

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Via Microsoft Teams
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 25, 2020
10:15 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN KENDRA BROOKS
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE GAUTHIER
COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON
COUNCILMAN DEREK S. GREEN
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN GYM
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN CHERELLE L. PARKER
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN ISAIAH THOMAS

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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1 6/25/20 - STATED - ROLL CALL

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning, everyone. We're going to get
4 started. This will be a relatively long
5 session as we take care of the people's
6 business.

7 So I want to go through a few
8 things as required by state law.

9 Currently it's required that
10 the following announcement be made at the
11 beginning of every remote Council
12 session:

13 Due to the current public
14 health emergency, City Council is
15 currently meeting remotely. We are using
16 Microsoft Teams to make this remote
17 meeting possible. Instructions for how
18 the public may view the meeting and offer
19 public comment are included in the Stated
20 Meeting notice that was published in the
21 Daily News, Inquirer, and Legal
22 Intelligencer prior to the meeting, and
23 can also be found on PHLCouncil.com.

24 I now note that the hour has
25 come, and the Clerk will please call the

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2 roll to take attendance. Members that
3 are in attendance will please indicate by
4 saying present, or whatever you may
5 choose, when your name is called.

6 Mr. Decker.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Bass.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
10 morning. I am present. Thank you very
11 much.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
13 morning.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Good
15 morning.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Brooks.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Good
19 morning, everyone. I'm here.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
21 morning.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

23 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Good morning,
24 Council President and colleagues.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

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2 morning.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Gauthier.

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Councilwoman Gauthier, I see you.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Her

9 screen is frozen.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Okay. We can assume she's there. We can

12 all see her.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Gilmore Richardson.

15 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Good

16 morning, Council President and

17 colleagues. I'm here.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Good

20 morning, Council President. Good

21 morning, colleagues. Looking forward for

22 our good session today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

24 morning.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Good

3 morning, colleagues. Good morning,

4 Council President. I'm present.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

6 morning.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

8 COUNCILMAN HENON: Good

9 morning, Council President, and good

10 morning to all of my colleagues.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

12 morning.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Johnson.

15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Good

16 morning, Council President. Good

17 morning, colleagues.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

19 morning.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good

22 morning, Mr. President. Good morning,

23 colleagues. Good morning, viewing

24 public.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

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2 morning.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

4 COUNCILMAN OH: Good morning.

5 Good morning, Council President. Good

6 morning, colleagues.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

8 morning, sir.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Good

12 morning, everyone.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Parker.

15 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Good

16 morning, Mr. President and colleagues.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

18 morning.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Quinones-Sanchez.

21 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Good

22 morning, Council President, colleagues,

23 and all Council staff. Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

25 morning.

1 6/25/20 - STATED - MOMENT OF SILENCE

2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Squilla.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Good

5 morning, Mr. President and colleagues.

6 Present.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

8 morning.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 Thomas.

11 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good

12 morning, everyone. I'm present.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

14 morning.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

16 Clarke.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

18 morning. We clearly have established a

19 quorum, so we're going to get started.

20 We're going to start with an

21 invocation. So despite the great need,

22 there will be no invocation today, but we

23 will, however, observe a very brief

24 moment of silent prayer for our city, its

25 leaders, and citizens during the current

1 6/25/20 - STATED - APPROVAL OF JOURNAL
2 public health crisis. And I would also
3 like to say that we would like to
4 recognize and include in that moment of
5 silence our prayers for our good friend,
6 most importantly, and our colleague, Mark
7 and his family.

8 Mark, you are truly loved here,
9 brother, as part of your political
10 family, and as you go through these
11 trying times, trust me, we are with you
12 every step of the way. So we really
13 appreciate you.

14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
15 Council President. I appreciate it.
16 Thank you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 You're welcome.

19 We will now observe a moment of
20 silence.

21 (Moment of silence.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you. Thank you very much.

24 And our next order of business
25 is the approval of the Journal of the

1 6/25/20 - STATED - LEAVES

2 meeting on Thursday, June 18th, 2020, and
3 the Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
5 Mr. President. I move that the Journal
6 of the meeting of Thursday, June 18th,
7 2020 be approved.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you. It has been moved and
11 properly seconded that the Journal of the
12 meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2020 stand
13 approved.

14 All those in favor indicate by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it. The Journal is approved.

22 And our next order of business
23 is requests for leave of absence, and the
24 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Parker.

25 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank

1 6/25/20 - STATED - COMMUNICATIONS
2 you, Mr. President. On behalf of the
3 members of Council, there are no requests
4 for leaves of absence today.

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

7 And our next order of business
8 is communications. And, Mr. Decker, can
9 you please read the messages from the
10 Mayor and any other communications that
11 you may have in your possession.

12 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
13 and members of the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, pursuant to Sections 4-604
15 and 2-307 of the Home Rule Charter, I am
16 today transmitting to the Council the
17 recommendation of the City Planning
18 Commission on the following bills: Bill
19 Nos. 200082, 200144, 200145, 200146,
20 200148, 200158, 200160, 200161, 200188,
21 200260, 200345, 200346, 200349, 200350,
22 and 200355.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

25 And our next order of business

1 6/25/20 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 is the introduction of bills and
3 resolutions. The Clerk will please read
4 the titles of the legislation that is
5 being offered today by the members.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Parker offers an ordinance amending The
8 Philadelphia Code to add a new Section,
9 entitled "Good Parking Jobs for
10 Philadelphia Review Committee," to
11 provide for the creation of an advisory
12 body to consider the quality of jobs and
13 opportunities for workers in the parking
14 industry and the potential to make
15 adjustments to the Parking Tax, including
16 with respect to the goal of reducing the
17 parking tax to seventeen percent by July
18 1, 2022, based on a review of working
19 conditions in the parking industry.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 bill will be referred to committee.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Gilmore Richardson offers one bill and
24 one resolution on your behalf,
25 Mr. President, entitled "An ordinance

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2 authorizing RPG Hamilton, LLC, care of
3 Radnor Property Group, to construct, own
4 and maintain both existing and proposed
5 pedestrian-scale street lights at 440
6 North 15th Street."

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Referred to committee.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a
10 non-privileged resolution authorizing the
11 Philadelphia Land Bank to enter into a
12 lease with Avenue North Renaissance, as
13 tenant, for certain properties located in
14 the Fifth Councilmanic District.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Referred to committee.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And on
18 Councilwoman Gilmore Richardson's own
19 behalf, a resolution authorizing the
20 Committee on Children and Youth to
21 conduct hearings to investigate the
22 status of children in Philadelphia during
23 and post-COVID-19.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Today's Calendar.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
3 resolution authorizing the Committee on
4 Education to conduct hearings to
5 investigate curriculum realignment
6 opportunities within the School District
7 of Philadelphia to ensure preparedness
8 for Post-COVID-19 career opportunities
9 based upon Philadelphia's labor market
10 forecast.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Today's Calendar.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a
14 non-privileged resolution calling on the
15 United States Senate to Adopt the Funding
16 Enhancements to the Federal Medical
17 Assistance Percentages (FMAP) as Provided
18 in the HEROES Act House Resolution 6800.

19 Council President, Councilwoman
20 Gilmore Richardson would like to be
21 recognized for a motion on this
22 resolution.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gilmore
25 Richardson.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Thank
3 you, Mr. President. I move to suspend
4 the rules of Council so as to permit
5 consideration of this resolution on
6 today's Final Passage Calendar.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
9 been moved and properly seconded.

10 All those in favor of the
11 motion please signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 ayes have it, and that will be on today's
18 Calendar.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Henon -- Councilwoman Gym offers two
21 resolutions as follows: A privileged
22 resolution authorizing City Council
23 Committee on Public Safety to hold
24 hearings to review the City's response to
25 protests in support of ending systemic

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2 racism in policing and of the Black Lives
3 Matter movement, and to provide residents
4 with a forum to share their experiences
5 and make recommendations for safer and
6 non-discriminatory policing.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Today's Calendar.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a
10 non-privileged resolution urging the U.S.
11 Congress to appropriate funds to sustain
12 the U.S. Postal Service, and to ensure
13 the Postal Service continues to function
14 as a universal public service.

15 Council President, Councilwoman
16 Gym would like to be recognized for a
17 motion on this resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gym.

20 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Thank you
21 very much, Mr. President. I move to
22 suspend the rules of Council so as to
23 permit consideration of this resolution
24 on today's Final Passage Calendar.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
3 been moved and properly seconded.

4 All those in favor of the
5 motion will signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it, and that will be on today's
12 Final Passage Calendar.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon
14 offers one bill and one resolution as
15 follows: An ordinance continuing the
16 Mayfair Business Improvement District
17 beyond its termination date, in an area
18 that generally includes both sides of
19 Frankford Avenue from the north side of
20 Harbison Avenue to the south side of
21 Sheffield Street and certain blocks of
22 streets that intersect that portion of
23 Frankford Avenue and for which the
24 Mayfair Business Improvement District,
25 Incorporated, a Pennsylvania non-profit

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2 corporation, is the Neighborhood

3 Improvement District Management

4 Association for the District.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Referred to committee.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a

8 non-privileged resolution initiating

9 action to continue the Mayfair Business

10 Improvement District beyond its

11 termination date in an area that

12 generally includes both sides of

13 Frankford Avenue from the north side of

14 Harbison Avenue to the south side of

15 Sheffield Street and certain blocks of

16 streets that intersect that portion of

17 Frankford Avenue; and for which Mayfair

18 Business Improvement District,

19 Incorporated, a Pennsylvania non-profit

20 corporation, serves as the Neighborhood

21 Improvement District Management

22 Association for the District.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And

24 that will be referred to committee.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Johnson offers one resolution on your
3 behalf, Council President -- offers one
4 ordinance on your behalf, Council
5 President, entitled "An ordinance
6 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Real Estate
8 Taxes,' by providing that if a taxpayer
9 enters into an installment payment
10 agreement authorized by Section 19-1305,
11 the City shall not place a lien on such
12 property unless and until the taxpayer
13 has fallen into material non-compliance
14 with the agreement; and further providing
15 for the removal of any lien that has been
16 placed on such property in connection
17 with an installment payment agreement."

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Referred to committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Quinones-Sanchez offers one bill on your
22 behalf, Council President, entitled "An
23 ordinance amending Chapter 13-100 of The
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Water, Sewer
25 and Storm Water Rates,' to provide a

1 6/25/20 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 discount on water rates and charges for
3 landlord-properties rented to low-income
4 tenants."

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
6 Referred to committee.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Sanchez offers on her own behalf a
9 privileged resolution Honoring and
10 Recognizing Erika James as the first
11 woman and person of color to become dean
12 of The Wharton School at the University
13 of Pennsylvania.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Today's Calendar.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
17 resolution authorizing the Committees on
18 Appropriations and Finance to hold
19 hearings to consider an independent
20 analysis of the Business Income and
21 Receipts Tax structure and rates.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Today's Calendar.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
25 resolution authorizing the Committee on

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2 Education to hold hearings to consider a
3 program that provides broadband internet
4 for Philadelphians to access quality
5 schools and quality jobs.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Also
7 on today's Calendar.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
9 resolution authorizing the Committee on
10 Public Health and Human Services to
11 continue to hold hearings to assess the
12 City of Philadelphia's efforts, as
13 coordinated by the Managing Director's
14 Office and human services department to
15 prevent and treat abuse, addiction, and
16 disease related to the use of opioids.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Today's Calendar.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green
20 offers on your behalf, Mr. President, a
21 non-privileged resolution requesting the
22 Mayor to return to Council Bill No.
23 200298, entitled "An ordinance
24 authorizing the Bond Committee to sell
25 bonds at public or private negotiated

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2 sale, to provide funds toward various
3 capital municipal purposes; providing for
4 appropriations to the Sinking Fund
5 Commission for the payment of such bonds;
6 authorizing agreements to provide credit
7 or payment or liquidity sources for the
8 bonds in connection with issuance of the
9 bonds, and certain other actions," for
10 the purpose of reconsideration by the
11 Council of the vote by which said bill
12 passed Council.

13 Council President, Councilman
14 Green wishes to be recognized for a
15 motion on this resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
19 Mr. President. On your behalf, I move to
20 suspend the rules of Council so as to
21 permit consideration of this resolution
22 on today's Final Passage Calendar.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor of the motion

3 signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 ayes have it, the motion passes. It will
10 be on today's Final Passage Calendar.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb
12 offers a privileged resolution honoring
13 the Pennsylvania 30 Day Fund for
14 providing immediate financial assistance
15 through forgivable loans to small
16 businesses locally and statewide during
17 the COVID-19 crisis and encouraging
18 Philadelphia's small businesses to apply
19 for the program.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Today's Calendar.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
23 resolution authorizing the Committee on
24 Fiscal Stability and Intergovernmental
25 Cooperation to hold quarterly hearings

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2 that include monthly reporting
3 requirements, to discuss the fiscal
4 position and overarching social impact
5 goals of the City, including and as
6 related to the Five-Year Plan and
7 reporting requirements set forth in the
8 Quarterly City Manager's Report and as
9 submitted to the Pennsylvania
10 Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
12 will be on today's Calendar.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a
14 non-privileged resolution authorizing the
15 City Council of Philadelphia to create a
16 Special Committee on the Future Economy
17 of Philadelphia to develop policy and
18 hold hearings to promote economic
19 competitiveness, expansion, and
20 opportunities for the City and all
21 Philadelphians.

22 Mr. President, Councilman Domb
23 would like to be recognized for a motion
24 on this resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman Domb.

3 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
4 Mr. President. I move to suspend the
5 rules of Council so as to permit
6 consideration of this resolution on
7 today's Final Passage Calendar.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
10 been moved and properly seconded.

11 All those in favor say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 ayes have it, and the motion passes.
18 That will be on today's Final Passage
19 Calendar.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Gauthier offers one privileged resolution
22 authorizing the Philadelphia City Council
23 Committee on Housing, Neighborhood
24 Development and the Homeless to hold
25 hearings on the impact of COVID-19 on

1 6/25/20 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 homelessness, evictions, and residential
3 foreclosures and the City's efforts to
4 combat homelessness, evictions, and
5 residential foreclosures.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Today's Calendar.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass
9 offers a non-privileged resolution
10 calling on the Pennsylvania General
11 Assembly to reverse the legalization of
12 the sale of "consumer fireworks" in the
13 State of Pennsylvania.

14 Mr. President, Councilwoman
15 Bass wishes to be recognized for a motion
16 on this resolution.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Absolutely.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I move to suspend the
23 rules of Council so as to permit
24 consideration of this resolution on
25 today's Final Passage Calendar.

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2 (Duly seconded.)
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
4 been moved and seconded multiple times.
5 All those in favor say aye.
6 (Aye.)
7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Those opposed?
9 (No response.)
10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it, the motion carries. That
12 will be on today's Final Passage
13 Calendar.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh
15 offers an ordinance amending Section
16 10-403 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 "Prohibited Conduct," by prohibiting the
18 use of consumer fireworks and providing
19 certain penalties.
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
21 sorry. Mr. Decker, was that privileged?
22 CHIEF CLERK: That's an
23 ordinance, Mr. President.
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Referred to committee.

1 6/25/20 - STATED - REPORTS

2 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. President,
3 there are no other bills or resolutions
4 being offered by the members today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

7 My head is still ringing from
8 the fireworks.

9 Our next order of business is
10 reports from committee, and the Chair
11 recognizes Councilman Henon for a report
12 from the Committee on Public Property and
13 Public Works.

14 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
15 Mr. President. The Committee on Public
16 Property and Public Works reports out
17 three bills with a favorable
18 recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you.

21 Mr. Decker, please read the
22 report.

23 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
24 and members of the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public

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2 Property and Public Works, to which was
3 referred Bill No. 200188, entitled "An
4 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
5 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
6 Philadelphia, to acquire fee simple title
7 or a lesser real estate interest to all
8 or a portion of a parcel or parcels of
9 land located in the vicinity of Calera
10 Road between Red Lion Road and Chalfont
11 Drive, commonly known as the Liberty Bell
12 Youth Organization Recreation Center";
13 and

14 Bill No. 200345, entitled "An
15 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
16 Public Property, on behalf of the City,
17 to acquire fee simple title, or a lesser
18 interest in real estate, by purchase,
19 dedication, donation, condemnation,
20 agreement in lieu of condemnation, or
21 otherwise, in parcels of land along the
22 Delaware River and in the bed of the
23 former Kensington & Tacony Railroad"; and

24 Bill No. 200354, entitled "An
25 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of

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2 Public Property to enter into an
3 Amendment to a Joint-Use Agreement with
4 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant
5 to which certain parcels of real estate
6 constituting the I-95 right-of-way,
7 located beneath the elevated highway
8 between the Benjamin Franklin Bridge and
9 the Walt Whitman Bridge, are leased to
10 the City of Philadelphia by the
11 Commonwealth, subleased by the Interstate
12 Land Management Corporation,"
13 respectfully reports it has considered
14 the same and returns the attached bills
15 to Council with a favorable
16 recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you.

