,"
20 respectfully reports it has considered
21 and amended the same and returns the
22 attached bills to Council with a
23 favorable recommendation.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
3 President, I move that the rules of
4 Council be suspended so as to permit
5 first reading this day of Bill No. 070009
6 and Bill 070013.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
9 has been moved and properly seconded that
10 the rules of Council be suspended so as
11 to permit first reading this day of the
12 bills just reported from committee.

13 All in favor will please
14 indicate by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 ayes have it, and the bills just read
21 will be placed on our First Reading
22 Calendar for today.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Savage for a report from the Committee on
25 Licenses and Inspections.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - REPORTS

2 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Thank you,
3 Madam President. The Committee on
4 Licenses and Inspections reports one bill
5 with a favorable recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Clerk will please read the
9 report.

10 THE CLERK: The Committee on
11 Licenses and Inspections, to which was
12 referred Bill No. 070149, entitled "An
13 ordinance amending Title 4 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'The
15 Philadelphia Building Construction and
16 Occupancy Code,' by requiring that any
17 advertisement or correspondence
18 pertaining to the rental of residential
19 property shall include the housing
20 inspection license number for such
21 property," respectfully reports it has
22 considered the same and returns the
23 attached bill to Council with a favorable
24 recommendation.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

1 3/29/07 - STATED - RECONSIDERATION OF BILL

2 Chair recognizes Councilman Savage. I'm
3 sorry. You're not suspending the rules,
4 are you?

5 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: No.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The bill just read will be
9 placed on the First Reading Calendar for
10 our next session of Council.

11 Council will now proceed under
12 a special order of business to the
13 reconsideration of Bill No. 070112. This
14 bill was passed by Council at its March
15 15, 2007 session and was returned
16 disapproved by the Mayor at today's
17 Council session.

18 At this time, the Chair
19 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move that the Council
22 reconsider Bill No. 070112, which was
23 approved by this City Council on March
24 15, 2007.

25 (Duly seconded.)

1 3/29/07 - STATED - RECONSIDERATION OF BILL

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All

3 in favor let it be known by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

9 motion carries. Council will now

10 reconsider the vote by which Bill No.

11 070112 was passed.

12 The Clerk will please read the

13 title of the bill.

14 THE CLERK: An ordinance

15 providing for the submission to the

16 qualified electors of the City of

17 Philadelphia of a proposed amendment to

18 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter

19 relating to the location of licensed

20 gaming facilities within the City, as

21 proposed by a petition presented to the

22 Council and approved for submission to

23 the electors by resolution.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

25 bill having been read on two different

1 3/29/07 - STATED - RECONSIDERATION OF BILL
2 days was duly approved by City Council on
3 March 15, 2007 and was returned to
4 Council by the Mayor as disapproved at
5 today's session of Council. The question
6 is shall Bill No. 070112 pass
7 notwithstanding the Mayor's disapproval.

8 I would like to call your
9 attention to the fact that a vote of aye
10 is a vote to override the Mayor's veto
11 and a vote of no is to sustain the
12 Mayor's veto. Do we all understand that?
13 A vote of aye is to override the Mayor's
14 veto and a vote of no is to sustain the
15 Mayor's veto.

16 I would ask the Clerk to please
17 call the roll.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Campbell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilman
7 Greenlee.
8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
10 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Krajewski.
15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Miller.
18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Reynolds Brown.
25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.

5 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Council President

9 Verna.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

13 ayes are 17; the nays are zero. The

14 majority of all Councilmembers having

15 voted in the affirmative, the Mayor's

16 veto is overridden.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

19 next order of business will be the

20 consideration of the Calendar.

21 I would ask our visitors to

22 please leave quietly so that we can

23 continue to conduct our business.

24 I would ask the Clerk to please

25 read the bills on the First Reading

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 Calendar.

3 THE CLERK: Bill No. 070009,
4 entitled "An ordinance to amend the
5 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
6 zoning designations of certain areas of
7 land located within an area bounded by
8 Reed Street, Tasker Street (extended),
9 Christopher Columbus Boulevard and the
10 Delaware River."

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 Chair agrees.

13 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
14 070013, entitled "An ordinance amending
15 Section 14-1605 of The Philadelphia Code,
16 entitled 'Regulated Uses,' by prohibiting
17 regulated uses within 1,000 feet of any
18 Commercial Entertainment District and
19 adding 'Payday Lenders' as a regulated
20 use, all under certain terms and
21 conditions."

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 Chair agrees.

24 That completes our First
25 Reading Calendar, and at this time, the

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell
3 for the purpose of calling up the bills
4 on the Second Reading and Final Passage
5 Calendar to be considered today.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you, Madam President. Today our Calendar
8 starts on Page 7 where we will hear at
9 the bottom of the page Bill No. 060964
10 and 965. On Page 8, the bottom bill,
11 Bill No. 060052 will be amended. On Page
12 9, Bill Nos. 060389, 070072 and the last
13 bill, 070089, will be heard. On Page 10,
14 we will hear all bills and as well as
15 Page 11. They are Bill Nos. 070090 and
16 91, Bill No. 070150, 169 and on Page 11,
17 Bill No. 070129 and 117. All other bills
18 are being held.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you very much.

