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Room 400, City Hall
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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning, everyone. I note that the hour has come and that a quorum of this Council is present. Council will please come to order. Members will take their seats and visitors will retire to the seats outside the rails.

To give our invocation this morning, the Chair welcomes Father James P. Olson, Permanent President of the Diaconate Department. He is here today as the guest of Councilman Ramos.

I would ask all members and guests to please rise.

(Everyone rises.)

FATHER OLSON: Thank you for the opportunity to pray with you.

The Lord be with you.

AUDIENCE: And also with you.

FATHER OLSON: And let us pray.

We stand before you, Lord God, conscious of our sinfulness but aware that we gather in your name. We bring before you the needs and intentions of

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2 our President, George W. Bush, of our
3 Governor, Edward G. Rendell, and of our
4 Mayor, John Street, and most especially
5 this morning, we bring before you the
6 needs and intentions of the members of
7 our City Council. Come to us and remain
8 with us and enlighten our hearts, oh,
9 Lord. Give us light and strength to know
10 your will, to make it our own and to live
11 it in our lives. Guide us by your
12 wisdom, support us by your power, for you
13 are God, the source of all wisdom and all
14 power.

15 You desire justice for all
16 people. Enable us to uphold the rights
17 of others, and do not allow us to be
18 misled by ignorance or influenced by fear
19 or favor. Unite us to yourself in the
20 bond of love and keep us faithful to all
21 that is true.

22 As we gather in your name, may
23 we temper justice with love so that all
24 our decisions may be pleasing to you and
25 earn the reward promised to good and

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2 faithful servants, and we ask all this in
3 the name of the one God who lives forever
4 and ever. Amen.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

6 FATHER OLSON: May almighty God
7 bless you, the father and the son and the
8 holy spirit. Amen.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair thanks Father Olson for that very
11 beautiful invocation. Thank you so much.

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 next order of business is the approval of
16 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
17 October 19, 2006, and the Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you, Madam President. I move that the
21 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
22 October 19, 2006 stand approved.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
3 October 19, 2006 stand approved.

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 Journal of the
12 meeting of Thursday, October 19, 2006 is
13 approved.

14 The next order of business is
15 requests for leave of absence, and,
16 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
19 you, Madam President. On behalf of the
20 majority, there are no requests for
21 leaves of absence today.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 At this time, the Chair
25 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
3 President, on behalf of the republicans,
4 there are no requests for leave of
5 absence.

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

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

18 At this time, the Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Rizzo, who will
20 present a resolution honoring the
21 Philadelphia Second Alarmers.

22 Will Mr. Greg Masi and those
23 accompanying him please join the
24 Councilman at the podium, please.

25 Councilman Rizzo is being

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2 joined by Councilwoman Miller. I am also
3 told that Councilmembers O'Neill and
4 Kelly will also be joining the
5 Councilman.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
9 Madam President. They look pretty wide
10 awake since they had to work this
11 morning. There was a fire, many of us
12 heard this morning, out in Brewerytown,
13 33rd Street, and they're all here and
14 we're today going to recognize, honor and
15 celebrate the Philadelphia Second
16 Alarmers for their unwavering loyalty to
17 our City's police and firefighters in
18 their time of need by providing
19 nourishment, medical aid in every
20 emergency, as they did again this
21 morning.

22 Whereas, the Philadelphia
23 Second Alarmers have aided police and
24 firefighters since 1921 during multiple
25 alarm fires and other disasters by

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2 providing much appreciated refreshments,
3 food, water, et cetera.

4 Whereas, the Philadelphia
5 Second Alarmers have expanded their
6 services by becoming emergency medical
7 technicians or paramedics, and all are
8 certified in CPR.

9 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Whereas,
10 over the years, the Philadelphia Second
11 Alarmers have received several
12 proclamations recognizing their diligence
13 and their services to their community;
14 and

15 Whereas, the Philadelphia
16 Second Alarmers have impressive units at
17 their disposal to aid in their service to
18 the City's firemen and police officers;
19 and

20 Whereas, such impressive units
21 include the Squad 47A, Squad 72A, SA 10,
22 SA 1, SA 2, STI and Rescue 1A Water
23 Rescue; and

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
25 the members of this munificent volunteer

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2 organization are Chief Greg Masi;
3 Assistant Chief George White; Captain
4 Scott Hudson, also a member of the
5 Apparatus Committee; Medical Captain Dave
6 Park, also a member of the Apparatus and
7 the Committees; Treasurer Alden Blyth and
8 member of the By-Laws Committee;
9 Recording Secretary Bob Ives; John Lewis;
10 Horace Felton; Pete Specos; Bernie
11 Turner; Joe Kilpatrick; Rich St. Marie;
12 Dave Szafran; Ronald Trout; Jerry
13 Woodruff; Ebone Harcum; Robert Cohen;
14 Nathan Hodson; Ken Hough and Dan Vaughan.

15 Whereas, with 85 years of
16 excellent experience, the Philadelphia
17 Second Alarmers continuously provide the
18 City of Philadelphia with their volunteer
19 expertise in its time of need, for which
20 we are extremely grateful.

21 Now therefore

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Resolved
23 by the Council of the City of
24 Philadelphia, the City Council hereby
25 recognize, honor and celebrate the

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2 Philadelphia Second Alarmers for their
3 unwavering loyalty to our City's police
4 and firefighters in their time of need by
5 providing nourishment and medical aid at
6 every emergency.

7 Further resolved, that an
8 engrossed copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the Philadelphia Second
10 Alarmers further evidencing the sincere
11 admiration and gratitude of this
12 legislative body.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZ0: We'd like to
14 again thank the Second Alarmers for the
15 good work that they do, and with us today
16 is Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers, who
17 certainly appreciates all the good work,
18 and we have Greg Masi, who has a couple
19 hats. He's a Sergeant in the
20 Philadelphia Police Department that is
21 dedicated, and we have a group of people
22 that we'll introduce today. We have Mike
23 Nucci, the Deputy Managing Director Of
24 Emergency Services in the Managing
25 Director's Office. So I'd like to first

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2 introduce Commissioner Lloyd Ayers and
3 then we'll get to Chief Inspector James
4 Tiano from the Philadelphia Police
5 Department that also the Second Alarmers
6 provide so much services to.

7 So Commissioner Ayers.

8 COMMISSIONER AYERS: Thank you,
9 Councilman.

10 Good morning. We really
11 appreciate the opportunity to be here to
12 support the Second Alarmers. One of the
13 things you heard was how they support the
14 police and the firefighters. One of the
15 things that you don't get a chance to see
16 is, when we come together at an
17 emergency, whether it's a fire, hazardous
18 material spill or any other event that
19 might happen in the City, even the
20 pleasurable events, the Second Alarmers
21 are there. They support us all the time.
22 They support us with communications,
23 lighting, and many of the other public
24 utilities that show up, they get a chance
25 to get some of those refreshments, the

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2 nourishment.

3 This group has been doing this
4 for an awful long time. I often get the
5 dates mixed up with my mother's birthday,
6 1923, but they've been there for us.
7 They're a fantastic group of men and
8 women. They're there for us all of the
9 time. Without them, we would have to
10 create another body that would be able to
11 support the firefighters, police officers
12 so that we could stay healthy and
13 continue to do the good job.

14 I want to congratulate Chief
15 Masi and the Second Alarmers for the
16 great work that they do, and we really
17 appreciate you. God bless you all.

18 Thank you.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
20 Commissioner.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Next, a man
23 that's been at a lot of emergencies where
24 the Second Alarmers have responded, Chief
25 Inspector James Tiano.

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2 CHIEF TIANO: Thank you. I'm
3 representing Commissioner Johnson, who is
4 in Washington, and my 41 years on the
5 Police Department. I have received the
6 lime juice, the cup of coffee, the hot
7 chocolate, the doughnuts, and believe me,
8 when you're in a remote area and it's
9 late at night and it's cold and it's
10 windy, they're guardian angels to us, and
11 I personally and the members of the
12 Philadelphia Police Department want to
13 thank you so much for all you do.

14 Thank you. God bless you.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Next, a
17 gentleman that we all know is Michael
18 Nucci. He's the Deputy Managing Director
19 of Emergency Services.

20 Mike.

21 MR. NUCCI: Thank you,
22 Councilman Rizzo.

23 The only thing I have to add to
24 what Inspector Tiano and Commissioner
25 Ayers said is that these are not just

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2 people that serve hot stuff when it's
3 cold and liquid stuff when it's hot out.
4 They do it under some of the worst
5 conditions you can imagine, in the middle
6 of the night, which is usually when they
7 have multiple-alarm fires. In fact, I've
8 known most of these folks for a number of
9 years now. It's the first time I've seen
10 a lot of them in daylight, and I don't
11 know -- I think I prefer dark.

12 But I've known George White and
13 Greg Masi for a long time. They are --
14 and all the Second Alarmers. They're the
15 best people you ever want to deal with.
16 Their hearts are in the right place and
17 they do a fantastic job for police and
18 fire and all City departments. I want to
19 thank them.

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
21 Michael.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thanks, Mike
24 Nucci.

