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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, December 11, 2008
8 12:00 p.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: I

3 note that the hour has come and that a

4 quorum of this Council is present.

5 Council will please come to

6 order. Members will take their seats and

7 visitors will retire to the seats outside

8 the rails.

9 To give our invocation this

10 morning, the Chair welcomes Reverend

11 Dr. Ernest McNear from the True Gospel

12 Tabernacle. He is here today as the

13 guest of Councilman Green.

14 I would ask all members and

15 guests to please rise.

16 (Members and guests rise.)

17 REVEREND McNEAR: To our

18 honorable members of the City Council,

19 our President, to everyone that's

20 gathered, may the Lord bless you richly.

21 Let us pray.

22 Dear God our God, we're

23 grateful for this, another day, a day to

24 do the will of the people even as you

25 guide us.

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2 We ask a special blessing of
3 wisdom, knowledge, understanding,
4 justice, even as these servant leaders
5 make decisions and set policy, even as
6 others come to present opportunity and to
7 gain as they go forth in their vision.
8 Lord, bless today, and that it will all
9 be done in such a way that you'll be
10 pleased and that you'll be glorified.

11 It is in your name that we
12 pray.

13 Amen.

14 (Amen.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair thanks Reverend McNear for his very
17 inspiring invocation.

18 Council will be at ease.

19 (Council at ease.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 next order of business is the approval of
22 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
23 December 4, 2008, and the Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move that the Journal
3 of the meeting of Thursday, December 4,
4 2008 stand approved.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
7 has been moved and properly seconded that
8 the Journal of the meeting of December 4,
9 2008 stand approved.

10 All in favor will indicate by
11 saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 ayes have it, and the Journal is
18 approved.

19 The next order of business is
20 requests for leave of absence, and the
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
23 Madam President. On behalf of the
24 majority, there are no requests for leave
25 of absence today.

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

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
7 President, on behalf of the republicans,
8 there are no requests for leave of
9 absence.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

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

22 At this time, the Chair
23 recognizes Councilman O'Neill, who will
24 present a resolution honoring the George
25 Washington High School Football Team.

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2 Will Coach Ron Cohen and those
3 accompanying him please join the
4 Councilman at the podium.

5 I would ask the students to
6 please come up and stand with Councilman
7 O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Council
9 President, first I'd like to thank the --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
11 Councilman, please.

12 (Pause.)

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I'd like
14 to thank President Verna for her
15 indulgence for allowing this large a
16 group here. This is one excited school,
17 the coaching staff, the team, the
18 administration, the student body.

19 This is the first City
20 Championship game in just under 30 years
21 in the City of Philadelphia, which will
22 now be a tradition every year.

23 So we have the team that won it
24 in an upset. We have the winningest
25 coach in the history of the Public

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2 League, Ron Cohen. So this is a very
3 special day for Public League and for
4 George Washington High School, and this
5 is a resolution honoring the George
6 Washington High School Football Team on
7 winning the City Championship.

8 Whereas, the George Washington
9 High School Football Team won the Public
10 League Championship with a record ten
11 wins and one loss; and

12 Whereas, for the first time
13 since 1979, the Public League Champion
14 and Catholic League Champion met for a
15 City Championship; and

16 Whereas, on November 22, 2008,
17 the George Washington High School Eagles
18 and LaSalle High School Explorers faced
19 off in the City Championship; and

20 Whereas, Coach Ron Cohen, the
21 winningest football coach in Public
22 League history with a record of 217 wins,
23 58 losses and two ties, took a team with
24 ten All-Public League honored players and
25 a slue of underclassmen and honed them

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2 into a highly coordinated offense and an
3 intrepid defense; and

4 Whereas, the Eagles defense,
5 led by seniors James Flower and Jamal
6 Williams, and juniors Sharrif Floyd,
7 Martin Haynes and Elijah Douglas, wreaked
8 havoc on LaSalle's potent passing
9 offense, limiting them to just 12
10 completions in 33 attempts; and

11 Whereas, the Eagles upset the
12 favored Explorers by a score of 23 to 14.

13 Now therefore, resolved by the
14 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that
15 we honor the George Washington High
16 School Football Team on winning the City
17 Championship; and

18 Resolved further, that we
19 congratulate both George Washington High
20 School and LaSalle High Schools on their
21 excellent seasons.

22 Further resolved, that an
23 engrossed copy of this resolution be
24 presented to the George Washington High
25 School Football Team as evidence of the

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2 sincere sentiments of this legislative
3 body.

4 It's a certification that this
5 is a true and correct copy of the
6 original resolution, adopted by the
7 Council of the City of Philadelphia on
8 the 4th day of December 2008. Signed by
9 Anna C. Verna, President of City Council,
10 and co-sponsored by all members of City
11 Council.

12 Congratulations, team.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Coach Cohen for remarks.

16 COACH COHEN: Thank you. What
17 a privilege it is to be here today
18 representing George Washington High
19 School and these young men, who showed
20 the City of Philadelphia what young
21 people can do in a positive light. We
22 were a 30-point underdog going into the
23 game, and the only people that really
24 believed that we could do it were these
25 young men and women on the stage today.

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2 Thank you, Ms. Verna. Thank
3 you, Councilman, for recognizing us, and
4 thank the audience for allowing us this
5 opportunity to represent the fifth
6 largest city in the state of the United
7 States, and thank you again for this
8 honor.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

12 Again, congratulations.

13 Council will be at ease.

14 (Council at ease.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Tasco,
17 who will present a resolution recognizing
18 Keystone Mercy Health Plan.

19 Will Ms. Battle and those
20 accompanying her please join the
21 Councilwoman at the podium.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: This
23 resolution this morning is being
24 presented to some very good friends of
25 mine and strong operation in the City of

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2 Philadelphia, and I'm proud to present
3 City Council resolution recognizing
4 Keystone Mercy Health Plan for receiving
5 the National Committee for Quality
6 Assurance Award for innovative efforts to
7 reduce healthcare disparities.

