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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, May 4, 2006
10:30 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I

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believe the hour has come and it's gone.

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However, we do have a quorum of this

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Council. Council will come to order.

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Members will please take their seats, and

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visitors will retire to the seats outside

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the rails.

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To give our invocation this

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morning, the Chair welcomes Reverend

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Thomas G. Spears, III, Pastor of the

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Overbrook Presbyterian Church. He is

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here today -- and we certainly thank him

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for his patience -- as the guest of

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Councilman Nutter.

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I would ask all members and

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guests to please rise.

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REVEREND SPEARS: Let us pray.

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Oh, God whose grace is beyond

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all telling, we ask your continued

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blessing upon this City and all its

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people, the babies who even right now are

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being born, the old people who are close

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to death, the people who work at the top

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of our largest buildings, and the

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2 homeless and hungry on our streets, our
3 teachers and our students, our public
4 safety officers and those in our prisons.
5 Oh, God, we ask this in the knowledge
6 that even now you are at work creating a
7 city made new, where there will be no
8 more division or violence or despair, but
9 rather where old men and old women shall
10 again sit in the streets and where our
11 streets shall be full of girls and boys
12 playing, where all our citizens will know
13 the fullness of life.

14 So bless and guide the work of
15 this Council and all its members that
16 they might reflect your grace with deeds
17 of justice and compassion, serving you by
18 serving people in need. We pray to your
19 honor and glory. Amen.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

21 The Chair thanks Reverend
22 Spears for his very inspiring invocation.

23 Council will be at ease.

24 (Council at ease.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 next order of business is the approval of
3 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
4 April 27, 2006, and the Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you, Madam President. I move that the
8 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, April
9 27, 2006 stand approved.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
12 has been moved and properly seconded that
13 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
14 April 27, 2006 stand approved.

15 All in favor will please say
16 aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 ayes have it, and the Journal of the
23 meeting of Thursday, April 27, 2006 is
24 approved.

25 The next order of business is

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2 requests for leave of absence, and,
3 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
6 you, Madam President. On behalf of the
7 Majority, there are no leaves of absence
8 requested today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.
11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
14 President, all the republicans are here
15 and accounted for. Thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair will dispense with
19 the regular order of business to
20 recognize guests and visitors joining us
21 in Chambers this morning. On behalf of
22 all members of City Council, I welcome
23 you to our Council session. We
24 appreciate your taking the time to join
25 us as we attend to the legislative

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2 affairs of our City. We certainly invite
3 you to come again.

4 At this time, the Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Kelly.

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I'd like to take this
8 opportunity to introduce Al Taubenberger,
9 President of the Greater Northeast
10 Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and
11 Dr. Azuka Aniam (ph) and Mr. Frank Bell
12 of the VICA Technology School. The
13 school is currently in the district of
14 Councilwoman Blackwell, but they have
15 plans to expand the school in Northeast
16 Philadelphia.

17 So with that, I would like to
18 welcome them.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
20 Congratulations and welcome.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
23 Welcome.

24 At this time, the Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski, who

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2 will present a resolution declaring May
3 2006 as Stroke Awareness Month.

4 Will Patricia DeAngelis,
5 President and CEO of Nazareth Hospital,
6 and those accompanying her please join
7 the Councilwoman at the podium.

8 I see that Councilwoman
9 Krajewski is being joined by Councilman
10 Kenney, Councilman O'Neill and Councilman
11 Clarke.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
13 you very much, Madam President.

14 This is declaring May 2006 as
15 Stroke Awareness Month and recognizing
16 Nazareth Hospital for their Stroke
17 Awareness Program.

18 Whereas, Nazareth Hospital has
19 committed itself to educating people
20 about stroke awareness, its signs,
21 symptoms, risk factors and prevention in
22 an effort to provide potentially
23 life-saving information.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas, in
25 2001, Nazareth Hospital was designated as

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2 a stroke treatment enhancement plan step
3 program by the American Stroke
4 Association. Nazareth Stroke Prevention
5 and Treatment Program has made great
6 progress in providing enhanced emergency
7 treatment to stroke victims, along with
8 the existence of community-based
9 education; and

10 Whereas, Nazareth Hospital has
11 been ranked No. 1 in Pennsylvania and
12 among the top five percent nationwide for
13 stroke treatment for the past three years
14 by HealthGrades; and

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas,
16 Nazareth was also the recipient of a 2004
17 achievement award by Hospital and Health
18 System Association of Pennsylvania for
19 quality and innovation in stroke
20 education. It was also the first
21 hospital in Northeast Philadelphia to be
22 awarded a Certificate of Distinction in
23 the management of a primary stroke
24 center; and

25 Whereas, Nazareth Hospital is

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2 one of only seven hospitals nationwide to
3 receive the American Stroke Association's
4 Get With the Guidelines Stroke Initial
5 Performance Achievement Award recognizing
6 the commitment to a higher standard of
7 stroke care according to nationally
8 accepted standards and recommendations.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: And
10 whereas, in September 2005, Nazareth
11 Hospital was awarded a grant by the
12 Department of Health and Human Services
13 to expand its stroke education and
14 screening outreach to the
15 African-American senior community by
16 collaborating with churches, senior
17 groups, civic groups and workplaces in
18 Philadelphia.

19 Now, therefore resolved, by the
20 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that
21 we hereby declare May 2006 as Stroke
22 Awareness Month and recognize Nazareth
23 Hospital for their Stroke Awareness
24 Program.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
12 Chair recognizes Ms. DeAngelis for
13 remarks.

20 I especially want to thank
21 Council President Anna Verna,
22 Councilwoman Joan Krajewski and all City
23 Council members for your recognition of
24 Nazareth Hospital.

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2 for our work in stroke care, but, most
3 importantly, we have been able to save
4 lives, lives of your constituents, lives
5 of our neighbors and lives of our
6 friends. Our work is aimed at reducing
7 death, at reducing disability related to
8 stroke.

9 Stroke is the third leading
10 cause of death in the country and the
11 leading cause of disability. The numbers
12 are staggering, my friends. Seven
13 hundred thousand people a year have
14 strokes. One hundred and seventy
15 thousand of those people die, and so many
16 are left with varying forms of
17 disability.

