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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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COUNCILWOMAN CAROL ANN CAMPBELL

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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 WILLIAM GREENLEE

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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 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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COUNCILMAN DANIEL SAVAGE

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good

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morning. I note that the hour has come

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and that a quorum of this Council is

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present. Council will please come to

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order. Members will take their seats and

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visitors will retire to the seats outside

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the rails.

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To give our invocation this

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morning, the Chair welcomes Iman Muhammad

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of the Masjid Muhammad Mosque. Shall I

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repeat that? Iman Muhammad of the Masjid

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Muhammad Mosque. He is here today as the

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guest of Councilman Ramos.

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I would ask all members and

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guests to please rise.

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(Everyone rises.)

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MR. MUHAMMAD: Good morning.

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With God's name, most gracious, most

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merciful, praise be to God, the Lord,

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sustain and cherish of all the worlds,

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and ask that a day of judgment do we

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worship and thy need do we seek. We ask

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that you show us the straight way, the

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way of those on thou we stole thy name,

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2 those who have stole thy grace, those
3 whose portion is not raff (ph) and who go
4 not astray.

5 By the token of time through
6 the ages, fairly, manners and loss,
7 except for those who have faith, do good
8 deeds and righteous works and invite
9 others to the truth with patience and
10 constancy.

11 Oh, God, we ask that you bless
12 this Council and that you bless our city,
13 and that you curb the violence and help
14 us in this city, and that you guide us to
15 change our hearts and our ways, and that
16 you bless all the children and families
17 around the world who have no food to eat
18 and no place to live. Those are our
19 prayers.

20 Amen.

21 (Amen.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 Chair thanks Iman Muhammad for his very
24 inspiring invocation.

25 Council will be at ease.

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2 (Council at ease.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 next order of business is the approval of
5 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
6 April 19, 2007, and the Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you, Madam President. I move that the
10 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, April
11 19, 2007 stand approved.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
14 has been moved and properly seconded that
15 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
16 April 19, 2007 stand approved.

17 All in favor will please
18 signify by 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 Journal of the
25 meeting of Thursday, April 19, 2007 is

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2 approved.

3 The next order of business is
4 requests for leave of absence, and the
5 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you, Madam President. On behalf of the
8 majority, there are no requests for
9 leaves of absence today.

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

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Rizzo.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
15 President, there are no requests for
16 leave from the republicans.

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

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

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2 us as we attend to the legislative
3 affairs of our city. We certainly invite
4 you to come again.

5 At this time, the Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Kenney. Is he in
7 the room?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
10 Councilwoman Brown, did you want to be
11 recognized?

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I thank
13 you. I'd like to first recognize --
14 first state in celebration of Take Our
15 Daughters to Work Day, I'd like to
16 recognize and introduce my 10-year-old
17 daughter, Brielle Autumn Brown.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
19 Welcome. She's adorable.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And,
22 lastly, we will hear more from this
23 organization, women who are still
24 advocating and fighting for equal pay.
25 All those ladies here today on behalf of

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2 Equal Pay Day, if you would please rise.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
5 Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

7 You're welcome.

8 Do we have anyone else who is
9 taking his or her child to work?

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Well, I'm
13 not bringing my daughter to work. I'd
14 just like to recognize the daughter of
15 Sheilah Louis, my Chief Legislative
16 Assistant, and her daughter's name is
17 Jordan Louis, who is a fifth grader at
18 Greene Street Friends School. She's here
19 today.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At
22 this time, the Chair recognizes
23 Councilman Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I'm sorry I was in the

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2 hallway when you called on me earlier.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 That's all right.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I'd like to

6 take the opportunity to introduce my

7 daughter, Nora, who is in seventh grade

8 at St. Nicholas of Tolentine School.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

10 Welcome. Oh, my God. She's gotten tall.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do we

13 have anyone else that would like to be

14 recognized?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

17 you. At this time, the Chair recognizes

18 Councilman Kenney, who will present a

19 resolution recognizing John F. Collins.

20 Will Mr. Joe McLaughlin and

21 those accompanying him please join the

22 Councilman at the podium.

23 I see that Councilman Kenney is

24 being accompanied by Councilman DiCicco,

25 and Councilmembers Clarke and Miller are

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2 also going to accompany Councilman
3 Kenney.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
7 Madam President.

8 This is a resolution
9 recognizing, honoring and celebrating
10 John F. Collins for his --

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Just
12 a moment, Councilman.

13 Please proceed.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 This is a resolution
17 recognizing, honoring and celebrating
18 John F. Collins for his enormous
19 contributions to Philadelphia's urban
20 design and for his creative vision and
21 focus on improving and expanding green
22 spaces for residents and visitors to
23 enjoy.

24 Whereas, John Collins was born
25 in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania on July 12,

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2 1936 to Florence and William Collins; and

3 Whereas, he was awarded a

4 Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from

5 Pennsylvania State University in 1959.

6 In 1961, Collins earned a Master's from

7 Harvard Graduate School of Design. In

8 1965, he moved to the Mt. Airy

9 neighborhood in Philadelphia, where he

10 lived with his family for 34 years;

11 Whereas, in 1963, Collins

12 co-founded Adleman Collins & DuTot. In

13 1965, this firm became Collins & DuTot,

14 and in 1971, Collins co-founded The Delta

15 Group, all of which went on to revitalize

16 Philadelphia's green space and urban

17 environment through a series of

18 award-winning projects;

19 Whereas, Collins was active in

20 a comprehensive revitalization plan for

21 Society Hill, including greenways, which

22 are landscaped walkways, that are still

23 in existence today.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And

25 whereas, in 1965, Collins created a

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2 master plan for the Fairmount Park
3 Commission, centering around a 1.25 mile
4 park along the Schuylkill River east bank
5 from the Art Museum to South Street; and

