

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 2, 2011
10:40 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE
COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO
MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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

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

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair recognizes Reverend
12 Glenn Shepherd, Pastor of Campbell AME
13 Church. He is here today as the guest of
14 Councilwoman Sanchez.

15 At this time, I would ask all
16 guests and members to please rise.

17 (Guests and members rise.)

18 REVEREND SHEPHERD: Good
19 morning.

20 (Good morning.)

21 REVEREND SHEPHERD: Let us
22 pray.

23 All thou in whose presence our
24 soul takes the light, on whom an
25 affliction we call. Our comfort by day,

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2 our song of the night. Our hope, our
3 salvation are on.

4 We thank you, Almighty God, for
5 allowing us to be here at this opening
6 session of the week of City Council. We
7 ask that you bless each and every
8 representative of the Council. Father,
9 we also ask you to continue to bless
10 those that are here under the sound of
11 our voice.

12 Oh Lord, as they strive to
13 serve this great city during these
14 difficult times of limited financial
15 resources, let them remember the poor,
16 the downtrodden, the marginalized.
17 Assist them in coming together for the
18 common good. Even though they are given
19 a difficult task, they're making brick
20 without straw.

21 Your empowerment is needed and
22 desired as Council pours over these many
23 issues facing this great city. We
24 understand that prayer changes things,
25 and because we understand that prayer

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2 changes things, we lift up and praise
3 your holy and righteous name.

4 It is in your master's name
5 that we pray.

6 Amen, amen and amen.

7 (Amen.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair thanks the Reverend for his
10 invocation. Thank you so much.

11 Council will be at ease.

12 (Council at ease.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 next order of business is the approval of
15 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
16 May 26th, 2011, and the Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
19 President, I move that the Journal of the
20 meeting of Thursday, May 26th, 2011 be
21 approved.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
24 has been moved and properly seconded that
25 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,

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2 May 26th, 2011 stand approved.

3 All in favor will indicate by
4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
10 ayes have it, and the Journal is
11 approved.

12 The next order of business is
13 requests for leaves of absence, and,
14 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
17 Madam President. On behalf of the
18 majority, there are no requests for leave
19 of absence today.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
21 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
25 President, on behalf of the republicans,

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2 there are no requests for leave of
3 absence.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

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

16 At this time, the Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell, who
18 will present a resolution honoring
19 Charlie Mack.

20 Would Mr. Mack and those
21 accompanying him please join the
22 Councilwoman at the podium.

23 I see that Councilwoman
24 Blackwell has been joined by Councilman
25 Jones.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
3 you, Madam President.

4 This gives me great pleasure.
5 Although we are noting what Charlie Mack
6 and his foundation have done for West
7 Philadelphia High School today, we have
8 followed him around the City as he and
9 Will and Jada Smith and Queen Latifah and
10 others have spoken at the Youth Study
11 Center to help youngsters and have done
12 marches to end crime, as well as many,
13 many other events in our city.

14 With him is his family: His
15 mother, Evangeline Ramy (ph); his
16 daughter Dorian Watkins; his daughter
17 Karima Alston; his daughter Charlie
18 Alston; and Jhuvencio Gonzalez (ph), his
19 friend and stepfather.

20 Resolution recognizing "Charlie
21 Mack" Alston for his generosity towards
22 West Philadelphia High School and the
23 surrounding community.

24 Whereas, on March 18th, 2011,
25 Charlie Mack's foundation, Charlie Mack

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2 Cares, in partnership with the Will and
3 Jada Smith Family Foundation, donated 30
4 new Apple computers to the West
5 Philadelphia High School; and

6 Whereas, on February 21st, 60
7 computers were stolen worth approximately
8 \$80,000 from West Philadelphia High
9 School; and

10 Whereas, the donation made in
11 partnership with both foundations helped
12 recover almost \$40,000 in loss; and

13 Whereas, the Philadelphia
14 Police recovered 30 of the stolen
15 computers, so with the donation, the
16 school again has 60 computers; and

17 Whereas, with access to
18 technology for our students is of extreme
19 importance to ensure a positive and
20 competitive environment; and

21 Whereas, the students at West
22 Philadelphia High School are deeply
23 grateful for the new computers and feel
24 special as a result of the Charlie Mack
25 Cares and Will and Jada Smith

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2 Foundation's time and efforts; and

3 My colleague will finish this
4 and add some other biographical
5 information on Charlie Mack.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas,
7 Charlie Mack and Will Smith are
8 Philadelphia natives who are known for
9 giving back to their community and
10 believe in being positive role models for
11 youth and adults alike; and

12 Whereas, Charlie Mack is the
13 founder of Party 4 Peace Celebrity
14 Weekend, established in July 7th, 1990
15 with a celebrity basketball game.

16 And for those of you who
17 remember, there was a 10,000 man meeting
18 at Temple University where we met and we
19 met and we met, but after we got done
20 meeting, Charlie Mack went to work and
21 created an environment where people that
22 used to claim Philly started coming back
23 to Philly and doing positive things for
24 the City that gave them so much.

25 Whereas, the impact of giving

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2 back to the community is invaluable for
3 the generations of youth that will become
4 the future leaders; now therefore be it

5 Resolved, that the Council of
6 the City of Philadelphia recognizes
7 Charlie Mack Alston for his generosity
8 towards the West Philadelphia High School
9 and surrounding community, that this
10 certificate serves as a true and correct
11 copy of the original resolution, adopted
12 by the Council of the City of
13 Philadelphia on the 7th of April 2011.

14 And I'm going to add more?

15 Okay.

16 I listen to my esteemed senior
17 colleague.

18 I want to add more by saying
19 that names like MC Breeze and Doug E.
20 Fresh, names like Jazzy Jeff and Fresh
21 Prince, names like discovering Boyz II
22 Men that have become Philadelphia icons
23 is responsible for the gentleman,
24 statuesque gentleman, behind us and his
25 lovely family. He is, in my mind, just

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2 like soft pretzels, cheese steaks, water
3 ice, then comes Charlie Mack. And that's
4 my big brother, and we're glad to have
5 him home. He travels back and forth to
6 the East Coast, but he never forgets the
7 City of Brotherly Love and, with that
8 lovely family, sisterly affection.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Mr. Mack for remarks.

12 MR. MACK: Thank you. Thank
13 you. Thank you. First I want to thank
14 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell. I love
15 this woman. I absolutely love this
16 woman. I'm very, very passionate about
17 people that do the work when the lights
18 are off, and she's one of them. So I
19 want to give Jannie Blackwell -- please
20 give her a hand.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. MACK: First and foremost,
23 I want to thank the Council. I want to
24 thank my mother. I want to thank my
25 children. I want to thank you all for

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2 this honor. I'm very humbled.

3 Again, I'm more of a doer. I
4 don't do too much talking. For people
5 that know me, been knowing me for the
6 last 20 years of my life, I've been very
7 dedicated to righting all the wrongs,
8 anything that I've dirtied up, because I
9 was once in the streets hustling, and
10 everything that I put my hands on that I
11 dirtied up, I'm trying to clean up at the
12 state. So I'm actually in the process of
13 purchasing infrastructure on 57th and
14 Woodland called the Charlie Mack Cares
15 Center. I used to use this building to
16 do my parties when I was in the streets.
17 So now I'm able to purchase this
18 building, and it's going to be
19 educational, physical fitness and arts
20 for the kids, all free of charge.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. MACK: I'm also launching
23 this year, I'm launching a Charlie Mack
24 Talented Teens competition starting June
25 18th in South Philadelphia at 23rd and

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2 Snyder, 2301 Snyder Avenue at Yesha
3 Fellowship Hall. This will be --
4 essentially this will be Star Search
5 meets American Idol, and for me, I think
6 it was important that kids have the
7 outlet and resources --

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: I want to be
9 on Star Search.

10 MR. MACK: You want to be on
11 Star Search? All right. Well, the great
12 thing about it is, you got to be between
13 13 and 19. So you're about 12, so next
14 year you can come. All right?

15 So anyway, what I'm excited
16 about is that I have all these wonderful
17 resources, and I always talk about that
18 I've been able to travel all over the
19 world with Will Smith, everybody from
20 Nelson Mandela to Flavor Flav, and it's
21 like, okay, what does it matter if I'm
22 not giving back? So for me, I'm very
23 passionate about the children, because
24 somebody stood there -- Kenny Gamble was
25 the first man that I seen. I was a part

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2 of the Clean Up the Ghetto. For ones
3 that knew about that, in 1976 he had this
4 initiative called Clean Up the Ghetto.
5 That's what inspired me, and lo and
6 behold, 30 years later, I'm doing 10,000
7 men with him. So, again, I feel like
8 it's my responsibility. It's my duty to
9 do everything in my powers to support our
10 children, support our youth.

