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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 10, 2005
10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I note
3 that the hour has come and that a quorum of
4 this Council is present. Council will please
5 come to order. Members will take their seats
6 and visitors will retire to the seats outside
7 the rails.

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes Rabbi Albert Gabai from
10 Congregation Mikveh Israel. He is here today
11 as the guest of Councilman Cohen.

12 I would ask all Members and guests
13 to please rise.

14 RABBI GABAI: Thank you, Madam
15 Council President, and thank you, Councilman
16 Cohen.

17 It is an honor for me personally as
18 well as my entire congregation to have been
19 asked to deliver the invocation today before
20 the City Council of Philadelphia. Being the
21 Rabbi, or to use anxious nomenclature, the
22 minister of one of the six colonial
23 congregations in this City, I'm lucky enough
24 to have a lot of rich historic material from
25 my predecessors.

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2 At the time of the American
3 Revolution, the then Rabbi Patriot Gershon
4 Mendes Seixas fled from the British in New
5 York and found refuge in Philadelphia. He was
6 appointed minister at our congregation Mikveh
7 Israel when first building was inaugurated in
8 1782. He and the rest of the congregation in
9 this City decided that since there were no
10 longer under the oppressive mantel of the king
11 that prayer for the government would be
12 changed and the congregants would not pray for
13 well-being of George III, but prayer would be
14 changed to read as the one I recite now, which
15 is what has been recited Mikveh Israel at
16 every Sabbath and holiday service for the last
17 223 years.

18 May he who grants deliverance to
19 nations and understanding and to the leaders
20 whose kingdom is a everlasting kingdom who
21 delivered his servant David from the sword,
22 who makes a way in the sea and a path in the
23 mighty waters. May he bless, preserve, guard
24 and assist the President and Vice President of
25 the United States, the Senate, and the House

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2 of Representatives, the Governor of this
3 Commonwealth, the member of the Legislature,
4 the Council of this City, and other
5 constituted authorities. So may the supreme
6 king of kings in his infinite mercy preserve
7 them, grant their life and deliver from all
8 manner of trouble and danger. May the supreme
9 king of kings in his infinite mercy inspire
10 them and all the counselors and officers with
11 goodwill toward us and all mankind. May this
12 be the will of God. And let us say a men.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 thanks the Rabbi for his very inspiring
15 remarks. Thank you very much.

16 Council will be at ease.

17 (Council at ease.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
19 order of business is the approval of the
20 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, February
21 3, 2005.

22 And the Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I move that the Journal of

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2 the meeting of Thursday, February 3, 2005,
3 stand approved.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
6 been moved and properly seconded that the
7 Journal of Thursday, February 3, 2005, stand
8 approved.

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

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
16 have it, the motion carries, and the Journal
17 of the meeting of Thursday, February 3, 2005,
18 is approved.

19 The next order of business is
20 request for leave of absence.

21 And the Chair again recognizes
22 Councilwoman Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
24 Madam President. On behalf of the Majority, a
25 leave of absence is requested for Councilwoman

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2 Krajewski.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

4 Leave will be granted.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman

6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

8 President, on behalf of the Republicans, there

9 are no requests for leaves of absence.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

11 thanks the gentleman.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam

13 President.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I've just

16 been informed that Councilman Cohen will also

17 not be in so we would likewise request a leave

18 of absence on his behalf.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: May I

20 suggest he wait because he had called me this

21 morning said he would be in but probably would

22 be here about 10:30.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: All right,

24 Madam President, that's fine. Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Why don't

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2 we wait.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Great.

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

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

13 At this time, the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Brown who will present a
15 resolution honoring the institute for safe
16 families.

17 I would ask that Dr. Jeffrey Jager
18 and those accompanying him please join the
19 Councilwoman at the podium.

20 I see that Councilwoman Miller and
21 Councilman Nutter will be joining Councilwoman
22 Brown for the presentation.

23 Councilwoman Brown.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Brown thank
25 you, Madam President.

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2 We're delighted to have the
3 representative for the Institute for Safe
4 Families. This organization resides in
5 Councilman Michael Nutter's district, so we're
6 asking him to be with us during this ceremony.