8 Whereas, Keystone Mercy Health
9 Plan, Keystone Mercy, the largest
10 Medicaid managed care in Southeastern
11 Pennsylvania has been awarded the
12 prestigious "Recognizing Innovation in
13 Multi-Cultural Healthcare Award" by the
14 National Committee for Quality Assurance,
15 NCQA, and this award recognizes the
16 40-Day Journey, a component of the
17 company's Health Ministry Program, for
18 its success in reducing health
19 disparities and helping African American
20 women and their families receive
21 appropriate services; and

22 Whereas, NCQA is a private,
23 non-profit organization dedicated to
24 improving healthcare quality and it
25 accredits and certifies a wide range of

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2 healthcare organizations and recognizes
3 physicians in key clinical areas and is
4 committed to providing healthcare quality
5 information through the Internet, media
6 and data licensing agreements in order to
7 help consumers, employers and others make
8 more informed healthcare choices; and

9 Whereas, according to NCQA
10 President, Margaret E. O'Kane, Keystone
11 Mercy Health Plan's innovative efforts to
12 improve the lives of African American
13 women and their families is a model for
14 health plans across the country, and as a
15 nation of diverse cultures, languages,
16 lifestyles, it's essential for health
17 plans to recognize the health risks and
18 vulnerabilities of special populations
19 and design programs that reach out and
20 improve the quality of those members'
21 lives; and

22 Whereas, in 2000, Keystone
23 Mercy created a faith-based wellness
24 program for African American women called
25 the Health Ministry Program for Women,

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2 and a component of the program, the
3 40-Day Journey, focuses on the family
4 through a six-week educational series
5 emphasizing nutrition, exercise,
6 medication compliance and water intake;
7 and

8 Whereas, participants in the
9 Health Ministry Program reported an
10 improvement in mobility and flexibility,
11 as well as in their attitude and hope for
12 the future, and participants with
13 diabetes showed health improvements that
14 included a drop in triglycerides,
15 decrease in LDL, which is bad
16 cholesterol, weight loss, drop in
17 systolic blood pressure and a decline in
18 diastolic blood pressure.

19 Now therefore resolved, by the
20 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that
21 we hereby honor and commend the Keystone
22 Mercy Health Plan for receiving the
23 National Committee for Quality Assurance
24 Award for innovative efforts to reduce
25 healthcare disparities by creating the

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2 Health Ministry Program for women and the
3 40-Day Journey, which we have in my
4 district.

5 Further resolved, that an
6 engrossed copy of this resolution be
7 presented to representatives of Keystone
8 Mercy Health Plan as an expression of the
9 sincere sentiment of this legislative
10 body.

11 Certification that this is a
12 true and correct copy of the original
13 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
14 City of Philadelphia on the 16th day of
15 October 2008, and it's supported by all
16 members of City Council.

17 We thank you for the hard work
18 you do, because you worry me to death all
19 the time about your program, and I love
20 that, because you're doing a good job.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chair recognizes Ms. Battle
25 for remarks.

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2 MS. BATTLE: I'd like to thank
3 Council President Verna and the members
4 of Philadelphia City Council for this
5 resolution and for recognizing Keystone
6 Mercy's efforts to reduce healthcare
7 disparities.

8 I'd also like to have a special
9 thanks to the Honorable Councilwoman
10 Marian Tasco, the Chair of the Committee
11 of the Public Health and Human Services.
12 We really thank you for the great work
13 you are doing with this committee and for
14 taking the lead on this issue.

15 On behalf of our team, we are
16 very honored to receive this recognition
17 from this very esteemed body. We
18 appreciate the fact that the City Council
19 has recognized us, Keystone Mercy has
20 recognized the Health Ministry Program
21 and specifically the 40-Day Journey, and
22 the 40-Day Journey is done in almost the
23 entire City. So it's not just up in
24 Councilwoman Tasco's area, but it's a
25 whole series, but I bug her the most. A

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2 component of that program really is six
3 weeks.

4 So this really does embody our
5 mission, which is we help people get
6 care, stay well and build healthy
7 communities.

8 We want each individual woman
9 in our communities to be her own greatest
10 health advocate. We want them to know
11 their numbers, their risk factors and
12 their treatment so they can be empowered
13 to take charge.

14 We are very proud to have
15 received this NCQA award, as well as the
16 recognition from the City. We don't make
17 this program happen by ourselves and we
18 owe a lot to the success from our
19 wonderful pastors, our religious leaders,
20 and we also want to thank the City nurses
21 of the Philadelphia Health Department who
22 are involved for all six weeks in this
23 program. This program wouldn't be
24 possible without the help of many of our
25 community and health organizations who

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2 have come together to form the coalition.

3 We thank all of them for their

4 involvement and support.

5 Thank you again to all the

6 members of City Council and Councilwoman

7 Tasco for this resolution and the

8 recognition of Keystone Mercy Health

9 Plan. We greatly value your regard and

10 appreciate your support of all of our

11 community programs, and I look forward to

12 seeing you at our 2009 Health Ministry

13 Program.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

16 you.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: She will

18 call you, e-mail you and come visit you,

19 because it's a wonderful program. We

20 appreciate the leadership of Maria. She

21 is an advocate for eliminating the

22 disparity in healthcare in our community.

23 Thank you so much.

24 MS. BATTLE: Thank you very

25 much.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 Council will be at ease.

5 (Council at ease.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair now recognizes Councilman Jones,
8 who will present a resolution
9 congratulating Charles A. Bishop.

10 Will Mr. Charles Bishop and
11 those accompanying him please join the
12 Councilman at the podium. And I see that
13 the Councilman is being joined by
14 Councilman Goode, Councilwoman Brown and
15 Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Behold how
17 good and how pleasant it is for brethren
18 to dwell together in unity. There is not
19 a time in my life that on the North Broad
20 Street that you could not see the guiding
21 light, inspirational light of the Masters
22 of Masonry, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge
23 of Free and Accepted Masons of the
24 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. So,
25 therefore, it is truly appropriate that

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2 we honor them, and congratulating and
3 honoring Charles A. Bishop on being
4 elected and installed as the 99th Most
5 Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince
6 Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
7 Masons of the Commonwealth of
8 Pennsylvania on October 14, 2008.

9 Whereas, Freemasonry is one of
10 the world's oldest secular fraternal
11 societies. It is a society of men
12 concerned with moral and spiritual
13 values. For many years, Freemasons have
14 followed three great principles:
15 brotherly love, relief and truth.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
17 the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and
18 Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania is
19 recognized as the Father of Black Masonry
20 and it currently has over 5,000 active
21 members. On October 14, 2008, Charles A.
22 Bishop was elected and installed as the
23 99th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the
24 Prince Hall Masons for the Commonwealth
25 of Pennsylvania, where his theme is to,

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2 quote, "Preserve the past and enrich the
3 future," end quote;

4 Whereas, Grand Master Charles
5 A. Bishop became a member of Ionic Lodge
6 No. 112 in September 1970, and since his
7 induction has served his brethren with
8 vigorous commitment and dedication; and

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas,
10 Grand Master Charles A. Bishop embodies
11 the spirit, ethics, character and
12 morality of a true Masonic member, which
13 has been evident in the roles he has held
14 within the society;

15 Whereas, Grand Master Charles
16 A. Bishop believes that if you extend
17 yourself to mankind in all phases of
18 life, you will be a better person because
19 of it. With this belief, his ongoing
20 commitment and dedication to his family,
21 community and brethren has provided the
22 City of Philadelphia and all members of
23 the Freemasonry a living example of the
24 true spirit of servitude.

25 Now therefore

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Before
3 I read, let me note that this was the
4 late Lucien Blackwell's lodge as well.

5 Be it resolved by the Council
6 of the City of Philadelphia, that it
7 hereby congratulates and honors Charles
8 A. Bishop on being elected and installed
9 as the 99th Most Worshipful Grand Master
10 of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and
11 Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of
12 Pennsylvania on October 14, 2008.

