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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 18, 2010
10:05 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE

COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCIO

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MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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

6 Council will come to order.
7 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 recognizes Reverend
12 Tracy Duncan of the Simpson Fletcher
13 Unity Methodist Church. She is here
14 today as the guest of Councilman Jones.

15 I would ask all members and
16 guests to please rise.

17 (Members and guests rise.)

18 REVEREND DUNCAN: Good morning.

19 (Good morning.)

20 REVEREND DUNCAN: Wonderful
21 creator and Lord, we greet you this day
22 with joy and thanksgiving. We seek your
23 blessing as City Council conducts the
24 business of the day. We thank you for
25 your guiding presence, which will infuse

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2 this meeting with clarity as matters are
3 brought before the Council.

4 We ask today, Lord, for your
5 patience to hear one another out, and if
6 necessary, Lord, give us patience when
7 more information is needed, and
8 ultimately if we need to, may we laugh at
9 our own foibles to help us as we go
10 through the meeting of the day. We trust
11 you for the best resolutions to all
12 matters brought before the Council.

13 Omniscient one, we ask your
14 blessings on Council President Verna and
15 the remaining cabinet. Endow them with
16 vision to aid in bringing forth the plans
17 for the managing of the City of
18 Philadelphia's affairs. May their
19 combined strengths and talents fulfill
20 the purposes for which you have called
21 them.

22 Finally, may your presence rest
23 here. And, again, Lord we thank you for
24 your grace throughout this meeting and
25 the day ahead.

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2 And the people said amen.

3 (Amen.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

5 Chair thanks Reverend Duncan for her

6 invocation.

7 Council will be at ease.

8 (Council at ease.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

10 next order of business is the approval of

11 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,

12 March 11th, 2010.

13 The Chair recognizes

14 Councilwoman Tasco.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

16 Madam Chair. I move that the Journal of

17 the meeting of Thursday, March 11th, 2010

18 stand approved.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

21 has been moved and properly seconded that

22 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,

23 March 11th, 2010 stand approved.

24 All in favor will indicate by

25 saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 ayes have it and the Journal is approved.

8 The next order of business is
9 requests for leave of absence, and,
10 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
13 Madam President. On behalf of the
14 majority, there are no requests for leave
15 of absence today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Rizzo.

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
21 President, there are no requests today.

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

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 Council, I welcome you
5 to our Council session. We appreciate
6 your taking the time to join us as we
7 attend to the legislative affairs of our
8 city. We certainly invite you to come
9 again.

10 The Chair now recognizes
11 Councilwoman Blackwell, who will present
12 a citation honoring Denise Rambaldi,
13 Douglas Walker and Ms. Harris of the
14 Philadelphia Zoo. Will the honorees and
15 those accompanying them please join the
16 Councilwoman at the podium.

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

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
21 you, Madam President.

22 Good morning. We are very
23 pleased to have Vik Dewan, Ken Woodson
24 and others they will introduce to join
25 the Philadelphia Zoo in honoring and

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2 commending three individuals for their
3 efforts and accomplishments in global
4 conservation.

5 I'll call on Councilwoman Tasco
6 first to read the first citation.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
8 Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 It's a pleasure to present this
10 City Council of the City of Philadelphia
11 citation honoring one of my constituents
12 and an outstanding young lady, Nyeema
13 Harris.

14 The Council of the City of
15 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join
16 the Philadelphia Zoo in honoring and
17 commending Nyeema Harris for her efforts
18 and accomplishments in global
19 conservation.

20 Whereas, the creation of the
21 Global Conservation Prize is the final
22 component in a series of "Gifts of
23 Gratitude" that the Philadelphia Zoo has
24 created to celebrate its sesquicentennial
25 year. A gala closes the year-long

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2 program of events that have touched
3 nearly every neighborhood in Philadelphia
4 and thousands of children; and

5 Whereas, this year's recipient
6 of the Philadelphia Zoo Emerging
7 Conservation Leader Award, Nyeema Harris,
8 is an alumna of the Zoo's award-winning
9 Junior Zoo Apprentice Program. She has
10 moved on to a career in conservation.