18 Improving the health of this
19 community is our mission. It is our
20 passion. This mission is exactly what
21 drove us to fully develop our Stroke Care
22 Program. It began as a dedication to our
23 community, and it has expanded in ways we
24 couldn't have dreamed possible.

25 Last year, Nazareth Hospital

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2 treated well over 400 patients for stroke
3 care. In addition, we screened over
4 2,000 people for stroke risk factors.
5 Through the help of our community and our
6 local and state governments, we were able
7 to install the most advanced technology
8 for the diagnosis and treatment of
9 stroke. Your support has also enabled
10 our outpatient rehabilitation facility,
11 Theraplex, which was once a very blighted
12 corner of the Boulevard in Northeast
13 Philadelphia.

14 Our commitment has never
15 wavered with regards to this disease. It
16 doesn't care who you are. It doesn't
17 differentiate. It does not discriminate.
18 It goes after anyone and everyone. So we
19 have been committed, but there is so much
20 more work to do. To that end, we have
21 recently received a grant, a federal
22 grant, and we have established a special
23 program that will allow us to reach out
24 to African-Americans throughout the
25 entire City to provide stroke education

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2 and stroke risk assessment.

3 African-Americans have a much higher risk
4 of having a fatal stroke. We must do
5 more to educate people.

6 From the moment a stroke
7 patient or potential stroke patient
8 enters our doors, our stroke program
9 coordinator follows their care throughout
10 the hospital. They receive the very best
11 care by specially trained nurses and
12 doctors, led by our chief medical officer
13 and stroke program director.

14 I invite all of you today to
15 take part in our stroke risk assessment
16 screenings. Again, stroke doesn't
17 differentiate. It doesn't care who you
18 are. We are here to educate you on
19 stroke and its risk factors. And I'm
20 going to do something very quickly,
21 because if you can't get over there, I
22 want you to at least know the signs of
23 stroke. Sudden numbness or weakness of
24 the face, arm or leg, especially on one
25 side of your body; abrupt onset of

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2 confusion, trouble speaking or
3 understanding; sudden double vision or
4 trouble with vision; abrupt onset of
5 dizziness, loss of balance or
6 coordination; and sudden severe headache.

7 Do not hesitate if you have one
8 of these. Don't think it's a small
9 stroke. There is no such thing as a
10 small stroke. Call 9-1-1, get yourself
11 to a hospital.

12 We're happy to answer any
13 questions you may have and talk to you in
14 detail about our program and how it has
15 helped so many Philadelphians.

16 Again, I thank you for your
17 continued support of the Northeast and
18 for your concern for the health of the
19 City's residents. Nazareth Hospital is
20 extraordinarily proud to have received
21 this honor.

22 Thank you and God bless.

23 (Applause.)

24 MS. DeANGELIS: Actually, we
25 have an entire staff of people today who

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2 will be in the Caucus Room. I truly do
3 invite you. It is very quick. We're
4 very efficient. We've done tens and tens
5 of thousands of these. So please go over
6 to the Caucus Room, encourage your staff
7 to do the same.

8 Thank you so much, Joan.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you for all of your wonderful work.

11 Council will be at ease.

12 (Council at ease.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair now recognizes Councilman Ramos,
15 who will present a resolution recognizing
16 and honoring Karen Slack.

17 Will Karen Slack and those
18 accompanying her please join the
19 Councilman at the podium.

20 I see that Councilman Ramos is
21 being accompanied by Councilwoman Tasco.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Ramos.

24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 This is a resolution
3 recognizing and honoring Philadelphia's
4 own Karen Slack, who on March 17, 2006
5 made her Metropolitan Opera debut.

6 I have a letter here that I
7 have to read because it comes from one of
8 Philadelphia's most distinguished
9 ministers and former Congressman, and he
10 is William H. Gray, III, from Bright Hope
11 Baptist Church. He's asked me to read
12 this short letter on this occasion.

13 Dear Councilman Ramos,
14 congratulations to Karen Slack on being
15 honored by City Council for her
16 outstanding musical accomplishments. We
17 at the Bright Hope Baptist Church are so
18 proud of her, and we love her dearly.

19 Unfortunately, I cannot join
20 her, but I speak on behalf of Bright
21 Hope. We love you, Karen Slack. God
22 bless you.

23 We want her to know that we
24 will always be there for her. We're so
25 happy that she is a part of the Bright

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2 Hope family, and all of us wish her the
3 very best always. Sincerely, William H.
4 Gray, III, Senior Minister of Bright Hope
5 Baptist Church.

6 Whereas, Karen Slack grew up in
7 North Philadelphia and attended Baldi
8 Middle School and the High School for
9 Creative and Performing Arts and
10 currently lives in Northern Liberties
11 with her father, Leonard, and Calico cat,
12 Nassi; and

13 Whereas, Karen has never
14 forgotten the City of her birth and she
15 continues performing at the Bright Hope
16 Baptist Church located at 12th and Cecil
17 B. Moore; and whereas

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas,
19 Karen grew up wanting to be a
20 veterinarian, but was encouraged by her
21 teachers from Baldi Middle School who
22 recognized at an early age her soprano
23 talent; and

24 Whereas, Karen won the Rosa
25 Ponselle International Competition for

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2 vocal arts, which helped her land a
3 position in the San Francisco Opera's
4 Merola program; and

5 Whereas, through her work at
6 the San Francisco Opera Merola program,
7 Karen was invited to audition at the
8 Curtis Institute of Music, where she
9 earned her Bachelor and Master degrees;
10 and

11 Whereas, after earning her
12 degrees, Karen sang minor roles at the
13 Opera Company of Philadelphia and helped
14 push the sale of opera recordings at the
15 now defunct HMV Records in Center City;
16 and

17 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Whereas,
18 having made the finals in the 2004
19 Metropolitan Opera National Council
20 audition, she went back to sing for
21 scholarship money offered for audition
22 tours of Europe, which led to a house
23 audition for Rose at the Metropolitan
24 Opera in February 2005; and

25 Whereas, Karen was the third

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2 soprano scheduled for the title role of
3 the broadcast of Verdi Luisa Miller, but
4 because of circumstances, she was
5 elevated to lead; and

6 Whereas, on March 17, 2006,
7 Karen Slack made her Metropolitan Opera
8 debut.

9 Now, therefore be it resolved,
10 by the Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia, that we hereby recognize
12 and honor Philadelphia's own Karen Slack,
13 who on March 17, 2006 made her
14 Metropolitan Opera debut in the title
15 role of Verdi Luisa Miller.

