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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

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5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Thursday, April 29, 2010
8 10:05 a.m.

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PRESENT:

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
13 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
14 COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
15 COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
16 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
17 COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
18 COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
19 COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
20 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
21 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
22 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
23 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
24 COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ
25 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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19 MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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

6 Council will come to order.
7 Members will take their seats, and
8 visitors will retire to the seats outside
9 the rails.

10 At this time, I would like to
11 ask everyone to please stand for a moment
12 of silence in memory of Tina Thompson,
13 who worked in City Council for 14 years
14 and passed away suddenly earlier this
15 week. I would also ask that you please
16 remain standing for our invocation.

17 (Members and guests standing.)

18 (Moment of silence.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: May
20 she rest in peace. Thank you.

21 To give our invocation this
22 morning, the Chair recognizes Monsignor
23 Michael McCulkin from the Cathedral
24 Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. He is
25 here today as the guest of Councilman

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2 Kelly.

3 Monsignor.

4 MONSIGNOR McCULKIN: Let us
5 pray.

6 Heavenly Father, we come before
7 you this day asking you to hear our
8 prayers, to answer our petitions, to help
9 us in our need. We praise and thank you,
10 Almighty Father, for the gift of life
11 most especially and for all the blessings
12 you have given to us, to our nation and
13 to our city.

14 Father God, as these members of
15 City Council gather to fulfill their
16 duties and responsibilities, grant them
17 your wisdom, courage, right judgment,
18 understanding, indeed every gift of your
19 spirit. In their deliberations, help
20 them to know and to do your will so that
21 in the fulfillment of their duties as
22 servants of the public trust and leaders
23 of the public good, your peace and
24 justice may abide with each and every one
25 of us, citizens and visitors of this

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2 great city.

3 Father, may they always
4 understand, appreciate and know that you
5 are the source of all life and of all
6 love. May they remember that your laws
7 are the only true measure of human law
8 and human activity.

9 And may all the citizens of
10 this City of Philadelphia be blessed by
11 you through the work which these
12 Councilmembers do on behalf of us all.

13 We ask all these things with
14 hope and entrust in your loving
15 providence and eternal mercy, now and
16 forever.

17 Amen.

18 (Amen.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 Chair thanks the Monsignor for his very
21 inspiring invocation.

22 Council will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 next order of business is the approval of

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2 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
3 April 22nd, 2010, and the Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
6 Madam Chair. I move that the Journal of
7 the meeting of Thursday, April 22nd, 2010
8 stand approved.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
11 has been moved and properly seconded that
12 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
13 April 22nd, 2010 stand approved.

14 All in favor will indicate by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 ayes have it and the Journal is approved.

22 The next order of business is
23 requests for leave of absence, and,
24 again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
3 Madam Chair. Madam Chair, on behalf of
4 the majority, there is a leave of absence
5 requested for Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 Chair thanks the Councilman. Leave will
8 be granted.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
12 President, on behalf of the republicans,
13 there are no requests for leave of
14 absence.

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

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

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2 you to come again.

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilmembers DiCicco and Kenney, who

5 will present a resolution recognizing the

6 Neumann-Goretti Basketball Team for

7 winning the Philadelphia Catholic League

8 Championship as well as the PIAA AAA

9 State Championship.

10 Will Coach Carl Arrigale and

11 the team members and those accompanying

12 them please join the Councilmen at the

13 podium.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

15 Madam President. This is a resolution

16 congratulating the Saints John

17 Neumann-Maria Goretti Boy's Basketball

18 Team on winning the Philadelphia Catholic

19 League Championship, City of Philadelphia

20 Championship and the PIAA AAA State

21 Championship.

22 Whereas, the Neumann-Goretti

23 Basketball Team led by Carl Arrigale had

24 an outstanding season finishing 30 and 1;

25 and

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2 Whereas, during the season, the
3 Saints attended the Iolani Classic
4 Tournament in Hawaii where they played
5 against teams from all over the country
6 but came in second and picked up their
7 only loss of the season against No. 1
8 nationally ranked Yates High School from
9 Houston, Texas at a score of 97-96;

10 Whereas, Neumann-Goretti
11 defeated Archbishop Carroll High School
12 75 to 59 to win the Philadelphia Catholic
13 League Championship that kicked off the
14 beginning of their sensational triple
15 crown performance;

16 Whereas, the Saints started on
17 a streak and went to defeat Dobbins 75-55
18 to capture the City Championship in an
19 exciting game that truly showed the
20 discipline and skill of the Saints team;

21 Whereas, the talent of this
22 team is truly unmatched, with the team's
23 seniors having a record of 97 and 20 and
24 winning two Catholic League titles in
25 their four years at Neumann-Goretti High

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2 School;

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Whereas,

4 Senior Guard Tony Chennault was named

5 Gatorade Pennsylvania Boy's Player of the

6 Year in recognition for his academic and

7 athletic accomplishments. Tony

8 Chennault, Tyreek Duren, Danny Stewart,

9 Mustafaa Jones and Lamin Fulton had an

10 extraordinary season and all five

11 starters were voted onto the Philadelphia

12 All Catholic Team; and

13 Whereas, the season hit its

14 pinnacle moment when the Saints defeated

15 Chartiers Valley 65-63 winning the PIAA

16 AAA Championship, which became the team's

17 first state title in school history; and

18 Whereas, the Neumann-Goretti

19 Saints finished No. 2 overall in the

20 ESPN's Boy's Basketball FAB 50 and ranked

21 No. 5 in the nation by USA Today.

22 Now, therefore, be it resolved,

23 by the Council of the City of

24 Philadelphia, that Council does hereby

25 congratulate Saints John Neumann-Maria

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2 Goretti Boy's Basketball Team on winning
3 the Philadelphia Catholic League
4 Championship, City of Philadelphia
5 Championship and the PIAA AAA State
6 Championship.

7 Further resolved, that an
8 engrossed copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Saints John Neumann-Maria
10 Goretti Boy's Basketball Team, further
11 evidencing the sincere sentiments of this
12 legislative body.

13 Signed by Councilwoman Anna C.
14 Verna, co-sponsored by myself and
15 Councilman Kenney, Councilman Jones,
16 Councilman Green and also all members of
17 City Council.

18 Congratulations.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
21 Chair recognizes Mr. Arrigale for
22 remarks.

23 MR. ARRIGALE: Thank you. On
24 behalf of Neumann-Goretti administration,
25 our team and everyone involved with our

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2 program, we'd like to thank City Council
3 for having us here today with this
4 resolution. A special thanks to
5 Councilwoman Verna, Councilman DiCicco
6 and even St. Joe's Prep's very own
7 Councilman Kenney. It's a real honor,
8 and it's just a pleasure for us to be
9 here today and I want to thank everybody.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 Council will be at ease.

14 (Council at ease.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Miller,
17 who will present a resolution
18 acknowledging Correctional Employees
19 Week.

20 Will Commissioner Giorla and
21 those accompanying him please join the
22 Councilwoman at the podium.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good
24 morning. I just need to let people know
25 the Prison didn't close. They have a lot

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2 of employees here. However, it's still
3 open.