11 Today, Ms. Harris is pursuing her Ph.D.
12 on carnivore parasite population dynamics
13 at North Carolina State University. In
14 addition to her current Ph.D. work,
15 Ms. Harris has worked extensively in the
16 field of wildlife management while
17 completing both her Master's Degree from
18 the University of Montana and a
19 Bachelor's Degree from Virginia Tech; and

20 Whereas, in addition to her
21 work related to her degrees, Nyeema has
22 participated in numerous environmental
23 projects, courses and presentations, both
24 nationally and abroad. Ms. Harris
25 remains very interested in conservation

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2 and plans to continue her work in this
3 area upon graduation.

4 Therefore, by virtue of this
5 citation, the Council of the City of
6 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join
7 the Philadelphia Zoo in honoring and
8 commending Nyeema Harris for her efforts
9 and accomplishments in global
10 conservation. We congratulate her as a
11 recipient of the Emerging Conservation
12 Leader Award and extend the sincere
13 respect and admiration of this
14 legislation body. Signed Councilwoman
15 Jannie Blackwell and President Anna Verna
16 and supported by all members of City
17 Council.

18 And we thank you, Nyeema, for
19 such outstanding work and wish you well
20 as you move forward. You may come back
21 one day to work at the Philadelphia Zoo.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: It will be
25 my task to honor Douglas C. Walker.

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2 Honoring and commending Douglas
3 C. Walker.

4 The City Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join
6 the Philadelphia Zoo in honoring and
7 commending Douglas C. Walker for his
8 efforts and accomplishments in global
9 conservation.

10 Whereas, the creation of the
11 Global Conservation Prize is the final
12 component in a series of "Gifts of
13 Gratitude" that the Philadelphia Zoo has
14 created to celebrate its
15 sesquicentennial, which is 150 years, by
16 the way. A gala closes a year-long
17 program of events that have touched
18 nearly every neighborhood in the City of
19 Philadelphia and thousands of children;

20 Whereas, this year's recipient
21 of the Philadelphia Zoo's Conservation
22 Impact Award, Douglas C. Walker, is a
23 partner responsible for the Philadelphia
24 office of Brown Brothers Harriman and
25 Company. Mr. Walker has demonstrated a

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2 commitment to conservatism and species
3 preservation, both locally and globally,
4 through his volunteerism as a trustee of
5 the Academy of Natural Sciences,
6 Brandywine Conservancy, Stroud Water
7 Research Center, the Pennsylvania Chapter
8 of the Nature Conservancy and the Land
9 Trust Alliance Advisory Board, as well as
10 Chairman of the Board of National Lands
11 Trust and Willistown Conservation Trust;

12 Whereas, Mr. Walker's
13 international interests include the
14 Smithsonian National Board, the Nature
15 Conservancy of African Council and
16 African Wildlife Foundation and the
17 Kidogo Foundation. Mr. Walker is also a
18 founder of BEADS of Education and has
19 been recognized as an elder in the
20 Samburu Tribe.

21 Therefore, by virtue of this
22 citation, the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join
24 the Philadelphia Zoo in honoring and
25 commending Douglas C. Walker for his

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2 efforts and accomplishments in global
3 conservation. We congratulate him as a
4 recipient of the Conservation Impact
5 Award and extend our sincere respect and
6 admiration of this legislative body.
7 Signed by Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell
8 and Council President Anna C. Verna.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
11 morning. We now want to honor and
12 commend Denise Rambaldi.

13 The Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join
15 the Philadelphia Zoo in honoring and
16 commending Denise Rambaldi for her
17 efforts and accomplishments in global
18 conservation.

19 Whereas, the creation of the
20 Global Conservation Prize is the final
21 component in a series of "Gifts of
22 Gratitude" that the Philadelphia Zoo has
23 created to celebrate its sesquicentennial
24 year. A gala closes the year-long
25 program of events that have touched

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2 nearly every neighborhood in Philadelphia
3 and thousands of children; and

4 Whereas, this year's recipient
5 of the Philadelphia Zoo Global
6 Conservation Prize, Denise Rambaldi, is
7 the Executive Director of the Golden Lion
8 Tamarin Association in Poco das Antas,
9 Brazil. The award will be a multi-year
10 financial prize that will enable Ms.
11 Rambaldi to dedicate her time to the
12 mission of her organizations and species
13 preservation rather than fundraising; and

14 Whereas, the Zoo will raise
15 \$500,000 to create an endowment that will
16 support a significant portion of
17 Ms. Rambaldi's work annually over a
18 ten-year period. At the end of the award
19 period, the fund will revert to the Zoo.
20 Both organizations will benefit from this
21 prize structure.