16 Further resolved, that an
17 engrossed copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Karen Slack as an expression
19 of the sincere sentiments and admiration
20 of this legislative body, and signed by
21 all members of the City Council.

22 Congratulations, Karen.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair recognizes Ms. Slack for remarks.

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2 MS. SLACK: It's such an honor
3 to be here. I never thought a year ago
4 that I would be here having made my
5 Metropolitan Opera debut and my life
6 changed so much.

7 Growing up in North Philly, all
8 my life I wanted to be something and
9 wanted to do something. I didn't know
10 what it was, but I knew it was something.
11 And then when I decided that I want to be
12 a veterinarian, I quickly changed my mind
13 when I found out how my voice touched
14 people and changed people's lives. And
15 so I hope and pray that I continue to
16 touch people's lives, change people's
17 lives and that I am able to share my gift
18 with my friends and my family and my
19 public and my future public, and I wanted
20 to share a little bit of my gift with you
21 as a thank you and that I will always be
22 a loyal Philadelphian. Everyone always
23 says, Are you from New York? Do you live
24 in New York?

25 I say, No, I live down the road

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2 90 miles in Philadelphia. And I will
3 always be a Philadelphian. Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 (Karen Slack sang.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I'd just
9 like to add that many years ago, Karen
10 sang for the United Negro College Fund
11 Alumni Recognition dinner, and one of our
12 local bankers, Dick Smooth, said, Why
13 can't we have her every year. So he
14 recognized her talents many years ago
15 when she was just starting out. And
16 wherever you are, Dick Smooth, your
17 shining star is here.

18 Thank you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
20 Beautiful.

21 Council will be at ease.

22 (Applause.)

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Council
24 President Verna and members of City
25 Council, our dear constituents, this is

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2 to our dear beloved Karen from our Marian
3 Anderson Historical Foundation. We knew
4 eight years ago what you're just learning
5 about this great, great talent, and we
6 thank Councilman Ramos and all of the
7 members for this great honor for her.
8 Well deserved.

9 We love you, Karen.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 next order of business is communications.

16 The Chair requests that the
17 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages
18 from the Mayor to the Clerk.

19 The Clerk will please read the
20 messages from the Mayor.

21 THE CLERK: To the President
22 and members of the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
24 that on May 4, 2006, I signed Bill No.

25 060012 --

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Just
3 a minute, Michael.

4 The noise level is much too
5 high.

6 THE CLERK: -- Bill No. 060012
7 and Bill No. 060056; and

8 I am transmitting herewith for
9 the introduction and consideration of
10 your honorable body a resolution
11 approving the Annual Program Statement
12 and Budget for the expenditure of the
13 Neighborhood Transformation Initiative
14 bond proceeds for Fiscal Year 2007; and

15 An ordinance authorizing Laura
16 Vernola and LW Restaurant Holdings, doing
17 business as Deuce Restaurant, to
18 construct, operate and maintain an
19 open-air sidewalk cafe at 1040 North 2nd
20 Street; and

21 An ordinance authorizing and
22 directing the revision of lines and
23 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 299
24 by placing on the City Plan Epiphany
25 Place; and

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2 An ordinance authorizing the
3 Commissioner of Public Property to
4 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
5 Authority for Industrial Development a
6 deed conveying fee simple title to a
7 tract of City-owned land, situate 1213
8 through 19 South 15th Street; and

9 An ordinance authorizing the
10 City Solicitor, on behalf of the City, to
11 enter into a multi-year contract with a
12 provider of codification, editing and
13 marketing services to produce printed and
14 electronic versions of the 9th edition of
15 The Philadelphia Code; and

16 An ordinance authorizing the
17 Commissioner of Public Property, on
18 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
19 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
20 Authority for Industrial Development a
21 deed or deeds conveying fee simple title
22 to five parcels of City-owned land; and

23 An ordinance approving the
24 thirty-fifth amendment of the
25 redevelopment proposal for the Model

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2 Cities Urban Renewal Area, being the area
3 beginning at the northwest corner of
4 Front Street and Spring Garden Street.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you. The messages will be printed in the
7 Journal.

8 I would ask the Clerk to please
9 read any other communications in his
10 possession.

11 THE CLERK: I have none, Madam
12 President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The next order of business will
16 then be the introduction of bills and
17 resolutions, and at this time, the Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a
19 motion.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
21 you, Madam President. I move that the
22 rules of Council be suspended so as to
23 permit the immediate consideration of
24 resolutions at their time of
25 introduction.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
4 has been moved and properly seconded that
5 the rules of Council be suspended so as
6 to permit consideration of resolutions at
7 the time of introduction.

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

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 ayes have it and the motion carries.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I offer three
20 resolutions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Clerk will please read the
24 title of the first resolution.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I'm sorry,

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2 Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I
6 apologize. It's one bill and two
7 resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Clerk will please read the
11 title of the bill.

12 THE CLERK: An ordinance
13 authorizing the City Solicitor, on behalf
14 of the City, to enter into a multi-year
15 contract with a provider of codification,
16 editing and marketing services to produce
17 printed and electronic versions of the
18 9th edition of The Philadelphia Code.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 bill will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 THE CLERK: And a resolution
23 proclaiming the month of May 2006 as
24 National Drug Treatment Court Month.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

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

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will please say
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

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

17 THE CLERK: And a resolution
18 calling upon the Attorney General of the
19 United States to immediately remove
20 Donald V. Ferlise from his Immigration
21 Judge position in Philadelphia due to his
22 documented history of inappropriate
23 treatment of those appearing before him.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

25 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
4 adoption of the resolution and ask
5 permission to speak briefly on it, Madam
6 President.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 Judge Donald V. Ferlise's
13 courtroom conduct has been condemned on
14 multiple occasions, in opinions of the
15 United States Court of Appeals for the
16 Third Circuit. The Third Circuit Court
17 recently wrote, It is a hallmark of the
18 American system of justice that anyone
19 who appears as a litigant in an American
20 courtroom is treated with dignity and
21 respect. That expectation must be met
22 regardless of the citizenship of the
23 parties or the nature of the litigation.

