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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 6, 2006
10:20 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good

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morning. I note that the hour has come

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and that a quorum of this Council is

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present.

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Council will please come to

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order. Members will take their seats,

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and visitors will retire to the seats

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outside the rails.

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To give our invocation this

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morning, the Chair welcomes a very dear

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friend and someone who is certainly no

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stranger to any of us, and I speak of

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Elder Robert J. Johnson of New Hope --

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New Life, I'm sorry, Temple Church of the

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Greater Highway Churches of Christ. He

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is here today as the guest of Councilman

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Rizzo.

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I would ask all members and

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guests to please rise.

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(Everyone rises.)

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ELDER JOHNSON: Thank you,

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Madam President. It is good to be back

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in City Council again. Please allow me,

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if you will, to thank every member of

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2 this City Council for their support you
3 gave me over the years as an
4 administrator of this body. I especially
5 thank Councilman Rizzo for inviting me to
6 deliver the invocation for this session.
7 I am honored to do so.

8 With that being said, let us
9 pray.

10 Our heavenly Father, we come at
11 this hour asking your blessings and
12 presence on our time together this day.
13 Bless all members of this legislative
14 body and their staff.

15 This body has come to discuss
16 and express the concerns and welfare of
17 our community. We come to learn from
18 each other. We grow in spirit and in
19 character and to find your will for our
20 lives and neighborhoods.

21 We thank you for the
22 opportunity to assemble at the appointed
23 time and place to discuss the concerns of
24 this community. Grant this body the
25 wisdom to carry out decisions within your

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2 will. Bless them as they continue to
3 conduct this business with dignity and
4 sensitivity.

5 We ask these blessings in
6 Jesus' name. Amen.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

8 The Chair thanks Elder Johnson
9 for his very inspiring invocation.

10 Council will now be at ease.

11 (Council at ease.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 next order of business is the approval of
14 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
15 March 30, 2006, and the Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you, Madam President. I move that the
19 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March
20 30, 2006 stand approved.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
23 has been moved and properly seconded that
24 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
25 March 30, 2006 stand approved.

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2 All in favor will please
3 indicate by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 ayes have it, and the Journal of the
10 meeting of Thursday, March 30, 2006 is
11 approved.

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
17 you, Madam President. Today a leave of
18 absence is requested for Councilman
19 Mariano.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you. Leave will be granted.

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: The
5 Chair thanks the gentleman.

6 The Chair will dispense with
7 the regular order of business to welcome
8 the guests and visitors joining us in
9 Chambers this morning. On behalf of all
10 members of City Council, I welcome you to
11 our Council session.

12 I'm sorry. The noise level is
13 much too high.

14 We appreciate your taking the
15 time to join us as we attend to the
16 legislative affairs of our City. We
17 certainly invite you to come again.

18 We are certainly pleased today
19 to have Dottie Gabriel in attendance with
20 us this morning. It is my understanding
21 that Dottie is the newly appointed Chief
22 of Staff to the President of PECO, Dennis
23 O'Brien.

24 If Dottie is here, I'd like her
25 to stand so that we could recognize her.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 Welcome. Congratulations.

5 At this time, the Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Rizzo, who will
7 present a resolution recognizing Our
8 Mother of Consolation Parish.

9 Will Father Bazzoli and those
10 accompanying him please join the
11 Councilman at the podium.

12 I see that the Councilman is
13 being joined by Councilwoman Miller and I
14 believe Councilman Kelly.

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Good
16 morning, everyone.

17 And, Madam President, thank you
18 very much.

19 Let me try to establish what
20 we're doing this morning.

21 Our Mother of Consolation
22 Parish, which is in the Eighth
23 Councilmanic District, is celebrating its
24 150th anniversary. What we thought we
25 would do is bring the 4th and 5th grade

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2 class, along with Principal Michael
3 Kimble, here to Council so they could
4 observe what the legislative process is
5 in the City of Philadelphia.

6 So behind me are some of the
7 class leadership, but would all the 4th
8 and 5th graders from Our Mother of
9 Consolation please stand up so we can say
10 hello to you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: And also I
13 knew that 4th and 5th grade couldn't have
14 that many students. So it's also the 7th
15 and 8th grade from Our Mother of
16 Consolation Parish.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
18 welcome all of you. Welcome.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Also here
21 representing the Parish is Father, as we
22 call him in the community, Father Bob
23 Bazzoli, and also Principal Michael
24 Kimble.

25 So I'd like to read this

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2 resolution this morning.

3 Recognizing, honoring and
4 celebrating Our Mother of Consolation
5 Parish for promoting spiritual and
6 academic growth in a Catholic Christian
7 environment on the occasion of the 150th
8 anniversary of Our Mother of Consolation
9 Parish.

10 Our Mother of Consolation
11 Parish was established in 1855 to
12 minister to the spiritual needs of
13 residents of the Chestnut Hill section
14 and the surrounding neighborhoods; and

15 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Whereas,
16 most of the original parishioners of Our
17 Mother of Consolation Parish were Irish
18 immigrants who settled in Philadelphia
19 after the devastating potato famine that
20 ravaged Ireland in the mid and late
21 1840s; and

22 Whereas, Our Mother of
23 Consolation Church was constructed
24 through the initiative of Joseph
25 Middleton and the support of parish

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2 volunteers, amidst a widespread
3 anti-Catholicism in the United States
4 during that period; and

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
6 Our Mother of Consolation Parish started
7 in 1862 a Catholic elementary school of
8 the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and in
9 1881, the school opened at its present
10 location as an institution of Catholic
11 education dedicated to the mission of
12 educating the children of parishioners,
13 as well as others who entrusted their
14 children to its care; and

15 Whereas, Our Mother of
16 Consolation Parish has continued to
17 provide Catholic Christian service to a
18 growing vibrant multi-cultural community
19 in the Chestnut Hill section of
20 Philadelphia and surrounding
21 neighborhood.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Resolved, by
23 the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
24 that City Council hereby recognizes,
25 honors and celebrates Our Mother of

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2 Consolation Parish for promoting
3 spiritual and academic growth in a
4 Catholic Christian environment on the
5 occasion of its 150th anniversary.

