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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, September 29, 2005
10:05 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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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 JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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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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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
3 morning, everyone. I note that the hour
4 has come and that a quorum of this
5 Council is present.

6 Councilmembers will please take
7 their seats, and I would ask visitors to
8 please retire to the seats outside the
9 rails.

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair welcomes Rabbi Alex
12 Lazarus of the Jewish Reconstructionist
13 Federation. He is here today as the
14 guest of Councilman Cohen.

15 I would ask all members and
16 guests to please rise.

17 (Everyone rises.)

18 RABBI LAZARUS: Good morning.
19 Today marks the 25th day of the Hebrew
20 month of Elul. We are four days away
21 from Rosh Hashana, and I'd like to read a
22 brief meditation on this month, which is
23 a time for reflection and repentance.

24 God help me through the days of
25 Elul to prepare myself for the new year

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2 with its promise of new life for my body
3 and my soul. Help me face questions I
4 wish to avoid. Help me accept truths
5 that do not comfort. I wish to journey
6 to the light, but the path to it is
7 hidden by all the promises I never kept,
8 by the goodness I deserted. May the
9 words from the past show me the way of
10 return. I begin the road of repentance.
11 Meet me, God, as I journey on it.

12 May all you be blessed in your
13 days today and in the coming months of
14 the year.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you very much, Rabbi Lazarus, for your
17 very inspiring invocation.

18 Counsel will please be at ease.

19 (Council at ease.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 next order of business is the approval of
22 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
23 September 22, 2005, and the Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

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2 you, Madam President. I move that the
3 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
4 September 22, 2005 stand approved.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
7 has been moved and properly seconded that
8 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
9 September 22, 2005 stand approved.

10 All in favor will please
11 indicate by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 ayes have it. The motion carries, and
18 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
19 September 22, 2005 is approved.

20 The next order of business is
21 requests for leave of absence, and,
22 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
25 you, Madam President. On behalf of the

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2 Majority, a leave of absence is requested
3 for Councilman Cohen.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair thanks the Councilwoman. Leave
6 will be granted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
10 President, on behalf of the Republicans,
11 there are no requests for leave of
12 absence.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair thanks the gentleman.

15 The Chair will dispense with
16 the regular order of business to
17 recognize the guests and visitors joining
18 us in chambers this morning. On behalf
19 of all members of City Council, I welcome
20 you to our Council session. We
21 appreciate your being with us and we
22 certainly invite you to come again.

23 At this time, the Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,

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2 Madam President.

3 Madam President, I wish to
4 recognize and extend additional welcome
5 to a group of young people who have
6 committed themselves to community
7 service. They have been with us, the
8 organization, before. This is the latest
9 core group from City Year for 2005-2006.
10 Staff and team leaders are with us, as
11 well as Rex Carney, Sean Holleran and
12 Deran Neducsin.

13 City Year has teams throughout
14 the City of Philadelphia and in every, or
15 virtually every, Councilmanic district,
16 and they provide a tremendous service to
17 young people throughout the City, both
18 the City Year participants and then the
19 young people that they work with.

20 So I wanted to welcome them to
21 City Council and give them an appropriate
22 welcome and send-off in grand City Year
23 style.

24 With your permission, Madam
25 President, I just need to ask a couple

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2 questions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 Please do.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: City Year,
6 how are you all feeling?

7 CITY YEAR: Fired up!

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: City Year,
9 are you ready for a powerful year of
10 service?

11 CITY YEAR: City Year is always
12 ready!

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 Welcome.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
17 welcome you.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Would
20 you please stand so that we can recognize
21 you.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
24 say welcome and thank you. Thank you
25 very much.

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2 At this time, the Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Kenney, who will
4 present a resolution congratulating the
5 Philadelphia Phantoms hockey team for
6 their 2005 championship win.

7 Will Mr. Frank Miceli and those
8 accompanying him please join the
9 Councilman at the podium.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
11 Madam President. It's a pleasure to be
12 able to honor a championship franchise in
13 Philadelphia that still provides
14 affordable entertainment value for people
15 of this region. The Phantoms have been a
16 tremendous asset to the City, and that's
17 why we're having them here today to
18 congratulate them on their championship
19 for 2005.

20 With me is COO of the Phantoms,
21 Frank Miceli, who is also a same-year
22 graduate of St. Joe's Prep as I am,
23 Councilman Nutter and Councilman O'Neill
24 from St. Joe's Prep. And, of course,
25 Phlex, everybody knows Phlex.

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2 So we'd like to congratulate
3 the Philadelphia Phantoms hockey team for
4 winning the 2005 Calder Cup Championship
5 on June 10, 2005.