6 Whereas, for the next 40 years,
7 Collins continued to work, often on a
8 volunteer basis, to realize the vision of
9 Schuylkill River Park, which was
10 dedicated at a lighting ceremony in 2004;
11 and

12 Whereas, in the 1970s, The
13 Delta Group designed a Fine Arts Plan for
14 the University of Pennsylvania and
15 received numerous awards and honors for
16 their planning and involvement in
17 environmental projects;

18 Whereas, in 1978, Collins
19 designed the award-winning Chestnut
20 Street Park in Philadelphia; and

21 Whereas, in 1982, Collins
22 launched a program to train inmates in
23 urban horticultural skills at the House
24 of Corrections in Philadelphia. The
25 program PLANT, Philadelphia Landscape and

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2 Nursery Training, trained inmates to
3 plant and maintain greening in public
4 spaces; and

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Whereas,
6 Collins and his partners also played an
7 integral role in the 1980s revitalization
8 of Market Street East, including wider
9 sidewalks containing improved bus
10 shelters, updated lighting and freshly
11 planted trees and greenery. Between 5th
12 and Front Streets, Collins' designs
13 captured the feel of 18th Century
14 Philadelphia. Further, The Delta Group
15 was part of the team that constructed the
16 Irish Memorial at Penns Landing; and

17 Whereas, Collins has worked on
18 many significant projects beyond the
19 Philadelphia area, including the new town
20 of Reston, Virginia; the master plan for
21 Salem, Massachusetts; numerous
22 streetscape improvements in Baltimore;
23 and the Alaska pipeline; and

24 Whereas, throughout his career,
25 Collins has educated young professionals

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2 as a lecturer, professor and visiting
3 studio critic at major landscape
4 architecture programs at the University
5 of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, the
6 Pennsylvania State University, Harvard
7 University, Cornell University, the
8 University of Virginia, Louisiana State
9 University and the School of Architecture
10 and Planning in New Delhi, India; and

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
12 John Collins became Chairman of Temple
13 University's Landscape Architecture and
14 Horticulture Department and continued his
15 involvement in neighborhood
16 revitalization. He created a partnership
17 between the University and the PHS
18 Philadelphia Green and Sea Change, Inc.
19 to establish an urban tree farm in North
20 Philadelphia's Cecil B. Moore
21 neighborhood. Furthermore, Collins
22 established a campus greenery program and
23 proposed a Center for Sustainable
24 Environment at Temple University Ambler;
25 and

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2 Whereas, Collins' professional
3 achievements as a landscape architect
4 were recognized by his peers when the
5 American Society of Landscape Architects
6 named him a fellow in 1993, its highest
7 award for exceptional work over a
8 sustained time period; and

9 Whereas, Edmund N. Bacon was
10 quoted in the Philadelphia Inquirer
11 stating, "John Collins deserves the
12 highest accolades for bringing greenery
13 and the finest quality of urban design
14 into Philadelphia"; and

15 Whereas, on April 26, 2007,
16 Temple University's Ambler campus will
17 open a retrospective exhibit honoring the
18 life work of John F. Collins.

19 Now, therefore, be it resolved,
20 by the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia, that Council does hereby
22 recognize, honor and celebrate John F.
23 Collins for his enormous contributions to
24 Philadelphia's urban design and for his
25 creative vision and focus on improving

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2 and expanding green spaces for residents
3 and visitors to enjoy.

4 Further resolved, that an
5 engrossed copy of this resolution be
6 presented to John F. Collins as evidence
7 of the sincere sentiments and recognition
8 of this legislative body.

9 This citation was certified and
10 signed by Councilwoman Anna C. Verna,
11 President; sponsored by James F. Kenney,
12 Anna C. Verna, Frank DiCicco, Darrell
13 Clarke and Donna Reed Miller; and
14 co-sponsored by all members of City
15 Council.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair recognizes Mr. McLaughlin for
19 remarks.

20 MR. McLAUGHLIN: I'm going to
21 be very brief, but I'd like to start by
22 saying that although I -- on a personal
23 basis, although I enjoy my new life at
24 Temple University, I miss you folks and
25 I'm glad to be back, even though I'm not

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2 used to being on this side of the aisle.

3 As your resolution makes
4 abundantly clear, John Collins is not
5 only a great artist, but he's been a
6 great citizen of our city. I interviewed
7 the Director of that PLANT program up at
8 the House of Corrections and he told me
9 John Collins grew trees and plants, but
10 he also grew people. That program was
11 funded by this City Council, as well as
12 by the William Penn Foundation.

13 So as a citizen of our city, I
14 know that he deeply appreciates and
15 understands, and so does his family, what
16 a great honor it is to be recognized in
17 this way by the governing body of the
18 City, and on behalf of the family, on
19 behalf of John, who is a lifelong friend
20 of mine, and behalf of Temple University,
21 I thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

24 Council will be at ease.

25 (Council at ease.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Brown,
4 who will present a resolution proclaiming
5 April 24, 2007 as Equal Pay Day.

6 Will Ms. Kathy Black and those
7 accompanying her please join the
8 Councilwoman at the podium.

9 And Councilwoman Tasco is
10 joining Councilwoman Brown in making the
11 presentation.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam
13 President, we have a number of women
14 leaders and activists and enthusiasts who
15 care very much about creating a level
16 playing field for women in this city, and
17 we would be remiss not to recognize our
18 State Representative, Babette Josephs,
19 who has joined us as well.

20 Secondly, Madam President, I
21 want to offer a huge thank you for
22 authorizing the creation of the Special
23 Committee on Gender Equity, which will
24 look to see how our city can do better
25 when it comes to identifying problems

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2 related to the social, political,
3 educational, economic empowerment of
4 women. And I would say to the women that
5 are here that we look to make plans about
6 this committee this summer and then look
7 to execute those plans beginning in the
8 fall, and we would ask each one of you to
9 entertain being a part of that effort.