6 Further resolved, that an
7 engrossed copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Our Mother of Consolation
9 Parish as further evidence of the sincere
10 admiration and gratitude of this
11 legislative body.

12 And Father Bazzoli, I'd like to
13 present this resolution to you, along
14 with Principal Michael Kimble.
15 Congratulations and keep up the good
16 work.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair recognizes Father Bazzoli for
20 remarks.

21 FATHER BAZZOLI: Thank you,
22 Madam President.

23 On behalf of the Chestnut Hill
24 community, the Mother of Consolation
25 Parish, we thank you for this

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2 recognition, this honor as we celebrate
3 150 years of ministry and life in the
4 Chestnut Hill community.

5 We'd also like to acknowledge
6 the graciousness of our District
7 Councilperson and our
8 Councilman-At-Large, Councilman Rizzo,
9 for the continued support of our
10 neighborhood and for all the good works
11 that they do to make Philadelphia the
12 great City that it is. Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. KIMBLE: Thank you. I
15 certainly echo Father Bazzoli's remarks
16 and thanks of Councilman Rizzo and the
17 other members of Council. It's certainly
18 our honor to be here, and it's certainly
19 our honor and privilege to continue to
20 provide quality Catholic education rooted
21 in the values of the gospel to the
22 children of Chestnut Hill. Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

25 Again, congratulations.

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2 Council will be at ease.

3 (Council at ease.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
5 Chair now recognizes Councilman O'Neill,
6 who will present a resolution recognizing
7 the week of April 24th through April
8 30th, 2006 as the Annual Remembrance of
9 the Six Million Jewish Martyrs.

10 Will Ms. Leanore Brookman and
11 those accompanying her please join the
12 Councilman at the podium.

13 Councilman O'Neill is being
14 joined by Councilman Kelly.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: This is a
16 resolution in solemn recognition during
17 the week of April 24th through 30th, 2006
18 as the Annual Remembrance of the Six
19 Million Jewish Martyrs Who Perished
20 During the Holocaust.

21 Whereas, over half a century
22 ago, six million Jews were murdered in
23 the Nazi Holocaust as part of a
24 systematic program of genocide, and
25 millions of other people suffered as

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2 victims of Nazism; and

3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Whereas, the
4 people of the City of Philadelphia should
5 continually rededicate themselves to the
6 principle of equal justice for all
7 people; and

8 Whereas, the people of the City
9 of Philadelphia should remain eternally
10 vigilant against all tyranny and
11 recognize that bigotry provides a
12 breeding ground for tyranny to flourish;
13 and

14 Whereas, the Memorial Committee
15 for the Six Million Jewish Martyrs has
16 chosen as the theme for this year's
17 Memorial "Resistance, Defiance and
18 Courage: Jewish Acts of Survival." We
19 applaud the Committee for the honor that
20 they will bestow on the memory of those
21 who perished and on those who survived to
22 build and strengthen life in Philadelphia
23 and other communities. Now, therefore

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Resolved,
25 by the Council of the City of

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2 Philadelphia, that by virtue of this
3 citation, we hereby recognize the week of
4 April 24th through April 30th, 2006 as
5 the Annual Remembrance of the Six Million
6 Jewish Martyrs.

7 Further resolved, that we
8 recognize the horror of the Holocaust,
9 and extend to the Memorial Committee the
10 respect and admiration of this
11 legislative body.

12 Certification that this is a
13 true and correct copy of the original
14 resolution adopted by the Council of the
15 City of Philadelphia on the 23rd day of
16 February 2006, signed by Anna C. Verna,
17 President of City Council, and
18 co-sponsored by all members of City
19 Council.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair recognizes Ms. Brookman for
23 remarks.

24 MS. BROOKMAN: Good morning,
25 Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
3 morning.

4 MS. BROOKMAN: And members of
5 Council. My name is Leanore Brookman,
6 Co-Chairperson of the Annual Memorial
7 Ceremony Commemorating the Holocaust for
8 the Six Million Jewish Martyrs, sponsored
9 by Jewish Community Relations Council,
10 the Federation of Greater Philadelphia.
11 Other members of the organization here
12 today are my Co-Chairperson, Rhoda
13 Rothberg; Bert Segal, Director of
14 Community Relations; Robin Schatz,
15 Director of Governmental Affairs; Amy
16 Blum, Director of Center for Holocaust
17 Awareness; and Gert Novan, Vice-Chair of
18 Holocaust Programs. Abram Schnapper,
19 President of the Association of Holocaust
20 Survivors, was unable to be with us
21 today.

22 It is our esteemed pleasure to
23 have been invited today, particularly
24 since City Council has played an
25 important and meaningful role in our

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2 memorial service. For as many years as
3 we can remember, Councilman David Cohen,
4 a blessed memory, was responsible for the
5 annual proclamation, which he delivered
6 at our services establishing the
7 Holocaust remembrance day and the
8 renaming of the street at 16th and the
9 Parkway as Avenue of Remembrance for the
10 week.