4 Recognizing May 3rd through May
5 9th, 2010 as Correctional Employees Week.

6 Whereas, the employees of the
7 Philadelphia Prison System manage a
8 population of over 8,000 inmates, 24
9 hours a day, 365 days a year; and

10 Whereas, our prison employees
11 are responsible for the safety, security,
12 dignity and well-being of those who are
13 charged to their care; and

14 Whereas, by carrying out their
15 duties effectively, the men and women who
16 work at the Philadelphia Prison System
17 are protecting our communities and
18 enabling the smooth function of our
19 criminal justice system; and

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas,
21 within a controlled environment, our
22 correctional employees provide the
23 guidance, instruction, skills and
24 opportunities that allow people to remake
25 their lives and to reconnect with their

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2 families and communities;

3 Whereas, most importantly, our

4 correctional employees have demonstrated

5 a vision of a correctional system that

6 works hand in hand with our communities

7 and neighborhoods to support and

8 encourage those who change their lives

9 and begin to reach the promise and

10 potential that is within each of us; and

11 Whereas, correctional employees

12 are a vital partner in the public safety

13 picture;

14 Whereas, no group of

15 Philadelphia's public servants have a

16 more difficult or less publicly visible

17 job than the women and men that work in

18 our correctional facilities and offices.

19 Now, therefore

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Now,

21 therefore, be it resolved, by the City

22 Council of Philadelphia, that May 3rd

23 through May 9th, 2010 be recognized as

24 Correctional Employees Week.

25 Further resolved, that an

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2 engrossed copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Commissioner Louis Giorla as
4 evidence of the sincere sentiments of
5 this legislative body.

6 This is a true and correct copy
7 of the original resolution, adopted by
8 the Council of the City of Philadelphia
9 on the 22nd day of April 2010.

10 Signed by Anna C. Verna,
11 President. Introduced by Donna Reed
12 Miller and Frank Rizzo and co-sponsored
13 by all members of City Council.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Commissioner Giorla for
17 remarks.

18 COMMISSIONER GIORLA: Thank
19 you, Council President, Councilman Rizzo,
20 Councilwoman Reed Miller, members of
21 Council. On behalf of all the employees
22 of the Philadelphia Prison System, let me
23 offer my thanks for your recognition.

24 I brought a number of employees
25 with me who have been chosen Employees of

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2 the Year in their different departments,
3 and they represent scores of other people
4 who work for the prisons and dedicate
5 their lives every day to public service,
6 many more who are on duty at this moment.
7 So let me just offer my sincere thanks
8 for this honor.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At
15 this time, the Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Sanchez, who will present a
17 resolution honoring Telemundo and the
18 Please Touch Museum for their Day of the
19 Children event.

20 Will Yolanda Jimenez and
21 Concetta Bencivenga and those
22 accompanying them please join the
23 Councilwoman at the podium.

24 I see that Councilwoman Brown
25 is being joined for this resolution.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
3 you, all.

4 Recognizing and celebrating
5 Telemundo Philadelphia and the Please
6 Touch Museum's annual Dia del Nino and
7 declaring May 1st, 2010 as Dia del Nino
8 in the City of Philadelphia.

9 Whereas, Dia del Nino, or
10 Children's Day, is an annual event at
11 Philadelphia's Please Touch Museum which
12 provides an opportunity for youth in the
13 Latino community, as well as all of
14 Philadelphia's children, to explore youth
15 activities across cultures and across the
16 world;

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And
18 whereas, Dia del Nino offers
19 Philadelphia's children the opportunity
20 to enjoy and explore a variety of
21 activities, such as music, dancing and
22 games, which engage children through
23 interactive educational opportunities;
24 and

25 Whereas, the 2010 Dia del Nino

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2 will celebrate Philadelphia's cultural
3 diversity within the arts and the Latino
4 community by offering Aztec and Flamenco
5 dancing, Puerto Rican folk dances, a
6 puppet theatre with children's stories
7 and also a unique opportunity for
8 children to experience television
9 reporting through an interactive
10 reporting studio provided by Telemundo;
11 and

12 Whereas, the Second Annual is
13 sponsored by Telemundo Philadelphia, the
14 Philadelphia Please Touch Museum and a
15 host of other contributing organizations,
16 including holaciudad!, Goya, HCCS, Kidz
17 Partners, CHIP, McDonald's, Philadelphia
18 Kixx, El Sol Newspaper, Mega, ASPIRA,
19 Monarch House, Congreso, TOGETHER Chilean
20 Consulate, Cultural Roots Latin American
21 and the Puerto Rican Workshop; and

22 Whereas, the Second Annual Dia
23 del Nino will take place on May 1st, 2010
24 at the Philadelphia Please Touch Museum.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ:

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2 Therefore, be it resolved, by the Council
3 of the City of Philadelphia, that May
4 1st, 2010 be recognized as Dia del Nino
5 at the Please Touch Museum. We offer our
6 sincerest gratitude to Telemundo
7 Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Please
8 Touch Museum for their continued
9 dedication to providing Philadelphia's
10 children with exciting cultural and
11 educational activities. The annual Dia
12 del Nino event has inspired and educated
13 children and families across Philadelphia
14 and beyond, and we look forward to many
15 more years of fun, commitment and
16 success.

17 Be it further resolved, that a
18 copy of this be presented to Telemundo
19 and the Please Touch Museum as a token of
20 appreciation from the Council of the City
21 of Philadelphia, a certified copy by our
22 President, Anna Verna, and all my
23 colleagues in City Council.

24 Thank you very much.

25 (Applause.)

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2 MS. JIMENEZ: Good morning. On
3 behalf of Telemundo Philadelphia and
4 holaciudad.com, thank you, Councilwoman
5 Quinones-Sanchez, all members of Council,
6 our sponsors, the great partnership
7 between the Please Touch Museum and
8 Telemundo Philadelphia.

9 Children's Day, or Dia del
10 Nino, is a day to celebrate children and
11 their rights, a day where children can
12 learn through play and enjoy the
13 blessings of being a child.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 MS. BENCIVENGA: Good morning.
18 My name is Concetta Bencivenga and on
19 behalf of Laura Foster, President and CEO
20 of Please Touch Museum, I would like to
21 thank the Councilwoman and all members of
22 City Council for honoring us with this
23 wonderful recognition for Dia del Nino.
24 We look forward to seeing everyone on
25 Saturday.

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2 Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

5 Council will be at ease.

6 (Council at ease.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 next order of business is communications.

9 The Chair requests that the
10 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
11 the Chief Clerk.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
15 and members of the Council of the City of
16 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
17 that on April 22 and April 28, 2010, I
18 signed all of the bills that were passed
19 by Council at its sessions on April 15
20 and April 22, 2010, except Bill No.
21 090923; and

22 I am transmitting herewith for
23 the introduction and consideration of
24 your honorable body an ordinance
25 authorizing the Division of Technology to

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2 enter into an agreement with Network
3 Acquisition Company for the purchase of
4 certain equipment and other assets
5 comprising a wireless communications
6 network; and

7 Also an ordinance amending
8 Title 22 of The Philadelphia Code,
9 entitled "Public Employees Retirement
10 Code," to create two new Plans, entitled
11 "Plan '10" and "DC Plan," for certain
12 employees hired or rehired on or after
13 January 1, 2010; and certain electing
14 employees; and making technical changes;
15 all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
23 Madam President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The next order of business is
3 the introduction of bills and
4 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
5 Councilman Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I offer one resolution
8 and one bill.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
10 you.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 amending Section PM-304.10 of The
15 Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code of
16 Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code,
17 entitled "Periodic Inspection of Exterior
18 Walls and Appurtenances of Buildings," by
19 providing for appeals, under certain
20 terms and conditions.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
25 authorizing City Council's Joint

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2 Committees on the Environment and Streets
3 and Services to hold public hearings to
4 investigate the benefits of installing
5 energy efficient Light Emitting Diodes
6 streetlights, reducing annual energy
7 payments associated with streetlights.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Kenney for a motion.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
13 adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will indicate by
19 saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

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

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2 adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

6 you, Madam President. Today I introduce

7 one bill.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank

9 you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please

11 read the title of the bill.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

13 renaming and designating the 39th and

14 Olive Street Playground in Mantua as the

15 "Norman (Butch) Ellis Playground."

