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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
Tuesday, January 24, 2006
10:00 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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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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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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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
3 note that the hour has come and that a
4 quorum of this Council is present. The
5 Council will please come to order.
6 Members will take their seats, and
7 visitors will retire to the seats outside
8 the rails.

9 At this time, the Chair asks
10 Deacon Councilman Juan F. Ramos to give
11 our invocation. I ask all members and
12 guests to please rise.

13 (Everyone rises.)

14 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Let us bow
15 our heads in prayer.

16 Heavenly Father, on this your
17 day, bless and protect all of us in this
18 room. Bless and protect the great people
19 of Philadelphia. Guide us, Dear Lord,
20 for we are charged. We are charged with
21 serving your people. Guide those of us
22 that are here today to deliberate in the
23 name of the people of Philadelphia. We
24 ask all of this in your name. Amen.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

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2 The Chair thanks Councilman
3 Ramos.

4 The next order of business is
5 the approval of the Journal of the
6 meeting of Thursday, December 22, 2005,
7 and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 The noise level is really much
10 too high. If you're going to have any
11 conversations, please do so in the
12 corridor. Thank you very much.

13 Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you, Madam President. I move that the
16 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
17 December 22, 2005 stand approved.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
20 has been moved and properly seconded that
21 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
22 December 22, 2005 stand approved.

23 All members voting aye will so
24 indicate.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 voting nay.

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 ayes have it and the Journal of the
7 meeting of Thursday, December 22, 2005 is
8 approved.

9 We just received bills from the
10 Administration, so I would just ask for a
11 few minutes so that we could go over
12 them. Thank you.

13 (Pause.)

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

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
19 you, Madam President. There are no
20 requests for leaves of absence on the
21 part of the Majority.

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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

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

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

18 If the District Attorney is
19 interested in obtaining a seat, we have
20 one here for you.

21 As has been our practice over
22 the years, we have many distinguished
23 visitors with us today, including elected
24 officials, heads of departments, boards
25 and commissions, and many representatives

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2 of the Administration. Although I would
3 like to acknowledge each of you
4 individually, owing to the constraints of
5 time, today I am unable to do so. Please
6 know that we deeply appreciate your being
7 with us. We want to extend a warm
8 welcome and to offer our thanks for all
9 of the good work you do. We appreciate
10 your presence.

11 At this time, I would ask all
12 of our distinguished guests, elected
13 officials and representatives of the
14 Administration to please rise so that we
15 may acknowledge you with a round of
16 applause. Would you please stand.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
19 Again, we thank you.

20 At this time, the Chair
21 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco, who will
22 present a resolution honoring Acel Moore.

23 Will Mr. Moore and those
24 accompanying him please join the
25 Councilwoman at the podium.

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2 Councilwoman Tasco is being
3 accompanied by Councilmembers Miller,
4 Ramos and Councilman Nutter.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
8 Madam President.

9 We are pleased to present this
10 resolution to our friend, Acel Moore, but
11 we're sad that he has left the Daily
12 News, but for the most part, he's --
13 Inquirer. I'm sorry. They should be so
14 honored. But we are here this morning to
15 salute him on the fine work he has done
16 in the field of journalism.

17 Resolution honoring Acel Moore.
18 Whereas, the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to
20 honor Mr. Acel Moore for more than 43
21 years of civic and community service to
22 the City of Philadelphia through his
23 ground-breaking work at the Philadelphia
24 Inquirer in various capacities, including
25 writer, associate editor, recruiter and

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2 editorial board member; and

3 Whereas, Mr. Moore joined the
4 Inquirer in 1962 and quickly worked his
5 way from copy boy to a position as staff
6 writer. In another quality, swift and
7 impressive professional accomplishment,
8 Mr. Moore just a few years after becoming
9 a staff writer earned a Pulitzer Prize in
10 1977 for his series of stories profiling
11 the abuse of inmates at the Fairview
12 State Hospital in Fairview, Pennsylvania.
13 In the same year, the series also earned
14 Mr. Moore the Heywood Brown, the National
15 Headliner and the Robert F. Kennedy
16 awards for journalism. Two years later,
17 he was awarded a Neiman Fellowship from
18 Harvard University; and

19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Whereas, the
20 combination of his talent and passion for
21 journalism led Mr. Moore to not only hold
22 leadership posts in industry
23 organizations, such as the American
24 Society of Newspaper Editors, but to
25 create opportunities for minorities in

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2 journalism, becoming a founding member of
3 the Philadelphia Association of Black
4 Journalists and National Association of
5 Black Journalists. To date, these
6 organizations remain the vehicles largely
7 responsible for connecting black
8 journalists not only to one another, but
9 also to otherwise unrecognized
10 opportunities at some of the country's
11 largest and most reputable publications;
12 and

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Whereas,
14 Mr. Moore's profound interest in creating
15 opportunities for blacks to compete
16 successfully in the field of print
17 journalism moved him to, while at the
18 Inquirer, create two training programs
19 that not only encourage minority students
20 to pursue careers in journalism, but help
21 them through the beginnings of their
22 careers. These are the Art Peters
23 Memorial Fellowship Program, a copy
24 editor internship program that has
25 resulted in at least 50 minorities

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2 launching careers at daily newspapers
3 since 1979, and the Journalism Career
4 Development Workshop, which has trained
5 dozens of Philadelphia area high school
6 students since 1984. For this work,
7 Mr. Moore was awarded the John S. Knight
8 Gold Medal Award for Journalism
9 Excellence in 1999; and whereas

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
11 in the capacity of associate editor for
12 the Inquirer, Mr. Moore directed
13 recruitment, training and staff
14 development. He served on the faculty of
15 the summer program of minority
16 journalists at the University of
17 California at Berkeley and as consultant
18 to the Institute for Journalism
19 Education. He was a visiting professor
20 of journalism at Florida A&M University
21 and a journalism instructor at Temple
22 University. He lectured at several other
23 colleges and universities and has been a
24 consultant for journalism workshops at
25 Northwestern University, Duane

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2 University, the University of Kansas and
3 Norfolk State University; and

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas,
5 in his career, Mr. Moore has been the
6 recipient of more than 100 journalism
7 excellence and community services awards.
8 Just this year he was honored with the
9 Robert C. Maynard Legend Award given by
10 the National Association of Minority
11 Media Executives and the Legacy Award
12 from the National Association of Black
13 Journalists for his work on creating
14 diversity in the newspaper industry.

15 Much of Mr. Moore's work as a
16 columnist has been devoted to exploring
17 how public policy affects people, how
18 they deal with social problems and what
19 they do to incite change. He plans to
20 continue this focus with us in his future
21 columns, which he will continue to
22 produce occasionally for the Inquirer.
23 He also plans to serve as an advisor to
24 the paper's editorial staff and will
25 remain on the publication's masthead

2 you, and we love you.

