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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, November 6, 2008
8 10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
11 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
12 COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
13 COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
14 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
15 COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
16 COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
17 COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
18 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
19 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
20 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
21 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
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 Council will please come to
7 order. Members will take their seats and
8 visitors will retire to the seats outside
9 the rails.

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair will ask Councilwoman
12 Blackwell to please lead us in prayer.

13 I would ask all members and
14 guests to please rise.

15 (Members and guests rise.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Good
17 morning. May we bow our heads.

18 Heavily Father, we thank you
19 for this opportunity to be here another
20 day. We ask that you bless all who are
21 here and all who are visiting us today.

22 We ask that you give us the
23 knowledge, the passion to care, the
24 knowledge to know what to do and the
25 wherewithal to do those things we must

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2 for the citizens we represent.

3 And, Lord, we thank you again
4 for each day. And during this especially
5 difficult day where so many issues and
6 problems and services that affect our
7 city are coming into question and being
8 announced, we ask that you bless those.
9 We ask that you bless the Mayor, bless
10 those in power and bless we who are
11 entrusted by you to take care of your
12 people.

13 All these blessings, we ask.
14 And we thank you, Lord, for a Tuesday
15 victory. We thank you, Lord, for a new
16 direction, and we ask that you consider
17 us, we who want to do the best for all
18 these people that we're entrusted to
19 serve, and we, again, thank you for
20 today.

21 These blessings we ask in thy
22 name and for thy sake.

23 Amen.

24 (Amen.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

3 The next order of business is
4 the approval of the Journal of the
5 meeting of Thursday, October 30th --
6 we're going to try again with silence,
7 please. Anybody having conversation,
8 please do so in the corridor. Thank you.

9 The next order of business is
10 the approval of the Journal of the
11 meeting of October 30, 2008, and the
12 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move that the Journal
15 of the meeting of Thursday, October 30th
16 stand approved.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
19 has been moved and properly seconded that
20 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
21 October 30, 2008 stand approved.

22 All in favor will indicate by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

5 ayes have it, and the Journal is

6 approved.

7 The next order of business is

8 requests for leave of absence, and,

9 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman

10 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

12 Madam President. On behalf of the

13 majority, there are no requests for leave

14 of absence today.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

16 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman

18 Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam

20 President, no requests for leave of

21 absence today.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

23 you.

24 The Chair will dispense with

25 the regular order of business to

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2 recognize the guests and visitors joining
3 us in Chambers this morning. On behalf
4 of all members of City Council, I welcome
5 you to our Council session. We
6 appreciate your taking the time to join
7 us as we attend to the legislative
8 affairs of our city. We certainly invite
9 you to come again.

10 At this time, the Chair
11 recognizes Councilwoman Miller, who will
12 present a resolution recognizing Dyana
13 Williams.

14 I would ask Ms. Williams and
15 those accompanying her to please join the
16 Councilwoman at the podium.

17 I see that Councilwoman Miller
18 is being joined by Councilwoman Tasco and
19 Councilman Jones and Councilman Goode.

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Miller.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
23 you, Madam President.

24 It is an honor to be honoring
25 Dyana Williams this morning.

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2 Resolution recognizing,
3 honoring and celebrating Dyana Williams
4 for her exceptional talents and her
5 constant force in the entertainment
6 industry for over three decades.

7 Whereas, Dyana Williams' career
8 exceeds limitations and she remains a
9 constant force in the entertainment
10 industry for over three decades; and

11 Whereas, Williams showcased her
12 talents in broadcasting, print journalism
13 and community activism; and

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas,
15 Williams' career was never limited. She
16 was involved in television producing,
17 reporting, media coaching and lecturing;
18 and

19 Whereas, currently Williams
20 hosts "Soulful Sunday," a weekly show
21 broadcast via Radio One adult
22 contemporary station WRNB-FM, which won
23 the "Achievement in Radio Award for Best
24 Weekend Show" in Philadelphia for 2006;
25 and

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
3 each Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m., this lady
4 can be found at 107.9 on the FM dial,
5 weaving vintage sounds from Motown to
6 Stax to the Sound of Philadelphia, and
7 every classic artist in between; and