22 Therefore, by virtue of this
23 citation, the Council of the City of
24 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join
25 the Philadelphia Zoo and its leadership

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2 in honoring and commending Denise
3 Rambaldi for her heroic efforts and
4 accomplishments in the area of global
5 conservation. We congratulate Denise
6 Rambaldi as recipient of the Global
7 Conservation Prize and extend the sincere
8 respect and admiration of this
9 legislative body.

10 This citation was introduced by
11 my colleague Councilwoman Jannie
12 Blackwell, signed by President Anna C.
13 Verna and, of course, supported by all
14 members of the Philadelphia City Council.

15 We congratulate each and every
16 one of you.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair recognizes Ms. Rambaldi for
20 remarks.

21 MS. RAMBALDI: Good morning,
22 and I would like to ask my -- I apologize
23 because my English is not that good and
24 I'm going to do my best to try to respect
25 your beautiful language today.

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2 Good morning, Madam President
3 Anna Verna, Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell
4 and all members of Council. Thank you
5 for this honor.

6 Philadelphia is a very special
7 city, and the Philadelphia Zoo is a very
8 special zoo. In fact, the Philadelphia
9 Zoo is an international leader in the
10 protection and conservation of wildlife
11 around the world. The past 150 years the
12 Zoo has exuded leadership and pioneer
13 approaches to the care and protection of
14 wildlife, and I am certain the next 150
15 years we will be just as spectacular.

16 Through the creation of the
17 Philadelphia Zoo Global Prize, they are
18 making a significant decade-long
19 commitment to place an endangered
20 species, the golden lion tamarin, or
21 Mico-leao Dourado as we would say in
22 Portuguese, on a long term
23 (unintelligible) away from distinction
24 and toward survival.

25 The Global Conservation Prize

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2 is an emblem of the level to which the
3 Zoo exercises its leadership and why it
4 is considered to be the best of the
5 world.

6 Again, I thank you, the members
7 of Philadelphia City Council and
8 leadership of the Philadelphia Zoo, for
9 today's honor and the Global Prize
10 Conservation.

11 Thank you. Muito obrigada.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
14 will now recognize Ms. Harris for brief
15 remarks.

16 MS. HARRIS: Good morning. I
17 don't follow scripts very well, so I
18 apologize in advance.

19 It's an honor for me to be here
20 this morning. Excuse my appearance. I'm
21 coming directly from the field, from
22 work, but it is an honor to be here and I
23 appreciate your time and attention.

24 I want to give a special thanks
25 to the Councilwoman Ann Verna,

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2 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, as well as
3 Councilwoman Tasco, just for their
4 recognition and support. Particularly as
5 a native Philadelphian, I appreciate the
6 support that I've received both from the
7 City of Philadelphia throughout my career
8 in my high school years here as well as
9 the support and guidance that I've
10 received from the Philadelphia Zoo.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
13 will now hear from Mr. Walker.

14 MR. WALKER: Thank you very
15 much. I very much want to thank City
16 Council President Ann Verna and
17 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, as well as
18 all members of City Council.

19 I'm a native of the Delaware
20 Valley, have worked for over 30 years in
21 Philadelphia, and loved this area all
22 that time, and I must just thank all of
23 you. The City of Philadelphia has done
24 so well in the last 30 years, and without
25 its thriving, the rest of the area just

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2 won't be able to.

3 So thank you very much.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. DEWAN: Good morning and
6 thank you, Council President Verna,
7 Councilwoman Blackwell, Blondell Reynolds
8 Brown, Councilwoman Tasco, Councilman
9 Jones and other members of Council.

