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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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CONTINUED STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Monday, February 4, 2008
11:55 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 BILL GREEN

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE

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COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, 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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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
3 will now go into our continued Stated
4 Meeting of January 31st.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Tasco for a committee
7 report.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
9 Madam President. The Committee of the
10 Whole reports three resolutions with a
11 favorable recommendation.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
13 would ask Mr. McPherson to please read
14 the report.

15 MR. MCPHERSON: The Committee
16 of the Whole, to which was referred
17 Resolution No. 080043, entitled
18 "Resolution confirming the appointment of
19 Shelley R. Smith, Esquire, as City
20 Solicitor," respectfully reports it has
21 considered the same and returns the
22 attached resolution to Council with a
23 favorable recommendation.

24 The Committee of the Whole, to
25 which was referred Resolution 0045,

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2 entitled "Resolution confirming the
3 appointment of Kenya Mann, Esquire, as a
4 member of the Board of Ethics to serve in
5 the term ending November 16, 2008,"
6 respectfully reports it has considered
7 the same and returns the attached
8 resolution to Council with a favorable
9 recommendation.

10 The Committee of the Whole, to
11 which was referred Resolution No. 080074,
12 entitled "Resolution confirming the
13 appointment of Lori Shorr as the Public
14 School Family and Child Advocate,"
15 respectfully reports it has considered
16 the same and returns the attached
17 resolution to Council with a favorable
18 recommendation.

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

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
22 the adoption of the resolutions.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
25 in favor will indicate by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 ayes have it and the resolutions are
8 adopted. Thank you all very much.

9 Now, I don't know if
10 Councilwoman Miller is in the room, but
11 if you all recall, we continued this
12 hearing from Thursday to consider the
13 diversity plan. It is my understanding
14 it is still being worked upon. It is now
15 12:00 noon. We will recess until 1:30.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Point of
17 information.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes,
19 sir.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Madam
21 President, will each individual member of
22 Council receive individual copies of
23 those diversity plans?

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
25 would hope so.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Do you know
3 at what point we'll receive them? It's
4 12 o'clock now.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
6 really couldn't answer that.

7 Do you know, Councilwoman
8 Tasco?

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No.
11 I'm sorry.

12 Are you calling Councilwoman
13 Miller?

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Yes.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes,
16 Councilwoman Sanchez.

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I
18 request that whatever is in-house be
19 shared immediately so that we don't get
20 all -- if we're waiting for additional
21 information, whatever is available we
22 should have immediately so that we can
23 review during recess.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
25 would totally agree with you.

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2 Councilman Green.

3 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I understand
4 the plans are available for distribution
5 from Councilwoman Miller's office.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Well,
7 we haven't seen them.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Point of
9 information.

10 If this is what you're
11 considering a plan, I can just say
12 looking at the beginning of it, for the
13 Asbestos Workers, there's no listing of
14 journeymen or apprentices. For the
15 Bricklayers, there are no goals
16 whatsoever. For the Cement Masons,
17 there's no information on journeymen.
18 There's question marks here.

19 This is ridiculous. If this is
20 it, this is ridiculous.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At
22 the request of Councilwoman Miller, we're
23 going to recess for 15 minutes, because I
24 understand the necessary paperwork is
25 being prepared and should be available in

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2 15 minutes. Thank you. We'll recess for
3 15 minutes.

4 (Recess from 12:05 p.m. to 1:30
5 p.m.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Stated Meeting of City Council will be
8 continued until a quarter of 3:00. We're
9 still trying to work out some details so
10 that everybody would be happy and
11 satisfied. So a quarter of 3:00. Thank
12 you.

13 (Recess from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30
14 p.m.)

15 MR. MCPHERSON: The Committee
16 will stand in recess until 4:00 p.m.

17 (Recess from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45
18 p.m.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Can I
20 have everyone's attention, please. The
21 Mayor is with us to sign the Executive
22 Order on the issue we have been working
23 with for at least an hour.

24 MAYOR NUTTER: An hour?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: An

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2 hour.

3 MAYOR NUTTER: Madam President,
4 thank you very much. I appreciate this
5 extraordinary opportunity.

6 My presence here today is with
7 regard to what will be now known as
8 Executive Order No. 5-08, entitled "The
9 Mayor's Advisory Commission on
10 Construction Industry Diversity."

11 Madam President and members of
12 Council, as I've done with other
13 Executive Orders, I will only read the
14 title of Section 1 and the first section
15 associated with it. The Executive Order,
16 I'm sure, will be copied very shortly.
17 It's not that long, but too long to read
18 in this particular session.

19 It is Section 1, Establishment
20 and Purpose of the Commission. A, the
21 Mayor's Advisory Commission on
22 Construction Industry Diversity,
23 hereinafter the "Advisory Commission," is
24 hereby established in the Mayor's Office.
25 And I'm going to sign the Executive

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2 Order. It's dated today.