8 Whereas, in 1991, Williams
9 co-founded the International Association
10 of African American Music; and

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas, in
12 her role as a music activist, Dyana was
13 invited to the White House during the
14 Jimmy Carter and Clinton Administrations;
15 and

16 Whereas, Ms. Williams was even
17 recognized by George W. Bush for her work
18 in the music industry during Black
19 History Month 2007 at the White House;
20 and

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas,
22 Williams is proud to be the parents of
23 three dynamic children, Caliph Salahdeen,
24 Princess Idia Gamble, and Junior, who
25 from love, nurturing and extended family

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2 completes her family; and

3 Whereas, Dyana Williams was
4 named the Ambassador of African American
5 Music by American Express' Departures
6 Magazine and the first African American
7 woman to join an on-air team in rock
8 radio at WRZX-FM; and

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Resolved,
10 by the Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia, that this City Council
12 hereby recognize, honor and celebrate
13 Dyana Williams for her exceptional
14 talents and her constant force in the
15 entertainment industry for over three
16 decades.

17 Further resolved, that an
18 engrossed copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Dyana Williams as further
20 evidencing the sincere admiration and
21 gratitude of this legislative body.

22 Certification, this is a true
23 and correct copy of the original
24 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
25 City of Philadelphia on the 16th day of

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2 October. Signed by Anna C. Verna,
3 President of City Council. Introduced by
4 Donna Reed Miller, W. Wilson Goode, Jr.,
5 Blondell Reynolds Brown, Curtis Jones and
6 Marian B. Tasco, and sponsored by all
7 other members of City Council.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Ms. Williams for
11 remarks.

12 Welcome.

13 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you so
14 much, Councilwoman Miller. To my dear,
15 dear good friends for many, many years,
16 thank you, Curtis, Councilwoman -- I call
17 them by their first name, Marian,
18 Blondell. I really appreciate -- and
19 Wilson. We go back for a long time.

20 I am honored, all members of
21 City Council, and, most importantly, the
22 people of Philadelphia. This is my
23 adopted hometown. I'm originally from
24 New York. I grew up in the Bronx and
25 Harlem, but I've been here for over

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2 30-something years, so I think that --
3 the Mayor told me when he co-hosted my
4 show recently that I'm an official
5 Philadelphian now, daughter of
6 Philadelphians.

7 So this seals it, Councilwoman
8 Miller.

9 I am so grateful to be able to
10 serve this community as a broadcaster, as
11 I've been doing for many years. And you
12 honor my parents. My mother is here.
13 She came up from Miami, Nancy Newman, my
14 significant everything, Christopher
15 Jordan, Sr., and behind us you see some
16 of my very dear friends also here in the
17 room today. My son Caliph Gamble is
18 present representing my children.

19 Also, to my producer, Derrick
20 Sampson, thank you for making our show
21 one of the most popular in Philadelphia
22 as we have an opportunity on a weekly
23 basis to reach out to the community at
24 large in the Delaware Valley and to the
25 world as well.

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2 Thank you so much. You honor
3 me. And this very significant historic
4 week, it is thrilling. That's all I can
5 say, is it's very exciting.

6 This afternoon my radio station
7 has over 50 nominations with the March of
8 Dimes Achievement in Radio. I want to
9 recognize also Nicholas "Sixx" King, one
10 of my co-workers, who was responsible for
11 reaching out to Councilwoman Miller to
12 make this happen for me.

13 To all of my colleagues, to my
14 mentors, past, to my current people that
15 I work with at Radio One Philadelphia, my
16 mentor, Kathy Hughes, to all of you, I am
17 blessed and grateful.

18 Thank you so much. Let's keep
19 serving this great city, making
20 Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love
21 and Sisterly Affection, a better place to
22 live in.

23 God bless. Peace.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

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2 Council will be at ease.

3 (Council at ease.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 next order of business is communications.

6 The Chair requests that the
7 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
8 the Chief Clerk.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 read the messages from the Mayor.