21 I would ask the Clerk to please
22 read the title of Bill No. 060964.

23 THE CLERK: An ordinance
24 authorizing the revision of lines and
25 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 by striking from the City Plan and
3 vacating Melon Street from Ridge Avenue
4 to 13th Street.

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

9 The Clerk will please call the
10 roll.

11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Campbell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman
24 Greenlee.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Krajewski.
8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Miller.
11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
15 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Reynolds Brown.
18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.
22 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: What bill
25 are we voting on?

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

3 060964, the bottom of Page 7.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Council President
6 Verna.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

11 We will now consider Bill No.
12 060965.

13 THE CLERK: An ordinance to
14 amend the Institutional Development
15 District Master Plan of Temple University
16 by allowing for the construction of a new
17 building on Block B of the Institutional
18 Development District.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
20 bill having been read on two different
21 days, the question now is shall the bill
22 pass finally.

23 The Clerk will please call the
24 roll.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Blackwell.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Campbell.
6 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman
14 Greenlee.
15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Krajewski.
22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Miller.
25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Reynolds Brown.
8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.
12 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
15 Councilwoman Tasco, how are you voting on
16 this bill?
17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: This is
18 65?
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.
20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Okay.
21 Yes.
22 THE CLERK: Council President
23 Verna.
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
25 The ayes are 17; the nays are zero. A

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 majority of all members having voted in
3 the affirmative, the bill passes.

4 I would ask the Clerk to please
5 read the title of Bill No. 060052.

6 THE CLERK: An ordinance
7 amending Section 19-201 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City
9 depositories," by revoking the depository
10 status of Wachovia Bank and revising the
11 list of City depositories.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Goode.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I'm offering an
18 amendment, which has been circulated to
19 all members of Council, and I move for
20 the adoption.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
23 has been moved and seconded that the
24 amendment be adopted.

25 All in favor will please say

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
9 don't think I've seen the resolution.
10 Was it circulated?

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: The
12 amendment has been circulated. It's on
13 the desk of all Councilmembers.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Can
15 we have a roll call vote, please.

16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Campbell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman
5 Greenlee.
6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: No.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Krajewski.
13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No.
14 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Miller.
16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
20 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Reynolds Brown.
23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.

3 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.

6 THE CLERK: Council President

7 Verna.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

9 What are the votes?

10 THE CLERK: The ayes are 12;

11 the nays are five.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

13 amendment is adopted.

14 We will now go to Bill No.

15 060389.

16 THE CLERK: An ordinance

17 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority

18 for Industrial Development to file an

19 application with the Office of the

20 Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in

21 an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1

22 million to assist in the development of

23 Maria de los Santos Health Center.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

25 bill having been read on two different

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 days, the question now is shall the bill
3 pass finally.
4 The Clerk will please call the
5 roll.
6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Blackwell.
8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Campbell.
11 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilman
19 Greenlee.
20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
22 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Krajewski.
3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Miller.
6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Reynolds Brown.
13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.
17 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Council President
21 Verna.
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
23 The ayes are 17; the nays are zero. A
24 majority of all members having voted in
25 the affirmative, the bill passes.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 The next bill to be considered
3 is Bill No. 070072.

4 THE CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Chapter 19-2604 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business
7 Privilege Taxes," by providing a "Green
8 Roofs Tax Credit" for costs incurred to
9 erect a green roof that supports living
10 vegetation.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
12 bill having been read on two different
13 days, the question now is shall the bill
14 pass finally.

15 The Clerk will please call the
16 roll.

17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Campbell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman

6 Greenlee.

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

9 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Krajewski.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Miller.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

21 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Reynolds Brown.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.

4 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Council President

8 Verna.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

13 We will now consider Bill No.
14 070089.

15 THE CLERK: An ordinance
16 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
17 for Industrial Development to file an
18 application with the Office of the
19 Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in
20 an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1
21 million to assist in the conversion of
22 the former Wills Eye Hospital in
23 Philadelphia to the Jefferson Hospital
24 for Neuroscience.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 bill having been read on two different
3 days, the question now is shall the bill
4 pass finally.

5 The Clerk will please call the
6 roll.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Campbell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman

20 Greenlee.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Krajewski.
4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Miller.
7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
11 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Reynolds Brown.
14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.
18 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Council President
22 Verna.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
24 The ayes are 17; the nays are zero. A
25 majority of all members having voted in

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 the affirmative, the bill passes.

3 The next bill to be called for
4 consideration is Bill No. 070090.

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance
6 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
7 for Industrial Development to file an
8 application with the Office of the
9 Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in
10 an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2
11 million to assist in the development of
12 the WHY? Learning Lab.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
14 bill having been read on two different
15 days, the question now is shall the bill
16 pass finally.