25 And, finally, the gentleman

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2 that I mentioned that wears two hats,
3 he's a Police Sergeant and now I'd like
4 to introduce Chief Greg Masi of the
5 Second Alarmers.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. MASI: Good morning, Madam
8 President. Good morning, Councilmembers.
9 First of all, I'd like to express our
10 sincere gratitude from our association
11 for presenting this honor to us today.
12 As Councilman Rizzo and Commissioner
13 Ayers and Mike Nucci has mentioned and
14 Chief Tiano, we're really a group of
15 volunteers, and when you think about
16 volunteerism today, it's difficult to
17 have people volunteer their time, and
18 we're kind of unique.

19 When you volunteer for any kind
20 of organization, when they tell you,
21 We're going to be there Saturday at 10
22 o'clock, meet us there, that's pretty
23 easy to get volunteers, sometimes it's
24 not. Our organization, they kind of call
25 us in the middle of the night. As

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2 Councilman Rizzo mentioned, 3:30 this
3 morning our good Fire Communications
4 Center made sure we were notified at
5 3:30, and then some of our members are
6 standing up here now. They are a little
7 sleepy. They never went back to bed.
8 They came right back to the station,
9 stayed there and came right down here.

10 So they are really a dedicated
11 bunch of people. I've been blessed with
12 a lot of good volunteers. Last night's
13 presentation for the Police Department --
14 I was there with the Councilman and my
15 platoon that worked for me, Five
16 Platoon -- they got an honor last night.
17 I always seem like I get a lot of
18 congratulations. Greg, good job, or
19 Chief Masi, great job. I always say, I'm
20 just a leaf on a tree. The tree itself
21 is the organization, and I'm just there.
22 They give me a position, a title, but
23 they really do the job. They make me
24 look good, and I can't thank them enough
25 for what they've done for me as the

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2 Chief, but also for the organizations in
3 the City, both police, fire, all of our
4 City agencies. They've done a great job
5 over the years since 1921.

6 Thank you very much for this
7 honor.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
10 Madam President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair now recognizes Councilman Kenney,
16 who will present a resolution recognizing
17 John Bucci and his family.

18 Will Mr. Bucci and those
19 accompanying him please join the
20 Councilman at the podium.

21 Councilman Kenney is being
22 joined by Councilman DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
24 Madam President. This is a resolution
25 recognizing John Bucci and his family,

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2 owners of John's Roast Pork, for winning
3 the prestigious 2006 James Beard
4 Foundation Midatlantic America's Classic
5 Award.

6 Let me tell you, in the world
7 of culinary arts, this is a big, big
8 deal.

9 Whereas, John's Roast Pork was
10 established in 1930 along the B&O
11 Railroad at Snyder Avenue and Weccacoe
12 Street; and

13 Whereas, for decades, the shop
14 has served hot sandwiches including
15 John's roast pork from the family's
16 secret recipe; and

17 Whereas, in late March, John
18 Bucci was notified by the James Beard
19 Foundation that his sandwich shop had won
20 the prestigious America's Classic Award;
21 and

22 Whereas, the James Beard
23 Foundation is a national not-for-profit
24 organization based in New York City
25 dedicated to furthering the practice and

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2 appreciation of the culinary arts in
3 America.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: And I
5 might add that John's will serve you
6 whether you speak English or not.

7 Whereas, each spring, more than
8 600 culinary professionals nominate and
9 bestow awards to select restaurants,
10 chefs and food journalists throughout the
11 country; and

12 Whereas, on May 8, 2006, John
13 Bucci and his mother, Vonda, attended the
14 James Beard Foundation Award ceremony at
15 the New York Marriott Marquis where they
16 met culinary celebrities and were
17 presented with the Midatlantic America's
18 Classic Award; and

19 Whereas, the America's Classic
20 Award is a national honor and one of the
21 highest in the food industry; and

22 Whereas, this is not the first
23 time John's Roast Pork has been in the
24 spotlight. In 2002, it was rated best
25 cheesesteak in the City by Philadelphia

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2 Inquirer, and in April 2006, Food Critic
3 Craig LaBan named the sandwiches as his
4 farewell food of choice if he ever had to
5 leave Philadelphia.

6 And now therefore

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Resolved by
8 the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
9 that Council does hereby recognize John
10 Bucci and his family and John's Roast
11 Port for winning the prestigious 2006
12 James Beard Foundation Midatlantic
13 America's Classic Award.

14 I think it's time for George
15 Perrier to move over and let the
16 Bucci's -- give them a little room.

17 Congratulations.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Mr. Bucci for remarks.

21 MR. BUCCI: Thank you very
22 much. I'd like to thank Councilman
23 Kenney, Councilman DiCicco.

24 First I want to say a couple
25 words. "John Bucci" has been thrown

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2 around a lot, but John was my father, who
3 died 15 years ago, and I just want to
4 acknowledge him, because without him,
5 nothing would have been possible. And my
6 mom, we work side by side, and I know
7 he's here in spirit, and I'd like to
8 thank everybody.

9 I'd like to thank Ben here, who
10 is filming for Syracuse University.
11 They're doing a little piece on
12 Philadelphia, and I think that's real
13 nice. And here's my mom, Vonda, to say a
14 couple words. Thank you very much.

15 MRS. BUCCI: What I wanted to
16 tell you is, back in the '30s when my
17 inlaws started it, it was a little wooden
18 shack and they used to call it The Shack.
19 And then my husband came to help them
20 out, and he remained. And then I went to
21 help him out, and I remained. And then
22 my son came to help me, and he's there
23 now.

24 But it's unbelievable that
25 we're here, because it only started out

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2 as a little wooden shack. And the four
3 boys that did the cheesesteak testing put
4 us on the map. We were the best kept
5 secret. Then my regular customers
6 weren't too happy about it because they
7 had to get in line. And this is what
8 we're up to now.

9 I want to thank the City
10 Council, everyone here, for having us
11 here. It's a great honor.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. BUCCI: One last thing. I
15 was born and raised on Rizzo's street,
16 2300 Rosewood. So I want to thank you,
17 Councilman Rizzo. Okay?

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

20 Council will be at ease.

21 (Council at ease.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Brown,
24 who will present a resolution honoring
25 Bilal Abdul Qayyum.

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2 Will Mr. Qayyum and those
3 accompanying him please join the
4 Councilwoman at the podium. And I
5 believe Donna Reed Miller, Councilwoman,
6 will be joining the presentation.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
8 Madam President. Today we celebrate and
9 lift up a constituent that resides in the
10 Councilmanic District of Councilwoman
11 Donna Reed Miller -- Councilwoman Tasco.
12 Forgive me. Correct the record. Resides
13 in the district of Councilwoman Tasco,
14 who has, in my view, squarely looked in
15 the face of guns and violence, and
16 demonstrated that most recently when he
17 took his feet on the street and walked
18 more than 100 miles to Harrisburg. And
19 it's really not unusual for our special
20 guest, because for the last three
21 decades, he has been an enormous
22 inspiration and role model for
23 African-American boys. So this is my
24 real pleasure to lift him up this
25 morning.

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2 I should acknowledge that the
3 United States Congress joins us in
4 saluting this citizen and we have here
5 with our presentation this morning a
6 proclamation from the United States
7 Congressman Chaka Fattah. So you should
8 be aware of that as well, Special Guest.

9 Our proclamation, Madam
10 President, reads as follows: Honoring
11 Mr. Bilal Abdul Qayyum on the occasion of
12 his 60th birthday for his committed,
13 long-time dedicated service to the City
14 of Philadelphia, and I might add to the
15 young people of our City.

16 Whereas, Bilal Qayyum, an
17 active participant in Philadelphia City
18 government for close to four decades, has
19 helped enrich the lives of citizens and
20 has made a lasting contribution by
21 assisting countless young
22 African-American males while mentoring
23 them to strive for excellence and
24 success.

25 Whereas, beginning his career

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2 in Philadelphia in 1979, Mr. Qayyum
3 oversaw the Haddington Leadership
4 Organization, Incorporated, a
5 community-based multi-purpose
6 organization in West Philadelphia,
7 serving in the capacity of Director; and

8 Whereas, continuing to have a
9 profound effect on our City, he entered
10 City government working as the Director
11 of Community and Youth Employment
12 Programs in the Office of Housing and
13 Community Development, and after working
14 in the Office of Housing, he furthered
15 his experiences at the Philadelphia
16 Citywide Development Corporation; and

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
18 throughout his professional career,
19 Mr. Qayyum has done extensive service
20 through his appointments to community
21 advisory committees and boards in the
22 public and private sectors specializing
23 in housing, youth job development,
24 economic development and social programs;
25 and

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2 Whereas, civically he is the
3 President and Executive Director of the
4 Father's Day Rally Committee, Inc.,
5 Co-Chair for Men United for a Better
6 Philadelphia and a founding member of the
7 African-American Chamber of Commerce, and
8 his community involvement spanning the
9 last 25 years is witnessed in his
10 dedication and participation with Carroll
11 Park Community Council, Philadelphia
12 Council of Neighborhood Organizations,
13 Youth Employment Coalition, and as a
14 mainstay with West/Southwest Community
15 Action Council, another group for which
16 he shares responsibility since its
17 inception; and

18 Whereas, he has facilitated
19 lectures to familiarize Philadelphians on
20 various minority business issues, which
21 ultimately led to Mr. Qayyum
22 co-organizing the first Minority
23 Enterprise Development Week celebration
24 in the City; and

25 Whereas, he recently helped

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2 lead a rally to Harrisburg on the most
3 pressing issue facing our City, gun
4 control, by walking over 100 miles with
5 members from Men United for a Better
6 Philadelphia, at the youthful age of 59;
7 and

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
9 currently Mr. Qayyum, proud husband to
10 Tamara, father to two sons and three
11 daughters, grandfather of eight
12 grandchildren, is professionally still
13 employed by the City in his role of
14 Economic Development Administrator for
15 the Department of Commerce, City of
16 Philadelphia.