13 Further resolved, that a copy
14 of this resolution be presented to the
15 Grand Master Charles A. Bishop as
16 evidence of the sincere acknowledgment
17 and recognition of this legislative body.

18 We note that this was
19 introduced by Councilman Curtis A. Jones,
20 Jr., Fourth District, and it was agreed
21 to by our President and every member of
22 City Council.

23 Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: I would like

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2 to introduce the Right Worshipful Grand
3 Master Leonard Heard, who will in turn --
4 Deputy Grand Master. Sorry. No
5 promotions in the Chambers, not today --
6 who will in turn introduce the Most
7 Worshipful Grand Master Charles A.
8 Bishop.

9 DEPUTY GRAND MASTER HEARD: I
10 haven't been promoted yet.

11 Thank you so much, Councilman
12 Jones.

13 To Madam President, Ann Verna,
14 to members of City Council and to all
15 present, I bid you a good afternoon.

16 Prior to my introducing our
17 Grand Master, let me take a moment, if
18 you will, to talk about Prince Hall
19 Masonry, its beginnings and where we are
20 today. I will be brief.

21 In 1775 while our country was
22 at war, in Boston, Massachusetts the
23 Reverend Prince Hall and 13 others were
24 initiated into Freemasonry, and after
25 their initiation, they petitioned General

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2 George Washington to be a part of the
3 Continental Army and to take part in the
4 Revolutionary War, and their petition was
5 granted to take part in that war.

6 While in Philadelphia, the Free
7 African Society, along with the Reverend
8 Absalom Jones and Revered Richard Allen,
9 were moving forward with providing
10 charity and uplifting their community,
11 and in 1797, they were so interested in
12 freemasonry that that petitioned Prince
13 Hall to become freemasons, and Prince
14 Hall himself initiated the Reverend
15 Absalom Jones and the Revered Richard
16 Allen into Freemasonry in 1797.

17 And through their charitable
18 efforts and the general uplift of the
19 community, membership grew, and in 1815,
20 we had enough members to form a grand
21 lodge for the Commonwealth of
22 Pennsylvania. And out of these two grand
23 lodges, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
24 and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
25 grew 44 more grand lodges nationally and

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2 internationally, with millions of members
3 being initiated into Prince Hall Masonry.

4 Now here in America due to
5 societal concerns, we had separate
6 communities. We have the Right
7 Worshipful Grand Lodge, which is right
8 across the street at One North Broad, and
9 the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand
10 Lodge, which is at 4301 North Broad
11 Street. However, our Grand Lodges are in
12 full cooperation with one another, our
13 missions are the same, and our mutual
14 recognition is the norm. The only thing
15 that separates us are our buildings, and
16 even that does not separate us, because
17 we meet together in each other's
18 buildings.

19 And so I say to you, the
20 greatest men of all times have never
21 deemed it derogatory to their dignity to
22 level themselves with the profession and
23 to attend our assemblies, men such as the
24 Reverend Leon Sullivan and Dr. Benjamin
25 Franklin; men such as Dr. Benjamin Hooks,

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2 who is Grand Master of Tennessee;
3 President Harry S. Truman, Grand Master
4 of Indiana; Supreme Court Justice
5 Thurgood Marshall; former Mayor Wilson
6 Goode; and the father of our country,
7 George Washington.

8 And so 98 men have served as
9 Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most
10 Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of
11 Pennsylvania since 1815, and it is my
12 pleasure to present to you this morning
13 the 99th Grand Master of Prince Hall
14 Masons, the Honorable Charles Alan
15 Bishop. Please hear ye him.

16 (Applause.)

17 GRAND MASTER BISHOP: Thank you
18 to the Council President Anna Verna, to
19 Councilpersons. It is indeed an honor
20 and a pleasure for me to be here this
21 morning to receive such a distinguished
22 honor, and it is most pleasing to have
23 the Councilpersons individually and
24 collectively present this to me.

25 As Jannie Blackwell has

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2 indicated, that her husband, Lucien
3 Blackwell, belonged to the Prince Hall
4 Masons. But I think if you look anywhere
5 in any place that anyone that's doing
6 something in a positive nature, you're
7 going to find a master mason there, along
8 with our current Mayor, Mayor Nutter,
9 belonged to Sons of Light No. 120, the
10 same as Lucien Blackwell.

11 You find in society that when
12 you see positive things being done, not
13 only in your churches but in city, state
14 or federal government, you're going to
15 find a master mason there. One of the
16 distinguished things that you see up in
17 Gettysburg where it says Friend of
18 Friend, a statue of a confederate soldier
19 from the north where one was falling, and
20 when the other found out it was a master
21 mason, he reached down to help him and
22 bring him up.

23 So there's masons that will
24 help one another to show that the things
25 that we believe in society to help

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2 mankind, that's what we're about, to help
3 mankind. One of the things is to look at
4 our youth.

5 I was looking at the Lincoln
6 High School Team that was here -- George
7 Washington High School, that one of our
8 things that masonries do, mentor our
9 youth, because they are our future. As
10 you see, my theme was "Preserve the past,
11 enrich the future." The only way we
12 could enrich the future is to be positive
13 with the current times.

14 We had, out of 44 lodges in
15 Philadelphia, 37 of them had "adopt a
16 school," because if we don't reach
17 down -- and our theme with the youth and
18 our Knights of Pythagoras, they say, No
19 man stands as tall as when he stoops to
20 reach up to a young boy.

21 So we look at helping those
22 young. As I indicated, we have 37 of
23 those 44 lodges that had "adopt a school"
24 program. I'm extending that throughout
25 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We

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2 have 97 lodges throughout Pennsylvania.

3 I'm going to see to it that all of them

4 will take "adopt a school" program,

5 because if we work with our youth, our

6 future will be saved.

7 One of the schools up in the

8 North Philly is the Prince Hall School.

9 That's the only school named after our

10 founder. So, again, we have to preserve

11 our past so we could enrich the future.

12 So, again, it is my honor to be

13 here. It is my honor to be here.

14 To my Deputy Grand Master, who

15 gave us a brief history, he's making sure

16 I don't forget my future, because I want

17 to go home, so I make sure I introduce my

18 wife. But I have behind me some of my

19 master masons. There was plenty of them

20 here. Some of them work in the day in

21 protection, not only myself but the

22 members here in police uniform today.

23 They are about doing their job, their

24 civic duty. So I have with me all my

25 master masons and some of our Eastern

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2 Stars, which is our female auxiliary.

3 And I have standing beside me at all

4 times, my wife, Jacqueline Bishop.

5 (Applause.)

6 GRAND MASTER BISHOP: She's

7 beside me. I would tell her to stand up,

8 but she is. She's a past matron of

9 Louisa S. Rumford, Chapter No. 15 and

10 several other auxiliaries of our female

11 side. She found out she might as well

12 join me since I've been in this since

13 1970 and continue going.