19 The Chair again recognizes
20 Councilman Henon.

21 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I move that the rules of
23 Council be suspended so as to permit the
24 first reading of this day Bill Nos.
25 200188, 200345, and 200354.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you. It has been moved and
5 properly seconded that the rules of
6 Council be suspended so as to permit
7 first reading this day of Bills No.
8 200188, 200345, 200354.

9 All those in favor indicate by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 ayes have it. These bills will be placed
17 on our First Reading Calendar today.

18 The Chair again recognizes
19 Councilman Henon for a report from the
20 Committee on Licenses and Inspections.

21 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. The Committee on Licenses
23 and Inspections reports out one bill with
24 a favorable recommendation.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilman.

3 Mr. Decker, please read the
4 report.

5 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
6 Licenses and Inspections, to which was
7 referred Bill No. 200365, entitled "An
8 ordinance amending Chapter 9-2500 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Fire
10 Suppression System Workers,' to provide
11 for additional licensing requirements for
12 fire suppression system workers,"
13 respectfully reports it has considered
14 and amended the same and returns the
15 attached bill to Council with a favorable
16 recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you.

19 The Chair again recognizes
20 Councilman Henon.

21 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I move that the rules of
23 Council be suspended so as to permit the
24 first reading of this day Bill No.
25 200365.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you. It has been moved and
5 properly seconded that the rules of
6 Council be suspended so as to permit
7 first reading this day of Bill No.
8 200365.

9 All those in favor indicate by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 ayes have it. That bill will be placed
17 on our First Reading Calendar today.

18 The Chair now recognizes
19 Councilwoman Bass for a report from the
20 Committee on Public Health and Human
21 Services.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. The Committee on Public
24 Health and Human Services reports one
25 bill with a favorable recommendation.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 Mr. Decker, please read the
5 report.

6 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
7 Public Health and Human Services, to
8 which was referred Bill No. 200303,
9 entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter
10 9-4100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
11 'Promoting Healthy Families and
12 Workplaces,' to establish leave time for
13 public health emergencies, modify
14 existing provisions concerning the paid
15 sick leave, and making technical
16 changes," respectfully reports it has
17 considered and amended the same and
18 returns the attached bill to Council with
19 a favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you.

22 The Chair again recognizes
23 Councilwoman Bass.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
25 Mr. President. I move that the rules of

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2 Council be suspended so as to permit
3 first reading this day of Bill No.
4 200303.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you. It has been moved and
8 properly seconded that the rules of
9 Council be suspended so as to permit
10 first reading this day of Bill No.
11 200303.

12 All those in favor indicate by
13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 ayes have it, and this bill will be
20 placed on our First Reading Calendar
21 today.

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

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. The Committee on Public
3 Safety reports two bills with a favorable
4 recommendation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you, Councilman.

7 Mr. Decker, please read the
8 report.

9 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
10 Public Safety, to which was referred Bill
11 No. 200364, entitled "An ordinance
12 amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia
13 Code, entitled 'Contracts and
14 Procurement,' by adding a new Chapter
15 17-2300, entitled 'Public Hearing
16 Required Prior to Execution of a Labor
17 Agreement with City Workers Represented
18 by the Fraternal Order Of Police With
19 Respect To The Workers' Terms And
20 Conditions Of Employment,' by
21 establishing certain definitions; and
22 requiring a public hearing within thirty
23 days prior to the City entering into or
24 amending a labor agreement for City
25 workers represented by the Fraternal

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2 Order of Police"; and

3 Bill No. 200368, entitled "An
4 ordinance amending Title 10 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Regulation
6 of Individual Conduct and Activity,' by
7 adding a new Chapter 10-2500, entitled
8 'Prohibited Physical Contact by Peace
9 Officers,' to prevent unnecessary death
10 or injury via asphyxiation by prohibiting
11 certain physical contact by peace
12 officers," respectfully reports it has
13 considered and amended the same and
14 returns the attached bills to Council
15 with a favorable recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Thank you.

18 The Chair again recognizes
19 Councilman Jones.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
21 again, Mr. President. I move that the
22 rules of Council be suspended as to
23 permit first reading on this day of Bills
24 No. 200364 and 200368.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you. It has been moved and
4 properly seconded that the rules of
5 Council be suspended so as to permit
6 first reading this day of Bills No.
7 200364 and 200368.

8 All those in favor say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 ayes have it, and these bills will be
15 placed on our First Reading Calendar
16 today.

17 That concludes our reports from
18 committee, and our next order of business
19 is consideration of the Calendar.

20 I note that the bills just
21 reported from committee with suspension
22 of the rules have been deemed to have had
23 a first reading. These bills will be
24 placed on our Second Reading and Final
25 Passage Calendar at our next session of

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2 Council.

3 As there are no additional
4 bills on the First Reading Calendar, the
5 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Parker for
6 a motion concerning the bills on the
7 Second Reading and Final Passage
8 Calendar.

9 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
10 you, Mr. President. I move that the
11 rules of Council be suspended to permit
12 the use of a Consent Agenda to consider
13 the following bills on the Second Reading
14 and Final Passage Calendars. They are
15 Nos. 200296-A, 200329-A, 200145, 200146,
16 200148, 200116, 200290, 200183, 200346,
17 200328, 200355, 200370, 200351, 200352,
18 200293, and 200306.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you. It has been moved and
22 properly seconded that the rules of
23 Council be suspended to permit the use of
24 a Consent Agenda to consider the bills
25 just read by Councilwoman Parker.

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2 All those in favor indicate by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 ayes have it, the motion carries, and we
10 will consider the Consent Agenda shortly.

11 The Chair again recognizes
12 Councilwoman Parker for the purpose of
13 calling up bills and resolutions on the
14 regular Second Reading and Final Passage
15 Calendar today.

16 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
17 you, Mr. President. In addition to the
18 bills being considered on the Consent
19 Agenda, the following resolutions and
20 bills are being called up from the Second
21 Reading and Final Passage Calendars
22 today. They are Nos. 200261, 200262,
23 200379, 200383, 200384, 200385, 200331,
24 200080, 200216, 200377, 200147, 200285,
25 200286, 200287, 200288, 200291, 200292,

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2 200347, 200076, 200208, 200363, 200367,
3 and 200344. All other bills and
4 resolutions are being held,
5 Mr. President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you, Councilwoman.

8 Before considering these
9 resolutions and bills -- somebody call
10 me? What was that? Is somebody trying
11 to get recognized?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Okay. Before considering these
15 resolutions and bills, we will consider
16 public comment as follows:

17 Public comment must concern
18 matters of the Second Reading and Final
19 Passage Calendars for possible action at
20 a session of Council. A speaker on any
21 of these matters must sign up in order to
22 testify. You must call 215-686-3406 by
23 5:00 p.m. the day before the session to
24 sign up for public comment.

25 When you call, we will take

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2 your name, phone number, the number of
3 the legislative item you are commenting
4 on and whether you are in support of or
5 against the legislation, and add to your
6 list.

7 We will telephone each person
8 on the list during the Council session
9 and invite them to our remote meeting.
10 Under ideal circumstances, today we will
11 have two minutes to speak. However, this
12 time limit may vary. In order to be
13 fair, we want to make sure that we
14 establish a time limit and we want to
15 make sure that individuals adhere to that
16 time limit so we can get all of the
17 individuals and give them an opportunity.

18 Thirty seconds prior to your
19 time limit of two minutes, there will be
20 a one-bell ring and we will ask you to
21 wrap up to conclude your comments, and at
22 the end of your two minutes, we will ask
23 you to please conclude your comments.

24 Once your allotted time has
25 passed, shortly thereafter you will be

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2 muted and disconnected from the remote
3 meeting. I also reserve the right to
4 limit the number of speakers where
5 repetitious comments are being made, but
6 today I think everyone who has signed up
7 will be in a position to testify.

8 One last thing, I want you to
9 please be aware that the public meeting
10 is being recorded. Because the meeting
11 is public, participants and viewers have
12 no reasonable expectation of privacy, so
13 by continuing to be in the meeting, you
14 are consenting to being recorded.

15 We're going to take a brief
16 break to allow our tech team to cue the
17 callers up. So we will be back in
18 approximately five minutes to start the
19 process of public comment.

20 (Pause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you. Good morning.

23 Mr. Decker, please call the
24 first name on the witness list.

25 CHIEF CLERK: The first speaker

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2 is Madeline Shikomba.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
4 morning.

5 MS. SHIKOMBA: Good morning.
6 This is Ms. Shikomba speaking. How are
7 you doing?

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
9 great. Please proceed with your
10 testimony.

11 MS. SHIKOMBA: Thank you.
12 Yesterday we sent letters out to all
13 members of City Council concerning this
14 Council session this morning. I'm
15 representing the Philadelphia RCO
16 Coalition. We are a conscientious,
17 civic-minded group of individuals, and we
18 are abhorred by the method that City
19 Council is using today.

20 Now, I am calling to talk to
21 you about the budget, and I'll get to
22 that in a minute. We feel that City
23 Council is on a mission to pass as many
24 bills as possible under the guise of
25 COVID-19 in order to avoid public

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2 scrutiny. The current situation of
3 COVID-19 is enabling City Council to pass
4 this legislation whose outcome may have
5 great and lasting harm on the City of
6 Philadelphia.

7 We can understand the need to
8 pass certain bills, such as budgetary
9 items, but there are too many bills on
10 this matter that has nothing to do with
11 the budget. Concerning your budgetary
12 items, which is Bill No. 200285, 286,
13 287, and 288, yes, we understand why you
14 have to pass them, even though you have
15 not given us a lot of information
16 concerning this. You know that the
17 people don't have the opportunity to
18 grasp these bills, and you could have at
19 least given us information of who and
20 what agencies are receiving this money.
21 But this was not done. We are opposed to
22 this, and we feel that, fine, pass the
23 budgetary items, because the City is in
24 need of money, but items that are going
25 to hurt us, such as taxes that you going

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2 to raise and wage tax and all that kind
3 of stuff, should not be allowed to be
4 passed until September, because this is
5 just too much for people to grasp. Okay?

6 And today now you added another
7 50 bills. How you expect people to keep
8 up with this and knowing that you are now
9 going to pass these bills and then we
10 going to be hit with bigger taxes than we
11 had before and we have not had any time,
12 input or scrutiny in this matter. This
13 is appalling, and I feel that you should
14 do better than this.

15 And I did not receive any
16 response to my letters that I sent to all
17 members of City Council concerning this
18 matter, and then you're going to have a
19 suspension of Council? You're going to
20 suspend things and ask Council to suspend
21 the rules.

22 Thank you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you, ma'am. Thank you for your
25 testimony.

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2 Please, I just want to say one
3 more time, the first bell that you will
4 hear will indicate that you have 30
5 seconds to conclude your remarks. The
6 second bell that you will hear will mean
7 that your two minutes are up and we ask
8 that you please adhere to those
9 guidelines and conclude your remarks.
10 Thank you.

11 Next name, Mr. Decker.

12 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
13 is Paul Prescott, speaking on
14 Councilwoman Gym's United States Postal
15 Service resolution introduced today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Thank you.

18 MR. PRESCOTT: Hi. Good
19 morning. Can you hear me?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
21 morning. Please just state your name for
22 the record and proceed with your
23 testimony.

24 MR. PRESCOTT: Hello. My name
25 is Paul Prescott. I'm a public school

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2 teacher and member of the Philadelphia
3 Federation of Teachers and also a member
4 of the Communities and Postal Workers
5 United. I'm speaking today in solidarity
6 with my union brothers and sisters to
7 fight what I think is union busting
8 that's going on.

9 When a few years ago the Postal
10 Service jobs were being outsourced to
11 Staples, my union participated in a
12 boycott, and teachers refused to buy
13 their teaching supplies from here. What
14 the Trump Administration is doing now is
15 another attempt at privatization of the
16 Postal Service and attack on living-wage
17 jobs. If they were really concerned with
18 the Postal Service financial situation,
19 Congress would repeal the Postal
20 Accountability Act of 2006, which makes
21 the Postal Service pre-fund their
22 employee pension 75 years in advance,
23 something no other public or private
24 entity has to do.

25 The Postal Service provides

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2 living-wage jobs to over 600,000 workers.

3 If they let the Post Office run out of

4 money and if they privatize, these jobs

5 are gone. We can't take any more

6 low-wage jobs and we can't take any more

7 unions being destroyed.

8 With an average salary of over

9 \$50,000 a year, this job and these unions

10 have been so important to helping black

11 workers, women workers, and veteran

12 workers advance. As more good jobs for

13 black workers are destroyed, they are

14 then over-policed when they're unemployed

15 and we end up in the situation we are in

16 today with rampant police violence.

17 The other reason I'm speaking

18 in support of this resolution is because

19 my work as a teacher is in public

20 service, and I believe in public

21 services. Especially during a pandemic,

22 we need the Postal Service to deliver

23 medicines and medical supplies affordably

24 to people across the country. We also

25 need a Postal Service to ensure a fair

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2 election in the fall.

3 We don't have many universal
4 services in this country, services that
5 everyone has equal access to regardless
6 if you live in New York City or a small
7 town of a few hundred people. We need to
8 protect and expand this universal
9 service, so I urge City Council to vote
10 for this resolution.

11 Thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you so much for your testimony.

14 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
15 is Monica Harmon, commenting on 200306.

16 MS. HARMON: Hello. Thank you,
17 Council President Clarke and esteemed
18 City Councilmembers for the opportunity
19 to speak on behalf of nurses and other
20 healthcare workers in support of Bill No.
21 200306. My name is Monica Harmon. I've
22 been a proud professional nurse for two
23 decades. My specialties are public
24 health and nursing education. I am the
25 current Chapter President of the

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2 Southeastern Pennsylvania Area Black
3 Nurses Association and I'm
4 the Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania Action
5 Coalition Nurse Diversity Council.

6 The year 2020 was deemed the
7 Year of the Nurse and Midwife by the
8 World Health Organization in January of
9 2019. This designation was aimed at
10 highlighting the work of the 20.7 million
11 nurses globally, from the bedside to the
12 boardroom and everywhere in between and
13 beyond.

14 Nurses courageously care for
15 the welfare of their patients and often
16 do so with flexibility and grace.
17 However, there is a systemic flaw that
18 hinders the care of nurses and, that is,
19 lack of benefits to protect healthcare
20 workers when we ourselves get sick
21 through occupational exposure to
22 pathogens such as Coronavirus.

23 Nurses practice in a variety of
24 capacities utilizing their knowledge and
25 skills in different spaces while making a

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2 difference in the lives of individuals,
3 families, populations, and communities.
4 In fact, the recent Coronavirus pandemic
5 and the enduring epidemic of racism
6 showcases the great sacrifices healthcare
7 workers make while tirelessly
8 prioritizing the care of patients and
9 their loved ones while putting their own
10 health and well-being at risk by enduring
11 the reuse of personal protective
12 equipment and other practices against our
13 training necessary to provide care.

14 I implore you, the members of
15 Philadelphia City Council, to make a
16 difference in the lives of nurses and
17 other healthcare workers by supporting
18 Bill No. 200306 today.

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you so much for your testimony.

22 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
23 is Channel Saunders, commenting on
24 200287.

25 MS. SAUNDERS: Good afternoon,

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2 members of the Council. My name is
3 Channel Saunders. I live in Germantown
4 section of the City of Philadelphia.
5 I've been a Philadelphia resident all of
6 my life, which is 40 years. I'm a
7 crossing guard. That job I served for
8 eight years.

9 Today I testify on behalf of
10 the proposed Philadelphia Fiscal Year
11 2021 budget. Because of the cuts as a
12 crossing guard, it is an insult to have
13 our funds be used as political appeals to
14 the thousands of voices who are calling
15 to de-fund the police.

16 De-funding the police doesn't
17 just -- it causes hardship on not just
18 the things that are needed for beneficial
19 purposes, but the people who utilize the
20 funding, like crossing guards and traffic
21 directors. All of us will be impacted
22 severely by not having proper funding
23 directed towards us in the best way.

24 I've had the bittersweet taste
25 of being able to save a child's life,

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2 because it just so happens that in the
3 midst of one of my crossings, there was a
4 shootout on my block. So I had to lay
5 the child on the ground. I laid over top
6 of her, and the bullets went back and
7 forth past our head, but when it was over
8 and I called for backup, hey, I'm a
9 crossing guard, they're fighting, they're
10 shooting on my crossing, they told me to
11 call back because they were in the midst
12 of changing shifts. And then when they
13 got there, they were like, well, what did
14 they have on them and which way did they
15 go? So we're already strained by the
16 amount of aid that you guys are giving to
17 us, and the situation is not safe for us
18 in general, but then you want to remove
19 that, which is only going to cause us to
20 have to deal with even worse situations
21 than taking care of our families, and I
22 don't think that's fair.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you, ma'am, for your testimony and
25 for your service. I just want to

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2 indicate that the movement will be moving
3 the funding to a department. It will
4 ultimately end up in the OTIS, which is
5 our Department of Transportation and
6 Safety, to be a part of Vision Zero. So
7 we continue to support the crossing
8 guards and all the great work you do.
9 But, again, thank you so much for your
10 service, ma'am.

11 MS. SAUNDERS: Thank you.
12 Appreciate it.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 You're welcome.

15 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
16 is Melissa Bova, commenting on 200344.