11 So, again, we're launching the
12 Charlie Mack Talented Teens June 18th.
13 The registration is free. The audition
14 is free. And I'm very excited about the
15 next 20 years with, God willing, I'll be
16 able to do much more.

17 Thank you very much.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

20 Council will be at ease.

21 (Council at ease.)

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

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good
25 morning and thank you, Madam President.

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2 It's my pleasure to introduce the sixth,
3 seventh and eighth grade Student Council
4 members from Wagner Middle School.
5 They're here over to my left with the
6 blue shirts on.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If
8 they would stand. Welcome.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
11 you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
13 You're welcome.

14 The Chair now recognizes
15 Councilwoman Tasco, who will present a
16 resolution honoring Black Women's Health
17 Alliance.

18 Would Brenda Dunston and those
19 accompanying her please join the
20 Councilwoman at the podium.

21 I see that Councilwoman Tasco
22 is being joined by Councilwoman Brown.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President.

3 It gives me pleasure this
4 morning to present this resolution
5 declaring June 2nd as Creating a Legacy
6 of Wellness: Mind, Body, and Spirit Day
7 in Philadelphia.

8 Whereas, on June 2nd, the Black
9 Women's Health Alliance, BWHA, will
10 launch the "Creating a Legacy of
11 Wellness: Mind, Body, and Spirit"
12 Campaign in Philadelphia with keynote
13 speakers Dr. Marilyn Hughes-Gaston and
14 Dr. Gayle Porter, international experts
15 in the areas of evidence-based strategies
16 and interventions for health disparities
17 in minority communities; and

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
19 the goals of the Legacy of Wellness:
20 Mind, Body, and Spirit Campaign are as
21 follows: Increase the awareness and
22 knowledge of effective strategies that
23 improve health outcomes and reduce health
24 disparities of African American women,
25 women of color, their families and the

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communities at large; unite and mobilize minority leaders to develop, integrate, and expand health awareness activities and/or policy changes within their organizations to benefit employees, constituents, clients, patients, congregational members, and the community at large; increase the knowledge and awareness of heart health, obesity, stress, depression, and mental health of 1,000 women and their family members to encourage and influence healthy lifestyle changes; leverage existing and establish new relationships and collaborations with health and human service providers, research and educational institutions, organizations and governmental entities at the local, state, and federal levels, community-based organizations, and faith-based institutions; and

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas, BWAH, formerly known as the Philadelphia Black Women's Health Project, is a non-profit, community-based organization

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2 that was established by approximately 100
3 women who attended the First National
4 Conference on Black Women's Health Issues
5 in Atlanta, Georgia in 1983. The ladies
6 recognized that the "voices" of African
7 American women were largely unheard in
8 the Philadelphia health community and
9 mobilized their efforts to establish the
10 Philadelphia Black Women's Health Project
11 as this needed "voice." In 2004, the
12 name of the Philadelphia Black Women's
13 Health Project was changed to "Black
14 Women's Health Alliance," and BWA
15 continues the legacy as the "voice" of
16 African American women in the
17 Philadelphia health community; and

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
19 the mission of BWA is to improve health
20 outcomes and eliminate and/or reduce
21 health disparities experienced by women
22 of African ancestry, other women of
23 color, and their families through
24 education, advocacy, community programs,
25 services, and research;

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2 Whereas, since its inception,
3 BWA has provided services to
4 approximately 2,000 women and their
5 family members, on an annual basis,
6 resulting in 56,000 service encounters,
7 and BWA has now a reputation of
8 integrity in providing residents, service
9 providers, community groups, and clergy
10 with supportive, non-judgmental, and
11 resourceful health promotion activities
12 and services, including health education
13 workshops, health awareness through
14 information technology, and one-on-one
15 counseling focused on diabetes, breast
16 cancer, HIV/AIDS, reproductive health,
17 and domestic violence; now, therefore

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Be it
19 resolved, that the Council of the City of
20 Philadelphia declares and recognizes June
21 2nd as Creating a Legacy of Wellness:
22 Mind, Body, and Spirit Day in
23 Philadelphia.

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

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2 presented to representatives of the Black
3 Women's Health Alliance as a sincere
4 expression of City Council's gratitude
5 and appreciation for raising the public's
6 awareness regarding minority health
7 disparities in Philadelphia.

8 This is a certification that
9 this is a true and correct copy of the
10 original resolution, adopted by the
11 Council of the City of Philadelphia on
12 the 26th day of May 2011. Signed by
13 President Verna, introduced by Tasco and
14 sponsored by all members of City Council.

15 And I'd just like to say Brenda
16 Dunston, who is a young lady in
17 Philadelphia who has always worked in the
18 field of health, is the Executive
19 Director, and we certainly appreciate her
20 leadership in keeping this organization
21 alive. We were around when it was first
22 founded in 1983 in Atlanta, and so we
23 appreciate that the organization has
24 remained in business in the City of
25 Philadelphia --

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: -- as well
4 as other cities throughout the United
5 States.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 Chair recognizes Ms. Dunston for remarks.

8 MS. DUNSTON: Good morning.
9 Thank you so, so very much, City
10 Councilwoman Marian Tasco, City
11 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown and
12 all of the esteemed other members of City
13 Council. We are very, very excited and
14 very appreciative of the support that
15 you're giving us as we're launching the
16 Creating a Legacy of Wellness: Mind,
17 Body, and Spirit Campaign.

18 There is an urgency, an urgency
19 for us to join together to address and
20 turn the tide, shift the paradigm from
21 disparate conditions associated with
22 obesity, heart attack, diabetes, et
23 cetera. We have to shift that to one of
24 prevention to a way of life.

25 So we're asking that you join

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2 us as we create this legacy of wellness.

3 We're going to be creating a coalition.

4 We're asking minority leaders to join,

5 join with us. We want to mobilize the

6 leaders, and also the leaders not in

7 community -- in the community, the block

8 captains, et cetera. Join us as we shift

9 this paradigm. We can do it.

10 Thank you so very much. I'd

11 like to also introduce some of our Board

12 members, and this is a new, energized and

13 expanded Board of Directors, and our

14 Chair here, Chairperson, is Valerie

15 Moore. She's our Chair.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. DUNSTON: Reverend

18 Geraldine Pemberton is a member as well

19 of our Board.

20 (Applause.)

21 MS. DUNSTON: Jeanice Salter is

22 the Treasurer of the Board, Pat Stewart

23 is our Secretary, Alishesha Vaughn is one

24 of our Board members, and I want these

25 two ladies, Dr. Porter and Dr. Gaston to

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2 join us. And we'd like to extend an
3 invitation for you to join us as well in
4 Conversation Hall at 12:00 noon. We are
5 going to launch the Creating a Legacy of
6 Wellness: Mind, Body, and Spirit
7 Campaign, and Drs. Porter and Gaston are
8 our keynote speakers.

9 I'm not going to repeat it
10 because the resolution was wonderful and
11 it was very comprehensive and they talked
12 a little bit about their extensive
13 background and their expertise. They are
14 nationally recognized, and they have a
15 message. They have a message. They are
16 going to help us and propel us to move
17 forward in establishing this coalition
18 and developing and implementing programs
19 in communities in partnership with
20 churches, other organizations,
21 businesses, et cetera, to shift the
22 paradigm.

23 Thank you so very much.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

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2 Council will be at ease.

3 (Council at ease.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Brown,
6 who will present a resolution honoring
7 Uniquely You Summit for Girls.

8 Will Ms. Sutton and those
9 accompanying her please join the
10 Councilwoman at the podium.

11 Councilman Jones is joining
12 Councilwoman Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 Locally, we have Girl Scouts
16 and we have Girls Incorporated, and today
17 we are recognizing and congratulating the
18 2nd Annual Uniquely You Summit for Girls
19 for its work to enrich the civic values
20 and leadership skills of young women in
21 the City of Philadelphia.