14 Once you get involved with

15 masonry, it's like those of you that work

16 on the computer, you get indoctrinated.

17 But if you see the good that we do for

18 the community, you have to involve

19 yourself. If you get involved with the

20 church, you're going to see masons there.

21 If you get involved with City government,

22 you're going to see masons there.

23 Because our precepts is to do good by

24 mankind.

25 I have also with me my niece,

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2 Myra Hall, and a good friend that's
3 always been with me, Irene Jones.

4 Again, they said any good man
5 has to have a good woman beside him. I
6 won't say behind him, but in this current
7 time, they're beside you and they help
8 you move. So I'm hoping with all of this
9 that's been done to me today will make me
10 continue to move on to the future to do
11 good for mankind.

12 I want to thank my brothers for
13 supporting me today, even though it was a
14 long day, and I want to -- I appreciate
15 and accept this certificate, but I'm
16 going to keep it in my office, but they
17 earned it for me.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

20 Council will be at ease.

21 (Council at ease.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
25 you, Madam Chair. Councilman Clarke has

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2 asked me --

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 Councilwoman, just a moment, please.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

6 (Pause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

8 Councilwoman Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I'd like
10 to welcome and introduce to our City
11 Council session Mr. Howard H. Sullivan,
12 the newly appointed President and CEO of
13 Opportunities Industrialization Centers
14 of America, Inc. Howard is the only son
15 of the founder of OIC of America, the
16 late Reverend Dr. Leon H. Sullivan. And
17 he returns to Philadelphia after working
18 with the Sullivan Foundation in
19 Washington, D.C. and the International
20 Foundation of Education and Self-Help.
21 So he's been here all morning.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
23 know. I did have the honor of meeting
24 him, and I see he's standing, and I would
25 like all of my colleagues to please

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2 acknowledge him, Mr. Sullivan.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

5 Welcome.

6 Council will stand in recess

7 until the Public Property Committee

8 concludes its public hearing.

9 I'm sorry. Councilwoman

10 Blackwell, you wanted to be recognized?

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

12 you. Yes. For the first time in all

13 these years, I would like to be recorded

14 as voting aye on all bills and

15 resolutions, because we have this last

16 meeting on the SEPTA Elevated Street

17 Project at MSB and, you know, I'm afraid

18 if I don't go, we won't be covered. So

19 I'd like to vote aye on all bills and

20 resolutions, and I'll be back in time to

21 meet you across the hall.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

23 you.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

25 you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 Councilman Jones.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes. I'd
6 like to recognize Mr. Rick McKiddy, who
7 is the North Region Executive Screen
8 Actors Guild President of Philadelphia.

9 Is he here?

10 He was here, and I guess he had
11 to go.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very
13 well.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Public Property Committee will continue
17 its public hearing. Immediately after
18 they conclude, we will then continue with
19 our session. So we will now stand in
20 recess.

21 Thank you.

22 (Stated Meeting recessed from
23 12:40 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Council
25 will come to order.

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2 The next order of business is
3 communications. The Chair requests that
4 the Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages
5 to the Chief Clerk.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
9 and members of the Council of the City of
10 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
11 that on December the 8th, 2008, I signed
12 the following bills that were passed by
13 Council at its session on December 4,
14 2008: Bill No. 080853, 080854, 080855,
15 080856, 080858 and 080859; and

16 Pursuant to Section 2-307 of
17 the Home Rule Charter, I am today
18 submitting to the Council the
19 recommendation of the City Planning
20 Commission on the following bills: Bill
21 No. 080588, Bill No. 080875; and

22 I am transmitting herewith for
23 the consideration of your honorable body
24 an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner
25 of Public Property, on behalf of the

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2 City, to accept from the Delaware River
3 Port Authority conveyance of title to
4 certain parcels of land located in the
5 vicinity of 8th and Race Streets and
6 Florist between 2nd and 4th; and

7 An ordinance authorizing the
8 Public Property Commissioner and the
9 Procurement Commissioner, on behalf of
10 the City of Philadelphia, to enter into
11 an agreement with Motorola for the
12 upgrade of the City's 800 megahertz
13 trunked municipal radio communications
14 system; and

15 A resolution approving the
16 redevelopment contract for the
17 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
18 portion of the American Street Industrial
19 Corridor Urban Renewal Area, designated
20 as Parcel No. 17; and

21 A resolution approving the
22 redevelopment contract for the
23 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
24 portion of the American Street Industrial
25 Corridor Urban Renewal Area, designated

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2 as Parcel 18; and

3 A resolution approving the

4 redevelopment contract for the

5 redevelopment and urban renewal of a

6 portion of the Cecil B. Moore Avenue

7 Urban Renewal Area.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

9 The messages will be printed in the

10 Journal.

11 The Chief Clerk will please

12 read any other communications in her

13 possession.

14 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I

15 have, Madam President.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

17 The next order of business is

18 the introduction of bills and

19 resolutions.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman

21 Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

23 Madam President. I have one bill.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the title of the bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Chapter 12-2400 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Towing and
6 Immobilizing of Parked or Abandoned
7 Vehicles," by changing the fees for
8 damage to vehicle booting devices, all
9 under certain terms and conditions.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: This bill
11 will be referred to the appropriate
12 committee.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Kenney for a motion on the resolution.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: It's a
16 bill.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Okay.
18 Thank you.

19 The Chair now calls on
20 Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you very much. Today I introduce one
23 bill.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Clerk
25 will please read the bill.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia
4 Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to
5 establish towing zone locations and hours
6 in University City, all under certain
7 terms and conditions.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: This bill
9 will be referred to committee.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Greenlee.

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you
16 very much.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
20 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
21 resolutions today.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you
23 very much.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
3 you, Madam President. Today I have one
4 resolution.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Clerk
6 will please read the resolution.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 recognizing, honoring and celebrating the
9 Washington, D.C. Martin Luther King
10 National Memorial for its creation of a
11 memorial to honor Dr. Martin Luther King,
12 Jr.'s national and international
13 contributions to world peace through
14 non-violent social change.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It has
21 been moved and seconded that the
22 resolution will be adopted.

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Any

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2 opposition?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.

5 The Chair recognizes

6 Councilwoman Sanchez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Hi,

8 Madam Chair. I have two resolutions, one

9 bill.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Clerk

11 will please read the bill.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

13 correcting the Philadelphia Zoning Maps

14 by conforming the dimensions of a

15 property located within an area bounded

16 by "B" Street, Erie Street, "G" Street

17 and Tioga Street to more accurately

18 reflect the area rezoned by Bill No.

19 080754.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Chair

21 recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

22 Thank you. It will be referred

23 to committee.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman

25 Green.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
3 Madam Chair. I have no bills or
4 resolutions today.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Sanchez. I think she has
8 some other bills.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: We have
10 two resolutions she hasn't read in the
11 record.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Go ahead.
13 Move them, please.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 approving the redevelopment contract for
16 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
17 portion of the American Street Industrial
18 Corridor Urban Renewal Area.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The bill
20 will be referred to committee.