4 MR. MOORE: Thank you very
5 much. Needless to say, I'm deeply
6 honored and I feel privileged to be here
7 today, and I want to thank not only the
8 Councilpersons who read the resolution,
9 but all of the members of City Council.

This City is a city that I am proud to always say that I'm a native of. And I think regionally now and I think that the City of Philadelphia is the heart and soul of this region. And I have been in just about every urban center in this country and have lived in

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2 them short periods of time. Philadelphia
3 is my favorite place to be, and I tell
4 that to everybody.

5 I also would like to thank my
6 wife, Linda Wright Moore, who is a fine
7 writer and journalist of her own right,
8 who has supported me. About a year
9 ago -- well, it was a year ago in
10 November, I had a very serious operation
11 on my spinal cord and at one point six
12 months ago, I was in a wheelchair and was
13 barely able to walk. I'm now able to
14 walk. I'm still in rehab. And I no
15 longer take anything for granted, and my
16 wife and daughter are the reason I'm
17 standing here today without any aid,
18 except a cane that I thought I'd use
19 today because I need it.

20 I am overwhelmed by this and it
21 has been a particular interesting month
22 for me, but today is your day. The
23 fourth floor is the main floor in City
24 Hall today, and it's very special that I
25 got this resolution on the day that the

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2 Mayor is going to give his budget
3 address.

4 So thank you so much. Madam
5 President, thank you so much, members of
6 City Council. You all have a tough job,
7 and I could never do what you do and I
8 respect you for the courage you have to
9 stand for reelection every year.

10 Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

15 Council will be at ease.

16 (Council at ease.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair now recognizes Councilman O'Neill,
19 who will present a resolution honoring
20 Officer Rudy Muller.

21 Will Officer Muller and those
22 accompanying him please join the
23 Councilman at the podium.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I'd like to have join

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2 Rudy Muller, Badge No. 1133 of the
3 Special Investigations Administration,
4 was waiting for coffee at the
5 drive-through window of a doughnut shop.
6 He was off duty, by the way, before
7 anybody gets further with that, very off
8 duty, when he saw fire engines pass by
9 with sirens blaring; and

10 Whereas, Police Officer Muller
11 saw the fire trucks pull into the
12 driveway of the Ephraim Goldstein Senior
13 Citizens Residence near Bustleton Avenue
14 and Byberry Road; and

15 Whereas, Police Officer Muller,
16 who was off duty, again, knew that his
17 grandmother, 92-year-old Marie Ratha, was
18 a resident of that complex; and whereas

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Police
20 Officer Muller drove to the scene, ran
21 into the burning six-story building,
22 crawled down a smoke-filled hallway and
23 found his frightened grandmother sitting
24 in the dark; and

25 Whereas, Police Officer Muller

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2 picked her up, draped her over his
3 shoulder, ran down three flights of
4 stairs and delivered her to safety; and

5 Whereas, while firefighters
6 battled the blaze and tended to the 300
7 frightened residents, Police Officer
8 Muller, at the risk of his own life,
9 returned to the burning building several
10 times to rescue five more residents,
11 including a man in a wheelchair; and

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Whereas,
13 Police Officer Muller's multiple acts of
14 courage, without regard to his own
15 safety, were in the highest traditions of
16 the Philadelphia Police Department.

17 Now, therefore resolved, by the
18 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that
19 Police Officer Rudy Muller is honored for
20 his heroic action in saving the lives of
21 six senior citizens during a raging fire.

22 Further resolved, that an
23 engrossed copy of this resolution be
24 presented to Officer Rudy Muller as an
25 expression of recognition, gratitude and

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2 sincere appreciation of this legislative
3 body.

4 Certification that this is a
5 true and correct copy of the original
6 resolution adopted by the Council of the
7 City of Philadelphia on the 15th day of
8 December 2005, signed by the President of
9 City Council, Anna C. Verna, co-sponsored
10 by all members of City Council.

11 Congratulations, Officer.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair recognizes Officer Muller for
15 remarks.

16 OFFICER MULLER: I really don't
17 know where to begin. I would just like
18 to thank our elected officials within the
19 City of Philadelphia, as well as my
20 extended family within the Philadelphia
21 Police Department, from the Commissioners
22 down to the street cops.

23 I was at the right place at the
24 right time and took action that I thought
25 was necessary, and if I had it to do all

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2 over again, I would. And, again, I thank
3 you for this award.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

6 Commissioner Johnson, would you like to
7 be recognized to say a few words.

8 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: First,
9 I'd like to thank City Council for
10 recognizing the officer. At the time
11 this event happened, he was over at the
12 District Attorney's office, and I'm glad
13 to see District Attorney Lynne Abraham
14 here. He's now back with the
15 Philadelphia Police Department, is going
16 to be part of our new initiative.

17 So, again, I just want to thank
18 City Council for recognizing an
19 outstanding police officer, and I hope
20 that the news also recognizes that
21 there's good cops out there. I think 99
22 percent of our police officers are out
23 there doing the job that they're supposed
24 to do, and when they leave home, there's
25 no guarantee they'll be coming home. And

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2 I'll constantly say that law enforcement
3 is the only civilian occupation in the
4 world that you can either give a life,
5 take a life and save a life. It's the
6 occupation that we decide to join, the
7 occupation I'm very, very proud of. I'm
8 also very, very proud to be the
9 Commissioner of the Philadelphia Police
10 Department.

11 Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Would
14 the District Attorney like to say a few
15 words.

16 MS. ABRAHAM: Thank you, Madam
17 President, members of City Council,
18 honored guests all.

19 If the adage is true, it
20 certainly has been proven true that
21 danger invites rescue. Rudy Muller, one
22 of my great employees, partner in the
23 fight against crime, demonstrated what we
24 who work in law enforcement know every
25 day about the great majority of men and

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2 women in the Philadelphia Police
3 Department, that they will run towards
4 gun fire and tragedies and pain and
5 suffering of individuals when most of us
6 would run in the opposite direction.

7 Rudy and men and women like him
8 are motivated by one thought: Honor,
9 integrity and service, what's on our
10 police badges. I'm proud to have worked
11 with Rudy and members of the Philadelphia
12 Police Department. I'm proud of the work
13 that the many fine men and women of the
14 Police Department do every day of their
15 lives. I only wish we had about a
16 thousand more police officers so we could
17 guard our City better and bring the City
18 the true safety that the men and women of
19 this great City deserve.