17 Resolved by the City Council of
18 Philadelphia, that we hereby honor and
19 commend Mr. Bilal Abdul Qayyum on the
20 occasion of his 60th birthday for his
21 outstanding achievements,
22 accomplishments, good-will over the
23 years.

24 Further resolved, that an
25 engrossed copy of this resolution be

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2 presented to Mr. Bilal Abdul Qayyum as
3 evidence of the sincere sentiments of
4 this legislative body. Introduced by
5 Blondell Reynolds Brown and Councilwoman
6 Donna Reed Miller and sponsored by all
7 the members of the Philadelphia City
8 Council.

9 We appreciate your good and
10 important work.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 Chair recognizes Mr. Qayyum for remarks.

14 MR. QAYYUM: Madam President,
15 Councilwoman Brown and Miller and
16 Blackwell and Tasco and Kenney, Goode,
17 Ramos, DiCicco, Clarke, O'Neill, Kelly,
18 Rizzo, and I forgot somebody, but --

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
20 think I'm here. I think I'm here, too.

21 MR. QAYYUM: I recognized you
22 first, Madam President.

23 Krajewski. I'm sorry.

24 It's a great honor that I
25 receive this citation today. Today a

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2 month ago I was on my walk to Harrisburg,
3 my second day, and I was actually walking
4 from Norristown to Pottstown, and as I
5 did my walk, one of the things I realized
6 is that how walking on the highway and
7 through the country sides, I realized,
8 reflecting on a lot of stuff and the
9 purpose of the walk, which was billed as
10 jobs, not guns, but I also realize how
11 great the City of Philadelphia was as I
12 was walking along the country side and
13 realized the important level of the work
14 we're doing in Philadelphia collectively
15 to try to stop violence, but I also
16 realized that as Philadelphia goes, so
17 has the State goes.

18 As I went to each city,
19 Norristown, Pottstown, Lebanon,
20 Wernersville, Reading, Hershey,
21 Harrisburg, as I went to those cities,
22 all those cities was looking for guidance
23 when we interacted with people from the
24 work we were doing in Philadelphia, and
25 all those cities have offered us to come

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2 back and organize Men United chapters in
3 their cities, which shows that, once
4 again, as Philadelphia goes, so does the
5 State.

6 So I would just say that this
7 morning once again I'm proud to get this
8 citation, but we have a lot of work. We
9 are probably one of the greatest cities
10 in the country. We have a tendency as
11 Philadelphians not to say that and not to
12 support each other to say that to the
13 country, when we're greater than Atlanta,
14 New York, Boston, all those other cities
15 they compare us with. We have the
16 ability and the resources here to solve
17 our problems. Every time there's been an
18 issue in the City of Philadelphia, the
19 citizens have organized and overcome
20 those issues.

21 So I want to believe very
22 strongly in this City. The work I have
23 done is my commitment to the City, and I
24 would just like to say to the Council,
25 you have a great responsibility to help

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2 move this City forward. You have a great
3 responsibility to introduce legislation
4 that can make life better so that we
5 don't have two cities, those with and
6 those without. So you have a burden that
7 you have to carry to carry this City
8 forward, and I know every one of you
9 Council folks, and I know you have the
10 will and the resources and the power to
11 do that.

12 I know you're considering
13 legislation, Councilman Goode's
14 legislation, for tax credits to help
15 ex-offenders get jobs. I know you're
16 considering Councilman O'Neill's
17 legislation to get drug paraphernalia out
18 of these stores where these kids are
19 using it.

20 So you can have a great role in
21 turning this City around. You have to
22 work collectively together with the
23 citizens of the City of Philadelphia, and
24 let's make Philadelphia the greatest city
25 in this country.

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2 Thank you very much.

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
11 from the Mayor to 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 transmitting for the
17 consideration of your honorable body a
18 resolution approving the redevelopment
19 contract and disposition supplement of
20 the Redevelopment Authority, the City of
21 Philadelphia, for the redevelopment and
22 urban renewal of a portion of the 44th
23 and Aspen Urban Renewal Area; and

24 A resolution approving the
25 redevelopment contract for the

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2 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
3 portion of the Belmont Urban Renewal
4 Area; and

5 A resolution approving the
6 redevelopment contract for the
7 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
8 portion of the Tioga Urban Renewal Area;
9 and

10 An ordinance authorizing the
11 extension of the extended trial program
12 authorized by Bill No. 051096 under which
13 advance approval is given to the
14 Philadelphia Facilities Management
15 Corporation; and

16 An ordinance authorizing the
17 Commissioner of Public Property to
18 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
19 Authority for Industrial Development a
20 deed located at Ruth Street, Clearfield
21 Street, Emerald Street and Orleans Street
22 for further conveyance to the School
23 District of Philadelphia.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you. The messages will be printed in the

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2 Journal.

3 The Chief Clerk will please
4 read any other communications in her
5 possession.

6 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
7 have, Madam President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The next order of business is
11 the introduction of bills and
12 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you, Madam President. I move that the
16 rules of Council be suspended in order to
17 permit the immediate consideration of
18 resolutions at their time of
19 introduction.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
22 has been moved and properly seconded that
23 the rules of Council be suspended so as
24 to permit immediate consideration of
25 resolutions at the time of introduction.

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2 All in favor will indicate by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 honoring Bobby Clarke, a Philadelphia
19 sports icon, for his distinguished career
20 as a player, general manager, senior
21 vice-president and president of the
22 Philadelphia Flyers.

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

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the

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2 adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

5 has been moved and seconded that the

6 resolution be adopted.

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

13 ayes have it and the resolution is

14 adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes

16 Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

18 you, Madam President. Today I introduce

19 two resolutions on your behalf, two on

20 mine and a fifth for which I ask for a

21 suspension of the rules because it was

22 not circulated.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the title of the first resolution.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
4 calling for --

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
6 sorry. Should we suspend the rules on
7 the resolution that was not circulated
8 first?

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes,
10 Madam President. I move that the rules
11 be suspended so as to permit
12 consideration of this resolution that was
13 not circulated in time.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
16 in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 calling for the City Council hearings
3 before the joint Committees on Finance
4 and Education to explore the reasons and
5 remedies for the School District of
6 Philadelphia's FY07 budget deficit and
7 explore the impact the deficit could have
8 on school students, teachers and
9 programs.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
17 in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 ayes have it and the resolution will be
24 referred to the Committees on Finance and
25 Education.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 authorizing the Committee on Education to
4 investigate and conduct hearings related
5 to the reported crisis faced by the City
6 of Philadelphia regarding the high
7 dropout rate among public school
8 students.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
12 you, Madam President. I move for the
13 adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
16 has been moved and seconded.

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 ayes have it and the resolution will be
24 referred to the appropriate committee.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

1 10/26/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 authorizing the Committee of the Whole to
3 conduct hearings related to the Consent
4 Agreement and Release entered into by the
5 City of Philadelphia and certain outdoor
6 advertising sign companies.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
20 sorry. This is being referred to the
21 appropriate committee. Thank you. But I
22 need a motion.

23 All in favor?

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
5 will be referred to the appropriate
6 committee.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 approving the redevelopment contract and
9 disposition supplement of the
10 Redevelopment Authority, the City of
11 Philadelphia, for the redevelopment and
12 urban renewal of a portion of the 44th
13 and Aspen Urban Renewal Area.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
17 you, Madam President. I move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
21 has been moved and seconded that the
22 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 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 approving the redevelopment contract of
9 the Redevelopment Authority, the City of
10 Philadelphia, for the redevelopment and
11 urban renewal of a portion of the Belmont
12 Urban Renewal Area.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Madam President. I move for the
17 adoption 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 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Krajewski.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
9 you, Madam President. I offer two bills.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of an
17 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
18 Prevent Red Light Violations," by
19 authorizing the installation of red light
20 enforcement systems at the intersection
21 of Welsh and Roosevelt Boulevard.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
3 changing the zoning designations of
4 certain areas of land located within an
5 area bounded by Thompson Street,
6 Alresford Street, Salmon Street and
7 Juniata Street.

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

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I offer
14 one bill and one resolution.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 authorizing the extension of the extended
21 trial program authorized by Bill No.
22 051096 under which advance approval is
23 given to the Philadelphia Facilities
24 Management Corporation.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 honoring Teenshop, Inc. and Founder
6 Elleanor Jean Hendley.

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

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
10 the adoption of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Miller.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

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2 you, Madam President. Today I have one
3 bill and one resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Section 9-205 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
11 Sales," by prohibiting sidewalk sales on
12 portions of Stokley Street and Hunting
13 Park Avenue.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 approving the redevelopment contract and
19 disposition supplement of the
20 Redevelopment Authority, the City of
21 Philadelphia, for the redevelopment and
22 urban renewal of a portion of the Tioga
23 Urban Renewal Area.