10 Madam President, we come today
11 proclaiming April 24, 2007 as Equal Pay
12 Day.

13 Whereas, despite the passage of
14 the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the
15 Civil Rights Act, women continue to
16 suffer the consequences of inequitable
17 pay differentials; and

18 Whereas, wage discrimination
19 laws are not often enforced and cases are
20 extremely difficult to prove and win; and

21 Whereas, although women's
22 earnings have been slowly catching up to
23 men's over time, the National Committee
24 on Pay Equity tells us that this
25 reduction in the wage gap is in part due

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2 to a fall in men's earnings rather than
3 an increase in women's earnings; and

4 Whereas, despite the fact that
5 women make up almost half of the American
6 workforce, women on average still earn
7 only 77 percent of men's earnings;
8 African-American women earn 71 percent of
9 men's average earnings; Latinas, 58.5
10 percent; and Asian women, 87.2 percent;
11 and

12 Whereas, even when experience,
13 education and time in the workforce are
14 factored in, a significant percentage of
15 this differential can only be attributed
16 to discrimination;

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas,
18 according to the U.S. Department of Labor
19 statistics, women earn less than men in
20 every occupational classification for
21 which data is available, including
22 occupations dominated by women; and

23 Whereas, over a working
24 lifetime, this wage disparity costs the
25 average American woman and her family an

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2 estimated \$523,000 in lost wages,
3 impacting Social Security benefits and
4 pensions for the family, and the American
5 economy overall;

6 Whereas, a vast majority of
7 households depend on wages of a working
8 mother, and working families are often
9 just one paycheck away from hardship; and

10 Whereas, fair equity policies
11 can be implemented simply and without
12 undue costs in both the public and
13 private sectors; and

14 Whereas, two bills before the
15 U.S. Congress seek to address these
16 concerns. The Paycheck Fairness Act will
17 strengthen enforcement of equal pay laws,
18 and the Fair Pay Act would require
19 employers to provide equal pay for work
20 of equal value; and

21 Whereas, April 24, 2007
22 symbolizes the day on which the wages
23 paid to American women so far in 2007,
24 when added to women's earnings for all of
25 2006, finally equal the 2006 earnings of

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2 American men.

3 Now, therefore, be it

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Resolved,
5 that the City of Philadelphia proclaims
6 our support for the Paycheck Fairness Act
7 and the Fair Pay Act before the United
8 States Congress; and

9 Be it further resolved, that
10 the City Council of Philadelphia calls on
11 all local employers to examine their
12 compensation policies for gender
13 inequalities and take steps to rectify
14 any discriminatory pay practices; and

15 Be it further resolved, that
16 April 24, 2007 be designated Equal Pay
17 Day in the City of Philadelphia; and

18 Be it further resolved, that
19 the City of Philadelphia recognizes the
20 efforts of a number of organizations
21 represented here this morning to
22 eradicate gender inequality, including,
23 but not limited to, the Coalition of
24 Labor Union Women; WomenVote PA; Women's
25 Way; the National Organization for Women;

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2 the National Coalition of 100 Black
3 Women, Incorporated, Pennsylvania
4 Chapter; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
5 Incorporated, Omega Omega Chapter; the
6 Women's Law Project; 2000
7 African-American Women; Working America;
8 and the YWCA Philadelphia; and

9 Be it further resolved, that an
10 engrossed copy of this resolution be
11 presented to all of those represented
12 here today, including the Philadelphia
13 Coalition of Labor Union Women, to
14 further express the sincere sentiments of
15 this legislative body.

16 This resolution was introduced
17 by Councilmembers Marian B. Tasco and
18 Blondell Reynolds Brown, sponsored and
19 supported by all of the members of the
20 Philadelphia City Council.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 Chair recognizes Ms. Black for remarks.

24 MS. BLACK: Thank you, Madam
25 President, and thank you to all members

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2 of City Council who voted to adopt this
3 resolution, but most especially to
4 Councilwomen Blondell Reynolds Brown and
5 Marian Tasco for sponsoring it and for
6 their absolutely consistent support for
7 my organization, Coalition of Labor Union
8 Women, and for women's rights generally.
9 And I also want to publicly thank Joseph
10 Meade of Blondell's office, who worked
11 closely with me to put together all the
12 pieces of today's event.

13 Blondell and her staff are well
14 known for relentless advocacy for
15 children, the arts and small business,
16 and deservedly so, but her advocacy for
17 women is just as strong and embedded in
18 all of her work. An enthusiastic yes is
19 the only answer I've ever heard her give
20 to a request on any issue that benefits
21 women and families.

22 So thank you, Blondell and
23 Marian.

24 I must also -- I want to
25 acknowledge all our partners here and

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2 thank them as well, and especially a
3 couple of leaders who are with us,
4 Melissa Weiler Gerber from Women's Way,
5 Jennie Newkirk from Alpha Kappa Alpha
6 Sorority.

7 Raise your hands.

8 Lynn Fox from Unite Here.
9 She's Business Manager for Unite Here.
10 Barbara DiTullio, Director of WomenVote
11 PA. And I think -- and Diane Thompson
12 and Joyce Eubanks are with us, too, both
13 candidates for judge this year.

14 Thank you all. Some of our
15 other representatives couldn't be here.
16 Most of these -- oh, Cheryl Bullock. I'm
17 very sorry. Cheryl Bullock from the
18 National Coalition of 100 Black Women;
19 Kathy Scott, President of AFSCME 2187,
20 from my own union. The labor movement is
21 thoroughly behind this effort.

