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## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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## STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Thursday, May 11, 2006  
10:25 a.m.

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## PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning, everyone. I note that the hour has come and that a quorum of this Council is present.

Council will please come to order. Members will take their seats, and visitors will retire to the seats outside the rails.

To give our invocation this morning, the Chair welcomes Father Paul Kennedy of St. Katherine of Siena. He is here today as the guest of Councilwoman Krajewski.

I would ask all members and guests to please rise.

FATHER KENNEDY: Let us pray.

Oh, God, give the government justice and give righteousness and mercy to those who represent us. Help us strive together for a government that makes justice for all.

God, you demand justice for the poor and deliverance from their needs. Help us work steadfastly for political

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2                   systems that care for the least and the  
3                   greatest among us.

4                   Oh, God, you call us to be  
5                   peacemakers in all things, large and  
6                   small. Help us to seek peace and pursue  
7                   it with all of our hearts, our minds and  
8                   our resources.

9                   God of all, give us the courage  
10                  to speak truth to power. God of justice,  
11                  help all those in power to seek the  
12                  truth.

13                  Oh, God, give us the conviction  
14                  to elect a government that gives priority  
15                  to the least of these. Bless the men and  
16                  the women of this Chamber. Give them  
17                  wisdom, hope, grace and strength and your  
18                  blessing until the end of days.

19                  Amen.

20                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

21                  The Chair thanks Father Kennedy  
22                  for his very inspiring invocation.

23                  Council will be at ease.

24                  (Council at ease.)

25                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2           next order of business is the approval of  
3           the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,  
4           May 4, 2006, and the Chair recognizes  
5           Councilwoman Blackwell.

6                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
7           you, Madam President. I move that the  
8           Journal of the meeting of Thursday, May  
9           4th stand approved.

10                   (Duly seconded.)

11                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
12           has been moved and properly seconded that  
13           the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,  
14           May 4, 2006 stand approved.

15                   All in favor will please  
16           indicate by saying aye.

17                   (Aye.)

18                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
19           opposed?

20                   (No response.)

21                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
22           ayes have it, and the Journal will be  
23           printed as approved.

24                   The next order of business is  
25           requests for leave of absence, and the

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
4 you, Madam President. Today there are no  
5 requests for leaves of absence on the  
6 part of the Majority.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
8 you.

9 At this time, the Chair  
10 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam  
12 President, all the republicans are here.  
13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
15 you.

16 Councilman DiCicco, did you  
17 want to be recognized?

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Yes, Madam  
19 President.

20 Madam President, this past  
21 Monday evening, one of Philadelphia's --

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
23 Councilman, just a minute, please.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Madam  
25 President, this past Monday evening, one

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2                   of our heroes, Philadelphia Police  
3                   Officer Gary Skerski, was shot down in  
4                   the line of duty protecting the citizens  
5                   of this City. As we all know, he passed  
6                   away this past Tuesday morning, and I  
7                   would ask, with your permission, that  
8                   Council stand in a moment of silence to  
9                   recognize that.

10                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
11                   you.

12                   I would ask everyone to stand  
13                   for a moment of silence.

14                   (Councilmembers standing in  
15                   moment of silence.)

16                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: May  
17                   he rest in peace. Amen.

18                   The Chair will dispense with  
19                   the regular order of business to  
20                   recognize guests and visitors joining us  
21                   in Chambers this morning. On behalf of  
22                   all members of Council, I welcome you to  
23                   our Council session. We certainly  
24                   appreciate your taking the time to join  
25                   us as we attend to the legislative

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2           affairs of our City. We invite you to  
3           come again.

4                     At this time, the Chair  
5           recognizes Councilman Nutter.

6                     COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,  
7           Madam President.

8                     Madam President, I'm pleased  
9           today to have the honor to welcome some  
10          guests who have traveled quite a  
11          distance. They are participating in a  
12          program with the United States Department  
13          of State, the International Visitor  
14          Leadership Program. A young lady who is  
15          well known to us who runs the IVC, Nancy  
16          Gilboy, has made arrangements for these  
17          special guests to be with us this  
18          morning. They are members of the  
19          Commission on Human Rights and  
20          Administrative Justice. They are members  
21          of the Commission and they are from  
22          Ghana. And I wanted to ask them to stand  
23          and be recognized by our Philadelphia  
24          City Council.

25                     The Chairwoman, Ms. Anna

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2                   Bossman, Mr. Richard Quayson and  
3                   Mr. Steven Mensa are here with us this  
4                   morning and I wanted to recognize them.  
5                   They are participating in this forum  
6                   trying to combat corruption and conflicts  
7                   of interest in government.

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

9                   Welcome.

10                  (Applause.)

11                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

12                  Welcome.

13                  At this time, the Chair  
14                  recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski and  
15                  Councilman O'Neill, who will present a  
16                  resolution recognizing the St. Katherine  
17                  of Siena Girls Grade School Basketball  
18                  Team.

19                  I understand that Councilman  
20                  Kenney is also approaching the podium.  
21                  Will their coach, Mr. Jim Matthews, and  
22                  those accompanying him please join the  
23                  Councilmembers at the podium.

24                  I understand that we have some  
25                  proud parents who are also here for the

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2                   girls, and if their parents would stand,  
3                   we'd like to recognize them also.

4                   Congratulations.

5                   (Applause.)

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

7                   Councilwoman Krajewski.

8                   COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank  
9                   you, Madam President. I'd like my  
10                  congressman at one time, the best,  
11                  Congressman Borski, to come up here as  
12                  well.

13                  (Applause.)

14                  COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: And  
15                  his lovely wife, who was our Fairmount  
16                  Park Commissioner, Karen.

17                  (Applause.)

18                  COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank  
19                  you very much, Madam President.

20                  Recognizing the achievements of  
21                  the St. Katherine of Siena Varsity Girls  
22                  Grade School CYO Basketball Team.

23                  Whereas, St. Katherine Varsity  
24                  Girls Basketball Team was blessed with  
25                  tremendous talent this season; and

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2                   Whereas, the momentum of an  
3                   undefeated season carried over one  
4                   district, one playoffs, where the girls  
5                   captured the District 1 crown.

6                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas,  
7                   this achievement earned them the right to  
8                   represent Northeast Philadelphia in the  
9                   City Archdiocesan tournament; and

10                  Whereas, St. Katherine  
11                  continued its winning ways, capping their  
12                  playoff run with a victory in the City  
13                  championship game, thereby earning an  
14                  invitation to the state tournament; and

15                  Whereas, the team fought hard  
16                  in the state playoffs, finishing fifth in  
17                  Pennsylvania.

18                  COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Whereas,  
19                  St. Katherine became the first team in  
20                  five years to advance to the state  
21                  tournament; and

22                  Whereas, the team's success was  
23                  also the first time in school history  
24                  that a sports team advanced to a CYO  
25                  state tournament; and

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2                   Whereas, the team finished with  
3                   an overall record of 36 and 4. In  
4                   addition to Coach Jim Matthews, five  
5                   seventh graders will return to the team  
6                   next year, ensuring more future success  
7                   for the team.

8                   Now, therefore resolved, by the  
9                   Council of the City of Philadelphia, that  
10                  we hereby recognize the achievements of  
11                  the St. Katherine of Siena Varsity Girls  
12                  Grade School CYO Basketball Team.