17 The Clerk will call the roll.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Campbell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilman
7 Greenlee.
8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
10 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Krajewski.
15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Miller.
18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Reynolds Brown.
25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.

5 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Council President

9 Verna.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

14 The next bill to be called for
15 consideration is Bill No. 070091.

16 THE CLERK: An ordinance
17 amending Chapter 19-200 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds -
19 Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by
20 authorizing the City Treasurer to deposit
21 funds in Sovereign Bank.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
23 bill having been read on two different
24 days, the question now is shall the bill
25 pass finally.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 The Clerk will please call the
3 roll.
4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.
6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Campbell.
9 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman
17 Greenlee.
18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
20 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Krajewski.
25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Reynolds Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.

15 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Which bill

18 is this?

19 THE CLERK: 070091.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Page

21 10.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Council President

24 Verna.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 The ayes are 17; the nays are zero. A
3 majority of all members having voted in
4 the affirmative, the bill passes.

5 The next bill to be called is
6 Bill No. 070150.

7 THE CLERK: An ordinance
8 amending Bill No. 060378, entitled "An
9 ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2007
10 Capital Budget providing for expenditures
11 for the capital purposes of the
12 Philadelphia Gas Works."

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
14 bill having been read on two different
15 days, the question now is shall the bill
16 pass finally.

17 The Clerk will please call the
18 roll.

19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Campbell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman
8 Greenlee.
9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Krajewski.
16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Miller.
19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
22 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
23 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Reynolds Brown.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.

6 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Council President

10 Verna.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

15 We will now consider Bill No.
16 070169.

17 THE CLERK: An ordinance
18 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
19 for Industrial Development to file an
20 application with the Office of the
21 Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in
22 an aggregate amount not to exceed
23 \$2,100,000 to assist in the development
24 of the Jewish Employment and Vocational
25 Services, the Jewish Community Center of

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Philadelphia and the Pilgrim Gardens
3 Retirement Community.

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

8 The Clerk will please call the
9 roll.

10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Campbell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman
23 Greenlee.

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Krajewski.
7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Miller.
10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
14 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Reynolds Brown.
17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.
21 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.
22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Council President
25 Verna.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The ayes are 17; the nays are zero. A
4 majority of all members having voted in
5 the affirmative, this bill passes.

6 I would ask the Clerk to please
7 read Resolution No. 070129.

8 THE CLERK: A resolution
9 proposing an amendment to Article VIII,
10 Chapter 5 of the Philadelphia Home Rule
11 Charter, entitled "Referenda Approved by
12 the Voters," by adding a new section
13 providing that the citizens of
14 Philadelphia urge the Pennsylvania Public
15 Utility Commission to deny the
16 Philadelphia Gas Works' 2006 request for
17 a base rate increase.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell
20 for a motion on Resolution No. 070129.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President. I move for the
23 adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Since

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Resolution No. 070129 -- can we pay
3 attention, please.

4 Since Resolution No. 070129 is
5 a Charter change to the Home Rule
6 Charter, it requires a two-thirds
7 majority.

8 The Clerk will please call the
9 roll.

10 Excuse me. There were some
11 that were engaged in conversation. We
12 are presently considering Resolution No.
13 070129, top of Page 11.

14 The Clerk will call the roll.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Campbell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman
4 Greenlee.
5 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Krajewski.
12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Miller.
15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Reynolds Brown.
22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
25 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Council President

6 Verna.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 17; the nays are zero. All
9 members of Council having voted in the
10 affirmative, the resolution is adopted.

11 We will now consider Bill No.
12 070117.

13 THE CLERK: An ordinance
14 providing for the submission to the
15 qualified electors of the City of
16 Philadelphia of an amendment to Article
17 VIII, Chapter 5 of the Philadelphia Home
18 Rule Charter, entitled "Referenda
19 Approved by the Voters," by adding a new
20 section providing that the citizens of
21 Philadelphia urge the Pennsylvania Public
22 Utility Commission to deny the
23 Philadelphia Gas Works' 2006 request for
24 a base rate increase.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 bill having been read on two different
3 days, the question now is shall the bill
4 pass finally.

5 The Clerk will please call the
6 roll.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Campbell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman

20 Greenlee.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Krajewski.
4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Miller.
7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
11 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Reynolds Brown.
14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilman Savage.
18 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Council President
22 Verna.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
24 The ayes are 17; the nays are zero. A
25 majority of all members having voted in

1 3/29/07 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 the affirmative, this bill passes.

3 That completes our Calendar for
4 today.

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

7 (No response.)

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

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
13 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to
15 adjourn.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
17 President, I move that we stand adjourned
18 until Thursday, April 5, 2007 -- I'm
19 sorry; April 12, 2007.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
22 has been moved and properly seconded that
23 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
24 April 12th at 10:00 a.m.

25 All in favor will say aye.

1 3/29/07 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT
 2 (Aye.)
 3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
 4 opposed?
 5 (No response.)
 6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
 7 ayes have it and the motion carries.
 8 Thank you all very much.
 9 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
 10 11:55 a.m.)

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