22 Whereas, hundreds of thousands
23 of young women call Philadelphia their
24 home and will play a crucial role in the
25 future of this city as business,

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2 government, community and family leaders;
3 and

4 Whereas, adolescent girls in
5 Philadelphia and across the nation
6 wrestle with distinct challenges during
7 their formative years, including
8 preoccupation with their physical growth
9 and sexuality, difficulty perceiving
10 long-range consequences of their actions,
11 and diminished self-esteem, that
12 negatively affect their mental,
13 intellectual and emotional health; and

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas,
15 education experts around the country have
16 begun to focus on character education as
17 the best method to instill leadership
18 values among young women and men, with
19 particular attention to values such as
20 responsibility, trustworthiness, respect,
21 fairness, caring, and citizenship; and

22 Whereas, the President Shaleah
23 L. Sutton, founder of the Uniquely You
24 Summit for Girls, in order to create an
25 experimental dialogue that unites women

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2 and girls of similar backgrounds in order
3 to eliminate the perception of isolation
4 and meet self-esteem needs not addressed
5 by conventional outreach and instruction;
6 and

7 Whereas, President Sutton's
8 organization will provide an
9 extraordinary experience for 500 women
10 from the area at the 2nd Annual Uniquely
11 You Summit for Girls held June 4th and
12 June 5th at the campus of Villanova
13 University under the 2011 theme "Live in
14 3B - Beautiful, Brilliant and Brave";

15 Whereas, the 2nd Annual
16 Uniquely You Summit for Girls would not
17 be able to occur without the tireless
18 efforts of its 2011 official partner, the
19 National Alumnae Association of Spelman
20 College - Delaware Valley; and

21 Whereas, Uniquely You Summit
22 for Girls event has given young
23 Philadelphians access to the region's
24 most inspirational role models, including
25 our First Lady of Philadelphia, Lisa

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2 Nutter; humanitarian Pauletta Washington;
3 actress Sheryl Lee Ralph; Black Girls
4 Rock Incorporated founder Beverly Bond;
5 school principal Salome Thomas-El; and
6 actress Kim Coles; and

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
8 the City of Philadelphia benefits
9 tremendously from the collective efforts
10 like the 2nd Annual Uniquely You Summit
11 for Girls that invest in the City's most
12 valuable resource, young people; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 Resolved, by the Council of the
15 City of Philadelphia, that we hereby
16 recognize, congratulate the 2nd Annual
17 Uniquely You Summit for Girls in its
18 path-breaking work to enrich the civic
19 values and build leadership skills of
20 young women in the Philadelphia region.

21 Further resolved, that an
22 engrossed copy of this resolution be
23 presented to the leadership and
24 membership of the 2nd Annual Uniquely You
25 Summit for Girls as evidence of the

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2 sincere sentiments of this legislative
3 body. Introduced by myself, Councilwoman
4 Blondell Reynolds Brown, and supported by
5 all members of the Philadelphia City
6 Council.

7 We congratulate the leadership
8 of the 2nd Annual Uniquely You Summit for
9 Girls.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chair recognizes Ms. Sutton
14 for remarks.

15 MS. SUTTON: Thank you,
16 everybody. First I want to say thank you
17 to God for this amazing and incredible
18 opportunity, not only to stand before you
19 but to create a vision for the Uniquely
20 You Summit for Girls. As most of you
21 know, just recently, the Center for
22 Disease Control and Prevention identified
23 Philadelphia as the most promiscuous city
24 among teens in the entire nation. It's
25 important that we as Philadelphians, we

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2 as human beings, we as African Americans,
3 as Caucasians, that we make sure that we
4 are helping, inspiring, encouraging and
5 empowering our girls especially to make
6 positive and healthy life choices. It is
7 imperative that we do so for their
8 futures. If they don't end up being
9 doctors and lawyers, one thing we can
10 definitely know that they will become is
11 mothers, and they are the mothers of our
12 future. So it is important that we help
13 them understand the enormity of positive
14 and healthy decision-making.

15 I want to thank the City
16 Council. I would like to thank
17 Councilwoman Blondell. I would like to
18 my family, my six-year-old twins, Island
19 and Brandon, in addition to my Advisory
20 Board Chair, Robin Maddox, and our
21 official Uniquely You Summit teen
22 representative, Braeden Maddox.

23 I thank you so much, and I hope
24 that you will support this program.
25 Again, this is the 2nd Annual Uniquely

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2 You Summit. The first year we had a
3 tremendous amount of women come out to
4 support. We host 500 middle and high
5 school girls a year throughout the
6 Delaware Valley. When they leave the
7 summit, they are empowered to make
8 positive and healthy life choices. We
9 ask that you join this fight this year,
10 not only this year but in years to come.
11 You can visit us on the website at
12 uniquelyyousummit.org. Please come out
13 and support this weekend at Villanova
14 University June 4th through 5th. We look
15 forward to your support.

16 Thank you so much.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

19 Council will be at ease.

20 (Council at ease.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
22 next order of business is communications.
23 The Chair requests that the
24 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages
25 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read the messages from the Mayor.

4 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
5 and members of the Council of the City of
6 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
7 that on June 1, 2011, I signed the
8 following bills that were passed by
9 Council at its session on May 26, 2011:
10 Bill No. 110294, 110295 and 110296; and

11 I am transmitting for the
12 consideration of your honorable body a
13 resolution approving the redevelopment
14 contract and disposition supplement of
15 the Redevelopment Authority of the City
16 of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
17 urban renewal of a portion of the Point
18 Breeze Urban Renewal Area, designated as
19 Parcel Nos. 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110,
20 111, 112, 113 and 114; and

21 A resolution approving the
22 redevelopment contract of the
23 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
24 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
25 urban renewal of a portion of the

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2 Washington Square West Urban Renewal
3 Area, Unit No. 2, designated as a portion
4 of Parcel No. 4 also sometimes identified
5 by house number and street address as
6 Unit No. 5, Walnut Towers Condominium,
7 800 through 834 Walnut Street; and

8 An ordinance authorizing the
9 Bond Committee to sell bonds at public or
10 private negotiated sale, to provide funds
11 toward various capital municipal
12 purposes; and

13 An ordinance amending Section
14 19-1801 of The Philadelphia Code,
15 entitled "Authorization of Tax," to
16 further authorize the Board of Education
17 of the School District to impose a tax on
18 real estate within the City of
19 Philadelphia; and

20 An ordinance amending Chapter
21 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code,
22 entitled "School Tax Authorization," by
23 adding a new Section 19-1807, entitled
24 "Authorization of Sugar-Sweetened
25 Beverage Tax," all under certain terms

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2 and conditions.

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

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read any other communications in his
8 possession.

9 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
10 Madam President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The next order of business is
14 the introduction of bills and
15 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
16 Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I have no bills or
19 resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
25 you, Madam President. Today I introduce

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2 two resolutions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chief Clerk will please
6 read the title of the first resolution.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
9 Property to execute and deliver to the
10 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
11 Philadelphia, without consideration,
12 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
13 title to certain City-owned lots or
14 pieces of ground with the buildings and
15 improvements thereon, situate in the
16 Sixtieth Ward of the City of
17 Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
19 resolution will be placed on the Final
20 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
21 next session of Council.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 honoring the Math, Civics and Sciences
24 Charter School Basketball Team for
25 winning the Pennsylvania Interscholastic

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2 Athletic Association Class A State

3 Championship on March 25, 2011.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
5 resolution will be placed on the Final
6 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
7 next session of Council.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Greenlee.

10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
11 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
12 resolutions today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Krajewski.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
18 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
19 resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
25 President, I offer three bills on behalf

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2 of the Administration and two on your
3 behalf.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
5 you.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Chapter 19-1800 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax
11 Authorization," by adding a new Section
12 19-1807, entitled "Authorization of
13 Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax."

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 authorizing the Bond Committee to sell
19 bonds at public or private negotiated
20 sale, to provide funds toward various
21 capital municipal purposes.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 amending Section 19-1801 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled
4 "Authorization of Tax," to further
5 authorize the Board of Education of the
6 School District of Philadelphia to impose
7 a tax on real estate within the City of
8 Philadelphia.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 approving the redevelopment contract and
14 disposition supplement of the
15 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
16 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
17 urban renewal of a portion of the Point
18 Breeze Urban Renewal Area, designated as
19 Parcel Nos. 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110,
20 111, 112, 113 and 114.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
22 resolution will be placed on the Final
23 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
24 next session of Council.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

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2 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
3 Property to execute and deliver to the
4 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
5 Philadelphia, without consideration,
6 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
7 title to certain City-owned lots or
8 pieces of ground with the buildings and
9 improvements thereon, situate in the
10 Thirty-Sixth Ward of the City of
11 Philadelphia.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
13 resolution will be placed on the Final
14 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
15 next session of Council.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Miller.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
19 you, Madam President. Today I offer two
20 bills.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 establishing a one-way regulation on
3 North Lambert Street, from 65th Avenue to
4 Chelten Avenue, southbound.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
9 establishing a one-way regulation on
10 Marion Street, from West Ashmead Street
11 to Hansberry Street, northbound.

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

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Sanchez.

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
18 you, Madam Chair. I have one resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

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

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

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2 Redevelopment Authority, without
3 consideration, deeds conveying
4 conditional fee simple title to certain
5 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
6 the buildings and improvements thereon,
7 situate in the Nineteenth, Twenty-Third
8 and Thirty-Seventh Wards of the City of
9 Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
11 resolution will be placed on the Final
12 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
13 next session of Council.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Green.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I have no bills today.