11 Last year, before his death,
12 the street was permanently renamed Avenue
13 of Remembrance, and we are sincerely
14 grateful to Council and Councilman Cohen
15 for all of his efforts through the years
16 on behalf of the survivors.

17 This year, annual observance
18 will take place on Sunday, April 30th at
19 16th and the Parkway from 1:00 to 3:00
20 p.m. on the site of the monument for the
21 six million Jewish martyrs. The monument
22 was created by Nathan Rappaport, an
23 internationally known sculpture, that was
24 presented to the City on April 1964, and
25 it's the first monument that was

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2 dedicated in memory of the Holocaust
3 survivors in the City of Philadelphia --
4 in North America.

5 The theme this year will be
6 "Resistance, Defiance and Courage:
7 Jewish Acts of Survival," and as part of
8 our program, local resisters and
9 partisans will be honored. Our keynote
10 speaker will be Hadassah Lieberman,
11 daughter of Holocaust survivors and wife
12 of Joseph Lieberman, Senator Joseph
13 Lieberman. Philip Kates, violinist of
14 the Philadelphia Orchestra, will be our
15 annual participant.

16 We also have members of the
17 religious community, the ecumenical
18 community, present to affirm the
19 connection between people of all faiths
20 committed to prevent the horrors of the
21 Shoah from occurring again, to remind us
22 that the Shoah is not just a Jewish
23 tragedy but a human tragedy. And Sister
24 Josephine Kates is a wonderful annual
25 participant.

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2 While we are remembering the
3 six million souls who died during the
4 Holocaust on that day, we will also take
5 time to have cards distributed relating
6 to the tragedy for the audience to mail
7 to their political leaders for response
8 and action, hopefully, relating to this
9 horrible situation.

10 I have a copy of our program
11 that I'd like to leave with Council with
12 details of the other aspects of our
13 program, and I would certainly like to
14 invite members of Council to come to our
15 program on Sunday, April 30th.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: On
19 behalf of the Jewish Community Relations
20 Council, I would like to thank Councilman
21 Brian J. O'Neill for sponsoring this
22 year's proclamation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you. Council will be at ease.

25 (Council at ease.)

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

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 read the messages from the Mayor.

9 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
10 and members of the Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
12 that on April 6, 2006, I signed the
13 remaining bills that were passed by
14 Council at its session on March 23, 2006,
15 and

16 I also signed the following
17 bill that was passed by Council at its
18 session on March 30, 2006: Bill No.
19 060051; and

20 I am transmitting herewith for
21 the consideration of your honorable body
22 an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner
23 of Public Property, on behalf of the City
24 of Philadelphia, to acquire from the
25 School District of Philadelphia a title

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2 to the properties known as 4800 to 4802
3 Fairmount Avenue; and

4 An ordinance amending Title 22
5 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
6 "Public" --

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Just
8 a minute, please.

9 The noise level is really much
10 too high. Anybody having private
11 conversations, I am urging you to do so
12 in the corridor. Thank you.

13 Please continue.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
15 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia
16 Code, entitled "Public Employees
17 Retirement Code"; and

18 An ordinance authorizing the
19 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
20 Development to file an application with
21 the Office of the Budget in an amount not
22 to exceed \$250,000 to assist in the
23 relocation of the Family Practice and
24 Counseling Network; and

25 An ordinance authorizing the

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2 Commissioner of Public Property to
3 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
4 Authority for Industrial Development a
5 deed located on the southwesterly side of
6 the 3000 block of East Tioga Street.

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

10 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
11 please read any other communications in
12 her possession.

13 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
14 have, Madam President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The next order of business is
18 the introduction of bills and
19 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

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

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2 introduction.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will indicate by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

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

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I offer two
21 resolutions, one on your behalf.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 honoring Charles Barkley on the occasion
4 of his election to the Basketball Hall of
5 Fame.

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

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
9 adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will please
15 indicate by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 recognizing and celebrating the
24 Preparatory Charter School of
25 Mathematics, Science, Technology and

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2 Careers and its boys' basketball team on
3 winning the Pennsylvania Interscholastic
4 Athletic Association state scholarship.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
6 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
9 adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

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2 one bill and one resolution on your
3 behalf and one bill on my 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 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
10 for Industrial Development to file an
11 application with the Office of the Budget
12 of Pennsylvania under the Redevelopment
13 Assistance Capital Program in an amount
14 not to exceed \$250,000.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
20 Property, on behalf of the City of
21 Philadelphia, to acquire from the School
22 District of Philadelphia title to the
23 properties at 4800 to 4802 Fairmount
24 Avenue.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

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2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
6 Property to execute and deliver to the
7 Redevelopment Authority, the City of
8 Philadelphia, deeds located in the 36th
9 and 40th Wards of the City of
10 Philadelphia.

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
14 you, Madam President. I move for the
15 adoption of the 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 please
21 indicate by 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 Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Krajewski.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
8 you, Madam President. I offer three
9 bills -- or two bills and three
10 resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Clerk will please read the title of the
13 first bill.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
16 Property to execute and deliver to the
17 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
18 Development a deed located on the 3000
19 block of East Tioga Street.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
21 that a bill?

22 CHIEF CLERK: Yes, it was.

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

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 declaring April 2006 as Autism Awareness
11 Month.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
13 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Krajewski.

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

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 declaring May 2006 as Stroke Awareness
7 Month and recognizing Nazareth Hospital
8 for their Stroke Awareness Program.

