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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

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5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Thursday, January 29, 2009
8 10:10 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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

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

6 Members will take their seats
7 and visitors will retire to the seats
8 outside the rails.

9 To give our invocation this
10 morning, the Chair welcomes Pastor Garth
11 Gittens of the Calvary Baptist Church.
12 He is here today as the guest of
13 Councilman Jones.

14 Will all members and guests
15 please rise.

16 (Members and guests rise.)

17 PASTOR GITTENS: Father, we
18 pray for this city. We pray for this
19 Council. We pray for this leadership.
20 We pray for wisdom, vision, unity,
21 insight, guidance. Lord, we pray that
22 you will direct every path, that you
23 would help every decision to glorify your
24 name and bring results in this city.

25 We commit this Council to you

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2 today, and we thank you, God, that what
3 we commit, you are able to keep against
4 every evil day.

5 In Christ's name we pray.

6 Amen.

7 (Amen.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 Chair thanks Pastor Gittens for his
10 invocation.

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 January 22, 2009.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I move that the Journal
21 of the meeting of Thursday, January 22,
22 2009 stand approved.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
3 January 22, 2009 stand approved.

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 Journal is
11 approved.

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOW: 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 Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
25 President, I request a leave of absence

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2 for Councilmen O'Neill and Kelly.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you. Leave will be granted.

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

15 At this time, the Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Kenney, who will
17 present a resolution congratulating the
18 Warriors Football Team on winning the
19 "2008 Parade of Champions."

20 Will Mr. Steve Bernhardt and
21 those accompanying him please join the
22 Councilman at the podium. And I note
23 that Councilman DiCicco is joining
24 Councilman Kenney.

25 Please approach the podium.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: It's not
3 bad, Madam President, two days in a row
4 out of school.

5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 This is a citation honoring and
7 congratulating the Warriors Football
8 Team.

9 The Council of the City of
10 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to
11 honor and congratulate the Warriors
12 Football Team on winning the "2008 Parade
13 of Champions."

14 Whereas, in a thrilling finale
15 to an unforgettable season, the Warriors
16 Football Team defeated a hard-hitting St.
17 Agnes-Sacred Heart Team in a classic
18 match-up between two talented squads; and

19 Whereas, the game was decided
20 in the final seconds, with the Warriors
21 scoring a touchdown to win the game by a
22 score of 18 to 14; and

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Whereas,
24 this victory is particularly gratifying
25 because it is the first title for the

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2 Warriors that includes students from
3 several South Philadelphia Catholic and
4 public schools; and

5 Whereas, the Warriors were
6 undefeated this season under the
7 leadership of a fine coaching staff led
8 by Head Coach Steve Bernhardt; and

9 Whereas, a dominating defense
10 led by Todd Jones, Daniel McQuilken,
11 Sharif Custis and Nicky Pompeii, along
12 with an explosive offense led by Eric
13 Holt, Eric Neill and quarterback Mike
14 Kier resulted in the Warriors being
15 crowned champions following the game
16 played at Villanova University.

17 Therefore, by virtue of this
18 citation, the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia does hereby congratulate the
20 Warriors Football Team on a stellar
21 undefeated season and on winning the
22 "2008 Parade of Champions."

23 Congratulations.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair recognizes Mr. Bernhardt for
3 remarks.

4 MR. BERNHARDT: I just want to
5 thank everyone for inviting us here
6 today. It's an overwhelming and
7 prestigious honor to be here, and thank
8 you guys for inviting us.

9 And it's been a great season,
10 and all these guys did a great job, along
11 with our coaching staff and -- not much
12 to say, but thank you for having us, and
13 thanks.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
16 Congratulations.

17 Council will be at ease.

18 (Council at ease.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair now recognizes Councilman Jones,
21 who will present a resolution recognizing
22 Bilal Qayyum on the occasion of his
23 retirement.

24 Will Mr. Qayyum and those
25 accompanying him please join the

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2 Councilman at the podium.

3 I see that Councilman Jones is
4 being joined, oh, my heavens, by almost
5 all members of Council.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Before
7 neighborhood organizers, names like Chaka
8 Fattah or Barack Obama, before the
9 Million Man March, before the Ten
10 Thousand Man March, there was
11 Philadelphia native Bilal Qayyum.