11 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
12 and members of the Council of the City of
13 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
14 that on November 3rd and November 5th,
15 2008, I signed all of the bills that were
16 passed by Council on October 23rd and
17 October 30th, and I am transmitting
18 herewith for the consideration of your
19 honorable body an ordinance amending
20 Title 6 of The Philadelphia Code, by
21 revising permitting provisions and
22 license and permit fees related to
23 asbestos work, under certain terms and
24 conditions; and

25 An ordinance amending certain

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2 Sections of Title 3 and Title 6, related
3 to license and permit fees and other
4 charges, by modifying the amount of such
5 fees; and

6 An ordinance authorizing Kevin
7 Goodchild, owner and operator of Maggie's
8 Waterfront Cafe, to operate and maintain
9 an open-air sidewalk cafe and planters at
10 9242 North Delaware Avenue; and

11 An ordinance amending certain
12 Sections of Title 4, Title 6, Title 9,
13 Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code,
14 relating to license and permit fees and
15 other charges, by modifying the amount of
16 such fees, under certain terms and
17 conditions; and

18 An ordinance amending Section
19 9-305 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
20 "Burglary, Theft and Robbery Alarm
21 Systems," by revising the amounts of
22 certain fees and penalties and the number
23 of permissible false alarms; and

24 An ordinance amending Section
25 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code,

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2 relating to tax rates, credits and
3 alternative tax computation, for the
4 business privilege tax; and

5 An ordinance amending Chapter
6 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code,
7 entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax," by
8 revising certain tax rates and making
9 technical changes; and

10 An ordinance amending Title 12
11 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
12 "Traffic Code," to revise the fees for
13 the use of parking meters in certain
14 locations, to revise fees and charges for
15 the immobilization and impoundment of
16 vehicles for parking and other
17 violations.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you. The messages will be printed in the
20 Journal.

21 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
22 please read any other communications in
23 her possession.

24 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
25 have, Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you.

4 The next order of business is
5 the introduction of bills and
6 resolutions.

7 Is Councilman Kenney here?

8 (No response.)

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
12 you, Madam President. Today I have no
13 bills or resolutions to introduce.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Greenlee.

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
19 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
20 resolutions today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
22 Chair thanks the gentleman.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam

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2 President, I offer one bill.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 authorizing Kevin Goodchild to construct,
9 own and maintain an open-air sidewalk
10 cafe and planters at 9236-9242 North
11 Delaware Avenue.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I offer one bill.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 amending Section 19-203 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Payroll

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2 Deductions," to add the Philadelphia
3 Police and Fire Association for
4 Handicapped Children and the Philadelphia
5 Fire Department Historic Corporation to
6 the list of designated payees to whom an
7 employee may direct payroll deductions.

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

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
14 President, I offer one privileged
15 resolution, which I'd like to speak on,
16 and seven bills on behalf of the
17 Administration.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

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

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

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2 for the business privilege tax, by
3 revising certain tax rates.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 amending Chapter 19-1500 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net
10 Profits Tax," by revising certain tax
11 rates and making technical changes, all
12 under certain terms and conditions.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 amending Section 9-305 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Burglary,
19 Theft and Robbery Alarm Systems," by
20 revising the amount of certain fees and
21 penalties and the number of permissible
22 false alarms.

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 amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia
4 Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to revise
5 the fees for the use of parking meters in
6 certain locations.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 amending certain Sections of Title 4,
12 Title 6, Title 9, Title 19 of The
13 Philadelphia Code, related to license and
14 permit fees and other charges, by
15 modifying the amount of such fees, under
16 certain terms and conditions.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 amending Title 6 of The Philadelphia
22 Code, by revising permitting provisions
23 and license and permit fees related to
24 asbestos work.

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 certain Sections of Title 3 and
6 Title 6 of The Philadelphia Code,
7 relating to license and permit fees and
8 other charges, by modifying the amount of
9 such fees, under certain terms and
10 conditions.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 congratulating President-Elect Obama and
16 inviting him to Philadelphia to promote
17 affordable and accessible healthcare as
18 part of an affordable healthcare
19 inaugural tour.