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Move for
25 the adoption of the resolution.

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2 It's my first time, guys. Just
3 give me a minute.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: You look
5 good up there.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I'm
7 hanging in there. All right?

8 Councilwoman Sanchez.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: You want
10 to read the second resolution.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 approving the redevelopment contract for
13 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
14 portion of the American Street Industrial
15 Corridor Urban Renewal Area, designated
16 as Parcel No. 18.

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It has
21 been moved and seconded that we adopt the
22 resolution.

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.

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2 Any opposition?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: There

5 being none, the motion is carried.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman

7 Jones.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

9 Madam Chair. I have three bills, one
10 resolution.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Clerk

12 will please read the bills.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

14 authorizing and directing the revision of

15 a portion of City Plan No. 231 by

16 changing the grades of Cross Street from

17 Gates Street to Hermitage Street.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The bill

19 will be referred to committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

21 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by

22 changing the zoning designations of

23 certain areas of land located within an

24 area bounded by Ridge Avenue, Rector

25 Street, Houghten Street and Walnut Lane.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The bill
3 will be referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
6 authorizing the paving of Cross Street
7 from Gates Street to Hermitage Street and
8 Gates Street from Silverwood Street to
9 Cross Street, under certain terms and
10 conditions.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: This bill
12 will be referred to the appropriate
13 committee.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 authorizing Council's Committee on
16 Transportation and Public Utilities, in
17 anticipation of the incoming federal
18 administration's commitment to invest in
19 urban infrastructure building
20 initiatives, to conduct an independent
21 investigation of the Water Department, so
22 that the City will be prepared to
23 effectively utilize any additional
24 funding streams.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: This bill

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2 will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 It's a resolution. Move for
5 the resolution to be adopted, please.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It's been
8 moved and seconded that the resolution be
9 adopted.

10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Is there
13 any opposition?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: There
16 being none, the motion is carried.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
20 Madam Chair. I have no bills or
21 resolutions today.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Chair
23 thanks you very much.

24 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds
25 Brown.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
3 Madam President. No bills or resolutions
4 today.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you
6 very much.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
10 Madam Chair. I have one resolution
11 that's co-sponsored by my colleagues
12 Councilman Kenney, Councilwoman Blondell
13 Reynolds Brown and Councilman Greenlee,
14 and one bill.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Clerk
16 will read the bills.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
19 Property, on behalf of the City, to
20 accept the Delaware River Port
21 Authority's conveyance of title to
22 certain parcels of land located in the
23 vicinity of 8th and Race Streets and
24 Florist Street between 2nd and 4th
25 Street.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The bill
3 will be referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 authorizing City Council's Committee on
7 the Environment to hold public hearings
8 on Pennsylvania's Guaranteed Energy
9 Savings Program, its potential to finance
10 energy-saving capital program projects,
11 Philadelphia's current participation in
12 the program and what additional
13 opportunities may exist for both the City
14 and the School District.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
18 Madam Chair. I move for the adoption of
19 the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It has
22 been moved and seconded that the
23 resolution be adopted.

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Is there
3 any opposition?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: There
6 being none, the motion is carried.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
10 Chair, I offer one bill.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 amending Chapter 14-1800 of The
13 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning Board
14 of Adjustment," to prohibit accessory
15 uses in connection with the principal use
16 authorized by variance, under certain
17 terms and conditions.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: This bill
19 will be referred to the appropriate
20 committee.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 Madam President, I have three

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2 bills, three resolutions, one introduced
3 on behalf of Council President Verna.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 authorizing the Public Property
6 Commissioner and the Procurement
7 Commissioner, on behalf of the City of
8 Philadelphia, to enter into an agreement
9 with Motorola for the upgrade of the
10 City's 800 megahertz trunked municipal
11 radio communications system, all under
12 certain terms and conditions.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The bill
14 will be referred to the committee.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 amending Subcode "P" (The Philadelphia
17 Plumbing Code) of Title 4 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, by providing for the
19 use of ABS plastic pipe and PVC plastic
20 pipe, all under certain terms and
21 conditions.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The bill
23 will be referred to the appropriate
24 committee.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
3 changing the zoning designations of
4 certain areas of land located within an
5 area bounded by Broad Street, 15th
6 Street, Oxford Street and Cecil B. Moore
7 Avenue.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The bill
9 will be referred to the appropriate
10 committee.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 approving the redevelopment contract for
13 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
14 portion of the Cecil B. Moore Avenue
15 Urban Renewal Area, designated as Parcel
16 No. 83.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
20 the adoption.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It has
23 been moved and seconded that this
24 resolution will be adopted.

25 All in favor will say aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: There
7 being no opposition, the resolution will
8 be passed. Thank you.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 authorizing the Council President to
11 direct the Committee on Fiscal Stability
12 and Intergovernmental Cooperation to
13 investigate and report on actions the
14 City could take to stimulate the local
15 economy.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
19 the adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It has
22 been moved and seconded that this
23 resolution will be adopted.

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Those

3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: There

6 being none, this bill is passed.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

9 Property to execute and deliver to the

10 Redevelopment Authority of the City of

11 Philadelphia deeds located in the 32nd

12 Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Chair

14 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for

16 the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It has

19 been moved and seconded.

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Is there

23 any opposition?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: There

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2 being none, this motion is carried.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Kelly.

5 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam Chair,
6 I have no bills or resolutions today.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam Chair,
11 no bills or resolutions today.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you
13 very much.

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Kenney for a report from the Committee on
18 Rules.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
20 Madam Chair. The Committee on Rules
21 reports one bill out with a favorable
22 recommendation.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the report.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - REPORTS

2 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
3 and members of the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
5 which was referred Bill No. 080881,
6 entitled "An ordinance to amend the
7 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
8 zoning designations of certain areas of
9 land located within an area bounded by
10 Spring Garden Street, Broad Street,
11 Buttonwood Street and 15th Street,"
12 respectfully reports it has considered
13 the same and returns the attached bill to
14 Council with a favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
18 Madam Chair. I move the rules of Council
19 be suspended so as to permit first
20 reading this day of Bill No. 080881.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It has
23 been properly moved and seconded.

24 All those in favor will say
25 aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Any
4 opposition?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.
7 It has been properly moved and seconded.