10 Thank you so much.

11 I was here almost a year ago to
12 kick off what was going to be our
13 sesquicentennial year and we talked about
14 the ways in which the Philadelphia Zoo
15 would contribute to the work and efforts
16 around families and children in the
17 Philadelphia region. During the course
18 of this year, through our "Gifts of
19 Gratitude," we have reached Title I
20 school children who have visited the Zoo
21 in large numbers. We reached through
22 community organizations with conservation
23 grants, and we've also been able to have
24 an opportunity to speak to and reach
25 large numbers of social service

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2 organizations through the work that we
3 do.

4 Tonight is our Global
5 Conservation Gala and concludes our
6 sesquicentennial year, and we want to
7 thank all Councilmembers for their
8 extraordinary support during the course
9 of this year, and thank you for the
10 citations today and a special thank-you
11 to Councilwoman Miller as well.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

15 Council will be at ease.

16 (Council at ease.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 next order of business is communications.
19 The Chair requests that the
20 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
21 the Chief Clerk.

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 read the messages from the Mayor.

24 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
25 and members of the Council of the City of

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2 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
3 that on March 17, 2010, I signed the
4 remaining bills that were passed by
5 Council at its session on March 4, 2010
6 and I signed all of the bills that were
7 passed by Council at its session on March
8 11, 2010; and

9 I am transmitting herewith for
10 the consideration of your honorable body
11 an ordinance amending Section 19-513 of
12 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Tax
13 Amnesty Program," by providing for
14 treatment of additions to tax, and making
15 technical amendments; and

16 Also an ordinance authorizing
17 the Commissioner of Public Property, on
18 behalf of the City, to convey to the
19 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
20 Development a certain parcel of land
21 situate on the northeasterly side of
22 Cottman Avenue near Shelbourne Street,
23 being a portion of the Ryers Station
24 parking lot; and

25 Also an ordinance further

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2 amending Bill No. 090325, entitled "An
3 ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2010
4 Capital Budget providing for expenditures
5 for the capital purposes of the
6 Philadelphia Gas Works," by approving a
7 further amended Capital Budget for Fiscal
8 Year 2010, all under certain terms and
9 conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you. The messages will be printed in the
12 Journal.

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read any other communications in his
15 possession.

16 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
17 Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The next order of business is
21 the introduction of bills and
22 resolutions, and at this time, the Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I have no
25 bills or resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
8 resolutions today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Greenlee.

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

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

18 The Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Krajewski.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
21 you, Madam President. I offer one bill.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the title.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending Section 19-513 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Tax Amnesty
5 Program," by providing for treatment of
6 additions to tax, and making technical
7 amendments, under certain terms and
8 conditions.

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

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
15 President, I offer one bill and one bill
16 on your behalf.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
22 amending Section 10-602 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, known as the "Clean
24 Indoor Air Worker Protection Law," by
25 providing a limited period of time,

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2 expiring June 30, 2010, during which a
3 Private Club, as defined, may apply for
4 and obtain a waiver of the provisions of
5 the Section prohibiting smoking in
6 certain places.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 further amending Bill No. 090325,
12 entitled "An ordinance approving the
13 Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Budget providing
14 for expenditures for the capital purposes
15 of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

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

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Miller.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
22 you, Madam President. Today I offer one
23 resolution.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read the title of the resolution.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 proclaiming the week of April 18th, 2010
6 as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week."

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
10 for the adoption of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Sanchez.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

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2 you, Madam President. I have nothing
3 today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Green.

8 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
9 Madam President. No bills or
10 resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair thanks the gentleman.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
16 Madam President. Nothing today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Goode.

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

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Brown.

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

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 DiCicco.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. No bills or resolutions
13 today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 O'Neill.

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

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
21 Chief Clerk will please read the title.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
23 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
24 Property, on behalf of the City, to
25 convey to the Philadelphia Authority for

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2 Industrial Development a certain parcel
3 of land with the buildings and
4 improvements thereon situate in the
5 northeasterly side of Cottman Avenue near
6 Shelbourne Street, being a portion of the
7 Ryers Station parking lot.