3 (Mayor Nutter signs Executive
4 Order 5-08.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's
6 historic.

7 MAYOR NUTTER: And that's it.
8 It's done. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MAYOR NUTTER: Madam President,
11 thank you very much. I'm pleased to be a
12 part of this process, and we will follow
13 up on the commitments that were made as a
14 part of the Executive Order and continue
15 our partnership and relationship with
16 City Council to address the very serious
17 issues at hand regarding diversity in the
18 workforce, specifically in construction,
19 not only as it relates to the
20 Pennsylvania Convention Center but all
21 projects in Philadelphia, whether public
22 or private. That's the purpose of the
23 Executive Order and that's our
24 commitment.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

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2 Wonderful. Thank you.

3 MAYOR NUTTER: Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
6 will now resume our Stated Meeting.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
10 you, Madam President.

11 Today I will be introducing 12
12 resolutions that we will need to vote for
13 separately. I'd like to ask for a
14 suspension of the rules for all 12 of the
15 resolutions that will be introduced
16 today, or tonight.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
19 has been moved and seconded that the
20 rules of Council be suspended.

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 Again, the Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Miller.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
8 you, Madam President. I don't actually
9 have the resolutions. Do you have those?
10 I just wanted to make sure.

11 Today I have 12 resolutions --
12 I mean 11. I'm sorry.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
14 would ask Mr. McPherson to please read
15 the title of the first resolution.

16 MR. MCPHERSON: Approving
17 Diversity Plans for the Sheet Metal
18 Workers Local 19.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will indicate by
4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 record will indicate that Councilman
11 Goode voted nay. All other
12 Councilmembers voted in the affirmative.
13 Therefore, the resolution is adopted.

14 MR. MCPHERSON: Resolution
15 approving the Diversity Plan for the
16 Elevator Constructors No. 5.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
18 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
21 for the adoption 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 say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 record will reflect that Councilman Goode
9 voted nay. All other Councilmembers
10 voted in the affirmative. Therefore, the
11 resolution is adopted.

12 The Chair again recognizes
13 Councilwoman Miller.

14 I'm sorry, Donna.

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Mr. McPherson.

17 MR. MCPHERSON: A resolution
18 approving the Diversity Plan for the
19 Plumbers Local 690.

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
23 for the adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

1 2/4/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF RESOLUTIONS
2 has been moved and seconded that the
3 resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor will indicate by
5 saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 record will reflect that Councilman Goode
12 voted nay. All other members voted in
13 the affirmative. Therefore, the
14 resolution is adopted.

15 Mr. McPherson.

16 MR. MCPHERSON: Approving
17 Diversity Plans for the Bricklayers and
18 Allied Craftworkers Local No. 1 PA and
19 Delaware.

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
23 for the adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

1 2/4/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF RESOLUTIONS
2 has been moved and properly seconded that
3 the resolution be adopted.

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

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 record will reflect that Councilman Goode
11 voted nay. All other members voted in
12 the affirmative. Therefore, the
13 resolution passes -- or is adopted, and I
14 would ask Mr. McPherson to please read
15 the next resolution.

16 MR. MCPHERSON: Approving the
17 Diversity Plan for the Sprinkler Fitters
18 Local 692.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 ayes have it. The record will reflect
10 that Councilman Goode voted in the
11 negative, and the resolution is adopted.

12 Mr. McPherson.

13 MR. McPHERSON: A resolution
14 approving Diversity Plans for District
15 Council 21.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
17 Councilwoman Miller.

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

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 opposed?

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 ayes have it. The record will reflect
7 that Councilman Goode voted in the
8 negative. Therefore, the resolution is
9 adopted.

10 I would then ask Mr. McPherson
11 to please read the next resolution.

12 MR. MCPHERSON: Resolution
13 approving the Diversity Plan for Laborers
14 Local 332.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All

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 2 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 Mr. McPherson.
 11 MR. MCPHERSON: Resolution
 12 approving the Diversity Plan for the
 13 Steamfitters Local 420.
 14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
 15 Councilwoman Miller.
 16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
 17 for the -- yes, I do. I move for the
 18 adoption of the resolution.
 19 (Duly seconded.)
 20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
 21 has been moved and seconded that the
 22 resolution be adopted.
 23 All in favor will indicate by
 24 saying aye.
 25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 opposed?

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 ayes have it. The record will reflect
7 that Councilman Goode voted no. All
8 other members voted in the affirmative,
9 and the resolution is adopted.

10 Mr. McPherson.

11 MR. MCPHERSON: A resolution
12 approving the Diversity Plan for the
13 Cement Workers Local No. 592.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will indicate by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 ayes have it. The record will reflect
6 that Councilman Goode voted no. All
7 other members voted aye. Therefore, the
8 resolution is adopted, and I would ask
9 Mr. McPherson to please read the next
10 resolution.

11 MR. MCPHERSON: Resolution
12 approving the Diversity Plan for the
13 Asbestos Workers Local 14.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
15 Councilwoman Miller.