13                  COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:  
14                  Resolved further, that an engrossed copy  
15                  of this resolution be presented to Head  
16                  Coach Jim Matthews and members of the St.  
17                  Katherine team further evidencing the  
18                  sincere respect and admiration of this  
19                  legislative body, signed by the President  
20                  of City Council and sponsored by all  
21                  members of City Council.

22                  (Applause.)

23                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
24                  Chair recognizes Mr. Matthews for  
25                  remarks.

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2                   MR. MATTHEWS: I'd like to  
3                   thank City Council for having our team  
4                   here. I'd like to thank Councilman  
5                   O'Neill and Councilwoman Krajewski, who  
6                   we all know is the best councilwoman in  
7                   Northeast Philadelphia.

8                   (Applause.)

9                   MR. MATTHEWS: It is really a  
10                  special honor to be here, and the girls  
11                  have really achieved a lot. They work  
12                  really hard, and give them a big hand,  
13                  and thank you very much.

14                  (Applause.)

15                  MR. MATTHEWS: One more thing.  
16                  We have a little presentation for  
17                  Councilman O'Neill and Councilwoman  
18                  Krajewski.

19                  (Applause.)

20                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
21                  Council will be at ease.

22                  (Council at ease.)

23                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
24                  Chair will now recognize Councilwoman  
25                  Miller, who will present a resolution

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2           declaring May 1st through May 7th as  
3           Correctional Officers Employees Week.

4                     Will Commissioner Leon King,  
5           II, and those accompanying him please  
6           join the Councilwoman at the podium.

7                     The Chair recognizes  
8           Councilwoman Miller.

9                     COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank  
10          you, Madam President.

11                    Resolution recognizing May 1st  
12          through May 7th, 2006 as Correctional  
13          Employees Week.

14                    Whereas, the employees of the  
15          Philadelphia Prison System manage a  
16          population of over 8,000 inmates 24 hours  
17          a day, 365 days a year; and

18                    Whereas, our prison employees  
19          are responsible for the safety, security,  
20          dignity and well-being of those who are  
21          charged to their care; and

22                    Whereas, by carrying out their  
23          duties effectively, the men and women who  
24          work at the Philadelphia Prison System  
25          are protecting our communities and

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2           enabling the smooth function of our  
3           criminal justice system; and

4                       Whereas, within a controlled  
5           environment, our correctional employees  
6           provide the guidance, instruction, skills  
7           and opportunities that allow people to  
8           remake their lives and reconnect with  
9           their families and communities; and

10                      Whereas, most importantly, our  
11           correctional employees have demonstrated  
12           a vision of a correctional system that  
13           works hand in hand with our communities  
14           and neighborhoods to support and  
15           encourage those who change their lives  
16           and begin to reach the promise and  
17           potential that is within each of us; and

18                      Whereas, correctional employees  
19           are a vital partner in the public safety  
20           picture; and

21                      Whereas, no group of  
22           Philadelphia public servants has a more  
23           difficult or less publicly visible job  
24           than the men and women who work in our  
25           correctional facilities, parole and

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2           probation offices.

3                     Now, therefore be it resolved,  
4           by the Council of the City of  
5           Philadelphia, that May 1st through May  
6           7th, 2006 be recognized as Correctional  
7           Employees Week; and

8                     Be it further resolved, that an  
9           engrossed copy of this resolution be  
10          presented to Commissioner Leon King as  
11          evidence of the sincere sentiments of  
12          this legislative body.

13                    Further, this is certified that  
14          a true and correct copy of the original  
15          resolution adopted by the Council of the  
16          City of Philadelphia on the 20th day of  
17          April 2006, signed by Anna C. Verna,  
18          President of City Council, introduced by  
19          Donna Reed Miller and sponsored by all  
20          members of City Council.

21                    (Applause.)

22                    COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
23          Chair recognizes Commissioner King for  
24          remarks.

25                    COMMISSIONER KING: Good

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2           morning. I just want to take a few  
3           minutes to thank the Council President,  
4           Councilwoman Miller and all the other  
5           members of Council -- Councilwoman  
6           Krajewski, I see you there. Good  
7           morning -- for recognizing everybody that  
8           works at the prison and for the job that  
9           my employees do up on State Road.

10                   It's true that often you don't  
11           see us. You see us sometimes parading  
12           through town, but we're up there on State  
13           Road, we're manning those jails and we're  
14           waiting for the day when we can start  
15           closing some of those prisons, of course,  
16           but right now, we're waiting for the  
17           summer business season to heat up. And  
18           we'll be there making sure that we can  
19           take everybody that you send our way so  
20           that we can assist everybody in keeping  
21           the streets of Philadelphia safe.

22                   So I want to thank you again  
23           for the recognition. It means more to me  
24           and people at the prison than you would  
25           know. Thank you very much.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
4 you.

5 Council will be at ease.

6 (Council at ease.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
8 Chair now recognizes Councilman Rizzo,  
9 who will present a resolution recognizing  
10 May 15, 2006 as "It's Your Call With Lynn  
11 Doyle" Day.

12 Will Ms. Lynn Doyle and those  
13 accompanying her please join the  
14 Councilman at the podium.

15 Councilman Kenney is also  
16 joining Councilman Rizzo.

17 Councilman Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you  
19 and good morning, everyone.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You  
21 can start, Councilman.

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: She's  
23 adjusting something.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,  
25 we wait for the camera. Okay.

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2                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Especially  
3 since it's CN8, Madam President.

4                   Recognizing, honoring and  
5 celebrating the 10th anniversary of "It's  
6 Your Call With Lynn Doyle," especially  
7 recognizing Lynn Doyle for her  
8 journalistic excellence as Host and  
9 Executive Producer.

10                  Whereas, it's the 10th  
11 anniversary of "It's Your Call With Lynn  
12 Doyle," which is widely recognized for  
13 its journalistic integrity and  
14 importance; and

15                  Whereas, Lynn Doyle is Host and  
16 Executive Producer for CN8's Emmy  
17 award-winning "It's Your Call With Lynn  
18 Doyle," as well as Political Director for  
19 CN8, the Comcast Network; and

20                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas,  
21 this program reaches 7.1 million homes  
22 across nine states, has been recognized  
23 for its quality and value to the public  
24 good with four Emmy awards for  
25 outstanding performance in areas of talk

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2           show programming and journalism; and

3                       Whereas, Lynn Doyle's career  
4           began in the newspaper industry and has  
5           included stints in local, regional and  
6           national television, as well as  
7           government and public relations; and

8                       Whereas, Lynn Doyle is lauded  
9           for her ability to secure hard-to-get  
10          interviews of high profile guests who can  
11          speak about the tough issues facing the  
12          country today; and

13                      Whereas, Lynn Doyle, as  
14          Political Director, is responsible for  
15          leading and anchoring the network's  
16          award-winning election coverage and  
17          selecting the political content that airs  
18          on CN8; and

19                      Whereas, in addition, Lynn  
20          Doyle serves as Executive Producer for  
21          other CN8 political programming,  
22          including "The Battling Bills"; national,  
23          regional and local political races; and  
24          special event coverage such as the State  
25          of the Union address; and

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2                   Whereas, outside of CN8, Lynn  
3                   Doyle is President and founder of LDTV,  
4                   Incorporated, a television production  
5                   company that develops programming,  
6                   advertising and video communications for  
7                   various clients; and

8                   Whereas, in addition to  
9                   Comcast, which is the nation's largest  
10                  cable company, Doyle has worked for CNBC,  
11                  QVC, and she has been recognized for her  
12                  more than 25 years of television news  
13                  excellence with multiple Emmy, Telly and  
14                  Beacon awards.