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

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

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I offer three
20 resolutions, and I'd like to mention that
21 one of the resolutions for Billy Dee
22 Williams is co-sponsored by Councilwoman
23 Tasco and Councilmembers Clarke and
24 Kelly. Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Chief Clerk will please
4 read the title of the first resolution.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 honoring Reverend Dr. Alyn Waller, for
7 his committed and dedicated service to
8 Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church and to the
9 City of Philadelphia, in his recent
10 appointment by Mayor John Street as one
11 of the five members of the City Ethics
12 Board.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for
16 the adoption.

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 say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 honoring Ms. Delilah Winder on the
7 occasion of the publication of her first
8 book and her long-time promotion of
9 culinary excellence in the City of
10 Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
13 Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I move for the
16 adoption.

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 say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 welcoming Mr. Billy Dee Williams as a
7 featured artist to the Philadelphia
8 International Art Expo presented by the
9 October Gallery from November 10th to the
10 12th.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move for the
15 adoption.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution is
3 adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Goode.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the title of the resolution.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 declaring December 4, 2006 as Alpha Phi
14 Alpha Centennial Day in the City of
15 Philadelphia on the occasion of its 100th
16 anniversary of the fraternity.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I move for
20 the adoption.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will say 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 Ramos.

11 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I offer no bills or
13 resolutions today.

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I offer one bill.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
25 Property to execute and deliver to the

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2 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
3 Development a deed located at Ruth
4 Street, Clearfield Street, Emerald Street
5 and Orleans Street.

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
12 President, I offer one bill and one
13 resolution, for which I --

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of an
21 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
22 Prevent Red Light Violations."

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 recognizing Captain Christopher Ferguson,
4 United States Navy, for his service,
5 courage and heroism as a Navy pilot and
6 NASA astronaut.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
8 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
9 O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
11 President, I move for the adoption.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I have two bills and
4 one resolution.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
11 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
12 adding a new Section 10-834, entitled
13 "Responsibility to Avoid Possession and
14 Discharge of Firearms by Children."

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 amending Section 14-1600 of The
20 Philadelphia Code by adding a new
21 section, entitled "Special Height
22 Controls for Vine Street," all under
23 certain terms and conditions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
25 bill will be referred to the appropriate

1 10/26/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 authorizing City Council's Committee on
5 Public Property to hold hearings
6 regarding the feasibility and benefits of
7 implementing a coordinated municipal
8 advertising program in Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
12 the adoption.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
15 has been moved and properly seconded.

16 All in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 ayes have it and --

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
24 President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes,

1 10/26/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 sir.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
4 President, the resolution should actually
5 be referred to committee for a hearing.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
7 Public Property, yes.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Right.
9 Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.
11 I was about to say it's going to be
12 referred to the Committee on Public
13 Property. Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Kelly.

16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
17 President, I have no bills or resolutions
18 today.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
24 President, one resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

1 10/26/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
3 the resolution.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 recognizing, honoring and celebrating St.
6 Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill,
7 the Church of the Angels, for its
8 invaluable contributions to the community
9 of Chestnut Hill and the City of
10 Philadelphia on the occasion of its 150th
11 anniversary.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
15 President, I move for the adoption of
16 this 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 say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

5 The next order of business is
6 reports from committees, and the Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Clarke for a report
8 from the Committee on Rules.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
10 Madam President.

11 Madam President, the Committee
12 on Rules reports seven bills with a
13 favorable consideration.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chief Clerk will please
17 read the report.

18 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
19 and members of the Council of the City of
20 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
21 which was referred Bill No. 060544,
22 entitled "An ordinance approving the
23 third amendment of the redevelopment
24 proposal for the Kingsessing Urban
25 Renewal Area"; and

1 10/26/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Bill No. 060582, entitled "An
3 ordinance amending Title 14 of The
4 Philadelphia Code by adding a definition
5 and providing for day care in certain
6 commercial districts"; and

7 Bill No. 060585, entitled "An
8 ordinance approving the second amendment
9 of the redevelopment proposal for the
10 West Fairhill/East Tioga/Hunting Park
11 Urban Renewal Area"; and

12 Bill No. 060621, entitled "An
13 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
14 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
15 designations of certain areas of land
16 located within an area bounded by 57th
17 Street, Market Street, 56th Street and
18 Chestnut Street"; and

19 Bill No. 060625, entitled "An
20 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
21 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
22 designations of certain areas of land
23 located within an area bounded by
24 Delaware River, Tacony Bridge, New State
25 Road and Magee Avenue"; and

1 10/26/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Bill No. 060631, an ordinance
3 amending Chapter 14-400 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial
5 Entertainment District," by adding
6 requirements for, among other things,
7 transportation and parking management
8 plans; and

9 Bill No. 060635, entitled "An
10 ordinance repealing Section 2 of the
11 ordinance, Bill No. 050418, approved
12 December 1, 2005, by changing the zoning
13 designations of certain areas of land
14 located within an area bounded by
15 Christopher Columbus Boulevard, Canal
16 Street and Poplar Street," respectfully
17 reports it has considered the same and
18 returns the attached bills to Council
19 with a favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
25 President, I move that the rules of

1 10/26/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2 from the Committee on Labor and Civil
3 Service.

4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
5 Madam President. The Committee on Labor
6 and Civil Service reports one bill with a
7 favorable recommendation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the report.

12 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
13 and members of the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, the Committee on Labor and
15 Civil Service, to which was referred Bill
16 No. 060695, entitled "An ordinance
17 amending Section 22-310 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Deferred
19 Retirement Option Plan,' by defining the
20 employees to whom an extraordinary
21 extension for participants in the DROP
22 program may apply, under certain terms
23 and conditions," respectfully reports it
24 has considered the same and returns the
25 attached bill to Council with a favorable

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2 recommendation.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Ramos.

7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam
8 President, I move that the Rules of
9 Council be suspended so as to permit
10 first reading this day of Bill No.
11 060695.

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 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 bill just read will

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2 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
3 for today.

4 The next order of business will
5 be the consideration of the Calendar. I
6 would ask the Chief Clerk to please read
7 the bills on the First Reading Calendar.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 060544,
9 an ordinance approving the third
10 amendment of the redevelopment proposal
11 for the Kingsessing Urban Renewal Area.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair agrees.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
15 060585, an ordinance approving the second
16 amendment of the redevelopment proposal
17 for the West Fairhill/East Tioga/Hunting
18 Park Urban Renewal Area.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
22 060621, an ordinance to amend the
23 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
24 zoning designations of certain areas of
25 land located within an area bounded by

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2 57th Street, Market Street, 56th Street
3 and Chestnut Street.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair agrees.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
7 060695, an ordinance amending Section
8 22-310 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
9 "Deferred Retirement Option Plan," by
10 defining the employees to whom an
11 extraordinary extension for participants
12 in the DROP program may apply.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair agrees.

15 That completes our First
16 Reading Calendar. The Chair now
17 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the
18 purpose of calling up bills to be
19 considered today on the Second Reading
20 and Final Passage Calendar.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President. Today our Calendar
23 begins on Page 8. We will hear Bill Nos.
24 051089, 060261 and 620. On Page 9, Bill
25 Nos. 060627, 688, 690. On Page 10, Bill

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2 Nos. 060691, 692, 693 and 696. On Page
3 11, Bill Nos. 060701, 638, 617, 629. On
4 Page 12, Bill Nos. 060626, 632, 634, 694.
5 And, finally, on Page 13, Bill Nos.
6 060702, 703, 730 and 630. All other
7 bills are being held.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the title of Bill No. 051089.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
14 for Industrial Development to file an
15 application in an amount not to exceed \$6
16 million to assist in the development of
17 the Point Breeze Performing Arts Center.

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

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 call the roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Clarke.
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 DiCicco.
8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: 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: Councilman Ramos.

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2 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

12 Verna.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

17 We will now consider Bill No.

18 060261.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
21 for Industrial Development to file an
22 application in an amount not to exceed
23 \$250,000 to assist in the relocation of
24 the Family Practice and Counseling
25 Network.

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

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 call the roll.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

20 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Krajewski.

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

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2 consideration is Bill No. 060620.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 constituting the Eleventh Supplemental
5 Ordinance to the Restated General Water
6 and Wastewater Revenue Bond Ordinance of
7 1989.

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

12 The Chief Clerk will please
13 call the roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

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

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2 Verna.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 The ayes are 14; the nays are zero. A
5 majority of all members having voted in
6 the affirmative, this bill passes.

7 The next bill to be called for
8 consideration is Bill No. 060627.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia
11 Code by adding Local 22 Fire Political
12 Action Committee to the list of
13 designated payees.

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

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 call the roll.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 DiCicco.
4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Kenney.
11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Krajewski.
14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Miller.
17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 O'Neill.
20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Reynolds Brown.
25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Verna.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

13 We will now consider Bill No.
14 060688.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
17 for Industrial Development to file an
18 application in an amount not to exceed \$2
19 million to assist in the development of
20 Simeone Automotive Foundation Education
21 Center.