12 At the side of great organizers
13 and activists such as David P.
14 Richardson, Cecil B. Moore, Lucien
15 Blackwell, there was Bilal Qayyum.
16 Whether in his role as a housing advocate
17 at Haddington or as an economic
18 development expert with the Commerce
19 Department and founding member of the
20 African American Chamber of Commerce,
21 whether he was opening grocery stores or
22 shutting down drug corners, we had Bilal
23 Qayyum, who served as Co-Chair and Chair
24 of the Midweek Committee. On the
25 occasion of his retirement or, shall I

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2 say, a new beginning -- it's the people's
3 time -- we celebrate and memorialize his
4 transition.

5 Whereas, recognizing Bilal
6 Qayyum on the occasion of his retirement
7 and honoring and celebrating his
8 long-time commitment and dedication and
9 service to the City of Philadelphia.

10 Whereas, Bilal Qayyum has been
11 a devoted civil servant to the City of
12 Philadelphia for over 30 years. In his
13 time with the City, Mr. Qayyum has been a
14 steadfast contributor to the welfare and
15 betterment of the Philadelphia citizens
16 in general and underserved youth and
17 minority business owners in particular;
18 and

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas, in
20 1979, Bilal Qayyum began his service to
21 the City as Director of Community and
22 Youth Employment in the Office of Housing
23 and Community Development. In this
24 capacity, he worked to organize programs
25 that assisted countless young African

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2 Americans in developing their

3 entrepreneurial leadership skills; and

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,

5 Bilal Qayyum worked as the Executive

6 Assistant at the Philadelphia Citywide

7 Development Corporation where he served

8 as the coordinator for the City Minority

9 Participation Oversight Committee for the

10 Gallery II project. Under his

11 leadership, 19 minority-owned businesses

12 opened in Gallery II. Thirty-five

13 percent of all construction contracts

14 went to minority-owned contractors, and

15 75 percent of jobs went to Philadelphia

16 residents; and

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,

18 Bilal Qayyum served as the Economic

19 Administrator for the Department of

20 Commerce and, among his many

21 accomplishments, established a

22 supermarket development program in the

23 North and West Philadelphia neighborhoods

24 of the City; and

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

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2 Whereas, throughout his years with the
3 City, Bilal Abdul Qayyum's ongoing
4 dedication to social activism has
5 extended beyond the boardroom and into
6 the streets of Philadelphia. He is
7 President and Executive Director of the
8 Father's Day Rally Committee, Inc. and a
9 founding member of the African American
10 Chamber of Commerce. With these
11 organizations and his extensive
12 involvement in community organizations,
13 Bilal Qayyum has given many
14 Philadelphians the opportunity to realize
15 their dreams, improve their lives and
16 empower their communities; and

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
18 the true spirit of activism is
19 exemplified by the character and
20 steadfastness of Bilal Abdul Qayyum and
21 is evidenced by the proactive engagement
22 of the youth today that he directly
23 influenced. The countless minority
24 enterprises who are successful today will
25 surely miss the direct engagement of

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2 Bilal Qayyum.

3 Now, therefore

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Resolved, by
5 the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
6 that we hereby recognize Bilal Abdul
7 Qayyum on the occasion his retirement and
8 honor and celebrate his long-time
9 commitment and dedicated service to the
10 City of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Further
12 resolved, that this engrossed copy of
13 this resolution be presented to Mr. Bilal
14 Abdul Qayyum as evidence of our sincere
15 sentiments of this legislative body. And
16 I heard someone crying in the audience as
17 they blew their nose as to his passing.

18 (Applause.)

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

21 MR. QAYYUM: Madam Chairperson
22 of City Council, all the members of City
23 Council and particularly Councilman
24 Green, Councilwoman Sanchez, my good
25 friend Councilman Rizzo, Councilman

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2 Greenlee, my good friend Councilman

3 Kenney, good friend Councilman DiCicco,

4 my councilwoman, Marian Tasco,

5 Councilwoman Donna Miller, Councilman

6 Curtis Jones, Councilman Darrell Clarke,

7 Councilman Wilson Goode, Councilwoman

8 Jannie Blackwell and Councilwoman

9 Blondell Reynolds, I have been fortunate

10 enough to have all of these Council folks

11 as my friends and strong supporters of

12 everything I have done for the last 30

13 years in government, and I want to take

14 this opportunity to thank them for

15 supporting all the activities I've been

16 involved in in government and in the

17 community.

18 It's not often that you have

19 this opportunity to work for government

20 and also spend a lot of time working in

21 the community and be recognized, and I

22 really, really appreciate this. The only

23 comment I'd like to say to my good friend

24 Councilman Jones, he said "memorialize,"

25 and that kind of shook me up. I'm

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2 standing up; I'm not laying down yet.

