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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, May 8, 2008
10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE

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COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I

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note that the hour has come and that a

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quorum of this Council is present.

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Council will please come to

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order. Members will take their seats,

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and visitors will retire to the seats

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outside the rails.

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At this time, the Chair

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recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

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COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,

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Madam President. At this time, I would

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like my colleagues to stand for a solemn

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moment of silence for Police Officer

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Stephen Liczbinski, who gave his last

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ounce of devotion for the citizens of

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this city.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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you. We will all stand in a moment of

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private silence.

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(All members and guests

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standing in silence.)

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: May

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he rest in peace. Amen.

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To give our invocation this

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2 morning, the Chair welcomes Reverend
3 Ronald Hill. He is the Director of
4 Ministries of the Triumph Baptist Church.
5 He is here today as the guest of
6 Councilwoman Tasco.

7 I would ask all members and
8 guests to please rise.

9 (Members and guests all rise.)

10 REVEREND HILL: He giveth more
11 grace when the burdens grow greater. He
12 sendeth more strength when labors
13 increase. To added afflictions, he added
14 his mercy. To multiply trials, he
15 multiplies peace.

16 When we have exhausted our
17 store of endurance, when our strength has
18 failed o'er the day half done, when we
19 reach the end of our hoarded resources,
20 our Father's forgiving has only begun.

21 His love has no limits, his
22 grace has no measure, his power has no
23 boundaries known unto men, for out of his
24 infinite riches he giveth and giveth
25 again.

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2 Shall we pray.

3 Our most loving, heavenly
4 Father, we come to you acknowledging you
5 as our eternal God. Large petitions with
6 us bring, for your grace and power are
7 such we can never ask too much.

8 Oh, Lord our God, we ask now
9 that you would bow down your ear to hear
10 your people pray, and may that love that
11 knows no bound upon us be today. We
12 thank you for the gift of life. Thank
13 you for the constance in our life, that
14 day follows night, that the seasons march
15 in predictable succession, that the gates
16 of thy mercy are ever open to us and all
17 of our needs. Our mains and needs are
18 known to you.

19 We ask your choice blessings
20 upon the Mayor of our city, upon Council
21 President, upon City Council members.
22 Grant them wisdom. Grant them courage
23 for the facing of these hours. Guide and
24 direct them in their most meaningful
25 service. Grant them courage as they take

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2 action.

3 We pray for our city and all of
4 its residents. Teach us how to add
5 community to proximity.

6 We pray again for our
7 Councilmembers that you would grant them,
8 oh, Lord, that during the deliberation of
9 their discussion, that ultimately it
10 would bring about unification,
11 unselfishness and usefulness in their
12 decisions. May their determination make
13 our city great.

14 Help Council to set goals that
15 are reachable, resourceful and rewarding
16 to our city. Grant them clear focus that
17 business matters will not be sidetracked,
18 but will have clarity in procedure and
19 presentation. May problems be seen as
20 stepping stones. Cause them to be
21 resolved and settled.

22 For we ask these things who has
23 taught us to ask and it shall be given,
24 seek and you shall find, knock and it
25 shall be open unto you. In the name of

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2 Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 Amen.

4 (Amen.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

6 Chair thanks Reverend Hill for his very
7 inspiring invocation.

8 Council will be at ease.

9 (Council at ease.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

11 next order of business is the approval of
12 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
13 May 1, 2008, and the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Tasco.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move that the Journal
17 of the meeting of Thursday, May 1st stand
18 approved.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

21 has been moved and properly seconded that
22 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
23 May 1, 2008 stand approved.

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 Journal is
8 approved.

9 The next order of business is
10 requests for leave of absence, and the
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
13 Madam President. On behalf of the
14 majority, there are no requests for leave
15 of absence today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
21 President, on behalf of the republicans,
22 there are no requests for leave of
23 absence.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair thanks the gentleman.

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2 The Chair will dispense with
3 the regular order of business to
4 recognize the guests and visitors joining
5 us in Chambers this morning. On behalf
6 of all members of City Council, I welcome
7 you to our Council session. We
8 appreciate your taking the time to join
9 us as we attend to the legislative
10 affairs of our city. We certainly invite
11 you to come again.