6 Whereas, on June 10, 2005, the
7 Philadelphia Phantoms defeated the
8 Chicago Wolves five to two before a
9 Calder Cup record of 20,103 fans at the
10 Wachovia Center; and

11 Whereas, the Phantoms' victory
12 came from a four-game sweep over the
13 Wolves in the best-of-seven championship
14 finals, making this Philadelphia's second
15 Calder Cup Championship in their ten-year
16 history; and

17 Whereas, after a scoreless
18 first period, the Phantoms rallied in the
19 second period to outscore the Wolves four
20 zip on goals by Patrick Sharp, Jon Sim
21 and Ben Stafford; and

22 Whereas, Patrick Sharp added
23 another goal to Philadelphia's scoreboard
24 in the third period to end the scoring at
25 five to two and secure the Phantoms'

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2 title as 2005 Calder Cup Champions; and

3 Whereas, Goalie Antero

4 Niittymaki made 28 saves on 30 shots to

5 ensure the win and earn the Jack A.

6 Butterfield Trophy as the Most Valuable

7 Player of the 2005 Calder Cup play-offs;

8 and

9 Whereas, we congratulate Head

10 Coach John Stevens and his excellent

11 staff for their hard work and outstanding

12 coaching.

13 Now, therefore resolved, by the

14 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that

15 Council does hereby congratulate the

16 Philadelphia Phantoms on winning the 2005

17 Calder Cup Championship on June 10, 2005,

18 signed by Council President Anna Verna

19 and sponsored by all members of Council.

20 Congratulations.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

23 Chair recognizes Mr. Miceli for remarks.

24 MR. MICELI: On behalf of

25 Comcast Spectacor and the Philadelphia

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2 Will Ms. Wendy Campbell and
3 those accompanying her please join the
4 Councilwoman at the podium.

5 Councilwoman Tasco is being
6 joined by Councilwoman Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Good
8 morning. On behalf of the President, we
9 are pleased to present this resolution
10 recognizing Memory Walks in October and
11 observing National Alzheimer's Awareness
12 Month in November in the City of
13 Philadelphia.

14 Whereas, the Alzheimer's
15 Association, Delaware Valley Chapter,
16 stages its Memory Walk 2005 in six
17 locations in the tristate areas of
18 Southeastern Pennsylvania, South Jersey
19 and Delaware and this year marks the 15th
20 anniversary of the Memory Walk in the
21 Delaware Valley; and

22 Whereas, National Alzheimer's
23 Awareness Month is observed nationally in
24 November as officially acclaimed by
25 then-President Ronald Reagan in 1982; and

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2 Whereas, the Memory Walks are
3 staged not only to create awareness but
4 to raise funds for the support of such
5 programs as family caregiver training, a
6 24/7, 365-day toll-free help line,
7 support groups and multi-cultural
8 outreach; and

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
10 the Delaware Valley Chapter provides
11 these services and more to 268,000
12 individuals suffering from Alzheimer's
13 disease and related dementia; and

14 Whereas, National Alzheimer's
15 Awareness Month brings to the forefront
16 the work being done and research and
17 education to overcome this debilitating
18 and devastating disease. Now, therefore

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Resolved,
20 by the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia, that we hereby encourage
22 support for the Memory Walks as a
23 forerunner to National Alzheimer's
24 Awareness Month in November and urge the
25 business community to participate by

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2 becoming sponsors and supporting team
3 walkers, and we encourage tristate
4 residents to join in by raising funds and
5 participating in the six Memory Walks.

6 Resolved that this is an
7 engrossed copy of the resolution to be
8 presented to Wendy L. Campbell,
9 President, Alzheimer's Association,
10 Delaware Valley Chapter, as evidence of
11 our respect for her, the Association's
12 work and our sincere hope that the dream
13 of prevention and cure will become a
14 reality.

15 Certification that this is a
16 true and correct copy of the original
17 resolution adopted by the Council of the
18 City of Philadelphia on the 15th day of
19 September 2005 and supported by all
20 members of City Council.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 Chair recognizes Ms. Campbell for
24 remarks.

25 MS. CAMPBELL: Thank you so

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2 much for this, and thank you, Madam
3 Chair, and thank you, Council, and thank
4 all of you, the Council people, for your
5 support throughout the 15 years of this.

6 In the past year, our revenues
7 have grown from a little over 3 million
8 to almost 3.9 million, and it's because
9 of support from just you and the
10 businessmen and the people of this area.
11 That helps us to give all the free
12 services that we provide to those
13 268,000, and those are the ones that live
14 in our area. In the United States, it's
15 4.5 million. So those 268,000 families
16 and people with dementia really value
17 your support.

18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

21 Council will be at ease.

22 (Council at ease.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Miller,
25 who will present a resolution recognizing

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2 September 2005 as National Preparedness
3 Month.

4 Will Ms. Donna Palmieri from
5 the American Red Cross and those
6 accompanying her please join the
7 Councilwoman at the podium.

8 Councilwoman Miller is being
9 joined by Councilman Rizzo.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good
11 morning. It is a pleasure to present
12 this resolution to the Red Cross, because
13 I'm sure with our recent visits by
14 Hurricane Katrina and Rita, many of us
15 have wondered what will we do, what will
16 we take if we needed to be evacuated.