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 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: Councilman Ramos.
6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Reynolds Brown.
9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Tasco.
14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
16 Verna.
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
18 The ayes are 14; the nays are zero. A
19 majority of all members having voted in
20 the affirmative, this bill passes.
21 We will now consider Bill No.
22 060690.
23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 constituting the Tenth Supplemental
25 Ordinance to the Restated General Water

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2 and Wastewater Revenue Bond Ordinance of
3 1989.

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

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 call the roll.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

22 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Krajewski.
4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Miller.
7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 O'Neill.
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
12 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Reynolds Brown.
15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Tasco.
20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
22 Verna.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
24 The ayes are 14; the nays are zero. A
25 majority of all members having voted in

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2 the affirmative, this bill passes.

3 We will now consider Bill No.

4 060691.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
7 for Industrial Development to file an
8 application in an amount not exceed \$1
9 million to assist in the development of
10 Woodlands Arboretum and Botanical Gardens
11 Revitalization Project.

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 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: Councilman Ramos.
20 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Reynolds Brown.
23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Verna.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 14; the nays are zero. A
9 majority of all members having voted in
10 the affirmative, this bill passes.

11 We will now consider Bill No.
12 060692.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 authorizing and approving the execution
15 and delivery of a Service Agreement
16 between the City of Philadelphia and the
17 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
18 Development relating to a comprehensive
19 program to improve and enhance the City
20 of Philadelphia's cultural and commercial
21 corridors for the benefit of the
22 residents of the City of Philadelphia.

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

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President.

3 Madam President, this is a very
4 painful day for me because for many, many
5 years, for eight years, I worked at the
6 Philadelphia Museum of Art, and year
7 after year, I watch the Budget Officer
8 come to City Council to plead for
9 operating dollars to run that
10 institution, that grand, fine
11 institution, and I've watched over the
12 years how we have struggled to fight to
13 maintain operating dollars for that
14 institution. Two years ago, we strongly
15 advocated that the City give them \$2
16 million.

17 This bill, which is designed to
18 give capital dollars to cultural fund
19 organizations for capital improvements
20 and also dollars for streetscaping and
21 small business guarantees, is a fine way
22 to reach out and give support to the
23 institutions that traditionally have not
24 been funded by the City, and I support
25 the intent to do that, but I also know

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2 that a lot of cultural institutions need
3 that support and we have a responsibility
4 to find a way to do so. I'm not sure
5 that financing our future at this point
6 to do that is the best way to go, when we
7 do know that there are other ways, such
8 as pay as you go.

9 We have a \$240 million fund
10 balance. There's \$6 million sitting in
11 the -- I can't think of the fund. You
12 know what I'm talking about. We talk
13 about the \$6 million all the time. But
14 there are other ways that we can fund it.
15 But we also have a need for our
16 recreation centers, our fire centers,
17 fire buildings, libraries and all the
18 City structures to have those dollars
19 that are needed to keep those structures
20 going, and we haven't been able to do
21 that because we're in a fight here over
22 the capital budget for 2006 and 2007, and
23 so we haven't done that yet. And we're
24 at a standstill, because here we're
25 pitting the City structures against the

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2 community, and we shouldn't be in this
3 position. Particularly we are
4 responsible for the City-owned
5 structures, to make sure that they're
6 operating.

7 During the course of the
8 testimony, I talked about the fire
9 station at Carpenter Lane and
10 Germantown -- which is not in my
11 district, it's in Councilwoman Miller's
12 district, but I stop there often. I pass
13 it -- to show me their floor, which is
14 coming apart. They can't get it
15 repaired. We don't have the dollars to
16 repair that. And so we need to resolve
17 our capital budget program before we tend
18 to look at other ways of giving money to
19 other institutions.

20 During the testimony for this
21 ordinance, Mr. Jannetti, our Finance
22 Director, stated we had \$170 million for
23 these structures, but I corrected him
24 that this total represents the budget's
25 2006 and 2007.

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2 Under the capital program, the
3 City plans to spend over the next six
4 fiscal years just under \$71 million a
5 year. The City Planning Commission has
6 testified that the City needs to spend on
7 its public facilities \$185 million
8 annually.

9 We need to stop and rethink our
10 action and develop a pay-as-you-go plan.
11 We could commit the \$12 million that
12 we're going to pay and have to pay \$12
13 million in a year in debt service. That
14 money could be better set aside to give
15 the Art Museum \$5 million a year, the Zoo
16 whatever it needs. And I'm particularly
17 concerned about what City structures will
18 get, the money. During the course of the
19 testimony, Ms. Naidoff said they were
20 City-owned structures, but she couldn't
21 name any, didn't give us a list, we don't
22 know where the money is going, and they
23 have outsiders telling them what
24 facilities to be funded, when the
25 District Councilmembers know in their

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2 district what City structures should be
3 funded. So I am very concerned about the
4 process for distributing this money,
5 because we don't know where it's going to
6 go.

7 So I think that if we adopt the
8 pay-as-you-go plan by -- we have a \$240
9 million fund balance. Certainly we could
10 give the Art Museum \$30 million. They
11 need it. They deserve it. Some of the
12 other cultural funds need it. We can't
13 even fund the cultural fund's operating
14 program. We struggle and beg every year
15 for a measly little million dollars so
16 that the programs can operate. More
17 cultural fund programs need operating
18 dollars than the number of organizations
19 that may have been touted as getting some
20 of the capital dollars, which will be
21 minuscule compared to the number of
22 people who came in here and testified.
23 Then you're going to pit them against
24 each other. So you're pitting the City
25 structures against the cultural

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2 structures, and then you're going to have
3 the cultural structures fighting over the
4 small pit that's done rather than having
5 a total program, a program where we could
6 all buy into and know year after year how
7 much would be available for these
8 cultural funds, the City to support these
9 structures.

10 So that is why I'm very
11 perturbed about it today, because I don't
12 want the cultural community to think that
13 I don't support their needs. I do. I
14 think they deserve it, and the City has a
15 responsibility to help find a way to do
16 that.

17 According to today's
18 Philadelphia Inquirer, the Mayor and his
19 allies, and I'm quoting, touted the
20 borrowing as a key piece to the Mayor's
21 legacy.

22 I say that this Mayor has had
23 seven years to develop a legacy. His
24 legacy, whether he likes it or not, will
25 be one of pitting one community against

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2 the other. It is too late to try and
3 create a false record.

4 In the out years when the
5 members of the City Council, those who
6 will be here, wrestle with the City
7 finances and try to answer their
8 constituents as to why there are no funds
9 for our structures, our rec centers, our
10 libraries, our fire houses, the answer
11 will be that we mortgaged our future so
12 that John Street could have a legacy.
13 And I will be voting no on this.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
19 Madam President.

20 I would just ask my colleague
21 why she's being so kind to the
22 Administration on this matter.

23 Four years ago, we were sitting
24 in a little courtroom upstairs because
25 this room was damaged, and I remember

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2 like it was yesterday that the
3 Administration came in with a plan to
4 sell the Central Library and then lease
5 it back so that we could give the Central
6 Library \$30 million for its expansion.
7 It had to be done. But you know, as I
8 said, \$60 million for \$30 million worth
9 of stated reason. And no matter how much
10 anyone pleaded with the Administration,
11 it wasn't just the idea of leasing the
12 library after you've sold it, but there
13 was \$30 million in unidentified
14 expenditures on a long-term borrowing
15 that would just be wrong to do. Well,
16 that didn't fly at that time. Four years
17 ago, the first term of the Street
18 Administration, both allies and enemies
19 agreed that it was a bad idea, and it
20 failed. But eventually the \$30 million
21 borrowing was done, which everyone had
22 assured the support for, even though we
23 had to tell a library at the time, Sorry,
24 we're for you, but not in this context,
25 not doing it this way. And the library

9 Now we have \$150 million with
10 virtually none of it identified. I don't
11 know where we lost our way from \$30
12 million not identified four years ago for
13 the library and holding up what we all
14 knew was a good, solid \$30 million
15 commitment to the library until we got it
16 right and now we have unidentified 150
17 million. It's five times what the last
18 unidentified money was.

19 I mean, if we want to create a
20 capital dollar slush fund for the
21 Administration, we're doing it. I don't
22 know why we want to do that, but we're
23 doing it.

24 I also don't know why we want
25 to do it when our recreation centers are

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2 falling apart and we can't agree on the
3 last three years a capital budget for the
4 rec centers, which used to be a routine
5 matter around here. But we're doing it.
6 It doesn't make it right. It just means
7 it's going to be done today.

8 I refuse to join in doing this.
9 The Charter that was passed some 50-plus
10 years ago had a provision in there that
11 said two-thirds of Council is needed to
12 strap the taxpayers with long-term debt.
13 So it went beyond the nine votes needed
14 for anything else.

15 Somewhere along the way,
16 authorities were created by the State and
17 language was inserted which made it okay
18 without a Charter amendment to borrow
19 long term with only nine votes. The
20 Charter says 12. Well, that's just
21 general obligation bonds. Well, back
22 then, that's what long-term debt was,
23 general obligation bonds. There weren't
24 any of these authorities and different
25 mechanisms for getting around it.

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2 12.