12 At this time, the Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Green.

14 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
15 Madam President. It is my honor to
16 introduce a special guest present this
17 morning, Mr. Zuhair Muhsin Muhammad Abdul
18 Aziz, the Mayor of Mosul, Iraq. Mosul is
19 a city located in northern Iraq that is
20 home to over two million people, making
21 it the third largest in the country.

22 Before taking office, Mayor
23 Abdul Aziz served in positions as
24 Security Advisor and Economic Advisor to
25 the City of Mosul. Additionally, he

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2 served the Iraqi military working as a
3 civilian auditor.

4 Mayor Abdul Aziz holds a degree
5 in Military Science from the University
6 of Baghdad, and he is currently pursuing
7 courses in Municipal Administration from
8 the University of Mosul.

9 Mayor Abdul Aziz is in the
10 United States as a guest of the
11 Department of State's International
12 Visitor Leadership Program, the highest
13 exchange program sponsored by the U.S.
14 government. The Mayor has attended the
15 U.S. Arab Cities Forum in Chicago and has
16 visited Minneapolis. After his stop in
17 Philadelphia, he will travel on to New
18 York City.

19 While he is our guest, Mayor
20 Abdul Aziz will be meeting with the
21 City's Director of Finance, Rob Dubow, to
22 discuss budgeting. Additionally, he will
23 meet with City officials to discuss
24 topics ranging from wastewater treatment
25 to the provision of cultural activities

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2 and services to citizens. The Mayor will
3 observe today's City Council session as
4 an element of the program titled
5 "Democracy in Action."

6 With that, I, on behalf of all
7 of us in City Council, would like to
8 extend a very warm welcome to Mayor Abdul
9 Aziz, who is sitting right back --
10 standing right back there.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: We hope you
13 find your stay in our great city both
14 enjoyable and informative. Thank you
15 very much for coming to Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I now
17 recognize Councilwoman Tasco -- oh, I'm
18 sorry. I'm sorry, Marian. I didn't
19 realize we have Councilwoman Brown who
20 would like to be recognized.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I want to thank you for
23 allowing me to please introduce
24 Mr. Raymond W. Holman, Philadelphia's own
25 photographer, who is responsible for this

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2 Portraits of Caregiving exhibit that will
3 take place today at the African-American
4 Museum. He has captured well over 50
5 caregivers from the region and put them
6 on canvas with a photographer's skill and
7 will be featuring them today at the
8 African-American Museum.

9 So we again want to welcome
10 Raymond W. Holman, photographer. If you
11 would please stand, Raymond, so we can
12 salute you.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
17 You're welcome.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Jones.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I'd like to be excused
22 for City business for about a half hour.
23 If I do not return, I'd like my vote to
24 be positively reflected on all
25 resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you very much. Leave will be granted.

4 At this time, the Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco, who will
6 present a resolution recognizing and
7 honoring Author and Professor Paula J.
8 Giddings.

9 Will the Professor and those
10 accompanying her please join the
11 Councilwoman at the podium.

12 Councilwoman Tasco is being
13 joined by Councilwoman Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Good
15 morning. It gives us a great pleasure to
16 recognize one of our sorors, who is just
17 doing two weeks in a row. Delta is all
18 over the place. You can tell they're
19 doing great work.

20 But we are here today to
21 present this resolution recognizing,
22 honoring Author Paula J. Giddings.

23 Whereas, Paula J. Giddings was
24 born on November 16, 1947 in Yonkers, New
25 York and is the daughter of Curtis G.

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2 Giddings, a guidance counselor and
3 teacher, and Virginia Giddings, a
4 guidance counselor; and

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
6 Ms. Giddings made her name and reputation
7 by carrying out a needed and formidable
8 task, recovering the lost voices of
9 silent generations of African-American
10 women and her two most noted and renowned
11 works in restoring and understanding the
12 perspective of African-American women are
13 "When and Where I Enter: The Impact of
14 Black Women on Race and Sex in America"
15 and "In Search of Sisterhood, Delta Sigma
16 Theta and the Challenge of the Black
17 Sorority Movement"; and