17 (No response.)

18 CHIEF CLERK: Melissa Bova.
19 Star 6 to unmute.

20 MS. BOVA: Can you hear me?

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes,
22 we can. Just state your name for the
23 record and proceed with your testimony,
24 please.

25 MS. BOVA: Good morning. My

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2 name is Melissa Bova. I'm the Vice
3 President of Government Affairs for the
4 Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging
5 Association. PRLA is proud to represent
6 the restaurant and hospitality industry
7 in Philadelphia.

8 As you all know, the past few
9 months have been an extraordinary
10 struggle for our restaurants in the City
11 of Philadelphia. Some of them we are
12 hearing will never open their doors
13 again, which is why I'm here to thank all
14 of you for hopefully passing legislation
15 today that will provide relief and
16 flexibility to businesses in the City.

17 First, thank you to
18 Councilwoman Cherelle Parker for
19 sponsoring Bill No. 200344. This bill
20 recognizes the long-term operational
21 changes that are occurring for
22 restaurants in our industry. Even as we
23 slowly begin the process of reopening,
24 the culture has changed and take-out and
25 delivery are going to be a larger portion

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2 of our industry's survival than ever
3 before. Bill No. 200344 takes
4 much-needed steps to ensure that
5 third-party delivery companies comply
6 with common sense transparency
7 initiatives, in addition to capping fees
8 at 15 percent for the duration of the
9 crisis.

10 Many of those companies are
11 doing the right thing, and we thank them
12 for that, but for those that are not,
13 this holds them accountable during a time
14 that charging high rates only hurts
15 businesses that are already suffering,
16 and I ask you to support this bill today.

17 Second, thank you to Councilmen
18 Domb and Henon for sponsoring Bills No.
19 200351 and 200352. These pieces of
20 legislation, similar to other cities
21 around the country and even cities in
22 Pennsylvania, authorizes the Streets
23 Department to be creative in terms of
24 allowing outdoor seating, either via an
25 expansion of sidewalks, creating

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2 streeteries, shutting down streets or
3 allowing expansion generally.

4 We will not return to normal
5 dining any time soon, and this is a great
6 way of letting the people of Philadelphia
7 get out and dine safely while ensuring
8 social distancing for the safety of our
9 employees and guests. I ask you to
10 support these bills as well.

11 Thank you for allowing me to
12 speak today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you so much for your testimony.

15 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
16 is Judy Ni, commenting on 200344.

17 (No response.)

18 CHIEF CLERK: Judy Ni.

19 (No response.)

20 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
21 is Michael Schulson.

22 MR. SCHULSON: Yeah. How you
23 doing? This is Michael Schulson from
24 Schulson Collective and I'll be
25 commenting on the same two bills. Thank

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2 you for Councilwoman Cherelle Parker and
3 for Councilmen Henon and Domb.

4 I think right now the important
5 thing to realize in the hospitality
6 industry, which makes up such an
7 important part of tourism, convention,
8 and all of Philadelphia, is that right
9 now it's about survival. It's not about
10 thriving. And unfortunately in a
11 situation like this, a lot of companies
12 are trying to thrive when restaurants are
13 just trying to survive. And right now
14 we're not making money. We're not
15 looking to get rich. We're looking to
16 bring employees of Philadelphia back to
17 work. We're looking to get wood off the
18 windows of restaurants and all that
19 stuff, and the only way to do that is to
20 survive, and these two bills help us
21 survive long term.

22 The one we're limiting the fees
23 gives companies such as Grubhub and
24 DoorDash and all these other companies
25 that are thriving during a time when

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2 there's a pandemic, when people just need
3 to eat, the cost of food has gone through
4 the roof, and ultimately the people who
5 are going to suffer is everybody at home.
6 So we encourage you to support that one
7 bill.

8 The other piece with outdoor
9 seating, right now I assume we're going
10 to go to 50 percent capacity inside.
11 Unfortunately, that's not enough to cover
12 our numbers of costs. We went from 1,500
13 employees as a company, right now we're
14 down to about 100, and the goal is to
15 bring as many of those people back, and
16 with outdoor seating extending and
17 allowing it and reducing this bill with
18 take-out, that allows us to survive. We
19 will not be thriving.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you. Thank you so much for your
22 testimony.

23 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
24 is Jeff Benjamin.

25 MR. BENJAMIN: This is Jeff

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2 Benjamin, Vetri Restaurant Corp. We've
3 been doing business here in the City of
4 Philadelphia for over 20 years.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
6 morning.

7 MR. BENJAMIN: Echoing what
8 both Michael Schulson and Melissa Bova
9 said and some other colleagues that will
10 get on later, so not -- at the risk of
11 piling on, I'd like to thank you all for
12 all you are doing so far and just
13 reiterate what Michael said. No one is
14 going to deny the fact that some of our
15 delivery services have the right to make
16 some money, but at this point, it's
17 become opportunistic in the face of a
18 pandemic.

19 We decimated our workforce,
20 like many of our colleagues. We're
21 fortunate in that we will likely reopen,
22 but as Michael said and Melissa echoed,
23 we will reopen just to be able to
24 survive, not to thrive.

25 We would like for us to be able

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2 to give back all of our employees their
3 jobs, which we intend to do in the next
4 several days, but that's predicated on
5 being able to have the outdoor dining
6 bill continued through the end of this
7 pandemic until we normalize business.
8 It's predicated on us being able to make
9 money for delivery, not just be able to
10 sustain it.

11 So I request humbly that you
12 all continue to support these bills and
13 other initiatives that may come before
14 you that allow the hospitality industry
15 in Philadelphia to thrive.

16 We have quite an impact
17 industry-wide on this city, and tourism
18 is not going to come back any time soon,
19 but the people of Philadelphia are eager
20 to come back out and eat. The vast
21 majority of them have said that they will
22 come back out to eat if they're allowed
23 to eat outside. So the passing of that
24 emergency bill several weeks ago
25 certainly helps, but extending that will

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2 ensure the future of the restaurant
3 business in Philadelphia.

4 Thank you very much for your
5 time.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you so much for your testimony.

8 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
9 is Tootsie Iovine, commenting on 200344.

10 MS. IOVINE: Hi. This is
11 Tootsie.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
13 morning. State your name for the record
14 and proceed with your testimony, please.

15 MS. IOVINE: Thank you. Good
16 morning, Council President Clarke and
17 members of City Council. My name is Mary
18 Iovine, a lifelong Philadelphian. Most
19 people know me as Tootsie. I have owned
20 and run Tootsie's Buffet at the Reading
21 Terminal Market for 15 years. I also had
22 a successful catering business from the
23 store at the Terminal.

24 There are no words to describe
25 the devastation caused by COVID-19.

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2 Things changed for us at the Reading
3 Terminal Market and the world. Not
4 wanting to reduce staff, we started
5 offering meals to go and we delivered
6 them to my neighbors in my apartment
7 building when many of the seniors were
8 afraid to go out, and it was a helpful
9 service for them and I thought it would
10 help us.

11 During the early days of the
12 COVID shutdown, we were limping around
13 like everybody else, but then on April 7,
14 I was diagnosed with COVID-19, and one
15 week later so was my husband, and his
16 case was much more severe than mine.
17 Needless to say, that crippled my ability
18 to conduct business and I had to shut
19 down for three weeks. When we were
20 cleared to go back, it was a much
21 different, smaller business, as the City
22 was taking the home quarantine very
23 seriously. There were hardly any
24 customers in the Terminal, and in an
25 attempt to survive, I subscribed to

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2 Grubhub for home delivery. I was not
3 familiar with how they really operated,
4 the costs or the differences between the
5 delivery services. In concept, they
6 seemed innovative and handy, but the
7 sticker shock was eye-opening and not
8 financially viable.

9 How grateful I am to
10 Councilwoman Parker for her thoughtful
11 bill that will help longtime food
12 establishments like mine trying to stay
13 alive during the remainder of this
14 pandemic. Teaming them up with food
15 delivery services willing to reduce their
16 prices is a win-win. The more demand for
17 their services, the more employees they
18 can keep or hire as we increase the
19 number of our transactions.

20 We still have a long way to go
21 to learn about implementing the
22 constantly changing safety measures,
23 restrictions, and openings yet to come
24 during the next stages of COVID and need
25 to realize that if science is right, we

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2 might have to step back again.

3 I strongly encourage you to
4 vote for this bill today.

5 Thanks. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you. Thank you. Stay strong.

8 Thank you for your commitment.

9 MS. IOVINE: Thank you.

10 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
11 is Tiffany Green, commenting on 200370,
12 200352, and 200351.

13 MS. GREEN: Hello. Can you
14 hear me?

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes,
16 we can. Please state your name for the
17 record.

18 MS. GREEN: Good morning. Good
19 morning.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
21 morning.

22 MS. GREEN: I want to speak
23 quickly. I want to speak on Bill 200351.
24 We say that black lives matter. Well,
25 black opinions should matter too. And at

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2 this particular point, this particular
3 bill should be limited to Center City and
4 not in residential areas where people are
5 still surviving and trying to, you know,
6 live an everyday life, and to have people
7 opening up outdoor eateries on the corner
8 of their block, drinking and eating
9 without masks can lead to more cases of
10 COVID in the black and poor communities.

11 There was a Dr. Schaefer on CNN
12 this morning who stated of such a
13 disease, said that we should be promoting
14 masks, wearing masks, which should be the
15 social norm. We need a constant message
16 between political and business and church
17 leaders to have a mandate for masks, and
18 that we do not think that outdoor
19 eateries and cafes should be down in
20 residential areas. They'd be good for
21 Center City.

22 My next two bills I want to
23 speak on real quick is 200370 with the
24 bicycle and street closures. We think
25 that RCOs and organizations get advanced

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2 notice of any street closures. Many
3 times the SEPTA will move a bus over
4 three, four blocks, which is really
5 hurtful. We've heard back from many of
6 our seniors, people with wheelchairs,
7 people disabled with canes have to walk
8 four or five blocks to go catch a bus.

9 There is no advanced notification of
10 street closures or SEPTA reroutes and
11 everything like that.

12 We think as far as the bicycle
13 bill, that we need to have notification.
14 They came and stripped one of our major
15 streets, Point Breeze, down the middle to
16 put a bicycle route. That was not fair
17 to our community, whereas in affluent
18 neighborhoods between South and Market
19 Street, you had a community meeting and a
20 community vote. So that was unfair
21 treatment of the black community.

22 And, finally, I want to make
23 just -- that this zoning meetings
24 regarding Zoom is unfair. We talked to
25 some of our residents. They don't feel

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2 the need to do Zoom at this point. A lot
3 of them feel that they're just frustrated
4 with the whole COVID and unable -- and,
5 secondly, is unable to take a community
6 vote. How you going to take a community
7 vote with Zoom and the community
8 residents, seniors, and everybody who
9 don't even really know how to do this?
10 And so we think it should be a town hall
11 meeting regarding the zoning process and
12 the ZBA process.

13 You're asking people to do a
14 lot during this COVID time, who are
15 trying to just live a regular life and
16 who are -- and some family members are
17 suffering with COVID-19, and to ask us to
18 do all this virtually and internet-wise
19 is not being considerate. And I'm
20 sure -- and I'm not trying to throw
21 shade, but I don't think Mr. Allan Domb
22 has spoke to too many African American
23 groups about this outdoor eatery cafe,
24 because in the end, businesses are not
25 going to pay healthcare bills at the

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2 hospital. Okay? We're not saying that
3 they're not entitled, but all of us are
4 doing and sacrificing, and some us have
5 to -- we all are sacrificing and trying
6 to stay alive, and if we have to operate
7 at 50 percent, then we operate at 50
8 percent, and it's up to City Council to
9 try to find additional financial help for
10 those businesses, but you can't be having
11 people come in from outside town, outside
12 areas into black areas --

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you.

15 MS. GREEN: -- invite the
16 COVID-19 and bringing -- spreading the
17 disease.

18 Thank you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you, Ms. Green.

21 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
22 is Chelsie DeFoe, commenting on 200328.

23 (No response.)

24 CHIEF CLERK: Chelsie DeFoe.

25 Star 6 to unmute.

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2 MS. DeFOE: Hello.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Hi.

4 Good morning. Please state your name for
5 the record and proceed with your
6 testimony.

7 MS. DeFOE: Good morning,
8 members of City Council. My name is
9 Chelsie DeFoe and I have a Master's in
10 Public Health, with a concentration in
11 occupational and environmental health
12 from Drexel University's Dornsife School
13 of Public Health. I'm testifying in
14 support of Bill No. 200328 amending The
15 Philadelphia Code to provide employees
16 protections during the COVID-19 pandemic.

17 I believe this bill will
18 protect workers, their families, and the
19 overall public health. The bill will
20 empower workers to speak against
21 workplace violations and thus minimize
22 their risk of exposure to COVID-19.

23 Fear can cause workers to shy
24 away from reporting. It can lead to an
25 increase of cases due to unsafe

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2 practices. A bill to support workers
3 during COVID-19 epidemic will reassure
4 the health and safety of their families
5 and the public.

6 It is estimated that a person
7 infected with the Coronavirus will infect
8 an average of two or more people.

9 Without the proper workplace precautions,
10 such as the provision of masks and the
11 cleaning of high-touch spaces, the virus
12 can easily spread in the workplace and
13 then the community. This bill opens the
14 door to allow employers to be held
15 accountable for their actions.

16 Workers are crucial to getting
17 our city back on its feet, so it's our
18 job to provide them with security and
19 resources they need to stay healthy and
20 feel confident enough to do their jobs
21 effectively. That is why I'm in support
22 of Bill No. 200328.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you for your testimony.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: The next speaker
3 is Kaylee McGuffin, commenting on 200328.

4 MS. MCGUFFIN: Hello. Can you
5 hear me?

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
7 morning. Please state your name for the
8 record and proceed with your testimony.

9 MS. MCGUFFIN: Hi. My name is
10 Kaylee McGuffin. I am a One PA member
11 and I'm calling in favor of the
12 anti-retaliation bill.

13 I worked at -- for the company
14 MOM's Organic Market. That is a location
15 in Center City, for six years. When
16 COVID-19 pandemic hit, myself and other
17 workers and customers started to realize
18 that the company was not taking proper
19 precautions to minimize the risk of
20 contracting the virus for our employees
21 and customers. I brought up these
22 concerns and solutions with the Center
23 City store's management, the company's HR
24 department, and directly to the CEO, and
25 I was met with disregard and minimizing

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2 of my concerns.

3 I scheduled a call with the HR
4 department on March 27th to talk about my
5 concerns in more depth, and what I saw
6 was an irresponsible disregard for
7 employee health by the CEO, and the HR
8 representative subsequently fired me for
9 being, and I quote, too negative and
10 appearing, quote, appearing unwilling to
11 want to join, and the HR representative
12 also banned me from all 19 store
13 locations. Following the call, I
14 requested a formal letter for termination
15 in a week apart, and I was never given a
16 response or any acknowledgment of my
17 e-mail.

18 No workers in the City should
19 be in fear of losing their job for
20 expressing safety conditions ever, but
21 especially not during a global pandemic.
22 And so I just wanted to call to urge you
23 all to vote in favor of this bill.
24 That's all.

25 Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you. Thank you so much for your
4 testimony.

5 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
6 other speakers on the public comment
7 list, Mr. President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you, Mr. Decker.

10 That concludes our public
11 comment for today, and we will now
12 consider today's Bill Consent Agenda.

13 I would ask the Clerk to read
14 the titles of all the bills on the
15 Consent Agenda. After each title is
16 read, any member may object to the
17 inclusion of the bill on the Consent
18 Agenda. Upon such an objection and
19 without debate, the bill will be
20 immediately removed from the Consent
21 Agenda and placed on our regular Final
22 Passage Calendar.