3 But this is a case where you
4 see what happens when you cavalierly go
5 outside the Charter requirement and you
6 ignore the 12-vote requirement because,
7 oh, we're going to have a Service
8 Agreement with this agency. It's the
9 same taxpayer. It's the same debt. The
10 debt is out of control. It's getting
11 worse. And we are not including the
12 pension obligation bonds. Even when PICA
13 comes in here, they're talking about
14 capital debt, no matter how we borrowed
15 it.

16 Long-term debt through a bond
17 issue, we borrowed one and a quarter
18 billion dollars just a few years ago.
19 That debt is at least \$50 million a year
20 that isn't included in any of the numbers
21 that we've been given. It's real debt.
22 It's real long-term obligation by our
23 taxpayers.

24 So what are we doing? We're
25 going to help commercial corridors and

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2 small and large cultural organizations.

3 Well, I think that's great. They all

4 need it. There's no question. When we

5 have \$187 million a year in our own

6 infrastructure -- everybody needs repairs

7 on their home, some people more than

8 others. If you had serious repairs

9 needed on your home -- and I would say we

10 need serious repairs needed on our City's

11 infrastructure -- and you said, Oh, you

12 know what, Harry or Bob down the street,

13 they've got problems, too. I think

14 instead of fixing my house, I'm going to

15 take my money and my family's money and

16 I'm going to fix theirs.

17 No question that Harry and

18 Bob's house needs work, but your

19 obligation to your family is our

20 obligation to our taxpayers. It's to fix

21 the City's problems with its

22 infrastructure, and if we have money left

23 over, then we'll help the private sector.

24 Business corridors have been

25 helped in this City for years by State

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2 grants. If it's a valid project to
3 improve that corridor, they've been
4 helped, and they've been helped in just
5 about every Council District. We're all
6 familiar with it. But all of the sudden,
7 the City, not with a lot of borrowing
8 capacity but absolutely strapped and
9 overburdened with debt, is taking on a
10 private obligation that would normally be
11 either the business corridors' own
12 private obligation or some combination
13 with the State. But now we're getting
14 generous. Oh, forget it. Forget what
15 usually happened. We're going to ignore
16 police stations, fire stations, Fairmount
17 Park, Recreation, libraries, because
18 that's what we're doing. We're ignoring
19 them because we think the commercial
20 corridors are more important. Well, you
21 know what that does? That puts \$90 to
22 \$150 million of political money, it's
23 just political money, in the second
24 floor, and that's why I hope PICA, the
25 Committee of Seventy and anybody else

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2 that wants to join them, because I'll
3 certainly join them, tries to stop it.

4 This is wrong. These monies
5 should be identified. They should be
6 voted on separately if they can't be
7 identified. And we're falling into the
8 trap of, oh, can't be against the Art
9 Museum. That's the way this whole thing
10 is structured. Can't be against the Art
11 Museum. Nobody is against the Art
12 Museum. If Mr. Lenfest doesn't know by
13 now that City Council has supported this
14 Art Museum a lot more than this
15 Administration in the last six budgets, I
16 think they know it, but they're caught in
17 a bind. But we don't have to get stuck
18 in the same bind. And I just think it's
19 a sad situation, because we could be
20 doing real good things for the Art
21 Museum, but we could also be doing real
22 good things for City buildings, City
23 infrastructure we're not going to get
24 another chance to do, because this
25 Administration is committed to

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2 underfunding the rec centers that we as
3 Councilmembers are responsible for, but
4 also underfunding the buildings that the
5 Administration is responsible for so they
6 can create \$150 million of money to be
7 identified later, to be identified later.
8 Except for library borrowing, I don't
9 think it's ever happened in the City's
10 history.

11 And if somebody has some
12 questions about whether 12 votes should
13 be needed, I think this is the best
14 example they'll ever have. And, yeah,
15 there will probably be 12 votes today,
16 but you know what? A few of them will be
17 voting because they don't want to be
18 against the Art Museum, and I can't blame
19 them. That's a hell of a spot to be in,
20 and it's unfair. But Councilwoman Tasco
21 mentioned community against community.
22 This kind of pits Councilmembers against
23 what they really think is right. Because
24 who wants to be against the Art Museum
25 and the cultural community when everybody

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2 supports them?

3 But that's the structure here.

4 That's the strategy. And, okay, it's
5 working, but this is a Christmas tree
6 that people are going to regret buying,
7 and I hope there's some way of stopping
8 it. If we can't, I just want to go on
9 record that I think it's one of the worst
10 votes I've ever been asked to make, and
11 I'm not going to make it.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 I join the many members on this
19 legislative body who care very, very much
20 about the arts and what it does for our
21 City, and I recognize that when it comes
22 to matters of this scale, even in our
23 advocacy we have to be thoughtful and
24 rational in approaching the public policy
25 question, which is should we fund this

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2 bond issuance.

3 The fact is that just as we
4 have used the bond issuance for other
5 mechanisms here in City Council, we
6 should also consider using that mechanism
7 for this particular community, for this
8 one reason: This bond issuance is an
9 investment into the capital needs of many
10 of our arts and cultural institutions.
11 It is a one-time injection or infusion of
12 dollars for the arts and cultural
13 institutions in our City. The fact is
14 that a \$1 investment in arts and culture
15 gives us a domino effect of \$3 spent.

16 So for those reasons, I will be
17 in support of this one-time unprecedented
18 opportunity that seeks to help our arts
19 and culture institutions in a way that
20 has never been done before.

21 Thank you, Madam President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

23 You're welcome.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 Madam President, I just want
5 some clarity on my vote. My vote will be
6 based on what I believe to be a carefully
7 thought-out strategy related to
8 commercial corridors. I'm the District
9 Councilperson that actually represents
10 the Art Museum and have been talking to
11 members of the Art Museum for years, both
12 as a staff person, as a Councilperson and
13 hearing the need for that facility. But
14 I can sit here today and tell you
15 honestly if this bond initiative did not
16 include, quote/unquote, the neighborhoods
17 in the commercial corridors, I would not
18 be supportive of this initiative, as much
19 as I support the Art Museum, because at
20 the end of the day, I happen to
21 represent -- I can only speak for myself,
22 but I'm sure that there's a lot of
23 similarities in other Council
24 Districts -- some of the oldest
25 commercial corridors in the City of

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2 Philadelphia, who in fact need some
3 infusion of cash to support the
4 infrastructure. I have some commercial
5 corridors in my district where you can't
6 walk down the sidewalk because the curbs
7 and sidewalks are broken and dangerous.
8 And, unfortunately, I wish we could
9 actually be talking about helping some of
10 these residential areas that have similar
11 problems.

12 But at the end of the day, I
13 think this is a reasonable approach to
14 instilling some cash, instilling some
15 resources to our neighborhood commercial
16 corridors, because I do believe, and
17 history has shown, that small businesses
18 are the life blood of not only these
19 neighborhoods, of these cities.

20 So I'm going to cast my vote in
21 support of this primarily because of that
22 and secondarily because of some of the
23 arts and cultural institutions.

24 Additionally, I think the fact
25 that we were able to extract in our

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2 hearing a serious commitment for a very,
3 very aggressive approach to including
4 minority and female-owned businesses as
5 it relates to any access to this money,
6 be it City-sponsored projects or any
7 privately owned-sponsored projects, where
8 we got a commitment from the
9 Administration to use 50 percent as a
10 goal for employment opportunities and I
11 think upwards of 40 percent for
12 contracts.

13 So I look at this as a golden
14 opportunity, not only to infuse cash and
15 resources into our communities, but also
16 give a golden opportunity to a lot of
17 people who are currently out of work or
18 working at jobs that aren't paying a
19 reasonable livable wage.

20 So I would like to not only
21 focus on getting this initiative in
22 place, but I want to make sure that the
23 commitments that were made to us to make
24 sure that all Philadelphians have an
25 opportunity to take advantage of this

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2 fund be in place.

3 So today I will cast my vote,
4 not to build anyone's legacy, not to
5 provide a fund, and I don't like to use
6 the term "slush," but not to provide a
7 fund that is not adequately monitored by
8 this body and members of this government
9 to ensure that all expenditures are done
10 appropriately. So I will be casting my
11 vote aye.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 I, too, will be voting yes on
19 this bill and not just specifically
20 because of the money that would be going
21 to the Art Museum, although I think that
22 is a wonderful idea and I think it's a
23 long-time coming. When these various
24 departments, the Art Museum included,
25 come to Council and talk about their

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2 capital needs, every one of them, almost
3 to an institution, has always pointed out
4 that the economic benefits to the City of
5 Philadelphia far outweigh the investment.
6 The Art Museum has testified over the
7 years that for every City dollar that we
8 invest into that institution, we get a \$4
9 return on our investment.

10 So for me, this is not, to use
11 the word of my colleague, a slush fund.
12 For me, this is another economic tool
13 that the City has at its disposal.

14 I agree that there's a debt
15 service that needs to be looked at and
16 will have to be addressed in years going
17 forward, but I personally believe that
18 the investment will certainly pay its way
19 and pay itself off in the long run.

20 Politics of the second floor,
21 the Mayor has a year and a half left. I
22 don't think he will realize his legacy,
23 if that's what this is all about, because
24 by the time all this stuff begins, it
25 will probably be a year and a half before

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2 anyone sees any of the improvements that
3 we're hoping to realize from this.