3 All right. But people ask me
4 what I'm going to be doing, because I'm
5 still young, I still got my health. And
6 what I'm going to be doing very clearly
7 is, starting Monday morning, I'm retired.
8 Tomorrow is my last day, and Monday
9 morning I will be working full time for
10 the Father's Day Rally Committee raising
11 hell in the City of Philadelphia. I do
12 no longer have any shackles on me, so I
13 will say what I want to say, which I
14 always do anyhow, but now I am a free
15 citizen. I'm not bound by any political
16 ties. I'm only bound by commitments to
17 making change in the City of Philadelphia
18 for our residents and doing the right
19 thing.

20 I will be working on -- we have
21 a group program that we have for men
22 under the situation of the economy. If
23 you noticed the other day in the news,
24 there was a father who killed himself
25 after killing four of his children and

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2 his wife. So we have a group session.

3 We have men come together and talking out
4 their problems during these hard times.

5 I will be spending a lot of
6 time working on, as y'all know, the gun
7 issue, trying to get some legitimate gun
8 legislation to get these guns off the
9 streets.

10 And, lastly, I sent a letter to
11 President Obama asking him to create a
12 national job bill where we can hire
13 people from off the streets. It's nice
14 to have the stimulus package where we're
15 talking about infrastructure and other
16 things, but that's not putting the
17 average person to work. We need a
18 national job bill that money will come to
19 the cities, where cities can hire folks
20 from -- people without skills, people
21 with skills, but putting people back to
22 work. I'll be spending a lot of time
23 lobbying to get that bill passed, and
24 that's what I'll be doing.

25 Ending --

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2 (Appause.)

3 MR. QAYYUM: Thank you.

4 Twenty-nine years ago, 30 years
5 ago when I came in government, I came in
6 government with one mission, and that was
7 to serve the citizens of the City of
8 Philadelphia with commitment, integrity
9 and do it every single day. Today as I
10 get ready to retire, tomorrow I can say
11 that I kept my commitment, my dignity in
12 serving the citizens of the City of
13 Philadelphia, and I can feel good today
14 to say I kept my mission for the citizens
15 of this city and will continue to keep my
16 mission to serve the citizens of this
17 great city and the City of Philadelphia.

18 Thank you very much.

19 (Appause.)

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 to
25 the Chief Clerk.

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

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
5 President, I have no messages this
6 morning.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 read any other communications in her
11 possession.

12 CHIEF CLERK: I have no other
13 communications, Madam President.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The next order of business will
17 be the introduction of bills and
18 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
19 Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I have no bills or
22 resolutions today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
4 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
5 resolutions today.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
7 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Greenlee.

10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
11 you, Madam President. I offer one
12 resolution, which is co-sponsored by
13 Councilwoman Tasco and Councilman Jones,
14 and I'd like to speak briefly on it,
15 please.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
17 you.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 authorizing City Council in support of
22 the National Health Insurance Act, as
23 proposed by House Bill 676, and the State
24 Family and Business Health Security Act,
25 as proposed by House Bill 1600 and Senate

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2 Bill 300.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Greenlee.

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
8 you, Madam President. I don't think I
9 have to go into detail about the high
10 cost of healthcare and the various
11 problems that that causes for families
12 and individuals, including estimates that
13 as much as 137,000 adults in Philadelphia
14 have no health insurance. It's also
15 abundantly clear -- and we know that very
16 well in here -- that Philadelphia faces
17 serious budget problems this year.

18 The passage of the National
19 Health Insurance Act will help address
20 both of those issues. It will provide
21 coverage, and in the end, it will save
22 money. Many cities, including Chicago,
23 Detroit, San Francisco, Boston, have gone
24 on record endorsing HR 676, the National
25 Healthcare Act, along with the U.S.

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2 Conference of Mayors and also many
3 different groups, unions, healthcare
4 professionals, healthcare advocacy
5 groups, some of which are represented in
6 the various multi-colored signs to my
7 right here.

8 So I think it's appropriate
9 that Philadelphia joins this growing
10 coalition for an act that makes a lot of
11 sense, and I move the adoption of the
12 resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will indicate by
18 saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
6 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
7 resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I offer
13 one resolution, privileged resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
15 you.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 honoring the National Association for the
20 Advancement of Colored People on their
21 Centennial Anniversary and declaring
22 February 12, 2009 "NAACP Day" in the City
23 of Philadelphia.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

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

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Miller.