22 You may have noticed that most
23 of us are wearing something red today.
24 Our red apparel and accessories represent
25 women's budgets, which remain mired in

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2 red ink due to the persistent gap between
3 men's and women's wages. The last 30
4 years of feminist activism have helped
5 narrow that gap from about 58 cents, we
6 started counting, up to 77 cents, as you
7 heard, except for minority women, who are
8 doing much worse. But even when you
9 count time out of the workforce for
10 childbearing, et cetera, that only
11 accounts for three, maybe seven percent
12 of that gap. The rest is due to the fact
13 that women's work is simply not valued as
14 much as men's work. It definitely is
15 discrimination against women.

16 Now, yesterday was National
17 Secretary's Day, and how appropriate,
18 because there may be no profession that
19 more blatantly illustrates this wage gap.
20 Back in the early 1980s, I was a
21 secretary at the University of Oregon,
22 and my union, SEIU, negotiated a
23 comparable worth study in an ultimately
24 successful effort to raise the pay of
25 women state workers, especially those in

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2 clerical jobs. The data showed that the
3 guys whose only duties were to pump gas
4 and check oil at the motor pool made
5 \$5,000 more per year than us secretaries,
6 who had to meet a long list of education,
7 experience and skill requirements. And
8 back then \$5,000 was a great deal of
9 money. Well, I've been a union activist
10 ever since.

11 Those kinds of pay disparities
12 persist in our society. We need
13 comparable worth; that is, compensating a
14 job based on its requirements and
15 responsibilities rather than on who holds
16 the job.

17 Now, critics say that the
18 marketplace is the arbiter of appropriate
19 pay, but the market is not a
20 discrimination-free zone. It reflects
21 the historic pattern of paying women less
22 under the mistaken notion that women just
23 work for extras and don't need living
24 wages and benefits to support their
25 families. That old cliché may be less

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2 true now than ever, when most families
3 need two wage earners to maintain a
4 secure and healthy household.

5 Under our current wage
6 structures, women and their families lose
7 at least half a million, as much as a
8 million dollars over their career as a
9 result of unequal pay, and at the current
10 rate of change, it could take us another
11 50 years before we reach parity.

12 So we call on all of you to
13 help us accelerate the pace of that
14 reform. Contact your congressional
15 representatives and ask them to sponsor
16 and push the Paycheck Fairness Act and
17 the Fair Pay Act. If you're an employer,
18 please examine your own pay practices for
19 inequities and then fix them. Form a
20 union at your workplace. Union women
21 make 30 percent more than non-union women
22 in similar jobs, and union women,
23 especially those in the public sector,
24 are much more likely to have pay parity
25 with their male colleagues. And please

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2 join with us to help elect more women to
3 public office, like the fine women in
4 this Chamber, because when women
5 candidates run and win, all women win.

6 So thank you again.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Say that
8 again.

9 MS. BLACK: Say that again?
10 When women candidates run and win, all
11 women and all families win.

12 Thank you very much, and now
13 I'd like to introduce Natalie Martinez
14 Oliver, Executive Director of the YWCA in
15 Philadelphia.

16 MS. OLIVER: Good morning,
17 everyone. Good morning, everyone.

18 (Good morning.)

19 MS. OLIVER: Thank you. As you
20 can see, I'm a woman. I am a Latina
21 woman. I'm representing working women,
22 young professional women. I am a mother.
23 And all of those things should be
24 applauded, right? But in our day and
25 age, they're strikes against us, and we

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2 see those strikes in the form of less
3 money. And we're here to just ask for
4 fairness.

5 It's been 40 years after the
6 Equal Pay Act has been passed and we're
7 still struggling, and we're here today
8 asking that this resolution be passed and
9 that we take some significant and
10 intentional steps in the City of
11 Philadelphia to make women as equal as
12 men.

13 There's several reasons, but
14 just so -- you heard a lot of statistics
15 and I don't want to bore you with more,
16 but -- I'm sorry, Kathy, not that that
17 was boring. That's not what I meant.

18 But I want you to know that
19 equal pay is an anti-poverty strategy.
20 In the City of Philadelphia we have a
21 rise in homelessness. And I work with
22 women in shelters specifically, and every
23 week that I go, there are new women.
24 There are new faces, and they all have
25 children, and they don't make enough

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2 money. They're not receiving benefits at
3 their workplace. And so women,
4 minorities of all ethnic backgrounds, we
5 are all suffering from this inequity. So
6 we ask that you would consider this, that
7 if you're employers, as Kathy asked, that
8 you really go back and review your
9 policies.

10 A professor from Yale said that
11 economic insecurity hits women,
12 minorities and the less educated hardest
13 because their incomes fluctuate the most
14 and they are least likely to have access
15 to job-based benefits. And it's unfair.

16 So we ask that you today would
17 help us to make this into a reality that
18 in Philadelphia we bridge the gap -- I'm
19 nervous up here. I apologize -- and that
20 you help us get out of the red. We're
21 wearing this red color today proudly, but
22 we really want to get out of red.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
6 Madam President.

7 I'd like to take the
8 opportunity today to recognize somebody
9 myself who is up in that group. Her name
10 is Barbara Rosella. Wave. Not too --

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Not too
13 long ago I was her busboy at the Stadium
14 Club Restaurant at Veterans Stadium and
15 she helped me work my way through
16 college, and she always paid her busboys
17 fairly. So thank you for all your help.
18 Thanks.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: State
23 Rep Babette, would you like to say a few
24 words?

25 REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPHS: Madam

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2 President, thank you. I'll be brief.

3 I'm a short politician. I give a short
4 speech.

5 When a woman can walk into a
6 grocery store and buy a loaf of bread for
7 less than it costs a man, then we won't
8 be demanding equal pay anymore.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 next order of business is communications.

16 The Chair requests that the
17 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages
18 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 read the messages from the Mayor.