20 Thank you, and God bless you
21 all.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

24 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 January 24, 2006, I signed all of
13 the bills that were passed by Council at
14 its session on December 22, 2005, except
15 050669-AA; and

16 I am pleased to advise you that
17 on January 24, 2006, I signed all of the
18 bills that were passed by Council at its
19 session on December 15, 2005, and

20 I am returning herewith as
21 disapproved Bill No. 050669-AA passed by
22 Council on December 22, 2005; and

23 I am transmitting herewith for
24 the consideration of your honorable body
25 a resolution agreeing to participate in

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2 the Park West Tax Increment Financing
3 District; and

4 A resolution finding the
5 negotiated private sale of General
6 Obligation Bonds is in the best financial
7 interest of the City of Philadelphia; and

8 A resolution providing for the
9 approval by the Council of the City of
10 Philadelphia of a revised Five-Year
11 Financial Plan for the City of
12 Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2007
13 through 2011; and

14 An ordinance amending Chapter
15 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code,
16 entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax"; and

17 An ordinance amending Section
18 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code,
19 relating to tax rates, credits and
20 alternative tax computation for the
21 business privilege tax; and

22 An ordinance amending Section
23 19-1801 of The Philadelphia Code,
24 entitled "Authorization of Tax," to
25 impose a tax on real estate within the

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2 City of Philadelphia; and

3 An ordinance amending Chapter
4 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code,
5 entitled "School Tax Authorization," by
6 amending Section 19-1806, entitled
7 "Authorization of Realty Use and
8 Occupancy Tax"; and

9 An ordinance adopting the
10 Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2007;
11 and

12 An ordinance authorizing
13 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
14 Year 2006 within the General Fund from
15 certain or all City offices, departments,
16 boards and commissions; and

17 An ordinance authorizing
18 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
19 Year 2006 within the Water Fund from the
20 Managing Director, Office of Fleet
21 Management, to the Managing Director,
22 Office of Fleet Management; and

23 An ordinance authorizing
24 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
25 Year 2006 within the Grants Revenue Fund

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2 from the Director of Finance, provision
3 for other grants, to the Streets
4 Department; and

5 An ordinance amending Bill No.
6 050792, entitled "An ordinance approving
7 the Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Budget
8 providing for expenditures for the
9 capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas
10 Works"; and

11 An ordinance authorizing the
12 Commissioner of Public Property, on
13 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
14 acquire fee simple title known as 3000
15 and 3030 East Castor Avenue; and

16 An ordinance to adopt the
17 Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years
18 2007-2012 inclusive; and

19 An ordinance to adopt the
20 Fiscal 2007 Capital Budget.

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

24 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
25 please read any other communications in

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2 her possession.

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

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 The next order of business is
8 the introduction of bills and
9 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

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

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor of the motion will
24 please indicate by 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 motion carries.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 honoring the Philadelphia Gay News on its
16 30th anniversary.

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

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
20 adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will please

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2 indicate by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

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

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
13 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
14 eight bills, one of which is on your
15 behalf, and two resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
21 adopt the Capital Program for the six
22 Fiscal Years 2007-2012 inclusive.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 to adopt the Fiscal 2007 Capital Budget.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 amending Chapter 19-1800 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax
10 Authorization."

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
15 amending Section 19-1801 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 "Authorization of Tax."

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
19 bill will be referred to the appropriate
20 committee.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 amending Section 19-2604 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates,
24 credits and alternative tax computation.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
5 amending Chapter 19-1500 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net
7 Profits Tax."

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
12 adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal
13 Year 2007.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 amending Section 4.09 of the Restated
19 General Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond
20 Ordinance of 1989 to authorize the
21 Director of Finance to use funds
22 currently held in the Debt Reserve
23 Account.

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

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2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 finding that the negotiated private sale
5 of General Obligation Bonds is in the
6 best financial interest of the City of
7 Philadelphia.

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

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
11 President, these don't have to go to
12 committee?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
14 will have to be referred to a committee.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Madam President. We move that this
17 bill be referred to the Committee of --

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
19 resolution be adopted.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: All
21 right, Madam President. We move that the
22 resolution be adopted.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's

6 a resolution. The resolution will be

7 referred to the appropriate committee.

8 So the bill will be referred to the

9 appropriate committee.

10 The Chief Clerk will please

11 read the title of the second bill -- I'm

12 sorry. It's a resolution.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

14 providing for the approval by the Council

15 of the City of Philadelphia of a revised

16 Five-Year Financial Plan for the City of

17 Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2007

18 through 2011.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

20 resolution will be referred to the

21 appropriate committee.

22 The Chair recognizes

23 Councilwoman Krajewski.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank

25 you, Madam President. I have no bills or

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2 resolutions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Mariano.

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I have two bills and
9 one resolution.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair thanks the Councilman.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 amending Subcode PM, the Philadelphia
16 Property Maintenance Code, of Title 4 of
17 The Philadelphia Code, by providing for a
18 Certificate of Rental Suitability to be
19 provided by the owner of any rental
20 property prior to the inception of any
21 tenancy, and providing for private right
22 of action by tenants to compel compliance
23 with the Code.

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

1 1/24/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
4 authorizing Antoinette McCoy, known as
5 Cuisine of Soul, to construct, operate
6 and maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe
7 located at 4835 Frankford Avenue.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 encouraging Philadelphia to observe
13 February 1, 2006 as a day of private
14 meditation and prayer, in the hope 2006
15 will be blessed to have a reduced motor
16 rate.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair again recognizes Councilman
19 Mariano.

20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
21 President, I move for the adoption of the
22 resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 1/24/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will please

4 indicate by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

10 ayes have it and the resolution is

11 adopted.

12 The Chair recognizes

13 Councilwoman Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

15 President, I offer one resolution and two

16 bills.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

18 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

19 the bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

21 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

22 Property, on behalf of the City of

23 Philadelphia, to acquire fee simple title

24 to real estate known as 3000 and 3030

25 East Castor Avenue.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
6 amending Bill No. 050792, entitled "An
7 ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2006
8 Capital Budget, providing for the
9 expenditures for the capital purposes of
10 the Philadelphia Gas Works.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 designating February as American Heart
16 Month and recognizing the Go Red for
17 Women movement in the City of
18 Philadelphia.

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

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 1/24/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will please

4 indicate by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

10 ayes have it and the resolution is

11 adopted.

12 The Chair recognizes

13 Councilwoman Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

15 you, Madam President. Today I have one

16 bill and one resolution.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

18 Chair thanks the Councilwoman, and I

19 would ask the Chief Clerk to please read

20 the title of the bill.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

22 amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia

23 Code, entitled "Traffic Code," by

24 amending Chapter 12-1201, entitled

25 "Authority to Install Traffic-Control

1 1/24/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Devices," by authorizing pedestrian
3 countdown timers to be used as traffic
4 control devices at designated
5 intersections.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 authorizing the Philadelphia
11 Redevelopment Authority to use NTI bond
12 proceeds for the acquisition of 5820
13 Germantown Avenue.