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The

17 bill will be referred to the appropriate

18 committee.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman

20 Greenlee.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank

22 you, Madam President. I offer one

23 resolution co-sponsored by Councilmembers

24 Kenney and DiCicco.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank

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2 you.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
4 honoring and recognizing Viki Sand.

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

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
8 you, Madam President. I move the
9 adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will indicate by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank

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2 you, Madam President. The Committee on
3 Appropriations -- I have no bills or
4 resolutions. Sorry.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
6 you.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Miller.

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

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chief Clerk will please
15 read the title.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 proclaiming May 2010 as "May is Better
18 Hearing and Speech Month."

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will 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 resolution is
10 adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Sanchez.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
14 you, Madam President. I have one
15 resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 read the title of the resolution.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 urging the Islamic Republic of Iran to
22 immediately release three young American
23 vacationers, Joshua Fattal, Shane Bauer
24 and Sarah Shourd, who have been detained
25 since July 31, 2009.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

3 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Sanchez.

5 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
6 you, Madam Chair. I move for the
7 adoption.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

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 resolution is
19 adopted.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I have no bills or
24 resolutions today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair thanks the gentleman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Jones.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I have one resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
9 the resolution.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 recognizing and celebrating the wisdom,
12 experience and contributions of
13 Philadelphians in the second half of life
14 during Older Americans Month.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

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

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will indicate by
25 saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Goode.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I offer one bill on
13 behalf of City Council leadership. I did
14 not draft the bill, I did not sign the
15 bill, and I'm not committed to voting for
16 the bill.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 read the title of the bill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
22 President, this is a real estate tax bill
23 and I want to make it clear, unless you
24 or Councilman Clarke are aware of
25 anything otherwise, that this is not on

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2 behalf of Council leadership. It's on

3 behalf of the democratic Council

4 leadership, and Councilman Rizzo and I

5 have not been consulted, nor do we agree

6 with this.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: That

9 will be noted for the record.

10 The Chief Clerk will please

11 read the title of the bill.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

13 amending Section 19-1301 of The

14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate

15 Taxes," by revising the real estate tax

16 rate, under certain terms and conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

18 bill will be referred to the appropriate

19 committee.

20 The Chair recognizes

21 Councilwoman Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

23 Madam President. No bills or resolutions

24 today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I offer one bill.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia
13 Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to provide
14 for proper display of valid parking meter
15 kiosk receipts.

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No bills
22 or resolutions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
4 Madam President. Madam President, just
5 for the record, as a member of democratic
6 leadership, I did not draft this
7 legislation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
9 didn't draft it either. We had the
10 appropriate person draft it. Thank you.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We're
13 getting very, very technical.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Sometimes
15 you must do that.

16 Madam President, I have four
17 bills, one co-sponsored by --

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: And I
19 believe you have one resolution.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Pardon me?

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
22 believe you also have one resolution.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No. We're
24 holding the resolution. One of the bills
25 is co-sponsored by Councilman Kelly and

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2 the other -- one is on your behalf and

3 the other is co-sponsored with you and

4 me.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

6 you.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: You and I.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

9 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

10 the bill.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

12 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia

13 Code, entitled "Public Employees

14 Retirement Code," to create two new

15 Plans, entitled "Plan '10" and "DC Plan,"

16 for certain employees hired or rehired on

17 or after January 1, 2010.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

19 bill will be referred to the appropriate

20 committee.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

22 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by

23 changing the zoning designations of

24 certain areas of land located within an

25 area bounded by Lindbergh Boulevard, 58th

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2 Street, Eastwick Avenue and 61st Street.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
7 amending Chapter 9-600 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Service and
9 Other Businesses," by amending Section
10 9-613, entitled "Junk Dealers," by
11 requiring Junk Dealers to obtain from
12 each customer a photocopy of valid
13 government issued photo identification
14 pursuant to each business transaction.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 bill will be referred to the appropriate
17 committee.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 authorizing the Division of Technology to
20 enter into an agreement with Network
21 Acquisition Company for the purchase of
22 certain equipment and other assets
23 comprising a wireless communications
24 network.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This

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2 bill will also be referred to the

3 appropriate committee.

4 Councilman, do you have a

5 resolution that you're going to

6 introduce?

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No, Madam

8 President. I'm holding that.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Okay.

10 Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman

12 Kelly.

13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam

14 President, I offer one bill co-sponsored

15 by Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank

17 you.

18 The Chief Clerk will please

19 read the title of the bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

21 amending Section 9-613 of The

22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Junk

23 Dealers," by establishing a license for

24 junk dealers and revising penalties for

25 violations.

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
8 President, two resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 read the title.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 recognizing Friday, May 7, 2010 as
15 Firefighter/MDA Day to kickoff the annual
16 International Association of Firefighters
17 Local 22 "Fill-the-Boot" Campaign in the
18 City of Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
22 President, I move for the adoption of
23 this resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

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

4 All in favor will indicate by
5 saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 recognizing, honoring, and celebrating
15 the officers of the Philadelphia Police
16 Department and declaring Thursday, May
17 27, 2010, "Philadelphia Police Officers
18 Appreciation Day."

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
20 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Rizzo.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
23 President, I move for the adoption of
24 this resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will indicate by
6 saying 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.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Blackwell for a report from
18 the Finance Committee.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you, Madam President. The Committee on
21 Finance reports out one bill with a
22 favorable recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the report.

3 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
4 and members of the Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia, the Committee on Finance,
6 to which was referred Bill No. 100093,
7 entitled "An ordinance authorizing and
8 directing the Mayor of the City of
9 Philadelphia to enter into, execute, and
10 deliver an agreement with the
11 Philadelphia Housing Authority to broaden
12 and make more efficient housing
13 opportunities and related services
14 administered by the Philadelphia Housing
15 Authority and existing within the City;
16 and specifically, which will make
17 additional units of affordable housing
18 available to City residents, under
19 certain terms and conditions,"
20 respectfully reports it has considered
21 the same and returns the attached bill to
22 Council with a favorable recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
4 you, Madam President. I move that the
5 rules of Council be suspended so as to
6 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
7 100093.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will indicate by
15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Krajewski for a report from

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2 the Committee on Appropriations.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank

4 you, Madam President. The Committee on

5 Appropriations reports three bills out

6 with a favorable recommendation.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

8 you.