21 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
22 and members of the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
24 that today, April 26, 2007, I signed all
25 of the bills that were passed by Council

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2 at its session on April 12, 2007; and

3 I am transmitting herewith for
4 the consideration of your honorable body
5 an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner
6 of Public Property to execute and deliver
7 to the Philadelphia Authority for
8 Industrial Development a deed located on
9 the south side of Diamond Street in the
10 City of Philadelphia; and

11 An ordinance amending Section 2
12 of an ordinance, Bill No. 020429,
13 approved November 13, 2002, entitled "An
14 ordinance authorizing the revision of
15 lines and grades on a portion of City
16 Plan No. 258 by striking from the City
17 Plan and vacating Brill Street from
18 Torresdale Avenue to Harbison Avenue."

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

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I

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2 have, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

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

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

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will indicate by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 ayes have it and the motion carries.

5 The noise level is really much
6 too high. If you're having
7 conversations, please do it in the
8 corridor.

9 At this time, the Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
12 Madam President. On your behalf, I offer
13 one resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 recognizing and celebrating the
20 Preparatory Charter School of
21 Mathematics, Science, Technology and
22 Careers and its Boys' Basketball Team on
23 winning the Pennsylvania Interscholastic
24 Athletic Association's State Championship
25 for an unprecedented two consecutive

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2 years.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney for a
5 motion.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
7 adoption of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will signify by
13 saying 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 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
24 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
25 two resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
8 Property to execute and deliver to the
9 Redevelopment Authority a deed located in
10 the 3rd and 6th Wards of the City of
11 Philadelphia.

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

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

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say 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 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to execute and deliver to the
8 Redevelopment Authority, the City of
9 Philadelphia, deeds located in the 6th
10 Ward of the City of 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 properly seconded that
19 the resolution be adopted.

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution is
3 adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Greenlee.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
7 you, Madam President. Today I offer one
8 bill.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 read the title.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 amending Title 13 of The Philadelphia
15 Code, entitled "Water and Sewer," by
16 adding a new Chapter regarding
17 termination of the water and sewer
18 service and prohibiting the Water
19 Department from terminating such service
20 on weekends and holidays for non-payment
21 of bills, all under certain terms and
22 conditions.

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

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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 Clerk will please read the
9 title of the bill.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
12 No. 020429, approved November 13, 2002,
13 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the
14 revision of lines and grades on a portion
15 of City Plan No. 258 by striking from the
16 City Plan and vacating Brill Street from
17 Torresdale Avenue.

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

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
24 President, on behalf of Councilwoman
25 Donna Reed Miller, Councilwoman Jannie

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2 Blackwell and myself, I offer one
3 resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read the title.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 honoring the bravery of Sherrod Graham,
10 Dwyne Hall, Jerome Plant and Kyle Young.

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
14 the 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

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2 adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilwoman Miller.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

6 you, Madam President. Today I have two

7 bills and two resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

9 you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please

11 read the title of the first bill.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

13 amending Chapter 10-800 of The

14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by

15 adding a new Section, entitled

16 "Prohibited Possession, Sale and Transfer

17 of Firearms by Persons Subject to

18 Protection from Abuse Orders."

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

20 bill will be referred to the appropriate

21 committee.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

23 amending Chapter 10-800 of The

24 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by

25 adding a new Section entitled "Temporary

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2 Removal of Firearms of Persons Posing a
3 Risk of Imminent Personal Injury to Self
4 or Others."

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 proclaiming the week of April 27, 2007 as
10 "National Crime Victims' Rights Week."

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
14 for the 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 4/26/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 adopted.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 proclaiming the week of April 28, 2007 as
5 "Safe Kids Week."

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

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

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Savage.

25 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I offer one bill and
3 one resolution today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the
11 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
12 Development a deed located on the south
13 side of Diamond Street in the City of
14 Philadelphia.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 authorizing the Committee of Licenses and
20 Inspections to hold hearings to discuss
21 possible improvements to the Department
22 of Licenses and Inspections which would
23 result in increased service efficiencies.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilman Savage.

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2 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: I move for
3 the adoption of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 ayes have it and the resolution will be
15 referred to the appropriate committee.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I offer one bill and
20 one resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the title of the bill.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 continuing a neighborhood improvement
3 district beyond the date of termination
4 of such district in an area bounded
5 generally by the eastern side of Tulip
6 Street, the northern side of Allegheny
7 Avenue, the western side of Amber Street
8 and the northern side of Venango Street,
9 known as the Port Richmond Industrial
10 Development Enterprise Neighborhood
11 Improvement District.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
16 initiating action to continue a
17 neighborhood improvement district beyond
18 the termination date in the area bounded
19 generally on the eastern side of Tulip
20 Street, the northern side of Allegheny
21 Avenue, the western side of Amber Street
22 and the northern side of Venango Street.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move for the adoption
3 of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I offer two resolutions
20 this morning.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the title of the first resolution.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 honoring local businesses for helping to
3 silence violence in Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
5 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I move for the
8 adoption.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will say 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 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
22 calling to support the reconfirmation of
23 Stephen Glassman as Chairman of the
24 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

1 4/26/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for
4 the adoption.

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 say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 ayes have it and the resolution is
16 adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Clerk will please read the
24 title of the resolution.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

1 4/26/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 demanding that the Pennsylvania Gaming
3 Control Board vacate the decision made on
4 slot parlor licenses in Philadelphia
5 until it reflects the diversity that the
6 General Assembly required in Section
7 1212(a) of the Pennsylvania Race Horse
8 Development and Gaming Act, and further
9 authorizing the Committee on Commerce and
10 Economic Development to issue subpoenas
11 to compel the production of documents and
12 other evidence in this matter.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I move for
16 the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will please say
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Ramos.

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I offer one bill and
10 I'd like to speak for a moment on the
11 bill.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business
18 Privilege Taxes," to provide for an
19 exclusion from the definition of
20 "receipts" for receipts of certain
21 artists, under certain terms and
22 conditions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilman Ramos.

25 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. This bill is also
3 co-sponsored by Councilman Frank DiCicco.