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

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move
12 the adoption of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

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

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
4 President, I offer three resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 honoring the Urban Youth Racing School.

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
14 the adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will please
20 indicate by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution is
3 adopted.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 declaring May 2006 as Mental Health Month
6 in the City of Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
8 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for
11 the adoption of the resolution.

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 indicate by
17 saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 ayes have it and the resolution is
24 adopted.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

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2 declaring April 15, 2006 as George
3 Clinton Day in the City of Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
5 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
6 Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
8 the adoption of the resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will indicate by
14 saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
25 you, Madam President. Today I have no

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2 bills or resolutions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

4 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman

6 Nutter.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,

8 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

10 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

11 the resolution.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

13 urging the United States Congress to

14 restore federal funding for the

15 Corporation for National and Community

16 Service to its Fiscal Year 2004 level.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

18 Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,

20 Madam President.

21 Madam President, I wish to move

22 the adoption of the resolution. I'd like

23 to be heard on the resolution. And the

24 resolution has been co-sponsored by all

25 members.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
6 Madam President.

7 Madam President, I try to do my
8 best from time to time to generally stay
9 out of the national and international
10 realm. It's hard enough trying to
11 represent the Fourth District, but in
12 this particular matter, we have
13 representatives from a variety of
14 organizations who I'd like to recognize.
15 They are Philadelphians, young and a
16 little older, who provide a variety of
17 community service activities throughout
18 Philadelphia. Many of them are here with
19 us this morning, and they are subject to,
20 as Ronnie Polaneczky mentioned in an
21 article a couple weeks ago, a budget trim
22 that would be the unkindest cut of all.
23 They are City Year, Youth Build,
24 Education Works, the National Civilian
25 Community Corps and Experienced Corps,

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2 and I would ask if they might stand so
3 they can be recognized for their good
4 work.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

6 Certainly.

7 Welcome.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam

10 President, not to be too political about
11 it, but cutting the funding to these
12 kinds of organizations that provide any
13 number of services to school-age children
14 and people throughout the community has
15 got to be one of the dumbest things ever
16 to come out of national policy that we've
17 seen in recent times, and I'll give one
18 statistic. They are looking for either
19 trying to maintain their current funding
20 or expand some of their funding from \$54
21 million to approximately \$80 million in
22 the course of a year, and if you read the
23 Daily News story, the one stat that jumps
24 out at you is that we are spending \$100
25 million a day in Iraq, yet we would have

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2 the audacity to cut funding to these
3 kinds of organizations that provide a
4 certain level of homeland security right
5 here in Philadelphia and throughout the
6 United States of America.

7 These young people should be
8 recognized and applauded and supported
9 for their work, not finding themselves
10 running up and down the East Coast and
11 all over the country trying to make sure
12 that the federal government and the
13 administration in the White House does
14 the right thing.

15 So I hope that this resolution
16 has some weight coming out of
17 Philadelphia and that many other cities
18 across the country that benefit from the
19 services that these organizations provide
20 and the experience that the young people
21 receive as a part of participating in
22 these great programs, that there would be
23 a rising up of cities and states across
24 the country to tell the federal
25 government this is a big mistake.

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2 Thank you, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 You're welcome.

5 It has been moved and properly
6 seconded that the resolution be adopted.

7 All in favor will indicate by
8 saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Brown.

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

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
5 the resolution.

6 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 authorizing the Committee of Commerce and
8 Economic Development to hold hearings to
9 receive a programmatic update on the
10 Urban Industry Initiative.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
12 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Goode.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I move for
15 the adoption.

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 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 resolution is
4 adopted.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Ramos.

7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I offer one bill on
9 behalf of the Administration and one
10 resolution co-sponsored by Councilwoman
11 Tasco.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
14 the bill, please.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia
17 Code, entitled "Public Employees
18 Retirement Code," by amending various
19 provisions to incorporate benefit
20 enhancements provided under recent labor
21 arbitration awards, under certain terms
22 and conditions.

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

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

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

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I move for
9 the adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will please say
15 aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 May I see the Chief Clerk
24 side-bar, please.

25 (Pause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: On
3 the resolution that was introduced by
4 Councilman Goode and has been approved,
5 that is authorizing the Committee on
6 Commerce and Economic Development to hold
7 hearings; therefore, it will be referred
8 to that committee for a public hearing.
9 Thank you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I have no bills or
14 resolutions today.

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

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 O'Neill.

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

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia

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2 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
3 amending Section 14-104, entitled
4 "Non-Conforming Structures and Uses," by
5 amending provisions relating to the
6 reconstruction of non-conforming
7 structures.

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

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I have one resolution.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
20 Property to execute and deliver to the
21 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
22 the 14th Ward of the City of
23 Philadelphia.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
3 the adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will indicate by
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

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

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Kelly.

19 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
20 President, I have no bills or resolutions
21 today.

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Rizzo.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
3 President, no bills or resolutions today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The next order of business is
7 reports from committees, and the Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Clarke for a report
9 from the Committee on Public Property and
10 Public Works.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
12 Madam President.

13 Madam President, the Committee
14 on Public Property and Public Works
15 reports four bills with a favorable
16 recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 read the report.