9 The Chief Clerk will please

10 read the report.

11 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on

12 Appropriations, to which was referred

13 Bill No. 100216, entitled "An ordinance

14 authorizing transfers in appropriations

15 for Fiscal Year 2010 from the Grants

16 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -

17 Provision for Other Grants to the Housing

18 Trust Fund, the Mayor - Office of Housing

19 and Community Development"; and

20 Bill No. 100217, entitled "An

21 ordinance authorizing transfers in

22 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010

23 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the

24 Director of Finance - Federal Stimulus

25 Funding to the Department of Parks and

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2 Recreation - Parks, the Department of
3 Human Services - Philadelphia Prisons and
4 the District Attorney"; and

5 Bill No. 100218, entitled "An
6 ordinance authorizing transfers in
7 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010
8 within the General Fund from the Managing
9 Director - Division of Technology, the
10 Managing Director - Office of Fleet
11 Management, the Department of Human
12 Services - Philadelphia Prisons, the
13 Department of Revenue - Sinking Fund
14 Commission and the Board of Revision of
15 Taxes," respectfully reports it has
16 considered the same and returns the
17 attached bills to Council with a
18 favorable recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

20 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Krajewski.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
23 you. I move that the rules of Council be
24 suspended so as to permit first reading
25 this day of Bills 100216, 100217 and

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2 100218.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
5 has been moved and properly seconded that
6 the rules of Council be suspended so as
7 to permit first reading this day of the
8 bills just reported from committee.

9 All in favor will indicate by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 ayes have it, and the bills just read
17 will be placed on our First Reading
18 Calendar for today.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Miller for a report from the
21 Committee on Public Safety.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
23 you, Madam President. The Committee on
24 Public Safety reports one bill with a
25 favorable recommendation.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 read the report.

6 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
7 Public Safety, to which was referred Bill
8 No. 100214, entitled "An ordinance
9 amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia
10 Code, by amending Subcode F, entitled
11 'The Philadelphia Fire Code,' by further
12 delineating the Philadelphia Fire
13 Department's mission and obligation to
14 provide fire and other emergency services
15 via uniformed fire personnel including
16 Firefighters and Fire Service Paramedics,
17 and clarifying that all uniformed fire
18 personnel, including Fire Service
19 Paramedics, are authorized and required
20 to act as fire personnel," respectfully
21 reports it has considered the same and
22 returns the attached bill to Council with
23 a favorable recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move

5 that the rules of Council be suspended so

6 as to permit first reading of this

7 bill -- first reading this day of Bill

8 No. 100214.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

11 has been moved and properly seconded that

12 the rules of Council be suspended so as

13 to permit first reading this day of the

14 bill just reported from committee.

15 All in favor will indicate by

16 saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

22 ayes have it, and the bill just read will

23 be placed on our First Reading Calendar

24 for today.

25 We do have special business to

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2 be considered at this time. The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Clarke for a
4 special order of business.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
6 Madam President. Madam President,
7 Resolution No. 100235, which would
8 approve the annual Program Statement and
9 Budget for the expenditure of NTI Bond
10 Proceeds for Fiscal 2010 was referred to
11 the Committee on Housing. I move that
12 the Committee on Housing be discharged
13 from further consideration for Resolution
14 100235 so that the resolution may be
15 placed on the Calendar for today.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you. It has been moved and properly
19 seconded that Resolution No. 100235 be
20 discharged from committee.

21 All in favor will indicate by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 ayes have it, and Resolution No. 100235
5 is discharged from committee. Resolution
6 No. 100235 will be placed at the end of
7 today's Calendar for consideration today.

8 The Chair now recognizes
9 Councilman DiCicco for an additional
10 special order of business.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. Madam President, Bill
13 No. 100198 relating to the real estate
14 tax was referred to the Committee of the
15 Whole. As the sponsor of the bill, I
16 would like the bill to be withdrawn.
17 However, before the bill may be
18 withdrawn, it must first be discharged
19 from committee. Therefore, I move that
20 the Committee of the Whole be discharged
21 from consideration of Bill No. 100198.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
24 you. It has been moved and properly
25 seconded that Bill No. 100198 be

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2 discharged from committee.

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 Bill No. 100198 is
10 discharged from committee.

11 The Chair again recognizes
12 Councilman DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move that Bill No.
15 100198 be withdrawn.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you. It has been moved and properly
19 seconded that Bill No. 100198 be
20 withdrawn.

21 All in favor will indicate by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 ayes have it, and Bill No. 100198 is
5 withdrawn.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
7 President, I'd like to be recognized.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
9 sorry. I didn't see your light on. The
10 Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I'd like
12 to be recognized for an additional
13 special order of business. Madam
14 President, Bill No. 100118 relating to
15 the sugar-sweetened beverage tax was
16 referred to the Committee of the Whole.
17 I move that the Committee of the Whole be
18 discharged from further consideration of
19 Bill No. 100118.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Oppose.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Point of
23 order.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Just
25 a moment, please.

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2 Has this been discussed with
3 the sponsor of the bill?

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
5 President, this is an Administration bill
6 that was introduced by the Majority
7 Leader. It's my personal belief that
8 it's an Administration bill. If the
9 Majority Leader wasn't here, the Minority
10 Leader would have been -- Majority Whip
11 would have been asked to introduce it,
12 and if the Majority Whip weren't here or
13 didn't want to introduce it, it would go
14 to another member for introduction, and
15 we saw that today I think in the case of
16 the bill introduced by Councilman Goode.

17 This is not the equivalent of
18 what Councilman DiCicco just said was his
19 bill. That was not an Administration
20 bill. That was Councilman DiCicco's
21 bill, and I would never have moved to
22 discharge or in any other way similarly
23 effect a bill introduced by another
24 Councilmember on their own behalf.

25 Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam
7 President, I am hard-pressed to
8 understand why we are moving to discharge
9 a bill when we have yet as a Council body
10 not decided how we're going to act on any
11 of these bills as a whole.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
13 President, I can respond to that.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
15 Please do.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: If there
17 aren't nine votes to discharge it, we
18 certainly made a strong statement in
19 terms of our willingness to still
20 consider this. It's my understanding
21 that there aren't any votes or not more
22 than one or two, and we're not going to
23 move this budget process along until we
24 can put some of these matters to rest so
25 they're out of the public eye and move

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2 other matters that are, as of today at
3 least, very seriously in the public eye,
4 like the real estate tax. And this
5 budget has been going nowhere and maybe
6 this is a way to start moving it in the
7 direction it has to move in a little over
8 a month.

9 Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
13 you, Madam President.

14 I think at hearings I certainly
15 raised concerns that I have, and I
16 certainly am not supportive of the sugar
17 tax. However, I'm not sure this is the
18 way to do things right now, with all due
19 respect to Councilman O'Neill. In
20 fairness, just to compare it to what just
21 happened, Councilman DiCicco called or
22 tried to at least contact every
23 Councilmember about his withdrawal of his
24 bill, and I know it's different, but he,
25 I think, went through what I would call

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2 the proper procedures.

3 I think to just be asked to
4 have a bill discharged just on the floor
5 without any discussion from other
6 members, with all due respect to
7 Councilman O'Neill -- and I think I share
8 his opinion on the merits of the bill --
9 I just don't think this is the way to go
10 and I think it could start sort of a bad
11 precedent.