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
17 for the adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will signify by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

1 1/24/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Nutter.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 agreeing to participate in the Park West
17 Tax Increment Financing District.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move the adoption of
22 the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 1/24/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will please say
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I offer one bill on
16 behalf of myself and Councilman O'Neill.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
22 amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business
24 Privilege Taxes," by adding a new
25 exception from the definition of

1 1/24/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Receipts, under certain terms and
3 conditions.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Goode.

9 COUNCILMAN Goode: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I offer one bill.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 amending Chapter 19-200 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds,
17 Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by
18 clarifying the requirements for City
19 depositories.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
21 bill will be referred to the appropriate
22 committee.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Ramos.

25 COUNCILMAN Ramos: Thank you,

1 1/24/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

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

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair thanks the gentleman.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I have no bills or
10 resolutions today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
16 President, I have no bills or
17 resolutions.

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
23 President, I have one bill.

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

1 1/24/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 the bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Subcode PM, the Philadelphia
5 Property Maintenance Code, of The
6 Philadelphia Code, by amending Section
7 306.0, entitled "Vacant Premises," by
8 requiring owners to maintain property
9 insurance for vacant premises, all under
10 certain terms and conditions.

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Kelly.

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

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
24 President, no bills or resolutions today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

1 1/24/06 - STATED - RECONSIDERATION OF BILL

2 Chair thanks the gentleman.

3 As there are no reports from
4 committee, we will now proceed under a
5 special order of business to the
6 reconsideration of Bill No. 050669-AA.
7 This bill was passed by the Council at
8 its December 22, 2005 session and was
9 returned disapproved by the Mayor to
10 today's session of Council.

11 At this time, the Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 Madam President, I move that
16 Council reconsider Bill No. 050669-AA,
17 which was approved by Council on December
18 22, 2005.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
21 in favor let it be known by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 1/24/06 - STATED - RECONSIDERATION OF BILL

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 motion carries. Council will now
4 reconsider the vote by which Bill No.
5 050669-AA was passed.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Section 19-2604 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates,
11 credits and alternative tax computation
12 for the business privilege tax, by
13 reducing certain tax rates, all under
14 certain terms and conditions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
16 bill having been read on two different
17 days was duly approved by City Council on
18 December 22, 2005 and was returned to
19 Council by the Mayor as disapproved at
20 today's session of Council. The question
21 is shall Bill No. 050669-AA pass
22 notwithstanding the Mayor's disapproval.

23 Please note that a vote of aye
24 is a vote to override the Mayor's veto
25 and a vote of no is a vote to sustain the

1 1/24/06 - STATED - RECONSIDERATION OF BILL

2 Mayor's veto. I would like to repeat
3 that, if I may. A vote of aye is a vote
4 to override the Mayor's veto and a vote
5 of no is a vote to sustain the Mayor's
6 veto.

7 At this time, I would ask the
8 Clerk to please call the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: No.

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: No.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Mariano.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: No.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: No.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Nutter.

12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

17 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: No.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Reynolds Brown.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: No.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

1 1/24/06 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Verna.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: The ayes are
6 eight; the nays are eight.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: More
8 than a third of all members of Council
9 having voted in the negative, the Mayor's
10 veto is sustained.

11 The next order of business is
12 the consideration of the Calendar, and
13 the Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
14 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up
15 the bills on the Second Reading and Final
16 Passage Calendar.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you, Madam President. Today Bill No.
19 050797-AA will be called up for second
20 reading and final passage. All other
21 bills are being held.

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

24 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
25 please read the title of Bill No.

1 1/24/06 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 050797-AA.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
4 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
5 changing the zoning designations of
6 certain areas of land located within an
7 area bounded by Grant Avenue, Bustleton
8 Avenue, Bowler Street and the Roosevelt
9 Boulevard.

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

14 The Chief Clerk will please
15 call the roll.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 DiCicco.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

1 1/24/06 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Kenney.
7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Krajewski.
10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Mariano.
13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: 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

1 1/24/06 - STATED - ACT 39 APPLICATIONS

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 16; 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. We will now take up the
17 consideration of applications for
18 take-out beer permits under Act 39.

19 At this time, the Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President. I offer one
23 resolution on your behalf.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you. The Chair would ask that the Clerk

1 1/24/06 - STATED - ACT 39 APPLICATIONS

2 please read the title.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
4 accepting the recommendation of the
5 Hearing Examiner and approving, with
6 conditions, the following application for
7 a permit to sell malt and brewed
8 beverages for consumption off premises:
9 Northstar Deli, 655 North 15th Street.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
12 Blackwell for a motion on the resolution.

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 properly seconded that
19 the resolution be adopted.

20 All in favor will please
21 signify 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. The record will please indicate
5 that Councilman Clarke has recused
6 himself in this matter and did not vote.

7 That completes our business for
8 today. At this time, the Chair
9 recognizes Councilman Ramos.

10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
11 Madam President. Visiting us today from
12 San Juan, Puerto Rico is Business Leader
13 Carlos Lopez Dalsua (sic) and his
14 associates. They're here on business
15 matters. Accompanying Mr. Lopez is his
16 son, Lieutenant Al-Fayed Lopez Dalsua,
17 who just returned from Iraq and has now
18 been stationed at the U.S. Naval Academy
19 where he will serve as a training
20 officer.

21 Welcome to Philadelphia and
22 congratulations and welcome back home.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If
24 they would stand, we would like to
25 recognize them. Welcome.

1 1/24/06 - STATED - MAYOR'S BUDGET ADDRESS

2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you and welcome, sir.

5 The time has come for us to
6 consider the Mayor's presentation of his
7 annual budget message. The Philadelphia
8 Home Rule Charter states that the Mayor
9 shall submit to Council no later than 90
10 days before the end of the fiscal year
11 his Operating Budget message and proposed
12 Operating Budget Ordinance for the
13 ensuing fiscal year.

14 At the same time, the Mayor
15 shall submit to Council the recommended
16 Capital Program and Capital Budget as
17 received from the City Planning
18 Commission, to the extent approved by the
19 Mayor.

20 I now appoint the following
21 committee to escort the Mayor into the
22 Council Chambers: Councilwoman
23 Blackwell, Councilwoman Tasco, Councilman
24 O'Neill and Councilman Rizzo.

25 (Pause.)

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Madam

3 President, the Mayor has arrived.

4 (Applause.)