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
23 Madam President. One resolution
24 co-sponsored by Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: And

4 Councilman Green. I'm sorry.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

6 Chief Clerk will please read the title.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

8 urging the Free Library of Philadelphia

9 to reconsider its proposed policy on

10 "floating collections," in order to

11 ensure the preservation and continuing

12 enhancement of the unique and historical

13 collections of the local neighborhood

14 libraries.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This

16 resolution will be placed on the Final

17 Passage Calendar for consideration at our

18 next session of Council.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman

20 Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,

22 Madam President. I offer no bills or

23 resolutions today.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
5 Madam President. No bills or resolutions
6 this morning.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 DiCicco.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 read the title.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 approving the redevelopment contract of
19 the Redevelopment Authority of the City
20 of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
21 urban renewal of a portion of the
22 Washington Square West Urban Renewal
23 Area, Unit No. 2, designated as Parcel
24 No. 4 also sometimes identified by house
25 number and street address as Unit No. 5,

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2 Walnut Towers Condominium, 800 through
3 834 Walnut Street.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
5 resolution will be placed on the Final
6 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
7 next session of Council.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 O'Neill.

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

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
18 President, I have one bill and two
19 resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 amending Section 19-1301 of The

1 6/2/11 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate
3 Taxes," by revising the real estate tax
4 rate.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the
11 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
12 Philadelphia, without consideration,
13 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
14 title to certain City-owned lots or
15 pieces of ground with the buildings and
16 improvements thereon, situate in the
17 Twenty-Eighth and Forty-Third Wards of
18 the City of Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
20 resolution will be placed on the Final
21 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
22 next session of Council.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 recognizing the accomplishments of Ollie
25 Johnson, Director of Athletics at

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2 Community College of Philadelphia since
3 1991.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
5 resolution will be placed on the Final
6 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
7 next session of Council.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Kelly.

10 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
11 President, no bills or resolutions today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Rizzo.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
17 President, no bills or resolutions today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The next order of business is
21 reports from committees.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Clarke for a report from the Committee on
24 Public Property and Public Works.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. Madam President, the
3 Committee on Public Property and Public
4 Works reports four bills with a favorable
5 recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 read the report.

10 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
11 and members of the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public
13 Property and Public Works, to which was
14 referred Bill No. 110372, entitled "An
15 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
16 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
17 Philadelphia, to convey to the
18 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
19 Development, a parcel with an address of
20 1814 through 28 West Cheltenham Avenue";
21 and

22 Bill No. 110383, entitled "An
23 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
24 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
25 Philadelphia, to enter into a sublease

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2 agreement with the Philadelphia Authority
3 for Industrial Development, for certain
4 land and improvements located at 3449
5 Scotts Lane"; and

6 Bill No. 110384, entitled "An
7 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
8 Public Property to convey, on behalf of
9 the City, 405 Manton Street, 407 Manton
10 Street, 409 Manton Street, 411 Manton
11 Street, 413 Manton Street, 2042 Martha
12 Street, 2457 through 59 Martha Street,
13 2105 East Hagert Street, 2106 East
14 Cumberland Street, 2107 East Hagert
15 Street, 2109 East Hagert Street, 2223
16 Blair Street, 2345 East Cumberland Street
17 for fair market value"; and

18 Bill No. 110441, entitled "An
19 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
20 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
21 Philadelphia, to convey to the
22 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
23 Development, a parcel of land located at
24 1628 Fitzwater Street, for further
25 conveyance, all under certain terms and

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2 conditions," respectfully reports it has
3 considered the same and returns the
4 attached bills to Council with a
5 favorable recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
9 President, I move that the rules of
10 Council be suspended so as to permit
11 first reading this day of the bills just
12 reported from committee, with the
13 exception of Bill No. 110383.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
16 has been moved and properly seconded that
17 the rules of Council be suspended so as
18 to permit first reading this day of the
19 bills just reported from committee, with
20 the exception of Bill No. 110383.

21 All those in favor will
22 indicate by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 ayes have it. The bills just read will
5 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
6 for today. Bill No. 110383 will be
7 placed on our First Reading Calendar for
8 our next session of Council.

9 The Chair now recognizes
10 Councilman Goode for a report from the
11 Committee on Commerce and Economic
12 Development.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
14 Madam President. The Committee on
15 Commerce and Economic Development reports
16 one bill with a favorable recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 read the report.

21 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
22 Commerce and Economic Development, to
23 which was referred Bill No. 110370,
24 entitled "An ordinance adopting an
25 Amendment to Section V of the Articles of

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2 Incorporation of the Philadelphia
3 Authority for Industrial Development by
4 increasing the Authority's term of
5 existence to a date fifty years from the
6 date of approval of Articles of Amendment
7 by the Secretary of the Commonwealth,"
8 respectfully reports it has considered
9 the same and returns the attached bill to
10 Council with a favorable recommendation.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move the rules of
15 Council be suspended so as to permit
16 first reading this day of Bill No.
17 110370.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will indicate by
25 saying aye.

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(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Those
opposed?

(No response.)

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

The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the Committee on Public Health and Human Services.

COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam
Chair, the Committee on Public Health and
Human Services reports three bills with
favorable recommendations.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
you.

The Chief Clerk will please
read the report.

CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
Public Health and Human Services, to
which was referred Bill No. 100755,
entitled "An ordinance amending Title 21

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2 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
3 'Miscellaneous,' by creating a new
4 Chapter 21-1800, entitled 'Foster Care,'
5 to provide for standards and procedures
6 for approving foster parents and the
7 placement of children in foster care";
8 and

9 Bill No. 110304, entitled "An
10 ordinance amending Title 21 of The
11 Philadelphia Code, entitled
12 'Miscellaneous,' by adding a new Chapter
13 requiring the Department of Human
14 Services to report on its compliance with
15 a policy that requires that a summary of
16 children's rights to be free from abuse
17 be communicated to all children who are
18 the subject of an investigation into a
19 credible report of child abuse or who are
20 being placed in another home, foster
21 home, group home, or other facility"; and

22 Bill No. 110374, entitled "An
23 ordinance amending Chapter 9-600 of The
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Service and
25 Other Businesses,' to require tobacco

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2 retailers to obtain permits for the
3 retail sale of tobacco products and
4 certain other products containing
5 nicotine," respectfully reports it has
6 considered the same and returns the
7 attached bills to Council with a
8 favorable recommendation.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move
12 that the rules of Council be suspended so
13 as to permit first reading this day of
14 Bill Nos. 100755, 110304 and 110374.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will indicate by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

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

7 The next order of business is
8 consideration of the Calendar. I note
9 that the bills just reported from
10 committee with suspension of rules have
11 been deemed to have had a first reading.
12 These bills will be placed on the Second
13 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for
14 our next session of Council.

15 As there are no additional
16 bills on our First Reading Calendar, the
17 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
18 for the purpose of calling up bills and
19 resolutions to be considered today.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
21 Madam President. The following
22 resolutions and bills are being called up
23 from the Second Reading and Final Passage
24 Calendar today: Nos. 110450, 110451,
25 110454, 110455, 110456, 110457, 110459,

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2 110460, 110461, 110462, 110403, 110404,
3 110405, 110406, 110407, 110408, 110409,
4 110410, 110231, 110181, 100754, 110206,
5 110244, 110342 and 110343. Bill No.
6 110453 will have a motion to return to
7 committee. No. 110458 is being
8 withdrawn. No. 080474 is being amended.
9 All other bills and resolutions are being
10 held.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you. Councilwoman, did you call
13 Resolution 110400, the first one on the
14 first page?

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: 110440?

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: 400,
17 the very first resolution.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: No.
19 That's being held.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
21 That's being held?

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Yes.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 Before considering these bills

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2 and resolutions, we will consider public
3 comment as follows: Your public comment
4 must concern matters on the Second
5 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for
6 possible action at today's Council
7 session. All speakers must sign up in
8 order to testify. If you have not
9 already signed up for today's session,
10 please do so now by giving your name to
11 the Sergeant-At-Arms at the table to my
12 left, to my extreme left.

13 You will be called in the order
14 in which your name appears on the sign-up
15 sheet. You will have three minutes to
16 speak.

17 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
18 please read the name of our first
19 speaker.

20 CHIEF CLERK: John Thompson,
21 commenting on Bill No. 080474.

22 MR. THOMPSON: Good morning.
23 My name is John Thompson, Director of
24 Employee Benefits for FMC Corporation,
25 17th and Market. We're a global

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2 diversified chemical company. I'm here
3 again to represent FMC Corporation and
4 our opposition to the mandatory paid sick
5 leave bill.

6 It is difficult for us to
7 fathom in today's business environment
8 the business justification for this
9 government overreach into how companies
10 run their business. While we understand
11 the need for sick personal time, a
12 blanket mandate is not an appropriate
13 approach because it overrides the
14 provisions of what many employers have
15 already put in place in their businesses
16 today to meet their specific business
17 requirements, as well as to address the
18 needs of their people.