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

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
14 President, I have one resolution, but I
15 may have another bill.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
17 sorry. I can't hear you.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
19 President, I have one resolution right
20 now, but I may have another bill that I
21 would possibly like to introduce later on
22 in the Council.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the title of the resolution.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
4 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
5 Property to execute and deliver to the
6 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
7 Philadelphia, without consideration,
8 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
9 title to certain City-owned lots or
10 pieces of ground with the buildings and
11 improvements thereon, situate in the
12 Eighteenth, Twenty-Ninth and
13 Thirty-Second Wards of the City of
14 Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke for a
17 motion on his resolution.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
19 the adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Kelly.

10 COUNCILMAN KELLY: No
11 resolutions or bills today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Rizzo.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
17 Madam President. Nothing today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

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

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the
24 Committee of the Whole.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. The Committee of the
3 Whole reports one bill with a favorable
4 recommendation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
6 you.

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 read the report.

9 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
10 and members of the Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia, the Committee of the Whole,
12 to which was referred Bill No. 100136,
13 entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter
14 19-3500 of The Philadelphia Code,
15 entitled 'General Acute Care Hospital
16 Assessment,' by clarifying its
17 applicability to High Volume Medicaid
18 Hospitals, by revising due dates, by
19 making changes to conform to amendments
20 to State law, and making technical
21 changes, all under certain terms and
22 conditions," respectfully reports it has
23 considered and amended the same and
24 returns the attached bill to Council with
25 a favorable recommendation.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chair again recognizes
5 Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I move that the rules
8 of Council be suspended so as to permit
9 first reading of this bill just reported
10 from committee.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
13 has been moved and properly seconded that
14 the rules of Council be suspended so as
15 to permit first reading this day of the
16 bill just reported from committee.

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Greenlee for a report from the Committee
4 on Law and Government.

5 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
6 you, Madam President. The Committee on
7 Law and Government reports one bill and
8 one resolution with a favorable
9 recommendation.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chief Clerk will please
13 read the report.

14 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
15 Law and Government, to which was referred
16 Bill No. 100121, entitled "An ordinance
17 providing for the submission to the
18 qualified electors of the City of
19 Philadelphia of a proposed amendment to
20 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter set
21 forth in a Resolution approved by Council
22 relating to restrictions on the political
23 activities of City officers and
24 employees"; and

25 Resolution No. 100139, entitled

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2 "A resolution proposing an amendment to
3 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
4 relating to restrictions on the political
5 activities of City officers and
6 employees, and providing for the
7 submission of the amendment to the
8 electors of Philadelphia," respectfully
9 reports it has considered and amended the
10 same and returns the attached bill and
11 resolution to Council with a favorable
12 recommendation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Greenlee.

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
18 you, Madam President. I move that the
19 rules of Council be suspended so as to
20 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
21 100121.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
24 has been moved and properly seconded that
25 the rules of Council be suspended so as

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2 to permit first reading this day of the
3 bill just reported from committee.

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 ayes have it, and the bill just read will
11 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
12 for today. Resolution No. 100139 will be
13 placed on our Second Reading and Final
14 Passage Calendar for our next session of
15 Council.

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

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

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the report.

3 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
4 Streets and Services, to which was
5 referred Bill No. 080029, entitled "An
6 ordinance authorizing the vacating of
7 Byberry and Bensalem Road from
8 Southampton-Byberry Road to the
9 Philadelphia and Bucks County Line and
10 the vacating of Burling Avenue from the
11 Roosevelt Boulevard to a dead-end"; and
12 Bill No. 090925, entitled
13 "An ordinance authorizing the revision of
14 lines and grades on a portion of City
15 Plan No. 248 by placing on the City Plan
16 Saybrook Avenue from Lloyd Street to
17 Seventy-Second Street"; and
18 Bill No. 090926, entitled "An
19 ordinance authorizing the paving of
20 Saybrook Avenue from Lloyd Street to
21 Seventy-Second Street"; and
22 Bill No. 100102, entitled "An
23 ordinance amending Section 2 of an
24 ordinance (Bill No. 080725) approved
25 November 19, 2008, entitled 'An ordinance

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2 authorizing the revision of lines and
3 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 120
4 by striking from the City Plan and
5 vacating Cleveland Street from Girard
6 Avenue to Stiles Street, under certain
7 terms and conditions,' by extending the
8 period for compliance with the terms and
9 conditions stated therein," respectfully
10 reports it has considered the same and
11 returns the attached bills to Council
12 with a favorable recommendation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move that the four
19 bills that have just been read into the
20 record, that the rules of Council be
21 suspended so as to permit first reading
22 today.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the rules of Council be suspended so as
3 to permit first reading this day of the
4 bills just reported from committee.