21 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
22 and members of the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public
24 Property and Public Works, to which was
25 referred Bill No. 060012, entitled "An

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2 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
3 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
4 Philadelphia, to acquire fee simple title
5 known as 3000 and 3030 East Castor
6 Avenue, under certain terms and
7 conditions"; and

8 Bill No. 060056, entitled "An
9 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
10 Public Property to execute and deliver to
11 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
12 Development a deed located at 105 to 109
13 Reed Street in the City of Philadelphia";
14 and

15 Bill No. 060058, entitled "An
16 ordinance amending Bill No. 990728,
17 approved December 6, 1999, by extending
18 the time for compliance with the
19 conditions until December 31st, 2006";
20 and

21 Bill No. 060144, entitled "An
22 ordinance amending an ordinance approved
23 June 28, 1966, Bill No. 1845, as amended,
24 known as the Philadelphia Housing
25 Development Agreement Ordinance,"

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

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
11 President, I move that the rules of
12 Council be suspended so as to permit
13 first reading this day of Bill Nos.
14 060012, 060056, 060058 and 060144.

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 bills
20 just read by the Chief Clerk.

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 will
5 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
6 for today.

7 Council will now proceed under
8 a special order of business and the
9 reconsideration of Bill No. 051144-A.
10 This bill was passed by Council at its
11 March 16, 2006 session and was returned
12 disapproved by the Mayor on the March 30,
13 2006 session.

14 At this time, the Chair
15 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I move that the Council
18 reconsider Bill No. 051144-A, which was
19 approved by City Council on March 16,
20 2006.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
22 there a second?

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
25 in favor let it be known by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 ayes have it. The motion carries.
8 Council will now reconsider the vote by
9 which Bill No. 051144-A was passed.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No.
13 051144-A, an ordinance amending Title 14
14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
15 "Zoning and Planning," by amending
16 Section 14-104, entitled "Non-Conforming
17 Structures and Uses," by amending
18 provisions relating to the reconstruction
19 of non-conforming structures, all under
20 certain terms and conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 This bill, having been read on
24 two different days, was duly approved by
25 Council on March 16, 2006 and was

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2 returned to Council by the Mayor as
3 disapproved on March 30, 2006. The
4 question is, shall Bill No. 051144-A pass
5 notwithstanding the Mayor's disapproval.

6 I would ask you to please note
7 that a vote of aye is a vote to override
8 the Mayor's veto and a vote of no is a
9 vote to sustain the Mayor's veto.

10 At this time, I would ask the
11 Chief Clerk to please call the roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
16 President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,
18 I'm sorry. Councilman O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I would
20 just like to speak briefly on this.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
22 sorry. I didn't realize that your light
23 was on.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: That's
25 okay.

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2 This bill would allow
3 non-conforming structures to be rebuilt
4 after a catastrophe, like a fire, even if
5 they were more than 75 percent destroyed.
6 Currently -- and I didn't know this until
7 recently -- if there's a fire or some
8 other disaster and more than 75 percent
9 of a non-conforming structure is
10 destroyed, a person has to go and either
11 build to the new zoning that they're
12 grandfathered under or they have to go to
13 the Zoning Board. And particularly in
14 Bustleton and Somerton, two neighborhoods
15 that were built in many areas in the '50s
16 and '40s where it was the country, you
17 moved out to the country and you bought
18 lots and you built houses, there are
19 people in fairly modest homes living on
20 what we would call fairly wide lots, and
21 developers, particularly with our tax
22 abatement and lower mortgage rates, have
23 just been destroying them, buying
24 people's homes, tearing the house down
25 and putting up some pretty ugly things.

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2 And we've remapped, City Council has
3 remapped, these areas in the recent past,
4 but it was pointed out to me that while
5 many people become non-conforming for the
6 good of the whole neighborhood, you will
7 take a higher zoning designation that's
8 more restrictive. You should still be
9 able to build your own house.

10 When this bill went to the
11 Planning Commission, the Planning
12 Commission said it was a great idea. In
13 fact, Councilwoman Blackwell had done it
14 in her district a few years ago. And
15 they recommended it be City-wide. I had
16 two particular civic associations,
17 Somerton and Bustleton, that couldn't
18 wait for me to lobby all my District
19 Councilmembers and explain all this,
20 because it's not a big issue in a lot of
21 areas.

22 However, the Mayor in his veto
23 pointed out that there was one difference
24 between my bill and Councilwoman
25 Blackwell's from 2003, and that was that

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2 75 percent of the structures in the block
3 have to still be in place. I can
4 guarantee you, 100 percent of the houses
5 on the block right now in my district
6 will be in place. But I also found out
7 that Councilwoman Miller in the Eighth
8 District has a bill very similar before
9 the Rules Committee on April 24th.

10 I've introduced a bill this
11 morning that most members have signed.
12 It will be listed with that bill. It
13 would cover everything in my bill,
14 everything in Councilwoman Miller's bill
15 and everything that was previously signed
16 by the Mayor and passed by Council in
17 Councilwoman Blackwell's bill. So there
18 would be one uniform non-conforming
19 exception for rebuilding in the whole
20 City.

21 I just ask that because of the
22 very minor difference between my bill and
23 Councilwoman Blackwell's, which will soon
24 be corrected in the next month or two,
25 that members vote aye on this motion so

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2 that if something would happen, and
3 particularly in Somerton and Bustleton
4 where so many people are exposed in the
5 next month or two, that we've done
6 everything we can to protect them. And
7 I'm sure we'll pass the City-wide bill
8 when it comes time for the Committee vote
9 and the Council vote.

10 Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 Again, I would ask the Chief
14 Clerk to please call the roll.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Clarke.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Verna.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 15; the nays are zero. A
9 two-thirds majority of the members of
10 Council having voted in the affirmative,
11 the Mayor's veto is overridden.