4 It's interesting, when I hear
5 that the politics of the second floor is
6 just the way in which to direct money for
7 political purposes into certain sections
8 of the City, we're the same folks who
9 haven't been able to pass the capital
10 budget for two, three years. Some of
11 that money would have gone to rec centers
12 and fire houses and police stations and
13 the like. I think we have to be held
14 responsible for that. We have to take
15 some accountability for that, since we
16 haven't been able to pass a capital
17 budget. The return on the investment for
18 me is well worth this borrowing.

19 I also would like to point out
20 when we talk about the commercial
21 corridors, last I looked, the majority of
22 folks who run those shops and those
23 stores in the neighborhoods are
24 Philadelphians. They're taxpayers, too.

25 When we talk about State

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2 grants, I'm familiar with that as a
3 District Councilperson. It's nice to get
4 State grants. It's somewhat of a help,
5 but when you look at it in the scheme of
6 things, that money that they realize in
7 those grants is insignificant. It's
8 literally a drop in the bucket.

9 Council President, I know that
10 you're familiar with some of the
11 corridors in South Philadelphia, as an
12 example. Penrose Avenue in your
13 district, 9th Street in my district,
14 South 7th Street. I wish 20 years ago
15 someone had thought of this idea to
16 invest large infusions of dollars. We
17 may have been able to save those
18 corridors. Because what happens when we
19 don't save the business community, you
20 lose the residential community. It goes
21 hand in hand. If you don't save the
22 residential community, you will lose the
23 retail community.

24 We need to make this, I think,
25 a priority. It is not because my

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2 relationship with the Mayor, as everyone
3 understands, has been on a good note as
4 of late. I'm not here to make points
5 with the Mayor. I'm here because I
6 really and truly look at this as an
7 economic tool to move this City forward,
8 to make our neighborhoods a better place
9 for all Philadelphians and invest their
10 tax dollars to the best of our ability,
11 and we will deal with the fire house
12 situation. And I thank my colleagues for
13 standing with me a couple of years ago
14 when the Administration was looking to
15 close down some of those fire stations.
16 None of those stations have been closed.
17 I appreciate the support, and I think
18 it's just the beginning, and we need to
19 go forward from this day forward to
20 figure it all out.

21 We will have a say in the
22 process as to where this money goes.
23 Particularly for District Councilpeople,
24 not leaving my at-large colleagues out of
25 the process, but we know what goes on in

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2 there was enough money that the City had
3 money to use on these structures and then
4 the other pot that was given to the
5 Councilmembers was left to the
6 Councilmembers. Then, of course, the
7 capital program began to shrink and the
8 City could see they didn't have enough
9 money for the things they thought they
10 might want to do on these rec centers and
11 these fire stations, and then they wanted
12 to take the money that we had
13 appropriated to the District
14 Councilpeople for the capital programs we
15 wanted in our district.

16 So that's where the discussion
17 is and that's where the fight is, because
18 they want to take our money because they
19 don't have enough money because they
20 can't get enough money to fix the
21 structures that they need.

22 The final thing I want to say
23 is, this is like a predatory loan. You
24 got \$240 million in the bank. That's the
25 money you could use to fix up the house

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2 that Brian was talking about. Along
3 comes a subprime lender, say, Oh, let me
4 give you \$150 million and you only got to
5 pay \$12 million a year. But you don't
6 look at the life of the loan of \$300
7 million, and you could have taken some of
8 that money of your \$240 million which we
9 have and put it aside for some of the
10 same commercial corridors that we've been
11 begging this Administration to fund and
12 support through the years. He's been
13 talking about this \$150 million for the
14 last eight years. Here we are one year
15 out trying to struggle and be forced to
16 vote on something and, again, like Brian
17 said, use the Art Museum as the carrot,
18 as the stick as to say, Look, if you
19 don't do this, you're against the Art
20 Museum. But we are not against the Art
21 Museum. We're not against the cultural
22 funds. We are against this process
23 because it doesn't make sense. We have
24 the money in the budget in the City we
25 could use for the same stuff. So it's

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2 not like, oh, glory God, we got this
3 money. Well, we had the money, we have
4 the money, and we can use the money for
5 the same projects that's on the table in
6 this ordinance.

7 So we're going to buy a
8 predatory loan, ya'll. In about ten
9 years, you'll figure it out.

10 Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Kelly.

16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 Madam President, I've been
19 pleading and encouraging this
20 Administration over the last few years to
21 increase the support for cultural funds
22 in the City of Philadelphia. I think
23 it's very, very important to do so. I've
24 been around this City and I've visited
25 many, many of these institutions.

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2 because I know absolutely the desperate
3 need for these institutions. And I think
4 that when you look at it, people don't
5 come into the City just to see the
6 Liberty Bell. They come in for many,
7 many different reasons, and many of these
8 reasons are the cultural institutions
9 that we have in the City. And I think
10 it's so important that we back and we
11 financially support them, and this is the
12 opportunity that I find today.

13 One of the things that I
14 mentioned before, that all of our sports
15 teams, whether it be the Eagles, the
16 Flyers, the Phillies or the 76ers, they
17 bring in about a little over four million
18 people per year. Our cultural
19 institutions bring in at least 11 or 11.4
20 million people a year, and that's very,
21 very important, to keep this up. And I
22 think by supporting them, this is one of
23 the things that makes Philadelphia great,
24 and I want to continue to see it do so.

25 So that's why I'm supporting

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2 this bill today. I think it's very, very
3 important. I'm asking my colleagues to
4 do the same.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Miller.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
11 you.

12 Thank you, Madam President.

13 Madam President, I will be voting yes on
14 this bill because certainly this type of
15 funding will help benefit the arts and
16 culture community. It will certainly
17 benefit neighborhood commercial corridors
18 in my district. Those corridors are
19 always asking, seeking. I'm a very
20 strong supporter of neighborhood
21 commercial corridors because these are,
22 as Councilman Darrell Clarke said
23 earlier, they're the life blood of a
24 neighborhood, providing many, many young
25 people with their first opportunity for

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2 employment.

3 I am on the Board of the Zoo
4 and I certainly know the funding that the
5 Zoo needs, the additional funding. So I
6 just want to very quickly say that I will
7 be supporting this bill and voting yes.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

10 You're welcome.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes, Madam
14 President. PICA is our oversight board,
15 and while we're not bound by their
16 recommendations certainly, they're not
17 just any other oversight board. They're
18 the board that kept us --

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

20 Excuse me. Councilman, do you mind
21 pulling the microphone.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: They're
23 the board that kept us floating and
24 continues to have the responsibility to
25 make sure we don't go back to where we

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2 were.

3 This is not just bad public
4 policy. I don't think PICA gets involved
5 with that. But I believe it's such bad
6 fiscal policy that we may be creating
7 another hurdle that the State will put on
8 us, because this isn't going to go away,
9 how bad this borrowing is. We'll need
10 PICA's approval before we incur long-term
11 debt. And I don't think it was ever
12 anybody's intention of doing that, but
13 that's my prediction.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

16 You're welcome.

17 Does anyone else care to be
18 recognized?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

21 Seeing no one, this bill having been read
22 on two different days, the question now
23 is shall the bill 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 Kelly.
14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Kenney.
17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Krajewski.
20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Miller.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: 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 Tasco.
12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
14 Verna.
15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No.
16 The no's are three; the ayes are 11, and
17 the bill passes.
18 We will now consider Bill No.
19 060693.
20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
22 for Industrial Development to file an
23 application in an amount not to exceed
24 \$5,150,000 to assist in the development
25 of Germantown YWCA.

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

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 call the roll.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

20 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Miller.
5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 O'Neill.
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Reynolds Brown.
13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Tasco.
18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
20 Verna.
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
22 The ayes are 14; the nays are zero. A
23 majority of all members having voted in
24 the affirmative, the bill passes.
25 We will now consider Bill No.

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2 060696.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia
5 Code to add AFSCME District Council 47 to
6 the list of designated payees.

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

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 call the roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: 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 (No response.)
11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
12 Councilwoman Miller in the room?
13 (No response.)
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 O'Neill.
16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
18 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: 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 Tasco.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

4 Verna.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

9 We will now consider Bill No.
10 060701.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
13 for Industrial Development to file an
14 application in an amount not to exceed \$7
15 million to assist in the development of
16 North Philadelphia Health Systems.

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

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 call the roll.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Clarke.
4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 DiCicco.
7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Kenney.
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Miller.
20 (No response.)
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 O'Neill.
23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
25 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: 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 Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
11 Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

16 We will now consider Resolution
17 No. 060638.

18 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 proposing an amendment to the
20 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to repeal
21 the "resign to run" provision, so that,
22 effective January 1, 2008, City officers
23 and employees may become candidates for
24 nomination or election to public office
25 without first resigning from their City

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2 office or employment.

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

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: For what
6 purpose, Madam President? Oh, I move the
7 adoption of the resolution. For that
8 purpose.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Since
11 Resolution No. 060638 is a Charter change
12 to the Home Rule Charter, it requires
13 two-thirds majority. At this time, the
14 Chief Clerk will please call the roll.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Clarke.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Verna.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
5 The ayes are 14; the nays are zero.
6 Two-thirds majority of all members having
7 voted in the affirmative, the resolution
8 is adopted.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 read the title of Bill No. 060617.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 providing for the submission to the
13 qualified electors of the City of
14 Philadelphia of a proposal set forth in a
15 resolution approved by Council proposing
16 an amendment to the Philadelphia Home
17 Rule Charter to repeal the "resign to
18 run" provision.