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

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 ayes have it, and the bills just read
12 will be placed on our First Reading
13 Calendar for today.

14 The next order of business is
15 the consideration of the Calendar. I
16 note that the bills just reported from
17 committee with a suspension of the rules
18 have been deemed to have had a first
19 reading. The bills will be placed on our
20 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
21 for the next session of Council.

22 There are no additional bills
23 on our First Reading Calendar.
24 Therefore, the Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of

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2 calling up the bills on the Second
3 Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you,
5 Madam President. Bill Nos. 090852,
6 100095 --

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
8 sorry. I couldn't hear you.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I'm sorry.
10 I'm suffering down here today.

11 Bills 090852 and 100095 are
12 being called up for Second Reading and
13 Final Passage Calendar today. All other
14 bills are being held, and Resolution No.
15 090226 is being withdrawn.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 read the title of Resolution No. 090226.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 providing for the approval by the Council
22 of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised
23 Five Year Financial Plan for the City of
24 Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2010
25 through 2014.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move
3 that Resolution 090226 be withdrawn.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
6 has been moved and seconded that
7 Resolution No. 090226 be withdrawn.

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 ayes have it. The motion carries. And
15 the Clerk will please read the title of
16 Bill No. 090852.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 amending Chapter 14-1800 of The
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning Board
20 of Adjustment," to provide that the
21 Zoning Board of Adjustment shall require
22 any person seeking a variance from the
23 terms of Title 14 to be current in
24 payments of all taxes imposed under Title
25 19.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam

3 President?

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes.

5 Councilman Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yeah.

7 Madam President, I'm sorry. Prior to the
8 vote -- and I don't mean to confuse the
9 issue. I recognize that the intent of
10 this bill is very clear and if you don't
11 have your taxes paid, you shouldn't get
12 consideration and issues of consideration
13 relative -- from the government unless
14 you're paid up in full. There was an
15 issue raised in the hearing, and because
16 of all of the confusion and things we've
17 been doing lately, I have not been able
18 to get an answer to or not heard the
19 answer about whether or not there was
20 issue raised on CDCs and non-profits
21 where they were attempting to acquire a
22 parcel of land in order to put it back
23 into positive use, but there may have
24 been an ongoing or outstanding debt
25 liability, tax liability, and that the

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2 issuance of the variance was a timely
3 issue and could potentially keep the
4 project from moving forward. I don't
5 know whether or not there was any
6 additional conversation with the sponsor
7 of the bill, and I know Councilman Clarke
8 was also involved in that, and prior to
9 voting, I just want to know if we can get
10 an update as to what the future of that
11 is.

12 Obviously if someone
13 intentionally is not paying their taxes
14 and comes to the government for a
15 variance, they should be denied or not
16 even be able to get into the game, but if
17 this is a CDC or non-profit issue and it
18 will stop a project from going forward
19 that could be productive and create tax
20 ratables, I just want to know if that has
21 been resolved or discussed or is there a
22 plan to discuss it.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

24 Councilman Rizzo.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Yes.

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2 Thanks, Councilman Kenney, for giving me
3 that opportunity. I'll read the
4 communication from the Revenue
5 Department.

6 "The Department of Revenue is
7 currently working closely with the RDA
8 and the Law Department" --

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
10 Councilman Rizzo, speak into the mike,
11 please.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: To answer
13 the question, the answer is yes. The
14 CDCs are currently working or at least
15 the Revenue Department is working to
16 administratively resolve any concerns
17 that they have and the Deputy Director of
18 the CDCs has been communicated with, and
19 administratively they are satisfying
20 their need. If you'd like me to read the
21 communication, I will.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No. That
23 clarification is plenty. 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 very much, Madam President. I just would
6 like the bill sponsor to explain to me at
7 what point you cannot get a variance. Is
8 it your taxes are one month late, your
9 taxes are three months late, it's a year,
10 there's some period of time? I mean,
11 perhaps as part of a sale, you intend to
12 pay your taxes at a sale that a variance
13 is contingent upon.