12 So I would respectfully ask
13 Councilman O'Neill to withdraw his
14 motion. If he doesn't, I think we should
15 not at this point discharge it, although
16 I will go on record to anybody that might
17 be listening, I do agree with Councilman
18 O'Neill, I think there are serious
19 concerns about this bill.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
23 you, Madam President.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 I have similar concerns about
5 the sugar-sweetened beverage tax in its
6 current form and also the trash bag fee,
7 or whatever that is, but the thing that
8 people should be aware of is if those two
9 vehicles come off the table, the only
10 alternative you're going to have is real
11 estate taxes, and it's going to be a lot
12 higher than nine percent, which is what
13 some people think may be doable. The
14 other alternative to that -- and I know
15 that many people in this Chamber always
16 talk about their support for the Police
17 and Fire Department and their members and
18 the members of the City government
19 workforce, but the only other alternative
20 to raising revenue is laying all those
21 folks off, which I don't think is really
22 very supportive of them in the long run.
23 It takes a long time to become a
24 firefighter in the City and a police
25 officer in the City and become a

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2 sanitation worker, and if the alternative
3 that is being suggested is we take
4 everything off the table or we are raise
5 real estate taxes much higher than are
6 being recommended now or we lay off
7 folks, I just want to make sure everybody
8 knows the alternatives, because the
9 alternative to no revenue is layoffs, and
10 if that's where people want to go, that's
11 fine, but don't profess your support for
12 certain departments in the City if you're
13 willing to allow them to lose their jobs.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Sanchez.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
19 you, Madam President.

20 I share similar concerns with
21 the revenue options presented by the
22 Administration, but I will remind my
23 colleagues that for the last few weeks
24 many of us have been working countless
25 hours to try to find some solution to

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2 minimize potential layoffs but, at the
3 same time, ask the Administration to make
4 further cuts. And in the spirit of those
5 discussions where we have debated and
6 talked about revenue options and cuts and
7 what cuts will mean to services, I would
8 ask that my colleague withdraw this at
9 this time.

10 I think we've made good
11 progress. The numbers are what they are,
12 and I think that we have been elected to
13 provide some leadership and if we agree
14 with these numbers, to provide the
15 Administration with a viable option that
16 we can live with politically, and I think
17 that taking anything off the table right
18 now sends the signal that we're not
19 reaching consensus, and I actually
20 believe that we have some philosophical
21 agreements of where we want to go.

22 Thank you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
4 Madam President.

5 I also would like to go on
6 record on two matters. One, to appeal to
7 my colleague to withdraw his motion, and
8 secondly to make it exceedingly clear I
9 support all of what the sugar tax stands
10 for. And to underscore Councilman
11 Kenney's issues raised, at the end of the
12 day we have to do something, because cuts
13 are not going to get us there.

14 And, lastly, it's my
15 understanding that leadership has been in
16 consistent, regular, deliberative
17 discussions about how best we move to a
18 solution that all of us can live with.

19 Thank you, Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

21 You're welcome.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 We have taken testimony on this
3 bill. We've also taken public testimony
4 at least twice so far where a number of
5 people have chose this bill to discuss in
6 their public testimony, and we'll be
7 taking public testimony next Tuesday,
8 Friday and Saturday.

9 Every member of Council is
10 aware that there is very little support
11 for this bill. At the end of the day, I
12 don't really see a reason why we will
13 allow the sugary drink industry to spend
14 the amount of money that they're spending
15 to defeat a bill that may already be
16 dead, particularly when that money would
17 be better invested in education about
18 health.

19 So if we're going to take
20 testimony next Tuesday, Friday and
21 Saturday, also why take time away from
22 issues that we can discuss otherwise,
23 knowing the position of the public,
24 knowing the position of the industry and
25 knowing our own positions in terms of

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2 where we actually will stand at the end
3 of the day. So the issue is why waste
4 time.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
6 you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
10 Madam President.

11 Madam President, I think a lot
12 has obviously been said about this
13 particular bill, so I'll speak more about
14 the procedural issue and acknowledging
15 that there has been substantive
16 discussion, regardless of the fact that
17 we have not come to a consensus on
18 anything at this point, but I do believe
19 that that discussion continues to happen.
20 As Councilman Goode just said, we
21 actually just have some additional public
22 testimony.

23 I'm a little concerned, from my
24 personal perspective, about removing any
25 of the issues off of the table that can

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2 raise revenue, because I don't see any
3 one particular proposal at this point
4 that will raise what I believe to be
5 ultimately the necessary revenue, because
6 at the end of the day, the number of cuts
7 will be subject to some sort of
8 concurrence from the Mayor. That has not
9 happened yet.

10 So prior to us eliminating any
11 revenue options, I think it's probably
12 prudent on behalf of Council to keep all
13 options on the table and continue the
14 deliberate conversations that we are
15 having and do this in a thoughtful and
16 meaningful way.

17 So I respectfully ask my
18 colleague -- and I understand his
19 concern, because I think all of us have
20 concerns about this particular issue --
21 if he will withdraw the motion so we can
22 keep those options on the table and
23 continue the level of conversation.

24 It appears that we are making
25 progress. I can honestly say today as it

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2 relates to the real estate tax that was
3 withdrawn by Councilman DiCicco, I
4 probably -- and although I support
5 Councilman DiCicco on pretty much
6 everything he's ever wanted to do, I
7 would have had some concerns about voting
8 for that unless there was a viable
9 option; i.e., the bill that was
10 introduced, quote/unquote, on behalf of
11 the leadership of the democratic Council.
12 That, to a degree, supplanted that bill
13 that was withdrawn, so I felt a little
14 more comfortable with that. But at this
15 point, I don't see any other options that
16 will be on the table if we start
17 withdrawing some of the other revenue
18 measures. So I respectfully ask my
19 colleague to withdraw his motion.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 I have the highest degree of
3 respect for my colleague Councilman
4 O'Neill and recognize his party's
5 leadership in this legislative body, but
6 equally and, if not more, I recognize my
7 majority leader, Councilwoman Tasco's,
8 responsibility in the democratic
9 leadership. She introduced the bill.
10 She is not here to defend it. In that
11 process alone, we should give her the
12 courtesy of having input on that
13 discussion.

14 Secondly, last year this body
15 punted its responsibility to the
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and asked
17 them to do the heavy lifting to raise the
18 revenues for our city. They did so.
19 They did so. They did so. But this year
20 we're going to handle our business here,
21 because I can safely tell you that there
22 are many people who have opinions about
23 revenue enhancements, which are a nice
24 cute way of saying taxes, but at the end
25 of the day, I travel through

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2 neighborhoods where those services are
3 vital, vital.

4 So we're not going to do
5 anything in haste. As the Majority
6 Leader would say, act in haste and repent
7 in your leisure. So she's not here.
8 I'll say it and put it on the record for
9 her. So I would respectfully ask my
10 colleague to withdraw.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
16 you, Madam President.

17 I too am going to ask my
18 colleague to withdraw the motion. The
19 sponsor of the bill, the Majority Leader,
20 is not here. I agree with so many things
21 that so many of these Councilmembers have
22 said today. And I think we're acting in
23 haste. We have been in meetings over and
24 over again really, really, really
25 discussing this whole topic, and for this

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2 to suddenly be asked to withdraw it today
3 makes me very uncomfortable. And I just
4 want to call on my colleague to withdraw
5 his motion.