5 MAYOR STREET: Thank you.

6 Thank you very much.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

8 Ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to

9 introduce the Mayor of the City of

10 Philadelphia, Mayor John F. Street.

11 Mr. Mayor.

12 MAYOR STREET: Thank you,

13 President Verna.

14 Good morning, Council President

15 Verna, Majority Leader Blackwell,

16 Majority Whip Tasco, Minority Leader

17 O'Neill, Councilmembers, distinguished

18 guests and friends. I am truly honored

19 to stand before the distinguished

20 legislative body of the next great

21 American city, the Philadelphia City

22 Council.

23 I am here today to present for

24 your consideration my proposed General

25 Fund Operating Budget, my proposed

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2 Capital Budget and Program, along with my
3 proposed Five-Year Financial Plan for
4 FY07 through 11.

5 In its October 2005 edition,
6 the prestigious magazine National
7 Geographic Traveler called Philadelphia
8 the next great city in America, saying,
9 "After decades of relative obscurity,
10 Philadelphia, a classic American city, is
11 ready to step back into the national
12 limelight."

13 Philadelphia has recovered from
14 the economic distress that held this city
15 hostage when Ed Rendell became Mayor and
16 I became President of City Council in
17 1992, a partnership that provided strong
18 cooperative political leadership at a
19 critical juncture in this City's history.
20 That recovery gained an identity with the
21 opening of the Pennsylvania Convention
22 Center and the Marriott Hotel in 1993.
23 These and other investments transformed
24 Philadelphia into a top tier destination
25 city. A city where visitors stay in

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2 first-class hotels, eat at some of
3 American's finest restaurants and see
4 live performances at World Cafe and
5 Rotunda, and enjoy museums and public art
6 along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

7 We flawlessly hosted the
8 Republican National Convention, the
9 X-Games and the Live 8 concert attended
10 by hundreds of thousands of people from
11 throughout the country. No doubt our
12 city has the capacity to host the
13 international Olympic games. By the way,
14 March Madness returns to the Wachovia
15 Center as the Atlantic 10 Conference
16 hosts the 2006 NCAA Division 1 basketball
17 tournament for the first and second
18 rounds.

19 During the early '90s,
20 Philadelphia's signature corporations,
21 Comcast, GlaxoSmithKline, Rohm & Haas,
22 Aramark and PNC, made important long-term
23 commitments to stay in this city.
24 Equally as important has been the
25 development of small-to-mid-sized

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2 technology-based businesses at the Navy
3 Yard Keystone Innovation Zone and the
4 University City Keystone Innovation Zone,
5 which provide opportunity to grow small
6 businesses, further contributing to the
7 City's vibrant economic future. The
8 growth and renewal of Center City has
9 been an enormous benefit to all. My
10 commitment always has been to turn our
11 attention to neighborhoods without
12 turning our backs on Center City.

13 But as you know, at heart, I am
14 a neighborhood Mayor. Philadelphia has
15 always been known as a city of
16 neighborhoods. The courage and passion
17 of long-term residents is infectious and
18 a source of great personal satisfaction
19 for me and, I dare say, most members of
20 this Council. Together we have created a
21 new look, a new spirit and a better
22 quality of life in neighborhoods. We
23 have invested in neighborhood recreation
24 centers, libraries and other critical
25 public facilities. Under our

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2 Neighborhood Transformation Initiative,
3 we have spent hundreds of millions of
4 dollars to demolish dangerous buildings,
5 clean and green vacant lots and build
6 much-needed housing. Market-rate and
7 affordable housing developments are
8 blooming throughout the City like
9 daffodils on a warm spring day.
10 Thousands of housing units have been
11 completed since 2000.

12 Westrum's Brewertown
13 development is transforming an entire
14 North Philadelphia neighborhood, and the
15 Toll Brothers development at the Naval
16 Home is walking the delicate line between
17 historic restoration and housing
18 rehabilitation on a project I once
19 thought might never happen. The
20 Philadelphia Housing Authority has
21 developed the finest public housing in
22 America.

23 We are dramatically changing
24 the face of housing in this city for
25 poor, middle-income and upper-income

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2 families. The success required the
3 persistence of a diverse group of
4 leaders, including people like Sister
5 Mary Scullion, Pat DeCarlo, Kenny Gamble,
6 John Westrum, Joe Zuritsky, Bob Toll and
7 many critical but lesser-known citizens,
8 churches, CDCs and civic associations. I
9 thank them and each of you for your
10 efforts.

11 Over the past several years,
12 this Administration with your support has
13 made unprecedented investments in
14 children and youth. We have dramatically
15 expanded prevention services by investing
16 approximately \$80 million to create,
17 among other things, a network of over 150
18 new after-school programs located at
19 schools, churches and recreation centers
20 serving approximately 40,000 children.
21 Twenty-three school-based beacon programs
22 provide safe havens for hundreds of
23 children and families. Nineteen centers
24 offer a wide range of activities for
25 high-risk teens, and our youth job

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2 training and employment programs are
3 reaching many more. We have enhanced our
4 recreation centers by adding 120
5 after-school programs and by creating
6 spray parks, which delight our youngsters
7 with safe summer water play.

8 We have strengthened fragile
9 families by investing more than \$17
10 million to create innovative parenting
11 programs and home visitation services,
12 reaching over 4,000 families. We
13 invested \$5 million to establish a Child
14 Care Health and Safety Fund to support
15 capital improvements in child care
16 facilities. A lead abatement strike team
17 was established to enhance our efforts to
18 eliminate lead hazards that threaten our
19 young people.

20 These historic investments are
21 working. The infant mortality rate in
22 Philadelphia has fallen by 20 percent
23 since 1997. The number of children with
24 age-appropriate immunizations increased
25 for the second straight year. Child

1 1/24/06 - STATED - MAYOR'S BUDGET ADDRESS
2 abuse cases are 35 percent lower than
3 they were in 1996. The number of
4 children testing positive for lead
5 poisoning was cut in half between 1999
6 and 2002, even though the number of
7 children tested for lead increased over
8 45 percent during the same period. There
9 has been an 11 percent decrease in the
10 number of juveniles arrested for major
11 crimes, and births to unmarried teenagers
12 are down 7 percent since 1999.

13 We are proud of the continuum
14 of prevention programs we have initiated
15 and encouraged by the results we are
16 seeing. We remain committed to
17 maintaining and ultimately expanding
18 these programs so that every child in
19 Philadelphia can have the supports needed
20 to reach his full potential.

21 But while we celebrate the
22 progress, we also understand there is
23 much work to be done.

24 We remain alarmed by the tragic
25 deaths resulting from co-sleeping that

1 1/24/06 - STATED - MAYOR'S BUDGET ADDRESS
2 have plagued families throughout our
3 region. Co-sleeping is practiced
4 primarily because families cannot afford
5 to purchase cribs for their newborns. To
6 alleviate this problem, we are proposing
7 an additional \$250,000 to the Maternity
8 Care Coalition's Cribs for Kids program
9 to ensure that every family in need
10 receives this critical assistance.