7 Declaring February 14, 2005, as
8 Victory Over Violence Day, also known as V
9 Day.

10 Whereas, the Institute for Safe
11 Families is dedicated to illuminating and
12 addressing the causes of family violence and
13 to offering an alternative vision for
14 wholeness, healing, family health and personal
15 development; and

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Whereas, the
17 Philadelphia Department of Public Health and
18 the Philadelphia Department of Human Services
19 work to protect families from violence and to
20 create a system of supports in an effort to
21 maintain safe families; and

22 Whereas, in the United States, a
23 woman is battered usually by her intimate
24 partner every 15 seconds; a woman is raped
25 every 90 seconds; 1 in 3 girls and 1 and 5

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2 boys will suffer some form of sexual abuse
3 before the age of 18; and boys who witness
4 their fathers' violence are 10 times more
5 likely to engage in spousal abuse in later
6 adulthood than boys from nonviolent homes; and

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Whereas, V Day
8 recognizes annually on Valentine's Day has
9 grown into a global movement to stop violence
10 against women and children. It promotes
11 creative events to increase awareness, raise
12 monies, and revitalize the spirit of existing
13 anti-violence organizations; and

14 Whereas, revitalizing that the
15 collective energy of partnerships make good
16 things happen. The collaboration of ISF, the
17 Department of Public Health and the Department
18 of Human Services helps to continue to expand
19 awareness of family violence issues,
20 especially among men and adolescence males
21 while generating a broader attention for the
22 fight to stop worldwide violence against women
23 and girls; now, there it therefore be it

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Resolved by
25 the City Council of the Philadelphia that we

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2 hereby declare February 14, 2005, V Day in the
3 City of Philadelphia.

4 Resolved further that an engrossed
5 copy of this resolution be presented to the
6 Institute for Safe Families, the Philadelphia
7 Department of Health, and the Philadelphia
8 Department of Human Services for their efforts
9 to end family violence as evidence of the
10 sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: This resolution
12 was introduced by Blondell Reynolds Brown, my
13 colleagues Councilman Rick Mariano and Donna
14 Reed Miller and sponsored by all Members of
15 the Philadelphia City Council.

16 We salute the Institute of Safe
17 Families.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Dr. Jager for remarks.

21 DR. JAGER: Thank you so much for
22 this honor. By passing this resolution,
23 Philadelphia City Council is joining an
24 international movement called V Day. This day
25 has a simple message: That violence against

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2 women and children must end. The V Day
3 movement promotes create efforts to increase
4 awareness, raise money, and revitalize the
5 spirit of existing anti-violence organizations
6 and to generate attention for the fight to
7 stop worldwide violence against women and
8 girl.

9 For four years in Philadelphia, our
10 unique focus has been on what men can do to
11 end family violence. We have developed a
12 entire public awareness effort focussed on men
13 and the role that we can play in ending this
14 epidemic. And again, we thank you.

15 Now I would like to introduce our
16 colleague Hiawatha Lavern Branch who is a
17 wonderful and motivated spokesman for what men
18 can do.

19 MR. BRANCH: As a father, a
20 grandfather, a great-grandfather, I can tell
21 you about violence, and I can tell you it does
22 not begin with the hitting of hands. It
23 begins by the thought. If you think negative
24 and you react negative, it begins violence.

25 Men's responsibility is to nurture

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2 just as it is the mother's responsibility is
3 to nurture. It is our job to become more
4 aware of nurturing and being responsible,
5 reliable, and consistent in taking care of our
6 children and our families. Violence is only
7 going to beget violence. And until we stop
8 and begin to love and care for each other,
9 violence will never end.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. JAGER: Now, let me introduce to
12 you Darnel Wilkerson. Mr. Wilkerson is the
13 director of Health Center 6 and is a
14 representative our collaboration with the
15 Health Department. He is a true advocate in
16 the Health Department in its efforts to
17 address family violence among families served
18 by the City health centers and elsewhere.
19 He's going to read to you our Men Can Pledge
20 which can be seen at 20th and Berks across
21 from Health Center 5 in an exceptional new
22 mural mosaic of tile and color.

23 MR. WILKERSON: As a man, I know the
24 realities of violence against women and
25 children. I've taken a hard look at the

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2 facts. And the facts are that millions of
3 women and children are beaten, raped, sexually
4 harassed, stalked every year. These women and
5 children live in the fear of what tomorrow
6 might bring. Today, I take a stand to stop
7 violence because I'm a friend, family,
8 companion of those who suffer. I've made a
9 commitment to turn my private concerns into
10 public actions. I promise to treat all women
11 and children with dignity and respect. I will
12 intervene when I see destructive behavior that
13 demoralizes any person. I will defend who I
14 can by taking these actions. I will promote a
15 new kind of society where decency and respect
16 requires no special day on the calendar. Boys
17 are taught that violence does not equal
18 strength, where men stand with courage, lead
19 with conviction and speak with one voice, "No
20 more."

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. JAGER: Thank you.

23 If you would like to see the mural
24 and the process by which it was developed to
25 show your support for this wonderful effort,

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2 we would like to invite you to our V Day
3 celebration coming up on Valentine's Day
4 Monday where we will unveil our new Men Can
5 poster and show a video about our work. This
6 event is cosponsored and will be attended by
7 leaders from the Institute for Safe Families,
8 Philadelphia Department of Human Services,
9 Philadelphia Department of Public Health, the
10 Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, the Office of
11 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown, and the
12 Health Resources and Services Administration.
13 It will be held Monday, February 14, 2005 in
14 Room 201, City Hall, Philadelphia at 10:30.
15 We hope you can join us.