12 The next order of business is
13 the consideration of the Calendar. The
14 Chief Clerk will please read the bills on
15 the First Reading Calendar.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 060012,
17 an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner
18 of Public Property, on behalf of the City
19 of Philadelphia, to acquire fee simple
20 title to 3000 and 3030 East Castor
21 Avenue.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair agrees.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
25 060056, an ordinance authorizing the

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2 Commissioner of Public property to
3 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
4 Authority for Industrial Development a
5 deed located at 105-09 Reed Street.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair agrees.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
9 060058, an ordinance amending Bill No.
10 990728, approved December 6, 1999, to
11 convey to the Redevelopment Authority of
12 Philadelphia by extending the time for
13 compliance with the conditions until
14 December 31, 2006.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair agrees.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
18 060144, an ordinance amending the
19 ordinance approved June 28, 1966, Bill
20 No. 1845, as amended, known as the
21 Philadelphia Housing Development
22 Agreement Ordinance.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair agrees.

25 That completes the First

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2 Reading Calendar. The Chair now
3 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the
4 purpose of calling up bills on the Second
5 Reading and Final Passage Calendar to be
6 considered today.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
8 you, Madam President. Today our Second
9 Reading and Final Passage Calendar starts
10 on Page No. 7. Today we will hear Bill
11 Nos. 050661, 060086, and on Page 8, Bill
12 Nos. 060112, 060158 and 060159. All
13 other bills are being held.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
17 please read the title of Bill No. 050661.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing the creation of a loan or
20 loans to provide funds for and toward
21 various capital municipal purposes.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you. Since Bill No. 050661 would
24 authorize the City to incur new debt,
25 this bill requires the approval of

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2 two-thirds of the members of Council.

3 That is a statutory requirement.

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

7 The Chief Clerk -- I'm sorry.
8 I didn't see that Councilwoman Tasco
9 wants to be recognized. So before I ask
10 the Chief Clerk to call the roll, I would
11 like to recognize Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
13 Madam President.

14 Madam President, we have been
15 going round and round on this bill for a
16 while, and I plan to vote no on this
17 bill. I'm a signatore to a letter that
18 we have sent to the Mayor explaining why
19 some of us are not in support of this
20 legislation today.

21 We have negotiated this bill in
22 2004. We sent a question to the voters
23 about the capital budget, and in that,
24 the Council had passed and the Mayor had
25 signed legislation that appropriated

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2 funds, of which \$12 million was for the
3 Council Districts and we were to be given
4 \$1.2 million. Of course, we have only
5 been able to spend \$500,000 of that
6 because the Mayor has decided not to
7 spend that money.

8 Now in an agreement, side
9 agreement, the Mayor wants to ask us to
10 accept \$850,000 per district rather than
11 the \$1.2 million. There is no hardship.
12 The money is there and the money has been
13 designated for the District
14 Councilmembers.

15 The reason we got to the point
16 of designating the \$1.2 million, when the
17 Mayor was Council President, he convinced
18 Ed Rendell to agree to appropriate \$1.2
19 million to each Council District person,
20 and the reason I believe and as I
21 remember it happening was because we
22 could never have predictable funding for
23 projects in our district.

24 We tried to expand the Finley
25 Recreation Center. It took us ten years

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2 to build an addition, because each year I
3 would put so much in the budget and that
4 was never enough. When we went to the
5 \$1.2 million, we were able to know that
6 by a certain date we had enough money to
7 expand or do whatever with the recreation
8 facility. As a result of that and with
9 matching dollars from the state, from my
10 State Representative, LeAnna Washington,
11 we were able to expand the Dorothy
12 Emanuel Recreation Center at the tune of
13 \$5.1 million. And now we are asked to
14 take less money when the money that has
15 been appropriated is there for us.

16 I don't want to be cynical or
17 personal, but I can only think that maybe
18 sometimes these capital projects are used
19 as leverage to gain votes for whatever
20 the Mayor may want. So maybe there was a
21 need not to let Ed Rendell use the
22 leverage of the Recreation Department to
23 get votes.

24 So here we are now back at the
25 old system where the Mayor has the

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2 ability to use the funding to cut deals
3 for whatever he may want on votes. I
4 think that's a disservice to the people
5 in the City. I think it's a disservice
6 to the people in my district, and I want
7 to know why would I take \$850,000 when I
8 am entitled to \$1.2 million for the
9 people in the Ninth Councilmanic
10 District? It does not make sense. The
11 money goes for improvement to existing
12 facilities. We can use it for a fire
13 station. We can use it for whatever we
14 need it for. The priorities are set by
15 us with the communities in our district
16 and we're able to move forward and be
17 effective.

18 I think that this whole impasse
19 is nonsense, and I just think that he is
20 at this point not willing to move or to
21 give and to be cooperative on this issue.

22 So I am voting against this
23 bill because I think we deserve better
24 and we deserve better respect than we
25 get.

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2 Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Nutter.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I can only echo the
9 comments of my colleague, Councilwoman
10 Tasco, and I will also be voting against
11 this particular bill. Not because I
12 don't need the money, but because I do
13 need the money. I need the funds that
14 were allocated and that we voted for.

15 This body supplemented that
16 particular capital budget bill to allow
17 for the level of funding that we've had
18 in the past. We voted for it, as
19 Councilwoman Tasco pointed out. It was
20 signed by the Mayor and subsequently
21 approved, with an expectation by the
22 voters and our constituents that that's
23 what the deal was.