24 On April 28, 2006, Federal
25 Appeals panel ruled that Judge Ferlise

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2 pre-judged cases and bullied
3 asylum-seekers by denying them a right to
4 fair hearings. One of these cases
5 involved Petitioner Abou Cham of Gambia,
6 who filed an application for asylum due
7 to his relationship with his uncle, Dawda
8 K. Jawara, who was President of Gambia
9 until he was ousted by a military coup on
10 July 22, 1994. During the hearing, Judge
11 Ferlise intimidated Cham into a state of
12 confusion with, quote/unquote, abusive
13 comments.

14 Judge Maryanne Trump Barry of
15 the Third Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals
16 wrote, Judge Ferlise continually abused
17 an increasing distraught petitioner, Mr.
18 Cham, rendering him unable to coherently
19 respond to Judge Ferlise's questions.
20 The belligerence of the questioning and
21 the tension in the courtroom fairly leapt
22 off the pages of the record.

23 And according to a 2000 study
24 published by the San Jose Mercury, Judge
25 Ferlise is ranked among the ten toughest

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2 asylum judges in the country. Between
3 1995 and 1999, Judge Ferlise granted only
4 74 out of 715 asylum requests.

5 I think it's important we
6 understand what an asylum request is.
7 These are people who are fleeing their
8 country because they are threatened with
9 death, imprisonment and other types of
10 indignities because of their religion or
11 their political background, and only 74
12 of 715 asylum requests Judge Ferlise
13 thought were appropriate.

14 Currently, the Attorney General
15 is conducting a comprehensive review of
16 the immigration courts, citing concerns
17 that certain immigration judges fail to
18 treat persons appearing before them with
19 appropriate respect and consideration
20 and, therefore, fail to produce the
21 quality of work expected from employees
22 of the Department of Justice.

23 I think the first thing the
24 Attorney General of the United States can
25 do is remove this individual from his

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2 position and immediately improve the
3 conditions in our asylum courts.

4 Also, I would note that Judge
5 Ferlise, unless I am wrong, unless he is
6 an Apache or a Sioux, I think Ferlise may
7 have gotten off a boat or his family may
8 have gotten off a boat as an immigrant
9 themselves and perhaps should have more
10 compassion and understanding for these
11 poor individuals who come before them
12 seeking the protection of the United
13 States of America.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 Councilwoman Blackwell, your
18 light is on. Did you want to speak on
19 this issue?

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I
21 absolutely do. Thank you, Madam
22 President.

23 I rise to support this
24 resolution introduced by my colleague.
25 As you are aware, we did introduce a

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2 resolution calling for hearings on the
3 issue of immigrants and all that is
4 affected in the City. And we have over
5 70,000 Africans alone, and as Councilman
6 Kenney points out, there are issues that
7 involve ethnic groups from across our
8 City, whether they be Asian, whether they
9 be Native Americans, whether they be
10 Africans or whether they be the Mexicans
11 we read about that deal with borders both
12 in Texas and in LA.

13 So we are happy to support this
14 resolution. It is important that we
15 realize there are issues of asylum. Part
16 of the Mayor's Commission on African and
17 Caribbean Immigrant Affairs deals with
18 this issue all the time. There are so
19 many people here that if we had tough
20 laws that sent people back would cause
21 their death, and it is important that we
22 have people on the bench and in all
23 places who are sensitive to the needs of
24 people. I mean, this is America. We're
25 supposed to open our arms to everyone,

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2 and when we do, they deserve to be
3 treated fairly and openly. And I thank
4 my colleague for introducing this
5 resolution and certainly stand to support
6 it.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 It has been moved and seconded
10 that the resolution be adopted.

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

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

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

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
23 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
24 six resolutions and one bill. Three
25 bills and one resolution are on your

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2 behalf and one resolution needs to be
3 referred to committee.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Clerk will please read the
7 title of the bill.

8 THE CLERK: An ordinance
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the
11 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
12 Development, for nominal consideration, a
13 deed conveying fee simple title to a
14 certain tract of City-owned land with the
15 buildings and improvements thereon,
16 situate 1213 through 19 South 15th
17 Street.

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

21 THE CLERK: And a resolution
22 approving the Annual Program Statement
23 and Budget for the expenditure of the
24 Neighborhood Transformation Initiative
25 bond proceeds for Fiscal Year 2007.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Madam President. We move that this
6 bill be referred to the Committee on
7 Housing, Neighborhood Development and the
8 Homeless.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
11 has been moved and seconded.

12 All in favor will say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 ayes have it and the motion carries.

19 THE CLERK: And a resolution
20 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
21 Property to execute and deliver to the
22 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
23 Philadelphia, without consideration,
24 deeds to property located in the 6th Ward
25 of the City of Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

3 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.

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

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will please say
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 ayes have it and the motion carries.

20 THE CLERK: And a resolution
21 calling for honor and integrity in
22 existing collective bargaining agreements
23 regarding housing reorganization and,
24 furthermore, calling for no circumvention
25 of the process through any reorganization

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2 effort.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.

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

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will please say
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 THE CLERK: A resolution
23 adopting findings of fact and conclusions
24 of law with respect to certain appeals
25 filed in the Philadelphia Court of Common

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2 Pleas regarding Council's decision
3 disapproving applications to sell malt
4 and brewed beverages for consumption off
5 premises.

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

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

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will please say
16 aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

24 THE CLERK: And a resolution
25 approving --

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Just
3 a moment, please.

4 COUNCILWOMAN Tascio: Explain
5 what the resolution means. I don't get
6 it.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
8 think we have been having these
9 resolutions introduced for several weeks
10 now. This has to do with, I guess, many
11 of those that have gone to court.

12 COUNCILWOMAN Tascio: Oh, right.
13 Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam
14 President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
16 Michael.