16 Thanks again for this great honor.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
19 certainly applaud you for the wonderful work
20 that you do.

21 At this time, Council will be at
22 ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 now recognizes Councilwoman Tasco who will

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2 present a resolution honoring the NAACP and
3 the North Central Philadelphia Health
4 Coalition.

5 I would ask Mr. J. Wyatt Mondesire
6 and Ms. Denise Pride to please join the
7 Councilwoman at the podium.

8 Councilwoman Tasco is being joined
9 by Councilwoman Brown. Councilman DiCicco is
10 also joining the Councilwoman.

11 Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Good morning.
13 This morning, it gives us pleasure to present
14 this resolution honoring and commending the
15 NAACP Philadelphia Branch and the North
16 Central Philadelphia Health Coalition on the
17 occasion of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness
18 Day.

19 Whereas, February 7, 2005, is the
20 fifth annual observance Of National Black
21 HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, a day in which events
22 will occur throughout the nation to bring
23 attention to the devastation that HIV/AIDS
24 causes in the African-American and other
25 communities of color and the need for

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2 increased prevention and education efforts;
3 and

4 Whereas, in Philadelphia, as of
5 December 2004, African-Americans combined with
6 other black races represented 66 percent of
7 all reported AIDS cases since 1981, a number
8 that far exceeds their percentage of the
9 Philadelphia population; and.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Whereas, two of
11 the leaders in coordinating events for
12 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in
13 Philadelphia are the local branch of the
14 National Association for the Advancement of
15 Colored People and the North Central
16 Philadelphia Health Coalition; and

17 Whereas, the NAACP was formed in
18 1909 by a multi-racial group of progressive
19 thinkers with the objective of ensuring the
20 political, educational, social and economic
21 equality of minority groups. The NAACP, as
22 its mission in part, the goal of eliminating
23 race prejudice and removing all barriers of
24 racial discrimination through democratic
25 process seeks to enact and enforce federal,

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2 state, and local laws securing civil rights,
3 informs the public of the adverse effects of
4 racial discrimination and seeks its
5 elimination and educate persons as to their
6 Constitutional rights and to take all lawful
7 action in furtherance of these principles; and

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas, the
9 primary focus of the Philadelphia NAACP
10 continues to be the protection and enhancement
11 of the civil rights and well-being of
12 African-Americans and other minorities; and

13 Whereas, the mission of the
14 Philadelphia NAACP Health Committee is to
15 alert and educate its members and the
16 community at-large about prevention and
17 elimination of health disparities such as the
18 horrible effects of HIV and AIDS, not just on
19 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, but
20 everyday; and

21 Whereas, the North Central
22 Philadelphia Health Coalition is an umbrella
23 organization for a number of committed
24 organizations that are tireless in their
25 efforts to address a variety of health needs

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2 for people of color; and

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,
4 Philadelphia NAACP and the Coalition is joined
5 in its efforts by State Senator Vincent
6 Hughes, State Representative Jewel Williams;
7 Mayor's Office of Health and Fitness, the
8 Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity,
9 concerned Black Men of Philadelphia, National
10 Medical Association, University of
11 Pennsylvania Center for AIDS Research,
12 Keystone Mercy, AIDS Activities Coordinating
13 Office, Philadelphia Department of Public
14 Health, AIDS Law Project, St. Christopher's
15 Hospital, Black Women's Health Alliance, One
16 Day At a Time, Circle of Care Family Planning
17 Council, Greater Philadelphia Health Action,
18 and Women's Christian Alliance;

19 Whereas, it is fitting that we join
20 with the Philadelphia NAACP and the North
21 Central Philadelphia Health Coalition to
22 express our strong support for National Black
23 HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and their health
24 initiatives to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS
25 in the African-American community.

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2 Now, therefore, be it resolved by
3 the Council of the City of Philadelphia that
4 we hereby honor and commend the Philadelphia
5 NAACP and the North Central Philadelphia
6 Health Coalition on the occasion of National
7 Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

8 Resolved further that an engrossed
9 copy of this resolution be presented to J.
10 Wyatt Mondesire, President; and Denise Pride,
11 Health Chair of Philadelphia NAACP as evidence
12 of the sincere sentiments of this legislative
13 body.

14 Certification that this is a true
15 and correct copy of the original resolution
16 adopted by the Council of the City of
17 Philadelphia on the 3rd day of February 2005.

18 Signed by President Ann Verna,
19 introduced by Tasco, Brown and, DiCicco and
20 sponsored by all Members of City Council.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 welcomes and recognizes Mr. Mondesire for
24 remarks.

25 MR. MONDESIRE: Thank you very much,

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2 Madam President.