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 On Tuesday, we as citizens of
25 this great city, state and nation elected

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2 our next leader, President-Elect Barack
3 Obama. Although some of us voted for
4 Senator McCain while others voted for
5 President-Elect Obama, now post election
6 is the time to set aside our partisan
7 differences to come up and work together
8 as our nation prepares for a new
9 executive leadership.

10 In their respective campaigns,
11 both Senator McCain and President-Elect
12 Obama competed for our vote by presenting
13 their plans to address the various issues
14 and challenges that face our nation.
15 From military conflicts abroad to the
16 current state of the U.S. and the world
17 economy, we have listened, analyzed and
18 compared their plans to move our nation
19 forward. Considering these and other
20 concerns, healthcare is one issue perhaps
21 more than any other that impacts all of
22 us regardless of party affiliation.

23 In the United States,
24 approximately 47 million Americans are
25 uninsured or underinsured. Locally, an

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2 estimated 136,000 Philadelphians are
3 uninsured and unable to afford access to
4 decent healthcare on a regular basis, and
5 healthcare expenditures for Philadelphia
6 residents exceeds \$8.6 billion annually.

7 In comparison to the healthcare
8 proposals of the two presidential
9 campaigns, this body, this City Council
10 body, has also taken action to develop a
11 plan to address healthcare disparities in
12 our city. On November 4, 2003 and after
13 the passage of Bill No. 030189 and Bill
14 No. 030178, the voters of this city
15 approved an amendment to the Home Rule
16 Charter requiring the Department of
17 Health to prepare a plan for universal
18 health coverage that permits everyone to
19 obtain decent and regular healthcare.

20 Although an initial plan was
21 drafted, it will take action at the
22 federal level to truly realize this goal
23 of decent and regular healthcare. In
24 this context, Madam President, I urge my
25 colleagues to pass this resolution

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2 requesting President-Elect Obama to visit
3 Philadelphia and address the healthcare
4 issue on his path toward his inauguration
5 in January 2009.

6 In taking this action, we will
7 join with Illinois House of
8 Representative, City Council of Chicago,
9 Detroit City Council, Columbus City
10 Council -- Columbus, Ohio City Council,
11 Pittsburgh City Council and the Baltimore
12 City Council in making similar requests
13 that will create an affordable healthcare
14 tour leading up to President-Elect
15 Obama's inauguration.

16 It is the goal of this action
17 to cause a national dialogue on
18 healthcare and enable citizens, community
19 groups and non-profit organizations to
20 join with these and other legislative
21 bodies to voice their concerns regarding
22 affordable healthcare, and provide
23 President-Elect Obama an opportunity to
24 address this issue prior to his
25 inauguration.

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2 I ask that all members support
3 this resolution and the adoption.

4 Thank you, Madam President, and
5 thank you, my colleagues.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: This was a
9 movement that was started in Chicago and
10 is moving across the country.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Move
12 the adoption.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move the
14 adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will indicate by
20 saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution is

3 adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes

5 Councilwoman Miller.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

7 you, Madam President. Good morning.

8 Today I have no bills or resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

10 you.

11 The Chair recognizes

12 Councilwoman Sanchez.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

14 you, Madam President. I have no bills or

15 resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

17 you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman

19 Green.

20 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

21 Madam President. Today I have one bill.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please

25 read the title of the bill.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending Section 9-305 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Burglary,
5 Theft and Robbery Alarm Systems," by
6 increasing the penalties for false
7 alarms, providing registration and
8 equipment requirements for alarm
9 businesses and alarm users.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: No bills or
16 resolutions, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I offer no bills or
23 resolutions today.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: No bills

5 or resolutions, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman

9 DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,

11 Madam President. No bills or resolutions

12 today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

14 Chair thanks the gentleman.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman

16 O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

18 President, I have no bills or

19 resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman

23 Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

25 Madam President. I have one resolution.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chief Clerk will please read the title.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Introduced
5 by myself and Councilwoman Blondell
6 Reynolds Brown.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 authorizing the creation of a Parks and
13 Recreation Task Force to help facilitate
14 the transfer of duties and
15 responsibilities of the Fairmount Park
16 Commission and the Department of
17 Recreation to the new Department of Parks
18 and Recreation, and to assist in
19 reconstituting the Fairmount Park
20 Commission as the Commission on Parks and
21 Recreation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
25 President, I move for the adoption of the

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2 resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Kelly.