4 This ordinance I introduced
5 this morning will provide an exemption
6 from the City's gross receipt tax for
7 artists, writers and performers whose
8 artistic business is generating income
9 that would barely put them above the
10 poverty line.

11 The state already provides for
12 relief from its personal income tax for
13 persons earning under certain income
14 thresholds. This ordinance borrows those
15 same thresholds to provide relief from
16 our local taxes.

17 Currently, in Tax Year 2007, an
18 artist whose business might generate
19 little or no net income because, for
20 example, expenses exceed or nearly exceed
21 the revenues from the sales of artwork
22 still has to pay the City's business
23 privilege tax, plus a 6.5 percent tax on
24 any profits derived from the business.

25 This ordinance will allow an

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2 artist to claim an exemption on his or
3 her tax return from the gross receipt tax
4 so long as the artist's total income from
5 his or her artistic business does not
6 exceed the state established threshold.

7 Furthermore, I'm in early
8 discussion with the City of Philadelphia
9 exploring the possibility of creating a
10 grant program or competitive prize for
11 artists who are residents of
12 Philadelphia.

13 We should be doing everything
14 we can to promote and reward our creative
15 class.

16 Thank you, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you. The bill will be referred to the
19 appropriate committee, and the Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Campbell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Yes.
22 Madam President, I have two bills and one
23 resolution to be referred to a committee.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 providing for the submission to the
6 qualified electors of the City of
7 Philadelphia of an amendment to the
8 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter creating
9 the Office of the Public School Family
10 and Child Advocate, as approved by
11 Resolution of the City Council.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 amending Section 10-611 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
18 Behavior," by providing that all of the
19 prohibitions of that Section shall apply
20 within the Fourth Councilmanic District,
21 all under certain terms and conditions.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

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2 proposing an amendment to the
3 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to create
4 the Office of the Public School Family
5 and Child Advocate, and providing for the
6 submission of the amendment to the
7 electors of Philadelphia.

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

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
14 President, I offer one bill.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 Please read the title.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Section 14-1605 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulated
21 Uses," by providing for Special Regulated
22 Uses, prohibiting such uses in the
23 vicinity of certain residentially related
24 uses, and designating overflow storage
25 tanks as a special regulated use, all

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2 under certain terms and conditions.

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I have six bills.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
17 adding a new Section entitled "Failure to
18 Report Lost or Stolen Firearms."

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 bill will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
23 amending Section 10-800 of The
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
25 adding a new Section 10-821a, entitled

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2 "Contraband Weapons."

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
7 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
9 adding a new Section entitled
10 "Acquisition or Transfer of Firearms," to
11 regulate the requiring or transferring of
12 any firearm within the City of
13 Philadelphia.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
20 adding a new Section 10-834, entitled
21 "Sale or Transfer of Ammunition."

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

1 4/26/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
4 adding a new Section 10-831, entitled
5 "Straw and Multiple Handgun Purchase
6 Reduction."

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
13 adding a new section entitled "Reporting
14 Requirements Upon the Application for or
15 Renewal of a License to Carry a Firearm."

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
22 President, I offer one resolution, which
23 is co-sponsored by Councilwoman Reynolds
24 Brown.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
4 please read the title.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 recognizing, honoring and celebrating
7 Kimberly Rogers, Miss Philadelphia 2007,
8 for her talents and well-rounded persona
9 that earned her the title of
10 Miss Philadelphia 2007 and wishing her
11 well in the Miss Pennsylvania 2007
12 Pageant.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilman Kelly.

15 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I move for
16 the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say 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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
8 President, one resolution today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 read the title of the resolution.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 recognizing, honoring and celebrating the
15 Philadelphia Eagles on the occasion of
16 their 75th anniversary.

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

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
20 President, I move for the adoption of
21 this resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

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

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

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
15 Madam President. Madam President, the
16 Committee on Rules reports two bills with
17 favorable recommendations.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 read the report.

22 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
23 and members of the Council of the City of
24 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
25 which was referred Bill No. 050005,

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2 entitled "An ordinance establishing a
3 neighborhood improvement district in an
4 area that generally includes both sides
5 of Germantown Avenue from 6300 to 7631
6 and certain blocks of streets that
7 interact that portion of Germantown
8 Avenue, to be known as the Mt. Airy
9 Business Improvement District"; and

10 Bill No. 070168, entitled "An
11 ordinance approving the redevelopment
12 proposal of the Redevelopment Authority
13 of the City of Philadelphia for the
14 redevelopment of the 9th and Ellsworth
15 Urban Renewal Area being the area
16 generally bounded by Washington Avenue on
17 the north, Darien Street on the east,
18 Federal Street on the south and the rear
19 properties fronting on the west side of
20 9th Street to the west," respectfully
21 reports it has considered the same and
22 returns the attached bills to Council
23 with a favorable recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you. The bills just reported from

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2 committee will be placed on our First
3 Reading Calendar for our next session of
4 Council.

5 The Chair now recognizes
6 Councilman Ramos for a report from the
7 Committee on Labor and Civil Service.

8 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
9 Madam President. The Committee on Labor
10 and Civil Service reports one bill with a
11 favorable recommendation.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chief Clerk will please
15 read the report.

16 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
17 and members of the Council of the City of
18 Philadelphia, the Committee on Labor and
19 Civil Service, to which was referred Bill
20 No. 070259, entitled "An ordinance
21 amending Section 17-107 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Contractors:
23 Labor-Management Relationships,' to
24 require that building service employees
25 performing labor, under certain building

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2 service contract, receive the prevailing
3 wage and prevailing working conditions,
4 all under certain terms and conditions,"
5 respectfully reports it has considered
6 the same and returns the attached bill to
7 Council with a favorable recommendation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Ramos.