19 Further, we believe that the
20 publicity of this bill will not serve to
21 further encourage employers to move into
22 the area and, in fact, will do just the
23 opposite.

24 So it is for these reasons that
25 we vehemently oppose this bill and ask

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2 for your reconsideration.

3 Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
5 you.

6 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
7 please read the name of our next speaker.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Mary Faustino.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is
10 Ms. Faustino here?

11 Oh, she's coming up to the
12 microphone now.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Commenting on
14 080474.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
16 morning. Welcome.

17 Ms. Faustino: Thank you. My
18 name is Mary Faustino. I'm the interim
19 Executive Director of the Asian Chamber
20 of Commerce, and we support the Greater
21 Chamber of Commerce in opposing this
22 bill.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
25 you.

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2 Our next witness?

3 CHIEF CLERK: Kevin Cattie,
4 commenting on 080474.

5 MR. CATTIE: I'd like to thank
6 Council for the opportunity to speak
7 today. I'd also like to thank Councilman
8 Jim Kenney for actually responding to my
9 e-mail that I sent to the entire Council
10 earlier this week.

11 I just want to say I own two
12 small businesses in Center City. Right
13 now we are in the middle of a recession.
14 Both of my businesses are struggling to
15 stay above water. Okay? And now you
16 want to give all of my employees seven
17 paid sick days.

18 One of my businesses has four
19 employees; one has 15. Yet they're
20 considered large businesses because I'm
21 an independently owned franchise. That
22 part I don't understand. I read the bill
23 where it started. It started out that
24 any business ten and below is considered
25 a small business. Now somebody changed

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2 it to say if you're a franchise, whether
3 you're independently owned or not, you're
4 considered a large business. That part I
5 don't understand.

6 As an independently owned
7 franchise, I have higher standards than
8 the City of Philadelphia; for example,
9 the Health Department gives. I have to
10 pay a royalty fee to my franchisor. So
11 my costs are actually higher. Okay? So
12 that's one thing that I don't understand,
13 and it needs to go back to -- if you're
14 going to do this, it needs to go back to
15 the original, because it's way -- that
16 part, I just don't understand the
17 difference between a franchise and --
18 what's the difference between my
19 four-person franchise and a four-person
20 pizza place? I pay more and I have
21 higher standards. That's what it is.

22 I'm one of -- I'm the one who
23 is taking the risk. I have risked my
24 house and my home and my savings to open
25 these businesses. I pay taxes in the

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2 form of multiple licenses and permits,
3 the gross receipts tax, City wage taxes.

4 I employ over 20 Philadelphia citizens.

5 And I mentioned before, I have two

6 stores, one with four and one with 15.

7 The one with four hasn't had turnover in

8 employees in two years. The one with 15

9 had two last year. Look at that in fast

10 food. Why has that happened? Because I

11 treat my employees well.

12 I used union labor when I bid

13 out both of my stores. I have paid my

14 dues.

15 I have one child in college, I

16 have one headed to college in two years,

17 and I have one behind her who is going to

18 be there as well. This will cost my

19 business \$13,000. That's \$13,000 off the

20 bottom line. I'm struggling to stay

21 above water, and you're going to do this.

22 And that's just for the payroll part. It

23 has absolutely nothing to do with worker

24 productivity, if I'm short in a

25 four-person place with one other person.

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2 If one of your Councilmen were
3 going to put a bill together and say take
4 a \$13,000 pay cut for every one of you,
5 how are you going to vote on it? Okay?
6 Think about that.

7 This is a slippery slope we're
8 getting into. There are thousands of
9 cities in the United States. Three have
10 done this. What makes us so smart?

11 This isn't a civil rights
12 issue. This isn't the child labor law.
13 This isn't a 40-hour work week. This
14 isn't minimum wage. This is paid
15 vacation. Okay? Because if you give
16 paid sick days, they become vacation
17 days. I give vacation days to my
18 employees. I don't have to, but I do.

19 Make sure you have that in the
20 law then.

21 This is an unearned
22 entitlement. The interesting thing is,
23 there was a study that said that 70
24 percent of voters voted against -- 70
25 percent are in favor of it. Sure, who is

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2 not in favor of giving somebody a week's
3 free vacation/paid sick day? The
4 interesting thing is 30 percent actually
5 thought it was wrong. They understood it
6 as why do I deserve that? They really
7 don't deserve it. They think it's wrong.

8 Economists, I've been reading
9 about it from economists, academics and
10 politicians about with these studies,
11 that everything -- this is the way to go.
12 Well, everybody that I just talked about,
13 the economists, academics and the
14 politicians, have the same thing in
15 common. They don't own a small business.
16 I do. When you own a small business,
17 you're the last one to get paid. That's
18 the number one rule. You're getting paid
19 whether the City is broke or not.

20 I treat my employees -- I
21 don't -- I treat them well and I don't
22 need Council really to tell me how to
23 treat my employees.

24 And regarding the name calling
25 of calling me "Chicken Little" just

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2 because I oppose your bill, I expect more
3 from a Councilman, especially one who is
4 taught to be a man for others.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you very much.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Robin Hynicka,
9 commenting on 080474.

10 MR. HYNICKA: Council President
11 Verna, members of City Council, thank you
12 for this opportunity to speak in favor of
13 City Council Bill 080474, Promoting
14 Healthy Families and Workplaces.

15 My remarks will be framed by
16 three words: Empathy, equality and
17 economy. On moral grounds and in the
18 context of what is decent human behavior,
19 there is little pushback or disagreement
20 with the proposal to provide an earned
21 sick time provision for the 40 percent of
22 Philadelphia's workers who at this point
23 do not have such a benefit.

24 Empathy abounds for those who
25 become suddenly sick or are pressed into

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2 service caring for a suddenly sick child,
3 spouse, partner or parent.

4 Empathy is a high human emotion
5 that deserves more weight in the calculus
6 that determines the efficacy of an earned
7 sick time ordinance.

8 Privilege and power allows some
9 of us to take off with pay a reasonable
10 amount of time to care for loved ones.
11 Yet those we employ and direct have no
12 such option and, in fact, are punished
13 with the loss of pay if they take off to
14 nurse an illness or to care for a sick
15 child or relative.

16 Typically those working in jobs
17 with high public exposure and trust, such
18 as food servers, grocery store cashiers,
19 nursing assistants and security guards,
20 are the ones without an earned sick time
21 benefit. An earned sick time benefit
22 would provide a modest measure of
23 equality when it comes to personnel
24 practice, thus enhancing workplace
25 relationships and resulting in increased

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2 productivity. In addition, the earned
3 sick time would provide a monumental
4 measure of disease prevention as a direct
5 public health benefit.

6 It is my prayer that on the
7 basis of empathy and equality alone,
8 earned sick time would carry the day, but
9 the effect earned sick time has had on
10 the economy of a place like San Francisco
11 provides empirical evidence that earned
12 sick time makes good business sense by
13 contributing to greater employee
14 commitment, reduced turnover, avoidance
15 of lower productivity due to the spread
16 of sickness among the employees,
17 prevention of workplace conditions due to
18 employee illness that might expose the
19 company to litigation, and above all
20 else, enhancing the City's image as a
21 healthy and innovative place to work and
22 do business.

23 The social creed of the United
24 Methodist Church, of which I am a member,
25 states, We believe in the right and duty

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2 of persons to work for the glory of God
3 and the good of themselves and others and
4 in the protection of their welfare in
5 doing so.

6 In keeping with this 100-year
7 tradition, together with empathy,
8 equality and economy, the economy of
9 earned sick time, make passage of City
10 Council Bill 080474 good for
11 Philadelphia's workers and Philadelphia's
12 businesses.

13 Thank you very much.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Our
16 next witness?

17 CHIEF CLERK: Judy Merkowsky,
18 commenting on 080474.

19 MS. MERKOWSKY: Good morning,
20 everyone.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
22 morning.

23 MS. MERKOWSKY: I'd like to
24 thank you for the opportunity to testify
25 on behalf of this earned sick leave bill.

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2 My name is Judy Merkowsky. I am a
3 registered nurse. I work at the American
4 Red Cross, and I'm representing the
5 health employees -- health professionals
6 and allied employees, Local 5103. We are
7 the American Red Cross. We are the Blood
8 Services Division. We are not Disaster.
9 And I need to make that clear, so you
10 know where we're coming from. We're not
11 the people with the coffee and the
12 blanket after your house burns down.
13 We're the smiling people with a big
14 needle, and we collect your blood. You
15 donate the blood, we collect it, and Red
16 Cross sells it.