14 There's many factors here, and
15 I don't want to keep properties from
16 transferring or things happening for
17 somebody being a few months behind as
18 opposed to the tax deadbeats that I think
19 this is really intended to go after. I'd
20 like a clear understanding of what the
21 law says.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
23 Councilman Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: If a person
25 is asking for a variance and they're in

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2 an agreement with the City, they would be
3 granted, if appropriate, that variance
4 request. And if the person owes the City
5 of Philadelphia money, they would be
6 subject to having an agreement to pay
7 that or not get the variance.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
9 President?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
11 Councilman Green, does that respond to
12 your question?

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Could
14 someone point me in the bill to where it
15 says that and also in the bill to where
16 it says it with respect to CDCs?

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: It was
18 agreed that there was no need because of
19 the fact that the University of
20 Pennsylvania was satisfied with the
21 information that they received, that
22 administratively it would work. And,
23 again, I think I should read the
24 communication from the Revenue
25 Department.

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2 "The Department of Revenue is
3 currently working closely with the RDA
4 and the Law Department to develop a
5 process to address the concern. The RDA
6 is in the process of providing a list to
7 Revenue that includes the properties that
8 will meet this criteria. The list will
9 include all relevant data and dates.
10 Revenue will use this list to expedite
11 tax clearances when the delinquency cited
12 is for a listed property for the period
13 prior to the current owner's
14 responsibility. Although we are still
15 working on some of the optional issues,
16 we feel that the hurdles will be
17 overcome." And, again, the agencies were
18 satisfied with that response.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Madam
20 President, I don't have a copy of the
21 bill in my package.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Here you go.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Point
24 of order, Madam President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell
3 for a point of order.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Madam President. I was concerned
6 about this bill and was not prepared to
7 vote for it for that very question,
8 because in the title, it does not say in
9 the title "under agreement." It only
10 says they should be current in taxes.
11 And as we know, the title of the bill is
12 everything, and unless they say "under
13 agreement" in the title, then I am not
14 going to vote for this legislation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 Councilman Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I feel exactly the same
20 way. I think we need to amend the bill
21 to make clear our intentions rather than
22 relying on an e-mail, which is not a
23 legal opinion, that says this can be
24 handled administratively. So I move to
25 table this bill.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Point of
3 order, Madam President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam
7 President, rather than table the bill,
8 could we just ask the sponsor to hold the
9 bill and that we can have a discussion
10 about the provisions and then try and
11 figure it out rather than table it. I
12 think to hold it would be --

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I withdraw
14 my request.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Clarke.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I don't know if the
22 sponsor is going to hold the bill. I
23 just wanted to weigh in on the issue.

24 With respect to the CDCs, along
25 with Councilman Rizzo and I'm assuming

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2 other Councilmembers, we were approached
3 by the representatives of the PACDC on
4 this very matter actually during the
5 hearing, and subsequent to the hearing,
6 two things weighed in the favor of us
7 being able to administratively correct
8 that. One was the fact that the sponsor
9 of the bill agreed to delay the
10 implementation of the bill until January
11 of 2011, and the Administration thought
12 that was more than adequate time to fix
13 this administratively.

14 Working with our office and
15 Mr. Carter and Mr. White and Councilman
16 Rizzo's staff, we worked very closely
17 with the CDCs. The language that was
18 crafted and an agreement with the Law
19 Department, the Department of Revenue was
20 signed off by the CDCs.

21 It's not my bill. Personally
22 if the Councilman is comfortable with
23 holding it, that's fine with me, but I
24 just want to say there had been
25 substantial work done working with those

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2 very community development corporations
3 as it relates to their feeling
4 comfortable about the bill.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
6 President, I'd like to move forward.

7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I'd like to
8 speak further on the bill.