23 Mr. Decker will now read the
24 titles of the bills on the Consent
25 Agenda.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No.
3 200296-A, entitled "An ordinance
4 constituting the Fifteenth Supplemental
5 Ordinance to the General Gas Works
6 Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1998;
7 authorizing the City of Philadelphia,
8 Pennsylvania to sell, either at public or
9 private sale, one or more series of Gas
10 Works Revenue Bonds and Gas Works Revenue
11 Bonds to refund such Bonds"; and

12 Bill No. 200329-A, entitled "An
13 ordinance approving a Substantial
14 Amendment to the Annual Action Plan 2019
15 through 2020 to add \$40,410,779 in
16 Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and
17 Economic Security Act funding"; and

18 Bill No. 200145, entitled "An
19 ordinance authorizing the vacating of
20 Charles Street (also known as Markle
21 Street), between Manayunk Avenue and
22 Dexter Street"; and

23 Bill No. 200146, entitled "An
24 ordinance amending Section 2 of an
25 Ordinance (Bill No. 190450) approved July

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17, 2019, entitled 'An ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 15-S by placing on the City Plan Alter Street from Seventeenth Street to Eighteenth Street in order to conform more closely with existing conditions,' by revising the terms and conditions stated therein and making certain technical changes"; and

Bill No. 200148, entitled "An ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 359 by relocating the southwesterly houseline of Byberry Road approximately two feet southwestwardly between a point approximately four-hundred one feet northwest of The Roosevelt Boulevard to a point approximately five-hundred fifty feet further northwestwardly therefrom, thereby widening said Byberry Road between such points"; and

Bill No. 200116, entitled "An

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2 ordinance amending Chapter 9 of Subcode
3 PM ('The Philadelphia Property
4 Maintenance Code') of Title 4 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Additional
6 Special Requirements,' to establish
7 requirements for managers of certain
8 buildings pertaining to identification of
9 occupants to better assist responders
10 during emergency situations"; and

11 Bill No. 200290, entitled "An
12 ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
13 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Business
14 Income and Receipts Taxes,' by revising
15 certain tax rates"; and

16 Bill No. 200183, entitled "An
17 ordinance approving the ninth amendment
18 of the redevelopment proposal for the
19 Point Breeze Urban Renewal Area, being
20 the area generally bounded by Washington
21 Avenue, South Twenty-Fifth Street, Reed
22 Street, the rear property lines of the
23 1400 and 1500 blocks of South Taylor
24 Street, Tasker Street, South 25th Street,
25 Moore Street and South Broad Street"; and

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2 Bill No. 200346, entitled "An
3 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
4 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
5 designations of certain areas of land
6 located within an area bounded by 56th
7 Street, Arch Street, Conestoga Street,
8 and Market Street"; and

9 Bill No. 200328, entitled "An
10 ordinance amending The Philadelphia Code
11 to add a new Chapter, entitled 'Employee
12 Protections in Connection with COVID-19
13 Emergency Health Order,' to provide
14 workplace protections in emergency health
15 orders and regulations, provide
16 protections for employees against
17 retaliatory actions both for the
18 disclosure of information related to
19 employer non-compliance with such orders
20 and for refusal to work under unsafe
21 conditions caused by non-compliance with
22 such orders"; and

23 Bill No. 200355, entitled "An
24 ordinance amending an Ordinance (Bill No.
25 180293), entitled 'An ordinance

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2 authorizing the revision of lines and
3 grades on a portion of City Plan Nos.
4 34-S and 41-S by striking from the City
5 Plan and vacating the legally open
6 portions of Packer Avenue from
7 Christopher Columbus Boulevard to the
8 Pierhead Line of the Delaware River and
9 reserving and placing on the City Plan a
10 right-of-way for sewer and drainage
11 purposes"; and

12 Bill No. 200370, entitled "An
13 ordinance authorizing the Procurement
14 Commissioner, on behalf of the City, to
15 enter into a concession agreement with
16 Bicycle Transit Systems, Incorporated for
17 the operation, maintenance and expansion
18 of a bicycle sharing system, an essential
19 service during the COVID-19 period"; and

20 Bill No. 200351, entitled "An
21 ordinance authorizing the operation of
22 sidewalk cafes during the COVID-19
23 emergency until December 31, 2020 in
24 areas of the City where such activity
25 currently must be otherwise authorized by

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2 special ordinance, and allowing expanded
3 activity by currently licensed sidewalk
4 cafe operations"; and

5 Bill No. 200352, entitled "An
6 ordinance amending Chapter 11-100 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'General
8 Provisions,' to authorize the Streets
9 Department to permit closure of the
10 public right-of-way, including on street
11 parking spaces, for public health,
12 welfare and safety purposes during the
13 COVID-19 public health emergency until
14 December 31, 2020, including expansion of
15 business uses that cannot operate in
16 indoor environment or have limited indoor
17 capacity and/or service due to the
18 COVID-19 emergency"; and

19 Bill No. 200293, entitled "An
20 ordinance amending Chapter 17-1400 of The
21 Philadelphia Code, entitled
22 'Non-Competitively Bid Contracts;
23 Financial Assistance,' by making
24 revisions, including but not limited to,
25 the exception for emergency contracting";

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2 and

3 Bill No. 200306, entitled "An
4 ordinance amending Chapter 9-4100 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Promoting
6 Healthy Families and Workplaces,' by
7 adding new definitions and requirements
8 to ensure that certain health care
9 employees are compensated for lost wages
10 and medical expenses in the event they
11 contract a communicable disease at work
12 during a pandemic or epidemic event, all
13 under certain terms and conditions."

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you, Mr. Decker.

16 The Chair recognizes --
17 Councilwoman Brooks, did you want to be
18 recognized?

19 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Can't
20 hear you.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: My
22 apologies. After we go through this
23 vote.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Oh,
25 after the vote? Okay.

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2 Thank you, Mr. Decker. We're
3 going to the Consent Agenda. These bills
4 having been read on two different days,
5 the question for each bill now is shall
6 the bill pass finally.

7 The Clerk shall call the roll,
8 and upon being called, each Councilmember
9 shall vote aye on each of the bills, nay
10 on each of the bills or indicate those
11 bills for which the member is voting aye
12 and those bills for which the member is
13 voting nay.

14 Mr. Decker, can you please call
15 the roll.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Bass.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye on all
19 bills.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Brooks.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye on
23 all bills.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

25 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye on all

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2 bills.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Gauthier.

5 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye on

6 all bills.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Gilmore Richardson.

9 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye

10 on all bills.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye on all

13 bills.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

15 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye on all

16 bills.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

18 COUNCILMAN HENON: Council

19 President, I vote aye on all bills.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 Johnson.

22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye on all

23 bills.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye on all

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2 bills.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

4 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye on all

5 bills.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye on all

9 bills.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Parker.

12 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye on

13 all bills.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Quinones-Sanchez.

16 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye on

17 all bills.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Squilla.

20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye on all

21 bills.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Thomas.

24 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye on all

25 bills.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Clarke.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye
5 on all bills.

6 A majority of all members
7 having voted in the affirmative for each
8 of the bills, the bills on the Consent
9 Agenda are passed.

10 We will now consider the bills
11 and resolutions on the regular Second
12 Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

13 Mr. Decker, can you please read
14 the title of Resolution No. 200261.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 encouraging the National Committee of the
17 Young Democrats of America to hold their
18 2021 Biennial Convention in the City of
19 Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gilmore
22 Richardson for a motion on the
23 resolution.

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

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2 adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
6 seconded.

7 All those in favor say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

14 Mr. Decker, please read the
15 title of Resolution No. 200262.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 authorizing the Philadelphia Land Bank to
18 dispose of 1421 Letterly Street located
19 in the Fifth Councilmanic District.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
22 Gilmore Richardson for a motion.

23 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Thank
24 you, Mr. President. On your behalf, I
25 move for the adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
4 been moved and properly seconded.
5 All those in favor say aye.
6 (Aye.)
7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Those opposed?
9 (No response.)
10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.
12 Mr. Decker, 200379.
13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 calling upon the City of Philadelphia to
15 invest in a Black stimulus package for
16 our neighborhoods, to include \$500
17 million in capital investments for
18 affordable housing and commercial
19 corridors, in addition to operating
20 investments in a Poverty Action Fund for
21 rent subsidy, basic income, benefits
22 access, and job training stipends; and
23 further authorizing the Committee on
24 Appropriations and the Committee on
25 Commerce and Economic Development to hold

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2 hearings to consider the City's Black
3 stimulus.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Quinones-Sanchez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
8 you, Council President. Thank you to all
9 my colleagues. I look forward to a long
10 conversation as we move this forward.

11 I move for the adoption.
12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All those in favor say aye.
16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it, and that resolution is
22 adopted.

23 Mr. Decker, Resolution No.
24 200383.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 ratifying the Mayor's Declaration of
3 Emergency Related to the COVID-19 health
4 emergency.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones for a
7 motion.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. I would like to offer an
10 amendment on your behalf to Resolution
11 No. 200383. A copy this amendment has
12 been circulated to all members of
13 Council. I move for its adoption.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you. It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that the amendment to
18 Resolution No. 200383 be adopted.

19 All in favor indicate by saying
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 ayes have it, and the resolution has been
3 amended.

4 The Chair again recognizes
5 Councilman Jones for a motion on the
6 amended resolution.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
8 again, Mr. President. On your behalf, I
9 move for the adoption of the resolution,
10 as amended.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
14 seconded.

15 All those in favor say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it, and that resolution is
22 adopted.

23 Councilwoman Brooks.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Yes.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I

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2 just want to make sure, you wanted to be
3 recognized --

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: I can do
5 it -- I just wanted to put the votes on
6 the record before we go through the
7 individual bill. So that's what I was
8 trying to do.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Okay. Still getting used to some of this
11 stuff. All right. Thank you.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Do you
13 want me to do it now or wait?

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Mr. Decker, can you please read the title
16 of Resolution No. 200384.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 calling upon the Congress to allocate
19 fair and direct federal support to all of
20 America's communities, regardless of
21 population size.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Green for a motion on the resolution.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
3 Council President. This resolution --
4 and I want to thank my colleagues for
5 their support -- continues the work that
6 we've been doing at the national level
7 with the National League of Cities to
8 make sure we have fair funding for all
9 cities in this nation as we continue to
10 deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

11 Mr. President, I move for the
12 adoption of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you. It has been moved and
16 properly seconded that the resolution be
17 adopted.

18 All those in favor say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 ayes have it, and that resolution is
25 adopted.

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2 Mr. Decker, please read the
3 title of 200385.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 calling upon the Congress to enact and
6 fund a national, sustainable water
7 affordability plan similar to the Low
8 Income Home Energy Assistance Program
9 ("LIHEAP").

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 Chair again recognizes Councilman Green.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
13 Council President. This is a similar
14 resolution which was brought to me by the
15 President of Democratic Municipal
16 Officials, Scott Benson, a Councilmember
17 in Detroit. We are all familiar with the
18 major issues of water in Michigan, and
19 this supports this type of legislation
20 throughout our nation so we don't have
21 the same problem that we had in Flint,
22 Michigan or other cities around the
23 country.

24 Mr. President, I move for the
25 adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
4 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
5 seconded.
6 All those in favor say aye.
7 (Aye.)
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Those opposed?
10 (No response.)
11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 ayes have it, and that resolution is
13 adopted.
14 Mr. Decker, 200331.
15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 approving the Director of Finance's
17 Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund
18 Withdrawal Certification for purposes of
19 allowing utilization of \$34,276,000 in
20 the Reserve Fund for General Fund
21 purposes in connection with the FY2021
22 Operating Budget.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you.
25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Parker.

3 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
4 you, Mr. President. On your behalf, I
5 move for the adoption of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All those in favor say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 ayes have it, and that resolution is
16 adopted.

17 Mr. Decker, Resolution No.
18 200080.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
20 proposing an amendment to The
21 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter calling on
22 the Police Department to eliminate the
23 practice of unconstitutional stop and
24 frisk; and providing for the submission
25 of the proposed amendment to the electors

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2 of Philadelphia.

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

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

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
10 been moved and properly seconded.

11 All those in favor say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 ayes have it, and that resolution is
18 adopted.

19 I should have said that this
20 requires a two -- it's a resolution to
21 the Home Rule Charter, so it requires
22 two-thirds vote. Therefore, the question
23 is shall this resolution be adopted. The
24 Chief Clerk will call the roll. I think
25 we just heard the roll. It sounds like

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2 it was unanimous, so that clearly is
3 two-thirds. Thank you.

4 Let's call the roll,
5 Mr. Decker. I'm sorry. I'm having a
6 little challenge here. I got all kinds
7 of stuff going on. Mr. Decker, call the
8 roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Bass.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Brooks.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

16 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Gauthier.

19 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Gilmore Richardson.

22 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
4 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Johnson.
7 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
11 (No response.)
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 O'Neill.
14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Parker.
17 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Quinones-Sanchez.
20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Squilla.
23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Thomas.

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2 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
4 Clarke.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

6 The ayes are 16; the nays are
7 zero. Two-thirds of all members of the
8 Council voting in the affirmative,
9 Resolution No. 200080 has been adopted.

10 Mr. Decker, please read the
11 title of Resolution No. 200216.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 proposing an amendment to The
14 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing
15 for the creation of the Office of the
16 Victim Advocate.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Johnson for a motion on the resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Thank you,
22 Council President. Thank you,
23 colleagues. I move for the adoption of
24 the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
3 been moved and properly seconded.
4 All in favor indicate by saying
5 aye.
6 (Aye.)
7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Those opposed?
9 (No response.)
10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Here
11 I go again. I'm sorry. This also is an
12 amendment to the Home Rule Charter. I
13 better read my script. It requires
14 two-thirds vote. Therefore, the question
15 is shall the resolution be adopted.
16 And, Mr. Decker, please call
17 the roll.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Bass.
20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Brooks.
23 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.
25 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Gauthier.
4 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Gilmore Richardson.
7 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.
11 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
13 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Johnson.
16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
20 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 O'Neill.
23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Parker.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Quinones-Sanchez.

5 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Squilla.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Thomas.

11 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

15 Mr. Decker, was Councilman Oh
16 back for the report?

17 CHIEF CLERK: He is,
18 Mr. President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Okay. Thank you.

21 The ayes are 17; the nays are
22 zero. Two-thirds of all members of the
23 Council having voted in the affirmative,
24 Resolution No. 200216 has been adopted.

25 Mr. Decker, please read the

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2 title of Resolution No. 200377.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
4 proposing an amendment to the
5 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
6 for the creation of a Citizens Police
7 Oversight Commission, and to authorize
8 City Council by ordinance to determine
9 the composition, powers, and duties of
10 the Commission; and providing for the
11 submission of the amendment to the
12 electors of Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Jones for a motion on the resolution.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
19 of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Moved and seconded the resolution be
23 adopted. Because Resolution No. 200377
24 is an amendment to the Home Rule Charter,
25 it requires two-thirds vote. Therefore,

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2 the question is shall this resolution be
3 adopted.

4 The Chief Clerk will call the
5 roll.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Bass.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Brooks.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

13 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Gauthier.

16 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Gilmore Richardson.

19 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

25 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Johnson.
4 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
8 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 O'Neill.
11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Nay.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Parker.
14 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Quinones-Sanchez.
17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Squilla.
20 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Thomas.
23 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
25 Clarke.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
3 Two-thirds of all members of
4 Council having voted in the affirmative,
5 Resolution No. 200377 has been adopted.
6 Mr. Decker, please read the
7 title of Bill No. 200147.
8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Subcode F of Title 4 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
11 Philadelphia Fire Code," to establish
12 limitations on the use of hydrogen
13 fluoride and hydrofluoric acid.
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
15 bill having been read on two different
16 days, the question is now shall the bill
17 pass finally.
18 Mr. Decker, call the roll.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Bass.
21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Brooks.
24 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

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2 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Gauthier.
5 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Gilmore Richardson.
8 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.
12 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
14 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Johnson.
17 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
21 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 O'Neill.
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Parker.

3 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Quinones-Sanchez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Squilla.

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Thomas.

12 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

14 Clarke.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

20 Mr. Decker, 200285.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
22 adopt a Capital Program for the six
23 Fiscal Years 2021 through 2026 inclusive.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
25 believe Councilman Domb wanted to speak

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2 prior to this bill.

3 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Yes. Thank
4 you, Council President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
6 Councilman Domb.

7 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you.
8 (Inaudible) -- services for our residents
9 and businesses (inaudible). Thank you,
10 Council President Clarke and our budget
11 work group, Councilwoman Parker, Squilla,
12 Quinones-Sanchez, and Green for your hard
13 work in putting this budget together.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Councilman Domb, we are having a really
16 difficult time hearing you.

17 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Is that
18 better?

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Still not getting you.

21 COUNCILMAN DOMB: I'll call
22 back.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Okay. You're going to call back right
25 now? Because we have a vote on the

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2 floor.

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Mr.

5 Decker, we're going to come back when

6 Councilman Domb gets connected. I'm not

7 sure when he'll be ready, so we're going

8 to move on since we did not initiate the

9 vote. Mr. Decker, just read the title of

10 200286.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to

12 adopt a Fiscal 2021 Capital Budget.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This

14 bill having been read on two different

15 days, the question now is shall the bill

16 pass finally.

17 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Bass.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Brooks.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

25 (No response.)

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Gauthier.
4 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Gilmore Richardson.
7 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.
11 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
13 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Johnson.
16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
20 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 O'Neill.
23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Parker.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Quinones-Sanchez.

5 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Squilla.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Thomas.

11 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

19 Mr. Decker, please read the
20 title of 200287.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
22 adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal
23 Year 2021.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
25 believe, Councilwoman Brooks, I have

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2 indicated that you want to speak.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Yes.

4 Yes, I do. Thank you, Council President.

5 So I just -- I will be voting no today on

6 two bills. I will be voting no on Bill

7 No. 200347 to grant the former PES

8 refinery site renewed status as a

9 Keystone Opportunity Zone and Bill 200287

10 to approve the FY21 Operating Budget as

11 amended at last week's 11:00 p.m.

12 Committee meeting. I want to briefly

13 explain my reasoning.

14 First, regarding the Keystone

15 Opportunity Zone, I have concerns about

16 providing a corporation like Hilco with

17 major tax breaks. I want to recognize

18 the work of my colleague Councilmember

19 Johnson to work through these concerns,

20 and he has made great progress on

21 maximizing the benefits to the community,

22 but I worry that there's insufficient and

23 legal accountability to ensure that the

24 KOZ site upholds their commitments to the

25 community.