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

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 call the roll.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Blackwell.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 Clarke.
6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 DiCicco.
9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: 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: Councilman Ramos.
3 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Reynolds Brown.
6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Tasco.
11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
13 Verna.
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
15 The ayes are 14; the nays are zero. A
16 majority of all members having voted in
17 the affirmative, the bill passes.
18 We will consider Bill No.
19 060629.
20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending and clarifying the campaign
22 finance provision of Chapter 20-1000 of
23 The Philadelphia Code; in particular,
24 defining, for purposes of the Chapter,
25 what it means to be a candidate for City

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2 elective office.

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

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 call the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
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: Councilman Ramos.
11 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: 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 Tasco.
19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
21 Verna.
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
23 The ayes are 14; the nays are zero. A
24 majority of all members having voted in
25 the affirmative, the bill passes.

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2 We will now consider Bill No.
3 060626.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 authorizing the paving of Delaware Avenue
6 from Levick Street to Magee Avenue.

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

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 call the roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
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: Councilman Ramos.
15 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Reynolds Brown.
18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Tasco.
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
25 Verna.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

6 The next bill to be called for
7 consideration is Bill No. 060632.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Section 9-212 of The
10 Philadelphia Code by prohibiting
11 newsstands within an area bounded by
12 Passyunk Avenue, 13th Street and Mifflin
13 Street.

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

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 call the roll.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 DiCicco.
4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Kenney.
11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Krajewski.
14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Miller.
17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 O'Neill.
20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Reynolds Brown.
25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Verna.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

13 We will now consider Bill No.
14 060634.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Section 9-212 of The
17 Philadelphia Code by prohibiting
18 newsstands on both sides of 6th Street
19 between Chestnut Street and Sansom.

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.

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
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 Kelly.
14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Kenney.
17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Krajewski.
20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Miller.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: 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 Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

14 Verna.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

16 The ayes are 14; the nays are zero. A

17 majority of all members having voted in

18 the affirmative, the bill passes.

19 We will now consider Bill No.

20 060694.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

22 authorizing Commerce Bank to construct,

23 operate and maintain a building facade

24 located at 8600 Germantown Avenue.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING

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

5 The Chief Clerk will please
6 call the roll.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

19 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Miller.
4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 O'Neill.
7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
9 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: 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 Tasco.
17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
19 Verna.
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
21 The ayes are 14; the nays are zero. A
22 majority of all members having voted in
23 the affirmative, the bill passes.
24 We will now consider Bill No.
25 060702.

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 authorizing the paving of Sunshine Lane
4 and Solar Way.

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 Kelly.

23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Kenney.

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
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: Councilman Ramos.
13 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: 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 Tasco.
21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
23 Verna.
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
25 The ayes are 14; the nays are zero. A

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2 majority of all members having voted in
3 the affirmative, the bill passes.

4 We will now consider Bill No.
5 060703.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 authorizing and directing the revision of
8 lines and grades on a portion of City
9 Plan No. 344 by placing on the City Plan
10 Sunshine Lane and Solar Way.

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.

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
5 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Kenney.
8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Krajewski.
11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Miller.
14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 O'Neill.
17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: 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 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
5 Verna.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 14; the nays will zero. A
8 majority of all members having voted in
9 the affirmative, the bill passes.

10 The next bill to be called is
11 Bill No. 060730.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 authorizing and directing the revision of
14 lines and grades on a portion of City
15 Plan No. 278 by placing on the City Plan
16 Delaware Avenue from Hellerman Street to
17 Magee Avenue.

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

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 call the roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Clarke.
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 DiCicco.
8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: 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: Councilman Ramos.

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

12 Verna.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

17 The last bill to be called for
18 consideration is Bill No. 060638.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Section 19-2604 of The
21 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Tax Rates,
22 Credits and Alternative Tax Computation,"
23 all under certain terms and conditions.

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

1 10/26/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
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 Kelly.
18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Kenney.
21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Krajewski.
24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Miller.
3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 O'Neill.
6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Reynolds Brown.
11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Tasco.
16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
18 Verna.
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
20 The ayes are 14; the nays are zero. A
21 majority of all members having voted in
22 the affirmative, this bill passes, and
23 that concludes our Calendar, and at this
24 time, the Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Clarke.

1 10/26/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILL

2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 Madam President, I received a
5 resolution from the Redevelopment
6 Authority relatively late and I would
7 like to ask if I can introduce this now.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If
9 there are no objections.

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
12 Please introduce it at this point.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
14 President, I have one resolution to offer
15 at this time.

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 approving the redevelopment contract and
22 disposition supplement of the
23 Redevelopment Authority, the City of
24 Philadelphia, for the redevelopment and
25 urban renewal of a portion of the Model

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2 Cities Urban Renewal Area.

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

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

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will please say
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

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

21 Are there any speeches on the
22 part of the minority?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
25 there speeches on the part of the

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2 majority?

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilwoman Miller.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

6 you, Madam President. This is not a

7 speech. I want to be recorded as voting

8 aye on bills when I was not in the

9 Chamber.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

11 record will so reflect that. Thank you.

12 The Chair recognizes

13 Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

15 you, Madam President. I rise today to

16 talk about housing reorganization. Some

17 people, individuals involved, are told

18 that they have to, by the end of the

19 month, make decisions. They have to make

20 decisions about whether they sign up for

21 unemployment or whether they take their

22 pension so that they can maintain medical

23 benefits, and as always, there's a big

24 question because we have people who are

25 not 65, can't take their regular

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2 retirement and who are really, really
3 limited. People in their 40's and 50's
4 trying to start out again are very, very
5 limited.

6 The City is still looking at
7 what jobs are available, although the
8 timeline is here, and by the end of the
9 month, even today people are told what
10 they have to do, and some of this
11 happened within the past two weeks.

12 So we're still hopeful that
13 somehow these 30 to 50 people who are
14 targeted for layoff will have places in
15 our City. We're still announcing that
16 we're happy to introduce any transfer
17 ordinances to help in this situation, as
18 well as to get this Council through
19 various issues related to housing. Many
20 of you may have noticed in your districts
21 with regard to projects that it's harder
22 and harder to get things done, because
23 when people are being reorganized and
24 they're not sure where they'll be working
25 or what they'll be doing and where one

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2 but sometimes you just have to tell the
3 truth.

4 In 1999, not endorsed by the
5 democratic party, I managed an upset
6 victory in the City Council at-large
7 primary election, politically backed by
8 John Street, Chaka Fattah and others.
9 Since coming to City Council in 2000, I
10 brought 36 of my bills to the floor of
11 City Council for final vote. Today I
12 thank my colleagues for approving No. 34
13 and No. 35.

14 Thirty-three of these bills
15 were in some way related to community
16 economic development, which is my
17 platform. For that work this year, I
18 received regional and national awards.
19 Two bills were campaign finance reform
20 measures in 2003 and 2006.

21 After a historic veto override
22 in December of 2003, campaign finance
23 reform came to Philadelphia. But as soon
24 as many people realized the new law did
25 not apply to John Street because he was

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2 no longer a candidate, there was
3 disappointment. Some people just wanted
4 a "get John Street" law.

5 Now fast forward to 2006.

6 After almost three years of opportunity
7 to significantly amend the law, we did so
8 today. But there is disappointment
9 again. This time because some people
10 wanted a "get Chaka Fattah" law. I was
11 willing to amend the bill that was passed
12 today in an objective way, but in every
13 conversation that I had yesterday with
14 critics of this legislation, the
15 questions were asked, Does it stop Chaka?
16 Why doesn't it stop Chaka? How do we
17 stop Chaka? In fact, let me read you an
18 e-mail I received this morning from
19 someone who tried to organize a petition
20 drive, but only got 35 signatures. Marc
21 Stier. He e-mails me at 8:44 a.m. this
22 morning. "I finally found what I was
23 looking for." Chaka's exploratory
24 committee is authorized by him. In other
25 words, got him.

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2 The simple answer is, the
3 Pennsylvania Election Code allows
4 Congressman Fattah to raise and spend
5 money on a mayoral exploratory committee.
6 No local law can change that. And so a
7 bill was passed this week in the State
8 House that will support Philadelphia
9 enacting its own campaign finance laws,
10 and we thank State Representative Dwight
11 Evans sincerely for House Bill No. 2420.

12 And then there was a push to
13 hold this bill back. Why? I've already
14 answered that question. The only
15 question that remains for these critics,
16 What did you really think I was going to
17 do? We have different goals. 2007 marks
18 the first time in the history of
19 Philadelphia elections that campaign
20 contribution limits will be applied to
21 mayoral and City Council campaigns,
22 thanks to the members of this body. So
23 to the so-called new reformers, you're
24 welcome.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you very much.

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 Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
10 Madam President.

11 Madam President, I move that
12 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
13 November the 2nd, 10:00 a.m., 2006.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
16 has been moved and seconded that Council
17 stand adjourned until Thursday, November
18 2, 2006.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 ayes have it and the motion carries.

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2 Thank you.

3 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
4 12:15 p.m.)

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