24 And just this past Monday, I
25 had a meeting with community leaders in

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2 the Winfield Heights section about a
3 recreation facility, a small one, that
4 needs a significant amount of work. It's
5 been neglected over the years. When I
6 laid out to my constituents from that
7 neighborhood what this situation is with
8 declining resources that I presently
9 have, I won't be able to complete that
10 project in a timely fashion with the
11 dollars that are being offered versus the
12 dollars that we're supposed to have, and
13 when I presented my own constituents with
14 this situation, their recommendation was,
15 Get the funding that was previously
16 allocated that we expected so we can get
17 our project done.

18 This arrangement was, as I
19 recall, primarily put in place because
20 the City Administration at the time, not
21 this Administration, the previous
22 Administration, was not putting as much
23 money in the recreation facilities as
24 many of us thought and so as, again, the
25 Councilwoman laid out, this was an

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2 agreement that had the District
3 Councilmembers working with the
4 Recreation Department and other
5 departments. Where they had shortfalls,
6 we would be able to make up for it in a
7 quick fashion, because we already had the
8 dollars. You sign a document and move on
9 and then monitor and oversee these
10 particular projects.

11 So this is an issue where
12 funding is available, but for the '05
13 capital budget, it would make absolutely
14 no sense to take less than what has
15 already been approved and agreed upon,
16 and I don't understand the rationale
17 here.

18 It is shameful that we have
19 reached this point and not been able to
20 move forward, especially when the funding
21 is not in question. This is about who is
22 making which decisions on certain
23 facilities, and I would respectfully say
24 in many instances we certainly, the folks
25 who work with community leaders on a

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2 regular basis about these facilities and
3 what their needs are, might have a little
4 better sense of what those needs are than
5 some other folks in other parts of the
6 government.

7 So I'll be voting against the
8 bill, and we can continue to try to
9 negotiate back to where we should have
10 been in the first place.

11 Thank you, Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 O'Neill.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I believe that this
18 bill fails today to get the 12 votes
19 required. The least surprised person
20 will be the Mayor. The Mayor spent over
21 19 years here, the majority of it I
22 believe as Council President, and he
23 knows this issue better than anybody, how
24 important it is. He was also a District
25 Councilman.

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2 How many times I and others
3 were in his office lobbying, as
4 Councilman Tasco said. I don't know how
5 many times I went in lobbying for that
6 1.2 million. Before that, for 1.1.
7 Before that, for 1 million, because of
8 the needs out there in all districts.
9 And the system that is the best needs
10 assessment you could have -- and I use
11 the terms "needs assessment" because we
12 heard about a needs assessment that the
13 Administration did, which I'll get to a
14 in a minute, but every District
15 Councilman has to listen to the
16 community, has to listen to the rec
17 leader, has to listen to the users of the
18 rec center, whether it be the Rec
19 Advisory Council, whether it be an
20 informal group of parents or whether it
21 be the youth organization that
22 predominates the programming there. And
23 if we don't, we know where we are at the
24 end of four years, we're out of a job.

25 And that system works very

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2 well, and it enables us to stretch very
3 limited resources and try to do as much
4 as possible with them, doing a lot of
5 long-term planning, sometimes two, three,
6 four years out, before you can let people
7 know you'll have enough money for them as
8 you're putting it away for a project.

9 And in '05, this 12 million,
10 1.2 a district, was passed, the Mayor
11 signed it, it went to the voters, the
12 Mayor signed that bill, it went and got
13 approved by the voters. That money is
14 already there.

15 We heard this year in our
16 budget hearings from the Administration
17 that they've done a needs assessment of
18 the Recreation Department and they'll
19 spend that extra \$7 million. That would
20 be such a break not only in tradition but
21 in common sense, because no one knows
22 better and has spent more time working on
23 this needs assessment than each
24 individual District Councilmember. And
25 if the money is going to be spent, it

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2 should be spent not by the Administration
3 and their bureaucratic hires, but by the
4 elected officials working with the
5 community, as it's always been done. Not
6 just while I've been here, not just while
7 Council President Street, District
8 Councilman Street was here, but long
9 before that. This tradition goes back as
10 far as people can remember.

11 I would say that let's be fair.
12 '05 was passed. We're still only allowed
13 to spend a small portion of it. That's
14 unheard of. But do that to me once,
15 shame on you. If you do it to me twice
16 in '06, shame on me. I'm not going to
17 allow that to happen twice.

18 I understand that the capital
19 budget is getting reduced. Mayors,
20 several in the last term, were spending
21 way more than was going to be left if
22 they evened it out, but that's the
23 problem with two four-year term limits.
24 That's as far as any Mayor can see. And
25 we're dealing with a shrinking pool of

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2 money.

3 This is '07. We have not
4 passed the operating or the capital
5 budget, let alone get to the ballot
6 question for '07. I am willing to talk
7 realistic reasonable terms with anybody,
8 members of Council, the Administration,
9 about a negotiated number, recognizing
10 that we have to take our fair share of
11 those cuts, but these monies have passed
12 in '05. They were approved by the voter.
13 If we voted for this, they would be
14 approved by the voters again, I'm sure.
15 Can't allow that to happen until we have
16 an agreement that this \$12 million in
17 both years, '05 and '06, will be given to
18 us for our districts and we can negotiate
19 on that on a reasonable basis going
20 forward, but not going backwards. This
21 is really unheard of, and I'll be voting
22 no on this bill.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Kelly.