17 Resolution recognizing
18 September 2005 as National Preparedness
19 Month.

20 Whereas, National Preparedness
21 Month is a nationwide effort to encourage
22 Americans to take simple steps to prepare
23 for emergencies in their homes,
24 businesses and schools. Throughout
25 September, the U.S. Department of Home

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2 Land Security and the American Red Cross
3 will work with a wide variety of
4 organizations to highlight the importance
5 of emergency preparedness and promote
6 individual involvement through events and
7 activities across the nation; and

8 Whereas, the goal of the
9 National Preparedness Month is to
10 increase public awareness about the
11 importance of preparing for emergencies
12 and to encourage individuals to take
13 action; and

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas,
15 throughout the month, the U.S. Department
16 of Home Land Security, the American Red
17 Cross and National Preparedness Month
18 Coalition members will ask all Americans
19 to take some simple steps to prepare for
20 emergencies, including getting an
21 emergency supply kit, making a family
22 emergency plan, being informed about
23 different threats and getting involved in
24 preparing their communities; and

25 Whereas, the American Red Cross

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2 is a nationwide network of nearly 900
3 locally supported chapters dedicated to
4 saving lives and helping people prevent,
5 prepare and to respond to emergencies.
6 Led by one million volunteers and 35,000
7 employees, the Red Cross annually
8 mobilizes relief to families affected by
9 some 70,000 disasters, trains more than
10 15 million people in life-saving skills
11 and keeps U.S. military's family
12 connected worldwide.

13 Whereas, the National
14 Preparedness Month Coalition will
15 distribute emergency preparedness
16 information, host events and sponsor
17 activities across the country to
18 encourage individuals to prepare for
19 emergencies in their homes, businesses
20 and schools.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
22 more than 190 national Coalition members
23 will help reach millions of Americans by
24 way of hundreds of events scheduled to
25 take place throughout September. In

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2 addition to hosting events, organizations
3 will share preparedness information with
4 their members, customers, employees and
5 communities through websites, newsletters
6 and public service announcements.

7 Now, therefore be it resolved,
8 by the Council of the City of
9 Philadelphia, we will call upon all
10 citizens of Philadelphia to observe
11 September 2005 as National Preparedness
12 Month, and further resolved that an
13 engrossed copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Donna Palmieri on behalf of
15 Tom Foley as CEO of the Southeastern
16 Chapter of the American Red Cross as
17 evidence of the sincere sentiment of this
18 legislative body.

19 This is a true and correct copy
20 of the original resolution adopted by the
21 Council of the City of Philadelphia on
22 the 15th day of September 2005, signed by
23 Anna C. Verna, President of City Council,
24 introduced by Donna Reed Miller and
25 co-sponsored by all members of City

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2 Council.

3 (Applause.)

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

7 MS. PALMIERI: Thank you, Madam
8 Chair, Councilmembers and guests. On
9 behalf of the American Red Cross,
10 Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter and our
11 CEO, Tom Foley, our Board of Directors, a
12 great deal of thanks is extended to you
13 today.

14 We take this proclamation
15 recognizing the American Red Cross very
16 seriously. The trust that the American
17 people and City Council and members of
18 our neighborhoods place in the Red Cross
19 is held dear by us.

20 Tom Foley is not able to be
21 with us today because last week he, too,
22 was deployed to Hurricane Katrina relief
23 efforts. He is in Biloxi, Mississippi.
24 I spoke with him this morning and he
25 extends his hearty thanks.

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2 In back of me today are members
3 of the American Red Cross representing
4 our chapter. Three of these members are
5 from AmeriCorps, represented in our Red
6 Cross T-shirts. They just returned from
7 a three-week effort in helping the
8 families of this incredible disaster.

9 Very quickly, I just want to
10 tell you that every single day the Red
11 Cross is in your neighborhoods, in our
12 neighborhoods helping families who face
13 local disasters, training people in CPR,
14 in first aid and, in particular, helping
15 our youth become great corporate
16 citizens. We can only do this because of
17 your support and because of the support
18 of the American people. Together we can
19 make a difference. Together we can be
20 prepared.

21 Thank you again.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
24 certainly applaud and thank you for all
25 the wonderful work you've all been doing.

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2 Thank you so much.

3 Council will now be at ease.

4 (Council at ease.)

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

7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
8 Madam President. First of all, I was
9 very remiss last week since I arrived too
10 late to do this, but I wanted to take
11 this opportunity and I should have done
12 it last week, but just as well we did it
13 this week.

14 I would like to welcome back my
15 hard-working legislative aide, Holly
16 Maher, who is coming back. I'd like to
17 do it today because it's also her
18 birthday.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
20 Wonderful. Happy birthday.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Now, Madam
23 President, if I may take this opportunity
24 to acknowledge three distinguished guests
25 that we have today visiting our chambers.

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2 The first one needs very little
3 introduction. He's well known by this
4 Council and by probably most people in
5 Philadelphia. He is probably
6 Philadelphia's newest philanthropist, and
7 I think that the work he has done through
8 the Philadelphia Crime Commission in
9 making our streets much safer, he has
10 helped many, many families for the
11 victims of crime.

12 He has also done a lot to make
13 sure that criminals who perpetrated that
14 crime saw justice. And I think that the
15 latest case that he was involved in was
16 the solving of the Latoya Figueroa case,
17 the missing woman who was missing here
18 for many, many months.