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
18 President, no bills or resolutions 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

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2 Chair thanks the gentleman.

3 The next order of business is
4 reports from committees.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Kenney for a report from the Committee on
7 Rules.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
9 Madam President. The Committee on Rules
10 reports two bills out with favorable
11 recommendations.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chief Clerk will please
15 read the report.

16 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
17 and members of the Council of the City of
18 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
19 which was referred Bill No. 080741,
20 entitled "An ordinance to amend the
21 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
22 zoning designations of certain areas of
23 land located within an area bounded by
24 11th Street, Filbert Street, 10th Street
25 and Market Street"; and

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2 Bill No. 080742, entitled "An
3 ordinance amending Chapter 14-400 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial
5 Entertainment District," by adding
6 provisions relating to proposed projects
7 in the Center City area and relating to
8 public art, by providing for revised
9 effective dates, and by making technical
10 changes, all under certain terms and
11 conditions," respectfully reports it has
12 considered the same and returns the
13 attached bills to Council with a
14 favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move the rules of
19 Council be suspended so as to permit
20 first reading this day of Bill Nos.
21 080741 and 742.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
24 has been moved and properly seconded.

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: Thank
8 you. The bills just read will be placed
9 on our First Reading Calendar for today.

10 The next order of business is
11 the consideration of the Calendar.

12 The Chief Clerk will please
13 read the bills on the First Reading
14 Calendar.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080741,
16 an ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
17 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
18 designations of certain areas of land
19 located within an area bounded by 11th
20 Street, Filbert Street, 10th Street and
21 Market Street.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair agrees.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
25 080742, an ordinance amending Chapter

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2 14-400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
3 "Commercial Entertainment District," by
4 adding provisions relating to proposed
5 projects in the Center City area and
6 relating to public art, by providing for
7 revised effective dates, and by making
8 technical changes, all under certain
9 terms and conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair agrees. And that completes our
12 First Reading Calendar.

13 The Chair now recognizes
14 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion
15 concerning the bills on the Second
16 Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move that the rules
19 of Council be suspended to permit the use
20 of a Consent Agenda to consider the
21 following bills on the Second Reading and
22 Final Passage Calendar: Bills No.
23 080573, 080744, 080544, 080574, 080625,
24 080628, 080629, 080630, 080631, 080633,
25 080635, 080637, 080639, 080641, 080643,

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2 080644, 080648, 080651, 080652, 080653,
3 080654, 080725, 080433, 080546 and
4 080149. All other bills are being held.

5 All of these bills are being
6 voted on on the Consent Agenda.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
8 Right, with the exception -- I believe
9 you mentioned Bill No. 080744. It is my
10 understanding that that would not be
11 included on the Consent Agenda today. I
12 was notified of that as we were leaving
13 the Caucus Room.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Point of
15 order, Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Does that
18 also include Bill No. 080622-A, which is
19 to be amended?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: So that's
22 not on the Consent Agenda?

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That
24 is not on the Consent Agenda.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Which one?

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 080622-A on Page 1.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: No.

6 That's being amended. That's the next
7 item on the agenda. I was informed that
8 080744 would be called up as a Consent
9 Agenda, but since it was changed since I
10 was told, it will not be. Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

12 Councilwoman --

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: And Bill
14 No. 080167-A will be called up.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
16 Councilwoman, would you please make a
17 motion that the rules of Council be
18 suspended so that we can use the Consent
19 Agenda.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I did.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move
23 that we use the Consent Agenda to vote
24 out all the bills that I have read.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
3 has been moved and seconded that the
4 rules of Council be suspended to permit
5 the use of a Consent Agenda to consider
6 bill numbers just read by Councilwoman
7 Tasco.

8 All in favor will indicate by
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 ayes have it, the motion carries, and we
16 will consider the Consent Agenda shortly.

17 Now, as I indicated in caucus,
18 for those who may not have been there at
19 the time, each bill -- can I have your
20 attention, please.