3 As a representative of the NAACP
4 Philadelphia Branch it is my pleasure to say
5 thank you for this resolution and to commend
6 you for standing with us in this ongoing
7 struggle to keep people alive.

8 As you heard some of the numbers,
9 they are devastating. Two-thirds of all AIDS
10 cases in the Philadelphia area now are made up
11 of people of color. Is a devastating disease
12 which now infects more people every day than
13 actually die from this dreaded disease.

14 I want to thank the Philadelphia
15 Black Clergy and Bishop Morris and all the
16 other partners who joined with the NAACP in
17 putting on a wonderful town meeting up at
18 Freedom Theater just a few days ago. We
19 sincerely appreciate the support of Council
20 and ask you to stand with us and all the other
21 AIDS-related organizations like BEBASHI and
22 others who in this struggle.

23 The civil rights struggle cannot
24 really succeed if people are not alive. Let
25 me repeat it again. We cannot succeed if

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2 people are not here. We overcame slavery. We
3 overcame de facto segregation. We overcame
4 Jim Crow segregation. And now, we are in the
5 struggle to keep people alive, all people,
6 regardless of race, ethnic heritage or
7 economic background. Thank you very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Bishop.

10 BISHOP MORRIS: May I say good
11 morning to everyone. I wish you would allow
12 me, because of seriousness of this particular
13 disease that is affecting so many people, to
14 render a word of prayer if possible.

15 Most gracious Father, we first thank
16 you for your loving kindness, your tender
17 mercy and all your many blessings. We thank
18 you that you have made us conscious of this
19 dreaded disease, not just African-Americans
20 but to people of every nationality. Our
21 prayer is that we will ever be sensitive to
22 understand that these are our brothers and our
23 sisters, husbands and our wives, our mothers
24 and our fathers, and many times our grandmoms
25 and grandpops. And may we always be sensitive

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2 in the interaction with comfort and
3 compassion. We ask and pray that a solution
4 will come in the near future where this
5 dreaded disease will be conquered. Now, bless
6 us to continue to be a blessing in our
7 efforts, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,
9 Bishop.

10 At this time, the Chair recognizes
11 Ms. pride for remarks.

12 MS. PRIDE: Good morning, everyone.
13 And thank you so much for allowing us to have
14 this time with you. You've seen me before,
15 most of you, here as North Central
16 Philadelphia Health Coalition Coordinator.
17 I've reached out to a lot of organizations,
18 especially black organizations because of what
19 I know. It may sound like I'm focussing on
20 one race. It is in a way because I believe in
21 starting home first. But realistically, we
22 are all family, and this disease is affecting
23 every race, every age group. A lot of people
24 seem to think it's the youth. I want you to
25 understand, yes, it's the youth, but it's also

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2 senior citizens. The counts are going up
3 everywhere, and all we have combat it is
4 prevention education.

5 We are losing funding. There are
6 agencies out there that have to cut outreach
7 programs, the very thing that we need to go
8 into your communities to educate your
9 constituents about how to stay alive.

10 Some business people seem to think
11 it doesn't touch them. It affects your
12 business. If people are too sick to come out
13 to patronize your business or their money is
14 tied up in expensive medications, they cannot
15 by your product. Employees out sick; that
16 hurts businesses; that hurts the community;
17 that hurts Philadelphia, my home.

18 I've watched too many people sick,
19 too sick to do anything. No one is caring for
20 them as much I believe they should. I reached
21 out to NAACP because three years ago I heard
22 Kweisi Mfume at the time say that it was going
23 to be top priority on their list. The local
24 NAACP supported me in my efforts. And now,
25 I'm their Chair of the Health Committee, and I

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2 feel like I have a bigger responsibility and I
3 ask for your help.

4 And how can you do that? The
5 easiest way is to invite us, the prevention
6 educators, into your districts and hold
7 community meetings so we can take the time to
8 educate them. Families, parents still have
9 difficulty allowing people to come into the
10 schools to educate the youth. That is our
11 future. Not to sound cliché-ish, but it is
12 true. We're worried about education. We're
13 worried about jobs. You have a laundry list
14 of priorities, and I understand that. But as
15 Mr. Mondesire said, we can't advance if we're
16 not here, if we are not healthy.

17 Tomorrow, I plan to fax every
18 Councilperson here the latest statistics from
19 the Health Department. Over 17,000 reported
20 AIDS cases in Philadelphia since 1981. And I
21 stress "reported" because not all of them have
22 been reported. It doesn't reflect how many
23 people have HIV. We're working on a reporting
24 mechanism now. But the estimation is for
25 every one reported AIDS case, there are three

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2 HIV positive people in our community and most
3 do not know.

4 So again, I ask you to allow us into
5 your communities. I will give you the
6 information that you need to understand. It
7 is even broken down by zip codes so you will
8 know exactly what is going on in your
9 districts.