9 Madam President, I think it's
10 irresponsible of us at this time to pass
11 a bill, as Councilwoman Blackwell says,
12 that does not make clear our intentions
13 in the body of the bill and later rely on
14 some administrative provisions that are
15 unclear to address the problem. I think
16 we need to hold this bill, and if the
17 sponsor is not willing to hold the bill,
18 then I make a motion to table it. I
19 think we can work this out in a week with
20 an amendment.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
22 sorry. Councilman Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Madam
24 President, I actually think this is a
25 fine piece of democracy in action, but

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2 there's too much confusion about the bill
3 and it's too important a matter for us to
4 knee-jerk response to have it. I think I
5 would prevail upon the sponsors to hold
6 the bill until we have clarity.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Kelly.

11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I believe in the intent
13 of this bill. I really do. But I think
14 most of us here are having some problems
15 fully understanding the nature of this
16 bill, and I'm asking the sponsor to hold
17 it. I think I agree with Councilman
18 Green that this could be remedied in a
19 very, very quick fashion, probably in a
20 week or so.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Brown.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I too understand the
3 intent of the bill, but have learned in
4 being here that we also have to be
5 concerned about the unintended
6 consequences, and having walked in the
7 shoes of a debate prior to a vote on a
8 bill, I would ask my sponsor as well to
9 hold the bill.

10 Thank you, Madam President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
16 you, Madam President. I believe that
17 anyone that's been working out in the
18 neighborhoods trying to get some of these
19 blighted buildings removed, sold,
20 developed, et cetera, had concerns about
21 this bill and felt that it would have a
22 negative impact on our ability to move
23 forward with development. I also sent
24 the Councilman an e-mail last week with
25 some concerns, and I agree that the bill

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2 should be held. I think everything can
3 be worked out. Most of my concerns were
4 addressed, but if people have questions,
5 maybe it does need an amendment, because
6 I think the intent is good.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Rizzo.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
13 President, I have no problem. After
14 discussing it with some of my colleagues,
15 we'll delay for a week.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
19 please read the title of Bill No. 100095.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Section 22-310 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Deferred
23 Retirement Option Plan," by conforming
24 the City's DROP program to the
25 requirements of Pennsylvania Act No. 44

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2 of 2009 (House Bill 1828), which
3 restricts the DROP eligibility of elected
4 officials.

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

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 call the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Greenlee.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Krajewski.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Reynolds Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Sanchez.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

7 Verna.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

13 That completes our Calendar for
14 today.

15 Are there speeches on the part
16 of the minority?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
19 there speeches on the part of the
20 majority?

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I thank
24 you, Madam President. An announcement,
25 please, on behalf of Big Brothers/Big

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2 Sisters asking my colleagues to please
3 join Big Brothers and Big Sisters for the
4 second annual City of Philadelphia
5 legislative luncheon, where we get a
6 chance to interface with the leadership
7 and staff there around the issue of our
8 city's children. That is today
9 immediately -- or actually it's from
10 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in the City
11 Council Caucus Room, and lunch will be
12 provided. I offer this announcement on
13 behalf of the Director of Government and
14 Foundation Relations, Ted Qualli.

15 Thank you, Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
21 you, Madam President. We are pleased as
22 always when they're there to mention our
23 Partnership for Prescription Assistance
24 to people who need help with prescription
25 costs. Thank you. They're out in the

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2 hallway and they have information for
3 your use.

4 Thank you.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I'd just like to remind
11 all of the citizens of Philadelphia who
12 have received the Census form, to remind
13 them it's very important to the City of
14 Philadelphia that everyone is counted.
15 Federal dollars are appropriated to the
16 City based on population, and if we don't
17 have a full count, we will lose money
18 from the federal government.

19 I believe the forms have
20 been -- are being delivered as we speak.
21 And also be mindful of any fraudulent
22 forms that may come through the mail. If
23 they have any questions, they can
24 certainly call the Census Office and ask
25 questions. I don't have that number.

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2 We'll make that available next week. But
3 the census is very important, and we ask
4 that everyone help us have a full count,
5 because everyone should be counted if
6 Philadelphia is to benefit.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

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

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

14 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
15 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
16 adjourn.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move that Council
19 stand adjourned until Thursday, March
20 25th, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
23 has been moved and seconded that Council
24 stand adjourned until Thursday, March the
25 25th at 10:00 a.m.

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 ayes have it and the motion carries.

9 Thank you.

10 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
11 10:55 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings, evidence and objections are
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