8 Those in favor will -- I'm
9 sorry. The bill will be placed on our
10 First Reading Calendar for today.

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

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 call up the bills on the First Reading
15 Calendar.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080874,
17 an ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
18 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
19 designations of certain areas of land
20 located within an area bounded by Tacony
21 Street, Homestead Street, Milnor Street
22 extended and Dark Run Lane; and

23 Bill No. 080877, an ordinance
24 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
25 changing the zoning designations of

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2 certain areas of land located within an
3 area bounded by Girard Avenue, Front
4 Street, Spring Garden Street and 6th
5 Street; and

6 Bill No. 080883, an ordinance
7 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps --
8 I'm sorry; an ordinance amending sections
9 of an ordinance, Bill No. 080383,
10 approved June 3, 2008, by extending the
11 period for compliance and revising the
12 extent of the encroachment, all under
13 certain terms and conditions; and

14 Bill No. 080900, an ordinance
15 authorizing the revision of lines and
16 grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 314
17 and 356 by placing on the City Plan an
18 extension of Tinicum Boulevard with its
19 existing terminus on 86th Street to
20 Bartram Avenue; and

21 Bill No. 080902, an ordinance
22 authorizing the revision of lines and
23 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 231
24 by striking from the City Plan certain
25 unopened portions of Umbria Street from

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2 Leverington Avenue to Wright Street; and

3 Bill No. 080903, an ordinance

4 authorizing the revision of lines and

5 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 297

6 by relocating, widening and extending

7 Keely Street from Henry Avenue

8 northwestwardly; and

9 Bill No. 080881, an ordinance

10 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by

11 changing the zoning designations of

12 certain areas of land bounded by Spring

13 Garden Street, Broad Street, Buttonwood

14 Street and 15th Street.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The next

16 order of business is the consideration of

17 the Calendar.

18 The Chief Clerk will please

19 read the bills on the First Reading

20 Calendar.

21 CHIEF CLERK: We just did the

22 First Reading.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Chair

24 now recognizes Councilman Clarke for a

25 motion concerning the bills on the Second

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2 Reading and Final Passage.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I move that the rules
5 of Council be suspended to permit the use
6 of a Consent Agenda to consider the
7 following bills on the Second Reading and
8 Final Passage Calendar: Bills --

9 Bills -- it's my first time, too. Bill
10 No. 080319-A, Bill No. 080588, Bill No.
11 080837, Bill No. 080851, 080897, 080898,
12 080899, 080835, 080838, 080876, 080757,
13 080760, 080761, 080794, 080796, 080803,
14 080804, 080833, 080834, 080836, 080852
15 and 080904.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Can I get
17 a second.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It has
20 been moved and seconded that the rules of
21 Council be suspended to permit the use of
22 a Consent Agenda to consider the bills
23 just read by Councilman Clarke.

24 All in favor please indicate by
25 saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Those
4 opposed, nay.

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The ayes
7 have it. The motion carries. And we
8 will consider the Consent Agenda shortly.

9 The Chair now recognizes
10 Councilman Clarke for the purpose of
11 calling up bills on the regular Second
12 Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
14 Madam President. In addition to the
15 bills being considered on the Consent
16 Agenda, Bill Nos. 080724-A, 080857,
17 080875, 080882, 080896, 080623, 080624
18 and 080880 are being called up for a
19 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
20 today.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.

22 We will now consider today's
23 Consent Agenda. After each title is
24 read, any member may object to the
25 inclusion of the bill on the Consent

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2 Agenda. Upon such an objection and
3 without debate, the bill will be
4 immediately removed from the Consent
5 Agenda and placed on our regular Final
6 Passage Calendar.

7 The Clerk will now read the
8 title of the bills on the Consent Agenda.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No.
10 080319-A, an ordinance naming and
11 designating Public Health Center 9
12 located at 131 East Cheltenham Avenue as the
13 "Mattie L. Humphrey Health Center"; and

14 Bill No. 080588, an ordinance
15 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
16 changing the zoning designations of
17 certain areas of land located within an
18 area bounded by Arch Street, 18th Street,
19 Cuthbert Street and 19th Street; and

20 Bill No. 080837, an ordinance
21 amending Section 14-304 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "'C-3'
23 Commercial Districts," by amending the
24 floor area requirements for hotels, all
25 under certain terms and conditions; and

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2 Bill No. 080851, an ordinance
3 amending Section 19-203 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Payroll
5 Deductions," to add the Philadelphia
6 Police and Fire Association for
7 Handicapped Children and the Philadelphia
8 Fire Department's Historic Corporation;
9 and

10 Bill No. 080897, an ordinance
11 authorizing transfers in appropriations
12 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Aviation
13 Fund to certain or all City offices,
14 departments, boards and commissions; and

15 Bill No. 080898, an ordinance
16 authorizing transfers in appropriations
17 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
18 Fund to certain or all City offices,
19 departments, boards and commissions; and

20 Bill No. 080899, an ordinance
21 authorizing transfers in appropriations
22 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Water
23 Fund to certain or all City offices,
24 departments, boards and commissions; and

25 Bill No. 080835, an ordinance

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2 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
3 Property, on behalf of the City of
4 Philadelphia, to enter into a second
5 amendment for the City's use of certain
6 office space located at 1101 Market
7 Street; and

8 Bill No. 080838, an ordinance
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property, on behalf of the City of
11 Philadelphia, for a certain parcel of
12 land, with the buildings and improvements
13 thereon, known as 1433 to 35 Poplar
14 Street; and

15 Bill No. 080876, an ordinance
16 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
17 Property, on behalf of the City, to enter
18 into a second amendment for the City's
19 use of certain space located at 4000
20 North American Street; and

21 Bill No. 080757, an ordinance
22 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
23 No. 060317, approved September 28, 2006,
24 by extending the period for compliance
25 with the terms and conditions stated

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2 therein; and

3 Bill No. 080760, an ordinance
4 authorizing and directing the revision of
5 lines and grades on a portion of City
6 Plan No. 307 by relocating the westerly
7 curb line and house line of 15th Street
8 between Arch Street and Cherry Street;
9 and

10 Bill No. 080761, an ordinance
11 granting permission to Howard Foreman,
12 owner of the Island Caribbean Restaurant,
13 1338 to 44 Rising Sun Avenue; and

14 Bill No. 080794, an ordinance
15 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
16 No. 030681, approved December 18, 2003,
17 by deleting the requirement that the
18 terms and conditions stated therein be
19 complied with within a certain period of
20 time; and

21 Bill No. 080796, an ordinance
22 amending Bill No. 070443, approved by
23 Council on June 14, 2004 and signed by
24 the Mayor on July 3, 2007, by authorizing
25 an extension in the time in which the

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2 Archdiocese must perform its obligations
3 under the ordinance; and

4 Bill No. 080803, an ordinance
5 establishing a no truck parking
6 regulation on both sides of Whitten
7 Street between President Street and
8 Roosevelt Boulevard; and

9 Bill No. 080804, an ordinance
10 authorizing Edward and Veronica Leonard,
11 their successors and assigns, to own,
12 operate and maintain a one-story garage
13 extension and entranceway steps on the
14 east sidewalk of North Pennock Street;
15 and

16 Bill No. 080833, an ordinance
17 authorizing the construction of storm
18 water sewers and appurtenant work in
19 Delaware Avenue from Lewis Street to
20 Orthodox Street; and

21 Bill No. 080834, an ordinance
22 amending Section 9-205 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, relating to Sidewalk
24 Sales, by prohibiting sidewalk sales on
25 Cheltenham Avenue within the Ninth

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2 District; and

3 Bill No. 080836, an ordinance

4 authorizing the Archdiocese of

5 Philadelphia to construct, own and

6 maintain a marquee canopy at the Saint

7 John the Evangelist House; and

8 Bill No. 080852, an ordinance

9 authorizing Kevin Goodchild to construct,

10 own and maintain an open-air sidewalk

11 cafe and planters at 9236-9242 North

12 Delaware Avenue; and

13 Bill No. 080904, an ordinance

14 amending Section 12-901 of The

15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Stopping,

16 Standing or Parking Prohibited in Certain

17 Places," by permitting the overnight

18 parking of commercial vehicles on the 600

19 block of Cheswick Road.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: These

21 bills having been read on two different

22 days, the question for each bill now is

23 shall the bills pass finally.