12 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I move that the rules
14 of Council be suspended so as to permit
15 first reading this day of Bill No.
16 070259.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
19 has been moved and properly seconded that
20 the rules of Council be suspended so as
21 to permit first reading this day of the
22 bill just reported from the committee.

23 All in favor will indicate by
24 saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

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

9 The next order of business will
10 be the consideration of the Calendar.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 070187,
15 an ordinance granting permission to Ilker
16 Ugar, owner of Divan Turkish Kitchen and
17 owner of the property at 918 South 22nd
18 Street, to operate and maintain an
19 open-air sidewalk cafe.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chair agrees.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
23 070190, an ordinance granting permission
24 to Nitin Desai, owner and operator of the
25 newsstand located on the northwest corner

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2 of 18th and Arch Street, for the purpose
3 of supplying electrical service and
4 telephone service to said newsstand.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair agrees.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
8 070191, an ordinance granting permission
9 to Chunho Won, owner and operator of the
10 newsstand located on the southwest corner
11 of 18th and Market Street.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair agrees.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
15 070192, an ordinance granting permission
16 to Asia Alnawasreh, owner and operator of
17 the newsstand located on the southwest
18 corner of Broad and Spring Garden Street.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
22 070201, an ordinance establishing a no
23 truck parking regulation on Robbins
24 Avenue between Algard Street and Cottage
25 Street.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair agrees.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
5 070204, an ordinance granting permission
6 to Alfredo Aguilar, owner of the property
7 426-28 West Girard Avenue.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair agrees.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
11 070224, an ordinance authorizing and
12 directing the revision of lines and
13 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 305.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair agrees.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
17 070225, an ordinance authorizing and
18 directing the revision of lines and
19 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 187
20 by striking from the City Plan and
21 vacating legally opened portions of
22 Belgrade Street.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair agrees.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

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2 070226, an ordinance authorizing Kevin
3 Alsbrook, 400 Gypsy Lane, owner of
4 Bazini's Cafe, to legalize an existing
5 deck encroachment.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair agrees.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
9 070227, an ordinance amending Section
10 9-204 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
11 "Sidewalk Vendors in Center City," by
12 prohibiting vendors within 15 feet of any
13 emergency egress, all under certain terms
14 and conditions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair agrees.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
18 070231, an ordinance authorizing the East
19 Falls Development Corporation, owner of
20 the property 3800 Midvale Avenue, for the
21 installation of a gateway entrance sign
22 for the East Falls community.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair agrees.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

1 4/26/07 - STATED - 1ST READING
2 070235, an ordinance authorizing and
3 directing the revision of lines and
4 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 63
5 by striking from the City Plan and
6 vacating Carlton Street from 20th Street.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair agrees.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
10 070237, an ordinance authorizing Liberty
11 Property Trust Philadelphia Limited IV
12 for the placement of raised planters on
13 J.F. Kennedy Boulevard.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair agrees.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
17 070259, an ordinance amending Section
18 17-107 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
19 "Contractors: Labor-Management
20 Relationships," to require that building
21 service employees performing labor, under
22 certain building service contract,
23 receive the prevailing wage and
24 prevailing working conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair agrees.

3 That concludes our First
4 Reading Calendar for today.

5 The Chair now recognizes
6 Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of
7 calling up the bills to be considered on
8 the Second Reading and Final Passage
9 Calendar.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you, Madam President. Today our Calendar
12 begins on Page 5. The bill at the bottom
13 of the page, 060226-A, is to be amended.
14 On Page 6, we will consider Bill No.
15 070149-A. On Page 9, we will consider
16 Bill No. 060433 for an amendment, and,
17 finally, on Page 11, we will consider
18 Bill Nos. 070152, 070186 and 070202. All
19 other bills are being held.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you very much.

22 We will now consider Bill No.
23 060433. Is there one before that?

24 CHIEF CLERK: Yes; 060226-A.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm

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2 sorry. The first bill to be considered
3 is Bill No. 060226-A.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia
6 Code, entitled "Contracts and
7 Procurement," by adding a chapter
8 providing for the development of and
9 setting forth provisions relating to
10 Economic Opportunity Plans in connection
11 with certain City contracts and projects.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
15 Madam President. Madam President, I want
16 to offer an amendment today to the Equal
17 Opportunity Plan legislation, 226. As
18 you may recall, there was a friendly
19 interrogation last week about a provision
20 in the bill that required MBEC be the
21 certifying entity. After further
22 discussion among the parties associated
23 with this issue, we will be amending that
24 section out of the bill.

25 The copies of the amendment

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2 have been circulated, so I move for an
3 adoption of the amendment to Bill No 226.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
6 has been moved and seconded that the
7 amendment be adopted.

8 All in favor will please
9 indicate by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 ayes have it and the amendment is
16 adopted.

17 The next bill for consideration
18 is Bill No. 070149-A.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia
21 Code, by requiring that any advertisement
22 or correspondence pertaining to the
23 rental of residential property shall
24 include the housing inspection license
25 number for such property.

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

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 call the roll.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Campbell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Greenlee.

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

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

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

5 Verna.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

10 We will now consider Bill No.

11 060433.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 providing for the submission to the
14 qualified electors of the City of
15 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
16 a resolution approved by Council
17 proposing amendment to the Philadelphia
18 Home Rule Charter requiring District
19 Councilmembers to be residents of the
20 districts from which they were elected
21 for at least one year prior to their
22 election.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
24 bill having been read -- I'm sorry. The
25 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney. Do

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2 you have an amendment to this bill, sir?

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes, Madam
4 President. I offer an amendment to this
5 bill. It's been circulated to all
6 members of Council.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
8 you moving the adoption?

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes. I
10 move the adoption of the amendment.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 The next bill to be considered
24 is Bill No. 070152.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 amending Section 9-213 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Farmers
4 Markets," by adding a permissible
5 location on the sidewalk of the median of
6 the 400 block of South 2nd Street, also
7 known as Headhouse Square.