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will indicate by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All

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 2 in favor will say aye.
 3 (Aye.)
 4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
 5 opposed?
 6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.
 7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
 8 record will reflect that Councilman Goode
 9 voted no. All other members voted in the
 10 affirmative. Therefore, the resolution
 11 passes.
 12 I would ask Mr. McPherson to
 13 please read the title of the next
 14 resolution.
 15 MR. MCPHERSON: A resolution
 16 approving the Diversity Plan for the Iron
 17 Workers Local 401.
 18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
 19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.
 20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
 21 for the adoption 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 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 Do we have any others?
 11 MR. McPHERSON: No.
 12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
 13 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.
 14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Actually, I
 15 just wanted to speak on the last
 16 resolution to say that I would be voting
 17 for the Iron Workers Diversity Plan.
 18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Did
 19 you want to be heard now?
 20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: No. It was
 21 before the vote. But I voted for it.
 22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.
 23 But you did vote aye; did you not?
 24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I voted aye.
 25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very

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2 good. The record indicated that all
3 members voted aye and the resolution is
4 adopted.

5 At this time, the Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for the
7 introduction of a resolution.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
9 President, I ask for the rules of Council
10 be suspended so as to introduce this
11 resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
14 Charlie.

15 MR. MCPHERSON: A resolution
16 urging Governor Edward G. Rendell to
17 authorize the Pennsylvania Convention
18 Center Authority to release bids
19 concerning the Convention Center
20 expansion.

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

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
24 President, I move for the adoption of the
25 resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Clarke for a motion to adjourn.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Point of
17 order.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
19 Councilwoman, I'm sorry.

20 Councilman, I understand
21 Councilwoman would like to be recognized.

22 Councilwoman Miller.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yes. I'd
24 actually just like to talk about the
25 importance of what we did here today.

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2 It's historic. It's been a lot of work.
3 There have been many meetings attended by
4 many Councilmembers, and we finally got
5 to the point today where we could
6 introduce these resolutions and move
7 forward.

8 Today is just the beginning.
9 There's a lot of work to be done in the
10 future, and with the Mayor's Executive
11 Order and these resolutions with its
12 exhibits is a historic moment here in
13 Philadelphia.

14 For the 13 years I've been on
15 the City Council, we've always talked
16 about minority inclusion as it relates to
17 the Building Trades, and, again, I just
18 want to reference that this is historic
19 and I just want to thank and commend all
20 of my Council colleagues and many other
21 people from the Convention Center Board
22 that have come over to work with us
23 diligently on this project. Lots of our
24 staff gave up their Christmas holidays to
25 work on this, and many of us also, and

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2 I'm just glad that we got to the point
3 today where we could introduce this,
4 because this actually for me means that
5 we'll be opening up doors for people to
6 become included in what we see as an
7 industry that's been closed doors.

8 We've learned a lot and I've
9 had quite a number of surprises on some
10 of the numbers and some of the figures,
11 and I'll just be glad that we can begin
12 work and work along with the Mayor on the
13 Advisory Commission and move forward.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

16 You're welcome.

17 Anyone else want to be
18 recognized?

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Green.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Yes. I just
22 wanted to say that many of us on Council
23 from conversations I've had -- I'll only
24 speak for myself, I guess -- feel that
25 the goals of some of the plans that we

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2 approved today are not sufficient. In my
3 case, I decided to approve the plans out
4 of respect for the work that has been
5 done by members of Council who really
6 were pushing for this, Councilwoman
7 Miller, Councilwoman Tasco, Councilman
8 Clarke and others, and I just want to
9 thank them for their leadership on this
10 important issue and say that in my view,
11 it's also only a beginning, and the thing
12 that swayed my vote was the fact that
13 these unions have committed themselves to
14 the jurisdiction or subjected themselves
15 to the jurisdiction of the Mayor's
16 Commission on diversity in the trades,
17 and I think that is significant. That
18 Commission is going to come back and
19 recommend to Council specific goals and
20 remedial actions, and that fact I think
21 is, as Councilwoman Miller said,
22 historic, and I just want to thank them
23 for their leadership on this.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 Would anyone else want to be
3 recognized?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

6 Seeing no one, the Chair recognizes
7 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
8 adjourn.

9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I'm sorry.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I failed to
12 mention Councilman Goode's leadership on
13 this issue, and I apologize, Councilman.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

15 Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 Madam President, I move that
19 Council stand adjourned until Thursday --

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Point of
21 order.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes,
23 sir. The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Goode for a point of order.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: My

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2 leadership on this matter has nothing to
3 do with the action that was just taken.

4 Thank you.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

6 Councilman Clarke.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
8 Madam President.

9 Madam President, I move that
10 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
11 February the 7th, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
14 has been moved and seconded that Council
15 stand adjourned until Thursday, February
16 7th at 10:00 a.m.

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

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

24 Thank you.

25 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

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2 5:25 p.m.)
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