17 As you may have heard, we are
18 on strike currently. One of the major
19 sticking points is that the Red Cross
20 wants us to give up our collective
21 bargaining rights over healthcare
22 coverage.

23 We don't have sick days at the
24 Red Cross. We have something called PTO,
25 which is paid time off for whatever you

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2 need it. Sounds good, until you realize
3 that we're penalized if we take it with
4 less than three weeks notice. So if we
5 don't give three weeks notice, we enter
6 the discipline process because we're
7 unable to schedule the fact that we were
8 going to be sick or one of our children
9 was going to be sick.

10 Passage of this bill would help
11 keep the workplace safe. We interact
12 with extremely healthy people. You have
13 to be very healthy to donate blood. And
14 if we're not healthy, that puts our
15 donors at risk, which ultimately will put
16 the blood supply at risk. It would also
17 make our employer acknowledge that we are
18 people who have lives and situations
19 outside of the Red Cross, and it would
20 help us because when you're sick, it's
21 very hard to think clearly and assess the
22 donor and make sure that that person is
23 eligible to donate that life-giving
24 substance.

25 So, again, we are in favor of

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2 this bill and hope it to be passed.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHIEF CLERK: Sulaiman Rahman,
6 commenting on 080474.

7 MR. RAHMAN: Good afternoon.

8 My name is Sulaiman Rahman. I'm Chairman
9 of the Board for the African American
10 Chamber of Commerce, and at the African
11 American Chamber of Commerce, we do
12 technical assistance and support and
13 train our businesses on best practices to
14 attract and retain good employees, and we
15 promote to do good business and to offer
16 benefits that continue to promote healthy
17 living and healthy lifestyle. However,
18 we do oppose this bill, and the reason
19 why we oppose the bill is for the
20 businesses that we deal with are small
21 businesses.

22 Although we promote the
23 opportunity for them to have benefits for
24 their members, many of our businesses do
25 have a challenge, many times to meet the

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2 profit margins and to even many times pay
3 themselves in situations and to even take
4 off themselves. As a self-employed
5 businessowner myself, as well as
6 understanding the needs of our members
7 and serving our members, their concern is
8 to have a mandatory sick pay, unplanned
9 sick pay, one, requires them to pay for
10 employees when they're off. They could
11 have a contract that's due, and for them
12 to not have that planned time as well as
13 be able to replace that employee and pay
14 someone else to fill in on those
15 contracts, it causes a major challenge
16 for those businesses and to create an
17 environment in a city that does not --
18 that further discourages businesses to
19 come into the inner city will also affect
20 our businesses.

21 So although well-intended bill,
22 the African American Chamber of Commerce
23 does support the Greater Philadelphia
24 Chamber of Commerce in opposing this
25 bill.

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2 Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
4 you.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Eric Cheung,
6 commenting on 110456.

7 MR. CHEUNG: Thank you. Sorry
8 to break up the party about 080474. So
9 you guys can actually rest your arms,
10 hopefully support my resolution.

11 Resolution -- I'm sorry. Thank
12 you for the opportunity to speak, Madam
13 President and Councilmembers. My name is
14 Eric Cheung. I'm with the Clean Air
15 Council. I'm senior attorney there, and
16 our organization works on air quality
17 issues in Pennsylvania, and we've worked
18 with several Councilmembers in the past.

19 Anyway, this resolution is in
20 support, 110456, which Councilwoman Brown
21 and Councilman Kenney have introduced for
22 us -- thank you very much -- is in
23 support of the Environmental Protection
24 Agency's proposed regulation to reduce
25 air toxics from coal-fired power plants.

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2 So this is a rule that's been a long time
3 coming. I feel like it should have been
4 passed ten years ago.

5 Everyone is aware -- or most
6 people should be aware of the impacts
7 that air toxics have from coal-fired
8 power plants; in particular, mercury,
9 which has been shown to have a connection
10 with development disabilities -- sorry;
11 developmental disorders in children. So
12 this regulation is really about
13 children's health. And we are glad that
14 the City of Philadelphia is considering
15 supporting this resolution.

16 We actually had hearings last
17 week and we had hundreds of people come
18 out in support of EPA's regulation. We
19 actually formed stroller brigades with
20 mothers and their children to try to,
21 again, bring attention to the impact that
22 this is going to have on children's
23 health.

24 So, again, I want to thank you
25 all for considering this. I hope you

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2 pass this resolution in support of the
3 Environmental Protection Agency's
4 proposal to reduce air toxic to mercury.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you.

8 (Applause.)

9 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Taylor,
10 commenting on 110181.

11 MR. TAYLOR: Good morning,
12 Madam President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
14 morning.

15 MR. TAYLOR: Members of
16 Council, ladies and gentlemen. I am
17 commenting on Ordinance 110181, the
18 parking tax.

19 I wish to give special thanks
20 to Councilmen Kenney, DiCicco and Jones
21 for sponsoring this bill.

22 I support this proposed
23 ordinance. It will reduce the burden on
24 many parking businesses. This will
25 permit the businesses to hire more

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2 workers and/or pass savings on to the
3 public in the form of lower parking
4 rates, thus encouraging more people to
5 come into Philadelphia.

6 As one owner told me, "Bob,
7 this tax takes the fun out of doing
8 business in Philadelphia." He constantly
9 had to get loans just to cover his costs
10 of doing business. A significant part of
11 that cost was paying this parking tax,
12 which is a tax upon revenue, not merely
13 profits.

14 As you know, the power to tax
15 involves the power to destroy. The power
16 to destroy may defeat and render useless
17 the power to create. Eventually this
18 owner sold his business.

19 Quote, When it shall be said in
20 any country in the world, My poor are
21 happy; neither ignorance nor distress is
22 to be found among them; my jails are
23 empty of prisoners, my streets of
24 beggars; the aged are not in want, the
25 taxes are not oppressive; the rational

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2 world is my friend, because I am a friend
3 of its happiness: When these things can
4 be said, then may that country boast of
5 its Constitution and its Government,"
6 Rights of Man, Thomas Paine.

7 There should be equality under
8 the law, and the parking business should
9 not be taxed any more than any other
10 business. It is time to put the fun back
11 into doing business in Philadelphia, and
12 this ordinance is a step in the right
13 direction.

14 Thank you for your time.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Wesley Gadsden,
16 commenting on 080474.

17 MR. GADSDEN: Good morning,
18 Councilmembers. Good morning, everyone.
19 I just want to talk about the earned sick
20 time bill and just bring awareness and
21 build a common understanding of why I
22 support the earned sick time bill and why
23 I feel as if it's necessary for all of
24 the people of Philadelphia to have this
25 opportunity that is essential for

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2 businesses as well as for workers.

3 Back in 2009, I was working for
4 a company that did not provide earned
5 sick time. At the time, it was during
6 the swine flu epidemic that was going on.

7 I actually contracted the virus, the
8 H1N1, and instead of me being able to
9 call off of work -- I felt a bug that was
10 growing in my throat. I was getting
11 sicker and sicker as the days were going
12 on, and I wanted to call off of work.

13 Unfortunately, I have children that I
14 have -- not unfortunately. Fortunately,
15 I have my children that I have to take
16 care of, but unfortunately I wasn't
17 provided with the opportunity to be able
18 to take care of them, my bills and go to
19 work at the same time. So I was forced
20 to go to work sick.

21 It was me and eight other
22 employees who work there. My other
23 co-workers were in fine health. What
24 resulted was, I actually passed along
25 this virus to eight of my co-workers, and

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2 instead of me just being able to take off
3 one or two days of work to get better, I
4 ended up having to take off three days of
5 work, and so did the rest of my staff,
6 which resulted in the company in --
7 whatever eight times three is. I don't
8 have it. Whatever. And that's what they
9 lost in productivity over time.

10 So for the businesses, they can
11 benefit from this bill by giving somebody
12 the time that they deserve to get better,
13 so instead of them coming to work only
14 giving 50 percent of the work while
15 they're sick and then having to lose
16 days, just give them a day or two off of
17 work to get better. And it's not like
18 these businesses are just giving the time
19 away, giving vacation days away. You
20 have to earn the sick days.

21 And, yes, this is a moral
22 issue. I mean, we're all people. We all
23 bleed blood. We all deserve the same
24 opportunities to be able to get better
25 and take care of ourselves as well as our

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2 families, and anybody, anybody out there
3 who would oppose such a bill that looks
4 out for mankind, looks out for people,
5 which we all are, must be greedy. I
6 don't see any other reason why.

7 And that's all I have to say
8 here. I support the earned sick time
9 bill, and all of you should support the
10 earned sick time bill as well. I mean,
11 today we just passed the healthy --
12 somebody help me out. What was it?
13 Healthcare day, health and wellness day.
14 So in honor of that, in honor of people
15 taking care of people, looking out for
16 each other, our neighbors, let's pass
17 this bill. Let's do it, people.