19 And with that, I would just
20 like to acknowledge the presence of
21 Mr. Melvin Figueroa. If he would like to
22 stand up, I think he's joining us today.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I think all
25 of us wish him well and I think our

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2 hearts go out to him. I think we're here
3 to support him and his future.

4 Now, this person is going
5 national. He has helped thousands of
6 people in New Orleans and the state of
7 Mississippi for their devastating loss.
8 He has helped supply them with many not
9 only monetary donations but also a lot of
10 food products, which would go a long way
11 to help them.

12 He also recently is involved in
13 the missing person down in Aruba, Natalie
14 Holloway. And I think knowing him, I
15 think he's going to do everything he can
16 to make sure we have some conclusion to
17 that case.

18 And with that, Joe Mamana,
19 would you please stand up, please.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: And Joe has
22 brought with him a very courageous woman
23 who has been fighting, is fighting for,
24 of course, and doing everything she can
25 to make sure her daughter is found, and I

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2 think that she's also fighting to make
3 sure that the criminals who actually were
4 responsible for this disappearance are
5 put to justice.

6 It's unfortunate that the
7 government in Aruba doesn't seem to put
8 this on a very high priority. They seem
9 to be more in tune to protecting their
10 reputation and travel industry than they
11 are in doing the good thing.

12 I will tell you that now I
13 would like to introduce and welcome a
14 devoted and determined mother and, that
15 is, Beth Holloway-Twitty.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

18 Welcome and good luck.

19 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam

20 President, I would just say that the
21 distinguished guests will be available
22 for the press if they would like to
23 interview them in the Caucus Room. They
24 will be available. Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you very much.

3 The next order of business is
4 communications. The Chair requests that
5 the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages
6 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 read the messages from the Mayor.

9 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
10 and members of the Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
12 that on September 29, 2005, I signed all
13 of the bills that were passed by Council
14 at its session on September 15, 2005,
15 except Bill No. 040698, and, Madam
16 President, I am returning herewith as
17 disapproved Bill No. 040698, passed by
18 Council on September 15, 2005; and

19 I am transmitting for the
20 consideration of your Honorable Body a
21 draft of a resolution approving an
22 amendatory agreement and disposition
23 supplement of the Redevelopment
24 Authority, the City of Philadelphia, for
25 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a

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2 portion of the Fair Hill St. Hugh urban
3 renewal area; and

4 An ordinance authorizing
5 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
6 Year 2006 within the Grants Revenue Fund
7 from the Director of Finance to the
8 Department of Records; and

9 An ordinance authorizing
10 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
11 Year 2006 within the Grants Revenue Fund
12 from the Director of Finance to the
13 Police Department and the Department of
14 Public Property; and

15 An ordinance authorizing
16 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
17 Year 2006 within the Grants Revenue Fund
18 from the Director of Finance to the
19 District Attorney; and

20 An ordinance authorizing
21 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
22 Year 2006 within the Grants Revenue Fund
23 from the Director of Finance to the
24 Department of Public Property; and

25 An ordinance authorizing

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2 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
3 Year 2006 within the Grants Revenue Fund
4 from the Director of Finance to the
5 Director of Finance; and

6 An ordinance authorizing
7 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
8 Year 2006 within the Grants Revenue Fund
9 from the Director of Finance to the Fire
10 Department.

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

14 I would ask the Chief Clerk if
15 she would please read any other
16 communications in her possession.

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

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you very much.

21 The next order of business is
22 the introduction of bills and
23 resolutions.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
3 you, Madam President. I move that the
4 rules of Council be suspended in order to
5 permit the immediate consideration of
6 resolutions at their time of
7 introduction.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
10 has been moved and properly seconded that
11 the rules of Council be suspended so as
12 to permit immediate consideration of
13 resolutions at the time of introduction.

14 All in favor will please
15 indicate by 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 motion carries.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
25 Madam President. On behalf of myself and

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2 Councilwoman Brown, I offer one
3 resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chief Clerk will please read the
6 resolution.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 authorizing City Council's Legislative
9 Oversight Committee to hold public
10 hearings on whether the Office of Fleet
11 Management's vehicle purchasing policies
12 should require a preference for the
13 purchase of alternate fuel or hybrid
14 electric vehicles, which will facilitate
15 savings, reduce fuel consumption and
16 promote a positive image of Philadelphia
17 as an environmentally conscious city.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
21 adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will please say
3 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 will be
10 referred to the Oversight Committee.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
14 you, Madam President. Today I have no
15 bills or resolutions on my behalf.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you. Councilwoman, are you going to be
18 introducing a resolution on behalf of
19 Councilman Cohen?

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:
21 Absolutely. Madam President, I introduce
22 one resolution on behalf of Councilman
23 Cohen that has been co-sponsored by all
24 members of Council.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Chief Clerk will please
4 read the title of the resolution.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 honoring Wendell W. Young, III, President
7 of Local 1776.