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2 Furthermore, the City's own
3 analysis of KOZ sites concluded that
4 Opportunity Zones are suboptimal
5 policies. The 1,300 acres of land on the
6 refinery site have been used to pollute,
7 endanger, and extract wealth from black
8 communities for far too long, and our
9 residents deserve better, so I'll be
10 voting no.

11 Second, the Operating Budget,
12 Bill 287, eliminates only 19 million
13 increase proposed from the FY21
14 Philadelphia Police Department budget, a
15 decision that was made by Mayor Kenney
16 and his Administration. It moves
17 crossing guards and safety officers out
18 of the Police budget. It, therefore,
19 includes no real cuts to the Police
20 budget for FY21, and I believe that that
21 is a mistake.

22 My Council colleagues and their
23 staff members have worked incredibly hard
24 over the past few weeks analyzing and
25 amending the FY21 budget, and the

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2 Operating Budget bill includes a number
3 of improvements. Restoring funding to
4 Philadelphia -- I'm sorry; Pennsylvania
5 Immigrant Family Unity Project, the
6 Housing Trust Act, adult education
7 programs, anti-poverty programs, and the
8 African American Museum are all changes
9 that will have tangible impact on the
10 lives of our constituents, especially
11 those most vulnerable to the impacts of
12 COVID-19, and I want to commend my
13 colleagues for fighting for affordable
14 housing, immigrant communities, and poor,
15 working-class families when they need it
16 the most.

17 The Philadelphia that our
18 community members deserve and the
19 Philadelphia that we are fighting for in
20 the streets can only be realized through
21 bold changes. Restoring funding to
22 critical programs that were cut is not
23 enough. Keeping the PPD budget at FY20
24 is not enough. I cannot accept a budget
25 that allows the Philadelphia Police

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2 Department to make up 15 percent of the
3 total operation budget when they have
4 failed to historically make our
5 communities safer. The PPD budget has
6 been increased at a rate that far
7 surpasses any other department, despite
8 the fact that the violence in our city
9 remains rampant and the clearance rates
10 of homicide have been stagnant. Displays
11 of excessive force against protesters,
12 hostility towards journalists, and
13 rallying behind violent vigilante groups
14 has further called into question whether
15 the PPD's budget is justified.

16 If the Police Departments were
17 our schools, we would have long ago
18 threatened with closure. We could not
19 continue to pour our trust and our
20 resources into institutions that have
21 continued to exhibit racism and
22 perpetuate violence against the most
23 vulnerable communities.

24 It is a false promise that
25 increasing the Police presence makes

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2 communities safer. Poor, working-class
3 communities of color are suffering from
4 high rates of COVID-19, gun violence,
5 lack of affordable housing and
6 healthcare, unemployment, and underfunded
7 toxic schools. Policing is not the
8 remedy to this. What our neighborhoods
9 need is investments, resources, and
10 opportunities.

11 A fair budget is not just an
12 adjustment to the status quo. A fair
13 budget would confront structural problems
14 with structural changes. We must develop
15 lasting strategies to cut the root causes
16 of homelessness, gun violence, chemical
17 dependency, environmental racism, and
18 poverty, because policing and
19 imprisonment are not solutions. They
20 simply exacerbate existing social
21 problems. This is what our constituents
22 have been saying for months, cut Police
23 funding, invest in communities. And I'm
24 here because the movement that elected me
25 into office, and it is important for me

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2 to advocate on the behalf of people who
3 do not have a voice.

4 For decades, poor and
5 working-class black and brown communities
6 have been left out of this political
7 process, and if we are serious about
8 addressing systemic racism, the ongoing
9 pandemic, economic uncertainty, and
10 severe inequality, we need to start by
11 giving these community members a voice
12 and decisions directly impacting their
13 lives.

14 So the people want to be heard,
15 and to pass a budget with no meaningful
16 cuts to the Police Department at this
17 time when thousands of Philadelphians are
18 flooding the streets, occupying City
19 buildings, calling, e-mailing,
20 organizing, and rising up in grief and in
21 rage, is clearly saying de-fund the
22 police, would be a mistake.

23 I cannot in good faith vote on
24 a budget that shows disregard for the
25 voices of our constituents. And when we

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2 fail to listen to the people that we
3 serve, we fail to represent them. That's
4 why I'll be voting no.

5 And thank you, Council
6 President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you, Council Lady.

9 Let me go ahead -- Mr. Decker,
10 read the title one more time on 287.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. President,
12 I'm reminded that the Council needs to
13 pass the Capital Program before it passes
14 the Operating Budget.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 We'll go back to 285.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Is Councilman
18 Domb back?

19 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Yes, I'm
20 back. I'm back.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 200285,
22 entitled "An ordinance to adopt a Capital
23 Program for the six Fiscal Years 2021
24 through 2026 inclusive."

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 Councilman Domb, did you want
4 to be recognized?

5 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Yes, please,
6 Council President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Go
8 ahead.

9 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you.
10 Can you hear me okay?

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Yeah, we have you now. Thank you.

13 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Today I'm
14 voting in favor of the Fiscal 21 budget
15 to ensure that vital services for our
16 residents and businesses are delivered.
17 I want to thank you, Council President
18 Clarke, and our budget work group,
19 Councilmembers Parker, Squilla,
20 Quinones-Sanchez, and Green, for all of
21 your hard work in putting this budget
22 together. And I'd also like to thank
23 Councilmember Curtis Jones for his
24 participation in our final budget meeting
25 where the goal was for all of us to reach

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2 a final consensus.

3 We all made compromises in
4 order to reach the goals approving a
5 budget we felt best served the residents
6 and businesses of Philadelphia, and each
7 of us brought a perspective to the table
8 to help craft the budget we're putting
9 forward today.

10 While I'm in favor and voting
11 for this budget, it's not without great
12 concern with the process and the outcome.
13 My office put in over 30 requests for
14 information to the Administration so we
15 could help find additional savings, avoid
16 tax increases, and restore funding for
17 essential programs and services. Nearly
18 all of our requests went unanswered,
19 including the cost of a cadet class for
20 prisons, overtime policies, expenses, and
21 major contract costs.

22 Philadelphians deserve better.
23 They deserve to hear alternatives and not
24 just broad-based alternatives, but
25 calculated, well-thought-out alternatives

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2 based on facts, facts and details that
3 make the transparency expectations of our
4 public and certainly our City Council.

5 One thing is certain. This
6 Administration has been on a \$900 million
7 spending spree for the last four years
8 and, in doing so, jeopardized funding for
9 affordable housing, health services, arts
10 and culture, workforce development, parks
11 and rec, and this occurred at a time when
12 it was needed most.

13 This is a wake-up call for the
14 City. The last few months have proven
15 that even when Philadelphia experiences a
16 few years of economic growth and
17 increased revenues, there has to be
18 corresponding impact for our people and
19 for our city, impact that's transparent
20 to everyone, because everyone has the
21 right to know what's working and what's
22 not. We need a city government that's
23 relentlessly mindful of its spending and
24 extremely focused on results for our
25 people and businesses.

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2 We are off track right now,
3 heading in the wrong direction. After
4 investing 900 million, the question is
5 what has been the measurable impact to
6 poverty, crime, opioids, jobs, affordable
7 housing, education or healthcare. We
8 have to make tough decisions to get us
9 through this pandemic, and today we're
10 doing exactly that with this budget.

11 But today also marks the moment
12 my colleagues and I agree that the
13 Administration must justify its ongoing
14 spending and assure the City Council that
15 our approved budget is being put to good
16 use. We're putting the Administration on
17 notice that we'll be holding quarterly
18 meetings to the Committee on Fiscal
19 Stability to address and better account
20 for their spending, efficiency efforts,
21 management practices, and strategic
22 investments, as well as setting
23 aspirational goals that we expect them to
24 work towards for our short-term health
25 and our long-term well-being.

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2 It's also clear that we're a
3 city in need of a plan for its economic
4 future. Today I'm calling on all my
5 colleagues to support the creation of the
6 Special Committee on the Future Economy
7 of Philadelphia, and with the support of
8 you, Council President, I ask all of you
9 to work with us and other stakeholders to
10 develop policies and promote economic
11 competitiveness, quality, and expansion
12 for our city and all its people.

13 It's time now we get serious
14 about our jobs crisis and intentionally
15 build a shared economy for all
16 Philadelphians. I look forward to
17 joining my colleagues in designing
18 ambitious and comprehensive reforms that
19 create a stronger roadmap for our city's
20 future economy.

21 It's time for big change in the
22 City, and these two efforts are just the
23 start of what's to come. We must become
24 the City everyone expects us to be, one
25 that's equitable, inventive, and

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2 resilient. And I want to thank all my
3 colleagues and you, Council President,
4 for your willingness to do this with me.

5 Thank you. Thank you, Council
6 President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you, Councilman.

9 Real quick, I just want to
10 remind everyone that as a part of the
11 budget process, we do have a \$1 billion
12 stand-by appropriation that will give us
13 an opportunity during the course of the
14 next several months to not only receive
15 federal and state dollars as it relates
16 to CARES, but also gives us an
17 opportunity to adjust and look at
18 possible realignments of budgets as we
19 move ahead.

20 So it was important for us to
21 move from the 800 million initially to
22 one billion in anticipation of the
23 possibility of some changes, because as
24 was said earlier, this is unlike any
25 budget process that I've ever been in and

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2 I'm assuming everybody here,
3 understanding the shortness and all of
4 the challenges, but it's unlikely that we
5 will not be back at some point during the
6 next couple of months to address this
7 budget again, but right now we must move
8 forward and adhere to the
9 Charter-mandated balanced budget. And I
10 don't want to be corny and say as the guy
11 in the suit, whatever his name, Arnold
12 Schwarzenegger said, I'll be back, but we
13 will be back. I mean, it's the simple
14 reality based on what we have to do.

15 So with that, Mr. Decker, you
16 read the title. This bill having been
17 read on two different days, the question
18 is now shall the bill pass finally.

19 Chief Clerk will call the roll.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Bass.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Brooks.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.
3 (No response.)
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
5 Councilman Domb?
6 (No response.)
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Gauthier.
9 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Gilmore Richardson.
12 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
14 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.
16 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
18 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Johnson.
21 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
25 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 O'Neill.
4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Parker.
7 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Quinones-Sanchez.
10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Squilla.
13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Thomas.
16 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
18 Clarke.
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
20 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Council
21 President Clarke, it's Allan Domb. I'd
22 like to vote aye.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Because we were getting ready to talk
25 about you real bad if you didn't come

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2 back on that line.

3 All right. The ayes are 17;
4 the nays are zero.

5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: We're
6 already talking about him.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you.

9 We'll go back to 287. Why
10 don't you, Mr. Decker, I think read that
11 title again.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 200287,
13 entitled "An ordinance adopting the
14 Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021."

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you.

17 This bill having been read on
18 two different days, the question now is
19 shall the bill pass finally.

20 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Bass.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Brooks.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Nay.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

4 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Gauthier.

7 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Gilmore Richardson.

10 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

14 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

16 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Johnson.

19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

23 COUNCILMAN OH: For reasons

24 other than what was stated, I'm voting

25 no.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 O'Neill.
4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Parker.
7 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Quinones-Sanchez.
10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Squilla.
13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Thomas.
16 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
18 Clarke.
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
20 The ayes are 14; the nays are
21 three. A majority of members present
22 voting in the affirmative, the bill
23 passes.
24 Mr. Decker, please read the
25 title of 200288.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending Chapter 19-1200 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking
5 Tax," by revising certain tax rates.

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

10 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Bass.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Brooks.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

18 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Abstain,
19 please.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Gauthier.

22 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Gilmore Richardson.

25 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
3 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.
5 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
7 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Johnson.
10 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
14 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 O'Neill.
17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Parker.
20 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Quinones-Sanchez.
23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Squilla.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Thomas.
5 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
7 Clarke.
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
9 The ayes are 15, the nays are
10 one, and one abstention. A majority of
11 all members having voted in the
12 affirmative, the bill passes.
13 Mr. Decker, please read the
14 title of 200291.
15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Chapter 19-1500 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net
18 Profits Tax," by revising certain tax
19 rates.
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
21 bill having been read on two different
22 days, the question now is shall the bill
23 pass finally.
24 Mr. Decker, call the roll.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Bass.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Brooks.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

8 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Gauthier.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Gilmore Richardson.

14 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

18 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

20 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

22 Johnson.

23 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

3 COUNCILMAN OH: No.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Parker.

9 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Quinones-Sanchez.

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Squilla.

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 Thomas.

18 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

20 Clarke.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

22 The ayes are 15; the nays are
23 two. A majority of members present
24 voting in the affirmative, the bill
25 passes.

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2 Mr. Decker, please read the
3 title of 200292.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate
7 Taxes," to eliminate the discount for
8 early payment of real estate taxes.

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

13 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Bass.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Brooks.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

21 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Gauthier.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Gilmore Richardson.

3 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

7 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

9 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Johnson.

12 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

16 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Parker.

22 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Quinones-Sanchez.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Squilla.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Thomas.

7 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

9 Clarke.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

15 Mr. Decker, please read the
16 title of 200347.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 amending Chapter 19-3200 of The
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Keystone
20 Opportunity Zone, Economic Development
21 District, and Strategic Development
22 Area," to provide for additional
23 extensions of certain benefits, for the
24 purpose of facilitating economic recovery
25 from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Councilwoman Gilmore Richardson, I have a
4 note that you wanted to speak on this
5 one.

6 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Yes.

7 Thank you, Mr. President, but I can
8 reserve my time until after the District
9 Councilmember, my colleague Councilmember
10 Johnson, has an opportunity to speak on
11 the bill. He indicated that in the Chat
12 as well.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Okay.

15 Councilman Johnson.

16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yeah.

17 Thank you, Council President. Council
18 President, I'm asking support for this
19 bill from my colleagues for a variety of
20 different reasons. First and foremost,
21 the development that will take place at
22 the former Philadelphia Energy Solutions
23 refinery site moving forward has the
24 following committed conditions with the
25 new purchaser of the particular site:

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2 We have a commitment for 50
3 percent on construction jobs for
4 diversity and inclusion, 50 percent on
5 local job hiring from the City of
6 Philadelphia, and 50 percent on diversity
7 and inclusion for professional service
8 and contracts. Also as part of the
9 agreement of sale, the Hilco Company has
10 to engage in an aggressive remediation
11 program with the former PES site. Also,
12 in addition, there will be a community
13 benefits agreement as well as a robust
14 community engagement process in which I
15 will be leading with my staff.

16 Also, this is only the
17 beginning of that particular process,
18 meaning the second part of this process
19 will be a zoning overlay bill that will
20 be introduced in the fall. During the
21 summertime, we will work with the
22 community organizations and residents as
23 well as Philly Thrive around addressing
24 the environmental concerns with the
25 former Philadelphia Energy Solutions

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2 site, but also making sure that there's a
3 robust community input and discussion
4 around this particular project.

5 We are the number one big city
6 when it comes to poverty in the country,
7 and so at the end of the day when we talk
8 about ending institutional racism and
9 systematic racism and economic injustice
10 of people of color, the best way that we
11 can help our people are making sure that
12 they are rising out of poverty and also
13 making sure that they have jobs and
14 careers to move themselves forward.

15 And so I'm asking for an
16 affirmative vote on this particular bill,
17 and I thank all my colleagues for their
18 support as well as their input regarding
19 the questions that were asked during the
20 Finance hearing that took place before
21 the bill was voted out of the Committee.

22 Thank you very much, Council
23 President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you.

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2 Councilwoman, did you want

3 to --

4 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Yes.

5 Thank you so much, Mr. President, and
6 also thank you to my colleague and the
7 District Councilperson, Councilmember
8 Johnson, for his remarks, and mine will
9 echo a number of the things that he has
10 already stated. But I wanted to state
11 for the record that I have been in
12 communication with my colleague. I have
13 received feedback from a number of the
14 community organizations and groups as
15 well as the local RCOs in that area. My
16 colleague has assured me that these
17 groups and organizations, including the
18 local RCOs, will have a seat at the table
19 as it relates to the project moving
20 forward.

21 Hilco has committed to 50
22 percent minority participation for the
23 construction jobs and 50 percent local
24 hiring, as well as the community benefits
25 agreement. Philadelphia has a 26 percent

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2 poverty rate among our residents, which
3 is higher in the black areas of
4 Councilmember Johnson's district. This
5 site is no longer being used as an
6 environmental hazard and will bring
7 18,000 jobs to not only Councilmember
8 Johnson's district but to the City of
9 Philadelphia.

10 The environmental remediation
11 scope includes site characterization,
12 disposal of hazardous soil, the design of
13 vapor mitigation, where necessary, and
14 the removal of below-grade contaminated
15 footings and foundations, and the
16 demolition will allow for the majority of
17 the existing facility to be recycled.
18 This will divert thousands of tons of
19 materials from going to landfills and
20 eliminate the need for trucks to haul
21 certain demolished materials.

22 For those reasons, I will be
23 voting in favor of this bill, and I look
24 forward to working with the District
25 Councilmember, my colleague Councilmember

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2 Johnson, all of the community groups that
3 are represented in this area, as well as
4 the environmental groups to ensure that
5 the concerns of the community are
6 addressed as we move forward in this
7 process.