18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 Is there anyone else here who
23 has signed up to speak?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

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2 Seeing no one, we will continue on with
3 our Calendar.

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 read Resolution 110450.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution
7 recognizing and honoring Mister Mann
8 Frisby for his accomplishments as a
9 novelist and his commitment to helping
10 young people particularly
11 African-American males reach their full
12 potential.

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 seconded that the
21 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 Chief Clerk will please
7 read the title of Resolution 110451.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 declaring May, 2011 as
10 Neuro-fibroma-ptosis Awareness Month.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
14 President, I move for the adoption of the
15 resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will indicate by
21 saying 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 Chief Clerk will please
6 read Resolution 110453.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 approving the annual Program Statement
9 and Budget for the expenditure of the
10 Neighborhood Transformation Initiative
11 Bond Proceeds for Fiscal Year 2012.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
13 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I move that this
16 resolution be reported to the -- referred
17 to the Finance Committee.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
20 has been moved and seconded that
21 Resolution 110453 be referred to the
22 Finance Committee.

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. The motion carries.

6 We will now consider Resolution
7 110454.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the
11 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
12 Philadelphia, without consideration,
13 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
14 title to certain City-owned lots or
15 pieces of ground with the buildings and
16 improvements thereon, situate in the
17 Thirty-Sixth Ward of the City of
18 Philadelphia.

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

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

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
24 has been moved and seconded that the
25 resolution be adopted.

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

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

10 We will now consider Resolution
11 110455.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 honoring Wendy "Lady-B" Clark, hip-hop
14 pioneer and one of the first female radio
15 personalities to introduce the musical
16 genre of hip-hop, for thirty years of
17 dedication to her art and more
18 importantly, her community.

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

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I move for the
23 adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

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

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

12 The Chief Clerk will please
13 read the title of Resolution 110456.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 supporting the Environmental Protection
16 Agency's proposed emission standards for
17 mercury and other air toxins.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move for the
22 adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

11 We will now consider Resolution
12 110457.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 authorizing the Committee on Education to
15 hold hearings to gather and investigate
16 an inventory of all services rendered by
17 institutions of higher education in
18 Philadelphia to the School District of
19 Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

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

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

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

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read the title of Resolution 110458.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 authorizing the Committee of the Whole to
17 hold public hearings to review the Zoning
18 Code Proposals of the Zoning Code
19 Commission.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I ask to withdraw that
24 resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
3 has been moved and seconded that
4 Resolution 110458 be withdrawn.

5 All in favor will say aye.
6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 ayes have it and the motion carries.

12 We will now consider Resolution
13 110459.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 authorizing the Committee of the Whole to
16 hold public hearings to review the Zoning
17 Code Proposals of the Zoning Code
18 Commission.

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

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

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

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

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

12 We will now consider Resolution
13 110460.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
16 Property to execute and deliver to the
17 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
18 Philadelphia, without consideration,
19 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
20 title to certain City-owned lots or
21 pieces of ground with the buildings and
22 improvements thereon, situate in the
23 Thirty-Ninth Ward of the City of
24 Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

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

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

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

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 read Resolution 110461.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 approving the redevelopment contract and
22 disposition supplement of the
23 Redevelopment Authority of 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, designated as
3 Parcel Nos. 699 and 702 and also
4 sometimes identified by house numbers and
5 street addresses for Parcel No. 699 as
6 1941 through 1945 Judson Street and for
7 Parcel No. 702 as 1937 Judson Street.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
11 the adoption, Madam President.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
14 has been moved and seconded that the
15 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 We will now consider Resolution
25 110462.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 authorizing a request to the Law
4 Department to represent City Council in a
5 lawsuit or lawsuits against the Governor
6 of Pennsylvania and any other appropriate
7 State officials, challenging the legality
8 of the funding for public education in
9 the Commonwealth and particularly in
10 Philadelphia, and seeking to compel the
11 Commonwealth to carry out its
12 constitutional duty to provide for the
13 maintenance and support of a thorough and
14 efficient system of public education;
15 and, if the Law Department declines to
16 render such service to City Council,
17 authorizing the retention of outside
18 counsel to provide such services.

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

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
22 the adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: No.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 record will indicate a majority voted in
10 favor of the adoption. Councilman Kelly
11 voted in the negative. The resolution is
12 adopted.

13 Is there any way we can
14 consider all of these appointments at one
15 time?

16 Councilman DiCicco, would you
17 have any objection --

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No. I was
19 actually going to make that suggestion,
20 Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you.

23 Supposing we consider those on
24 Page 3 first, 110403, 110404, 110405.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 reappointing Allan Domb to the Board of
3 Directors of the Center City District;
4 and

5 A resolution appointing Linda
6 Ann Galante to the Board of Directors of
7 the Center City District; and

8 A resolution appointing Jerry
9 Sweeney to the Board of Directors of the
10 Center City District.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move for the adoption
15 of the resolutions that have just been
16 read into the record.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
19 has been moved and seconded that the
20 resolutions 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 resolutions are
4 adopted.

5 We will now consider
6 Resolutions 110406, 110407, 110408,
7 110409, 110410.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 DiCicco.

10 Oh, I'm sorry. I would ask the
11 Chief Clerk to please read the titles of
12 the resolutions.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 appointing David Campoli to the Board of
15 Directors of the Center City District;
16 and

17 A resolution appointing Romona
18 Riscoe Benson to the Board of Directors
19 of the Center City District; and

20 A resolution reappointing
21 Edward Goldberg to the Board of Directors
22 of the Center City District; and

23 A resolution reappointing John
24 Connors to the Board of Directors of the
25 Center City District; and

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2 A resolution reappointing
3 Ronald Bowlan to the Board of Directors
4 of the Center City District.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
6 you. The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I move for the adoption
10 of the resolutions that have just been
11 read into the record.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
14 has been moved and seconded that the
15 resolutions just read will 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 resolutions are
23 adopted.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the title of Bill No. 080474.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 enacting a new Chapter 9-3300, entitled
4 "Promoting Healthy Families and
5 Workplaces," to promote that certain
6 employees are entitled to paid sick
7 leave.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
11 the adoption.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: No.
14 I believe you have an amendment.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'm sorry;
16 for the amendment.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
18 is Bill No. 080474.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yeah. I
20 know.

21 I thought you were doing the
22 amendment.

23 I'm sorry, Madam President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
25 Councilman Greenlee.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Okay.

3 Spirit of cooperation. Thank you, Madam
4 President. I offer amendments to this
5 bill. The amendments have been
6 previously distributed. If I could just
7 add, these amendments are all requested
8 by the business community. There are
9 nine separate amendments. That adds up
10 to the nine amendments that were passed
11 at the Committee. Eighteen amendments
12 that we have passed in cooperation with
13 the business community.

14 Could I just add on the side, I
15 wish that cooperation would be a two-way
16 street.

17 Thank you, Madam President. I
18 move the adoption of the amendment.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
21 has been moved and seconded that the
22 amendments 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 motion carries.

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read the title of Bill No. 110231.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 authorizing Liberty/Parkway 8th & Walnut,
10 or its designee, to construct, use and
11 maintain a marquee attached to the
12 proposed building to be located at the
13 southwest corner of 8th and Walnut
14 Streets and projecting over the footways
15 of 8th and Walnut Streets.

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

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 call the roll.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 DiCicco.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

12 Greenlee.

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Reynolds Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Sanchez.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: 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 17; the nays are
21 zero. A majority of all members having
22 voted in the affirmative, the bill
23 passes.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the title of Bill No. 110181.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending Chapter 19-1200 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking
5 Tax," by providing for scheduled
6 reductions in the rate of the tax
7 beginning in Fiscal Year 2012.

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

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I intend to amend this
12 bill today. The amendment has been
13 circulated to all members of Council, and
14 thus I move for its adoption.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
17 has been moved and seconded that the
18 amendment just proposed by Councilman
19 Kenney be adopted.

20 All in favor will please say
21 aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

4 We will now consider Bill No.
5 100754.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business
9 Privilege Taxes," by providing for
10 exclusions and certifications for hobbies
11 and other not-for-profit activities.

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

14 I'm sorry. It's a bill. Bill
15 100754 on Page 7.

16 Oh, I'm sorry. This bill
17 having been read on two different days,
18 the question now is shall the bill pass
19 finally.

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 call the roll.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 DiCicco.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

12 Greenlee.

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Krajewski.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Reynolds Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Sanchez.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: 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 17; the nays are
21 zero. A majority of all members having
22 voted in the affirmative, the bill
23 passes.