15                  COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Resolved, by  
16                  the Council of the City of Philadelphia,  
17                  that City Council hereby recognizes,  
18                  honors and celebrates the 10th  
19                  anniversary of "It's Your Call With Lynn  
20                  Doyle," especially recognizing Lynn Doyle  
21                  for her journalistic excellence as Host  
22                  and Executive Producer.

23                  Further resolved, that an  
24                  engrossed copy of this resolution be  
25                  presented to Lynn Doyle further

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2                   evidencing the sincere admiration and  
3                   gratitude of this legislative body.

4                   (Applause.)

5                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I'd like to  
6                   mention that Lynn's parents are here  
7                   today, and Lynn's dad was a councilman in  
8                   Baltimore County earlier in his career,  
9                   and we'd like to welcome everyone, the  
10                  family and all of Lynn's associates from  
11                  CN8 and "It's Your Call."

12                 Lynn.

13                 (Applause.)

14                 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
15                 Chair recognizes Ms. Doyle for remarks.

16                 MS. DOYLE: Thank you very  
17                 much. This is quite a thrill for us.  
18                 We've been fortunate over the last ten  
19                 years to have our work recognized, but  
20                 we've never been honored with a day  
21                 before. So we thank the City Council for  
22                 that and particularly Councilman Kenney  
23                 and Councilman Rizzo.

24                 I see a lot of familiar faces  
25                 in the gallery, a lot of people who have

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2           been on the program over the last ten  
3           years, if not on "It's Your Call," on  
4           "Comcast Newsmakers," and we certainly  
5           appreciate the hard work and the effort  
6           that our elected officials do for our  
7           City of Philadelphia.

8                        So thank you very much. I'd  
9           like to dedicate this day of "It's Your  
10          Call With Lynn Doyle" on May 15th to my  
11          staff, many of whom are behind me. They  
12          work behind the scenes every day to make  
13          me look good on camera every night. So I  
14          thank them very much. And Ed Turzanski  
15          is here with us as well. You know him,  
16          I'm sure, and he's contributed more to  
17          our program than I can tell you.

18                       So thank you all very much for  
19          this honor. We are thrilled. My parents  
20          and my daughter are also here with me, so  
21          it makes it a very special day for us to  
22          share with them.

23                       Thank you.

24                       (Applause.)

25                       COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

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2                   Council will be at ease.

3                   (Council at ease.)

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

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

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

11                  CHIEF CLERK: To the President  
12                  and members of the Council of the City of  
13                  Philadelphia, I am transmitting for the  
14                  consideration of your honorable body the  
15                  following: An ordinance authorizing the  
16                  paving of portions of City Avenue,  
17                  Monument Road and Presidential Boulevard;  
18                  and

19                  An ordinance authorizing 1500  
20                  Net-Works Association to construct, own  
21                  and maintain four raised planter clusters  
22                  on the south sidewalk of Spring Garden  
23                  Street; and

24                  An ordinance authorizing the  
25                  construction of a storm water sewer and

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2           appurtenant work in a proposed  
3           right-of-way for the drainage and sewer  
4           purposes through 627 St. Georges Road;  
5           and

6                     An ordinance authorizing the  
7           Philadelphia Authority for Industrial  
8           Development to file an application with  
9           the Office of the Budget in an amount not  
10          to exceed \$2 million to construct the  
11          WHYY Learning Lab; and

12                    An ordinance authorizing the  
13          Philadelphia Authority for Industrial  
14          Development to file an application with  
15          the Office of the Budget in an amount not  
16          to exceed \$3 million to assist in the  
17          development of St. Agnes Medical Center;  
18          and

19                    An ordinance approving a lease  
20          agreement between Philadelphia Gas Works  
21          by Philadelphia Facilities Management  
22          Corporation and the City of Philadelphia;  
23          and

24                    An ordinance approving the  
25          Fiscal Year 2007 Capital Budget providing

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2           for the expenditures for the capital  
3           purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works;  
4           and

5                     An ordinance amending Bill No.  
6           050792 by approving the further revised  
7           Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2006; and

8                     An ordinance authorizing the  
9           Philadelphia Authority for Industrial  
10          Development to file an application with  
11          the Office of the Budget in an amount not  
12          to exceed \$2,500,000 to assist in the  
13          development of and improvements to  
14          LaSalle University Science and Technology  
15          Center; and

16                    An ordinance authorizing the  
17          Philadelphia Authority for Industrial  
18          Development to file an application with  
19          the Office of the Budget in an amount not  
20          to exceed \$1 million to assist in the  
21          development of the Maria de los Santos  
22          Health Center; and

23                    An ordinance authorizing the  
24          Water Commissioner, on behalf of the  
25          City, to enter into an agreement with the

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2           owners of 627 St. Georges Road for the  
3           grant of a right-of-way to the City for  
4           drainages and sewer purposes; and

5                     An ordinance authorizing Nicks  
6           Roast Beef, 2212 to 16 Cottman Avenue, to  
7           construct, own and maintain a vestibule  
8           addition on the south sidewalk of Cottman  
9           Avenue; and

10                    An ordinance authorizing the  
11           trustees of the University of  
12           Pennsylvania to construct and maintain a  
13           pedestrian bridge over and across  
14           Convention Avenue; and

15                    An ordinance authorizing  
16           Rockledge/Fox Chase Business Association  
17           to construct, own and maintain a clock  
18           tower on the west sidewalk of Oxford  
19           Avenue; and

20                    An ordinance authorizing Temple  
21           University to construct, own and maintain  
22           an overhead weather protection structure;  
23           and

24                    An ordinance authorizing the  
25           United States Department of Treasury to

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2           construct, own and maintain  
3           anti-terrorist bollards and planters at  
4           the visitors entrance on the east  
5           sidewalk of North Independence Mall; and

6                     An ordinance authorizing and  
7           directing the revision of lines and  
8           grades within the general area of City  
9           Avenue, Monument Road and Presidential  
10          Boulevard; and

11                    An ordinance consenting to the  
12          assignment of Area II cable television  
13          franchise from Time Warner Cable, Inc. to  
14          Time Warner New York Cable.

15                    COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
16          you. The messages will be printed in the  
17          Journal.

18                    I would ask the Chief Clerk to  
19          please read any other communications in  
20          her possession.

21                    CHIEF CLERK: That's all I  
22          have, Madam President.

23                    COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
24          you.

25                    The next order of business is

1           5/11/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           the introduction of bills and  
3           resolutions, and the Chair recognizes  
4           Councilwoman Blackwell.

5                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
6           you, Madam President. I move that the  
7           rules of Council be suspended in order to  
8           permit the immediate consideration of  
9           resolutions at their time of  
10          introduction.

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 immediate consideration of  
16          resolutions at the time of introduction.

17                   All in favor will indicate by  
18          saying aye.

19                   (Aye.)

20                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
21          opposed?

22                   (No response.)

23                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
24          ayes have it and the motion carries.

25                   The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2           Kenney.

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

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

8                   The Chair recognizes  
9           Councilwoman Blackwell.

10                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
11           you, Madam President. Today I introduce  
12           one bill on your behalf and four  
13           resolutions on my own behalf.

14                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
15           you.

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

18                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
19           authorizing the Philadelphia Authority  
20           for Industrial Development to file an  
21           application with the Office of the Budget  
22           in an amount not to exceed \$3 million to  
23           assist in the development of the St.  
24           Agnes Medical Center.

25                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

1           5/11/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           bill will be referred to the appropriate  
3           committee.