21 Each bill will be read on the
22 Consent Agenda. Any member may object to
23 the inclusion of the bill or simply vote
24 no when the bill is called. And that
25 will be without debate. I would,

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2 therefore, now suggest that the Clerk
3 read the title of the bills on the
4 Consent Agenda.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080573,
6 an ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of
7 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business
8 Privilege Taxes," by expanding the
9 program under which a credit against
10 business privilege taxes is given to
11 certain businesses; and

12 Bill No. 080544, an ordinance
13 authorizing the revision of lines and
14 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 163
15 by relocating the southwesterly houseline
16 and curblineline of Ridge Avenue near Calumet
17 Street, all under certain terms and
18 conditions; and

19 Bill No. 080574, an ordinance
20 amending Section 9-212 of The
21 Philadelphia Code by prohibiting
22 newsstands on both sides of 5th Street
23 between Ludlow and Market Street; and

24 Bill No. 080625, an ordinance
25 authorizing and directing the revision of

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2 lines and grades on a portion of City
3 Plan No. 42 by striking from the City
4 Plan and vacating 30th Street from Walnut
5 Street; and
6 Bill No. 080628, an ordinance
7 authorizing the grant to the City of two
8 rights-of-way for municipal and public
9 utility purposes within an area bounded
10 by Market Street, former 32nd Street,
11 Chestnut Street and 33rd Street; and
12 Bill No. 080629, an ordinance
13 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
14 No. 060730, approved November 16, 2006,
15 entitled "An ordinance authorizing and
16 directing the revision of lines and
17 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 278
18 by extending the period for compliance
19 with the terms and conditions stated
20 therein; and
21 Bill No. 080630, an ordinance
22 authorizing the revision of lines and
23 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 197
24 by placing on the City Plan an extension
25 of Ontario Street from its existing

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2 terminus, all under certain terms and
3 conditions; and

4 Bill No. 080631, an ordinance
5 authorizing the grant to the City of a
6 right-of-way for gas main purposes within
7 the lines of former Stevenson Street
8 southeast of Frankford Avenue; and

9 Bill No. 080633, an ordinance
10 authorizing the paving of Ontario Street
11 from the northwesterly side of the
12 right-of-way of the Philadelphia Belt
13 Line Railroad; and

14 Bill No. 080635, an ordinance
15 authorizing the revision of lines and
16 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 34-S
17 in the area south of Oregon Avenue and
18 west of Christopher Columbus Boulevard,
19 all under certain terms and conditions;
20 and

21 Bill No. 080637, an ordinance
22 authorizing and directing the revision of
23 lines and grades on a portion of City
24 Plan Nos. 34-S and 41-S by striking from
25 the City Plan and vacating the legally

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2 open portions of Packer Avenue; and

3 Bill No. 080639, an ordinance

4 authorizing the Mount Airy Revitalization

5 Corporation to construct, own and

6 maintain a sign on the traffic island of

7 Wadsworth Avenue at the intersection of

8 Cheltenham Avenue; and

9 Bill No. 080641, an ordinance

10 authorizing the revision of lines and

11 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 128

12 by striking from the City Plan and

13 vacating 18th Street from Cambria Street

14 to Indiana Avenue; and

15 Bill No. 080643, an ordinance

16 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill

17 No. 040569, approved July 1, 2004, by

18 extending the period for compliance with

19 the terms and conditions stated therein;

20 and

21 Bill No. 080644, an ordinance

22 authorizing the revision of lines and

23 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 158

24 by striking from the City Plan and

25 abandoning a certain right-of-way for

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2 drainage purposes, under certain terms
3 and conditions; and

4 Bill No. 080648, an ordinance
5 amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia
6 Code, to prohibit the standing or parking
7 on the roadway of watercraft trailers or
8 watercraft for the purpose of display for
9 sale or for commercial washing; and

10 Bill No. 080651, an ordinance
11 amending Section 12-918 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking for
13 Car Sharing Organizations," by adding
14 locations, all under certain terms and
15 conditions; and

16 Bill No. 080652, an ordinance
17 authorizing the revision of lines and
18 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 63
19 by striking from the City Plan and
20 abandoning a right-of-way reserved for
21 gas main purposes; and