4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I just want to say
6 right now that I will be supporting those
7 District Councilmen and Councilpeople
8 that do need and absolutely must have at
9 least 1.2 million for their recreation
10 centers and all the other things that
11 they want to use that money for in their
12 districts.

13 Previously I was a District
14 Councilman, so I know how important it is
15 to receive that money. In fact, I don't
16 even think it's enough at this point,
17 even the 1.2, but be that as it may, I
18 think it's very, very important that they
19 get the full funding. So I will be
20 voting no for this bill.

21 Thank you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
23 You're welcome.

24 Would anybody else like to be
25 recognized?

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2 (No response.)
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
4 Seeing no one, I would ask the Chief
5 Clerk to please call the roll.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Blackwell.
8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Clarke.
11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 DiCicco.
14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: No.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Kenney.
21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Krajewski.
24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Miller.
3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 Nutter.
6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: No.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 O'Neill.
9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
11 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Reynolds Brown.
14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Tasco.
19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
21 Verna.
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
23 The ayes are 10; the nays are five. A
24 two-thirds of all of the members having
25 voted in the negative, the bill fails.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read the title of Bill No. 060086.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 authorizing Evangelisonna of Theotokos
6 Greek Orthodox Church to construct,
7 operate and maintain an existing raised
8 platform entrance.

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

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 call the roll.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Clarke.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Verna.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

11 The next bill to be called for
12 consideration is Bill No. 060112.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
15 No. 040763, approved October 27, 2004, by
16 extending the time for compliance with
17 conditions stated therein.

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

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 call the roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Blackwell.

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

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2 O'Neill.
3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
5 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: 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 Tasco.
13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
15 Verna.
16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
17 The ayes are 15; the nays are zero. A
18 majority of all members having voted in
19 the affirmative, this bill passes.
20 We will now consider Bill No.
21 060158.
22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
23 establishing a no parking anytime
24 regulation on the east side of Keystone
25 Street between Unruh Avenue and Longshore

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2 Avenue.

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

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 call the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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

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

5 We will now consider Bill No.
6 060159.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
8 amend the Institutional Development
9 District Master Plan of the Holy Family
10 University by allowing for the
11 construction of a new student residence
12 building.

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 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 Nutter.
19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 O'Neill.
22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Reynolds Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

10 Verna.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

15 That completes our Calendar for
16 today.

17 Are there speeches on the part
18 of the Minority?

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Yes. Thank
22 you, Madam President. I just want to
23 report on an incident which I find very,
24 very disturbing, and, that is, a few
25 weeks ago, I had read and presented a

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2 resolution honoring the 25th anniversary
3 of the Irish Hunger Strike. During that
4 resolution, there was a fellow by the
5 name of Shane Coleman who played an Irish
6 flute for us that day. He's from
7 Ireland. He was vacationing here and he
8 decided that he wanted to do something in
9 the memory of those people who died
10 during the Hunger Strike.

11 When he was returning to go
12 back to Ireland, he was delayed. He was
13 put into a room. He was interviewed. He
14 was intimidated, and he was recruited to
15 join the English government as a spy to
16 the IRA.

17 This man has never been
18 political. He's never joined any
19 organization, and yet he was held for
20 hours. And two detectives from Scotland
21 Yard were the ones doing the recruiting.

22 I find this to be upsetting at
23 the most that government representatives
24 from a foreign country can come into our
25 soil and to recruit people to join them

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2 in any way possible as spies. And you
3 have to remember the last -- just
4 recently, within the last week, there was
5 a spy for the IRA who was found shot. He
6 was killed just about a week ago.

7 Now, this man, again, had no
8 political aspirations whatsoever, but yet
9 he was detained by two Scotland Yard
10 detectives in Newark, New Jersey. And I
11 think that is deplorable and I would like
12 to at least bring it to the attention of
13 our government officials that this type
14 of activity ceases. I don't think it's
15 something that we should tolerate any
16 government to do, is to intimidate people
17 who are vacationing here in this country.

18 So, again, I just wanted to
19 bring it to your attention and this
20 Council's attention, because it's
21 something that I wasn't aware of, and I
22 don't think anyone was aware of something
23 like that could happen in this country.

24 So I would like to, again, I
25 would like to ask our government to be

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2 involved and to find out what exactly
3 happened and to make sure it doesn't
4 happen.

5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

7 You're welcome.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Ramos.

10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
11 Madam President. For many years in
12 Chambers we have seen many, many
13 activists come here, me being one of them
14 many, many years ago, and state where we
15 stand on the issues, and this Chamber has
16 been welcoming to all Philadelphians who
17 want to express their views.

18 A Philadelphia housing
19 activist, Rosemary Cubas, that many times
20 sat right behind here or to my right
21 sometimes -- she sat anywhere, but a lot
22 of sometimes she would sit right there.
23 And here she passed away yesterday
24 evening. She was very highly respected
25 by all of us and the people in

2 Philadelphia, the Latino people in
3 particular and her community. She was
4 very adamantly opposed to the powers of
5 eminent domain and always in favor of
6 affordable housing for the poor.

11 (Moment of silence.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA:

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Tasco.

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2 that time.

3 Thank you very much.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
5 there any other speeches?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

8 Seeing none, the Chair again recognizes
9 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to
10 adjourn.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
12 President, I move that Council stand
13 adjourned until Thursday, April 20th at
14 10:00 a.m. Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is
16 there a second?

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
19 in favor will indicate by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 ayes have it and Council will stand

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2 adjourned until Thursday, April 20th.
3 Thank you very much.
4 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
5 11:30 a.m.)
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