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,
19 her latest book is entitled "IDA: A
20 Sword Among Lions," which is the
21 long-awaited and meticulously researched
22 biography of Ida B. Wells-Barnett, a
23 former slave who became an outspoken
24 journalist, anti-lynching crusader and
25 pivotal leader in the women suffrage

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2 movement in America; and

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
4 this book has been heralded by the Wall
5 Street Journal, O Magazine and Essence
6 Magazine, and various authors, including
7 Maya Angelou and Tony Morrison, have
8 praised this work by stating, quote, "A
9 Sword Among Lions is more than brilliant;
10 it is necessary. I can't think of a
11 biography that throws more light on the
12 history of gender, race, class discord in
13 the United States. Six decades of Ida B.
14 Wells' life constitute a riveting,
15 definitive narrative on a dark and
16 bruising history. In Paula Giddings,
17 this vibrant woman has found a biographer
18 equal to her prowess"; and

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas,
20 Ms. Giddings, a graduate of Howard
21 University and a member of Delta Sigma
22 Theta Sorority Incorporated and various
23 distinguished professional organizations,
24 is the Elizabeth A. Woodson Professor in
25 African-American Studies at Smith College

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2 and has received numerous awards,
3 including the Ford Foundation Grant,
4 Candace Award from the National Coalition
5 of 100 Black Women, Howard University
6 Alumni Award, Building Brick Award from
7 the New York Urban League, and an
8 honorary doctorate in humane letters from
9 Bennett College.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Now,
12 therefore, be it, resolved by the Council
13 of the City of Philadelphia, that we
14 hereby recognize and honor Author Paula
15 J. Giddings.

16 Further resolved, that an
17 engrossed copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Professor Giddings as an
19 expression of the sincere sentiment of
20 this legislative body.

21 This is a certification that
22 this is a true and correct copy of the
23 original resolution, adopted by the
24 Council of the City of Philadelphia on
25 the 10th of April 2008. Signed by

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2 President Verna, introduced by Tasco and
3 Brown and supported by all members of
4 City Council.

5 We congratulate Paula for her
6 wonderful writing and her wonderful
7 contributions.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: And may I
10 also state that we have a Commonwealth
11 citation from our other sorer, State
12 Representative Cherelle L. Parker, and
13 she has sent this on behalf of the State
14 Legislature.

15 Thank you so much and
16 congratulations. You've written a
17 wonderful book.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Professor Giddings for
21 remarks.

22 PROFESSOR GIDDINGS: Thank you
23 so much. What an honor. Thank you so
24 much, Councilwomen Tasco and Brown. I
25 really appreciate it, and I appreciate it

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2 especially in a city like Philadelphia,
3 which Ida Wells, the subject of my
4 biography, loved, and she loved
5 Philadelphia because of its great
6 traditions, its great, of course, church
7 traditions that we all know, but also its
8 great protest traditions. In the late
9 19th century there were 40,000
10 African-Americans in Philadelphia, which
11 had about a million population at that
12 time. Also a great educational tradition
13 here, and Ida Wells, who is a journalist,
14 a great publishing tradition of
15 newspapers and journals, including church
16 journals.

17 So I feel doubly honored to get
18 this award, and I appreciate it so much.
19 Thank you very much.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

22 Council will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney, who

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2 will present a resolution recognizing the
3 Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum
4 of Philadelphia.

5 Will Ms. Sharon Smith and those
6 accompanying her please join the
7 Councilman at the podium.

8 Councilman Kenney is being
9 joined by Councilman DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 This is a resolution
13 recognizing the Civil War and Underground
14 Railroad Museum of Philadelphia for their
15 commitment to maintaining one of the
16 largest collections of Civil War-related
17 materials and supporting efforts to
18 construct a new museum that will showcase
19 Philadelphia's role in that history.