17 THE CLERK: And a resolution
18 approving Drexel University's proposed
19 amendment to its Institutional
20 Development District Master Plan pursuant
21 to Chapter 14-1107, Subparagraph (c) of
22 The Philadelphia Code relating to zoning
23 and planning.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
3 you, Madam President. I ask that my
4 colleagues consider this by way of
5 suspending the rules. I did not
6 circulate this IDD yesterday, and, Madam
7 President, it's merely for expansion of
8 their library.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
11 you asking for the suspension of the
12 rules?

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes, I
14 am.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
17 has been moved and seconded that the
18 rules be suspended so as to permit this
19 resolution to be considered today.

20 All in favor will please say
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

4 Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
6 you, Madam President, and thanks to my
7 colleagues. I move for the adoption of
8 this resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will please say
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 THE CLERK: And a resolution
23 calling on interested community groups
24 and civic associations to contract or
25 join venture with City agencies and/or

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2 authorities to do community-based
3 development or work as community
4 development corporations.

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

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

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 Excuse me. Mr. Decker, can I
23 see the bill that was introduced.

24 (Pause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
4 President, I have no bills or
5 resolutions.

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

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
11 President, I have no bills or resolutions
12 today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
16 you, Madam President. Today I have one
17 resolution.

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

21 THE CLERK: A resolution
22 congratulating the Boys Varsity
23 Basketball Team of Simon Gratz High
24 School for winning the 2006 Public League
25 Basketball Championship.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will please say
11 aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 ayes have it and the resolution is
18 adopted.

19 Excuse me, sir. I just don't
20 think it's very safe for you to be
21 sitting there with that huge sign in
22 front of people who are sitting trying to
23 observe Council.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Nutter.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay.

3 Madam President, I have one bill and four
4 resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

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

9 THE CLERK: An ordinance
10 authorizing and directing the revision of
11 lines and grades on a portion of City
12 Plan No. 299 by placing on the City Plan
13 Epiphany Place.

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

17 THE CLERK: A resolution
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
19 Property to execute and deliver to the
20 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
21 Philadelphia, without consideration,
22 deeds to property located in the 4th Ward
23 of the City of Philadelphia.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move the adoption of
4 the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will please say
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

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

18 THE CLERK: A resolution
19 honoring the 70th anniversary of North
20 Light Community Center.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
22 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Nutter.

24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I move the adoption of

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2 the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

5 has been moved and seconded that the

6 resolution be adopted.

7 All in favor will please say

8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

14 ayes have it and the resolution is

15 adopted.

16 THE CLERK: A resolution

17 honoring the Reverend Dr. Albert Franklin

18 Campbell on the occasion of his 40th

19 pastoral anniversary.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

21 Councilman Nutter.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,

23 Madam President. I move the adoption of

24 the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will please say
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

14 THE CLERK: A resolution
15 declaring the week of May 21 through May
16 27, 2006 as National Public Works Week.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
18 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Nutter.

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 ayes have it and the motion carries.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Clerk will please read the title of the
16 resolution.

17 THE CLERK: A resolution urging
18 the support of the General Assembly of
19 Pennsylvania to support the Governor's
20 proposed 2006 through 2007 education
21 budget.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for
25 the adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 ayes have it and the motion carries.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I have no bills or
17 resolutions today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair thanks the gentleman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Ramos.

22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I offer one resolution
24 on behalf of the Seventh Council
25 District.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 The Clerk will please read the
5 title of the resolution.

6 THE CLERK: 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 to property located in
11 the 18th and 19th Wards of the City of
12 Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilman Ramos.

15 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam
16 President, I move that the resolution be
17 adopted.

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 DiCicco.

7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
8 Madam President. Earlier I said I had
9 five bills. I have two late bills that
10 were sent up, so there are seven bills
11 and one resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

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

16 THE CLERK: An ordinance
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
18 Property, on behalf of the City of
19 Philadelphia, to execute and deliver to
20 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
21 Development, for nominal consideration, a
22 deed or deeds conveying fee simple title
23 to five parcels of City-owned land with
24 the buildings and improvements thereon
25 situated at the northwest corner of 3rd

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2 and Fairmount Avenue.

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

6 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
7 amending Chapter 9-1000 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Trades," by
9 amending Section 9-1004, entitled
10 "Contractors," by clarifying the
11 exception from the contractor license
12 requirement for property owners who
13 perform work on their properties.

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

17 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
18 amending Subcode PM, Property Maintenance
19 Code, of Title 4, Building Construction
20 and Occupancy Code, by adding a new
21 Section PM 307.1.2, entitled
22 "Construction Excavations."

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

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2 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
3 authorizing Laura Vernola and LW
4 Restaurant Holdings, doing business as
5 Deuce Restaurant, to construct, operate
6 and maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe.

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

10 THE CLERK: And an ordinance to
11 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
12 changing the zoning designations of
13 certain areas of land located within an
14 area bounded by Delaware Avenue, Columbia
15 Street, the Delaware River and
16 Shackamaxon Street.

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

20 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
21 amending Section 9-213 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers
23 Markets," by adding a permissible
24 location on the sidewalk of the west side
25 of the 900 block of North 2nd Street.

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

5 THE CLERK: And an ordinance to
6 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
7 changing the zoning designations of
8 certain areas of land located within an
9 area bounded by Delaware Avenue, Penn
10 Street, Ellen Street extended, the
11 Delaware River and Spring Garden Street
12 extended.

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

16 THE CLERK: And a resolution
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
18 Property to execute and deliver to the
19 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
20 Philadelphia deeds to property located in
21 the 1st, 2nd and 31st Wards of the City
22 of Philadelphia.

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

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move for the adoption
3 of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will indicate by
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
15 ayes have it and the resolution is
16 adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
20 President, I offer one bill.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you.

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

25 THE CLERK: An ordinance

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2 amending Chapter 9-600 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Service
4 Businesses" to add new provisions to
5 prohibit the sale, from certain retail
6 establishments, of blunts, loosies,
7 cigarette papers, cigars and other items
8 that may be otherwise legal but are
9 commonly used as drug paraphernalia.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
16 Madam President. Madam President, I have
17 actually two resolutions. One resolution
18 will be dealt with in the special order
19 of business, and one bill.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
21 you.

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

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance
25 amending Subcode A, Administrative Code,

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2 of Title 4, Building Construction and
3 Occupancy Code, of The Philadelphia Code,
4 by amending Section A-302, entitled
5 "Permits," by requiring the posting of
6 certificates of insurance along with
7 posted construction permits.