10 Thank you again for allowing us
11 here. And remember, absent a vaccine or cure,
12 prevention education is our best intervention.
13 Thank you again.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Council
16 will be at ease.

17 (Council at ease.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 now recognizes Councilman Ramos who will
20 present a resolution honoring National School
21 Counselors Week.

22 Will Ms. Ruth Garcia and those a
23 accompanying her please join the Councilman at
24 the podium.

25 Councilman Ramos is being joined by

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2 Councilman Mariano.

3 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you, Madam
4 President. Recognizing the week of February
5 7, 2005, as National School Counselors Week.

6 Whereas, school counselors are
7 employed in public and private schools to help
8 students reach their full potential; and

9 Whereas school counselors are
10 actively committed to helping students explore
11 their abilities, strengths, interests and
12 talents as these traits relate to career
13 awareness and development; and

14 Whereas, school counselors help
15 parents focus on ways to further the
16 educational, personal, and social growth of
17 their children; and

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Whereas, school
19 counselors work with teachers and other
20 educators to help students explore their
21 potential and set realistic goals for
22 themselves; and

23 Whereas, school counselors seek to
24 identify and utilize community resources that
25 can enhance and compliment comprehensive

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2 school programs and help students become
3 productive members of society; and

4 Whereas, comprehensive developmental
5 schools cancelling programs considered an
6 integral part of the education process that
7 enables all students to achieve success in
8 school; and

9 Whereas, during the week February
10 7th through the 11th, school counselors will
11 celebrate National School Counselor Week; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Resolved by the
14 City Council of the City of Philadelphia that
15 we hereby recognize the week of February 7,
16 2005, as National School Counselors Week.

17 Congratulations.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
20 recognizes Ms. Garcia for remarks.

21 MS. GARCIA: I'd like to take this
22 opportunity to thank City Council for
23 recognizing the importance of school
24 counselors in our schools for the important
25 work that we do with our students. We are an

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2 influence. We are always there for our
3 students, whether they are in need of some
4 assistance for academic interests or whether
5 they are having personal difficulties or
6 difficulties at home or any other challenges
7 that may arise.

8 We hope that counselors are
9 continued to be seen as an important role
10 model for students to be able to see more
11 regularly, and certainly that could happen if
12 there were more of us in our schools.

13 The American School Counseling
14 Association recognizes that school counselors
15 play this important role and recommends a
16 ratio of no more than 1 counselor to 200
17 students. In our schools across Philadelphia
18 and in other districts in Pennsylvania and
19 across the country, we find that the ratio is
20 more 700 or 800 or 900 to 1. And some of our
21 elementary schools have only one school
22 counselor with student populations of over
23 1100.

24 So I hope that this is something
25 that can be addressed and be rectified so that

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2 our schools can be even more productive and
3 effective than they are. Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council
6 will be at ease.

7 (Council at ease.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
9 order of business is communications.

10 The Chair requests that the
11 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
12 Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

13 The Chief Clerk will please read the
14 messages from the Mayor.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
16 and Members of the Council of the City of
17 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that
18 on February 10, 2005, I signed all the bills
19 that were passed by Council at its Session on
20 January 25, 2005, except Bill NO. 040755 and
21 Bill No. 040326.

22 And I am returning without signature
23 Bill No. 040755 passed by the Council on
24 January 25, 2005.

25 And I am returning as disapproved

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2 Bill No. 040326 passed by the Council on
3 January 25, 2005.

4 And I am transmitting for the
5 consideration of your honorable body a
6 resolution approving the redevelopment
7 contract and disposition supplement of the
8 Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment
9 urban renewal of a portion of the South
10 Central Urban Renewal Area, designated as
11 Parcel No. 266.

12 And a resolution approving the
13 redevelopment contract and disposition
14 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority for
15 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
16 portion of South Central Urban Renewal Area
17 known as Parcel 116.

18 And a resolution approving the
19 authorization for the Philadelphia
20 Redevelopment Authority to use NTI bond
21 proceeds to acquire certain properties, under
22 certain terms and conditions.

23 And an ordinance approving a lease
24 agreement between Philadelphia Gas Works and
25 the Greater Germantown Housing Development

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2 Corporation for premises located 214-212 West
3 Cheltenham Avenue.

4 And an ordinance authorizing the
5 Commissioner of Public Property on behalf of
6 the City of Philadelphia to enter into a
7 sublease agreement to lease from the
8 Philadelphia Municipal Authority portions of
9 the building located at 701 Market Street.

10 And an ordinance authorizing the
11 Managing Director or his designee on behalf of
12 the City of Philadelphia to enter into a lease
13 agreement to lease vehicles from the
14 Philadelphia Municipal Authority.

15 And an ordinance to City Council
16 which establishes the Prison Industries
17 Revolving Fund.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
19 The messages will be printed in the Journal.