20 Whereas, the Civil War and
21 Underground Railroad Museum was founded
22 in 1888 by veterans of the Union Army,
23 Navy and Marine Corps officers to
24 preserve the history of that conflict and
25 to promote public education through the

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2 collection, preservation and display of
3 artifacts and written and photographic
4 documents; and

5 Whereas, today, the Museum
6 holds more than 3,000 artifacts,
7 including firearms, weapons and uniforms,
8 more than 7,000 photographs, hundreds of
9 art works and about 400 cubic feet of
10 archival material;

11 Whereas, the Museum tells the
12 story of the Civil War with Philadelphia,
13 its people and all the stories of
14 leadership, bravery and sacrifice of
15 individuals, black and white, at the
16 center; and

17 Whereas, the 150th anniversary
18 of the Civil War will be commemorated in
19 2011 to 2015 and the new Civil War and
20 Underground Railroad Museum in the First
21 Bank of the United States will be
22 essential if Philadelphia is to be
23 recognized as an important tourist
24 destination for Civil War history;

25 Whereas, given the

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2 popularity -- I'm sorry. This is your
3 part. I got carried away.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: It's when
5 you're short.

6 Whereas, given the popularity
7 of the Museum as both a tourist
8 attraction and desired location to
9 showcase various artifacts and materials,
10 the Museum is now looking to construct a
11 new museum in the First Bank of the
12 United States building to better meet its
13 needs; and

14 Whereas, the Delaware River
15 Port Authority has bond funds for capital
16 projects in the historic district of
17 Philadelphia; and

18 Whereas, the Civil War and
19 Underground Railroad Museum would be an
20 ideal candidate for a portion of these
21 funds to use towards the construction of
22 a new museum that could attract and
23 expand the number of visitors to the
24 historic district; and

25 Whereas, the Commonwealth has

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2 authorized but not released \$15 million
3 of funding for museum capital
4 improvements. These funds are needed and
5 should be made available to make a new
6 museum a reality;

7 Whereas, Congressman Bob Brady,
8 among others, are currently advocating
9 for funding specifically for renovations
10 to the First Bank and for the
11 preservation and exhibition of our
12 important military history and
13 collection; and

14 Whereas, these funds will help
15 make it possible for the Museum to be
16 completed in 2010 in time for the
17 Sesquicentennial of the Civil War and to
18 ensure that Philadelphia's deep and rich
19 history of the Civil War gains regional,
20 national and international visibility in
21 2011 through 2015 and far into the
22 future.

23 Now, therefore, be it, resolved
24 by the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, that Council does hereby

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2 recognize the Civil War and Underground
3 Railroad Museum of Philadelphia for their
4 commitment to maintaining one of the
5 largest collections of Civil War-related
6 materials and support efforts to
7 construct a new museum that will showcase
8 Philadelphia's role in that history.

9 Further resolved, that an
10 engrossed copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the Civil War and
12 Underground Railroad Museum of
13 Philadelphia as evidence of the sincere
14 sentiments and recognition of this
15 legislative body.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair recognizes Ms. Smith for remarks.

19 MS. SMITH: Thank you. The
20 Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum
21 represents an important Philadelphia
22 tradition. Philadelphians as we have
23 today and in the past always stepped
24 forward when our country was in need. We
25 were the place where the largest free

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2 black community lived. We were the place
3 where the struggle for freedom and
4 equality, indeed what many have called
5 the Second American Revolution, was
6 encouraged, and we were the place where
7 people rallied to protect our union.

8 So it is only fitting that
9 Philadelphia be the home of the Civil War
10 and Underground Railroad Museum that
11 commemorates that sacrifice and the
12 important reasons that our country went
13 to war against itself, for the important
14 values and ethical principles in our
15 Declaration of Independence and our
16 Constitution.

17 Thank you very much for calling
18 attention to our Museum and its future
19 today.

20 Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

23 Council will be at ease.

24 (Council at ease.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
3 Blackwell, who will present a resolution
4 commending Dr. Lawrence Caplin and the
5 Oral Health Impact Project.

6 Will Dr. Caplin and those
7 accompanying him please join the
8 Councilwoman at the podium.

9 I see Councilwoman Blackwell is
10 being joined by Councilwoman Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
12 you very much. And Council will note
13 that Rusty Thomas is here with us. We
14 all know him from his years with the
15 Streets Department.