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

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

13 THE CLERK: An ordinance
14 authorizing the thirty-fifth amendment of
15 the redevelopment proposal for the Model
16 Cities Urban Renewal Area, being the area
17 beginning at the northwest corner of
18 Front Street and Spring Garden Street.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 bill will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 Do we have any resolutions?

23 THE CLERK: No.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
3 President, I have no bills or resolutions
4 today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair thanks the gentleman.
7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Rizzo.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
10 President, I have one resolution
11 co-sponsored by Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

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

16 THE CLERK: A resolution
17 recognizing, honoring and celebrating the
18 10th anniversary of "It's Your Call with
19 Lynn Doyle," especially recognizing Lynn
20 Doyle for her journalistic excellence.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for
24 the adoption of this resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will please say
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

14 The next order of business is
15 reports from committees, and the Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a
17 report from the Committee of the Whole.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
19 you, Madam President. The Committee of
20 the Whole reports out nine bills with a
21 favorable recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you very much.

24 I would ask the Clerk to please
25 read the report.

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2 THE CLERK: To the President
3 and members of the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia, the Committee of the Whole,
5 to which was referred Bill No. 060001,
6 entitled "An ordinance to adopt a Capital
7 Program for the six Fiscal Years 2007
8 through 2012 inclusive"; and

9 Bill No. 060002, entitled "An
10 ordinance to adopt the Fiscal 2007
11 Capital Budget"; and

12 Bill No. 060003, entitled "An
13 ordinance adopting the Operating Budget
14 for Fiscal Year 2007"; and

15 Bill No. 060004, entitled "An
16 ordinance amending Section 19-1801 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, to further authorize
18 the Board of education of the School
19 District of Philadelphia to impose a tax
20 on real estate"; and

21 Bill No. 060006, entitled "An
22 ordinance amending Section 19-2604 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates,
24 credits and alternative tax computation
25 for the business privilege tax, by

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2 reducing certain tax rates"; and

3 Bill No. 060008, entitled "An
4 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1800 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, to further authorize
6 the Board of Education of the School
7 District of Philadelphia to impose a tax
8 on the use or occupancy of real estate";
9 and

10 Bill No. 060014, entitled "An
11 ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Business
13 Privilege Taxes,' by adding a new
14 exception from the definition of
15 'Receipts'"; and

16 Bill No. 060089, entitled "An
17 ordinance amending Section 19-2604 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates,
19 credits and alternative tax computation
20 for the business privilege tax, by
21 reducing certain tax rates"; and

22 Bill No. 060090, entitled "An
23 ordinance amending Section 19-2604 of The
24 Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates,
25 credits and alternative tax computation

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2 for the business privilege tax, by
3 reducing certain tax rates, under certain
4 terms and conditions," respectfully
5 reports it has considered and amended the
6 same and returns the attached bills to
7 Council with a favorable recommendation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
13 you, Madam President. I move that the
14 rules of Council be suspended so as to
15 permit first reading this day of Bill
16 Nos. 060001, 02, 03, 04, 06, 08, Bill
17 Nos. 060014, 89 and 90.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
20 has been moved and properly seconded that
21 the rules of Council be suspended so as
22 to permit first reading this day of the
23 bills just read by the Clerk.

24 All in favor will please
25 indicate by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 ayes have it, and the bills just read
8 will be placed on our First Reading
9 Calendar for today.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 O'Neill for a report from the Joint
12 Committees on Technology and Information
13 Services and Public Property.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
15 Madam President. The Joint Committees on
16 Technology and Information Services and
17 Public Property and Public Works report
18 one bill with a favorable recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 I would ask the Clerk to please
22 read the report.

23 THE CLERK: To the President
24 and members of the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, the Joint Committees on

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2 Technology and Information Services and
3 Public Property and Public Works, to
4 which was referred Bill No. 060160,
5 entitled "An ordinance for the purpose of
6 creating a Citywide wireless broadband
7 Internet access system, to bridge the
8 digital divide, to increase the
9 efficiency and reduce costs of
10 government, and to promote economic
11 development and tourism," respectfully
12 reports it has considered and amended the
13 same and returns the attached bill to
14 Council with a favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
20 President, I move that the rules of
21 Council be suspended so as to permit
22 first reading this day of Bill No.
23 060160.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

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2 has been moved and properly seconded that
3 the rules of Council be suspended so as
4 to permit first reading this day of Bill
5 No. 060160.

6 All in favor will please say
7 aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 ayes have it, and the bill just read will
14 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
15 for today.

16 Council will now proceed under
17 a special order of business, a resolution
18 recalling Bill No. 060144.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Madam President, I
23 offer one resolution, and because this
24 resolution was not circulated yesterday,
25 I move that the rules of Council be

1 5/4/06 - STATED - SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
2 suspended to permit consideration of this
3 resolution at this time. And, Madam
4 President, I would like to briefly
5 explain the purpose of the recall and the
6 change in the original ordinance.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
9 has been moved and seconded that the
10 rules of Council be suspended so as to
11 permit consideration of this resolution.

12 All in favor will please say
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 ayes have it and the motion carries, and
20 the Chair again recognizes Councilman
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 Madam President, I'm recalling
25 this particular ordinance. This was an

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2 ordinance that the Council supported
3 unanimously in a prior session. The
4 ordinance essentially closed a loophole
5 that was created as a result of a 1966
6 agreement between the City of
7 Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Housing
8 Development Corporation. That loophole
9 that was closed essentially did not allow
10 the Philadelphia Housing Development
11 Corporation to acquire or dispose of
12 properties without the action of Council.

13 It was the concern, based on
14 some of the information that came out as
15 a result of the housing reorganization,
16 that the land bank that's being discussed
17 would be placed in the Philadelphia
18 Housing Development Corporation;
19 therefore, any disposition of properties
20 from that land bank would not have to go
21 through City Council with a resolution or
22 ordinance, and this particular bill
23 closed that loophole.