22 Bill No. 080653, an ordinance
23 authorizing the revision of lines and
24 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58
25 by placing on the City Plan an extension

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2 of Mount Vernon Street from its existing
3 terminus west of Percy Street westwardly
4 to 10th Street; and

5 Bill No. 080654, an ordinance
6 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia
7 Code, by prohibiting street and sidewalk
8 vending on certain portions of Spring
9 Garden Street; and

10 Bill No. 080725, an ordinance
11 authorizing the revision of lines and
12 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 120
13 by striking from the City Plan and
14 vacating Cleveland Street from Girard
15 Avenue; and

16 Bill No. 080433, an ordinance
17 amending Chapter 9-600 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Service and
19 Other Businesses," by amending Section
20 9-610, entitled "Massage Businesses," by
21 amending the requirements for operation
22 of a massage business, under certain
23 terms and conditions; and

24 Bill No. 080546, an ordinance
25 amending Subcode "PM," by adding certain

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2 structures to the provisions prohibiting
3 the accumulation of stagnant water, and
4 making certain technical changes, all
5 under certain terms and conditions; and
6 Bill No. 080149, an ordinance
7 amending Section 12-1117 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, by expressly
9 prohibiting certain improper uses of
10 disabled parking permits and providing
11 for penalties, all under certain terms
12 and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 These bills having been read on
16 two different days, the question now is
17 shall the bills pass finally.

18 I would ask the Clerk to please
19 call the roll.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Pat,
24 we're going to read all of the bills on
25 the Consent Agenda.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: I just did.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 Councilwoman, are you voting aye on all

5 of the bills read?

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye on

7 all bills.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

9 you.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye on all

13 bills.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye on all

17 bills.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye on all

20 bills.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye on all

23 bills.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Greenlee.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Reynolds Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye on all

5 bills.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye on all

8 bills.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Sanchez.

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye on

12 all bills.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Tasco.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye on all

16 bills.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

18 Verna.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye

20 on all bills.

21 The majority of all members

22 having voted in the affirmative for each

23 of the bills, the bills on the Consent

24 Agenda are passed.

25 The Chief Clerk will now read

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2 the title of Bill No. 080167-A.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

4 amending Title 6 of The Philadelphia

5 Code, entitled "Health Code," by adding a

6 new Section requiring that chain

7 restaurants and retail food

8 establishments make available certain

9 nutrition information for food and

10 beverage items offered for sale, all

11 under certain terms and conditions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

13 bill having been read on two different

14 days, the question now is shall the bill

15 pass finally.

16 The Chief Clerk will please

17 call the roll.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

22 Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

6 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Greenlee.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: No.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I'd prefer

14 the sponsor to hold this bill, but I'll

15 have to vote no on it now.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Krajewski.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 O'Neill.
3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Reynolds Brown.
6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Sanchez.
11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Tasco.
14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
16 Verna.
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
18 The ayes, I believe, are 11.
19 CHIEF CLERK: The ayes are 12;
20 the nays are five. The bill passes.
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: A
22 majority of all members having voted in
23 the affirmative, the bill passes.
24 (Applause.)
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
3 Bill No. 080622-A.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia
6 Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses,
7 Trades and Professions," by adding a new
8 Chapter regulating the erection, use and
9 inspection of tower cranes, all under
10 certain terms and conditions.

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

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move to amend this
15 bill. The technical amendment was
16 circulated in caucus this morning.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will indicate by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 ayes have it and the amendment is
5 adopted.

6 Councilwoman Brown, I believe
7 your light is on. Did you want to be
8 recognized?

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
10 Madam President. No.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
13 Bill No. 080744.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 amending Chapter 19-2400 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Hotel Room
17 Rental Tax," by providing for an
18 additional excise tax on hotel room
19 rentals and designating the expenditures
20 for which such tax will be used, all
21 under certain terms and conditions.

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

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 call the roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Greenlee.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I abstain.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Krajewski.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Reynolds Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Sanchez.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

24 Verna.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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2 The ayes are 16; the nays are
3 zero. A majority of all members having
4 voted in the affirmative, the bill
5 passes, and the record will reflect that
6 Councilman Kenney did abstain.