4                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
5           calling for the establishment of the  
6           Vacant Property Review Committee as the  
7           mechanism which recommends the conveyance  
8           of City-owned properties in any entity  
9           designated by Landbank by the City of  
10          Philadelphia.

11                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
12          Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

13                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
14          you, Madam President. I move for the  
15          adoption of the resolution.

16                   (Duly seconded.)

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

20                   All in favor will please  
21          indicate by saying aye.

22                   (Aye.)

23                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
24          opposed?

25                   (No response.)

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2                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
3 ayes have it and the resolution is  
4 adopted.

5                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
6 calling for the creation of one single  
7 land bank under the Redevelopment  
8 Authority.

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
10 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
11 Blackwell.

12                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
13 you, Madam President. I move for the  
14 adoption of the resolution.

15                   (Duly seconded.)

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

19                   All in favor will say aye.

20                   (Aye.)

21                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
22 opposed?

23                   (No response.)

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

1           5/11/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2           adopted.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
4           authorizing the Commissioner of Public  
5           Property to execute and deliver to the  
6           Redevelopment Authority deeds located in  
7           the 3rd and 27th Wards of the City of  
8           Philadelphia.

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

11                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
12          you, Madam President. I move for the  
13          adoption of the resolution.

14                  (Duly seconded.)

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

18                  All in favor will please  
19          indicate by saying aye.

20                  (Aye.)

21                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those  
22          opposed?

23                  (No response.)

24                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The  
25          ayes have it and the resolution is

1           5/11/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2           adopted.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
4           authorizing the Commissioner of Public  
5           Property to execute and deliver to the  
6           Redevelopment Authority deeds located in  
7           the 6th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

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

10                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
11          you, Madam President. I move for the  
12          adoption of the resolution.

13                  (Duly seconded.)

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

17                  All in favor will please say  
18          aye.

19                  (Aye.)

20                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those  
21          opposed?

22                  (No response.)

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

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2           The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Krajewski.

4           COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank

5 you, Madam President. I offer one bill.

6           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

7 you.

8           The Chief Clerk will please

9 read the title of the bill.

10          CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

11 authorizing Nicks Roast Beef, 2212-2216

12 Cottman Avenue, to construct, own and

13 maintain a vestibule addition on the

14 south public sidewalk of Cottman Avenue.

15          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

16 bill will be referred to the appropriate

17 committee, and the Chair recognizes

18 Councilwoman Tasco.

19          COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

20 President, I offer two bills.

21          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

22 you.

23          The Chief Clerk will please

24 read the title of the first bill.

25          CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

1           5/11/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           further amending Bill No. 050792,  
3           entitled "An ordinance approving the  
4           Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Budget providing  
5           for expenditures for the capital purposes  
6           of the Philadelphia Gas Works," as  
7           previously amended by Bill No. 060011, by  
8           approving a further revised Capital  
9           Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

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

13                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
14           approving the Fiscal Year 2007 Capital  
15           Budget.

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  
23           three bills.

24                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
25           you.

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2                   The Chief Clerk will read the  
3 title of the first bill, please.

4                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
5 authorizing the construction of a storm  
6 water sewer and appurtenant work in a  
7 proposed right-of-way for drainage and  
8 sewer purposes in former Greene Street  
9 from St. Georges Road through 627 St.  
10 Georges Road.

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

14                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
15 authorizing the Water Commissioner, on  
16 behalf of the City, to enter into an  
17 agreement with the owners of 627 St.  
18 Georges Road.

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

22                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
23 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority  
24 for Industrial Development to file an  
25 application with the Office of the Budget

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2           in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 to  
3           assist in the development of LaSalle  
4           University Science and Technology Center.

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
6           bill will be referred to the appropriate  
7           committee, and the Chair recognizes  
8           Councilman Nutter.

9                   COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,  
10          Madam President. I offer five bills and  
11          one resolution.

12                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
13          you.

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

16                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
17          establishing a no truck parking and  
18          tow-away zone regulation on Conshohocken  
19          Avenue, Neill Drive to Monument Road,  
20          both sides.

21                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
22          bill will be referred to the appropriate  
23          committee.

24                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
25          establishing a no truck parking and

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2           tow-away zone regulation on Ford Road,  
3           Monument Road, both sides.

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

7                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
8           authorizing the paving of portions of  
9           City Avenue, Monument Road and  
10          Presidential Boulevard.

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

14                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
15          authorizing and directing the revision of  
16          lines and grades on a portion of City  
17          Plan No. 190.

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

21                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
22          establishing a no truck parking and  
23          tow-away zone regulation on Upland Way,  
24          54th Street to Woodbine Avenue.

25                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

1           5/11/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           bill will be referred to the appropriate  
3           committee.

4                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
5           calling upon the Managing Director to  
6           coordinate the delivery of counseling  
7           services to families in neighborhoods  
8           affected by violent crime.

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
10          Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

11                  COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,  
12          Madam President. I move the adoption of  
13          the resolution and I'd also like to speak  
14          briefly on this matter.

15                   (Duly seconded.)

16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
17          you. The Chair recognizes Councilman  
18          Nutter.

19                  COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,  
20          Madam President.

21                  Madam President, there was  
22          discussion in our Caucus Room about the  
23          issues of crime in our City, and later  
24          I'll have some other comments about that,  
25          but this particular resolution comes as a

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2           result of a recent tragedy in the City in  
3           my district, but throughout the City  
4           because of the number of homicides and  
5           killings and shootings, and in this  
6           particular matter, actually a citizen was  
7           fatally shot by a police officer out in  
8           the 19th District.

9                     It comes as a result of  
10          discussions with this particular family,  
11          who is grieving about their lost one.  
12          The gentleman ran. They ended up in an  
13          alley and something happened, and  
14          certainly there will be an investigation  
15          and the officer fired.

16                    All of these families -- and  
17          there was a story in, I think it was,  
18          last Friday's Philadelphia Tribune about  
19          the number of shootings in the City and  
20          the effect that it has on the victims and  
21          families and the neighborhood, that  
22          people are horrified when these incidents  
23          happen. They need information. They are  
24          grieving not only as a family but as a  
25          block or as a neighborhood. And I had a

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2           brief discussion with the Managing  
3           Director, and we're trying to explore how  
4           we deal with this, but what comes as part  
5           of this idea is that someone from the  
6           City, as a part of a service that we  
7           would provide, would talk to these family  
8           members, not so much about the specifics  
9           of the incident but more the impact that  
10          it has on the family, on children, who  
11          are increasingly seeing deaths in the  
12          street, the impact that that has on a  
13          child, who then, of course, has to either  
14          go to school the next day or do whatever  
15          the child may be doing.

16                 People in the neighborhood need  
17          additional information about what has  
18          happened and how do they deal with death  
19          of someone in their community who has  
20          been killed. And so I'm hopeful that  
21          through either our social service network  
22          or some other group of providers we would  
23          be able to get people out on the scene,  
24          certainly not to interfere with the  
25          Police Department and their

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2           investigation, but to work with neighbors  
3           and family members on what can be a  
4           horrific situation, a true tragedy and a  
5           negative impact on the heart and soul of  
6           this City.

7                        So I ask for the adoption of  
8           this resolution. I look forward to  
9           working with the Managing Director and  
10          the City Administration. But people are  
11          in pain, they are hurting, and we need to  
12          try to give some level of comfort.