24 In further discussion with
25 members of the Administration, it was a

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2 concern, because the ordinance called for
3 an ordinance to be introduced to allow
4 the disposition of that land. I agreed
5 that that was somewhat cumbersome,
6 because there could possibly be a
7 substantial amount of properties that
8 would be disposed from PHDC, so at the
9 appropriate time, we would like to change
10 the language from an ordinance to a
11 resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

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

16 THE CLERK: A resolution
17 requesting the Mayor --

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Just
19 a moment, please.

20 Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you. May I interrogate the bill sponsor?

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Can
24 we have the title of the resolution read
25 first?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Of
3 course.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
5 Thanks.

6 THE CLERK: A resolution
7 requesting the Mayor to return to Council
8 Bill No. 060144, entitled "An ordinance
9 amending the ordinance approved June 28,
10 1966, Bill No. 1845, as amended, known as
11 the Philadelphia Development Agreement
12 Ordinance and entitled 'An ordinance
13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
14 Property, on behalf of the City, to enter
15 into an agreement with the Philadelphia
16 Housing Development Corporation to
17 provide for low-cost residential
18 development and redevelopment in the
19 City,'" for the purpose of
20 reconsideration by the Council of the
21 vote by which said bill passed Council.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Clarke.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I

3 wanted to ask --

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I

5 think you want to move.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'm sorry.

7 I move for the adoption of the

8 resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

13 you, Madam President. I just wanted to

14 ask my colleague a question for clarity.

15 You want to change it from a

16 bill to a resolution in order to permit

17 for further clarity on the reorganization

18 process or is there something else? I'm

19 not quite sure.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No. It

21 actually does not relate at all to the

22 reorganization, but during discussions

23 about the reorganization, it became clear

24 that one of the proposals would place all

25 publicly owned properties in the

1 5/4/06 - STATED - SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
2 Philadelphia Housing Development
3 Corporation's inventory. Because that
4 organization, per a 1966 agreement, does
5 not require a Council ordinance or a
6 Council resolution to dispose of
7 properties, we introduced this bill to
8 change that original agreement, so any
9 property being disposed of from PHDC or
10 acquired would require a Council
11 ordinance.

12 What we're attempting to do now
13 is to change it from ordinance to
14 resolution, because it can be somewhat
15 cumbersome for every single property,
16 given the potential volume of properties
17 that will be disposed of from PHDC, that
18 we change that to a resolution. And each
19 Councilmember under the current
20 tradition, the District Councilperson
21 would have to pass that resolution in
22 order to allow disposition of properties
23 from PHDC.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
25 you, Madam President. This is a very

1 5/4/06 - STATED - SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

2 important resolution, and as my
3 colleagues know, we're also reviewing how
4 VPRC could be affected, and we'll keep
5 you attuned, but we think this is an
6 excellent resolution and certainly look
7 forward to supporting it.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
13 has been moved and seconded that the
14 resolution be passed.

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 ayes have it and the motion carries.

22 At this time, I would ask the
23 Clerk to please read the letter from the
24 Mayor.

25 THE CLERK: To the President

1 5/4/06 - STATED - SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
2 and members of the Council of the City of
3 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith as
4 requested by your resolution adopted May
5 4, 2006 Bill No. 060144, entitled "An
6 ordinance amending the ordinance approved
7 June 28, 1966, Bill No. 1845, as amended,
8 known as the Philadelphia Housing
9 Development Agreement Ordinance," for the
10 purpose of reconsideration by the Council
11 of the vote by which said bill passed
12 Council.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Clarke for a motion that Council
17 reconsider the vote by which Bill No.
18 060144 was passed.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So moved,
20 Madam President.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
23 has been moved and seconded.

24 All in favor will please say
25 aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 ayes have it. A majority of all members
8 having voted in the affirmative, the
9 motion carries and the vote by which Bill
10 No. 061144 was passed has been
11 reconsidered. Bill No. 060144 will be
12 placed on the Second Reading and Final
13 Calendar for our next session of Council.

14 The next order of business is
15 the consideration of the Calendar, and
16 the Clerk will please read the bills on
17 our First Reading Calendar.

18 THE CLERK: Bill No. 060142,
19 entitled "An ordinance to amend the
20 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
21 zoning designations of certain areas of
22 land located within an area bounded by
23 Southampton Road, a Railroad
24 right-of-way, Hornig Road and the
25 Roosevelt Boulevard."

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair agrees.

4 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
5 060162, entitled "An ordinance to amend
6 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing
7 the zoning designations of certain areas
8 of land located within an area bounded by
9 Worthington Road, the Poquessing Creek
10 Park, Carter Road."

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair agrees.

13 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
14 060001, entitled "An ordinance to adopt
15 the Capital Program for the six Fiscal
16 Years 2007 through 2012 inclusive."

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair agrees.

19 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
20 060002, entitled "An ordinance to adopt
21 the Fiscal 2007 Capital Budget."

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair agrees.

24 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
25 060003, entitled "An ordinance adopting

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 1ST READING
2 the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year
3 2007."

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair agrees.

6 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
7 060004, entitled "An ordinance amending
8 Section 19-1801 of The Philadelphia Code,
9 to further authorize the Board of
10 Education of the School District of
11 Philadelphia to impose a tax on real
12 estate within the City of Philadelphia."

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair agrees.

15 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
16 060006, entitled "An ordinance amending
17 Section 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code,
18 relating to tax rates, credits and
19 alternative tax computation for the
20 business privilege tax, by reducing
21 certain tax rates."

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair agrees.

24 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
25 060008, entitled "An ordinance amending

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 1ST READING
2 Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code,
3 to further authorize the Board of
4 Education of the School District of
5 Philadelphia to impose a tax on the use
6 or occupancy of real estate within the
7 School District."

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair agrees.

10 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
11 060014, entitled "An ordinance amending
12 Chapter 19-2600 of The Philadelphia Code,
13 entitled 'Business Privilege Taxes,' by
14 adding a new exception from the
15 definition of 'Receipts.'"

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair agrees.

18 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
19 060089, entitled "An ordinance amending
20 Section 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code,
21 relating to tax rates, credits and
22 alternative tax computation for the
23 business privilege tax."

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair agrees.

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
3 060090, entitled "An ordinance amending
4 Section 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code,
5 relating to tax rates, credits and
6 alternative tax computation for the
7 business privilege tax."

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair agrees.