6 Thank you.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Madam
12 President. Once again to the substance
13 of the issue on the sugary tax,
14 information continues to flow. The issue
15 is not dead in terms of content, and I
16 want to simply bring to the attention of
17 my colleagues a most recent poll, which
18 suggests that given Philadelphia's
19 voters' high level of concern around
20 childhood obesity, it should not be
21 surprising that a majority, based on this
22 particular poll -- and, of course, we
23 always have to consider the source --
24 favors a sugar-sweetened beverage tax to
25 support programs that fight obesity.

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2 When presented as a stand-alone approach
3 to address the City's budget shortfall,
4 the sugar-sweetened beverage tax is more
5 popular than any other revenue-raising
6 solutions.

7 So the issue is not dead.

8 There's still a segment of our populus
9 that does believe this is an alternative
10 that should be considered, and, yes, it
11 should remain on the table, Madam
12 President.

13 Thank you very much.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
19 Madam Chair.

20 I just would like to say, if I
21 understood Councilman Goode correctly,
22 that I agree with him. We all know what
23 the final vote is going to be on this
24 tax, I believe. Why should we have the
25 public and other people come testify

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2 about a tax that has no legs? Let's talk
3 about the real solutions to our problems
4 and what revenue measures and what cuts
5 we're going to make, and stop the
6 lobbying effort, the public relations
7 campaign and other things related to
8 things that we basically know we're not
9 going to do.

10 Thank you, Madam Chair.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

12 You're welcome.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: I don't know
16 what caucus that came from, but my vote
17 has not been registered on anything.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: And until we
20 have a full set of information, it is
21 irresponsible to take things off the
22 table without considering their intended
23 and unintended consequence.

24 So my vote is not already in
25 one column or the other, and will only be

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2 in one column or the other when we have a
3 full discussion from all perspectives on
4 what those impacts will be.

5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 Councilman Greenlee.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
10 you, Madam President.

11 We talked a lot about this, but
12 I just want to add one other thing to
13 what Councilman Green said. I mean, it's
14 not unusual to have bills on the Calendar
15 that we know are not going to have the
16 votes. Last year Councilwoman Tasco as
17 majority leader similarly put in a bill
18 to raise real estate taxes. It was quite
19 clear after a period of time that there
20 were not the votes for that. I didn't
21 see -- I don't think anybody saw a need
22 at that point to pull that bill. I think
23 we've done that in previous years. I
24 just don't see the necessity now, again,
25 together with the fact that the main

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2 sponsor is not here why we have to move
3 that, again, even though we could have
4 debates on the merits of the bill. And,
5 again, I'll go on record, I have serious
6 concerns about that bill, but I just
7 don't think this is the proper way to do
8 it.

9 Thank you, Madam President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 Councilman O'Neill, there are
13 two other members that would like to be
14 recognized.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: If they
16 haven't spoken yet, they should get their
17 chance, otherwise I'd ask to speak.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
19 right. The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
22 President, I have the highest respect for
23 all the members, my colleagues, who have
24 spoken, along with those that haven't,
25 and there's a lot more interest in

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2 keeping this in the mix and keeping this
3 on the table obviously from the remarks
4 that were made. I was led to believe
5 from some private conversations that that
6 was not the case. Maybe that will change
7 by next week, but I certainly am willing
8 to withdraw this today at their request,
9 although I don't think that doing it
10 would have been irresponsible, but I
11 respect Councilman Jones' right to say
12 that.

13 I do have another motion. The
14 Bill No. 100 -- could I be recognized to
15 make another motion, Madam President?
16 I'm sorry.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Bill No.
19 100131, the trash fee bill, was referred
20 to the Committee of the Whole. I move
21 that the Committee of the Whole be
22 discharged from further consideration of
23 Bill No. 100131.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
25 there a second? Anybody want to be

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2 recognized?

3 I see Councilman Goode and
4 Councilwoman Brown have their lights on.
5 Did you want to be recognized at this
6 time?

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes.

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

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 I wanted to be recognized on
13 the first motion. I had a conversation
14 with the Majority Leader by phone. She
15 does not wish for that motion to move
16 forward, and so I have to withdraw my
17 support for the motion, although I think
18 Councilman O'Neill did the right thing.

19 It is decision time. It's time
20 for people to stop the confusion and make
21 up their minds, do what they're going to
22 do. If people want to wait, they can
23 wait, but at the end of the day, I think
24 people know what we're going to do
25 anyway. Let's actually stop the

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2 confusion, stop sending mixed messages to
3 the public and just do what we have to
4 do.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 Councilwoman Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Madam
10 President. I'd like to underscore the
11 remarks shared by the Majority Whip, that
12 for now all measures need to stay on the
13 table and remain on the table until we
14 collectively do what Councilman Goode has
15 suggested, make a decision collectively.

16 Thank you, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 Does anyone else want to be
20 recognized?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

23 Seeing no one, Councilman O'Neill, would
24 you make your --

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

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2 President, in light of what Councilman
3 Goode just informed us and me personally
4 about Councilwoman Tasco's position, out
5 of respect for her, it would serve no
6 purpose. I withdraw this motion. And,
7 again, we have another week next week to
8 talk about it. I do think this bill is
9 deader than dead, but out of respect for
10 the Councilwoman and Majority Leader, I
11 will withdraw it.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you very much.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The next order of business is
18 the consideration of the Calendar. I
19 note that the bills just reported from
20 committees with a suspension of the rules
21 have been deemed to have had a first
22 reading. The bills will be placed on our
23 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
24 for our next session of Council.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read any other bills on the First Reading
3 Calendar.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 100215,
5 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the
6 revision of lines and grades on a portion
7 of City Plan No. 312 by striking from the
8 City Plan Hegerman Street from Aubrey
9 Avenue to a point approximately
10 one-hundred eighty-seven feet
11 southwestwardly therefrom and reserving
12 and placing on the City Plan a
13 right-of-way for gas main purposes within
14 the northwesterly half of the portion of
15 Hegerman Street being stricken."

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you. This bill will be placed on our
18 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
19 for our next session of Council.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Clarke for the purpose of calling up
22 bills on the Second Reading and Final
23 Passage Calendar to be considered today.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
25 Madam President. Madam President, Bill

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2 Nos. 100133-A, 080758, 100195, 090905,
3 090908, 090924, 100100, 100157, 100220
4 and No. 100185 are being called up for
5 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
6 today.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: All other
10 bills are being held.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you very much.

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read the title of Bill No. 100133-A.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
16 amend the Institutional Development
17 Master Plan of Temple University, by
18 allowing for the construction of
19 additions to Pearson and McGonigle Halls
20 which are located at 1800 North Broad
21 Street.

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

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 call the roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Greenlee.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Krajewski.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Reynolds Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Sanchez.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

21 Verna.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

23 The ayes are 16; the nays are

24 zero. A majority of all members having

25 voted in the affirmative, the bill

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2 passes.

3 We will now consider Bill No.
4 080758.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia
7 Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses,
8 Trades and Professions," by creating a
9 new Chapter relating to energy
10 conservation.

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

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 call the roll.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 Greenlee.

8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

12 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Krajewski.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Miller.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Reynolds Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Sanchez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

10 Verna.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

12 The ayes are 16; the nays are
13 zero. A majority of all members having
14 voted in the affirmative, the bill
15 passes.

16 The Chief Clerk will please
17 read the title of Bill No. 090905.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing the revision of lines and
20 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 322
21 by relocating the southeasterly curbline
22 of State Road, from Pennypack Street to
23 Linden Avenue.

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

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

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 call the roll.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Clarke.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 DiCicco.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 Greenlee.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Krajewski.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Miller.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

12 O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Reynolds Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Sanchez.

21 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

23 Verna.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

25 The ayes are 16; the nays are

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2 zero. A majority of all members having
3 voted in the affirmative, this bill
4 passes.

5 We will now consider Bill No.
6 090908.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 amending Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill
9 No. 070392), entitled "An ordinance
10 authorizing and directing the revision of
11 lines and grades on a portion of City
12 Plan No. 271 by striking from the City
13 Plan and vacating Lewellen Street from
14 Delaware Avenue to Canal Street."

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

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Clarke.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Reynolds Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Sanchez.

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

14 Verna.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

20 We will now consider Bill No.

21 090924.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
23 authorizing the revision of lines and
24 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 55
25 by striking from the City Plan and

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2 vacating the legally open portions of
3 Adams Avenue from Aramingo Avenue to the
4 northwesterly right-of-way line of the
5 Delaware Expressway.

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

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 call the roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Greenlee.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

9 Kenney.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Krajewski.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Miller.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Reynolds Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Sanchez.

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
5 Verna.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 read the title of Bill No. 100100.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 amending Section 9-213 of The
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers'
16 Markets," by adding as a permissible
17 location the sidewalk of the east side of
18 Broad Street between Porter and Ritner
19 Streets.

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 Chief Clerk will please
25 call the roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Clarke.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

9 DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

14 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 Greenlee.

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Krajewski.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Miller.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Reynolds Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Sanchez.

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

19 Verna.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

21 The ayes are 16; the nays are
22 zero. A majority of all members having
23 voted in the affirmative, this bill
24 passes.

25 We will now consider Bill No.

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2 100157.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 authorizing the revision of lines and
5 grades on a portion of City Plan Nos.
6 11-S, 42, 269 and 308 by relocating the
7 houseslines and curblines of South Street
8 from a point approximately one-hundred
9 seventy feet northwest of Convention
10 Avenue to the northwesterly Pierhead and
11 Bulkhead Line of the Schuylkill River.

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

16 The Chief Clerk will please
17 call the roll.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

6 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Greenlee.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Miller.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Reynolds Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Sanchez.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

11 Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 read the title of Bill No. 100220.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill
21 No. 080279), entitled "An ordinance
22 authorizing and directing the revision of
23 lines and grades on a portion of City
24 Plan Nos. 52-S and 53-S by placing on the
25 City Plan Twenty-Sixth Street from

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2 Penrose Avenue southwardly approximately
3 one-thousand eight-hundred thirty-two
4 feet to a dead-end."

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 Chief Clerk will please
10 call the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Greenlee.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Krajewski.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Reynolds Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Sanchez.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
4 Verna.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

10 The last bill to be considered
11 is Bill No. 100185.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Section 10-602 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, known as the "Clean
15 Indoor Air Worker Protection Law," by
16 providing a limited period of time,
17 expiring June 30, 2010, during which a
18 Private Club, as defined, may apply for
19 and obtain a waiver of the provisions of
20 the Section prohibiting smoking in
21 certain places.

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

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 call the roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Greenlee.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Krajewski.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Reynolds Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Sanchez.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

21 Verna.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

23 The ayes are 16; the nays are

24 zero. A majority of all members having

25 voted in the affirmative, the bill

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2 passes.

3 The Chief Clerk will please
4 read the title of Resolution No. 100235.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 approving the annual Program Statement
7 and Budget for the expenditure of the
8 Neighborhood Transformation Initiative
9 Bond Proceeds for Fiscal Year 2010.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke for a
12 motion on the resolution.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
14 Madam Chair. I move that Council stand
15 adjourned until Thursday --

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No,
17 Councilman.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
19 Chair, after today I'm trying to --

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
21 asking for a motion on your resolution.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'm sorry.
23 I'm trying to accelerate our departure.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
25 wonder why.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'm sorry,
3 Madam President. I digress. Madam
4 President, I'd like to make a motion on
5 the NTI resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will indicate by
11 saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

19 Are there speeches on the part
20 of the minority?

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Kelly.

23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 Madam President, I was very

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2 fortunate to attend a breakfast meeting
3 this morning which was held to promote a
4 great program available to the citizens
5 of our city, and this is Project
6 Lifesaver. This provides a safety net
7 for any of the families who have an
8 autistic child or perhaps anyone who
9 suffers from Alzheimer's. This provides
10 a great safety feature in it, and I would
11 urge anyone that's interested in this
12 program to contact the LoJack Safety
13 Network Organization, and I have
14 distributed brochures with that
15 information and their phone numbers on
16 it.

17 And also at this time I would
18 like to thank Mayor Nutter, Commissioner
19 Ramsey and Michael Tuckerman of the
20 Project Lifesaver and all the great
21 people from LoJack to provide this
22 program. I think it's a great, great,
23 excellent program, and I'm hoping that
24 this eventually will save lives.

25 Thank you, Madam President.

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2 we need to.

3 With full appreciation of
4 Ms. Moore's sentiment and taking Mayor
5 Nutter at his word, our path forward
6 becomes clearer. We must tighten our
7 belt. We must reduce the size and cost
8 of government. We must demonstrate to
9 citizens that government knows how to
10 stick to a budget, just as citizens like
11 Ms. Moore do, and grow more efficient
12 over time.

13 Some additional data points can
14 guide us during our process. Last year
15 the City reduced the number of filled
16 full-time positions through attrition and
17 simultaneously cut overtime costs. The
18 result: 62 percent of citizens polled in
19 February reported they had seen no change
20 in services. Fifteen more percent said
21 services had improved.

22 Prior to introducing the
23 proposed FY11 budget, the Administration
24 hired a consultant to run several focus
25 groups about the budget. When the

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2 participants were asked whether the City
3 should increase taxes or reduce services
4 to solve the budget crisis, two times as
5 many people in the Administration's own
6 focus groups voted for reducing services
7 rather than raising taxes.

8 We can provide the same level
9 of service, though not ideal, without
10 increasing taxes. But we also know,
11 because we work to achieve this goal day
12 in and day out, that government can work
13 better and at lower cost, just as it did
14 last year.

15 In the teeth of this feedback
16 from citizens and not inconsistent with
17 the Mayor's comments in Chicago this
18 week, the proposed budget adds -- I'm
19 sorry; the proposed budget adds 200
20 full-time positions to the City workforce
21 in 2011 and another 174 positions in
22 2012. That is hardly lowering the cost
23 and size of government because we need
24 to, as the Mayor told everybody in
25 Chicago was his plan. This expansion in

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2 the size of government is supported by
3 143 million in new taxes and fees in
4 2011, rising to 184 million in 2012.

5 At a time when households
6 continue to feel the aftershocks of the
7 economic downturn, it is incumbent on us
8 to pass a budget that reduces spending as
9 much as possible. Now is not the time
10 for us to look to taxpayers to fund new
11 programs, new hires, new initiatives.

12 We are the only major city in
13 the country not asking for shared citizen
14 sacrifice. Philadelphians would step up,
15 as evidenced by the Administration's own
16 focus groups. In informal surveys that
17 I've done, people would rather have
18 twice-a-month trash pickup than have
19 their real estate taxes increased.

20 It is my firm belief that
21 unless we budget for efficiency savings,
22 we will never achieve them. If we
23 appropriate the full amount requested,
24 there will be no incentive for
25 departments to strive for efficiencies.

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2 It is our duty and our charge from
3 Ms. Moore to drive down any additional
4 revenue needed by as much as possible.

5 The hole we need to close for
6 Fiscal Year 2011 is 79 million. If we
7 leave a modest 20 million cushion and
8 force the Administration to live within
9 its means, live within what is
10 appropriated, we can have about 50
11 million in spending reductions. We've
12 also found over 13 million in additional
13 revenue, some of it one time, not
14 included in the proposed budget. That
15 leaves a hole of \$43 million.

16 If we close this hole with tax
17 increases, they should be short-lived and
18 not regressive, unlike the proposed trash
19 fee or legally questionable
20 sugary-sweetened beverage tax.

21 As Councilmembers have pointed
22 out, a modest real estate tax increase
23 that sunsets in one year would be far
24 less regressive than the proposed trash
25 fee. If Council determines that the real

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2 estate tax is the way to go, I will be
3 proposing that we close it through a
4 modest five percent property tax increase
5 for 2011 that will be reduced by the
6 amount revenues exceed projections for
7 the upcoming tax amnesty program or if
8 local tax revenues exceed projections for
9 the first quarter of FY11 on an
10 annualized dollar-for-dollar basis. This
11 would eliminate almost 100 million of the
12 143 million in new taxes and fees
13 proposed by the Administration, and it
14 would more than double the level of
15 spending reductions proposed by the
16 Administration.

17 We have choices to make. We
18 can continue to kick the can down the
19 road by increasing the size and cost of
20 government, as the Administration has
21 proposed, and stick taxpayers with the
22 bill or we can do the heavy lifting that
23 citizens like Ms. Moore have called upon
24 us to pursue. The choice is clear.

25 Thank you, Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

3 You're welcome.

4 The Chair recognizes

5 Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you, Madam President. I rise for two
8 issues. Once again, our Partnership for
9 Prescription Assistance table is in the
10 hallway, number one.

11 Number two, tomorrow in
12 Conversation Hall at 8:30 for a few
13 hours, we will be celebrating again the
14 Lucien E. Blackwell Guiding Light Awards.
15 This is a program that Malik Aziz -- many
16 of you know him. He's a community
17 activist. He works with everything from
18 reentry to helping communities who have
19 lost people to doing what he can in this
20 Administration and the last
21 Administration to improve the quality of
22 life. This was his brainchild. He
23 started it when Lucien Blackwell passed.
24 Tomorrow we will have it again in the
25 Conversation Hall. We will have

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2 breakfast starting at 8:30 and give out
3 awards, Malik will, for those who have
4 served our City well. So we invite you,
5 and we say thank you to Malik and thank
6 you all.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Jones.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
12 Madam President.

13 As a -- first let me first say
14 that I want to compliment my colleague
15 Councilman Green on his diligence and
16 attention to detail in each department of
17 the budget, recognizing efficiencies,
18 vacancies and better ways to identify
19 cost savings. And I have joined him on a
20 number of occasions, including the
21 Freshmen 15. So I want to publicly say
22 that his work is appreciated by myself
23 and the citizens of Philadelphia.

24 But I rise to speak as a
25 District Councilperson and a democratic

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2 District Councilperson and in an area
3 that I represent that relies heavily on
4 City services. So a trash pickup every
5 two weeks, bimonthly is unacceptable and
6 a false choice.

7 We do not have at times in
8 parts of my district the luxury of
9 choosing between a suburban vacation and
10 pool, Disney World and other choices. It
11 is the recreation center that provides
12 what I like to call a staycation in the
13 district.

14 So as I look at the difficult
15 choices we must make, I take that into
16 consideration, that my alleys, my
17 driveways -- because the young lady that
18 raised the point about not being able to
19 afford taxes, I was there that night and
20 I also heard the young lady that says
21 that obesity and food deserts in our
22 communities are every bit a part of the
23 problem as these other choices will be.

24 We have a difficult job ahead,
25 and I am confident by this kind of

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2 spirited democratic debate and
3 competition for good ideas that we will
4 come up with the right decision. But we
5 won't do it in haste. We won't do it
6 knee jerk, and we will do it for the
7 benefit of all citizens of Philadelphia.
8 And that's what our job is, and I hope
9 that we will do our job. And I thank all
10 my colleagues and their input, because
11 without that, we would be a monolithic
12 group that just voted for whatever came
13 down the pike. This is a part of the
14 process. It should be expected, and at
15 the end of the day, I'm confident we're
16 going to do the right thing.

17 Thank you, Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 (Applause.)

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

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
24 Madam Chair.

25 I want to thank my colleague

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2 for his kind words regarding the budget
3 and would just like to point out that
4 what we have discussed in private
5 increases recreation staff by at least 26
6 people, it fills all vacant positions in
7 that category, and want to be clear that
8 I am not proposing cuts but increases to
9 your rec centers and pools. However,
10 even with that, we can limit the cost and
11 burden to taxpayers, and that is my goal.

12 We cannot continue to kick the
13 can down the road. We must lower the
14 cost and size of government while
15 increasing services, and I know you and I
16 both believe that that is possible over
17 time.

18 Thank you, Councilman.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Sanchez.

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I have
24 to join my freshmen colleagues here in
25 the discussion.

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2 Again, as I said earlier when
3 we were talking about this budget
4 deliberation, I think, as Councilman
5 Green has noted, we will get to both. I
6 think there is a scenario in which we cut
7 our budget and lessen the burden on
8 taxpayers but, at the same time, provide,
9 given the economic downturns, the safety
10 nets that these communities, people like
11 Ms. Moore in Olney, need to ensure that
12 their quality of life is protected as it
13 relates to public safety, as it relates
14 to recreation and the vital services the
15 City needs.

16 So my colleagues are not in
17 conflict. In fact, I believe and I have
18 the confidence and the faith in this City
19 Council and in this institution that we
20 will come to a resolution that
21 accomplishes both those things. And I
22 enjoy the spirited debate. I think that
23 this particular budget season has been
24 one where all of us, I have watched all
25 my colleagues roll up their sleeves and

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2 try to come up with a consensus, and I am
3 confident that we got elected to provide
4 that leadership and that we will and we
5 will have a budget on June 30th.

6 Thank you.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
8 you.

9 Are there any other speeches?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

12 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
13 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
14 adjourn.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move that Council
17 stand adjourned until Thursday, May 6th,
18 2010, 10:00 a.m.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
21 has been moved and properly seconded that
22 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
23 May the 6th at 10:00 a.m.

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

6 ayes have it and the motion carries.

7 Thank you.

8 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

9 11:30 a.m.)

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