8 Thank you, Councilmember
9 Johnson. Thank you to all the community
10 groups and the environmental groups, and
11 thank you, Mr. President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you, Council Lady.

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

17 Mr. Decker, please call the
18 roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Brooks.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Nay.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

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2 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Gauthier.
5 (No response.)
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Gilmore Richardson.
8 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
9 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Sorry.
10 Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.
14 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
16 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Johnson.
19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
23 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Parker.
5 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Quinones-Sanchez.
8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Squilla.
11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Thomas.
14 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
16 Clarke.
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
18 The ayes are 16; the nays are
19 one. A majority of all members having
20 voted in the affirmative, the bill
21 passes.
22 Mr. Decker, please read the
23 title of 200076.
24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 providing for the submission to the

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2 qualified electors of the City of
3 Philadelphia of an amendment to The
4 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter calling on
5 the Police Department to eliminate the
6 practice of unconstitutional stop and
7 frisk, as approved by Resolution of the
8 City Council.

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

13 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Bass.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Brooks.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

21 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Gauthier.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Gilmore Richardson.

3 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

7 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

9 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Johnson.

12 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

16 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Parker.

22 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Quinones-Sanchez.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Squilla.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Thomas.

7 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

9 Clarke.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

15 Mr. Decker, 200208.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 providing for the submission to the
18 qualified electors of the City of
19 Philadelphia of an amendment to The
20 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing
21 for the creation of the Office of the
22 Victim Advocate, as approved by
23 Resolution of the City Council.

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

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

4 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Bass.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Brooks.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

12 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Gauthier.

15 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Gilmore Richardson.

18 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

20 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

22 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

24 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Johnson.
3 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
7 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 O'Neill.
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Parker.
13 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Quinones-Sanchez.
16 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Squilla.
19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Thomas.
22 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
24 Clarke.
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

6 Mr. Decker, 200363.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 amending Section 20-101 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Residence
10 Requirements," by restoring the
11 requirement that no person shall be
12 appointed as an employee in the civil
13 service, including but not limited to
14 police officers, unless he or she has
15 been a bona fide resident of the City for
16 at least one year prior to appointment.

17 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER:
18 Mr. President, can I be recognized to
19 speak on this bill before the vote?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Absolutely. The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Parker.

23 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
24 you, Mr. President. I just want to state
25 for the record that when I introduced

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2 this bill on your behalf a few weeks ago,
3 I was very proud, Mr. President, to join
4 with my colleagues Councilmembers Squilla
5 and Jones and all of the members who
6 supported this bill.

7 For the record, I want to note
8 that this bill restores a one-year
9 residency requirement prior to employment
10 for all civil service employees. Now,
11 let me state for the record the intent.
12 The bill is designed to change and
13 enhance the diversity and the
14 demographics of the Philadelphia Police
15 Department and create a force that better
16 reflects the culture of the City it is
17 sworn to protect and serve.

18 Now, I do have to state for the
19 record that I was disheartened when I
20 heard multiple people note that if in
21 fact we were to enact this law, that we
22 would be putting Philadelphia in a
23 position where we would not be
24 competitive with neighboring cities. And
25 I said to myself, Mr. President, if what

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2 you're saying is that we cannot find
3 Philadelphia residents out of our 1.6
4 million population, with all of the
5 institutions of higher learning that we
6 have here, to fill positions in the City
7 of Philadelphia, then that is shame on
8 us, Mr. President, for not including the
9 type of economic development, for not
10 including the kind of education workforce
11 development skills that our population
12 needs to prepare for these jobs.

13 Let me also state for the
14 record that this makes good economic
15 sense for the City of Philadelphia. For
16 those of you who don't know, we have a
17 \$750 million budget hole that we had to
18 close in the City of Philadelphia, and
19 one of the ways that we're going to find
20 a way to recoup revenue that we lost as a
21 as a result of COVID-19 is by expanding
22 our tax base, growing our tax base.
23 That's why you just heard Councilmember
24 Johnson talking about creating jobs and
25 Councilwoman Gilmore Richardson, because

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2 we need people to add to our tax base.

3 And if we need to prepare people, let's
4 prepare people.

5 The people policing the City of
6 Philadelphia should look like the City of
7 Philadelphia. The new cadet classes
8 coming in should look like the City of
9 Philadelphia. And, Mr. President, I am
10 unapologetic about noting that if you
11 work for the City of Philadelphia, we
12 want you to live here.

13 Finally, let me say this, and I
14 wasn't going to note this, but we went
15 back to notes of testimony,
16 Mr. President, in 2006. Our
17 then-Director of Personnel for the
18 City -- and I want people to note this
19 who have been saying that the waiver
20 process is not enough for us to attract
21 the kind of talent and the skill set that
22 we need. She said -- it was Lynda
23 Orfanelli on waivers -- the process, the
24 current process, is efficient and
25 flexible. Residency waivers, when

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2 warranted, are granted in a timely
3 fashion. They may also be rescinded when
4 their utility expires. I believe this
5 process is sufficient and it meets the
6 needs of civil service at this time.

7 So, Mr. President, there is no
8 excuse about why we can't find the talent
9 that we need here in the City of
10 Philadelphia, and if we do have to go
11 outside to bring in new talent because
12 there's a very specific skill set that we
13 just can't seem to meet, we have a waiver
14 process in effect.

15 So this has been good for
16 District Council 33. They've only had to
17 have a few waivers. But if it's good for
18 District Council 33, the majority of
19 which is minority, why can't it be good
20 for the City of Philadelphia?

21 Thank you, Mr. President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you, Councilwoman.

24 I believe the Chair recognizes
25 Councilman Johnson.

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2 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: No. I'll
3 speak on the majority speech, Council
4 President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Oh,
6 I'm sorry. I got it said it was on this
7 bill. Thank you.

8 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: It was the
9 last bill, Council President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Okay. Things are moving slow.

12 Okay. Thank you.

13 We read the title. Thank you,
14 Councilwoman. I can't speak on it
15 because I'm at the chair, so I will not
16 do that, but I think you all know my
17 feelings.

18 This bill having been read on
19 two different days, the question now is
20 shall the bill pass finally.

21 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Bass.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Brooks.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

5 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Gauthier.

8 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Gilmore Richardson.

11 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

15 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

17 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Johnson.

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

22 (No response.)

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

24 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 O'Neill.
3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Nay.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Parker.
6 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Quinones-Sanchez.
9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Squilla.
12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Thomas.
15 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
17 Clarke.
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
19 The ayes are --
20 COUNCILMAN JONES:
21 Mr. President, I want to be recorded aye
22 on this vote.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you. Thank you, Councilman. The
25 record shall reflect that.

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2 The ayes are 16; the nays are
3 one. A majority of members present
4 voting in the affirmative, the bill
5 passes.

6 Mr. Decker, please read the
7 title of 200367.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 providing for the submission to the
10 qualified electors of the City of
11 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
12 a Resolution approved by Council
13 proposing an amendment to The
14 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating
15 to the creation of the Citizens Police
16 Oversight Commission.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
18 bill having been read on two different
19 days, the question now is shall the bill
20 pass finally.

21 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Bass.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Brooks.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

5 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Gauthier.

8 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Gilmore Richardson.

11 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

15 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

17 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Johnson.

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

24 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Nay.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Parker.

6 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Quinones-Sanchez.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Squilla.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Thomas.

15 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

17 Clarke.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

19 The ayes are 16; the nays are
20 one. A majority of members present
21 voting in the affirmative, the bill
22 passes.

23 Mr. Decker, 200344.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

25 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code

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2 to create a new Chapter 9-5000, entitled
3 "Food Delivery Services," to regulate
4 third-party food delivery services,
5 require certain disclosures to consumers,
6 and provide for a limitation on certain
7 fees charged to consumers.

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

12 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Bass.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Brooks.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

20 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Gauthier.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Gilmore Richardson.

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COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

Parker.

COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Squilla.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Thomas.

6 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Clarke.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

14 We are now going to move to the
15 recall resolution. Mr. Decker, if you
16 can read the title of the resolution
17 recalling Bill No. 200298.

18 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 requiring the Mayor to return to Council
20 Bill No. 200298, entitled "An ordinance
21 authorizing the Bond Committee to sell
22 bonds at private or private negotiated
23 sale, to provide funds toward various
24 capital municipal purposes; providing for
25 appropriations to the Sinking Fund

1 6/25/20 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Commission for the payment of such bonds;
3 authorizing agreements to provide credit
4 or payment or liquidity sources for the
5 bonds in connection with issuance of the
6 bonds, and certain other actions," for
7 the purpose of reconsideration by the
8 Council of the vote by which said bill
9 passed Council.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Green for a motion on the resolution.

14 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
15 Mr. President. On your behalf, I move
16 for the adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you. It has been moved and
20 properly seconded that the resolution be
21 adopted.

22 All in favor say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 ayes have it, and that resolution is
5 adopted. Thank you.

6 The Chair again recognizes
7 Councilman Green for a motion regarding
8 special business.

9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. I move that the rules of
11 Council be suspended to permit
12 consideration of special business at this
13 time.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you. It has been moved and
17 seconded that the rules of Council be
18 suspended to permit consideration of
19 special business at this time.

20 All in favor indicate by saying
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it and the motion passes.

4 And the Clerk, please read the
5 letter from the Mayor.

6 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
7 and members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith, as
9 requested by your resolution adopted
10 today, Bill No. 200298, entitled "An
11 ordinance authorizing the Bond Committee
12 to sell bonds at public or private
13 negotiated sale, to provide funds toward
14 various capital municipal purposes;
15 proving for appropriations to the Sinking
16 Fund Commission for the payment of such
17 bonds; authorizing agreements to provide
18 credit or payment or liquidity sources
19 for the bonds in connection with issuance
20 of the bonds, and certain other actions,"
21 for the purpose of reconsideration by the
22 Council of the vote by which said bill
23 passed Council.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you.

1 6/25/20 - STATED - SPECIAL BUSINESS

2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Green for a motion that Council
4 reconsider the vote by which Bill No.
5 200298 was passed.

6 COUNCILMAN GREEN: So moved,
7 Mr. President.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you. All those in favor indicate
11 by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 ayes have it. A majority of all members
18 having voted in the affirmative, the
19 motion carries and the vote by which Bill
20 No. 200298 was passed has been
21 reconsidered. Bill No. 200298 will be
22 placed at the end of today's Calendar.

23 There being no other special
24 business at this time, we will return to
25 consideration of the Calendar.

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2 Mr. Decker, read the title of
3 Bill No. 200298.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 authorizing the Bond Committee to sell
6 bonds at public or private negotiated
7 sale, to provide funds toward various
8 capital municipal purposes; providing for
9 appropriations to the Sinking Fund
10 Commission for the payment of such bonds;
11 authorizing agreements to provide credit
12 or payment or liquidity sources for the
13 bonds in connection with issuance of the
14 bonds, and certain other actions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you.

17 This bill having been read on
18 two different days, the question now is
19 shall the bill pass finally.

20 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Bass.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Brooks.

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2 (No response.)
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.
4 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Gauthier.
7 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Gilmore Richardson.
10 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.
14 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
16 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Johnson.
19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
23 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Parker.
5 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Quinones-Sanchez.
8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Squilla.
11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Thomas.
14 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
16 Clarke.
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
18 The ayes are 17 [sic]; the nays
19 are zero. A majority of all members
20 having voted in the affirmative, the bill
21 passes.
22 Mr. Decker, do you have any
23 additional resolutions for today's
24 Calendar.
25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

1 6/25/20 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 authorizing the Committee on Children and
3 Youth to conduct hearings to investigate
4 the status of children in Philadelphia
5 during and post-COVID-19, introduced by
6 Councilwoman Gilmore Richardson.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gilmore
9 Richardson.

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All those in favor say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
22 ayes have it, and that is adopted.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 authorizing the Committee on Education to
25 conduct hearings to investigate

1 6/25/20 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 curriculum realignment opportunities
3 within the School District of
4 Philadelphia to ensure preparedness for
5 Post-COVID-19 career opportunities based
6 upon Philadelphia's labor market
7 forecast, introduced by Councilwoman
8 Gilmore Richardson.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
11 Gilmore Richardson.

12 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Thank
13 you, Mr. President. I move for the
14 adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All those in favor say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 ayes have it, and that resolution is
25 adopted.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 calling on the United States Senate to
4 Adopt the Funding Enhancements to the
5 Federal Medical Assistance Percentages
6 (FMAP) as Provided in the HEROES Act
7 House Resolution 6800, introduced by
8 Councilwoman Gilmore Richardson.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
11 Gilmore Richardson.

12 COUNCILWOMAN RICHARDSON: Thank
13 you, Mr. President. I move for the
14 adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All those in favor say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 ayes have it, and that resolution is
25 adopted.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 authorizing City Council's Committee on
4 Public Safety to hold hearings to review
5 the City's response to protests in
6 support of ending systemic racism in
7 policing and of the Black Lives Matter
8 movement, and to provide residents with a
9 forum to share their experiences and make
10 recommendations for safer and
11 non-discriminatory policing, introduced
12 by Councilwoman Gym.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gym.

15 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Thank you
16 very much, Council President. Today the
17 New York Times released a comprehensive
18 video of a police assault on peaceful
19 demonstrators on I-676 on June 1st. It's
20 ten minutes long, and I urge all of my
21 Council colleagues to watch and review
22 it, if you have not already.

23 The Times puts together in a
24 shocking manner what we've heard in bits
25 and pieces and describes a breakdown in

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2 authority and decision-making surrounding
3 the City's response to events surrounding
4 demonstrations against police brutality.
5 This is not my personal opinion.

6 For several weeks, we have had
7 in-home commentary from experts in this
8 field who have raised alarms and
9 concerns, especially as official accounts
10 have grown increasingly inconsistent with
11 the evidence.

12 It's not just what happened on
13 I-676. It's also the tear-gassing in
14 residential neighborhoods in West
15 Philadelphia where residents were not
16 involved in demonstrations and were not
17 given prior warning. It's the
18 inconsistent response from our Managing
19 Director about what was authorized and
20 not authorized and when. It's watching
21 armed and largely white gangs assault and
22 menace demonstrators with inconsistent
23 response from our police.

24 Today I, along with Public
25 Safety Committee Chair Curtis Jones and

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2 other members of the Public Safety
3 Committee, call for hearings to review
4 the Unified Command's decision-making
5 surrounding the broad range of action and
6 use of force throughout the City. These
7 hearings will allow us to assess the
8 Unified Command's response, not just from
9 the Police Department, but to understand
10 all the way through and to learn how
11 policies and procedures must be changed
12 to ensure that our responses are humane
13 and equitable across neighborhoods.

14 It is essential that while I
15 recognize there are multiple
16 investigations going on, that at least
17 one of them is public. This includes
18 soliciting feedback and providing a forum
19 for Philadelphians of all backgrounds to
20 testify about their experiences and make
21 recommendations for non-discriminatory
22 and equitable policing even beyond the
23 protests and the demonstrations. This is
24 about the much deeper issues that drove
25 thousands and thousands of people into

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2 our streets, the experiences that people
3 have had, the everyday experiences with
4 policing, brutality, abuse, and things
5 that are left unchecked.

6 It will further supplement the
7 final product of an independent review
8 that Mayor Kenney and Commissioner Outlaw
9 have announced that they will ultimately
10 commission.

11 The spirits of too many in our
12 city are broken, and we need a truth and
13 reconciliation process that starts with a
14 full accounting of why things broke down
15 once people stood up for Black Lives
16 Matter and against systemic racism and
17 police brutality.

18 This Council has taken on so
19 many responsibilities in this session,
20 from passing historic bills to end an
21 avalanche of evictions and fundamentally
22 alter the structure of how we're going to
23 use our courts, to expanding labor
24 protections for so many workers,
25 strengthening our response to policing,

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2 and I want to thank my colleagues on
3 Council for their partnership and hard
4 work this session, and I especially
5 welcome the energy, integrity, and
6 enthusiasm of our newest colleagues.

7 But these hearings are also
8 part of our responsibility. It's our
9 responsibility of oversight and of
10 questioning when things go wrong. And it
11 will be a first step in our ability to
12 rebuild the public trust and to use our
13 powers to craft policies to ensure that
14 law enforcement works with, and not
15 against, residents who choose to exercise
16 their First Amendment rights or to simply
17 live as black people and people of color
18 in the City of Philadelphia.

19 This is about racial equity.
20 It is about the public health. It is
21 about quality of life, and it is about
22 the moral compass of our city and its
23 leadership.

24 With that, I move for the
25 adoption of this resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
4 been moved and properly seconded.
5 All those in favor say aye.
6 (Aye.)
7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Those opposed?
9 (No response.)
10 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Council
11 President, this is Councilmember Thomas.
12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes,
13 sir.
14 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: I want to
15 be on the record for abstaining.
16 Thank you, Council President.
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You
18 have a basis for the abstention?
19 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: I will
20 address it in my speech of the majority.
21 Thank you, Council President.
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Yeah. The way it is now, you have to
24 actually have a reason for an abstention.
25 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: I'll say

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2 for operational purposes, I will vote aye
3 right now, but I would like to be noted
4 to want to address this legislation in
5 the speeches of the majority.