10 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
11 060160, entitled "An ordinance for the
12 purpose of creating a Citywide wireless
13 broadband Internet access system, to
14 bridge the digital divide, to the
15 increase the efficiency and reduce costs
16 of government, and to promote economic
17 development and tourism."

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair agrees. Thank you.

20 The next order of business is
21 the consideration of the Calendar for our
22 Second Reading and Final Passage
23 Calendar.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Blackwell regarding bills

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 that will be called up for consideration
3 on the Second Reading and Final Passage
4 Calendar.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
6 you, Madam President. Today our Calendar
7 starts on Page 7 at the bottom. We will
8 hear Bill No. 060088, Page 8, 060115,
9 060182, 060260 and all of Page 9, Bill
10 Nos. 051105, 060181, 060185, 060262. All
11 other bills are being held.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 I would ask the Clerk to please
15 read the title of Bill No. 060088.

16 THE CLERK: An ordinance to
17 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
18 changing the zoning designations of
19 certain areas of land located within an
20 area bounded by Broad Street, Lehigh
21 Avenue, 24th Street, Fox Street, Hunting
22 Park Avenue and Erie Avenue.

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

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 pass finally.
3 The Clerk will please call the
4 roll.
5 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell.
7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
15 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Krajewski.
20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Miller.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Reynolds Brown.
8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Council President
14 Verna.
15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
16 The ayes are 15; the nays are zero. A
17 majority of all members having voted in
18 the affirmative, the bill passes.
19 We will now consider Bill No.
20 060115.
21 THE CLERK: An ordinance
22 approving the third amendment of the
23 redevelopment proposal for the Convention
24 Center Renewal Area, being the area
25 generally bounded by Market Street,

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Juniper Street, Commerce Street, 13th
3 Street, Race Street, 12th Street and Vine
4 Street.

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

9 The Clerk will please call the
10 roll.

11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Krajewski.

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Miller.
5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
11 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Reynolds Brown.
14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Council President
20 Verna.
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
22 The ayes are 15; the nays are zero. A
23 majority of all members having voted in
24 the affirmative, the bill passes.
25 I would ask the Clerk to please

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 read the title of Bill No. 060182.

3 THE CLERK: An ordinance to
4 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
5 changing the zoning designations of the
6 area generally bounded by Verree Road,
7 Charette Road, Alicia Street, Alicia
8 Street extended and Marchman Road.

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

13 The Clerk will please call the
14 roll.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Krajewski.
6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Miller.
9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
14 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
15 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Reynolds Brown.
18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Council President
24 Verna.
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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2 The ayes are 15; the nays are zero. A
3 majority of all members having voted in
4 the affirmative, this bill passes.

5 We will now consider Bill No.
6 060260.

7 THE CLERK: An ordinance
8 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
9 Code by amending Section 14-104, entitled
10 "Non-Conforming Structures and Uses," by
11 amending provisions relating to the
12 reconstruction of non-conforming
13 structures.

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

18 The Clerk will please call the
19 roll.

20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Krajewski.
11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Miller.
14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
20 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Reynolds Brown.
23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
24 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

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2 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Council President
5 Verna.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 15; the nays are zero. A
8 majority of all members having voted in
9 the affirmative, the bill passes.

10 I would ask the Clerk to please
11 read the title of Bill No. 051105.

12 THE CLERK: An ordinance
13 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
14 for Industrial Development to file an
15 application with the Office of the
16 Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in
17 an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to
18 assist in the development of Moore
19 College of Art and Design.

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

24 The Clerk will please call the
25 roll.

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.
4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
5 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
7 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.
8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
9 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
12 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
13 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
18 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Miller.
20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
21 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
23 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
25 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

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2 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Council President

11 Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

13 The ayes are 15; the nays are zero. A
14 majority of all members having voted in
15 the affirmative, the bill passes.

16 We will now consider Bill No.

17 060181.

18 THE CLERK: An ordinance

19 amending Section 19-203 of The

20 Philadelphia Code, by adding a new

21 subsection permitting City employees who

22 are bargaining unit members of Fraternal

23 Order of Police, Philadelphia Lodge 5, to

24 authorize payroll deductions for

25 contributions to COPPAC.

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 2ND READING

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

6 The Clerk will please call the
7 roll.

8 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Miller.

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2 generally as the Byberry State Hospital
3 from the Philadelphia Keystone
4 Opportunity Zone.

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

9 The Clerk will please call the
10 roll.

11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Krajewski.

1 5/4/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Miller.
5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
6 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
8 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.
9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
10 THE CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
11 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Reynolds Brown.
14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
15 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
19 THE CLERK: Council President
20 Verna.
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
22 The ayes are 15; the nays are zero. A
23 majority of all members having voted in
24 the affirmative, the bill passes.
25 The last bill to be called for

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2 consideration is Bill No. 060262.

3 THE CLERK: An ordinance
4 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
5 Property to acquire from the School
6 District of Philadelphia the properties
7 known as 4800 through 4802 Fairmount
8 Avenue and 4927 through 4931 Chestnut
9 Street.

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

14 The Clerk will please call the
15 roll.

16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

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

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The ayes are 15; the nays are zero. A
4 majority of all members having voted in
5 the affirmative, the bill passes.

6 That completes our Calendar for
7 today.

8 Are there speeches on the part
9 of the Minority?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
12 there speeches on the part of the
13 Majority?

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Krajewski.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
17 you, Madam President. I just would like
18 to remind Council and staff that Nazareth
19 Hospital will be providing free stroke
20 screenings immediately after this
21 session.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: In
23 the Caucus Room?

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: In the
25 Caucus Room.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 Does anyone else want to be
5 recognized?

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Nutter.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I appreciate
10 Councilwoman Krajewski making that
11 announcement. I'm going to be going over
12 in a few minutes.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.
14 I think we all have to be checked,
15 believe me.

16 Do we have anyone else that
17 wants to be recognized?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
20 Seeing no one, the Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to
22 adjourn.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
24 President, I move that Council stand
25 adjourned until Thursday, May the 11th,

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2 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
5 has been moved and seconded that Council
6 stand adjourned until Thursday, May the
7 11th.

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 ayes have it and the motion carries.

15 Thank you.

16 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
17 11:45 a.m.)

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