13                       Thank you, Madam President.

14                       COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Well,  
15          I think they're going to be kept very  
16          busy. I don't think there's a morning  
17          that we turn our radio on or our  
18          television that we don't hear of another  
19          homicide. And as I was standing up here  
20          this morning, I got a call from one of my  
21          constituents that another youngster was  
22          killed this morning at 18th and  
23          Ellsworth.

24                       I am just finding this, as I'm  
25          sure all of you, so extremely

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2           frustrating. I don't know what the  
3           answers are, but, good heavens, we are  
4           absolutely losing an entire generation  
5           practically, and I am saying there is  
6           something that has to be done. I don't  
7           know who we call in to solve this  
8           problem, but it has to be solved and  
9           solved quickly.

10                   I believe a motion was made and  
11           seconded that the resolution be adopted.

12                   All in favor will please say  
13           aye.

14                   (Aye.)

15                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
16           opposed?

17                   (No response.)

18                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
19           ayes have it and the resolution is  
20           adopted.

21                   The Chair recognizes  
22           Councilwoman Brown.

23                   COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,  
24           Madam President. I'm pleased to offer  
25           one resolution on your behalf.

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2                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
3                   you.

4                   The Chief Clerk will please  
5                   read the title of the resolution.

6                   CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
7                   honoring William Carapucci, Deputy  
8                   Recreation Commissioner, for his 38 years  
9                   of outstanding service to the citizens of  
10                  Philadelphia.

11                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
12                  you.

13                  The Chair recognizes  
14                  Councilwoman Brown.

15                  COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for  
16                  the adoption.

17                  (Duly seconded.)

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

21                  I believe that resolution was  
22                  also co-sponsored by Councilman Clarke.

23                  All in favor will please say  
24                  aye.

25                  (Aye.)

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2                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
3       opposed?

4                   (No response.)

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
6       ayes have it and the motion carries.

7                   The Chair recognizes Councilman  
8       Goode.

9                   COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,  
10      Madam President. I offer two bills and  
11      one resolution.

12                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
13      you.

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

16                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
17      amending Chapter 19-200 of The  
18      Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds -  
19      Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by  
20      establishing a process to select a bank  
21      or banks to receive City deposits to be  
22      used to meet City payroll expenses, under  
23      certain terms and conditions.

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

1           5/11/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS  
2           committee.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
4           providing for the submission to the  
5           qualified electors of the City of  
6           Philadelphia for the proposal set forth  
7           in a resolution approved by Council  
8           proposing an amendment of the  
9           Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to require  
10          the Finance Director to issue an annual  
11          report that analyzes the participation of  
12          disadvantaged business enterprises on  
13          City contracts and sets participation  
14          goals for such businesses, using such  
15          categories as Council may define, under  
16          certain terms and conditions.

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

20                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
21          proposing an amendment to the  
22          Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to require  
23          the Finance Director to issue an annual  
24          report that analyzes the participation of  
25          disadvantaged business enterprises on

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2           City contracts and sets participation  
3           goals for such businesses, using such  
4           categories as Council may define.

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
6           Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

7                   COUNCILMAN GOODE: The  
8           resolution should go to committee.

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm  
10          sorry?

11                  COUNCILMAN GOODE: The  
12          resolution should be referred to  
13          committee.

14                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,  
15          I'm sorry. The resolution will be  
16          referred to the appropriate committee.

17                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
18          Ramos.

19                  COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,  
20          Madam President. I offer one bill on  
21          behalf of the 7th Councilmanic District  
22          and one privileged resolution.

23                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
24          you.

25                  The Chief Clerk will please

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2           read the title of the bill.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
4           authorizing the Philadelphia Authority  
5           for Industrial Development to file an  
6           application with the Office of the Budget  
7           in an amount not to exceed \$1 million to  
8           assist in the development of Maria de los  
9           Santos Health Center.

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

13                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
14           recognizing May 25, 2006 as National  
15           Missing Children's Day in the City of  
16           Philadelphia.

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

19                   COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,  
20           Madam President. I move for the adoption  
21           of the resolution.

22                   (Duly seconded.)

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

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2                   All in favor will please say  
3       aye.

4                   (Aye.)

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
6       opposed?

7                   (No response.)

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

11                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
12      DiCicco.

13                  COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,  
14      Madam President. I offer one resolution  
15      and six bills.

16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
17      you.

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

20                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
21      approving a lease agreement between  
22      Philadelphia Gas Works by Philadelphia  
23      Facilities Management, solely in its  
24      capacity as operator and manager of the  
25      City-owned Philadelphia Gas Works.

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

5                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
6 granting permission to Nathan Ross and  
7 Samuel Lynagh, owners of the New Wave  
8 Cafe, located 782-784 South 3rd Street,  
9 to operate and maintain an open-air  
10 sidewalk cafe.

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

14                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
15 authorizing Francis Smith, 2112 South  
16 Howard Street, owner of the property 100  
17 McKean Street, his successors and  
18 assigns, to construct and maintain a  
19 garage extension, under certain terms and  
20 conditions.

21                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
22 bill will be referred to the appropriate  
23 committee.

24                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
25 authorizing the revision of lines and

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2           grades on a portion of City Plan No. 238  
3           by striking from the City Plan and  
4           vacating Swanson Street from Catharine  
5           Street northerly to the Delaware  
6           Expressway.

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

10                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
11           authorizing the Philadelphia Authority  
12           for Industrial Development to file an  
13           application with the Office of the Budget  
14           in an amount not to exceed \$2 million to  
15           assist in the development of WHY  
16           Learning Lab.

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

20                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
21           authorizing the United States Department  
22           of the Treasury, United States Mint, 151  
23           North Independence Mall East, its  
24           successors and assigns, to construct, own  
25           and maintain anti-terrorist bollards and

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2           planters at the visitors entrance on the  
3           east public sidewalk of North  
4           Independence Mall East.

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

8                   CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
9           authorizing the Commissioner of Public  
10          Property to execute and deliver to the  
11          Redevelopment Authority a deed located in  
12          the 39th Ward of the City of  
13          Philadelphia.

14                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The  
15          Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

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

19                   (Duly seconded.)

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

23                   All in favor will please say  
24          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       O'Neill.

10                  COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam  
11       President, I offer one bill.

12                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
13       you.

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

16                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
17       authorizing Rockledge/Fox Chase Business  
18       Association, 7948 Oxford Avenue, to  
19       construct, own and maintain a clock tower  
20       and raised planter on the west public  
21       sidewalk of Oxford Avenue.

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

25                  The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2           Clarke.

3                   COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,  
4           Madam President. I have four bills and  
5           one resolution.

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
7           you.

8                   The Chief Clerk will please  
9           read the title of the first bill.

10                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
11           amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia  
12           Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by  
13           providing for height limits in districts  
14           zoned R-15, under certain terms and  
15           conditions.

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

19                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
20           authorizing One Meridian Partners, South  
21           Broad Street, owners of the property  
22           South Penn Square, Philadelphia, to  
23           construct and maintain a building  
24           encroachment under the south footway of  
25           South Penn Square.

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

5                   CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
6 authorizing 1500 Net-Works Association,  
7 1500 Spring Garden Street, its successors  
8 and assigns, to construct, own and  
9 maintain four raised planter clusters,  
10 under certain terms and conditions.

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

14                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
15 authorizing Temple University Hospital,  
16 3401 North Broad Street, its successors  
17 and assigns, to construct, own and  
18 maintain an overhead weather protection  
19 structure.

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

23                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public  
25 Property to execute and deliver to the

1           5/11/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2           Redevelopment Authority deeds located in  
3           the 18th, 28th, 29th and 47th Wards of  
4           the City of Philadelphia.

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
6           Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

7                   COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for  
8           the adoption.

9                   (Duly seconded.)

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
11           has been moved and seconded that the  
12           resolution be adopted.

13                  All in favor will indicate by  
14           saying aye.

15                  (Aye.)

16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
17           opposed?

18                  (No response.)

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

22                  The Chief Clerk will please  
23           read the next resolution.

24                  CHIEF CLERK: That's it.

25                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

1           5/11/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2           you.

3                   The Chair recognizes Councilman  
4           Kelly.

5                   COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam  
6           President, I offer one bill.

7                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
8           you.

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

11                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
12          amending Chapter 19-2600 of The  
13          Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business  
14          Privilege Taxes," by excluding from the  
15          definition of Receipts certain of the  
16          receipts of certain establishments  
17          licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for  
18          consumption on the premises if such an  
19          establishment agrees to provide a  
20          completely smoke-free environment, and  
21          providing certain consequences if an  
22          establishment fails to provide a  
23          completely smoke-free environment after  
24          agreeing to do so.

25                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

1                   5/11/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2                   bill will be referred to the appropriate  
3                   committee, and the Chair recognizes  
4                   Councilman Rizzo.

5                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam  
6                   President, no bills or resolutions today.

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

9                   The next order of business is  
10                  reports from committees, and the Chair  
11                  recognizes Councilman Clarke for a report  
12                  from the Committee on Rules.

13                  COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam  
14                  President, the Committee on Rules reports  
15                  one bill with a favorable recommendation.

16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
17                  you.

18                  I would ask the Chief Clerk to  
19                  please read the report.

20                  CHIEF CLERK: To the President  
21                  and members of the Council of the City of  
22                  Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to  
23                  which was referred Bill No. 060292,  
24                  entitled "An ordinance amending Section  
25                  14-1611 of The Philadelphia Code,

1                   5/11/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2                   entitled 'Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
3                   Controls,' by providing for additional  
4                   height controls in the vicinity of  
5                   Benjamin Franklin Parkway, under certain  
6                   terms and conditions," respectfully  
7                   reports it has considered and amended the  
8                   same and returns the attached bill to  
9                   Council with a favorable recommendation.

10                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
11                   you.

12                   The Chair recognizes Councilman  
13                   Clarke.

14                   COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam  
15                   President, I move that the rules of  
16                   Council be suspended this day as to  
17                   permit first reading of Bill No. 060290.

18                   (Duly seconded.)

19                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
20                   has been moved and properly seconded that  
21                   the rules of Council be suspended so as  
22                   to permit first reading this day of Bill  
23                   No. 060292.

24                   All in favor will please  
25                   indicate by saying aye.

1           5/11/06 - STATED - SPECIAL BUSINESS

2                   (Aye.)

3           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
4           opposed?

5                   (No response.)

6           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
7           ayes have it, and the bill just read will  
8           be placed on our First Reading Calendar  
9           for today.

10                  Council will now proceed under  
11           a special order of business, a resolution  
12           recalling Bill No. 060260, and at this  
13           time, the Chair recognizes Councilman  
14           O'Neill.

15                  COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,  
16           Madam President. I offer one resolution,  
17           and because this resolution was not  
18           circulated yesterday, I move that the  
19           rules of Council be suspended to permit  
20           consideration of the resolution at this  
21           time.

22                   (Duly seconded.)

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

1           5/11/06 - STATED - SPECIAL BUSINESS

2           permit consideration of Councilman  
3           O'Neill's resolution at this time.

4                     All in favor will please  
5           indicate by saying aye.

6                     (Aye.)

7                     COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
8           opposed?

9                     (No response.)

10                    COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
11           ayes have it and the resolution is  
12           adopted. And, again, I would ask the  
13           Clerk to please read the title of the  
14           resolution.

15                    CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
16           requesting the Mayor to return to Council  
17           Bill No. 060260, entitled "An ordinance  
18           amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia  
19           Code, entitled 'Zoning and Planning,' by  
20           amending Section 14-104, entitled  
21           'Non-Conforming Structures and Uses.'"

22                    COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
23           you.

24                    The Chair recognizes Councilman  
25           O'Neill.

1           5/11/06 - STATED - SPECIAL BUSINESS

2                   COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam  
3 President, I move the adoption of the  
4 resolution.

5                   (Duly seconded.)

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

9                   All in favor will indicate by  
10 saying aye.

11                   (Aye.)

12                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
13 opposed?

14                   (No response.)

15                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
16 ayes have it and the resolution has  
17 passed.

18                   The Clerk will please read the  
19 letter from the Mayor.

20                   CHIEF CLERK: To the President  
21 and members of the Council of the City of  
22 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith as  
23 requested by your resolution adopted May  
24 11, 2006 Bill No. 060260, entitled "An  
25 ordinance amending Title 14 of The

1           5/11/06 - STATED - SPECIAL BUSINESS

2           Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Zoning and  
3           Planning,'" for the purpose of  
4           reconsideration by the Council of the  
5           vote by which said bill passed Council.

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
7           Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill for a  
8           motion that Council reconsider the vote  
9           by which Bill No. 060260 was passed.

10                   COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: So moved,  
11           Madam President.

12                   (Duly seconded.)

13                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All  
14           in favor please signify by saying aye.

15                   (Aye.)

16                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
17           opposed?

18                   (No response.)

19                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
20           ayes have it. A majority of all members  
21           having voted in the affirmative, the  
22           motion passes and the vote by which Bill  
23           No. 060260 was passed has been  
24           reconsidered.

25                   The Chair again recognizes

1           5/11/06 - STATED - SPECIAL BUSINESS

2           Councilman O'Neill.

3                   COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,  
4           Madam President. I offer an amendment to  
5           Bill No. 060260. A copy of the amendment  
6           has been circulated to all members of  
7           Council, and I move for the adoption of  
8           the amendment.

9                   (Duly seconded.)

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
11           has been moved and properly seconded that  
12           the amendment to Bill No. 060260 be  
13           adopted.

14                  All in favor will please  
15           indicate by saying aye.

16                  (Aye.)

17                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
18           opposed?

19                  (No response.)

20                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
21           ayes have it, and Bill No. 060260 has  
22           been amended. This bill will be placed  
23           on our Second Reading and Final Passage  
24           Calendar for our next session of Council.

25                  The next order of business is

1           5/11/06 - STATED - 1ST READING

2           the consideration of the Calendar. The  
3           Chief Clerk will please read the bills on  
4           the First Reading Calendar.

5                     CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 060292,  
6           an ordinance amending Section 14-1611 of  
7           The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Benjamin  
8           Franklin Parkway Controls," by providing  
9           for additional height controls in the  
10          vicinity of Benjamin Franklin Parkway,  
11          under certain terms and conditions.

12                    COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
13          Chair agrees. And that completes our  
14          First Reading Calendar for today.

15                    The Chair now recognizes  
16          Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of  
17          calling up the bills on the Second  
18          Reading and Final Passage Calendar to be  
19          considered today.

20                    COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
21          you, Madam President. Today our Calendar  
22          starts at the bottom of Page 7. 060144  
23          will be amended. On Page 8, we will hear  
24          060142 and 162, and, finally, on the last  
25          page, 060160. All other bills are being

1                   5/11/06 - STATED - 2ND READING

2                   held.

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
4                   you very much.

5                   I would ask the Chief Clerk to  
6                   please read the title of Bill No. 060144.

7                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
8                   amending the ordinance approved June 28,  
9                   1966, Bill No. 1845, as amended, known as  
10                  the Philadelphia Housing Development  
11                  Agreement Ordinance.

12                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
13                  Councilman Clarke, did you want to be  
14                  recognized?

15                  COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes, Madam  
16                  President.

17                  Madam President, I would like  
18                  to offer an amendment to this bill. The  
19                  amendment has been circulated. It's the  
20                  bill that I spoke of last week about the  
21                  Philadelphia Housing Development  
22                  Corporation and the disposition issue.  
23                  So I'd like to make a motion on the  
24                  amendment to Bill 060144.

25                  (Duly seconded.)

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2                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
3 has been moved and seconded that the  
4 amendment be adopted.

5                   All in favor will please say  
6 aye.

7                   (Aye.)

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
9 opposed?

10                  (No response.)

11                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
12 ayes have it and the amendment has been  
13 passed.

14                  The Clerk will please read the  
15 title of Bill No. 060142.

16                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to  
17 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by  
18 changing the zoning designations of  
19 certain areas of land located within an  
20 area bounded by Southampton Road, a  
21 Railroad right-of-way, Hornig Road and  
22 the Roosevelt Boulevard.

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

1                   5/11/06 - STATED - 2ND READING  
2                   pass finally.  
3                   The Clerk will please call the  
4                   roll.  
5                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
6                   Blackwell.  
7                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.  
8                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
9                   Clarke.  
10                  COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.  
11                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
12                  DiCicco.  
13                  COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.  
14                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.  
15                  COUNCILMAN GOODE: 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.

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2                   COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.  
3                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
4           Nutter.  
5                   COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.  
6                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
7           O'Neill.  
8                   COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.  
9                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.  
10                  COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.  
11                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
12           Reynolds Brown.  
13                  COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.  
14                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.  
15                  COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.  
16                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
17           Tasco.  
18                  COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.  
19                  CHIEF CLERK: Council President  
20           Verna.  
21                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.  
22           The ayes are 15; the nays are zero. A  
23           majority of all members having voted in  
24           the affirmative, this bill passes.  
25                  We will now consider Bill No.

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2                   060162.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to  
4                   amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by  
5                   changing the zoning designations of  
6                   certain areas of land located within an  
7                   area bounded by Worthington Road, the  
8                   Poquessing Creek Park, Carter Road and  
9                   Southampton Road.

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

14                  The Chief Clerk will please  
15                  call the roll.

16                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
17                  Blackwell.

18                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
20                  Clarke.

21                  COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
23                  DiCicco.

24                  COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

25                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

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2                   COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.  
3                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.  
4                   COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.  
5                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
6           Kenney.  
7                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.  
8                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
9           Krajewski.  
10                  COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.  
11                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
12           Miller.  
13                  COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.  
14                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
15           Nutter.  
16                  COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.  
17                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
18           O'Neill.  
19                  COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.  
20                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.  
21                  COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.  
22                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
23           Reynolds Brown.  
24                  COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.  
25                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

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2                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: 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 15; the nays are zero. A  
10                  majority of all members having voted in  
11                  the affirmative, this bill passes.

12                  The last bill to be called for  
13                  consideration is Bill No. 060160.

14                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance for  
15                  the purpose of creating a Citywide  
16                  wireless broadband Internet access  
17                  system, all under certain terms and  
18                  conditions.

19                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This  
20                  bill having been read on two different  
21                  days, the question now is shall the bill  
22                  pass finally.

23                  The Chief Clerk will please  
24                  call the roll.

25                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

1                   5/11/06 - STATED - 2ND READING  
2           Blackwell.  
3                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.  
4                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
5           Clarke.  
6                   COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.  
7                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
8           DiCicco.  
9                   COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.  
10                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.  
11                  COUNCILMAN GOODE: 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           Nutter.  
25                  COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

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2                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
3           O'Neill.  
4                   COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.  
5                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.  
6                   COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.  
7                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
8           Reynolds Brown.  
9                   COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.  
10                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.  
11                  COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.  
12                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
13           Tasco.  
14                  COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.  
15                  CHIEF CLERK: Council President  
16           Verna.  
17                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.  
18           The ayes are 15; the nays are zero. A  
19           majority of all members having voted in  
20           the affirmative, this bill passes.  
21                  That completes our Calendar for  
22           today.  
23                  Are there speeches on the part  
24           of the Minority?  
25                  (No response.)

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2                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are  
3 there speeches on the part of the  
4 Majority?

5                   The Chair recognizes  
6 Councilwoman Krajewski.

7                   COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam  
8 President, I would just like to say happy  
9 birthday to one of our colleagues who is  
10 celebrating their 75th birthday,  
11 Councilman Kelly.

12                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,  
13 happy birthday.

14                  (Applause.)

15                  COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: 74th.

16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
17 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

18                  COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,  
19 Madam President. I just have two  
20 announcements I'd like to make. One is  
21 that on Saturday, May 13th, the Mt. Airy  
22 Church of God of Christ and my office  
23 will be sponsoring our Annual Youth  
24 Summit and we invite Councilmembers to  
25 stop by. It is a day where young people

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2                   throughout the City gather at the church  
3                   for activities, workshops, sports  
4                   activities, and it's a great day to see  
5                   young people engaged in positive  
6                   activity. So it will be at Ogontz and  
7                   Stenton Avenue and the program will be at  
8                   10:00 a.m., and we invite our  
9                   Councilmembers to come.

10                  Also, on Wednesday the 17th, we  
11                  will host a public hearing co-sponsored  
12                  by the Committees on Public Safety and  
13                  Public Health and Human Services. Those  
14                  hearings will be at Olney High School on  
15                  the Blueprint for a Safer Philadelphia.  
16                  The discussion will be how to address the  
17                  issue of violence and develop programs  
18                  which are designed for a ten-year period  
19                  to deal with violence and bring solutions  
20                  to some of our community problems. So we  
21                  want our Councilmembers to come and we  
22                  invite the listing audience to  
23                  participate.

24                  And, finally, Madam President,  
25                  I'd just like to say that the other day I

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2                   read in the paper with some regret that  
3                   Michael Williams was transferred to the  
4                   Law Department. Unless there is support  
5                   from the second floor and the Mayor, the  
6                   MBEC office will not be effective.  
7                   Charlotte Nichols is a fine person. I  
8                   know her, but she will not have any  
9                   success unless the support comes from the  
10                  second floor. And until we see that,  
11                  MBEC will not be an effective  
12                  organization.

13                  Thank you very much.

14                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

15                  You're welcome.

16                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
17                  Nutter.

18                  COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,  
19                  Madam President.

20                  Madam President, I want to make  
21                  a couple comments that I alluded to  
22                  earlier and again thank Councilman  
23                  DiCicco for his comments with regard to  
24                  Officer Gary Skerski.

25                  There is clearly a problem in

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2                   this City at this time at this moment,  
3                   and you alluded to it earlier. The  
4                   killing of a police officer does affect  
5                   all of us, no matter where it takes  
6                   place, no matter what the circumstance,  
7                   no matter what the situation.

8                   This City Council has been  
9                   trying to deal with this particular issue  
10                  in the course of the budget process and  
11                  has called for the hiring of more police  
12                  officers. Originally, the Administration  
13                  was concerned that overtime was the way  
14                  to go, that it will take a while to get  
15                  new officers on the street. Of course,  
16                  they have to be trained. That takes a  
17                  certain amount of time. I would only  
18                  suggest that we rethink the current  
19                  situation, where there are 475  
20                  Philadelphia police officers in the DROP  
21                  program. We lose ten a month and  
22                  approximately another 25 a month through  
23                  the usual retirement process.

24                  Those officers don't need to be  
25                  trained. They're already Philadelphia

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2           police officers, and I would only suggest  
3           that we take a look at trying to provide  
4           some additional incentive or even a  
5           request that those officers be allowed to  
6           stay with us for at least upward of a  
7           year, keep them in service, to the extent  
8           that those who want to stay. It is  
9           obviously a very tough and dangerous job.  
10          And that would help alleviate some of the  
11          pressure on the Police Department as it  
12          continues to experience a decrease in its  
13          ranks.

14                   There must be a way for us to  
15          hold on to many of those officers, who  
16          some of whom I know looked at the DROP  
17          program at a certain point in time, many  
18          of whom are trying to figure out what  
19          they're going to do next, and I think in  
20          a call back to public service at a time  
21          of crisis here in our City, many of those  
22          officers, I think if properly approached,  
23          would more than consider staying to  
24          continue to serve the citizens of this  
25          City.

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2                   Officer Skerski, as has been  
3                   reported, is the first police officer in  
4                   about ten years to be killed. So far  
5                   this year, we've had three Philadelphia  
6                   police officers shot, including Officer  
7                   Skerski.

8                   I talked to a person in New  
9                   York City this morning. New York City  
10                  has 36,875 police officers. 36,875  
11                  police officers. So it's more than one  
12                  and a half times the entire complement of  
13                  public servants here in Philadelphia.  
14                  Year to date, they have had none shot and  
15                  none killed.

16                  To the individual who has  
17                  committed this crime, it seems to be  
18                  fairly clear from statements in the news  
19                  media that the person is probably someone  
20                  already known to the criminal justice  
21                  system, as he apparently indicated that  
22                  he was wanted and would not be caught.  
23                  This is not television. This is not a  
24                  movie. You will not shoot your way out  
25                  of this particular situation. It is not



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2                   crazy newspaper story today -- there are  
3                   quite a few, but this is certainly one of  
4                   them -- that a 13 and 14-year-old were  
5                   arrested after an investigation with  
6                   drugs and weapons, and they're part of --  
7                   I think the headline referred to them as  
8                   kingpins in the drug operation. Thirteen  
9                   and 14 years old, sleeping with a weapon.  
10                  And also arrested in the same household  
11                  apparently from news reports possibly a  
12                  father or other adult in the household.  
13                  Now, I would only say "possibly" and I  
14                  don't know for sure. I'd at least say it  
15                  was a male person. Certainly not a man,  
16                  clearly not a father, because no man or  
17                  no father would allow their child to be  
18                  involved in this kind of activity under  
19                  any set of circumstances.

20                  There is a provision -- and  
21                  this is no cause for alarm, but I think  
22                  that we are in unusual circumstances,  
23                  which require an unusual response.  
24                  There's a provision in The Philadelphia  
25                  Code, Section 10-819. It's entitled

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2                   "State of Emergency." It empowers the  
3                   Mayor to take a variety of significant  
4                   and unusual actions at a time when there  
5                   is danger to the general population. And  
6                   I would be the first to say that in some  
7                   parts of the police district where I  
8                   live, in the 19th, and there are others  
9                   around the City, where we may need to  
10                  seriously consider implementing certain  
11                  provisions of Section 10-819 to get a  
12                  grip on what is going on in many parts of  
13                  this City.

14                  The Philadelphia Police  
15                  Department and all of us as public  
16                  servants cannot continue to run around  
17                  from crisis to crisis, emergency to  
18                  emergency and have no decent amount of  
19                  time to try to take stock of where we are  
20                  at the moment and what we are doing, how  
21                  we are doing it and what we're going to  
22                  do differently. Because at the present  
23                  state of affairs, the current system is  
24                  not working. I think that we are  
25                  compelled to step back and take a very

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2                   serious look at what we are doing from a  
3                   policing, law enforcement, public safety,  
4                   crime prevention standpoint and not be  
5                   afraid to analyze from top to bottom  
6                   issues of personnel levels, deployment,  
7                   police district boundaries, the  
8                   management structure, the powers and  
9                   duties of the Police Commissioner and  
10                  what it means to try to run a police  
11                  department, a paramilitary organization,  
12                  in the 21st century. We cannot be afraid  
13                  of that kind of analysis.

14                  This is not about individuals.  
15                  It's not about personalities. It's not  
16                  about criticizing anybody. It's about  
17                  the public safety of this City. And I  
18                  think that when you look at what is going  
19                  on in some other cities across the  
20                  country, their crime rates are going  
21                  down, ours continues to go up.

22                  The time for that kind of  
23                  analysis is now. The time for all of us  
24                  to come together is right now. The  
25                  Councilwoman has made reference to a

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2                   number of forums around the City, and  
3                   certainly all of us should try to support  
4                   them and participate in them, but I think  
5                   that we are beyond a crisis moment and  
6                   requires all of us to step above the  
7                   normal comments and commentary, come  
8                   together, do the kind of analysis that we  
9                   need to do of our public safety system  
10                  here in Philadelphia, learn from best  
11                  practices across the country and try to  
12                  make this City safer.

13                  Thank you, Madam President.

14                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

15                  You're welcome.

16                  The Chair recognizes

17                  Councilwoman Blackwell.

18                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
19                  you, Madam President. Today at 10  
20                  o'clock Men United for a Better  
21                  Philadelphia started hosting -- it's  
22                  still going on now -- the 4th Annual  
23                  Lucien E. Blackwell Guiding Light Award.  
24                  It's in the Mayor's reception room  
25                  downstairs. We look forward to joining

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2                   them now, and we want to thank them and  
3                   all of those who honor Lou's memory.

4                   Thank you.

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

6                   You're welcome.

7                   The Chair recognizes

8                   Councilwoman Tasco.

9                   COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Finally,  
10                  I'd just like to remind everyone that  
11                  Tuesday is Election Day and we ask them  
12                  to go out and exercise their right to  
13                  vote. Pay their political dues.

14                  Thank you.

15                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

16                  You're welcome.

17                  Are there any other speeches on  
18                  the part of the Majority?

19                  (No response.)

20                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

21                  Seeing none, again, the Chair recognizes  
22                  Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to  
23                  adjourn.

24                  Oh, I'm sorry. Councilwoman  
25                  Miller.

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2                   COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Just a  
3 follow-up to Councilwoman Tasco's  
4 Election Day reminder. On this Tuesday's  
5 polling places, we're hoping that voters  
6 will remember to vote yes on the ballot  
7 question that talks about Philadelphia  
8 and video surveillance cameras. So we're  
9 hoping that people will support that and  
10 vote yes. Just a reminder.

11                   Thank you.

12                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
13 you.

14                   Councilwoman Tasco.

15                   COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam  
16 President, I move that Council stand  
17 adjourned until Thursday, May the 18th,  
18 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

19                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
20 has been moved and seconded that Council  
21 stand adjourned until Thursday, May the  
22 18th at 10:00 a.m.

23                   All in favor will say aye.

24                   (Aye.)

25                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2                   opposed?

3                   (No response.)

4                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

5                   ayes have it and the motion carries.

6                   Thank you.

7                   (Stated Meeting adjourned at

8                   11:30 a.m.)

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