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

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you, Madam President. I move for the
12 adoption of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will please say
18 aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 ayes have it and the motion carries.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Krajewski.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
4 President, I have five bills.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
6 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
7 the first bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 authorizing transfers in appropriation
10 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Grants
11 Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance
12 to the Department of Records.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And an --

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
18 Excuse me. I believe Councilwoman
19 Krajewski was indicating she has six
20 bills.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Six
22 bills. Thank you, Madam President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the title of the second bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 authorizing transfers in appropriation
5 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Grants
6 Revenue Fund to the Fire Department.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 authorizing transfers in appropriation
12 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Grants
13 Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance
14 to the Director of Finance.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
16 bill will be referred to the appropriate
17 committee.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 authorizing transfers in appropriation
20 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Grants
21 Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance
22 to the District Attorney.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 authorizing transfers in appropriation
4 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Grants
5 Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance
6 to the Police Department and the
7 Department of Public Property.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
12 authorizing transfers in appropriation
13 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Grants
14 Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance
15 to the Department of Public Property.

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Mariano.

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
22 President, I have two resolutions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
25 the first resolution.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 calling on the Pennsylvania Public
4 Utility Commission to reject the proposed
5 settlement and plans for the pending
6 merger between PECO Energy's parent
7 company, Exelon Corporation, and New
8 Jersey's Public Service Enterprise Group,
9 Incorporated and, furthermore, to
10 denounce any utility merger agreement
11 that fails to address natural gas prices
12 and offers protection to consumers who
13 heat their homes with national gas.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for
17 the adoption.

18 Can I speak on that one second?

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO:
21 Councilwoman Tasco and I are going to be
22 working on something at the City level to
23 have hearings. We discussed it this
24 morning, but I still ask for people to
25 vote for this if they see fit.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 Is there a second to the
5 Councilman's motion for adoption?

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
8 has been moved and seconded that the
9 resolution be adopted.

10 All in favor will please say
11 aye.

12 Councilman O'Neill, did you
13 want to be recognized?

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes, very
15 briefly, Madam President. I spoke to the
16 sponsor and I mentioned that I'm going to
17 be voting against this, but I would
18 support hearings in Council on this
19 issue. I just wanted to mention that,
20 but I am voting no.

21 Thank you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 Councilman Rizzo.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam

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2 President, similarly, I plan to vote no,
3 but I want to be clear. I come from that
4 company and I want to say this: That
5 Exelon's merger with PECO Energy has been
6 a positive for the area. The rates,
7 rather than skyrocket, have been somewhat
8 controlled. No question that the rates
9 are high and are going to be higher, but
10 I think that an acquisition could even
11 make that a better situation than a bad
12 one.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

15 You're welcome.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Kelly.

18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Yes. Madam
19 President, I likewise agree with
20 Councilman Rizzo and Councilman O'Neill.
21 I think that we should be studying the
22 whole effect of this merger, and I, for
23 one, would like to get more information
24 before I go either way on this issue.
25 And I think by having hearings, it makes

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2 a much better forum and would give me an
3 opportunity to make a more intelligent
4 decision than this resolution does today.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

7 You're welcome.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Kenney.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I, too, will be voting
12 no on this resolution. I mean, I
13 understand that PECO has gone through an
14 extensive negotiation process, but the
15 administration gave many things back that
16 probably they didn't have to or shouldn't
17 have given back, including this fine
18 company that's been headquartered in our
19 city for years has agreed to keep its
20 corporate headquarters here. It employs
21 thousands of people. I see no reason why
22 we should be kicking that company in the
23 shins after they've gone through what
24 they've gone through.

25 I think the merger is a good

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2 thing. There's been rate stabilization
3 in the deal, plus the guarantee of the
4 headquarters staying here. So I would
5 urge my colleagues to vote no.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I
11 myself, Madam President, agree with
12 Councilman Kenney. So, therefore, I will
13 be voting against this as well and wait
14 for the hearings, because as he stated,
15 they are here in Philadelphia. They have
16 kept the rates down. So, therefore, I
17 will be voting no as well.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you, Councilwoman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Nutter.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I just briefly did have
24 an opportunity to talk with the sponsor.
25 I'm not sure if he's going to make

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2 additional remarks.

3 My comments would pretty much
4 be similar to a number of our colleagues,
5 that the issue itself is very important.
6 I would like to not necessarily be in a
7 position to vote against my colleague's
8 resolution because of the issues that he
9 is raising, but there are any number of
10 very positive aspects to the proposed
11 settlement. That in any way, shape or
12 form should not be taken to mean that the
13 issue that's being raised is not an
14 important issue. It is an important
15 issue.

16 I don't necessarily know that
17 it gets resolved to this particular
18 mechanism, and I would certainly
19 wholeheartedly support hearings on the
20 issue so that we could better understand
21 just what these matters are, and all of
22 us would be well served in that fashion.

23 Thank you, Madam President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 I would ask the -- was there a
3 second to the motion?

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
9 please have a roll call.

10 Councilman Mariano.

11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: At this
12 time, I would like to hold this
13 resolution. At this time, I think by the
14 elegant speaking of my colleagues, I just
15 want to explain one thing. I just want
16 to bring attention to the plight of poor
17 people who constantly get -- the word
18 begins with an S and ends with a T, and I
19 think everybody knows what I'm talking
20 about. It's not against Exelon.
21 Councilman Kenney is exactly right,
22 exactly right.