11 And while the number of
12 juveniles involved in major crimes is
13 down significantly, homicides in general,
14 and certainly for young people, have
15 increased over the past couple of years.

16 In addition to preserving and
17 expanding our prevention programs, we are
18 expanding with the financial assistance
19 of the state and federal government our
20 highly successful Youth Violence
21 Reduction Partnership. We are about to
22 enter our fifth police district. This
23 program has demonstrated extraordinary
24 success in reducing the number of young
25 victims of homicide. However, to reach a

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2 younger group of potential victims and
3 perpetrators of violence, we will soon
4 launch a city-wide Adolescent Violence
5 Reduction Partnership. The AVRP program
6 will provide intensive services to
7 high-risk children between the ages of 10
8 and 15, in an attempt to keep them in
9 school and out of the juvenile justice
10 system.

11 Public safety remains a top
12 priority of this Administration. While
13 crime over the past six years has
14 decreased, the recent spike in homicides
15 is unacceptable. The Police Department
16 has launched a new, more strategic
17 policing program in targeted high crime
18 areas, and we are committed to getting
19 more residents involved in the war
20 against drugs and violence in an all-out
21 effort to reduce the number of homicides.
22 To this end, I propose to spend an
23 additional \$10 million in police overtime
24 to fight crime and violence in our city.

25 The Department's work is made

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2 more difficult, however, by the
3 Commonwealth's refusal to recognize the
4 special challenges related to guns in
5 urban areas. Until the General Assembly
6 strikes a better balance between the
7 right to bear arms and the tragic
8 consequences of easy access to weapons,
9 our efforts will be compromised. We must
10 have limits on the gun purchases to one
11 per month and laws that require reporting
12 of lost or stolen firearms. Easy access
13 to guns will remain a threat to the
14 safety and welfare of our citizens and
15 police officers alike.

16 To be a vibrant, safe and
17 compassionate city, we must continue to
18 work effectively to help the homeless and
19 those recently released from our prisons.
20 I am proud that our city is nationally
21 recognized as a model in dealing with the
22 challenges of homelessness and
23 reintegration, and I thank Majority
24 Leader Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell for
25 her leadership in this area. Our

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2 ten-year program to end homelessness in
3 our city will solve this problem.

4 I'm also pleased to announce
5 the proposed FY07 budget contains \$1
6 million to fund the Mayor's Office of
7 Reentry for ex-offenders. We must slow
8 the growth of our prison population while
9 also reducing recidivism and crime on the
10 streets. We cannot afford to pay \$28,000
11 per year to incarcerate a Philadelphian
12 knowing full well that seven out of ten
13 prisoners leave our prisons and are
14 doomed to return in three years.

15 This Administration will
16 continue to invest in neighborhoods
17 because we strongly believe there is a
18 direct correlation between thriving
19 neighborhoods and a prospering
20 Philadelphia, a reality often
21 underappreciated or overlooked.

22 A fundamental difference
23 between this Administration and some of
24 its critics is our belief that the link
25 between a city's quality of life and its

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2 economic growth is just as important as
3 the link between tax reduction and
4 economic growth. I believe both are
5 necessary to a strong city.

6 Our Neighborhood Transformation
7 Initiative has been an overwhelming
8 success. It must be continued. I will
9 shortly transmit legislation to establish
10 the New River City Economic Development
11 Fund with a recommended funding level of
12 \$125 million to make investments in
13 neighborhoods, other NTI-related projects
14 and to leverage private investment along
15 Philadelphia's waterfront. Making
16 Philadelphia the New River City in
17 America is the centerpiece of our
18 economic agenda.

19 Thousands of jobs have been
20 created at the Navy Yard since this
21 Administration took office, and cruise
22 ships now dock in Philadelphia annually.
23 Business like Barthco International and
24 App Tec Labs have moved to the Navy Yard,
25 and the University of Pennsylvania and

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2 Children's Hospital have expanded
3 eastward as they extol the virtues of the
4 New River City initiative. The building
5 of river-related infrastructure will
6 leverage hundreds of millions of dollars
7 of private investment.

8 The FY07 Operating Budget and
9 Five-Year Financial Plan contain debt
10 service to borrow \$150 million to provide
11 two cornerstones of the City's economic
12 vitality: Our arts and cultural
13 institutions and our neighborhood
14 commercial corridors.

15 The City's commercial assets
16 are economic engines for the region.
17 They are not, however, self-sustaining.
18 The Dali exhibit at the Philadelphia Art
19 Museum attracted 370,000 visitors,
20 generated 20,700 room nights and had an
21 economic impact of \$54.9 million.
22 Without financial support from both the
23 public and private sectors, crucial
24 organizations such as the
25 African-American Museum, the Philadelphia

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2 Art Museum and Freedom Theatre will be
3 crippled or, indeed, some might even go
4 out of business. Other organizations,
5 such as the Please Touch Museum, have
6 raised millions of dollars of private
7 capital and, with City support, can
8 proceed with projects that will not only
9 enrich the lives of residents but also
10 support the City's historic preservation,
11 job creation and hospitality objectives.

12 The Zoo and the other similar
13 institutions have substantial private
14 support but need infrastructure funding
15 that cannot be generated from private
16 funders. There can be no doubt that
17 these investments will have a positive
18 and lasting impact on Philadelphia and
19 the region as the City's investments
20 leverage increasing support for this
21 powerful economic engine. By making
22 these investments, we will create an
23 enduring legacy that will sustain
24 Philadelphia for our children and future
25 generations.

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2 Beginning in FY06, the City
3 broadened the scope of the Neighborhood
4 Transformation Initiative to focus
5 attention and resources on neighborhood
6 commercial corridors. In FY07, the
7 Administration will undertake a major
8 initiative, NTI's ReStore Commercial
9 Corridor Initiative, weaving together the
10 principles of NTI with the strategies
11 developed in the City's Economic
12 Blueprint, supported in part by \$65
13 million in bond proceeds proposed as a
14 part of the FY07 Operating Budget and
15 FY07 through 11 Five-Year Financial Plan.
16 This will allow the City to breathe new
17 life into long neglected commercial
18 corridors by putting in new curbs,
19 sidewalks, lighting, trees and facade
20 work so that these areas will be
21 appealing places for residents to shop
22 and work. To help these small
23 businesses, we propose to support the
24 Small Business Guarantee Fund proposal
25 sponsored by Councilman W. Wilson Goode.