7 That concludes our Calendar for
8 today. Are there speeches on the part of
9 the minority?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
12 there speeches on the part of the
13 majority?

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Jones.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
17 Madam President. This morning on the way
18 to work I saw a 7-year-old young lady
19 being escorted to school by her
20 grandparent, and in celebration of what
21 has occurred nationally, I asked the
22 young lady what she wanted to be when she
23 grew up. She was young. She's African
24 American. And she responded by saying, I
25 want to be President of the United

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2 States.

3 What was unique about this
4 wasn't her response, but what was the
5 response of the grandparent, who looked
6 at her and said, Today I think she could
7 be some day President of the United
8 States.

9 So I just wanted to go on the
10 record saying that things have changed.
11 Things have changed in this nation for
12 the better. I also encourage our Mayor,
13 as he goes forward with some difficult
14 days on the budget, to stand and be a
15 responsible steward for the fiscal
16 condition of this city. And just like
17 Obama, when he accepted his task as being
18 the President-Elect, he did so with the
19 knowledge that there would be difficult
20 days ahead, but if we work together, both
21 Council and the Administration, the three
22 words that got Obama through are the
23 three words that will get this city
24 through, which is "Yes, we can."

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
7 Madam President. On Friday, October the
8 31st, Villa, formerly Sneaker Villa,
9 opened its twenty-second store on
10 Wadsworth Avenue in the Wadsworth Plaza
11 located in the 1600 block of Wadsworth
12 Avenue. This store is their first
13 location in Mount Airy. This is a true
14 beginning of our efforts in the
15 northwest, and particularly in the
16 Wadsworth area, by the Mount Airy
17 Revitalization Corporation to diversify
18 the kinds of businesses in our community.
19 So we welcome Villa to our community.

20 In 1989, Villa opened its first
21 door and has locations throughout
22 Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.
23 We welcome them because they are a strong
24 community partner and has worked with
25 schools, our city and community groups to

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2 improve the community through community
3 service, education initiatives,
4 anti-violence programs and economic
5 investment. To date, Villa has performed
6 over 3,000 hours of community service and
7 completed 60 service projects.

8 We look forward to working with
9 them. We're pleased to have them in our
10 community. And on that day, they
11 presented to the Mount Airy
12 Revitalization Corporation and to Future
13 Minds, which is a tutoring program
14 sponsored by Susan Cook at the Dorothy
15 Emanuel Recreation Center, \$500 each, and
16 that was matched by \$500 each by the
17 owner of the Plaza, Mr. George Nelson.
18 So it has brought a lot of goodwill to
19 the community, as well as resources to
20 help our young people, and we thank them
21 very much for being good corporate
22 partners.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Green.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I would just like to go
6 on the record to thank everybody who came
7 out on Election Day. The turnout was
8 tremendous. People stood in rains and
9 long lines. I was at 12th and
10 Susquehanna, where there was a three-hour
11 wait. People were bringing umbrellas and
12 pretzels to keep people there. A movie
13 star showed up to keep people in line and
14 get their picture taken.

15 And I want to thank all the
16 citizens of Philadelphia who participated
17 in this election who do so consistently,
18 but also welcome all those who voted for
19 the first time, the young people and
20 others, and encourage them to stay
21 involved, not just in these national
22 elections but in our very important
23 municipal elections and other elections.
24 So I want to thank the people who voted
25 to bring great change to the United

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2 States to elect our first African
3 American President. Their effort, their
4 vote has changed the way this nation
5 looks at itself. It has changed the way
6 the world looks at the United States of
7 America, and they should be commended.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 Are there any other speeches on
12 the part of the majority?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
15 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
16 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
17 adjourn.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move for the
20 adjournment until Thursday, November the
21 13th, 10:00 a.m., 2008.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
24 has been moved and seconded that Council
25 stand adjourned until Thursday, November

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2 13th.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

9 ayes have it and the motion carries.

10 Thank you.

11 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

12 11:05 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings, evidence and objections are
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