24 The Clerk shall call the roll

25 and --

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman --

3 I'm sorry.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Wait a

5 minute. I have some instructions.

6 CHIEF CLERK: I'm sorry.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: This is on

8 the Consent Agenda, so I have to read

9 these instructions.

10 The Clerk shall call the roll,
11 and upon being called, each Councilmember
12 shall vote aye on each of the bills, nay
13 on each of the bills or indicate those
14 bills for which the member is voting aye
15 and those bills for which the member is
16 voting nay.

17 The Clerk may now call the
18 roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye on
22 all bills.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye on all

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 bills.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 DiCicco.
5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye on all
6 bills.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye on all
9 bills.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye on all
12 bills.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Greenlee.
15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye on
16 all bills.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye on all
19 bills.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye on all
22 bills.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Kenney.
25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye on all

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 bills.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Krajewski.
5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye on
6 all bills.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Miller.
9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye on
10 all bills.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 O'Neill.
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye on all
14 bills.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Reynolds Brown.
17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye on all
18 bills.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye on all
21 bills.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Sanchez.
24 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye on
25 all bills.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye on all

5 bills.

6 The majority of all the members

7 having voted in the affirmative for each

8 of the bills, the bills on the Consent

9 Agenda are passed.

10 We will now consider the bills

11 on the regular Second Reading and Final

12 Passage Calendar.

13 The Chief Clerk will please

14 read the title of the bill.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No.

16 080724-A, an ordinance amending Section

17 14-305 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled

18 "'C-4' Commercial and 'C-5' Commercial

19 Districts," by negating any setback over

20 65 feet in height for lots designated

21 'C-5.'

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: This bill

23 having been read on two different days,

24 the question now is shall the bill pass

25 finally.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 The Chief Clerk will call the
3 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.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
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 The ayes are 17; the nays
24 are -- the ayes are 16; the nays are
25 zero. A majority of all the members

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 having voted in the affirmative, the bill
3 passes.

4 The Clerk will please read the
5 next bill.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080857,
7 an ordinance amending Title 12 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic
9 Code," to revise the fees for the use of
10 parking meters in certain locations, all
11 under certain terms and conditions.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: This bill
13 having been read on two different days,
14 the question now is shall the bill pass
15 finally.

16 The Chief Clerk will call the
17 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.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
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: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Kenney.
16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Krajewski.
19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Miller.
22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 O'Neill.
25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Reynolds Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Sanchez.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 The ayes are 16; the nays are
14 zero. A majority of all members having
15 voted in the affirmative, the bill
16 passes.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080875,
18 an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner
19 of Public Property, on behalf of the
20 City, to convey to the Philadelphia
21 Authority for Industrial Development the
22 parcels of land owned by the City in Pike
23 and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania, under
24 certain terms and conditions.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: This bill

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 having been read on two different days,
3 the question now is shall the bill pass
4 finally.

5 The Chief Clerk will call the
6 roll.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Kenney.
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Krajewski.
8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Miller.
11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 O'Neill.
14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Reynolds Brown.
17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Sanchez.
22 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Tasco.
25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

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.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080882,
7 an ordinance amending Chapter 19-3200,
8 entitled "Keystone Opportunity Zone and
9 Economic Development District," by
10 providing for additional properties to be
11 added to certain subzones, all under
12 certain terms and conditions.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: This bill
14 having been read on two different days,
15 the question now is shall the bill pass
16 finally.

17 The Chief Clerk will call the
18 roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 DiCicco.
3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Greenlee.
10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Kenney.
17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Krajewski.
20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Miller.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 O'Neill.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Sanchez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

14 The ayes are 16; the nays are

15 zero. A majority of all members having

16 voted in the affirmative, the bill

17 passes.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080896,

19 an ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia

20 Authority for Industrial Development to

21 purchase a certain tract of land with the

22 improvements thereon in the area bounded

23 by 46th Street, Market Street, Haverford

24 Avenue and 48th Street, all under certain

25 terms and conditions.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: This bill
3 having been read on two different days,
4 the question now is shall the bill pass
5 finally.

6 The Chief Clerk will call the
7 roll.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

20 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Greenlee.

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 Kenney.
6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Krajewski.
9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Miller.
12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 O'Neill.
15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Reynolds Brown.
18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Sanchez.
23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Tasco.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

3 The ayes are 16; the nays are
4 zero. A majority of all members having
5 voted in the affirmative, the bill
6 passes.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080623,
8 an ordinance amending Section 11-611 of
9 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
10 and Roadway Lane Closures," by amending
11 the provisions relating the application
12 for and issuance of permits for the
13 temporary closure of a sidewalk or
14 roadway lane, all under certain terms and
15 conditions.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: This bill
17 having been read on two different days,
18 the question now is shall the bill pass
19 finally.

20 The Chief Clerk will call the
21 roll.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Clarke.
3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 DiCicco.
6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Greenlee.
13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Kenney.
20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.
23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Miller.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Reynolds Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Sanchez.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

17 The ayes are 16; the nays are

18 zero. A majority of all members having

19 voted in the affirmative, the bill

20 passes.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080624,

22 an ordinance amending Title 4 of The

23 Philadelphia Code by amending the

24 provisions of Chapter 33, including

25 provisions relating to the protection of

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 pedestrians, all under certain terms and
3 conditions.

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

8 The Chief Clerk will call the
9 roll.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Greenlee.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
5 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Kenney.
8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Krajewski.
11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Miller.
14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 O'Neill.
17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Reynolds Brown.
20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Sanchez.
25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 The ayes are 16; the nays are
6 zero. A majority of all members having
7 voted in the affirmative, the bill
8 passes.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080880,
10 an ordinance authorizing the installation
11 of all-way stop signs at the intersection
12 of 22nd Street and Cherry Street.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: This bill
14 having been read on two different days,
15 the question now is shall the bill pass
16 finally.