16 Join us.

17 Resolution commending
18 Dr. Lawrence Caplin and the Oral Health
19 Impact Project for their efforts to
20 provide quality oral healthcare services
21 to the City's underprivileged youth.

22 Whereas, the Oral Health Impact
23 Project, OHIP, is a provider of
24 comprehensive quality oral healthcare to
25 the student population of 140 of the

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2 public schools in the City of
3 Philadelphia; and

4 Whereas, OHIP is the largest
5 provider of this type of services to
6 students in the Philadelphia school
7 system, including middle and high school
8 students; and

9 Whereas, OHIP is committed to
10 providing high-quality dental services
11 and oral health education to all children
12 enrolled in this program; and

13 Whereas, the Council recognizes
14 that 41 percent of third graders suffer
15 from some form of tooth decay and 14
16 percent of them go to school with some
17 level of pain; and

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
19 Dr. Lawrence Caplin, CEO of OHIP, has
20 built this program to be self-funded and
21 not requiring any funds from the City of
22 Philadelphia or the School District of
23 Philadelphia; and

24 Whereas, the Council is honored
25 to recognize Dr. Caplin and OHIP for

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2 their commitment to the children of the
3 School District of Philadelphia and the
4 children of our city.

5 Now, therefore, be it, resolved
6 that the Philadelphia City Council hereby
7 commends Dr. Lawrence Caplin and the Oral
8 Health Impact Project for their enormous
9 efforts to provide quality oral
10 healthcare services to our City's
11 underprivileged children and youth.

12 And further resolved, that an
13 engrossed copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Dr. Caplin and the Oral
15 Health Impact Project as a profound
16 expression of this Council's
17 appreciation.

18 Certification that this is a
19 true and correct copy of the original
20 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
21 City of Philadelphia. Signed by
22 President Anna C. Verna, introduced by
23 Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell,
24 sponsored and supported by all members of
25 the Philadelphia City Council.

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2 Congratulations, Dr. Caplin,
3 and thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Dr. Caplin for remarks.

7 DR. CAPLIN: Thank you. It's
8 my honor to accept this recognition on
9 behalf of the Oral Health Impact Project,
10 its program with the City of Philadelphia
11 School District. This program and
12 Council recognize that oral healthcare,
13 oral health disease is the single largest
14 disease or most common disease among
15 children in the United States and that we
16 have roughly three out of every third
17 grade class going to class with pain on a
18 regular basis.

19 This problem is a function of
20 poor access to care as well as education,
21 and this program was designed and
22 developed to specifically address those
23 issues.

24 We are, in addition to
25 providing comprehensive care in the

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2 schools for the children, we are also
3 educating the children towards what their
4 oral healthcare expectations are, as well
5 as the ways to access the system that
6 currently exists.

7 Through this program and
8 through the education, we're creating
9 career tracks for these children in oral
10 healthcare, and we're standing up a
11 non-profit organization to be able to
12 fund scholarships for these children
13 whereby they'll go back and provide
14 public health dentistry and hopefully
15 within the City of Philadelphia.

16 It's my honor to be here. I
17 appreciate all of the efforts of the
18 District and the efforts of the City, and
19 we look forward to continuing to help the
20 children of the City of Philadelphia.

21 Thank you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you very much, Doctor.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

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2 Council will be at ease.

3 (Council at ease.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 next order of business is communications.
6 The Chair requests that the
7 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
8 the Chief Clerk.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 read the messages from the Mayor.

11 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
12 and members of the Council of the City of
13 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith
14 for the consideration of your honorable
15 body an ordinance authorizing transfers
16 in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008
17 within the General Fund from the Managing
18 Director to the Police Department, the
19 District Attorney, the First Judicial
20 District of Pennsylvania; and

21 An ordinance authorizing
22 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
23 Year 2008 within the General Fund from
24 the Managing Director to the Mayor's
25 Office of Community Services; and

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2 An ordinance to amend the
3 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
4 zoning designations of certain areas of
5 land located within an area bounded by
6 State Road, Poquessing Creek, the
7 Delaware River and Grant Avenue; and

8 An ordinance authorizing
9 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
10 Year 2008 from the General Fund to be
11 allocated to the General Fund, the Mayor,
12 the Department of Recreation, the
13 Department of Finance - Fringe Benefits
14 and the City Commissioners; and

15 An ordinance amending Title 19
16 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 "Finance, Taxes and Collections," by
18 adding a new Chapter imposing an
19 assessment on certain net operating
20 revenue of general acute care hospitals,
21 under certain terms and conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
23 you. The messages will be printed in the
24 Journal.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read any other communications in her
3 possession.