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

12 The Chief Clerk will please
13 call the roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Campbell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Savage.

6 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

11 Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

13 The ayes are 17; the nays are zero. A
14 majority of all members having voted in
15 the affirmative, this bill passes.

16 The next bill to be considered
17 is Bill No. 070186.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing the Trustees of the
20 University of Pennsylvania to construct
21 and maintain a pedestrian bridge over and
22 across Convention Avenue, under certain
23 terms and conditions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
25 bill having been read on two different

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2 days, the question now is shall the bill
3 pass finally.

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 call the roll.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Campbell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

24 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Verna.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
5 The ayes are 17; the nays are zero. A
6 majority of all members having voted in
7 the affirmative, the bill passes.

8 The last bill to be considered
9 is Bill No. 070202.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Section 12-2708 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Issuance of
13 Temporary Parking Permits," by adding
14 provisions for temporary parking permits
15 valid for one calendar day, all under
16 certain terms and conditions.

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

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 call the roll.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

1 4/26/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Campbell.
4 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Clarke.
7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 DiCicco.
10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Greenlee.
15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Kenney.
20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.
23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Miller.

1 4/26/07 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 O'Neill.
5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Reynolds Brown.
10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Savage.
15 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: 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 17; the nays are zero. A
23 majority of all members having voted in
24 the affirmative, this bill passes.
25 This morning, as you all know,

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2 we were invited to the Mayor's office for
3 a briefing, and I would just like to read
4 for the record a letter that we received
5 this morning addressed to me from the
6 Mayor, reading as follows: "This is to
7 confirm the request for delay in the
8 Council hearing on the School District's
9 budget" -- as you know, that's scheduled
10 for Monday and Tuesday of next week -- "I
11 made during our discussion earlier today.
12 As you know, the Administration has been
13 working closely with Governor Rendell's
14 office to determine more accurately the
15 District's financial needs. I expect
16 this process to be completed in the next
17 30 days.

18 "I look forward to
19 collaborating closely with you and the
20 members of City Council in the
21 intervening weeks as we work to put in
22 place adequate resources for our public
23 schools.

24 "With warmest regards, I am
25 sincerely, John F. Street."

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2 So we will not be having school
3 budget hearings scheduled for Monday and
4 Tuesday. So that at the time we do have
5 our budget hearings, perhaps we will have
6 much more information to work with.

7 Are there any speeches on the
8 part of the minority?

9 (No response.)

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I actually don't have a
17 speech. I was still responding to the
18 decision not to hold hearings on Monday
19 and Tuesday.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
21 sorry. I didn't hear you.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I actually
23 don't have a speech. I'm still
24 responding to the issue not to hold
25 hearings on the School District budget on

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2 Monday and Tuesday. I read the letter
3 from the Mayor. I listened to you read
4 it. I'm still not clear why we're not
5 having hearings.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It is
7 our understanding that the Mayor and the
8 Governor have been meeting. Apparently
9 no one knows what the real deficit is.
10 Mr. Nash has been working at the School
11 District, and the Mayor has requested
12 that he and the Governor work together so
13 that when the budget is before us, we
14 would have certainly much more adequate
15 information.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: We don't
17 approve the budget. We authorize
18 the taxes.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
20 authorize the budget. Exactly.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: No. We
22 don't approve the budget.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 taxes.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: We authorize

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2 the taxes. There's never been a
3 situation in the history where we've not
4 authorized the taxes.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

6 That's precisely what we do.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: So there's
8 no reason not to authorize the taxes to
9 finance the School District.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Well,
11 if you have an issue with this, I'd
12 suggest you personally speak with the
13 Mayor.

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: No.
15 Actually, he should have given me a phone
16 call.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I beg
18 your pardon?

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: He should
20 have given me a phone call. That's why I
21 did not attend the briefing. It is not
22 about reauthorizing taxes. It is about
23 the bill that would do the millage shift.
24 If he's not for the bill, he's not for
25 the bill, but as I said before, he's

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2 pretty much a lame duck on this issue.

3 And the truth is that the other two bills
4 to be considered at that hearing were to
5 authorize taxes to provide funds for the
6 School District. We're going to do that
7 one way or the other. If he's against
8 the other bill, Bill 15, let him be
9 against it. So what?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

11 You're going to have a conversation with
12 the Mayor, I assume?

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: No.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No?

15 Okay.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: In the end
17 it's your decision whether to hold the
18 hearing, but clearly, two of the bills
19 could be heard on Monday and Tuesday. We
20 could go ahead and authorize the taxes,
21 and nothing that's going to happen
22 between the Mayor and the Governor over
23 the next 30 days is going to change
24 whether we authorize the taxes. The only
25 thing to be considered separate from that

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2 is Bill 15 that would do the millage
3 shift. The Mayor is not for the bill.
4 So what?

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
6 right. Can we have this discussion
7 later, and I'd like the Chairperson of
8 the Education Committee also to be
9 present at that time.

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
17 Madam President. As you know, this City
18 Council passed the anti-predatory lending
19 bill back in 2000 and the Daily News
20 newspaper was very strong in supporting
21 our efforts. I bring back the argument
22 that former Councilman David Cohen raised
23 every week in City Council. We ask the
24 Daily News to stop printing the payday
25 lending ads in its newspapers. We have

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2 enough problems with people being gouged
3 and preyed upon. So we ask the Daily
4 News to stop advertising. I see they're
5 slowly creeping back into the
6 advertisement pages of the Daily News.
7 It's not helpful to the citizens of this
8 city.

9 Thank you very much.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

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

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

16 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to
18 adjourn.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
20 President, I move that Council stand
21 adjourned until Thursday, May 3rd, 2007,
22 10:00 a.m.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
3 May 3rd, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
10 ayes have it and the motion carries.

11 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
12 11:35 a.m.)

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