17 The Chief Clerk will call the
18 roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 DiCicco.
3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Greenlee.
10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Kenney.
17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Krajewski.
20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Miller.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 O'Neill.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Sanchez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

14 The ayes are 16; the nays are

15 zero. A majority of all members having

16 voted in the affirmative, the bill

17 passes.

18 This completes our Calendar for

19 today.

20 Are there any speeches on the

21 part of the minority?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Are there

24 speeches on the part of the majority?

25 The Chair recognizes

1 12/11/08 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 Councilwoman Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam

4 President, I'll be very brief. The Youth

5 Study Center, Philadelphia's secure

6 detention center, is designed to provide

7 temporary care, custody and control for

8 alleged young people 13 years and over.

9 Currently, one of our talk radio stations

10 in the City, WURD, under the leadership

11 of Thera Martin, is organizing a book

12 drive, because the young people there do

13 not have books. So during this holiday

14 season, the appeal is for those of us who

15 have used books at home that are sitting

16 on our library shelves, if we could

17 please remember to send them to the Youth

18 Study Center so that those young people

19 there while awaiting court action can be

20 engaged in their studies.

21 Happy holidays.

22 Thank you, Madam President.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman

25 Jones.

1 12/11/08 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
3 Madam. I'm going to be brief, because I
4 see my colleagues have suffered long and
5 hard this year.

6 But I wanted to say that this
7 Council has done some good work. Earlier
8 this year you pointed out the need -- and
9 this Council unanimously agreed -- the
10 need to look into the Sheriff sale
11 situation, and hundreds, if not
12 thousands, of people are in their homes
13 this holiday season because of the good
14 works of this Council.

15 I'd like to warn us in the
16 upcoming year that there have been
17 federal bailouts, \$700 billion, for Wall
18 Street and bankers and there's going to
19 be bailouts for the auto industry, but
20 none of those bailouts, none of them,
21 have actually helped small-town people,
22 people in inner cities, people living
23 below the poverty line yet.

24 If the Obama Administration's
25 hope and promise is that they will turn

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2 on that relief, that spigot of relief, we
3 need to be building the baskets now so
4 that we benefit from it.

5 It's time, as Bilal Qayyum
6 talked about this week, to relook at the
7 CEDA program, the old Welfare-to-Work
8 programs to train our workforce to take
9 advantage of jobs that Councilwoman Brown
10 talks about as green jobs and others that
11 you talk about in the health industry.
12 But if we do nothing, if we don't prepare
13 our workforce to take advantage of it, it
14 will mean nothing to the people in the
15 cities and neighborhoods that it's meant
16 to help.

17 Thank you and have a good,
18 prosperous holiday.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you
20 very much.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
24 Madam Chair.

25 I would just like to put the

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2 last several months in context.

3 I believe that this body has
4 been extraordinarily supportive of the
5 Administration. We have agreed with
6 99.85 percent of every single priority
7 and spending program in the Five-Year
8 Plan. We have passed, almost
9 unanimously, every single revenue
10 enhancement that the Administration has
11 proposed, and I think Councilman Jones
12 wanted people to know that we are working
13 with the Administration to solve the
14 problem together, and I think we have
15 acted in that spirit.

16 Of the 0.15 percent where we
17 have a disagreement with the
18 Administration, 12 members of City
19 Council propose that the Library save \$8
20 million, the same savings proposed by the
21 Administration, through a
22 shared-sacrifice model rather than
23 ripping libraries out of working-class
24 neighborhoods.

25 NBC National News had a story

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2 mentioning our closings and noted that in
3 these economic times, library use is up
4 40 percent nationally.

5 We are not rightsizing. We are
6 blind downsizing. We have 75 percent of
7 the population as 1960 and one-third as
8 many -- that's two-thirds fewer --
9 libraries than that time, when you take
10 into account all the libraries and
11 librarians that were in our school system
12 at that time.

13 Almost all of the comparison
14 cities provided by Ms. Reardon have
15 libraries staffed with library
16 professionals in 100 percent of their
17 public schools. We are at less than 50
18 percent in our public schools.

19 Twelve members of this body
20 called for hearings so an open and honest
21 debate can occur on this issue. We
22 understand that the leaders of City
23 Council are unwilling to schedule a
24 hearing on the library resolution passed
25 out of Council last week while Council is

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2 on recess, which means that the hearing
3 won't take place until after the 11
4 libraries at issue are scheduled to
5 close. In this case, our elected
6 leadership should ensure that the
7 Administration respects the wishes of 12
8 members of this body and uses our
9 shared-sacrifice model to achieve the
10 necessary savings in the Free Library's
11 budget until we are able to have the
12 hearings called for in the resolution and
13 pursue the appropriate open and
14 transparent process.

15 I would also like to ask our
16 leadership to put in place a dialogue
17 and -- an opportunity for dialogue and a
18 process for discussing additional cuts
19 that the Mayor says may be necessary
20 publicly prior to final decisions being
21 made so stakeholders can share their
22 ideas and provide input and we can help
23 the Mayor achieve the necessary savings
24 in the spirit of cooperation that we
25 believe we have been working in.

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2 Thank you, Madam Chair.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes

5 Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you very much.

8 Today is the President's
9 Christmas party and always tomorrow, for
10 those who will be in town, we always have
11 ours the next day so that we give the
12 President her respect, and certainly we
13 invite all staff and all Councilpeople
14 who are here to ours, which will begin at
15 noon, our office party.

16 But I really rose because my
17 colleague mentioned the issue that I'm
18 most concerned with, and that's
19 homelessness and people in need. And as
20 many of you know, we do every year a big
21 affair, a big party, a dinner, fun time
22 for homelessness. That will be on
23 December 18th. The City has opted not to
24 do its anymore, so we are it for the City
25 of Philadelphia. The minimal number of

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2 people we serve who are homeless is
3 3,000. We're never below 3,000. So
4 we'll serve between 3,000 and 4,000
5 people, men, women and children, and
6 certainly that will be on December 18th
7 at 3:00 at the Convention Center, and we
8 invite anyone to attend who would like to
9 attend and to help out who can. And let
10 me thank everyone who has contributed.
11 We have so many people across the City
12 who have contributed, from unions to
13 people like the PFT, just across the
14 board that we want to recognize for
15 helping us to get all that we need for a
16 crowd so large, and we're very grateful
17 to them and grateful to everybody, and
18 certainly wish you all a blessed holiday
19 season.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you
21 very much.

22 Certainly we wish all of you a
23 very happy holiday, and enjoy yourselves
24 while you're away. Have a good time when
25 you come back.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Clarke for a motion to adjourn.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: All right.
5 Thank you, Madam President. I move that
6 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
7 January 22nd, 10:00 a.m., 2009.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It has
10 been moved that Council stand adjourned
11 until Thursday, January 22nd, 2009 at
12 10:00 a.m.

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Is there
16 any opposition?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The motion
19 is carried.

20 Good day, and have a happy
21 holiday.

22 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
23 2:40 p.m.)

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