4 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
5 have, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The next order of business is
9 the introduction of bills and
10 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
11 Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
13 Madam President. On behalf of myself and
14 Councilman DiCicco, I offer one bill.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
17 the bill.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Chapter 11-600 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled
21 "Construction, Encroachments and
22 Projections Over, On and Under the
23 Streets," by adding a new Section that
24 requires that certain conditions be
25 placed on any permit that authorizes the

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2 temporary closing of a sidewalk or
3 roadway lane; in particular, placing a
4 time period on the validity of such
5 permits, and prohibiting the parking,
6 stopping or standing of vehicles on such
7 closed sidewalks or roadway lanes, with
8 certain exceptions, all under certain
9 terms and conditions.

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

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
17 one bill.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
23 authorizing and directing the revision of
24 lines and grades on a portion of City
25 Plan No. 109 by striking from the City

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2 Plan and vacating the legally open
3 portion of Melon Street from 35th Street
4 westward to a dead end, under certain
5 terms and conditions.

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Greenlee.

11 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
12 you, Madam President. I offer one bill,
13 which is co-sponsored by Councilman
14 Clarke and Councilman Green.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 read the bill.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Section 9-1103 of The
21 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Unlawful
22 Employment Practices," and enacting a new
23 Chapter 9-3200, entitled "Entitlement to
24 Leave Due to Domestic or Sexual
25 Violence," to provide that certain

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2 employees may take unpaid leave from work
3 to address domestic or sexual violence,
4 all under certain terms and conditions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
6 bill will be referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
11 you, Madam President. I offer four bills
12 and one resolution sponsored by
13 Councilwoman Tasco and Councilwoman
14 Blackwell and all members of Council.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
20 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
21 changing the zoning designations of
22 certain areas of land located within an
23 area bounded by State Road, Poquessing
24 Creek, the Delaware River and Grant
25 Avenue.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
6 authorizing transfers in appropriations
7 for Fiscal Year 2008 from the General
8 Fund, the City Rep and the Director of
9 Commerce and from the Community
10 Development Fund, the Director of
11 Finance - Community Development Block
12 Grant.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 authorizing transfers in appropriations
18 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
19 Fund from the Managing Director to the
20 Police Department, the District Attorney,
21 the First Judicial District of
22 Pennsylvania.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 authorizing transfers in appropriations
4 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
5 Fund from the Managing Director to the
6 Mayor's Office of Community Services.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 honoring reporter Dick Standish on his
12 retirement from CBS 3.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move
16 for the adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will signify 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 the resolution is
5 adopted.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
9 President, I offer one bill on behalf of
10 the Administration.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read the title of the bill.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia
17 Code, entitled "Finance, Taxes and
18 Collections," by adding a new Chapter
19 imposing an assessment on certain net
20 operating revenue of general acute care
21 hospitals, under certain terms and
22 conditions.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
5 you, Madam President. Today I have no
6 bills or resolutions.

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

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Sanchez.

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
12 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
13 resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I have no bills or
20 resolutions today.

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I offer no bills or
3 resolutions today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
9 Madam President. No bills or resolutions
10 today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I offer one bill and
17 two resolutions.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
22 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
23 changing the zoning designations of
24 certain areas of land located within an
25 area bounded by York Street, Thompson

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2 Street, the former Thompson Street,
3 Hagert Street, Moyer Street and Aramingo
4 Avenue.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 authorizing the Committee on Streets and
10 Services to hold public hearings on car
11 sharing in the City of Philadelphia and
12 exploring problems car sharing
13 organizations have encountered in the
14 City.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: 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 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 resolution is
7 adopted.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 approving a final plan for the
10 establishment of the Aramingo Avenue
11 Shopping District Neighborhood
12 Improvement District.

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

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will say 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 the resolution is
5 adopted.

6 CHIEF CLERK: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
9 President, I have no bills or
10 resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I have one bill
17 co-sponsored by Councilman Greenlee and
18 myself and one resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 read the title of the bill.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 enacting a new Chapter 9-3300, entitled
25 "Promoting Healthy Families and

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2 Workplaces," to provide that certain
3 employees are entitled to paid sick
4 leave, all under certain terms and
5 conditions.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
11 Property to execute and deliver to the
12 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
13 the 29th, 32nd, 37th and 47th Wards of
14 the City of Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
18 the adoption.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 ayes have it and the resolution is
6 adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Kelly.

9 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
10 President, I offer one resolution, which
11 is co-sponsored by Councilman Green and
12 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 recognizing, honoring and celebrating
19 Brintha Vasagar, Miss Philadelphia 2008,
20 for her talents and well-rounded persona
21 that earned her the title Miss
22 Philadelphia 2008, and wishing her well
23 in the Miss Pennsylvania 2008 Pageant.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilman Kelly for a

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2 motion.

3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I move for
4 the adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will 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 resolution is
17 adopted.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Rizzo.

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

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The next order of business is
25 reports from committees, and the Chair

1 5/8/08 - STATED - REPORTS

2 recognizes Councilman O'Neill for a
3 report on the Committee on Technology and
4 Information Services.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
6 Chair, the Committee on Technology and
7 Information Services reports one bill
8 with a favorable recommendation.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 read the report.

13 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
14 and members of the Council of the City of
15 Philadelphia, the Committee on Technology
16 and Information Services, to which was
17 referred Bill No. 080407, entitled "An
18 ordinance authorizing the City's Chief
19 Information Officer, on behalf of the
20 City, to enter into multi-year contracts
21 with one or more providers of on-line
22 legal research services to be used by
23 various City and City-funded agencies,
24 all under certain terms and conditions,"
25 respectfully reports it has considered

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2 the same and returns the attached bill to
3 Council with a favorable recommendation.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
9 President, I move that the rules of
10 Council be suspended so as to permit
11 first reading today of Bill No. 080407.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
14 has been moved and properly seconded that
15 the rules of Council be suspended so as
16 to permit first reading this day of the
17 bill just reported from committee.

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 ayes have it, and the bill just read will
25 be placed on our First Reading Calendar

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2 for today.

3 The next order of business is
4 the consideration of the Calendar. The
5 Chief Clerk will please read the bills on
6 the First Reading Calendar.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080077,
8 an ordinance continuing a neighborhood
9 improvement district beyond the date of
10 termination of such district in an area
11 that generally includes both sides of
12 Ridge Avenue from Main Street to 7220
13 Ridge Avenue and certain blocks of
14 streets that intersect that portion of
15 Ridge Avenue, which is known as the
16 Roxborough District, all under certain
17 terms and conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair agrees.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
21 080407, an ordinance authorizing the
22 City's Chief Information Officer, on
23 behalf of the City, to enter into
24 multi-year contracts with one or more
25 providers of on-line legal research

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2 services to be used by various City and
3 City-funded agencies, all under certain
4 terms and conditions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair agrees.

7 Since we do not have any bills
8 on our Second Reading and Final Passage
9 Calendar for today, I would ask if there
10 are any speeches on the part of the
11 minority.

12 (No response.)

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

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
19 Madam President. Today at 5:30 p.m. at
20 the Philadelphia Daily News, Professor
21 Paula Giddings will be hosted by Michael
22 Days, editor of the Daily News, for a
23 book signing at 5:30 at the Daily News.

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 Are there any other speeches on
4 the part of the majority?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

7 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
8 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
9 adjourn.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

11 I'm sorry, Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
13 surprised you, didn't I?

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Sorry.

15 Thank you, Madam President. Madam
16 President, I move that Council stand
17 adjourned until May 15th, 10 o'clock,
18 2008.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
21 has been moved and properly seconded that
22 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
23 May 15th at 10 o'clock.

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 very much.
 8 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
 9 11:00 a.m.)

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