6 Thank you, Council President.

7 So I will vote aye for the record, but I
8 do want to address this legislation.

9 Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you, Councilman.

12 The ayes have it. The
13 resolution is adopted.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 urging the U.S. Congress to appropriate
16 funds to sustain the U.S. Postal Service,
17 and to ensure the Postal Service
18 continues to function as a universal
19 public service, introduced by
20 Councilwoman Gym.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Gym.

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

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
3 been moved and properly seconded.
4 All those in favor say aye.
5 (Aye.)
6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Those opposed?
8 (No response.)
9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 ayes have it, and that resolution is
11 adopted.
12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 Honoring and Recognizing Erika James as
14 the first woman and person of color to
15 become dean of The Wharton School at the
16 University of Pennsylvania, introduced by
17 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Quinones-Sanchez.
21 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
22 you. Let's take a moment and pause and
23 celebrate a rising star here in
24 Philadelphia. I want to thank
25 Councilmember Gauthier for her

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2 co-sponsorship.

3 I move for its adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

6 been moved and properly seconded.

7 All those in favor indicate by

8 saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

14 ayes have it, and that resolution is

15 adopted.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

17 authorizing the Committees on

18 Appropriations and Finance to hold

19 hearings to consider an independent

20 analysis of the Business Income and

21 Receipts Tax structure and rates,

22 introduced by Councilwoman

23 Quinones-Sanchez.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

25 Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Quinones-Sanchez.

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
4 you. I move for its adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All those in favor say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 ayes have it, and that resolution is
15 adopted.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 authorizing the Committee on Education to
18 hold hearings to consider a program that
19 provides broadband internet for
20 Philadelphians to access quality schools
21 and quality jobs, introduced by
22 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
25 Quinones-Sanchez.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
3 you, Council President Clarke. I know
4 folks think we're taking a leave during
5 the summer, but much work will be done,
6 one of the most important, the digital
7 divide and literacy divide that exists in
8 the City of Philadelphia. I look forward
9 to working with the Education Committee
10 and all members of Council as we try to
11 close this gap so that our children have
12 access to broadband, but also that our
13 adults as we try to get people back into
14 the employment sector.

15 Thank you, and I move for its
16 adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All those in favor say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 ayes have it.

3 Councilwoman, those folks are
4 disconnected from reality.

5 The resolution passes.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 authorizing the Committee on Public
8 Health and Human Services to continue to
9 hold hearings to assess the City of
10 Philadelphia's efforts, as coordinated by
11 the Managing Director's Office and human
12 services departments to prevent and treat
13 abuse, addiction, and disease related to
14 the use of opioids, introduced by
15 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
18 Quinones-Sanchez.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
20 you, Council President Clarke. I want to
21 take a moment and just really thank all
22 of my colleagues. Over the past few
23 years, all of you have supported
24 Councilman Squilla and I. We have worked
25 in the community of Kensington to try to

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2 restore quality of life. What we have
3 uncovered is that during COVID, some of
4 the structural disparities around how we
5 invest in poor communities was further
6 amplified.

7 I want to thank Councilman Domb
8 and Councilmember Bass, who chairs this
9 Committee, who have gone and joined us in
10 the community several times as we have
11 held public hearings throughout the
12 crisis.

13 We have found out that many of
14 the departments abandoned Kensington
15 during COVID, whether it was some of the
16 basic needs, to the health, to homeless
17 outreach, and really left our Police
18 Department by themselves as they tried to
19 respond. We have lost all the ground we
20 have gained with the residents over the
21 last three years.

22 What you will see in
23 Kensington, for those of you who want to
24 see for yourself, is lawlessness and
25 actions that would not be tolerated in a

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2 third-world country.

3 This is Philadelphia, the
4 birthplace of this United States of
5 America, and the residents of Kensington
6 have had enough. Basta ya. We are
7 calling on the Managing Director's Office
8 and all of the departments responsible.
9 We had a hepatitis A pandemic before we
10 had COVID. We have to restore Kensington
11 and we, Councilman Squilla and I, are
12 committed to continuing to stand with the
13 residents and the many stakeholders, many
14 stakeholders that despite all the
15 challenges stand with us every day and
16 try to provide services for the residents
17 of Kensington.

18 I am ashamed of what has
19 happened in Kensington. I am ashamed
20 this Administration has not figured out a
21 way how to restore that quality of life
22 for those residents, and I will not allow
23 this to be the third summer where
24 hundreds of homeless are allowed to take
25 over our streets and be lawless and

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2 open-air drug markets and the rest. It
3 is time for us to invest in people. If
4 we have learned anything during this
5 pandemic is that the most vulnerable will
6 fall if those of us in positions to take
7 care of them do not stand up and check
8 ourselves and call ourselves out.

9 Harm reduction, warm handoffs,
10 all of those things are hugely important
11 as we try to meet people where they are,
12 but in this case, people can't even come
13 out of their own homes. The children are
14 being traumatized.

15 So I want to thank everybody
16 who has joined us throughout this and say
17 to everyone on Council thank you for your
18 support. We have a long way to go before
19 we demonstrate the humanity in folks.

20 Thank you so much, and I move
21 for its adoption.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All those in favor say aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

4 Emphatically, aye.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 honoring the Pennsylvania 30 Day Fund for
13 providing immediate financial assistance
14 through forgivable loans to small
15 businesses locally and statewide during
16 the COVID-19 crisis and encouraging
17 Philadelphia's small businesses to apply
18 for the program, introduced by Councilman
19 Domb.

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

22 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
23 Council President. I move for the
24 adoption.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
3 been moved and properly seconded.
4 All those in favor say aye.
5 (Aye.)
6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Those opposed?
8 (No response.)
9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 ayes have it, and that resolution is
11 adopted.
12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 authorizing the Committee on Fiscal
14 Stability and Intergovernmental
15 Cooperation to hold quarterly hearings
16 that include monthly reporting
17 requirements, to discuss the fiscal
18 position and overarching social impact
19 goals for the City, including and as
20 related to the Five-Year Plan and the
21 reporting requirements set forth in the
22 Quarterly City Manager's Report and as
23 submitted to the Pennsylvania
24 Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority,
25 introduced by Councilman Domb.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilman Domb.

4 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
5 Council President. I move for the
6 adoption.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
9 been moved and properly seconded.
10 All those in favor say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 ayes have it, and that resolution is
17 adopted.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 authorizing the City Council of
20 Philadelphia to create a Special
21 Committee on the Future Economy of
22 Philadelphia to develop policy and hold
23 hearings to promote economic
24 competitiveness, expansion, and
25 opportunities for the City and all

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2 Philadelphians, introduced by Councilman
3 Domb.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 Chair recognizes Councilman Domb.

6 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
7 Council President. I move for the
8 adoption.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All those in favor say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 ayes have it, and that resolution is
19 adopted.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 authorizing the Philadelphia City Council
22 Committee on Housing, Neighborhood
23 Development and the Homeless to hold
24 public hearings on the impact of COVID-19
25 on homelessness, evictions, and

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2 residential foreclosures and the City's
3 efforts to combat homelessness,
4 evictions, and residential foreclosures,
5 introduced by Councilwoman Gauthier.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilman Gauthier.

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

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
14 seconded.

15 All those in favor say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it, and that resolution is
22 adopted.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 calling on the Pennsylvania General
25 Assembly to reverse the legalization of

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2 the sale of "consumer fireworks" in the
3 State of Pennsylvania, introduced by
4 Councilwoman Bass.

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

7 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
8 Mr. President. On behalf of all
9 Philadelphians, I move for the adoption
10 of the resolution.

11 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Second,
12 third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh,
13 eighth, whatever you need. We second it.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Make
15 it stop.

16 It's been moved and properly
17 seconded.

18 All those in favor say aye.
19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Nobody opposes that. Thank you. The
22 resolution is adopted.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. President,
24 there are no other resolutions on the
25 Final Passage Calendar.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you very much.

4 Before we go to speeches, one
5 little housekeeping. Councilman Domb,
6 earlier you abstained. I know you did it
7 in the public hearing. Can you just
8 state for the record your abstention, the
9 basis for your abstention, and I do
10 believe it is a public record.

11 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Yes. The
12 basis -- thank you, Council President.
13 The basis for the abstention is, I
14 checked with the Board of Ethics, and
15 they recommended based on the fact that I
16 have a few parking lots, I should not
17 vote on that bill.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you. Thank you. Thank you,
20 Councilman.

21 That concludes our Calendar for
22 today.

23 And next up we will have
24 speeches on behalf of the minority, and
25 the Chair is going to recognize

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2 Councilwoman Brooks.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: I don't
4 have a speech.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
6 Change up. Okay. Thank you,
7 Councilwoman.

8 On behalf of the majority, the
9 Chair recognizes Councilman Johnson.

10 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
11 Council President. First and foremost, I
12 want to thank my colleagues for voting on
13 a bill to create the Office of Victim
14 Advocates. This bill will be on the
15 upcoming ballot as a Charter change, and
16 I want to say thank all of you for voting
17 for it.

18 For the record, the needs of
19 victims and co-victims of gun violence is
20 an issue that is deeply personal to me.
21 I myself became a co-victim as a young
22 man when I lost my cousin to gun
23 violence. I started an organization
24 called Peace Not Guns to address the
25 issue of gun violence here in the City of

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2 Philadelphia. With the support of family
3 and friends and my faith, I was able to
4 channel that trauma and experience into
5 something positive, which is a lifetime
6 of public service. As a result, I feel
7 obligated to try to give a voice to those
8 who often have not had a voice.

9 Over the last several months,
10 the Special Committee on Gun Violence has
11 convened roundtables and hearings for the
12 needs of victims and co-victims, led by
13 our Subcommittee on Victims and
14 Co-Victims of Gun Violence. What we
15 heard loud and clear is that the
16 community needs someone within City
17 government whose sole responsibility is
18 to advocate for victims and co-victims of
19 gun violence.

20 There are too many agencies
21 that have contact with victims. They
22 need to be better working with victims
23 working together with one another. This
24 legislation will answer their pleas by
25 asking Philadelphia voters to add a

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2 Victim Advocate to the City Charter. The
3 Office of Victim Advocate will do the
4 following: advocate for victims and
5 co-victims, especially victims of gun
6 violence; facilitate coordination between
7 agencies; providing training on
8 trauma-informed practices and agencies
9 that interact with victims; ensure that
10 victims are notified of their rights and
11 help protect those rights; educate the
12 public regarding victims' issues; make
13 policy recommendations; and put together
14 an advisory board of community
15 representatives and stakeholders to make
16 sure that victims and co-victims of gun
17 violence have a seat at the table.

18 I believe that we owe it to
19 victims and co-victims to give them a
20 voice within City government, and this
21 proposed Charter change will do just
22 that.

23 As we talk about the issue of
24 criminal reform, as we talk about the
25 issue of police reform, I also just want

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2 to remind people that we deal with an
3 issue that has continued for our city on
4 a daily basis, and that's the issue of
5 gun violence.

6 I have taken too many times out
7 of my schedule to attend a funeral of a
8 young man who has lost their lives to gun
9 violence. I have taken too many times
10 out of my schedule to reach out to a
11 mother or a father to console them
12 because they have lost a child to gun
13 violence. And so we want to make sure
14 that those survivors of gun violence,
15 those victims and co-victims of gun
16 violence and homicides have a seat at the
17 table when it comes to policies and
18 resources that we're advocating for here
19 in the City of Philadelphia.

20 So I just want to personally
21 say thank you to all of my colleagues,
22 and I look forward to members here in the
23 City of Philadelphia and the wider public
24 to give an affirmative vote when this
25 bill comes up for a vote in November.

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2 Thank you very much, everyone.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilman.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Jones. Speech.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

8 Mr. President, first of all, I want to
9 thank you for your leadership over this
10 last session. Critics may judge us one
11 way or the other, but the reality is
12 we've passed more substantive legislation
13 in this session than we have sometimes in
14 four years.

15 I want to also say that if you
16 look at the speech that Councilmember
17 Domb gave and the speech that
18 Councilmember Brooks gave, those were
19 very two different lenses of how they
20 view the future of Philadelphia, yet they
21 voted together on many of the bills, and
22 that is due to the leadership of the
23 leaders in Council, and I want to thank
24 the Majority Leader and the Deputy Whip
25 for being those kinds of ambassadors to

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2 cross aisles and deal with different
3 thought processes.

4 I want to particularly speak, I
5 rise today to talk about the Citizens
6 Police Oversight Committee, which will be
7 on the ballot in November. I want to put
8 into context, Mr. President -- and thank
9 you again for not letting this issue fade
10 into public policy history. You kept
11 bringing it back over and over again,
12 trying once again in different climates,
13 in different attitudes to get some
14 measure of relief for citizens.

15 I would say to you that if --
16 and there are lawyers in our body, and
17 they would know -- that if a lawyer
18 provides a service to a client and that
19 client is not satisfied, that client has
20 a grievance, they can go to the state
21 Supreme Court for a disciplinary hearing.

22 If a doctor provides a service
23 to someone, writes the wrong prescription
24 or medical malpractice, there is a
25 process by which they go to a medical

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2 board, and in jeopardy is that doctor's
3 license, because they now have skin in
4 the game because some oversight happens.

5 If you look at us as
6 legislators, we have an Ethics Committee,
7 but we're not allowed really to review
8 our own cases, and that's why they
9 created the Ethics Board that we report
10 to, right?

11 When it comes to our police, we
12 have to have the confidence of the
13 citizens of Philadelphia in a process
14 where if you feel wronged, even though
15 you recognize that most police officers
16 are of good character, but in those cases
17 where you believe you've been wronged,
18 that there is an honest broker, an honest
19 arbitrator that will allow your grievance
20 to be heard.

21 If you look at all of the bills
22 that have been passed dealing with police
23 and community policing this session, it
24 is all designed to restore that faith.
25 Whether you're talking about body

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2 cameras, whether you're talking about the
3 contract process, all of this is a part
4 of links in the chain that the citizens
5 that are protesting want broken.

6 When you look at -- I think
7 when we did the hearings, they were long,
8 but Minister Rodney Muhammad gave the
9 best analogy ever. He talked about Andy
10 of Mayberry. Some of you young people,
11 particularly members, may have to Google
12 Andy of Mayberry. But Andy of Mayberry,
13 he lived in -- Andy Griffith lived in a
14 town called Mayberry. He never carried a
15 gun. He had a deputy named Barney Fife.
16 Barney might have weighed 100 pounds
17 dripping wet, but he had a big-old gun
18 and he was only allowed one bullet. And
19 in courses of the town's history, bad
20 people or bad things happen, and Andy,
21 the sheriff in charge, was confident. He
22 was a big guy, and he would intervene and
23 use logic because he knew the citizens
24 well, they trusted his judgment, and he
25 would resolve things. But as soon as

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2 Deputy Barney Fife got on the scene, he
3 pulled that rickety gun, start shaking
4 it, because at the heart of it, he was
5 afraid. Everybody was bigger than him,
6 and he was really scared.

7 So what these bills that we
8 have attempted to move forward are
9 designed to create more Andy's and less
10 Barney's among the police force, people
11 who have a relationship with the
12 community as opposed to being viewed as
13 an occupying force, guardians as opposed
14 to warriors.

15 The other thing that I think
16 the spirit of a lot of this legislation
17 is designed to do is that there is a
18 thing called justice by zip code, and
19 there's different strokes for different
20 folks depending on your zip code. There
21 is a measure of justice that can be
22 administered in Chestnut Hill, but if you
23 travel to the Southwest Philadelphia,
24 there's a whole nother level of scrutiny.
25 There should be one set of rules for all

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2 citizens.

3 There was an American -- Good
4 Morning America had a video where a
5 father captured the recording of a son
6 shooting hoops, Mr. President, in his
7 driveway. He's shooting hoops, like
8 every normal pre-teen does. And you can
9 see him look down the road and then all
10 the sudden hide behind his father's
11 vehicle, and when the police car went by,
12 he looked, saw it was safe, and then
13 started shooting again. His father was
14 disturbed by what he saw and came out and
15 said, son, why did you hide from the
16 police?

17 He said, because they are here
18 to shoot us.

19 So in some zip codes, the
20 perception is that you are a guardian --
21 in parts of my own district, you're Coach
22 Clarke and you're Officer Jamie and
23 you're viewed as part of the community.
24 In other parts of the City, they're
25 viewed as people that are there to

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2 suppress people, taxpayers, and they are
3 guilty and then have to prove themselves
4 innocent. We need to change this.

5 And so all of this legislation
6 isn't designed to come against our civil
7 servants in blue. It is designed to make
8 sure that they are protected too,
9 because, you know, every barber shop
10 knows that if I give a cop a charge, I
11 might get leniency on my case too. So
12 it's a balancing scale that we have to
13 maintain.

14 So I want to say thank you to
15 all of those who supported this measure,
16 Mr. President. I want to say thank you
17 to the citizens that pushed us a little
18 further, a little harder, and it was a
19 bit uncomfortable at times, but here we
20 are together and for the benefit of the
21 City of Philadelphia.