20 The Chief Clerk will please read any
21 other communications in her possession.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
23 Madam President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 The next order of business is the

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2 introduction of bills and resolutions.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Blackwell for a motion.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I move that the Rules of
7 Council be suspended to permit the immediate
8 consideration of resolutions at their time of
9 introduction.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor of the motion will
17 indicate by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed.

21 (No response.)

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
3 President. On behalf of myself and Councilman
4 Ramos, I offer one bill and one resolution,
5 and I offer also one resolution on my behalf.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 The Chief Clerk will please read the
8 title of the bill.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 providing for the submission to the qualified
11 electors of the City of Philadelphia an
12 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule
13 Charter creating the Office of the Director of
14 Immigrant Affairs as approved by resolution of
15 the City Council and fixing a date for special
16 election.

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

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia
21 Home Rule Charter to create the Office of the
22 Director of Immigrant Affairs and providing
23 for the submission of the amendment to the
24 electors of Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: That goes to the
4 Committee, I believe, Madam President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: That will
6 be referred to the appropriate committee.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 authorizing City Council's Committee on
10 Legislative Oversight to hold hearings on
11 whether the City should establish a 311
12 constituent contact center to unburden the
13 current 911 emergency call center.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
17 adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
20 been moved and properly seconded that the
21 resolution be adopted.

22 All in favor will signify by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
5 have it, and the resolution will be referred
6 to the appropriate Committee.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I introduce two resolutions
11 on your behalf.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
13 The Chief Clerk will please read the
14 title of the first resolution.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 approving the redevelopment contract and
17 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
18 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
19 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
20 of the South Central Urban Renewal Area.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
12 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 approving the redevelopment contract and
15 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
16 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
17 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
18 of the South Central Urban Renewal Area.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 again recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has

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2 been moved and properly seconded that the
3 resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
10 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Mariano.

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
14 President, I have one resolution.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
20 Property to execute and deliver to the
21 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
22 7th, 18th, 19th and 23rd Wards of the City of
23 Philadelphia.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam

3 President, I move for the adoption of the
4 resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will indicate by saying
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
16 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I offer one
20 bill.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
22 Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 approving a lease agreement between the
25 Philadelphia Gas Works by Philadelphia

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2 Facilities Management Corporation solely in
3 its capacity as operator and manager of the
4 Philadelphia owned Gas Works and Greater
5 Germantown Housing Development Corporation for
6 certain premises located 212-214 West Cheltenham
7 Avenue.

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I offer two resolutions and
14 would like to speak on one.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Very well.

16 The Chief Clerk will please read the
17 first resolution.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 joining the nation in recognizing February as
20 African-American History Month and honoring
21 the Association of African-American Life and
22 History as the founding organization of
23 African-American History Month.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Move for the
3 adoption of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
16 for the City Council of Philadelphia calls
17 upon our congressional representatives and
18 federal government to preserve the funding for
19 the Community Development Block Grant Program
20 and other programs designed to assist
21 community development in urban and rural
22 areas.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. Before calling for the
3 adoption, I'd like to speak on this
4 resolution.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Please do
6 so.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: On Monday,
8 February 7th, President Bush introduced 2.57
9 trillion dollar budget that will eliminate
10 many programs. Among those up for elimination
11 is the CDBG funding. One program in
12 particular that is slated is the Community
13 Development Block Grant Program.

14 CDBG funds can be used to create
15 housing opportunities to assist low income and
16 moderate income residents of cities and towns
17 to meet one of their most basic needs to
18 achieve economic independence. It our duty as
19 a City legislative body to speak for our
20 constituents and inform them of how this
21 budget will affect us here in Philadelphia.

22 On a federal level, these budget
23 cuts are merely facts and figures. However,
24 once we get to our level, the local level, we
25 see the impact of these cuts on a firsthand

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2 basis. Many Philadelphia neighborhoods are
3 relying on these funds to do what's very, very
4 dearly needed, and that's revitalization.

5 It appears that the President's
6 priority is to help rebuild Iraq and some of
7 those other nations while our Philadelphia
8 cities are really, really falling.

9 Prior to coming to Council, one of
10 the activities that I was very active in was
11 economic and housing development. So this
12 type of action is really going to hit
13 Philadelphia and other cities, both rural and
14 urban, very, very hard.

15 Community empowerment and education
16 are supposed to be the tag line of the current
17 Administration. These budget cuts do not
18 reflect those sentiments. That is why I'm
19 asking this body and our constituents to speak
20 out by sending letters and getting petitions
21 and speak out against these cuts for the sake
22 of our children and our neighborhoods.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
25 Councilwoman, would you move for the adoption,

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2 please?

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

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will indicate by saying
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
16 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Nutter.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I offer two resolutions.