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2 Under the program, the City would
3 guarantee 20 percent of the loan in the
4 event of default. Six million dollars
5 would create a \$30 million loan pool.

6 National Geographic Traveler in
7 its review of this city also concluded,
8 "Philadelphia comprises 152 distinct
9 neighborhoods ranging from working-class
10 South Philadelphia to yuppified Manayunk
11 to ivied University City and
12 up-and-coming Northern Liberties and
13 Fishtown." Their words, not mine. I can
14 hardly pronounce them, but it was a
15 quote. "But it is the Center City, the
16 heart of downtown, that's energizing the
17 rebirth." Unlike many other places, our
18 Center City is a residential neighborhood
19 as well as a business district. Its
20 population has increased by 13 percent
21 since 2000. That growth is under-girding
22 the resurgence of retail in our Center
23 City Business District. The recently
24 opened Cira Centre at 30th Street is 93
25 percent leased and the Comcast Center is

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2 69 percent leased and scheduled to open
3 in late 2007. They are the first
4 skyscrapers built here in 15 years. Both
5 projects received strong political
6 support from this Administration. And
7 despite earlier predictions the vacancy
8 rate in existing office towers is
9 expected to fall below 12 percent during
10 2006, well below the national average and
11 also below the average in the surrounding
12 counties.

13 High-rise condos for
14 middle-income home buyers and the growing
15 population of young adults under the age
16 of 35, as well as luxury condos for
17 empty-nesters are being developed all
18 over Center City and along the
19 waterfront, with no shortage of buyers.
20 Make no mistake, developers do not build
21 in a city nor do people plop down large
22 deposits for homes unless they have
23 confidence in the future of the city.
24 These housing developments have benefited
25 immensely from the ten-year real tax

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2 abatement championed by Councilman Frank
3 DiCicco.

4 Our Center City developments
5 are complemented by two state-of-the-art
6 sports stadiums that together have had an
7 important economic impact on our region's
8 economy annually. Also, the \$1 million
9 annual contribution from both the
10 Phillies and the Eagles to the Children's
11 Fund that Councilwoman Reynolds Brown
12 advocated provides critical resources to
13 local children's programs. Beyond their
14 economic impact, the Eagles, Phillies,
15 Sixers and Flyers make Philadelphia one
16 of the most envied professional sports
17 cities in the country.

18 We also look forward to the
19 Barnes collection being relocated to the
20 City-provided site along the Benjamin
21 Franklin Parkway; to the opening of two
22 new world-class gaming facilities that
23 will provide the city with four percent
24 instead of two percent of their gross
25 revenues, an increase this Administration

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2 successfully lobbied for in Harrisburg;
3 and to the expansion of the Pennsylvania
4 Convention Center, which will be built
5 and operated by the state. These three,
6 the big three, have the potential to set
7 us apart and set us up as we plunge deep
8 into the 21st century.

9 All of these activities are
10 part of an expanding economic and a
11 growing revenue base that will help
12 underwrite the escalating costs of city
13 services and the future tax reductions.
14 This Administration and Council have
15 already reduced taxes over the last six
16 years by over a billion dollars. I am,
17 however, prepared to support as a part of
18 this total tax-and-spend program a \$5
19 million reduction in the business
20 privilege tax in FY07. I do feel
21 compelled to emphasize my reluctance to
22 defer our proposed investments in our
23 arts and cultural institution and our
24 neighborhood commercial corridors program
25 or the city's most vulnerable citizens

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2 for deeper tax cuts.

3 I also believe the inclusion of
4 minorities and women in the economic
5 mainstream of our city is important. It
6 is a barometer of our progress in
7 achieving the dream so eloquently
8 articulated by Dr. Martin Luther King.
9 Diversity is something to embrace, not
10 fear. There should be greater diversity
11 within the executive ranks of
12 Philadelphia's business community. It's
13 a challenge the Chamber and other
14 business organizations should accept.

15 Minority and women-owned
16 businesses are an important part of the
17 local tax base, providing needed jobs in
18 neighborhoods where too many men and
19 women cannot find work.

20 I am pleased to report that the
21 City has substantially increased its
22 minority participation on city contracts.
23 A comprehensive report will be presented
24 during our Council budget testimony. I
25 do want to assure Councilmembers Tasco

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2 and Goode, who have been leaders on this
3 issue, we will continue to do more and
4 better.

5 MBEC will also prepare
6 strategies to increase diversity on union
7 job sites. Real progress must be made on
8 the issue, and minorities and women must
9 more fully participate in union trades on
10 work sites in our City.

11 Because of the fiscal
12 discipline this Administration has
13 maintained and our unwavering commitment
14 to basic services, the economy of this
15 city is strong and the confidence of our
16 citizens is high. In fact, the best
17 evidence of this reversal of fortunes is
18 a change in attitude among
19 Philadelphians. We have rediscovered
20 important intangibles like confidence,
21 enthusiasm and imagination and developed
22 a "can do" mind set. Increasingly, the
23 creative class is migrating to
24 Philadelphia, and their presence is
25 giving us a national reputation as a city

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2 that welcomes new ideas and encourages
3 freedom of expression. In fact,
4 Philadelphia will host the first-ever
5 Creative Economy Convergence Summit and
6 the Mismo Mundo Music Festival. We have
7 even earned a reputation as being a hip
8 city, not as in fact but as in hip.
9 Our commitment to make
10 Philadelphia a 35-square-mile hot spot
11 has become big international news.
12 Wireless Philadelphia will move our city
13 ahead on the technology curve, improve
14 the city's ability to deliver services
15 and give us a legitimate strategy to
16 bridge the digital divide. Wireless
17 Philadelphia is about more than
18 technology. It's about fairness and
19 equality. America's next great city
20 cannot allow the digital divide to
21 further exacerbate the educational and
22 economic divide that separates important
23 segments of our community. As we
24 celebrate the birth, genius and public
25 spiritedness of Ben Franklin, let us pay

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2 respect to his legacy and add to our
3 reputation as the city of firsts by
4 becoming the first major city in America
5 to go wireless.

6 This is really a great time to
7 be a part of our city. We heard it from
8 the convention planners who spent several
9 days here in our city earlier this month.
10 We heard it at the hospitality summit we
11 convened just last week when 50 leaders
12 in the Philadelphia hospitality community
13 came together to discuss our future.
14 Everyone agrees. It's time to tell the
15 new Philadelphia story. Toward that end,
16 we have included in our FY07 budget \$2.5
17 million to support a marketing effort
18 which we will strive to get matched by
19 the Commonwealth and other sources.

20 Philadelphia has momentum. Now
21 is the time to come together as a team,
22 Team Philadelphia. Time for City Council
23 and the Mayor to find the common ground
24 that an odd couple like Rendell and
25 Street found in the '90s. It's time for

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2 public and private leaders to transcend
3 single issues and open-mindedly work for
4 compromises that best position
5 Philadelphia to succeed in the new
6 challenging global economy.

7 The future of cities is
8 increasingly defined by global
9 competition. Last year the City
10 participated in a forum in China that was
11 attended by more than 150 cities,
12 including five from the United States.
13 Multi-national companies like General
14 Electric, Wal-Mart and Microsoft
15 routinely outsource low-skilled jobs to
16 cities like Bangalore, India, which right
17 now has 245,000 people answering service
18 calls of American customers. These jobs
19 are never coming back to Philadelphia or
20 America.

21 Over the next two years, I
22 intend to work with the Commonwealth of
23 Pennsylvania, reach out to the
24 international operations of local
25 companies and support trade missions in

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2 an attempt to encourage foreign investors
3 and companies to consider Philadelphia.
4 We will continue to support Innovation
5 Philadelphia and the activities of First
6 Deputy Director of Commerce Mjenzi
7 Traylor who leads our international
8 economic development efforts. We also
9 will work more closely with our ten
10 international sister cities.

11 To be serious competitors in
12 the global economy, the productivity of
13 this government must improve. The City's
14 executives and managers need greater
15 management prerogatives and the resources
16 to establish a better-trained city
17 workforce. So let me sing an old song.
18 The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter needs
19 to be amended into a 21st century
20 governing document. We are driving a
21 1950 vehicle on the highway of an
22 increasingly competitive global economy.
23 Over the coming weeks, I will meet with
24 City Council and other elected and
25 private sector leaders in an effort to

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2 develop a consensus around this effort.

3 Young professionals in this
4 government have told us that better
5 training, better use of technology,
6 better mentoring, better
7 performance-based career opportunities
8 and an objective-based pay system would
9 make local government more competitive as
10 a career choice. We are blessed to have
11 many young people dedicated as public
12 servants. Our challenge and
13 responsibility is to keep them. This
14 will require some changes to the Civil
15 Service system. We must not be invested
16 in a system that in its infancy was a
17 reform measure, but which in its older
18 years serves as a straightjacket. I have
19 asked Managing Director Pedro Ramos to
20 recommend a comprehensive training and
21 intern program and appropriate changes to
22 the Civil Service regulations.

23 In January 2000, I appointed
24 the first Secretary of Education in the
25 City's history, Debra Kahn. Together we

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2 resisted state attempts to force
3 programmatic cuts that were totally
4 inconsistent with quality education;
5 established a CEO model of governance;
6 negotiated contracts with the
7 Philadelphia Federation of Teachers that
8 lengthened the school day and the school
9 year; and established a partnership with
10 the state that produced increased funding
11 for public education and established the
12 School Reform Commission. Over the last
13 three years, Paul Vallas, Jim Nevels and
14 the Commission, with the full cooperation
15 of the City's appointees, have provided
16 students with a range of education
17 options, developed an aggressive capital
18 program that is symbolized by the
19 Microsoft School of the Future under
20 construction in Fairmount Park, and they
21 have instituted important curriculum
22 changes, including the mandate that every
23 high school student take African-American
24 history. These programs are producing
25 measurable results. In 2005, public

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2 CEO Paul Vallas and the education
3 advocates to evaluate the performance of
4 the School District and make
5 recommendations to accelerate our
6 progress.

7 The financial support of the
8 corporate and philanthropic communities
9 will be needed to accelerate the pace of
10 improvements in public as well as private
11 schools. As Mayor, I am concerned about
12 the achievement of all city students
13 whether they attend public, parochial or
14 other private schools.

15 However, our efforts will go
16 unrewarded unless adequate state funding
17 for public education becomes a
18 legislative priority. The deficit
19 borrowing proceeds supported by the City
20 and used to balance the District's
21 budgets in recent years will run out at
22 the end of '06. To avoid surprises and
23 disruptions, the School District should
24 articulate its needs now. It is my
25 prayer that Pennsylvania does not follow

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2 in the footsteps of the federal
3 government, which has made the
4 unconscionable decision to reduce
5 spending on education.

6 The ethics and disclosure bills
7 that have been passed by City Council and
8 signed into law will be strictly and
9 fairly enforced. The FY07 budget
10 requests \$700,000 to implement the
11 mandates of these bills, and the City
12 will spend about 1.2 million in the
13 current fiscal year to support that
14 effort.

15 This Administration is proud to
16 have continued the fiscal discipline that
17 has anchored Philadelphia's recovery over
18 the past 14 years. Despite federal and
19 state cutbacks in funding, we have
20 reduced taxes in each of the last 11
21 years by an aggregate of over \$1.3
22 billion while reducing the size of
23 government by 10.6 percent.

24 There's a buzz about
25 Philadelphia around the country. I hear

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2 it at conferences of mayors. Cities are
3 visiting and calling to learn more about
4 NTI, Safe Streets, Wireless Philadelphia,
5 our homeless initiatives and our
6 marketing strategies to attract gay
7 tourists. Many complimented our Katrina
8 relocation program that served
9 desperately needy fellow Americans. Our
10 sister cities marvel at the fact that we
11 have reduced taxes in each of the last 11
12 years. It's the kind of predictability
13 and economic stability they would love to
14 duplicate.

15 This Administration in a tough
16 political environment has kept a firm
17 hand on the economic rudder of this city
18 and a clear eye on the growth of
19 neighborhoods, Center City, commercial
20 corridors and the well-being of its most
21 vulnerable citizens. As a result,
22 Philadelphia is flourishing. We are
23 proud of our accomplishments and
24 rightfully celebrate the progress of the
25 last six years. However, Thomas Friedman

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2 in his book The World is Flat gives us a
3 glimpse of the challenge for cities in
4 this African proverb: "Every morning in
5 Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows
6 that it must run faster than the fastest
7 lion or it will be killed. Every morning
8 a lion wakes up. It knows that it must
9 outrun the slowest gazelle or it will
10 starve to death. It doesn't matter
11 whether you are a lion or a gazelle.
12 When the sun comes up, you better start
13 running."
14 Tomorrow when we wake up, start
15 running.
16 God bless you.
17 (Applause.)
18 (Mayor Street left Council
19 Chambers.)
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
21 there any speeches on the part of the
22 Minority?
23 (No response.)
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
25 there any speeches on the part of the

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2 Majority?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

5 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to
7 adjourn.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

9 President, I move that Council stand
10 adjourned until Thursday, February the
11 2nd at 10:00 a.m., 2006.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
13 in favor?

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

19 Council stands adjourned until Thursday,
20 February 2nd, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Thank
21 you.

22 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
23 11:25 a.m.)

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