22 So congratulations, and I wish
23 my colleagues a productive summer,
24 because the myth -- you're getting ready
25 to find out, there's no days off. There

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2 are no days off.

3 Thank you, Mr. President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilman. Thank you very
6 much. Very well said. Andy of Mayberry.
7 I think that's a first in the City
8 Council of Philadelphia. Thank you, my
9 friend.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Green.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
13 Council President. It's taken 401 years,
14 but I think our nation now recognizes
15 that black lives matter. I think this
16 body has demonstrated black lives matter.
17 And for my African American colleagues in
18 this body, although you may have title
19 Council President, Majority Leader or
20 Councilmember, when you leave City Hall,
21 you are African American. You are black.
22 You are black first before you're known
23 as a Councilmember. So black lives
24 matter, but for my African American
25 colleagues, you live a black life all the

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2 time.

3 And so not only do black lives
4 matter, black votes matter, and today is
5 a reminder that black votes matter.
6 Today is June 25th, and it's the 7th
7 anniversary of Shelby County versus
8 Holder -- that's former Attorney General
9 Eric Holder -- in which the United States
10 Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights
11 Act of 1965.

12 So when I say black votes
13 matter, it also reminds me of my
14 grandfather, which many of you have heard
15 me talk about. My grandfather only wore
16 a suit two times, to church and to vote.
17 So when I think about black votes matter,
18 I think about my grandfather. And I'll
19 be remiss in not thanking the Leadership
20 Conference Education Fund, All Voting is
21 Local, And Still I Vote for bringing this
22 information to my attention. And this is
23 And Still I Vote National Week of Action,
24 and if I had the opportunity,
25 Councilmembers, I would have circulated a

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2 resolution, but I did not have the time
3 to do that on Tuesday. But I wanted to
4 bring this to your attention because
5 we've already seen the COVID-19
6 pandemic's effect on our elections. It
7 is our job to ensure that our systems are
8 secure and work for all voters,
9 especially when there's a crisis like our
10 current pandemic.

11 People should be able to
12 exercise their constitutional right to
13 vote and stay healthy, even during a
14 pandemic. Residents should not have to
15 choose between public health and a
16 functioning democracy and exercising
17 their constitutional right to vote. Our
18 democracy works best when everyone
19 participates. We must ensure that our
20 systems work, especially when there's a
21 crisis like COVID-19.

22 We've seen widespread polling
23 place closures, long lines with hour-long
24 waits, a backlogged absentee ballot
25 request, machine breakdowns. This is a

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2 wake-up call for our democracy. Those
3 tragedies cannot happen again.

4 Congress must pass the HEROES
5 Act, which was recently passed by the
6 democrats in the House and now it's going
7 to go over to the Senate. And we must
8 provide to our state and local officials
9 the critical resources to ensure we have
10 safe, fair, accessible elections in
11 November.

12 Voting by mail is safe, it's
13 secure, it's effective. Many of you know
14 the militaries used voting by mail for
15 numerous years and decades. Some of our
16 leaders in this country who espoused
17 against voting by mail have voted by mail
18 themselves.

19 Communities have been starved
20 of critical resources to make it easier
21 for voters to get their ballots and
22 returning them in the mail.

23 Congress must pass the HEROES
24 Act now to ensure that states have the
25 funding they need so that every voice is

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2 heard.

3 Seven years ago the Supreme
4 Court opened the door for discrimination
5 in voting. We cannot allow anyone to use
6 this pandemic as yet one more tool to
7 disenfranchise people like my grandfather
8 the right to vote. We will stand up for
9 our right to vote and our voice in our
10 democracy. We cannot shirk our duty, and
11 we must get ready for November.

12 We will be safe and we will be
13 healthy, and we will vote, because the
14 vote is ours.

15 Thank you, Council President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Thank you, Councilman. Thank you so
18 much.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Gauthier.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER: Thank
22 you, Council President, and thank you for
23 your leadership during this unique and
24 challenging budget cycle.

25 This year's negotiations have

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2 been some of the most difficult and high
3 stakes in our city's history, and I know
4 that many people will be disappointed by
5 the outcome here, especially as it
6 relates to police funding. So I want to
7 say to everyone who has been protesting
8 and e-mailing and calling and making
9 their voices heard that even though it
10 may not be fully reflected in this year's
11 budget, your efforts are not in vain.

12 For the first time since the
13 Great Recession, the City's budget does
14 not include an increase for the Police
15 Department. The \$19 million reduction to
16 the PPD is not insignificant. It's an
17 important step in the right direction.

18 In this precarious moment for
19 our city, as we contend with a public
20 health crisis that has left us with a
21 nearly \$750 million budget gap and a
22 homicide rate that's up about 25 percent
23 from this time last year, any drastic
24 change to public safety spending
25 represents an unquantifiable risk to the

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2 health and well-being of our communities,
3 in particular our black communities,
4 which have been ravaged by COVID and bear
5 the brunt of gun violence.

6 I want to be clear that I
7 strongly support the concept of divesting
8 from police, to invest in other resources
9 to keep people safe, but I want to work
10 over the next year to come up with a
11 thoughtful roadmap for that and to
12 develop alternatives that will keep local
13 communities safe and help them to thrive.

14 So this is where we begin.
15 Passing the budget today allows us to
16 begin planning for more meaningful
17 changes to reimagine public safety and
18 what that looks like in practice. My
19 office has already started this work in
20 the Third District, and it's going to
21 continue.

22 In the wake of unrest on 52nd
23 Street, we convened a meeting between
24 activists and PPD leadership. This is
25 the start of an open dialogue in West and

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2 Southwest Philly about how policing
3 affects black youth and to coordinate
4 collective action towards a safe, free,
5 and healthy city.

6 And while I know the budget may
7 not satisfy everyone, I want to highlight
8 some of the important matters it does
9 address.

10 First and foremost, we secured
11 an additional \$20 million for the Housing
12 Trust Fund. We fought hard for this, and
13 it is a huge win for City Council, the
14 advocates who fought side by side with
15 us, and for Philadelphia. By creating
16 affordable rental units and funding
17 programs that keep some of Philadelphia's
18 most vulnerable residents in their homes,
19 the Trump's fund allows us to create and
20 maintain stability in our communities.

21 Since I decided to run for
22 office, my main priority has been to keep
23 people safe in their homes, whether they
24 rent or own, and this \$20 million will go
25 a long way towards that end.

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2 This budget also restores City
3 support of the Pennsylvania Immigrant
4 Family Unity Project, which provides
5 legal representation for immigrants in
6 detention, helps keep families together,
7 and protects communities of color.

8 We've also set aside \$25
9 million for the New Normal Budget Act,
10 which includes programs to address
11 healthcare needs, healthy food options,
12 affordable housing, and anti-poverty
13 efforts. And we're investing in adult
14 education and reentry services to support
15 residents in underserved communities as
16 they develop their skills and acquire new
17 ones.

18 And I'll end by saying this:
19 Institutional racism doesn't get
20 eradicated by one City budget. To right
21 the wrongs that black people have been
22 enduring for centuries in Philly and
23 throughout the country, we need to take a
24 holistic look at all of our public
25 services and operations and address the

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2 myriad ways in which they hold up white
3 supremacy over black lives. Achieving
4 true racial justice in our city is going
5 to require difficult conversations, an
6 intensive policy change, and more time
7 will allow us to do this business where
8 real change feels not only possible but
9 within our grasp. And I know my
10 colleagues and I have every intention of
11 running with this momentum. I look
12 forward to the work ahead.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you, Councilwoman.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Thomas.

18 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Thank you,
19 Council President. Normally I like to be
20 brief, but unfortunately that's not going
21 to be the case today, and I know we've
22 been in a long session, but it's been a
23 long journey for me to get to this
24 moment. This has been a ten-year journey
25 for me. I decided to run for City

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2 Council at the age of 25. I am now 35
3 years old and I just finished my first
4 six months in City Council, and I thought
5 that I would take a minute just to
6 reflect on those six months, because,
7 again, it's been a long journey for me to
8 get here.

9 While I am the youngest member
10 on City Council, I've been around for a
11 while as it relates to politics, so I've
12 watched a lot of my colleagues and how
13 they became elected officials and what
14 they had to essentially go through, and I
15 know firsthand for people of color, it's
16 very difficult for us to get to the
17 position that we're in. I know speaking
18 for me personally, I had to go through
19 two years of unemployment, where I didn't
20 have a check for myself or my family, and
21 that was the sacrifice that I had to make
22 and was willing to make because I believe
23 in the process of democracy and I believe
24 that someone like me being at the table,
25 having an opportunity to participate in

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2 sessions like this and being involved in
3 budgets like this is important for the
4 people of the City of Philadelphia. It's
5 important for the diversity of this
6 specific body, and it's important for the
7 progress that we all know we want to see.

8 I've watched my colleagues and
9 the great work that they've done over the
10 last six months, and I can tell you in
11 the beginning before the pandemic, things
12 were going smooth. We had a surplus of
13 money. There were ideas floating around.
14 Colleagues were able to meet face to
15 face. Freshmen were able to get mentored
16 by some of the senior members of Council.
17 And then the pandemic hit. And once the
18 pandemic hit, it created a situation that
19 nobody had a playbook for. We didn't
20 know what direction to go in, and I heard
21 so many times that we were building the
22 plane while flying it, and I had never
23 heard that phrase before the pandemic,
24 but I think it's the perfect way to
25 describe not just what this body was

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2 going through, but what all bodies were
3 going through.

4 And then during the pandemic,
5 we had the unfortunate George Floyd
6 situation, and once the George Floyd
7 situation hit, for me personally I
8 recognized that it would be an
9 opportunity to see some change, not just
10 as it relates to policing but as it
11 relates to black communities and the
12 black experience in general.

13 I don't know about you, Council
14 President. I know you've been in this
15 position for some time, but I'm not sure
16 if you've ever had a colleague or a
17 future colleague have to call you because
18 they are involved in a personal situation
19 with police.

20 So for me coming into Council,
21 the opportunity to be a part of police
22 reform, the opportunity to have a change
23 as it relates to the overall black
24 experience was something that I was
25 salivating at the mouth at and couldn't

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2 wait to get to.

3 Unfortunately, this moment and
4 the experience has been highjacked.

5 Right now we're seeing a movement and
6 things taking place not just in
7 Philadelphia but all across the country,
8 and what we're seeing is, we're seeing
9 people advocate and fight, and what we're
10 fighting for is the black experience, and
11 unfortunately black voices aren't the
12 ones that's being heard the most.

13 I've listened to Councilmember
14 Derek Green talk on a consistent basis
15 about black economics and what are we
16 going to do as it relates to the black
17 dollar and investing in the black
18 businesses, and I can't help but think
19 and wonder about the irony of being black
20 men on City Council and black women on
21 City Council and to constantly be told
22 what we're not doing for black people,
23 mostly by people who aren't black.

24 It's frustrating, Council
25 President, and to be honest with you,

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2 again, it's been a very rough first six
3 months for me. And if it wasn't for the
4 importance of this work and the decisions
5 that we have to make specifically in the
6 interest of people of color, I would
7 question whether or not I will want to be
8 a part of not just this body but any body
9 that's viewed and demonized as much as
10 this body is. And this is my personal
11 opinion. No one asked me to say this.

12 I would have loved to have had
13 a different vote today as it relates to
14 the budget, but I know that we had to do
15 the things that we had to do for the
16 Public Defender's Office and the District
17 Attorney's Office and the African
18 American Museum and even programs like
19 City Year, which has won my heart.

20 I take this job very serious.
21 I'm very passionate about it. And I was
22 even more offended to see and hear
23 language that would suggest that we
24 wouldn't be working this summer. I know
25 I'm going to be working this summer. I

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2 hear folks talk all the time about people
3 taking advantage of this opportunity,
4 specifically businesses, but businesses
5 aren't the only entities that's taking
6 advantage of this moment and this
7 opportunity. We got people who will
8 villainize anyone to make themselves be
9 the hero.

10 And so no, Council President, I
11 will not be taking off this summer. No,
12 Council President, I will not be on
13 recess. I will be at war this summer to
14 make sure that this moment remains and
15 stays about black people.

16 Thank you, Council President.
17 I appreciate you.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you so much, Councilman. Thank
20 you.

21 I do not believe there are any
22 other speeches at this moment, but before
23 I call for an adjournment, I want to take
24 the privilege of having the mic at this
25 time and bend the rules a little bit.

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2 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Council
3 President?

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes.

5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I'm sorry,
6 sir. I think Isaiah Thomas just dropped
7 the mic, Councilman Thomas. I'm sorry.

8 Thank you, Council President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes.
10 He dropped it. Look, a lot of people
11 don't know what that means, Councilman.

12 But anyway, so real quick,
13 first of all, thank you guys so much. I
14 know early on in the process, as
15 Councilman just referenced, the fact that
16 we had a significant fund balance and we
17 were looking at opportunities for
18 investment. There was -- and I got to
19 tell you, because I heard it and I hear
20 it -- some uncertainty about the group of
21 new Councilmembers, whether or not this
22 body would have the level of cohesion,
23 even early on prior to the pandemic and
24 prior to George Floyd. Then those things
25 happened. Then there was even more

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2 uncertainty as to whether or not this
3 body -- and we said at the beginning of
4 the budget process that this is probably
5 going to be one of the most unorthodox,
6 the most challenging, the most
7 controversial, all of the above, to deal
8 with a \$750 million budget gap in the
9 middle of a pandemic. And guess what?
10 It was all of the above. It really was.

11 But as I listened to you all
12 today and over the last couple of days,
13 particularly leading up to the conclusion
14 of this process, I got to tell you, I'm
15 just -- I know I'm sounding like the
16 elder statesman, and I guess I am. I'm
17 kind of like really proud of you guys,
18 how you all came together, understanding
19 that you don't necessarily -- you're not
20 necessarily in a position to achieve
21 everything that you have wanted to early
22 on in the process, but understanding that
23 this is in fact a process, a process that
24 will ultimately take us to a point where
25 we will make a difference. And I

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2 understand, because I've been screamed
3 and hollered at and called all kind of
4 things, protests at my house, I mean, you
5 name it, it happened, but you do it
6 because you want to do it. You do it
7 because you love it, right? It's in your
8 blood. It is in your blood. Because all
9 of us can do something else in life,
10 right? It is in your blood.

11 So I just want to say how proud
12 I am of you guys coming together. And
13 the one thing I want us to do -- and I'm
14 not necessarily speaking about us. I'm
15 speaking about the population at-large.
16 We really need to seize the moment while
17 there's an acknowledgment about the
18 disparities. There's an acknowledgment
19 that a significant class and category of
20 individuals in this country have not been
21 given real opportunities, have not been
22 given the life that other individuals
23 have experienced simply because of their
24 color and their origin. We got to seize
25 this moment. And I'm talking to

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2 everybody. Take advantage of the fact
3 that -- and I'm going to call it like it
4 is -- there's some guilt going around in
5 a lot of different places. Well, if the
6 guilt is going to now give us an
7 opportunity to have real meaningful
8 support as it relates to starting
9 businesses or real meaningful support to
10 getting the necessary resources or
11 getting the appropriate education, then
12 so be it, right?

13 So we will set the template.
14 We will set the agenda as it relates to
15 this legislative body, but we cannot do
16 it alone. So we're asking for everybody
17 that's genuine -- I talked about
18 Councilman Green. I talked about him on
19 the radio the other day about where are
20 you going to be six months from now,
21 where are you going to be a year from
22 now, are you going to sustain your level
23 of support for this particular issue and
24 this mission.

25 So I know where we're going to

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2 be. I know that we're going to be
3 focused. And I just want to say I'm
4 proud to be a member of the City Council
5 of 2020. Guys, thank you all very much.
6 We'll start Phase 2 of 2020 when we go
7 out. I know we have a number of hearings
8 teed up that we're going to be talking
9 about issues, and those issues will
10 ultimately turn into the implementation
11 phase. So look forward. Thank you all
12 so much. Thank you for your hard work.
13 Thank you for your commitment beyond City
14 Council, because this is the only thing
15 that people see in public. They don't
16 see what we do in life outside of City
17 Hall. Well, we're not even in this
18 building today, right? But like outside
19 of what they see on television, that's
20 where the real work begins and starts.

21 So, guys, thank you all so
22 much. Love you. Keep this hard work,
23 and we're going to handle our business
24 and the citizens. We look forward to
25 working with you all to move this

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2 forward.

3 So with that, I'd like to
4 recognize Councilman Jones for a motion
5 to adjourn.

6 Councilman Squilla, I'll see
7 you a little later on this evening.

8 Councilman Jones.

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. Councilman Jones just had
11 to step away real quick, so I'll move
12 that Council stand adjourned until
13 Thursday, September 10th, 2020 at 10:00
14 a.m.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Thank you. It has been moved and
18 properly seconded that Council stand
19 adjourned until Thursday, September 10th,
20 2020, 10:00 a.m.

21 All those in favor indicate by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 ayes have it. The motion carries.
5 Thank you all very much. See
6 you guys soon. Thank you. God bless
7 you.
8 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
9 1:36 p.m.)

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