23 The Public Utility Commission
24 needs to look into this. That's why I
25 brought this up. Now we have everyone's

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2 attention. Councilman Tasco is asking me
3 to hold it. Councilman Nutter is asking
4 me to hold it. We're going to bring
5 something back next week. I'd be willing
6 to hold it, if it's not too late into the
7 process, but I'd be willing to vote for
8 it. You know me. It doesn't matter at
9 this point in my life.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 sponsor is withdrawing his motion, and we
12 will look forward to your resolution next
13 week.

14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
16 You're welcome.

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 read the second resolution introduced by
19 Councilman Mariano.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 approving an amendment to the
22 redevelopment contract and disposition
23 supplement of the Redevelopment
24 Authority, the City of Philadelphia, for
25 the redevelopment and urban renewal of an

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2 additional portion of the Fair Hill St.
3 Hugh urban renewal area.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for
7 the adoption of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

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

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
24 the adoption of the resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No.

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2 Are you introducing?

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Oh, yes.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
6 the resolution.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 declaring White Cane Month.

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

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will please say
18 aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
5 you, Madam President. Today I have two
6 resolutions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 authorizing City Council's Committee on
13 Public Safety to conduct public hearings
14 to examine the current regional incidence
15 of domestic violence suffered by women
16 and men, their updates on measures
17 previously taken by City Council.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
21 for the adoption of this resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will please
3 indicate by 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 will be
10 referred to the Committee on Public
11 Safety.

12 The Chief Clerk will please
13 read the title of the second resolution.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 recognizing October 20, 2005 as Conflict
16 Resolution Day.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
19 Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
21 for the adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will please
3 indicate by 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 Councilman
12 Nutter.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I offer one bill.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
21 No. 040509, approved June 21, 2004,
22 entitled, "An ordinance authorizing the
23 revision of lines and grades on a portion
24 of City Plan No. 296 by relocating a
25 portion of a certain right-of-way for

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2 drainage purposes, which lies between
3 Shawmont Avenue and Cross Street."

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

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I offer one resolution
11 this morning, co-sponsored by my
12 colleagues Donna Reed Miller and Juan
13 Ramos.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 urging the members of the General
20 Assembly of the Commonwealth of
21 Pennsylvania to extend or eliminate
22 entirely the statute of limitations for
23 reporting crimes involving the sexual
24 abuse of children.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
3 Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for
5 the adoption.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
8 has been moved and seconded that the
9 resolution be adopted.

10 All in favor will please
11 indicate by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 ayes have it and the motion carries.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I offer two bills.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair thanks the gentleman.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the title of the first bill.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending Chapter 19-200 of the
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds -
5 Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by
6 amending Section 19-201, entitled "City
7 Depositories," by authorizing the City
8 Treasurer to deposit funds in Wachovia
9 Bank, under certain terms and conditions.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
14 amending Chapter 19-200 of the
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds -
16 Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by
17 amending Section 19-201, entitled "City
18 Depositories," by authorizing the City
19 Treasurer to deposit funds in Republic
20 First Bank, under certain terms and
21 conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
23 bill will also be referred to the
24 appropriate committee, and the Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Ramos.

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2 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam

3 President, I offer no bills or
4 resolutions today.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I offer one resolution
11 and I would ask to have permission to
12 speak on it.

13 The resolution is being
14 introduced by me, co-sponsored by
15 yourself, Councilmember Clarke and Kenney
16 and co-sponsored by all members of City
17 Council.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you. The Chief Clerk will please read
20 the title of the resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
22 authorizing Philadelphia City Council's
23 Committee of the Whole to hold public
24 hearings on the Board of Revision of
25 Taxes' proposed change in property tax

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2 assessment known as Full Valuation, the
3 policy's need and fairness, its effect on
4 taxpayers and the possibilities of
5 mitigating large tax increasing.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair again recognizes Councilman
8 DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I move for the adoption
11 of the resolution, but I'd like to speak
12 on it.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yesterday
15 Governor Rendell addressed the State
16 Legislators about the importance of
17 property tax reform and protecting the
18 residents of the Commonwealth. Today we
19 Philadelphians, locally elected
20 officials, need to begin a similar
21 conversation.

22 The Board of Revision of Taxes
23 has proposed to alter property tax
24 calculation and to switch to a system
25 called Full Valuation. This new

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2 calculation will reassess every
3 commercial and residential property in
4 the City to more accurately reflect the
5 property's fair market value. The Mayor
6 and City Council will then have the
7 ability to adjust the rate of taxation.

8 The stated intent of the BRT is
9 for this change to be revenue neutral,
10 with the expectation that the Mayor and
11 Council will set an appropriate tax rate
12 and, more importantly, the Mayor and
13 Council will agree on an appropriate tax
14 rate.

15 Revenue neutrality, however,
16 may be somewhat relative. What may be
17 revenue neutral for the City's General
18 Fund may not be revenue neutral for the
19 property owner. In fact, the BRT has
20 already admitted that while most property
21 owners should see little or no change in
22 their real estate tax bill, others will
23 see their taxes decrease and others will
24 see their taxes rise.

25 The theory behind the shift of

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2 Full Valuation is sound. It should make
3 real estate taxes easier to understand
4 and may be more equitable. However, in
5 practice, I have grave concerns, not
6 necessarily about the new formula but
7 about the reassessment of the properties.

8 For decades, properties have
9 been grossly undervalued. According to
10 the Board, most properties are valued at
11 approximately 70 percent of their fair
12 market value. However, in some
13 neighborhoods, in neighborhoods that have
14 seen population growth and rising
15 property values, neighborhoods like
16 Passyunk Square, Chestnut Hill, Queen
17 Village, University City, Northern
18 Liberties, Fairmount and the River Wards
19 and dozens of other neighborhoods that
20 have benefited from the real estate
21 market, the BRT has valued properties at
22 far less than 70 percent.

23 For example, a home in my
24 neighborhood in South Philadelphia that
25 is valued currently by the BRT at

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2 approximately \$90,000 is currently --
3 that same home is now up for sale for
4 \$450,000 -- it's actually my home, if
5 anyone is interested -- the BRT has
6 valued my property at less than 20
7 percent of its actual value.

8 No matter what formula the City
9 uses to calculate my tax rate in 2007,
10 the reassessment alone may drastically
11 increase my tax bill or the future owner.

12 I am not alone. Thousands of
13 property owners around the City have
14 homes that are undervalued, and thousands
15 of property owners around the City may
16 see higher property tax bills as early as
17 2007.

18 This increased tax burden may
19 be too much for those on fixed incomes to
20 bear. For a city that is still
21 struggling to attract new residents and
22 broaden our tax base, I wonder what
23 impact the reassessments will have on a
24 real estate and construction market that
25 is transforming the City.

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2 I am confident that working
3 together, this Council and the
4 Administration can find ways to mitigate
5 the possible increases and allay our
6 constituents' fears, but the conversation
7 must start now, not when the new bills
8 are received by our constituents.

9 You all may remember in 2003,
10 as an example in my district, over 37,000
11 properties saw a sudden property tax
12 increase based not on a new tax rate but
13 on the Board of Revision of Taxes'
14 reassessment. Myself, my staff we
15 appealed about 2,000 cases that year.

16 As we move into 2007, I hope we
17 don't see a similar situation. And if
18 there's a repeat of '03, all of us are
19 going to do what we need to do to protect
20 our constituents. The important things
21 to remember, it's not that the new
22 formula may be the problem, it's the fair
23 market reassessment that could create the
24 problem for us. The reassessment may not
25 be as damaging as I fear. It may not be

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2 damaging at all, but we still need to
3 begin, I believe, to talk about the issue
4 in order to fully understand its
5 implications and its effect on our
6 constituents.

7 I understand the theory behind
8 the Full Value project. It should
9 modernize the appraisal system, simplify
10 the process and improve fairness.

11 The legislative body should
12 have control over the tax rate. It makes
13 sense, but what happens in theory and
14 what happens in practice are often two
15 very different things.

16 I'm not criticizing the BRT,
17 nor am I criticizing Dave Glancey. I am
18 only asking that we need to bring all the
19 issues surrounding Full Valuation to
20 light and we need to discuss them in
21 detail and in public.

22 I am optimistic that we can
23 find ways to protect our constituents. I
24 have some ideas, and I'm sure my
25 colleagues and the Administration have

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2 ideas also. No, I won't discuss them
3 today. Now I don't think is the proper
4 time, and I want to make sure that my
5 thoughts are fully flushed out and I have
6 all the information before I begin making
7 public comments.

8 Council did pass a cap on
9 property tax increases, and I believe it
10 was Councilman Nutter's bill that caused
11 that to happen.

12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: No. That
13 was Councilman O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Councilman
15 O'Neill. I apologize. I apologize.

16 My understanding is that
17 there's a Solicitor's opinion saying that
18 we at Council do not have the authority
19 to cap the increase. This hearing, I
20 hope, will allow us to further explore
21 that issue and all the other issues
22 involved.

23 Thank you, Madam President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
25 You're welcome. And, Councilman, I think

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2 that just about every Councilmember
3 certainly concurs with everything you've
4 said and I think we definitely have to
5 have public hearings as soon as possible.

6 The Chair at this time
7 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
9 President, I just would like to applaud
10 my colleague for the timing of this. I
11 think we have to get this out in the
12 fall, because it's going to become a key
13 part of the budget in terms of how much
14 we lower the millage and anticipating a
15 huge increase in the total assessments
16 around the City next August, which will
17 be too late for the budget time. So it's
18 going to be very, very important that
19 we're all on top of this and that we have
20 a thorough knowledge of what we're doing
21 during the budget process, because there
22 may be a tug of war on this.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Councilman made a motion.

3 Was there a second?

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

6 has been moved and seconded that the

7 resolution be adopted.

8 All in favor will indicate by

9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

15 ayes have it. The motion carries, and

16 the resolution will be referred to the

17 Committee of the Whole.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman

19 O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

21 President, I offer six bills.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

23 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

24 the bill.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia
3 Code relating to "Zoning and Planning,"
4 by amending Chapter 14-1100, entitled
5 "Institutional Development District," by
6 modifying the conditions under which
7 amendments to an Institutional
8 Development District are approved by City
9 Council.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
14 authorizing the paving of Meetinghouse
15 Drive, Springhouse Road, Applehouse Road
16 and Riverhouse Road, under certain terms
17 and conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
19 bill will be referred to the appropriate
20 committee.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 authorizing and directing the revision of
23 lines and grades on a portion of City
24 Plan No. 395 by placing on the City Plan
25 Meetinghouse Drive.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
6 authorizing and directing the revision of
7 lines and grades on a portion of City
8 Plan No. 395 by placing on the City Plan
9 Meyer Place and Ruth Way.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
14 regulating the direction of movement of
15 traffic on Ruth Way from Ashton Road to
16 Meyer Place.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 authorizing the paving of Meyer Place and
22 Ruth Way, under certain terms and
23 conditions.

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

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2 appropriate committee, and the Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I offer one resolution,
6 co-sponsored by all members of Council.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 authorizing City Council's Transportation
13 and Public Utilities Committee to hold
14 public hearings to discuss the impact of
15 the proposed PGW 19.4 percent rate hike
16 on the citizens in Philadelphia.

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

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: That's to
20 be referred to committee.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
23 the adoption.

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

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2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will please say

4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

10 ayes have it and the resolution will be

11 referred to the Committee on

12 Transportation and Public Utilities.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman

14 Kelly.

15 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam

16 President, I have no bills or resolutions

17 today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

19 Chair thanks the gentleman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman

21 Rizzo.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam

23 President, no bills or resolutions today.

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

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2 You're welcome.

3 As there are no reports from
4 committees, the next order of business is
5 the consideration of the Calendar.

6 We have no bills on the First
7 Reading Calendar. Therefore, the Chair
8 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell, who
9 will please call up the bills to be
10 considered on the Second Reading and
11 Final Passage Calendar.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
13 you, Madam President. Today Bill No.
14 040851 will be called up for recommitting
15 to committee, and Bill Nos. 050421 and
16 050660 are being called up for second
17 reading and final passage. All other
18 bills are being held.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you very much.

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 read the title of Bill No. 040851.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 permitting three traffic lines on Walnut
25 Street between 40th Street and Cobbs

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2 Creek Parkway and requiring that the lane
3 markers on Walnut Street be changed to
4 reflect this change.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
8 you, Madam President. I move that this
9 bill be recommitted to committee.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
12 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
13 040851 be recommitted to committee.

14 All in favor will indicate 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 motion carries.

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 read the title of Bill No. 050421.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
25 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by

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2 changing the zoning designations of
3 certain areas of land located within an
4 area bounded by Bluegrass Road, Grant
5 Avenue, Ashton Road and Willits Road.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
7 bill having been read on two different
8 days, the question now is shall the bill
9 pass finally. The Chief Clerk will
10 please call the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Krajewski.
5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Mariano.
8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Miller.
11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Nutter.
14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 O'Neill.
17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Reynolds Brown.
22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
5 Verna.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 16, the nays are zero. A
8 majority of all members having voted in
9 the affirmative, this bill passes.

10 The next bill to be called for
11 consideration is Bill No. 050660.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 approving the third amendment of the
14 redevelopment proposal for the 44th and
15 Aspen Urban Renewal Area and declaring
16 that condemnation is not imminent with
17 respect to the project.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
19 bill having been read on two different
20 days, the question now is shall the bill
21 pass finally. The Chief Clerk will
22 please call the roll.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Clarke.
4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 DiCicco.
7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Kenney.
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Mariano.
20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Miller.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Nutter.

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2 birthday. And it is my understanding
3 that Councilwoman Miller is also
4 celebrating a birthday today, and we
5 certainly want to acknowledge it. Happy
6 birthday and many more.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Many,
9 many more.

10 Are there speeches on the part
11 of the Minority?

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Rizzo.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 Madam President, for many
17 months or years, it seems like forever, a
18 young man has been here. As you know,
19 we're fortunate to have WHAT Radio
20 broadcast our Council sessions. But a
21 success story: For many years a producer
22 of the Mary Mason Program, in my opinion
23 the Dean of talk radio, is Albert Butler.
24 Al Butler is the guy that makes it sound
25 good throughout the City of Philadelphia,

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2 but I think starting next week, Albert
3 Butler shifts gears and he becomes a talk
4 show host at WHAT every day from 9:00 to
5 1:00. So I think from producer of a show
6 to a talk show host, he really needs a
7 big round of applause.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
10 there any other speeches on the part of
11 the Minority?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
14 there speeches on the part of the
15 Majority?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
18 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
21 President, I move that Council stand
22 adjoined until Thursday, October the 6th
23 at 10:00 a.m., 2005.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I
25 hear a second?

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
4 has been moved and seconded that Council
5 stand adjourned until Thursday, October
6 6, 2005.

7 All in favor will please say
8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

15 Thank you all very much.

16 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
17 11:10 a.m.)

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