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

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
25 celebrating Barbershop Talk Human Family Day.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I move for the adoption of the
6 resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
9 been moved and properly seconded that the
10 resolution be adopted.

11 All in favor will indicate by saying
12 aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
18 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 calling on the Governor and the General
21 Assembly to immediately provide for permanent
22 and predictable funding for SEPTA and all
23 public transit agencies across the
24 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
4 President. I move the adoption of the
5 resolution. I'd like to speak on the
6 resolution at the appropriate time.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay, you
9 can speak on it.

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
11 President.

12 Madam President, there are any
13 number of important issues facing Philadelphia
14 and Pennsylvania. A number of those issues
15 have been acknowledged here this morning in
16 our Chambers, whether it was the presentation
17 regarding domestic violence or HIV/AIDS. But
18 there are other important issues, one of which
19 is mass transit, not only for Philadelphia,
20 not only for Pittsburgh, but throughout the
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

22 The Pennsylvania Transit Coalition,
23 many of whose members are here with us this
24 morning, and I'd like to acknowledge their
25 work and their efforts. They are in the rear.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We see
3 them.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Who are here
5 with us today. Some of the leadership is Mr.
6 Tom Cronin who is here, Mr. Pat Eiding for the
7 AFL/CIO, and many, many other individuals, are
8 leading an effort to bring this issue right
9 where it needs to be, and we're working in
10 partnership with the General Assembly and the
11 Governor's office.

12 We heard the Governor's message just
13 yesterday. Mr. Randy Robinson who's also the
14 political director of Local 234, the Transport
15 Workers Union is also here with us this
16 morning. This is a critical issue, not just
17 for Philadelphia, not just for Pittsburgh, but
18 across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

19 The rally is Monday, February 14,
20 2005. You can go on the Pennsylvania Transit
21 Coalition Web site at www.patransit.org and
22 get information with regard to where the buses
23 and trains or other forms of transportation
24 are leaving from Philadelphia to make the trek
25 to Harrisburg to bring this issue to a proper

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2 conclusion.

3 We need mass transit to keep not
4 only this City, this region, but also this
5 state moving in the right direction.

6 Let us try to dispel some of the
7 information that's out there. Mass transit is
8 not just a Philadelphia issue, it's not just a
9 Pittsburgh issue. There are mass transit
10 systems all over the Commonwealth of
11 Pennsylvania who are struggling financially.
12 But secondly and more importantly, the
13 discussion about bridges, roads and highways,
14 some would have you believe that it's only a
15 rural issue or a county's issue. We have
16 bridges, roads, and highways right here in
17 Philadelphia, and so a comprehensive solution
18 to address mass transit bridges, roads,
19 highways, all forms of transportation need to
20 be developed in this legislative and political
21 process.

22 So I would encourage as many people,
23 Madam President, who are able to participate
24 in this rally to go to Harrisburg, access the
25 Web site and call on our employers, all of

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2 whom recognize the importance of mass transit
3 for their own businesses to get people from
4 Point A to Point B to get to jobs and places
5 where they need to be. We're calling
6 employers in Philadelphia and surrounding
7 regions to relax things a little bit on Monday
8 to allow their workers to participate, to
9 allow their employees to participate in this
10 effort.

11 As you see in the rear, this is the
12 message. This is the message sent to
13 Harrisburg. We're calling on dedicated
14 funding, not only for mass transit to deal
15 with bridges, roads, and highways, which
16 Philadelphia certainly will benefit as well.
17 The solution must be comprehensive. And I
18 call on the adoption of this resolution.
19 Thank you, Madam President.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
7 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Cohen for the
11 introduction of bills and resolution.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 thanks the gentleman.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I offer no bills or
20 resolutions today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
25 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

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

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Ramos.

6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I offer one privileged resolution
8 cosponsored by Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
10 will please read the title of the resolution.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 honoring and recognizing Southeastern
13 Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross
14 and its CEO Tom Foley whose diligent and
15 tireless work has helped hundreds of thousands
16 of people affected by the December 26, 2004
17 tsunami.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Ramos.

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will indicate by saying
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I offer one bill and one
15 resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
21 Property on behalf of the City of Philadelphia
22 to enter into a sublease agreement to lease
23 from the Philadelphia Municipal Authority
24 portions of the building located at 701 Market
25 Street for use by the City and affiliated

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2 agencies as office space, under certain terms
3 and conditions.

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

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
8 Property to execute and deliver to the
9 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
10 Philadelphia deeds located in the 31st and
11 39th Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
13 again recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
16 the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will indicate by saying
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
4 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'Neill: Madam
8 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 thanks the gentleman.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
14 President.

15 Madam President, before I introduce
16 the ordinances and resolutions, I would like
17 to speak on them because I understand there's
18 a pending legislation rule. Is that
19 appropriate?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: That's
21 appropriate. I don't know of any rule that
22 would not permit it.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

24 Madam President, as you are aware,
25 over the last several months, with the support

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2 of all of our colleagues, we've been pushing
3 very hard, very diligently on gun legislation
4 as a result of the horrific violence.