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

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Sanchez.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

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2 you, Madam President. I offer one
3 resolution at the request of the
4 Administration.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
6 you.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 offering the Commissioner of Public
11 Property to execute and deliver to the
12 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
13 the 19th Ward of the City of
14 Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I move
18 for the adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will signify by
24 saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Green.

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

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Jones.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I have one resolution.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
24 Property to execute and deliver to the
25 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in

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2 the 4th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

4 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for

6 the adoption of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

9 has been moved and properly seconded that

10 the resolution be adopted.

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

17 ayes have it and the resolution is

18 adopted.

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: The

25 Chair thanks the gentleman.

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

5 Madam President. I offer three

6 resolutions this morning.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

8 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

9 the resolutions.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

11 authorizing City Council's Committee on

12 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to

13 hold public hearings for applicants

14 seeking nomination to serve on the

15 Commission of Parks and Recreation, and

16 further authorizing the Committee to

17 recommend for City Council's

18 consideration nominations to be forwarded

19 to the Mayor.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam

21 President?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I failed

24 to mention that that particular

25 resolution was co-sponsored by my

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2 colleague Councilman Darrell Clarke.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
4 right.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move the
6 adoption.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will indicate by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 ayes have it, and the resolution will be
19 referred to the appropriate committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 authorizing City Council's Committee on
22 Commerce and Economic Development and
23 Special Committee on Gender Parity to
24 hold joint public hearings to explore
25 initiatives that can be developed in the

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2 workplace that foster balance in the
3 lives of working parents.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

5 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I move for the
9 adoption.

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 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 will be
21 referred to the appropriate committees.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 honoring the African American Children's
24 Book Project on the occasion of the
25 Annual African American Children's Book

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2 Fair.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I move for the
7 adoption.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 ayes have it and the resolution is
19 adopted.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

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2 the resolution.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
4 honoring and recognizing the Walnut
5 Street Theatre on the occasion of its
6 200th Anniversary.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I move for the adoption
11 of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

3 Madam President. I have one resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

5 you.

6 The Chief Clerk will please

7 read the title of the resolution.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

10 Property to execute and deliver to the

11 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in

12 the 14th, 15th, 29th, 32nd, 37th, 43rd

13 and 47th Wards of the City of

14 Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

16 Chair again recognizes Councilman Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for

18 the adoption.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

21 has been moved and properly seconded that

22 the resolution be adopted.

23 All in favor will indicate by

24 saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

1 1/29/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
11 President, I have two resolutions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
13 you.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 honoring and commending and thanking the
18 Mutter Museum on the occasion of its
19 150th Anniversary.

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

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

25 (Duly seconded.)

1 1/29/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
3 has been moved and properly seconded that
4 the 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 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 recognizing and thanking Dr. James P.
15 Gallagher on the occasion of the
16 completion of seven years of dedicated
17 and excellent service on the Philadelphia
18 School Reform Commission to the
19 Philadelphia School District and the
20 people of the City of Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
22 Chair again recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

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

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

14 The next order of business is
15 reports from committees.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 DiCicco for a report from the Committee
18 on Streets and Services.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
20 Madam President. The Committee on
21 Streets and Services reports five bills
22 out with a favorable recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the report.

3 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
4 and members of the Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia, the Committee on Streets
6 and Services, to which was referred Bill
7 No. 080931, entitled "An ordinance
8 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Use of an
10 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
11 Prevent Red Light Violations'"; and

12 Bill No. 080945, entitled "An
13 ordinance amending Chapter 12-2400 of The
14 Philadelphia Code by changing the fees
15 for damage to vehicle booting devices";
16 and

17 Bill No. 080946, entitled "An
18 ordinance amending Title 12 of The
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Traffic
20 Code,' to establish towing zone locations
21 and hours in the University City area";
22 and

23 Bill No. 080948, entitled "An
24 ordinance authorizing and directing the
25 revision of a portion of City Plan No.

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2 231 by changing the grades of Cross
3 Street from Gates Street to Hermitage
4 Street and Gates Street from Silverwood
5 Street to Cross Street"; and

6 Bill No. 080950, entitled "An
7 ordinance authorizing the paving of Cross
8 Street from Gates Street to Hermitage
9 Street and Gates Street from Silverwood
10 Street to Cross Street, under certain
11 terms and conditions," respectfully
12 reports it has considered the same and
13 returns the attached bills to Council
14 with a favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair again recognizes
18 Councilman DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I move that the rules
21 of Council be suspended so as to permit
22 first reading on the bills that have just
23 been read into the record, with the
24 exception of Bill No. 080945.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

1 1/29/09 - STATED - REPORTS

2 you.

3 Do I hear a second?

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

6 has been moved and properly seconded.

7 All those in favor will

8 indicate by 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 motion carries.

15 I would note for the record

16 that under the amendment to the Council

17 rules adopted last week, since the bills

18 for which the rules were suspended were

19 already read as part of the report from

20 the committee, they will not be read a

21 second time on the First Reading

22 Calendar, but will instead be placed on

23 the Second Reading and Final Passage

24 Calendar for the next Council session.

25 Bill No. 080945 for which the rules were

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2 not suspended will be placed on our First
3 Reading Calendar for our next session of
4 Council.

5 The next order of business is
6 consideration of the Calendar.

7 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
8 please read the bills on the First
9 Reading Calendar.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080879,
11 an ordinance authorizing the Department
12 of Public Property to enter into a
13 franchise agreement with Verizon
14 Pennsylvania pursuant to which Verizon
15 shall have the right to operate and
16 maintain a cable television service
17 within the City of Philadelphia through
18 its cable television system in and along
19 the public rights-of-way and streets of
20 the City, under certain terms and
21 conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair agrees.

24 That completes our First
25 Reading Calendar for today.

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

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
8 Madam President. Bill Nos. 080724-AA and
9 080877 are being called up for the Second
10 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for
11 today. All other bills will be held.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
15 please read the title of Bill No.
16 080724-AA.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 amending Section 14-305 of The
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled "'C-4'
20 Commercial and 'C-5' Commercial
21 Districts," by negating any setback over
22 65 feet in height for lots designated
23 'C-5' in the area bounded by 15th Street
24 and Arch Street, Cherry Street and 16th
25 Street and by increasing the permitted

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2 floor area for such lots building floor
3 plate reduction.

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

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 call the roll.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Greenlee.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
3 COUNCILMAN JONES: 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: 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 15; 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 080877.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
10 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
11 changing the zoning designations of
12 certain areas of land located within an
13 area bounded by Girard Avenue, Front
14 Street, Spring Garden Street and 6th
15 Street.

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
17 Kenney.
18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Krajewski.
21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Miller.
24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Reynolds Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Sanchez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

13 Verna.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

15 The ayes are 15; the nays are

16 zero. A majority of all members having

17 voted in the affirmative, this bill

18 passes.

19 That completes our Calendar for

20 today.

21 Are there speeches on the part

22 of the minority?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are

25 there speeches on the part of the

1 1/29/09 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 majority?

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Jones.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I want to take this
7 opportunity to thank the Administration
8 in the form of Commissioner Slawson, but
9 also this body and my colleagues for
10 their efforts to save the grand old lady
11 of the park, the Robin Hood Dell.

12 We have been hit economically
13 as a municipality and a lot of our plans
14 to renovate the Dell had been besieged by
15 cost overruns and things like that, but
16 some of my colleagues this week stepped
17 up really big to put some of their
18 recreation budget towards a facility that
19 is in the Fourth Councilmanic District
20 but serves all the citizens of
21 Philadelphia, and I just want to thank
22 Councilman Clarke, Councilwoman
23 Blackwell, Councilwoman Miller and
24 Councilwoman Tasco for stepping up to the
25 plate and supporting the Robin Hood Dell.

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2 Thank you, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

4 You're welcome.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman

6 Green.

7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

8 Madam President. I too ask to be

9 recognized to thank and commend the

10 Administration and Mayor Nutter. In

11 early December, this body passed a

12 resolution calling on the Administration

13 to look at alternatives to closing

14 libraries. That resolution passed 12 to

15 five. We heard yesterday that the

16 Administration has decided to leave the

17 libraries open until June 30th, and I

18 just want to publicly acknowledge that

19 and thank them for the hard work they did

20 to get there and to find a solution to

21 this problem.

22 Thank you, Madam President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

24 You're welcome.

25 Are there any other speeches on

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2 the part of the majority?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

5 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes

6 Councilman Clarke for a motion to

7 adjourn.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

9 Madam President. I move that Council

10 stand adjourned until Thursday, February

11 the 5th, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

14 has been moved and properly seconded that

15 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,

16 February 5th at 10:00 a.m.

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 motion carries.

24 Thank you.

25 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

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2 10:50 a.m.)

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