24 We will now consider Bill No.

25 110206.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending Section 10-1001 of The
4 Philadelphia Code relating to fees
5 charged by the Commissioner of Records by
6 providing that certain fees imposed for
7 the recording of deeds shall be waived
8 with respect to a deed filed solely for
9 the purpose of removing the name of a
10 deceased spouse or life partner and
11 re-titling the property in the name of
12 the surviving spouse or life partner.

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

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 call the roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 DiCicco.
3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Greenlee.
10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
12 COUNCILMAN JONES: 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: Councilwoman
4 Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Sanchez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
15 Verna.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 read the title of Bill No. 110244.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 amending Section 19-1705 of The
25 Philadelphia Code to increase the amount

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2 of interest and penalty on any unpaid
3 money or claim collectible by the
4 Department of Revenue that may be waived
5 by the Revenue Commissioner.

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

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 call the roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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

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2 Sanchez.

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Verna.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

10 The ayes are 17; the nays are
11 zero. A majority of all members having
12 voted in the affirmative, the bill
13 passes.

14 We will now consider Bill No.
15 110342.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 authorizing the Director of Commerce to
18 enter into an Extension of the Use and
19 Lease Agreements between the City of
20 Philadelphia and each of the airlines
21 servicing the Philadelphia International
22 Airport.

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

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2 pass finally.

3 The Chief Clerk will please
4 call the roll.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

17 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Greenlee.

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

24 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Krajewski.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: 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 Sanchez.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: 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 17; the nays are
4 zero. A majority of all members having
5 voted in the affirmative, the bill
6 passes.

7 We will now consider Bill No.
8 110343.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 approving the Fiscal Year 2012 Capital
11 Budget providing for expenditures for the
12 capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas
13 Works (including the supplying of funds
14 in connection therewith) subject to
15 certain constraints and conditions, and
16 acknowledging receipt of the Forecast of
17 Capital Budgets for Fiscal Years 2013
18 through 2017.

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

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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 Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Greenlee.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: 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: Councilwoman

10 Reynolds Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Sanchez.

16 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: 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 17; the nays are
24 zero. A majority of all members having
25 voted in the affirmative, the bill

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2 passes.

3 The Clerk will please read any
4 additional resolutions on today's
5 Calendar.

6 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
7 Madam President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
9 you.

10 That concludes our Calendar for
11 today.

12 Are there speeches on the part
13 of the minority?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
16 there speeches on the part of the
17 majority?

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Greenlee.

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
21 you, Madam President. Very quickly.
22 Just a reminder again, right now after
23 Council in the Caucus Room, the
24 representatives from the Philadelphia
25 History Museum, Atwater Kent, will be

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2 there to show the new renovated --
3 pictures of their new renovated museum,
4 which I think everybody will be very
5 proud of. So lunch will be served, which
6 I think is important. So Councilmembers
7 and staff, if they could, please attend.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
14 you, Madam President. Today I rise
15 regarding the issue of taxes. The issue
16 I want to talk about is that which has
17 been suggested with regard to raising
18 parking meter taxes in Center City and
19 University City. I represent University
20 City, and I will say that I think it is
21 unfair at this last minute, with no
22 notification -- I tried to call some
23 institutions just this morning since it
24 just came up, and certainly the
25 institutions I called -- and I mean

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2 institutions Penn, Drexel, University of
3 Sciences, for example. All three of them
4 do not agree. And people can't agree to
5 things about which they've had no
6 information, no discussion. And last
7 time when these meter costs/charges were
8 raised, we had time for discussion. We
9 talked about it, and they still went up
10 somewhat and, in fact, to a great degree.

11 Therefore, having done that,
12 having had our meters raised in
13 University City, with no discussion and
14 having heard it and having seen it in the
15 paper and discussed by members who are
16 just dealing with this rolling number for
17 taxes that we've been dealing with all
18 week, I find it unfair. I hope that this
19 Administration will consider it is unfair
20 to take an area, one neighborhood, one
21 area in our city -- or two areas it
22 actually is, and to decide I'm just going
23 to raise taxes there, I'm going to raise
24 fees somewhere there, irrespective of how
25 people feel, without any discussion,

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2 that's unfair. And I would certainly
3 hope the Administration would reconsider
4 this. We're always open for discussion.

5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Green.

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I'd like to speak today
12 briefly about the proposals from the
13 Administration to increase either a -- to
14 impose either a new real estate tax on
15 the School District's side or impose a
16 sugary-sweetened drink tax.

17 We received a letter from the
18 Mayor this morning that had a premise
19 that I want to disagree with, and the
20 premise is that more funding is required
21 from us in order to have early childhood
22 education and full-day kindergarten.
23 That premise is incorrect. The School
24 District has within its \$2.7 billion
25 budget the ability to provide the funding

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2 for those very important priorities.

3 I'd like to see a sign of good
4 faith from the School District before we
5 act, have the SRC meet again, pass a
6 budget we can agree with that contains
7 the things that everybody knows are
8 efficacious and important, like full-day
9 kindergarten and early childhood
10 education, and then come ask us for help
11 rather than the other way around. I'd
12 like to be treated like an adult by my
13 partners at the SRC.

14 It is not Governor Corbett, it
15 is not the State Legislature, it is not
16 the Mayor, it will not be City Council
17 that cuts anything that is cut from a
18 \$2.7 billion School District budget. It
19 is the SRC. It is the choices they make
20 that determine the kind of education that
21 our children are going to get next year,
22 and I'd like to see them make those
23 responsible choices prior to us acting on
24 any legislation, whether it be City
25 Council's, the Administration's or anyone

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2 else's.

3 I think it is very important to
4 note that relying on a sugar-sweetened
5 beverage tax is very dangerous. It
6 certainly will be challenged in court,
7 and we have no opportunity to take back
8 that funding unless we get relief from
9 the state in that regard. We'll be
10 required to come up with that money even
11 if a sugar-sweetened beverage tax is
12 struck down. That leaves us with a real
13 estate tax.

14 What the Mayor has proposed is
15 a real estate tax on the School
16 District's side of the ledger. That
17 would provide us with zero
18 accountability. I think this body made
19 pretty clear in different people's
20 comments, whether they were in favor of
21 taxes or not, that we want complete
22 accountability, and that is why I do
23 support Councilman Clarke's proposal to
24 put \$44 million in the appropriation in a
25 City Council line item so that we can

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2 assure accountability from the School
3 District, but I'd like to see them treat
4 us as equal partners and adults prior to
5 us taking any action.

6 Thank you, Madam President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 DiCicco.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I just want to announce
13 that at today's Streets and Services
14 Committee hearing, the one bill related
15 to sidewalk behavior, I will be calling
16 on a recess of that bill to the call of
17 the Chair for next Tuesday, I believe, at
18 4 o'clock p.m. I've spoken to my
19 colleagues on that Committee and other
20 members of City Council. We've been
21 working since yesterday with Councilwoman
22 Blackwell and others to try to come up
23 with a bill that we can all live with. I
24 suspect that will be available by next
25 week, and I just want for the viewing

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2 public who may be watching that we will
3 not have that hearing today, so there
4 will be no need for them to come in to
5 testify.

6 Thank you.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Jones.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I had an opportunity
13 the other day to visit the Overbrook
14 Education Center in my district. This
15 particular school helps visually impaired
16 young people. They integrate those
17 visually impaired young people with young
18 people who don't have that type of
19 disability. But what they've also done
20 is worked with art and music to work with
21 those young people to learn how to paint
22 what they hear. They use that through
23 the aid of crayons and paints that have
24 the scent of oranges, cherries and things
25 like that, and are able to then translate

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2 what they hear to art.

3 As I went through that
4 building, there was a sense of sadness, a
5 sense of sadness because some of their
6 teachers had received layoff notices, and
7 that this particular type of education
8 where many of these teachers pay out of
9 their own pockets to get these type of
10 supplies for them and the uncertainty of
11 whether there will be a music or art
12 program next year.

13 Now, let me say this: This
14 body did not cause this deficit. In
15 fact, the deliberation of many of its
16 members I am proud of. They're thinking
17 about this issue on how to be helpful and
18 to solve it. But the unintended
19 consequences of whatever those decisions
20 will not be only on those young people.

21 I do not care who started it.
22 I do not care whether it was the stimulus
23 package that is not there or whether it's
24 the surpluses that will not be shared.
25 At the end of the day, art is important

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2 to them, it is important to us as a
3 society, and we will either help to
4 support the schools or we will continue
5 to build prisons. It is our choice.

6 Thank you, Madam President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
8 you.

9 At this time, the Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Clarke for a motion
11 to adjourn.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I move that Council
14 stand adjourned until Thursday, June 9th,
15 2011, 10:00 a.m.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
18 has been moved and seconded that Council
19 stand adjourned until Thursday, June the
20 9th at 10:00 a.m.

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
24 12:30 p.m.)

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