5 Earlier, one of the presentation talked about
6 violence in the streets of the City of
7 Philadelphia. And we thought that in addition
8 to pushing the gun legislation, we need to do
9 something a little more broader. We think we
10 need to allow and authorize the citizens of
11 the City of Philadelphia to give a true and
12 accurate depiction as to how they feel about
13 this issue. It's not simply a number of
14 legislators on a local level or state level or
15 on the federal level. So what we'd like to do
16 today is to talk about the possibility of
17 giving the citizens of the City of
18 Philadelphia an opportunity to show the
19 support for the City of Philadelphia being
20 enabled to do local legislation that deals
21 with the problems of violence in our streets
22 in the City of Philadelphia.

23 So with that, I will say that we
24 have two bills and one resolution today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please read the
3 title of the bill.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 providing for the submission to the qualified
6 electors of the City of Philadelphia an
7 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule
8 Charter creating a new Chapter 5 entitled
9 "Referendum Approved By the Voters," in
10 Article 8 Provisions of General Application
11 and creating a new section 8-500 entitled
12 "Home Rule Power to Prevent and Reduce Gun
13 Violence."

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

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 authorizing the legendary Blue Horizon, the
18 owner of the property 1314 North Broad Street
19 to maintain one statue, the spirit of
20 Philadelphia boxing statue, which is currently
21 located on the facade of 1314 North Broad
22 Street, under certain terms and conditions.

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

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

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2 proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia
3 Home Rule Charter, creating a new Chapter 5
4 entitled "Referendum Approved By Voters" in
5 Article 8, Provisions of General Application,
6 and creating a new Section 8-500 entitled
7 "Home Rule Power to Prevent and Reduce Gun
8 Violence."

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 resolution will be referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Kelly.

14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
15 I have no bills or resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
20 no bills or resolutions today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

22 As there are no reports from
23 Committees, the next order of business is the
24 consideration of the Calendar.

25 The Chief Clerk will please read the

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2 bills on the First Reading Calendar.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 041072,
4 an ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of the
5 Philadelphia Code entitled "Business Privilege
6 Taxes" by providing for the calculation of the
7 credit against net profits tax based upon net
8 income tax liability, all under certain terms
9 and conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 That completes the First Reading
13 Calendar.

14 The Chair now recognizes
15 Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of
16 calling bills that will be considered on the
17 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
18 today.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
20 Madam President. Today, Bill Nos. 040330,
21 040100 and 041081 are being called up for
22 second reading and final passage. All other
23 bills are being held.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Thank you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please read the

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2 title of Bill No. 040330.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 approving the second amendment of the
5 redevelopment proposal for the Kingsessing
6 Urban Renewal Area for the additional land
7 acquisition of approximately 24 properties for
8 residential and related uses.

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

12 The Clerk will please call the roll.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

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

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Verna.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

5 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
6 majority of all Members having voted in the
7 affirmative, the bill passes.

8 The next bill being called for
9 consideration is Bill No. 041000.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
12 Property on behalf of the City of Philadelphia
13 to grant to SEPTA an easement across a portion
14 of certain parcel of land in the vicinity of
15 the intersection of Ridge Avenue and Main
16 Street.

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

20 The Clerk will please call the roll.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
3 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 DiCicco.
6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
10 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Mariano.
15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Miller.
18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 O'Neill.
23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
25 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Reynolds Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
11 Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

13 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
14 majority of all Members having voted in the
15 affirmative, this bill passes.

16 The final bill to be called for
17 consideration is Bill No. 041081.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
20 Property to execute and deliver to the
21 Philadelphia Authority For Industrial
22 Development a deed located 324-332 North 13th
23 Street with the buildings and improvements
24 thereon for further conveyances at fair market
25 value.

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

5 The Clerk will please call the roll.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

19 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Mariano.

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Miller.
3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 O'Neill.
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Reynolds Brown.
13 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Tasco.
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
20 Verna.
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
22 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
23 majority of all Members having voted in the
24 affirmative, the bill passes.
25 That concludes our Calendar for

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2 today.

3 Are there speeches on the part of
4 the Minority?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there
7 speeches on the part of the Majority?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing
10 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
11 for a motion to adjourn.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
13 President, I move that Council stand adjourned
14 until Thursday February 17th at 10:00 a.m.,
15 2005.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's been
18 moved and seconded that Council stand
19 adjourned until Thursday, February 17th at
20 10:00 a.m.

21 All in favor will indicate by saying
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

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

5 Thank you all very much.

6 (Council adjourned at 11:15 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, February 10, 2005,
were reported fully and accurately by me, and
that this is a correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR