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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

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5 Room 400, City Hall  
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
7 Thursday, March 4, 2010  
8 10:10 a.m.

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PRESENT:

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA  
13 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL  
14 COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE  
15 COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO  
16 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.  
17 COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN  
18 COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE  
19 COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.  
20 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY  
21 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY  
22 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI  
23 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL  
24 COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ  
25 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER  
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN  
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO  
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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

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

10 To give our invocation this  
11 morning, the Chair recognizes Reverend  
12 John M. Teagle, Interim Pastor of Mt.  
13 Sinai Tabernacle Baptist Church. He is  
14 here today as the guest of Councilman  
15 Clarke.

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

18 (All members and guests rise.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:  
20 Reverend.

21 REVEREND TEAGLE: Good morning.

22 (Good morning.)

23 REVEREND TEAGLE: Our Father  
24 and our God, thou who knowest all about  
25 us, know more about us than we know about

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2   ourselves, we come invoking thy presence  
3   here today that thou wouldst not only  
4   cover us with thy spirit, but give us  
5   understanding.

6           We come praying for this  
7   awesome body, the President of this  
8   Council and the Councilmembers and their  
9   staff, that thou wouldst bless them as  
10   they go forward in this great work, and  
11   that what is done here today may be of  
12   such that thou can put thy stamp of  
13   approval upon it and bless us as we go  
14   forward on our way.

15           Keep us and we shall be kept.  
16   Save us and we shall be saved. We ask it  
17   all in the name of the father and of the  
18   son and of the holy ghost, we pray.

19           Amen.

20           (Amen.)

21           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
22   Chair thanks Reverend Teagle for his very  
23   inspiring invocation. Thank you so much.

24           Council will be at ease.

25           (Council at ease.)

1       3/4/10 - STATED - APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

2               COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The  
3 next order of business is the approval of  
4 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,  
5 February 25th, 2010.

6               The Chair recognizes  
7 Councilwoman Tasco.

8               COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,  
9 Madam President. I move that the Journal  
10 of the meeting of Thursday, February  
11 25th, 2010 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 February 25th, 2010 stand approved.

17              All in favor will indicate by  
18 saying aye.

19              (Aye.)

20              COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those  
21 opposed?

22              (No response.)

23              COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The  
24 ayes have it, and the Journal is  
25 approved.

1           3/4/10 - STATED - LEAVES

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

6           COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,  
7 Madam President. On behalf of the  
8 majority, there are no requests for leave  
9 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, the republicans have no  
16 requests for leave of absence.

17          COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank  
18 you.

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 Council, I welcome you  
24 to our Council session. We appreciate  
25 your taking the time to join us as we

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

5                We have many distinguished  
6        visitors with us today, including elected  
7        officials, heads of departments, boards  
8        and commissions and many representatives  
9        from the Administration. Please know  
10       that we appreciate you being with us  
11       today. We want to extend a warm welcome  
12       and to offer our thanks for all the good  
13       work that you do, and we all say thank  
14       you. Thank you very much.

15                (Applause.)

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

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

23                CHIEF CLERK: To the President  
24       and members of the Council of the City of  
25       Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith

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2        for the consideration of your honorable  
3        body a resolution providing for the  
4        approval by the Council of the City of  
5        Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year  
6        Financial Plan for the City of  
7        Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2011  
8        through 2015; and

9                An ordinance to adopt a Fiscal  
10       2011 Capital Budget; and

11                An ordinance to adopt a Capital  
12       Program for the six Fiscal Years 2011  
13       through 2016 inclusive; and

14                An ordinance adopting the  
15       Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2011;  
16       and

17                An ordinance amending Title 19  
18       of The Philadelphia Code, entitled  
19       "Finance, Taxes and Collections," by  
20       adding a new Chapter 19-3600, entitled  
21       "Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax"; and

22                An ordinance amending Section  
23       19-1801 of The Philadelphia Code,  
24       entitled "Authorization of Tax," to  
25       further authorize the Board of Education

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2        of the School District of Philadelphia to  
3        impose a tax on real estate within the  
4        City of Philadelphia; and

5                An ordinance amending Chapter  
6        19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code,  
7        entitled "School Tax Authorization," by  
8        amending Section 19-1806, entitled  
9        "Authorization of Realty Use and  
10       Occupancy Tax," to further authorize the  
11       Board of Education of the School District  
12       of Philadelphia to impose a tax on the  
13       use or occupancy of real estate within  
14       the School District of Philadelphia; and

15                An ordinance amending Chapter  
16        10-700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled  
17        "Refuse and Littering," by providing for  
18        a sanitation services fee; and

19                An ordinance authorizing the  
20        Commissioner of Public Property, on  
21        behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to  
22        extend the term of a sublease agreement  
23        between the Philadelphia Municipal  
24        Authority as landlord and The City of  
25        Philadelphia as tenant for mailroom

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2        operations space at 1628 JFK Boulevard;

3        and

4                An ordinance authorizing the

5        City Treasurer, on behalf of the City, to

6        enter into an agreement with Wachovia

7        Bank for the provision of payroll banking

8        services to the City; and

9                An ordinance amending Chapter

10       19-3500 of The Philadelphia Code,

11       entitled "General Acute Care Hospital

12       Assessment," by clarifying its

13       applicability to High Volume Medicaid

14       Hospitals, by revising due dates, by

15       making changes to conform amendments to

16       State law, and making technical changes,

17       all under certain terms and conditions.

18                COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

19       you. The messages will be printed in the

20       Journal.

21                I would ask the Chief Clerk to

22       please read any other communications in

23       his possession.

24                CHIEF CLERK: I have none,

25       Madam President.

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2                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I've  
3        been informed that a special guest has  
4        joined us. I'd like us all to recognize  
5        Mayor John Street.

6                (Applause.)

7                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
8        next order of business is the  
9        introduction of bills and resolutions,  
10       and at this time, the Chair recognizes  
11       Councilman Kenney.

12               COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,  
13       Madam President. With your  
14       co-sponsorship, I offer one resolution.

15               COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
16       you.

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

19               CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
20       urging PIDC to rename the Philadelphia  
21       Navy Yard as the Honorable John P. Murtha  
22       Navy Yard.

23               COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
24       Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney for a  
25       motion.

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2                COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the  
3 adoption of the resolution.

4                (Duly seconded.)

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

8                All in favor will indicate by  
9 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 resolution is  
16 adopted.

17               The Chair recognizes  
18 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

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

24               The Chair recognizes Councilman  
25 Greenlee.

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

5                COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank  
6 you.

7                The Chair recognizes  
8 Councilwoman Krajewski.

9                COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank  
10 you, Madam President. I offer one  
11 resolution.

12               COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank  
13 you.

14               The Chief Clerk will please  
15 read the title.

16               CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
17 honoring Seamus Boyle.

18               COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The  
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

20               COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move  
21 for the adoption of the 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 Chair recognizes  
11 Councilwoman Tasco.

12               COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam  
13 President, I offer six bills and one  
14 resolution on behalf of the  
15 Administration. I offer eight bills on  
16 behalf of City Council and two  
17 resolutions. I have one bill and one  
18 resolution, and I'm offering one  
19 resolution on your behalf.

20               COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank  
21 you.

22               The Chief Clerk will begin to  
23 read the first six bills, please.

24               CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to  
25 adopt a Capital Program for the six

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2        Fiscal Years 2011 through 2016 inclusive.

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

6                CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
7        to adopt a Fiscal 2011 Capital Budget.

8                COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This  
9        bill will be referred to the appropriate  
10       committee.

11               CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
12       adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal  
13       Year 2011.

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

17               CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
18       amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia  
19       Code, entitled "Finance, Taxes and  
20       Collections," by adding a new Chapter  
21       19-3600, entitled "Sugar-Sweetened  
22       Beverage Tax."

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

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2                CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

3 amending Chapter 19-1800 of The

4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax

5 Authorization," by amending Section

6 19-1806, entitled "Authorization of

7 Realty Use and Occupancy Tax," to further

8 the authorize the Board of Education of

9 the School District of Philadelphia --

10               COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

11 bill will be referred to the appropriate

12 committee.

13               CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

14 amending Section 19-1801 of The

15 Philadelphia Code, entitled

16 "Authorization of Tax," to further

17 authorize the Board of Education of the

18 School District of Philadelphia to impose

19 a tax on real estate within the City.

20               COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

21 bill will be referred to the appropriate

22 committee.

23               CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

24 authorizing the City Treasurer, on behalf

25 of the City, to enter into an agreement

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2        with Wachovia Bank for the provision of  
3        payroll banking services to the City.

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

7                CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
8        amending Chapter 20-1000 of The  
9        Philadelphia Code, entitled "Political  
10       Contributions and Expenditures," by  
11       providing that expenditures incurred in  
12       the printing or distribution of sample  
13       ballots shall not be considered a  
14       contribution for purposes of the  
15       contribution limits of that Chapter.

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

19               CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
20       amending Chapter 20-1000 of The  
21       Philadelphia Code, entitled "Political  
22       Contributions and Expenditures," by  
23       permitting a candidate for elective  
24       office to establish a litigation fund to  
25       receive contributions and make

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2        expenditures for the defense of certain  
3        proceedings relating to the candidate's  
4        campaign.

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

8                CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
9        providing for the submission to the  
10       qualified electors of the City of  
11       Philadelphia of a proposed amendment of  
12       The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter set  
13       forth in a Resolution approved by Council  
14       relating to restrictions on the political  
15       activities of City officers and  
16       employees.

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

20               CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
21       amending Title 20 of The Philadelphia  
22       Code, entitled "Officers and Employees,"  
23       by revising the penalties for violation  
24       of various ethics and ethics-related  
25       provisions.

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

5                CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
6 providing for the submission to the  
7 qualified electors of the City of  
8 Philadelphia of an amendment to The  
9 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide  
10 for the creation of an Office of  
11 Inspector General, to provide for the  
12 powers and duties of such Office.

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

16               CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
17 amending Chapter 20-1000 of The  
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Political  
19 Contributions and Expenditures," by  
20 authorizing the creation of inauguration  
21 and transition committees and providing  
22 separate limitations on contributions to  
23 such committees.

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

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2        committee.

3                CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
4        amending Chapter 20-600 of The  
5        Philadelphia Code, entitled "Standards of  
6        Conduct and Ethics," by establishing  
7        standards of conduct regarding the  
8        political activities of City officers and  
9        employees.

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

13              CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
14        amending Title 20 of The Philadelphia  
15        Code, entitled "Officers and Employees,"  
16        by adding a new Chapter requiring the  
17        registration of lobbyists and their  
18        principals.

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

22              CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
23        providing for the submission to the  
24        qualified electors of the City of  
25        Philadelphia of an amendment to The

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2        Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide  
3        for the creation of an Office of  
4        Inspector General.

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

8                CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
9        proposing an amendment to The  
10       Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating  
11       to restrictions on the political  
12       activities of City officers and  
13       employees.

14               COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This  
15       resolution will also be referred to the  
16       appropriate committee.

17               CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
18       providing for the approval by the Council  
19       of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised  
20       Five Year Financial Plan for the City of  
21       Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2011  
22       through 2015.

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

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

13                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
14 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a  
15 motion on the resolution.

16                COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for  
17 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 say 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  
7 Councilwoman Miller.

8                COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank  
9 you, Madam President. Today I offer one  
10 bill and one resolution.

11               COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank  
12 you.

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

15               CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
16 authorizing the Commissioner of Public  
17 Property to execute and deliver to the  
18 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial  
19 Development a deed conveying, for nominal  
20 consideration, fee simple title to the  
21 parcel measuring approximately 58,402  
22 square feet which is located at 5326  
23 Pulaski Avenue.

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

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2        committee.

3                CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

4        proclaiming March 8, 2010 as

5        "International Women's Day."

6                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

7        Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

8                COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move

9        for the adoption of the resolution.

10                (Duly seconded.)

11                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

12        has been moved and properly seconded that

13        the resolution be adopted.

14                All in favor will signify by

15        saying aye.

16                (Aye.)

17                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

18        opposed?

19                (No response.)

20                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

21        ayes have it and the resolution is

22        adopted.

23                The Chair recognizes

24        Councilwoman Sanchez.

25                COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

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2        you, Madam President. Nothing this  
3        morning.

4                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm  
5        sorry. I didn't hear you.

6                COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I have  
7        nothing this morning.

8                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
9        you.

10               The Chair recognizes Councilman  
11       Green.

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

15               COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
16       you very much.

17               The Chair recognizes Councilman  
18       Jones.

19               COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,  
20       Madam President. Today, no bills or  
21       resolutions.

22               COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
23       you.

24               The Chair recognizes Councilman  
25       Goode.

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2                COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,  
3        Madam President. I offer no bills or  
4        resolutions today.

5                COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The  
6        Chair thanks the gentleman.

7                The Chair recognizes  
8        Councilwoman Brown.

9                COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,  
10        Madam President. No bills or resolutions  
11        this morning.

12               COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank  
13        you.

14               The Chair recognizes Councilman  
15        DiCicco.

16               COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,  
17        Madam President. I offer one bill.

18               COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The  
19        Chief Clerk will please read the title.

20               CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
21        amending Chapter 10-700 of The  
22        Philadelphia Code, entitled "Refuse and  
23        Littering," by providing for a sanitation  
24        services fee, under certain terms and  
25        conditions.

1        3/4/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

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

5                The Chair recognizes Councilman  
6 O'Neill.

7                COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam  
8 President, I have no bills or  
9 resolutions.

10               COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
11 you.

12               The Chair recognizes Councilman  
13 Clarke.

14               COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,  
15 Madam President. I have five bills, two  
16 co-sponsored by Councilman Goode.

17               COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
18 you.

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

21               CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
22 authorizing the Commissioner of Public  
23 Property, on behalf of the City of  
24 Philadelphia, to extend the term of the  
25 sublease agreement between the

1        3/4/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2        Philadelphia Municipal Authority as  
3        landlord and The City of Philadelphia as  
4        tenant for mailroom operations space at  
5        1628 JFK Boulevard.

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

9                CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
10       to amend the Institutional Development  
11       District Master Plan of Temple  
12       University, by allowing for the  
13       construction of additions to Pearson and  
14       McGonigle Halls.

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

18               CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
19       amending Chapter 17-1600 of The  
20       Philadelphia Code entitled Economic  
21       Opportunity Plans by modifying the  
22       monetary threshold triggering the  
23       requirement of an economic opportunity  
24       plan on city funded projects or  
25       contracts.

1        3/4/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

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

5                CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
6 amending Chapter 17-1600 of The  
7 Philadelphia Code entitled Economic  
8 Opportunity Plans by establishing minimum  
9 standards of "best and good faith  
10 efforts" to be employed in the  
11 development and implementation of  
12 Economic Opportunity Plans.

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

16               CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
17 amending Chapter 19-3500 of The  
18 Philadelphia Code, "General Acute Care  
19 Hospital Assessment," by clarifying its  
20 applicability to High Volume Medicaid  
21 Hospitals.

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

25               The Chair recognizes Councilman

1           3/4/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2   Kelly.

3           COUNCILMAN KELLY:  Madam

4   President, I have no bills or

5   resolutions.

6           COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:  The

7   Chair thanks the gentleman.

8           The Chair recognizes Councilman

9   Rizzo.

10          COUNCILMAN RIZZO:  Madam

11   President, no bills or resolutions today.

12          COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:  Thank

13   you.

14          The next order of business is

15   reports from committees.

16          The Chair recognizes Councilman

17   Greenlee for a report from the Committee

18   on Law and Government.

19          COUNCILMAN GREENLEE:  Thank

20   you, Madam President.  The Committee on

21   Law and Government reports one bill and

22   one resolution with a favorable

23   recommendation.

24          COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:  Thank

25   you.

1           3/4/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2           The Chief Clerk will please  
3 read the report.

4           CHIEF CLERK: To the President  
5 and members of the Council of the City of  
6 Philadelphia, the Committee on Law and  
7 Government, to which was referred Bill  
8 No. 090519, entitled "An ordinance  
9 providing for the submission to the  
10 qualified electors of the City of  
11 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in  
12 a Resolution approved by Council  
13 proposing an amendment to the  
14 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter confirming  
15 Council's power to enact ordinances that  
16 require City contractors and recipients  
17 of City financial assistance to submit  
18 and comply with economic opportunity  
19 plans addressing the participation of  
20 disadvantaged business enterprises and  
21 workforce diversity, and that provides  
22 remedies for violations"; and

23           Resolution No. 090529, entitled  
24 "A resolution proposing an amendment to  
25 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter

1           3/4/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2   confirming Council's power to enact  
3   ordinances that require City contractors  
4   and recipients of City financial  
5   assistance to submit and comply with  
6   economic opportunity plans addressing the  
7   participation of disadvantaged business  
8   enterprises and workforce diversity, and  
9   that provides remedies for violations,"  
10  respectfully reports it has considered  
11  and amended the same and returns the  
12  attached bill and resolution to Council  
13  with a favorable recommendation.

14           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
15  you.

16           The Chair recognizes Councilman  
17  Greenlee.

18           COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank  
19  you, Madam President. I move that the  
20  rules of Council be suspended so as to  
21  permit first reading this day of Bill No.  
22  090519.

23           (Duly seconded.)

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

1           3/4/10 - STATED - REPORTS

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

5           All in favor will say aye.

6           (Aye.)

7           COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those  
8   opposed?

9           (No response.)

10          COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The  
11   ayes have it, and the bill just read will  
12   be placed on our First Reading Calendar  
13   for today. Resolution No. 090529 will be  
14   placed on our Second Reading and Final  
15   Passage Calendar for next week.

16          The Chair recognizes Councilman  
17   Goode for a report from the Committee on  
18   Commerce and Economic Development.

19          COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,  
20   Madam President. The Committee on  
21   Commerce and Economic Development reports  
22   one bill with a favorable recommendation.

23          COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank  
24   you.

25          The Chief Clerk will please

1           3/4/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2    read the report.

3           CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on  
4   Commerce and Economic Development, to  
5   which was referred Bill No. 100009,  
6   entitled "An ordinance amending Section  
7   19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code,  
8   relating to tax, rates and credits for  
9   the business privilege tax, by amending  
10  the credit for contributions to community  
11  development corporations to allow a  
12  business that terminated a contribution  
13  agreement to remain eligible for future  
14  tax credits under the provision that  
15  permits two businesses to apply jointly  
16  for the tax credit, all under certain  
17  terms and conditions," respectfully  
18  reports it has considered the same and  
19  returns the attached bill to Council with  
20  a favorable recommendation.

21           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank  
22  you.

23           The Chair recognizes Councilman  
24  Goode.

25           COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,

1           3/4/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2   Madam President. I move the rules of  
3   Council be suspended so as to permit  
4   first reading this day of Bill No.  
5   100009.

6           (Duly seconded.)

7           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It  
8   has been moved and properly seconded that  
9   the rules of Council be suspended so as  
10  to permit first reading this day of the  
11  bill just reported from committee.

12           All in favor will say aye.

13           (Aye.)

14           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
15  opposed?

16           (No response.)

17           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
18  ayes have it, and the bill just read will  
19  be placed on our First Reading Calendar  
20  for today.

21           The next order of business is  
22  consideration of the Calendar. I note  
23  that the bills just reported from  
24  committee with the suspension of rules  
25  have been deemed to have had a first

1           3/4/10 - STATED - 2ND READING

2   reading. There are no other bills on the  
3   First Reading Calendar. Therefore, the  
4   Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for  
5   the purpose of calling up bills on the  
6   Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar  
7   to be considered today.

8           COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,  
9   Madam President. Bill Nos. 100003,  
10   100014, 090833, 100005, 100006, 090878,  
11   090879, 100001, 100002 and 100063 are  
12   being called up for Second Reading and  
13   Final Passage Calendar today. All other  
14   bills are being held.

15           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
16   you.

17           The Chief Clerk will please  
18   read the title of Bill No. 100003.

19           CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to  
20   amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by  
21   changing the zoning designations of  
22   certain areas of land located within an  
23   area bounded by Marsden Street,  
24   Friendship Street, Keystone Street and  
25   Tyson Avenue.

1           3/4/10 - STATED - 2ND READING

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: Councilman  
12 Clarke.

13          COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
15 DiCicco.

16          COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

17          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

18          COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

20          COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

21          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
22 Greenlee.

23          COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

24          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

25          COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

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

1           3/4/10 - STATED - 2ND READING

2           COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

3           CHIEF CLERK: Council President  
4 Verna.

5           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

10          The Chief Clerk will please  
11 read the title of Bill No. 100014.

12          CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
13 amending Section 14-1638, entitled  
14 "Central Delaware Riverfront Overlay  
15 District," by establishing no height  
16 limit and by making technical changes.

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

1           3/4/10 - STATED - 2ND READING

2     Miller.

3           COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5     O'Neill.

6           COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8     Reynolds Brown.

9           COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

10          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

11          COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

12          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13     Sanchez.

14          COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

15          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16     Tasco.

17          COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

18          CHIEF CLERK: Council President

19     Verna.

20          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

21          The ayes are 17; the nays are

22     zero. A majority of all members having

23     voted in the affirmative, the bill

24     passes.

25          We will now consider Bill No.

1           3/4/10 - STATED - 2ND READING

2   090833.

3           CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
4   amending Chapter 19-3100, entitled  
5   "Attorney Fees in Collection Matters;  
6   Retention of Private Attorneys," by  
7   providing for imposition of attorney and  
8   collection agency fees in connection with  
9   certain collection activity.

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

14           The Chief Clerk will please  
15   call the roll.

16           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
17   Blackwell.

18           COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
20   Clarke.

21           COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
23   DiCicco.

24           COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

25           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

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

1           3/4/10 - STATED - 2ND READING

2           COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

3           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

4           COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Sanchez.

7           COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

8           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Tasco.

10          COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11          CHIEF CLERK: Council President

12 Verna.

13          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

14          The ayes are 17; the nays are

15 zero. A majority of all members having

16 voted in the affirmative, the bill

17 passes.

18          The Chief Clerk will please

19 read the title of Bill No. 100005.

20          CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

21 constituting the Thirteenth Supplemental

22 Ordinance to the Restated General Water

23 and Wastewater Revenue Bond Ordinance of

24 1989, as supplemented.

25          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

1           3/4/10 - STATED - 2ND READING

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

5           The Chief Clerk will please  
6   call the roll.

7           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
8   Blackwell.

9           COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
11   Clarke.

12          COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
14   DiCicco.

15          COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

16          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

17          COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

18          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

19          COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

20          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21   Greenlee.

22          COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

23          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

24          COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

25          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

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

1           3/4/10 - STATED - 2ND READING

2           CHIEF CLERK: Council President  
3 Verna.

4           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

9           We will now consider Bill No.  
10 100006.

11          CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
12 authorizing, generally, the continued  
13 issuance and sale by the City of  
14 Philadelphia of Gas Works Revenue Notes  
15 of the City.

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

20          The Chief Clerk will please  
21 call the roll.

22          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
23 Blackwell.

24          COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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

1           3/4/10 - STATED - 2ND READING

2           COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

3           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 O'Neill.

5           COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

6           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Reynolds Brown.

8           COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

9           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

10          COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

11          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Sanchez.

13          COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

14          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Tasco.

16          COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

17          CHIEF CLERK: Council President

18 Verna.

19          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

20          The ayes are 17; the nays are

21 zero. A majority of all members having

22 voted in the affirmative, the bill

23 passes.

24          We will now consider Bill No.

25 090878.

1           3/4/10 - STATED - 2ND READING

2           CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
3 authorizing transfers in appropriations  
4 for Fiscal Year 2010 within the General  
5 Fund from the Department of Public  
6 Property and the Department of Public  
7 Property - Telecommunications to the  
8 Managing Director - Division of  
9 Technology.

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

14           The Chief Clerk will please  
15 call the roll.

16           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
17 Blackwell.

18           COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
20 Clarke.

21           COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
23 DiCicco.

24           COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

25           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

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

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2           COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

3           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

4           COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Sanchez.

7           COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

8           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Tasco.

10          COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11          CHIEF CLERK: Council President

12 Verna.

13          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

14          The ayes are 17; the nays are

15 zero. A majority of all members having

16 voted in the affirmative, the bill

17 passes.

18          The Chief Clerk will please

19 read the title of Bill No. 090879.

20          CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

21 authorizing transfers in appropriations

22 for Fiscal Year 2010 from the General

23 Fund to the Grants Revenue Fund, the

24 Managing Director - Division of

25 Technology.

1           3/4/10 - STATED - 2ND READING

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: Councilman  
12 Clarke.

13          COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
15 DiCicco.

16          COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

17          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

18          COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

20          COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

21          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
22 Greenlee.

23          COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

24          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

25          COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

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

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2           COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

3           CHIEF CLERK: Council President  
4 Verna.

5           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

10          The Chief Clerk will please  
11 read the title of Bill No. 100001.

12          CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
13 authorizing transfers in appropriations  
14 for Fiscal Year 2010 within the Grants  
15 Revenue Fund from the Director of  
16 Finance - Federal Stimulus Funding to  
17 certain or all City offices, departments,  
18 boards and commissions.

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

23          The Chief Clerk will please  
24 call the roll.

25          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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

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2           COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.  
3           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
4 Miller.  
5           COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.  
6           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
7 O'Neill.  
8           COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.  
9           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
10 Reynolds Brown.  
11          COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.  
12          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.  
13          COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.  
14          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
15 Sanchez.  
16          COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.  
17          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
18 Tasco.  
19          COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.  
20          CHIEF CLERK: Council President  
21 Verna.  
22          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.  
23          The ayes are 17; the nays are  
24 zero. A majority of all members having  
25 voted in the affirmative, this bill

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2       passes.

3           The Chief Clerk will please  
4       read the title of Bill No. 100002.

5           CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance  
6       authorizing transfers in appropriations  
7       for Fiscal Year 2010 from the General  
8       Fund to the General Fund, certain or all  
9       City offices, departments, boards and  
10      commissions.

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

15          The Chief Clerk will please  
16      call the roll.

17          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
18      Blackwell.

19          COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: 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 Green.  
5           COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.  
6           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
7   Greenlee.  
8           COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.  
9           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.  
10          COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.  
11          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.  
12          COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.  
13          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
14   Kenney.  
15          COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.  
16          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
17   Krajewski.  
18          COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.  
19          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
20   Miller.  
21          COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.  
22          CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
23   O'Neill.  
24          COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.  
25          CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2   Reynolds Brown.

3           COUNCILWOMAN BROWN:  Aye.

4           CHIEF CLERK:  Councilman Rizzo.

5           COUNCILMAN RIZZO:  Aye.

6           CHIEF CLERK:  Councilwoman

7   Sanchez.

8           COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ:  Aye.

9           CHIEF CLERK:  Councilwoman

10   Tasco.

11           COUNCILWOMAN TASCO:  Aye.

12           CHIEF CLERK:  Council President

13   Verna.

14           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  Aye.

15           The ayes are 17; the nays are

16   zero.  A majority of all members having

17   voted in the affirmative, the bill

18   passes.

19           The Chief Clerk will please

20   read the title of Bill No. 100063.

21           CHIEF CLERK:  An ordinance

22   amending Chapter 21-1700 of The

23   Philadelphia Code, entitled "Publication

24   of Notices by City," by revising

25   provisions concerning how and when

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2   required notices shall be published and  
3   advertised.

4           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

5   Pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, Bill  
6   No. 100063 requires a two-thirds vote.

7           At this time, I would ask the  
8   Chief Clerk to please call the roll.

9           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
10   Blackwell.

11           COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: 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 Green.

21           COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

22           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23   Greenlee.

24           COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

25           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

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2           COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.  
3           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.  
4           COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.  
5           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
6 Kenney.  
7           COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.  
8           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
9 Krajewski.  
10           COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.  
11           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
12 Miller.  
13           COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.  
14           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman  
15 O'Neill.  
16           COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.  
17           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
18 Reynolds Brown.  
19           COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.  
20           CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.  
21           COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.  
22           CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
23 Sanchez.  
24           COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: 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  
8        zero. A two-thirds majority of all  
9        members of Council having voted in the  
10       affirmative, the bill passes.

11               The time has come for us to  
12       consider the Mayor's presentation of his  
13       annual Budget Message.

14               The Philadelphia Home Rule  
15       Charter states that the Mayor shall  
16       submit to Council, no later than 90 days  
17       before the end of the fiscal year, his  
18       Operating Budget Message and Proposed  
19       Operating Budget Ordinance for the  
20       ensuing fiscal year.

21               At the same time, the Mayor  
22       shall submit to Council the Recommended  
23       Capital Program and Capital Budget as  
24       received from the City Planning  
25       Commission, to the extent approved by the

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2        Mayor.

3                I now appoint the following  
4        committee to escort the Mayor into the  
5        Council Chambers: Councilwoman Tasco,  
6        Councilman Clarke, Councilman O'Neill and  
7        Councilman Rizzo.

8                (Pause.)

9                SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Madam  
10       President, the Mayor has arrived.

11                (All members and guests  
12       standing.)

13                (Applause.)

14                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
15       Ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to  
16       introduce the Mayor of the City of  
17       Philadelphia, Mayor Michael A. Nutter.  
18       Mr. Mayor.

19                (Applause.)

20                MAYOR NUTTER: Good morning.

21                (Good morning.)

22                MAYOR NUTTER: Good morning,  
23       Madam President, Majority Leader Marian  
24       Tasco, Majority Whip Darrell Clarke,  
25       Minority Leader Brian O'Neill, Minority

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2        Whip Frank Rizzo, all members of this  
3        great Philadelphia City Council, District  
4        Attorney Seth Williams, City Controller  
5        Alan Butkovitz, President Judge Pamela  
6        Dembe, any other elected officials,  
7        members of the General Assembly, and I  
8        understand that Mayor Street is here as  
9        well.

10                Ladies and gentlemen, please  
11        recognize Mayor John F. Street.

12                (Applause.)

13                MAYOR NUTTER: School  
14        Superintendant Dr. Arlene Ackerman.

15                (Applause.)

16                MAYOR NUTTER: All my fellow  
17        Philadelphians and our friends in the  
18        region.

19                If the President will allow,  
20        just a personal moment.

21                Madam President and the members  
22        of this great body, I do still very much  
23        love this place, and every time I come  
24        here, I'm reminded, and especially this  
25        morning, of the great feeling of

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2       excitement and awe that I felt the first  
3       time I walked into these Council Chambers  
4       literally 29 years ago. Great memories,  
5       people like John Anderson and John White,  
6       Augusta Clark, Lucien Blackwell, Thacher  
7       Longstreth and so many, many others who  
8       have served this body and this city so  
9       well.

10                And so it's a wonderful  
11       opportunity to be back in this great  
12       Chamber, this great body, the people's  
13       hall, the place where the people come to  
14       have the people's business done.

15                To our Chief of Staff Clay  
16       Armbrister, my fellow public servants in  
17       our City government, you know, every  
18       evening when I finish my work, whatever  
19       time that might be, I take some time to  
20       reflect on the earlier day. I seek to  
21       review the things that I've done, the  
22       things that we've done as an  
23       Administration, the things that all of us  
24       do in City government. And I think about  
25       the good things that we've accomplished -

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2        cutting a ribbon, breaking ground on a  
3        new project, starting a new jobs program,  
4        reforming a part of the government,  
5        solving a senior citizen's painful  
6        challenge or reading to a classroom of  
7        children.

8                But every night I also have the  
9        same thought no matter how well that day  
10       has been. I think about those that we  
11       didn't help, those without a job, without  
12       a good education, those who live in fear,  
13       those who might be incarcerated or who  
14       are homeless, some with no hope for the  
15       future.

16               As we cope with double-digit  
17       unemployment and a system of education  
18       and training that still allows far too  
19       many to fall through the cracks, we must  
20       not allow the present to be our future.  
21       We're better than that, Philadelphia.

22               For two years now, our  
23       Administration has been on high alert,  
24       organized and energized to create new  
25       jobs, preserve the jobs that we have and

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2    prepare our young people for productive  
3    lives in the future. We've had some  
4    successes, but we still have much more  
5    work to do.

6                Confronting the effects of a  
7    recession every day, we've become a  
8    battle-tested Administration. Every day  
9    we're fighting to expand the job  
10   prospects of all Philadelphians. And  
11   every day I'm living, working and  
12   fighting in the present for  
13   Philadelphia's future.

14               I believe that Philadelphia is  
15   uniquely positioned for greatness in this  
16   new century. We're at the right place at  
17   the right time, and we have what it takes  
18   to create a huge economic growth and  
19   prosperity for our city, a city that is  
20   safe, smart and sustainable.

21               I have a clear vision for the  
22   City's future and a plan to make it real.  
23   I see a future where Philadelphia  
24   prepares all of its children for the new  
25   global economy. Philadelphia will be a

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2    safer place, because educated and  
3    motivated people do not commit crime.

4                I see a city where many  
5    Philadelphians are able to find jobs in a  
6    diverse economy with large and many small  
7    minority, female and disadvantaged  
8    businessowners actively engaged in  
9    businesses that are sustainable. It's an  
10   economy anchored by our great  
11   institutions of higher education, health  
12   and life sciences research and the  
13   hospitality industry.

14               And I see a city where a vast  
15   army of green-collar workers is  
16   transforming a 20th century carbon-based  
17   economy that grossly wasted energy into a  
18   sustainable marketplace with  
19   energy-efficient buildings, enhanced  
20   public transportation, renewable energy,  
21   more parks, trees and, yes, even more  
22   bicycles.

23               For years now, Philadelphians  
24   have been engaged in a great internal  
25   debate between our better angels who have

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2        hope, who see possibility and who want  
3        change, and those whose cynicism and lack  
4        of imagination freeze them in a past of  
5        low expectations.

6                A respected mayor of Los  
7        Angeles, Mayor Tom Bradley, once said,  
8        "In a great city, City Hall must be a  
9        beacon to the people's aspirations, not a  
10       barrier."

11               Yes, we can be a spotlight on  
12       the path toward prosperity, but I want  
13       our government to be more than that. It  
14       must be a strong, active partner with the  
15       private sector, with our schools, the  
16       residents we serve, the Commonwealth and  
17       other governments in our region.

18               It is our responsibility to  
19       drive down the cost of government to  
20       improve City services, to increase the  
21       value of taxpayers' hard-earned dollars  
22       that they send us, and to encourage  
23       people and businesses to partner with us.

24               My vision for Philadelphia is  
25       based on our fighting spirit. We're a

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2    city that never gives up. We're a city  
3    that works together. And there's no  
4    better proof of that than how  
5    Philadelphia is fighting the worst  
6    recession in the last 75 years.

7                Now, in no way do I minimize  
8    the pain that afflicts thousands of  
9    families and businesses in our city. We  
10   feel your pain each and every day. The  
11   recession has closed businesses. It has  
12   taken jobs and homes. It has stressed  
13   marriages and relationships and has been  
14   the backdrop of violence.

15                There are too many  
16   Philadelphians who are hungry every day  
17   and too many who get by on empty calories  
18   and unhealthy food.

19                Nevertheless, in the face of  
20   this unprecedented recession,  
21   Philadelphia has moved forward on many  
22   fronts.

23                Across our great city, there  
24   are unmistakable signs of the new  
25   Philadelphia and new jobs and a better

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2        future: the new health-related  
3        construction out at Penn and Temple, the  
4        high-rise condominiums at Rittenhouse  
5        Square and South Broad Street, the new  
6        supermarkets at Progress Plaza, in West  
7        Parkside in West Philadelphia and West  
8        Oak Lane near LaSalle, and the start of a  
9        major retail development in Northern  
10       Liberties at the Schmidts site, the huge  
11       investments by two rail carriers that  
12       will strengthen our port, the emergence  
13       of a clean energy campus at our Navy  
14       Yard, the grand expansion of the  
15       Pennsylvania Convention Center and the  
16       recent opening of the new Kimpton Hotel  
17       Palomar.

18                Billions of dollars in  
19       investment, with more to come, and in  
20       every project, what do you see?  
21       Progress. Progress. Progress that is  
22       based on strong partnerships among  
23       developers, neighborhoods and our City  
24       government.

25                The City of Philadelphia has

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2    also forged new partnerships in  
3    Harrisburg with our General Assembly and  
4    strengthened our already great bonds with  
5    our governor, Governor Rendell. Their  
6    work last summer and the fall was  
7    essential to stabilize our finances and  
8    to prevent massive service cuts and  
9    layoffs, and for that, we owe the  
10   Governor and the General Assembly a big  
11   round of applause. Can we please  
12   recognize them.

13                    (Applause.)

14                    MAYOR NUTTER: Back home here  
15   in the Philadelphia region, five  
16   Pennsylvania counties - Philadelphia,  
17   Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery  
18   Counties - have banded together in a  
19   great metropolitan caucus, where we found  
20   new ways to cooperate, including joint  
21   requests for federal funding to create a  
22   huge energy-efficiency program throughout  
23   the Philadelphia region.

24                    That kind of strong working  
25   relationship also exists between this

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2        City Council and our Administration.

3        Together, we're moving this city forward.

4                You saw it last year as we

5        developed a City budget that preserved

6        our core services and then during the

7        hard days of the summer into the fall,

8        when the City united as we petitioned

9        together the General Assembly to give us

10       the tools we needed to get through this

11       incredible recession.

12               And you see it on a

13       wide-ranging progressive agenda from this

14       City Council.

15               Council President Verna should

16       be recognized for her leadership on the

17       budget, taking tough stands on tax

18       collection and her ability to find

19       consensus.

20               Majority Leader Marian Tasco

21       has done great work on the mortgage

22       foreclosure prevention program here in

23       our city.

24               Majority Whip Darrell Clarke

25       has been a leading force on the historic

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2        merger of Fairmount Park and Recreation  
3        and his focus on the development process  
4        here in our city.

5                Minority Leader Brian O'Neill  
6        has been an active, active, active member  
7        of the Zoning Code Commission and its  
8        rewriting of our Zoning Code.

9                Minority Whip Frank Rizzo, Jr.  
10       has overseen improvements in the police  
11       radio communications and has pushed for  
12       the cell phone lot that we now have at  
13       the Philly International Airport.

14               Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell  
15       should be recognized for her great work  
16       with PHA, on the issue of homelessness  
17       and particularly the dramatic decrease in  
18       on-street homelessness here in  
19       Philadelphia.

20               Councilman Frank DiCicco has  
21       been a great leader on waterfront  
22       development, sustainability and the  
23       creation of the Delaware River Waterfront  
24       Corporation.

25               Councilman W. Wilson Goode has

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2        been the leading voice on minority and  
3        small business development and  
4        accountability, as well as ensuring the  
5        reintegration of ex-offenders into our  
6        society.

7                Councilman Bill Green worked  
8        very hard on the reform of the Board of  
9        Revision of Taxes and the cell phone ban  
10       for motorists.

11               Councilman Bill Greenlee worked  
12       very, very closely with us on the issue  
13       of unpaid leave for domestic violence  
14       victims and has worked to protect owners  
15       from property loss due to the recording  
16       of fraudulent deeds.

17               Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr.  
18       works closely with us on the oversight of  
19       millions of dollars from the Federal  
20       Recovery Act.

21               And Councilman Jack Kelly  
22       continually expresses his deep concern  
23       for animal rights and protection  
24       throughout Philadelphia.

25               Councilman Jim Kenney has

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2        worked very closely with us on developing  
3        the City's green strategies and the  
4        integration of immigrants into our  
5        incredibly diverse city.

6                Councilwoman Joan Krajewski was  
7        the leading voice on the tax amnesty  
8        program, as well as ensuring that police  
9        and fire response times are appropriate  
10       to emergencies here in our city.

11               Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller  
12       has focused on public safety and has  
13       worked with us and was a leading  
14       proponent of minority participation and  
15       the diversity in the construction trades.

16               Councilwoman Maria  
17       Quinones-Sanchez has been focused on tax  
18       policy, prevailing wage and improved  
19       neighborhood services.

20               Last, but certainly not least,  
21       is Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown,  
22       a leader, along with Councilman Clarke,  
23       on the Park-Recreation merger, but she's  
24       also focused on menu labeling and LEED  
25       certification for new City construction.

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2                Please recognize the great work  
3 of our City Council.

4                (Applause.)

5                MAYOR NUTTER: We have worked  
6 with City Council every step along the  
7 way, and we'll continue to do so.

8                Across the City, thousands of  
9 Philadelphians are acting in partnership  
10 with their government, giving back to  
11 communities, volunteering in town watch,  
12 mentoring children, spending time at  
13 hospitals, recreation centers and much  
14 more.

15                Each one is living the ideal of  
16 Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love  
17 and Sisterly Affection, Philadelphia, the  
18 city of service.

19                Zurrell Toney is a high school  
20 dropout who became an AmeriCorps  
21 volunteer logging more than 900 hours  
22 rebuilding homes for low-income families.  
23 I met him at his graduation from Youth  
24 Build Philadelphia Charter School where  
25 he was the valedictorian. He's now in

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2 college, with dreams of owning a

3 business.

4            Please recognize Zurrell.

5            (Applause.)

6            MAYOR NUTTER: For eight years,

7 Linda Watson-Patterson has volunteered at

8 Greater Philadelphia Cares. She runs

9 Discovery Project every Saturday during

10 the school year at Sheppard Elementary

11 School in Kensington. The third and

12 fourth graders learn science with

13 hands-on experience. Linda has a blast,

14 and Philadelphia one day may produce the

15 next Einstein, Edison or Gates.

16            And Lorette Feltoon, a retired

17 psychologist, volunteers at the

18 Philadelphia Municipal Court's Dispute

19 Resolution Center where she helps to

20 resolve small claims, private criminal

21 cases and trains law students to

22 participate in this program.

23            Please recognize both Lorette

24 and Linda for their great work as well.

25            (Applause.)

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2                MAYOR NUTTER:  When volunteers  
3    like these fine people and many others  
4    and City Council and our Administration  
5    work together to solve problems,  
6    taxpayers are the winners.

7                In these extraordinary times,  
8    we've met the challenge of recession.  
9    We've innovated, we've reformed and we've  
10   preserved basic services that  
11   Philadelphians want and deserve.

12               The numbers are truly  
13   astounding.  Overall, City government has  
14   made \$2.4 billion worth of painful  
15   budgetary changes.  We've shed more than  
16   800 filled positions.  Between FY08 and  
17   this year, overall spending has declined  
18   by \$159 million, excluding pensions and  
19   debt service.

20               At the same time, overall  
21   spending has been reduced -- overtime  
22   spending, rather, has been reduced by \$50  
23   million.  We've gotten tough on tax  
24   collection.  Our new programs have  
25   recently brought in eight and a half

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2    million dollars so far, and we continue  
3    to pursue every dollar that is owed to  
4    the City of Philadelphia. We've cut our  
5    City fleet and dramatically reduced  
6    take-home car privileges.

7            Let me highlight some of the  
8    work that we've done for you, the  
9    taxpayers, of this great city.

10            Armed with a smart  
11    crime-fighting strategy, Police  
12    Commissioner Ramsey and the Philadelphia  
13    Police Department have achieved striking  
14    reductions in crime. Homicide is down  
15    eight percent last year and nearly 23  
16    percent in the last two years, and  
17    violent crime is down nine percent.

18            (Applause.)

19            MAYOR NUTTER: The Department  
20    is now rolling out a new neighborhood  
21    policing model that we hope will  
22    encourage communities to work more  
23    closely with the police and other City  
24    agencies to clean up our crime problems.

25            And we've reduced crime while

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2        sharply reducing overtime as well. This  
3        year the Department has a target of \$40  
4        million in overtime, \$30 million less  
5        than it was in 2008.

6                L&I Commissioner Fran Burns and  
7        her team have put L&I on track to become  
8        one of the nation's leading code  
9        enforcement agencies. After sustaining a  
10       20 percent reduction in her budget and  
11       the loss of ten percent of her  
12       department's workforce, L&I has actually  
13       become more efficient, providing better  
14       service and reduced overtime by almost 60  
15       percent.

16               Over-the-counter wait times  
17       that used to be two hours have been  
18       reduced to less than 15 minutes. Quick,  
19       courteous service, including help to  
20       people with limited English, is now the  
21       customer standard.

22               In the Fire Department, Fire  
23       Commissioner Ayers has developed a  
24       firefighting strategy delivering  
25       efficient, yet highly effective

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2        firefighting services while significantly  
3        reducing costs.

4                At the same time, the  
5        Department's dedicated public servants  
6        have continued to meet national response  
7        time standards, to engage the public in  
8        fire prevention strategies and education,  
9        and last year had the lowest number of  
10       fire deaths in recorded history in  
11       Philadelphia. Please recognize them.

12                (Applause.)

13                MAYOR NUTTER: The Streets  
14       Department, what can I say about the  
15       Streets Department? From top management,  
16       Deputy Mayor Rina Cutler and Streets  
17       Commissioner Clarena Tolson to the men  
18       and women out on the streets each and  
19       every day, they have done an incredible  
20       job.

21                (Applause.)

22                MAYOR NUTTER: Fighting the  
23       largest amount of snow in recorded  
24       Philadelphia history, they have truly  
25       demonstrated what snow-fighting is all

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2        about up and down the East Coast.

3                But that's just part of the  
4        story. In 16 months, the Streets  
5        Department reduced its budget by almost  
6        14 percent through efficiencies and  
7        reductions, and what have they achieved?  
8        The Department deployed 500 Big Belly  
9        solar-powered compactors and 210 public  
10       recycling containers, and we're getting  
11       more of them placed in our neighborhood  
12       commercial corridors all over the City  
13       utilizing economic recovery funds.

14               Our weekly, single-stream  
15       recycling effort achieved a diversion  
16       rate of 18 percent in December, saving in  
17       that month alone \$600,000 in landfill  
18       fees. That rate is now double the 7.5  
19       percent rate when we came into office two  
20       years ago.

21               The recession brought also  
22       unfortunately a 20 percent reduction in  
23       both Fairmount Park and the Recreation  
24       Departments, but under the leadership of  
25       Commissioner of Parks and Recreation

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2        Michael DiBerardinis, Recreation Director  
3        Sue Slawson and Fairmount Park Executive  
4        Director Mark Focht, the two departments  
5        are moving toward a seamless merger that  
6        will result in more value for taxpayers  
7        and better service.

8                Despite the budget cuts, the  
9        summer camp program was roughly the same  
10       size last summer. We were only able to  
11       keep 46 of our swimming pools open last  
12       summer with the help of the Splash and  
13       Summer Fund, but this upcoming summer  
14       we'll have all of our functioning pools  
15       open.

16                (Applause.)

17                MAYOR NUTTER: Let me say that  
18       one more time. All functioning swimming  
19       pools, 69 of our 72 pools, will be open  
20       this summer.

21                (Applause.)

22                MAYOR NUTTER: We're going to  
23       launch at least a half a dozen new urban  
24       farms in support of our Greenworks  
25       Philadelphia goal of increasing fresh

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2        food for Philadelphians, and later this  
3        year, we'll open Hawthorne Park, the  
4        first new park in our city in a decade.

5                For the first time in years,  
6        the Philadelphia Prison System has had a  
7        sustained decline in prison population,  
8        about ten percent less than the previous  
9        year. This translates into almost \$15  
10       million in savings that could not have  
11       come at a better time.

12               And I want to thank our  
13       Criminal Justice Advisory Board, created  
14       and headed by Deputy Mayor Everett  
15       Gillison and Co-Chair Common Pleas Court  
16       Judge Pamela Dembe, for developing  
17       innovative ways to expedite the  
18       processing of inmates. These innovations  
19       have led to faster disposition times,  
20       which reduce an inmate's length of stay.

21               And under Prison Commissioner  
22       Louis Giorla's leadership, the prisons  
23       are better deploying their staff, with  
24       overtime spending down more than eight  
25       percent and sick time reduced by 25

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2    percent. The Commissioner is also  
3    leading an initiative to open Day Report  
4    Centers, which will allow non-violent  
5    offenders an alternative to prison  
6    incarceration.

7                    (Applause.)

8                    MAYOR NUTTER: And let me take  
9    a moment to more formally welcome into  
10   the leadership of our city a new partner  
11   in crime fighting, District Attorney Seth  
12   Williams.

13                   (Applause.)

14                   MAYOR NUTTER: District  
15   Attorney Williams has his own thoughts  
16   and innovations about how we can help  
17   make Philadelphia a safer city and reduce  
18   our costs, and we are excited about our  
19   new partnership.

20                   Last September, Commissioner  
21   Bernie Brunwasser and the Water  
22   Department released a revolutionary plan  
23   to deal with an age-old urban problem,  
24   storm water, which creates flooding and  
25   basement sewer back-ups, just to name a

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2        couple of those problems. The  
3        Department's game-changing plan proposes  
4        to use the landscape itself to cope with  
5        surging rainwater.

6                Instead of using gray  
7        infrastructure - giant pipes and tanks  
8        and tunnels - the Department will develop  
9        green infrastructure, from green roofs  
10       and rain barrels to street tree trenches  
11       and wetlands, to reduce the amount of  
12       storm water that enters our combined  
13       sewer system. These benefits will mesh  
14       perfectly with our sustainability goals  
15       of Greenworks Philadelphia.

16               In the response to the global  
17       credit crisis that led to the demise of  
18       many financial institutions, our City  
19       Treasurer Rebecca Rhynhart has  
20       dramatically reduced the City's fiscal  
21       risks by restructuring \$1.5 billion in  
22       variable-rate debt into fixed-rate debt,  
23       saving the City millions of dollars.

24               These are just some of the  
25       reforms and efficiencies that this

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2        government has made during the worst  
3        economic downturn in 75 years. Indeed,  
4        Philadelphia City government has been  
5        transforming itself right before your  
6        eyes.

7                But unfortunately --

8                (Applause.)

9                MAYOR NUTTER: I'll take that.

10               (Applause.)

11               MAYOR NUTTER: But

12        unfortunately, the recession continues to  
13        batter our economy, hurting businesses,  
14        discouraging investment in some areas and  
15        leaving vast numbers of Philadelphians  
16        with little or no work.

17               Our situation calls to mind the  
18        words of the great American patriot,  
19        Thomas Paine, who in 1776 said, "These  
20        are the times that try men's souls."

21               Later I'll have more to say  
22        about that comment, but there's no doubt  
23        that we've all been facing trying times.

24               And it should come as no  
25        surprise to anyone that Philadelphia

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2    faces yet another fiscal hurdle, a  
3    deficit that could have been more than  
4    \$120 million in the upcoming fiscal year  
5    without the corrective actions that I'll  
6    be talking about in a few minutes.

7                This new budget gap has many  
8    different causes, including a drop-off in  
9    projected wage and sales tax revenues,  
10   owing to the recession, an increase in  
11   payouts from lawsuits and the  
12   record-breaking snowstorms. We do have  
13   to pay for them.

14               There's also the cost of salary  
15   increases in the recent FOP arbitration  
16   award, which included the historic  
17   long-term restructuring of healthcare and  
18   pensions, two major cost drivers in our  
19   entire City budget.

20               After considerable review, we  
21   concluded that the long-term gains of  
22   pension and healthcare benefit reforms  
23   outweigh the short-term pain of dealing  
24   with the cost of salary increases.  
25   Overall, this award was fair to our brave

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2    police officers and to the City. And I'm  
3    asking you one more time to recognize our  
4    great Philadelphia Police Department.

5                    (Applause.)

6                    MAYOR NUTTER: Meanwhile, we  
7    continue to pursue similar pension and  
8    healthcare reforms and cost savings with  
9    our other three bargain unions, and I  
10   look forward to concluding those  
11   negotiations and the resulting contracts  
12   that are fair to both our employees and  
13   our taxpayers.

14                   Let me take this moment to  
15   recognize four great leaders in our city,  
16   our union leaders - Bill Gault, Pete  
17   Matthews, John McNesby and Cathy Scott.  
18   To each of you -- please.

19                    (Applause.)

20                    MAYOR NUTTER: To each of you,  
21   I say thank you for your dedication and  
22   commitment in representing your members,  
23   our great public employees, and I look  
24   forward to working with each of you as we  
25   collectively work to make Philadelphia

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2        great.

3                Our problem at the moment is  
4        that we're faced with a budget hole that  
5        exceeds \$120 million and that will  
6        balloon into a \$500 to \$700 million  
7        shortfall over the course of our Five  
8        Year Plan. Some may ask, what will you  
9        do? I say we must act swiftly and  
10       boldly.

11               Last year, Philadelphians  
12       demanded that the City's core services be  
13       maintained, that we protect the  
14       vulnerable populations who depend on our  
15       city services, and that we all share in  
16       the painful solutions to our budget  
17       crisis.

18               Neither the continuing  
19       recession nor the attitudes of  
20       Philadelphians have changed on those  
21       issues. We heard you then and we hear  
22       you now.

23               (Applause.)

24               MAYOR NUTTER: In the spirit of  
25       partnership and respect with this City

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2        Council and our mutual friendship with  
3        each other, let me suggest what we must  
4        not do.

5                First, we cannot completely  
6        rely upon cutting our way out of this  
7        deficit, because the enormous reductions  
8        required would devastate our basic  
9        service, from police to fire to parks and  
10       libraries and recreation and every other  
11       service that we have.

12                (Applause.)

13                UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Say it  
14       again.

15                MAYOR NUTTER: I will a little  
16       later on.

17                That said, it's also true that  
18       our Administration has consistently  
19       sought less expensive ways to deliver  
20       services, and we will continue to ask the  
21       tough questions about every service that  
22       we provide and how we're doing it,  
23       whether efficiently or should we continue  
24       to do it or not. In fact, in partnership  
25       with the Private Sector Outreach Board,

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2        we will engage a consultant on a pro bono  
3        arrangement to assess how our departments  
4        work and are staffed, with an eye toward  
5        streamlining how we do business, reduce  
6        our costs and improve service.

7                But after all we've done in the  
8        last 16 months in preserving core  
9        services for Philadelphians, the deep  
10       budget cuts required to fill the deficit  
11       would force massive layoffs and a very  
12       noticeable reduction in services. It is  
13       a path we must avoid.

14               Second, I will not propose to  
15       increase the rates in the five major  
16       taxes that fuel our city government. Let  
17       me say that one more time. I will not  
18       propose any increase in the tax rates for  
19       the City of Philadelphia in this budget.

20               (Applause.)

21               MAYOR NUTTER: Across-the-board  
22       wage and business tax increases make no  
23       sense in the midst of this recession.  
24       The real estate tax system requires major  
25       reform and is simply not a viable option.

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2        The real estate transfer tax is one of  
3        the highest in the nation, and we already  
4        raised the sales tax last year.

5                Our options, therefore, are  
6        limited, but let me be clear. I will not  
7        let the recession deter us from moving  
8        toward our goals for a safe, healthy and  
9        prosperous city as we protect the City's  
10       fiscal standing.

11               Now, I've said this a couple  
12       times before, that nothing worth having  
13       in life is free. We all know that as  
14       surely as the sun sets, the cost of  
15       living continues to rise.

16               I don't have a magic wand. You  
17       know we don't print money here like the  
18       federal government. But I do have a  
19       vision of where this city needs to go,  
20       and I've been fighting for that vision my  
21       entire public career.

22               I firmly believe that we have  
23       the will and the skill to make  
24       Philadelphia great. What we need is a  
25       new way, a creative solution that helps

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2        us to bridge this recession that has  
3        decimated our municipal finances, that  
4        gets us to a more long-term sustainable  
5        fiscal position and that prepares us for  
6        economic recovery.

7                In my proposed \$3.87 billion  
8        budget that begins July 1st, I propose  
9        further budget reductions and cost  
10       savings of about \$33 million.

11               I'm also proposing a new source  
12       of revenue, the Keep Philly Clean Service  
13       fee. This is not just a trash fee. It's  
14       an annual service charge to each property  
15       in the City that will allow us to  
16       preserve, restore and expand a variety of  
17       services, including trash collection,  
18       recycling, vacant lot cleaning, graffiti  
19       removal and restored services like street  
20       leaf collection. We believe this charge  
21       will generate approximately \$107 million  
22       annually.

23               In addition, I'm requesting the  
24       creation of a Healthy Philly Initiative  
25       that would impose a tax on retailers who

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2    market sugar-sweetened beverages based on  
3    their annual sales volume. This tax will  
4    generate about \$77 million annually and  
5    be in place for the second half of the  
6    upcoming fiscal year.

7                These carefully targeted  
8    proposals would generate enough revenue  
9    to accomplish two critical goals.

10              First, the new funding will  
11    enable the City to begin restoring some  
12    services previously terminated or  
13    reduced, such as mechanical leaf  
14    collection and recycling, the vacant lot  
15    cleaning program, citywide neighborhood  
16    cleaning crews who will clean vacant lots  
17    and support neighborhood cleanups. And  
18    we'll also initiate a desperately needed  
19    program, a smart, concerted fight against  
20    obesity, which is ravaging our children  
21    and adults throughout our city.

22              Second, with these new  
23    revenues, we can begin providing better  
24    services and avoid devastating budget  
25    cuts. All of our libraries will be open.

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2        All of our health centers will be open.

3        All of our recreation centers will be

4        open. There will be no layoffs of police

5        officers or firefighters or loss in

6        public safety coverage. It means the

7        services that we've fought so hard to

8        preserve will remain in place for

9        Philadelphians who deserve them.

10                (Applause.)

11                MAYOR NUTTER: So, yes, we'd

12        pay a little more, but we'd preserve our

13        city services and we'd get more. And

14        when the economy recovers, this city will

15        begin to take off.

16                Let me talk a little bit about

17        the Keep Philly Clean Service fee. For a

18        little less than \$6 a week, each property

19        in the City that receives trash

20        collection service on a weekly basis will

21        continue to do so and, as I said, will

22        benefit from additional services.

23        Qualifying low-income households will be

24        charged less than \$4 a week, and we're

25        exploring other options for seniors on

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2        fixed incomes to make this program most  
3        affordable.

4                Properties will receive an  
5        annual bill, with 60 days to pay.  
6        Delinquent bill payers will be charged  
7        penalties and interest, and we will do  
8        everything within our power to make sure  
9        that everyone pays their bill.

10               We propose to increase the rate  
11        for small commercial properties, putting  
12        them at least on par with residential  
13        property owners. Property owners who can  
14        document private trash collection will be  
15        exempt from this fee.

16               Philadelphians, of course, can  
17        also offset a little bit of that cost of  
18        the Keep Philly Clean Service by fully  
19        participating in the City's new  
20        Philadelphia Recycling Rewards program.

21               Residents who recycle each week  
22        and get their neighbors to do the same  
23        can easily save a hundred dollars a year  
24        and as much as \$400 in rewards points,  
25        including discounts at supermarkets,

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2        drugstore purchases and entertainment and  
3        clothing venues. That's real value to  
4        help purchase real goods that you want or  
5        need.

6                If you consider the value of  
7        the discounts and rewards from recycling,  
8        they will or almost will cover the  
9        out-of-pocket costs of the cleaning  
10       services fee.

11               Let me turn to one of the most  
12       serious public health issues facing our  
13       city. In recent years, Philadelphia has  
14       been very aggressive in promoting health  
15       by adopting smoke free legislation, menu  
16       labeling legislation and a ban on trans  
17       fat used in the preparation of food.

18               Two weeks ago, a Robert Johnson  
19       Foundation report ranked Philadelphia  
20       dead last among the 67 counties in the  
21       Commonwealth for overall health of its  
22       population, and First Lady Michelle Obama  
23       came to Philadelphia to talk about her  
24       national initiatives regarding obesity.

25               Last week, Councilmembers

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2        Marian Tasco and Blondell Reynolds Brown  
3        convened a Council hearing to investigate  
4        the health threats posed by obesity.

5                The facts are alarming.

6        Philadelphians are becoming overweight in  
7        astonishing numbers. Sixty-four percent  
8        of adults and 57 percent of our children  
9        were overweight or obese in 2008.

10               In just six years, between 2002  
11        and 2008, the percentage of overweight or  
12        obese children between the ages of 6 and  
13        17 jumped 18 percent. Without effective  
14        intervention, most of these children will  
15        grow up to be obese.

16               And what awaits them as adults  
17        is a litany of chronic disease and  
18        possible death from heart disease, many  
19        forms of cancer, type 2 diabetes and  
20        stroke.

21               Though obesity is a problem in  
22        all communities, it is an even greater  
23        problem in the African American and  
24        Latino communities and worst in the  
25        poorest neighborhoods in our city.

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2                In response to these facts on  
3    the ground, we're looking forward to  
4    working with members of Council to launch  
5    a comprehensive program for obesity  
6    prevention, starting in January 2011.

7                We must do all we can to make  
8    healthy foods more available to  
9    Philadelphians. We must discourage the  
10   consumption of unhealthy foods and we  
11   must encourage Philadelphians to be more  
12   active.

13               At the same time, Deputy Mayor  
14   Don Schwarz and his team have applied, on  
15   the City's behalf, for a grant from the  
16   U.S. Centers for Disease Control to  
17   support an obesity prevention program,  
18   and we have hopes that the CDC will see  
19   merit in supporting that program right  
20   here in Philadelphia.

21               The tax we're proposing is a  
22   two-cent-per-ounce levy on retailers  
23   based on their annual volume of  
24   sugar-sweetened beverages. Our hope is  
25   that the tax will be passed on by

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2        retailers in higher costs for

3        sugar-sweetened beverages, including

4        soda, non-100 percent fruit drinks,

5        sports drinks and energy drinks. In

6        turn, consumers will respond to the price

7        increase and buy more healthy beverages.

8                And so I'm calling on the

9        retailers in Philadelphia to show their

10       concern for Philadelphia consumers by

11       apportioning this new tax to these

12       sugar-sweetened beverages and not to

13       spread the cost across other items and

14       products. If they follow our lead, these

15       beverages could see an increase between

16       20 and 40 percent while more healthy

17       drinks become much more attractive.

18                Beginning in July 2011, we

19       propose to spend \$20 million in revenue

20       from the Healthy Philly Initiative to

21       support this program to promote healthy

22       eating and physical activity. As

23       responsible public servants, I believe

24       we're obligated to do all we can to

25       ensure healthy outcomes for the lives of

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2        our children and adults.

3                Of course, nothing promotes  
4        health better than a steady paycheck.

5                In this Budget and Five Year  
6        Plan, we make long-term and short-term  
7        investments and undertake new initiatives  
8        aimed at moving the City on the road to  
9        recovery and more jobs for  
10       Philadelphia.

11               I'm pleased to announce that  
12       we're proposing at this time to restore  
13       in FY14 the wage and business tax  
14       reduction schedule that was halted last  
15       year.

16               (Applause.)

17               MAYOR NUTTER: We're fighting  
18       to get back to reducing our taxes and  
19       spur development and job creation. Once  
20       again, we must act boldly to give  
21       businesses the assurance of a steadily  
22       improving environment in which to invest.

23               I also recently announced that  
24       we're establishing two pilot programs,  
25       one to explore the adoption of single

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2        factor sales apportionment for certain  
3        life sciences and other research and  
4        development firms, and a second program  
5        to explore market-based sourcing in  
6        connection with computer system design  
7        firms.

8                We're also doing everything  
9        possible to make business more friendly  
10       in Philadelphia, creating online business  
11       and development portals and turning L&I  
12       into an agency with a customer service  
13       ethos that makes getting permits and  
14       licenses quick and easy.

15               Last month, I set out our goals  
16       for growing more and larger  
17       minority-owned female and disabled  
18       businesses. These small businesses can  
19       be major job generators, particularly in  
20       minority neighborhoods. Our strategy is  
21       called Inclusion Works, and it has a  
22       twofold purpose: increasing the  
23       contracting opportunities for these  
24       businesses in City government and helping  
25       them compete in the regional economy.

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2                On Tuesday, Inclusion Works  
3        received an incredible boost with the  
4        announcement that Angela Dowd-Burton, a  
5        former top executive with Rohm and Haas  
6        who served with distinction as our city's  
7        Procurement Commissioner in the late  
8        1980s, will head up our Office of  
9        Economic Opportunity. She brings an  
10        incredible business and government  
11        experience to this critically important  
12        effort, and Philadelphia is fortunate to  
13        have Angela come back to City government.

14                In addition to breaking down  
15        barriers to business development, the  
16        City will make major new investments  
17        through its capital program.

18                Following last year's Executive  
19        Order consolidating all information  
20        technology functions from 33 different  
21        agencies into the new Division of  
22        Technology, we're proposing an  
23        unprecedented six-year \$120 million  
24        investment, including \$25 million in  
25        capital in FY11, which will move us away

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2        from our paper-intensive government

3        toward a more efficient, high-speed

4        system. We may not be completely

5        paperless, but we'll definitely use less

6        paper.

7                We're also moving ahead with

8        plans to build out our recently purchased

9        broadband wireless network that will

10       improve public safety with enhanced video

11       surveillance capabilities and government

12       efficiency.

13               Philadelphia will almost double

14       its street-paving program, and we need

15       it, to 17 and a half million dollars, and

16       our tree planting program run by

17       Fairmount Park will have two and a half

18       million dollars.

19               And the new cooperative

20       agreement with District Council members

21       will increase funding for Recreation

22       facility improvements. And I want to

23       again thank City Council for its

24       investment in our facilities.

25               Improving the business climate

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2    and investing in technology to lower  
3    costs are crucial to growing a job-rich  
4    economy, but getting Philadelphians the  
5    education and training they need for the  
6    demands of this new economy is even more  
7    important.

8                We're fighting for every  
9    possible Federal Recovery grant that  
10   enables us, our city, to improve our  
11   workforce development and our partners,  
12   working in conjunction to make jobs  
13   available in the Philadelphia region.

14                Let me mention one of the new  
15   innovative workforce programs we've  
16   developed. We call it PhillyWorks.  
17   Using multiple funding sources, this  
18   program will help Philadelphians who are  
19   working part time to move into full-time,  
20   family-sustaining work.

21                As they continue their  
22   part-time work, they'll participate in a  
23   program that will increase their job  
24   skills with training, contextualized or  
25   real-life learning and career coaching.

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2        Then they'll move into a new job,  
3        full-time employment with a  
4        Philadelphia-based company that's  
5        partnering with us.

6                PhillyWorks will give these  
7        participants the helping hand they need  
8        to move forward with their lives.

9                In addition to our recently  
10       launched PhillyGoes2College effort, we're  
11       also kicking off in the coming months two  
12       important education initiatives that we  
13       expect will prepare a large number of  
14       Philadelphians for work and success.

15               Literacy is at the heart of the  
16       skill-set required for success in the  
17       21st century. There are fewer and fewer  
18       decent-paying jobs that do not require  
19       high levels of literacy, including a firm  
20       grasp of technology.

21               We face an enormous challenge  
22       in Philadelphia. There are more than  
23       200,000 adults without a high school  
24       diploma and more than 500,000 adults who  
25       need to improve their literacy skills.

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2    If we can help people get their GEDs,  
3    improve their literacy skills and  
4    complete college, they'll be able to  
5    boost their marketability and income and  
6    be positive role models for their  
7    children.

8                Twenty-seven years ago, Mayor  
9    William Green established the Mayor's  
10   Commission on Literacy and appointed  
11   Marciene Mattleman as its first director.

12               In the last five years, the  
13   Commission has not functioned to the  
14   standards that I expect in our city  
15   government. It has been without an  
16   executive director, a working advisory  
17   commission or a strategy to deal with the  
18   City's huge literacy challenges.

19               In recent months, we've been  
20   working hard to fix all of these  
21   components, and so I'm pleased to  
22   announce today that working with the Free  
23   Library Foundation and literacy and  
24   workforce advocates, I will rebuild this  
25   commission with a new, dynamic

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2    leadership, hire an executive director,  
3    reach out to the corporate community for  
4    support and employee participation as  
5    mentors, and we will launch an aggressive  
6    literacy program that produces literate,  
7    lifelong learners who are ready for the  
8    new economy.

9                    (Applause.)

10                   MAYOR NUTTER: Two years ago, I  
11    set an ambitious goal of increasing the  
12    high school graduation rate, because  
13    without that degree, gainful employment  
14    and a prosperous future is less and less  
15    likely.

16                   But truant children rarely ever  
17    graduate. In fact, research shows that  
18    sixth graders who attend school less than  
19    80 percent of the time are almost certain  
20    not to graduate from high school years  
21    later. And most juvenile offenders are  
22    also chronically truant.

23                   In Philadelphia, about 15,000  
24    students are absent each day. That's ten  
25    percent of the entire student body, and

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2        over half of them have no valid excuse.

3                For a year, a team of

4        representatives from the School District

5        and Dr. Ackerman, the courts, the

6        District Attorney's Office and our

7        Administration has been developing a new

8        strategy and a funding plan to sharply

9        reduce truancy by strengthening programs

10       that work, and in the spring we'll launch

11       that effort.

12               Finally, one of the City's

13       largest and often untapped resources is

14       the goodwill and energy of

15       Philadelphians. If we as a city can

16       dramatically increase volunteering and

17       direct that resource toward our key

18       goals, then we will move Philadelphia

19       closer to our goal of being a safer,

20       smarter and more sustainable city.

21               Philadelphia recently won a

22       competitive grant from the national

23       Cities of Service, a program funded by

24       the Rockefeller Foundation. We were one

25       of only ten cities in America to win this

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2        grant.

3                It will allow us to recruit the  
4        City's first ever Chief Service Officer,  
5        whose goal will be to bring all of our  
6        partners and resources together so that  
7        we can greatly increase the role of  
8        volunteering and attract many more  
9        thousands of Philadelphians to this  
10       life-fulfilling work.

11               I've had a great deal to say  
12       here today, and you've been tremendously  
13       patient and kind with your attention.

14               We politicians often turn to  
15       the world of sports to make a point. Let  
16       me recall a comment from one of my idols,  
17       the great NFL coach Vince Lombardi, who  
18       once said, "Leaders aren't born. They  
19       are made. They are made just like  
20       anything else, through hard work."

21               As a former member of this  
22       legislative body and having worked with  
23       you the last two years as Mayor, I can  
24       say without reservation that each and  
25       every one of you has worked very hard

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2        with us on behalf of the citizens of this  
3        city. You are leaders, because you've  
4        been willing to work hard and you've made  
5        some very tough decisions.

6                For my part, let me say that  
7        the Office of the Mayor -- and Mayor  
8        Street knows this -- is a very humbling  
9        place and I've made some mistakes, and  
10       for that I say that I am sorry. But I  
11       hope that we can also remember our  
12       scripture in Matthew 7:1, "Judge not lest  
13       ye be judged."

14                (Applause.)

15                MAYOR NUTTER: I ask your  
16       forgiveness for any mistakes, but I also  
17       ask for your continued support as we all  
18       strive to serve together the citizens of  
19       our city with our own God-given talent  
20       and ability, and I will let you know, I  
21       am trying hard each and every day.

22                You know, I often talk about  
23       being a lifelong learner. It's one of my  
24       major messages to young people when I go  
25       out to talk to them, and I do my best to

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2    practice it daily. And I can tell you, I  
3    am always learning something new in this  
4    job.

5                One lesson I believe we've all  
6    learned is just how painful and  
7    politically volatile these times are.  
8    People are hurting, and they look at us  
9    as leaders to find a safe path to a  
10   better future. I understand that pain.  
11   I see it every day, and I know you do  
12   also.

13               I believe our job is to solve  
14   today's fiscal problems with a plan that  
15   best positions us for the future. The  
16   Athenian Oath reminds us that we have an  
17   obligation to our children, to leave them  
18   a city better than we found it.

19               As leaders, we have to be  
20   straightforward with those who elected  
21   us. Some say that Philadelphians can't  
22   handle the truth. I say they can.  
23   Getting to a better place is never a  
24   pain-free journey.

25               Coping with one of the worst

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2        recessions ever has not and will not be  
3        without cost, but I do believe that it  
4        has strengthened us.

5                In the last two years, we as a  
6        government have proven that we are  
7        responsible stewards of the taxpayers'  
8        dollars.

9                Philadelphians have been very  
10       clear that they want a basic level of  
11       services that includes protecting the  
12       most vulnerable among us. We heard that  
13       message, and we've preserved those basic  
14       services. We've cut where we had to, and  
15       we're leaner and more efficient as a  
16       result.

17               Through innovative new programs  
18       like Greenworks Philadelphia, Philly  
19       Works and Inclusion Works, we're  
20       preparing Philadelphia, the city that  
21       works together, for a prosperous future.

22               In this Proposed FY11 Budget  
23       and Five Year Plan, I've recommended  
24       against devastating cuts or major tax  
25       increases. There must be new ways to

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2        deal with old problems.

3                If we want a safer city, a  
4        smarter city, a more sustainable city, we  
5        must act boldly now, because a safer city  
6        is a clean city, and that's why we need  
7        the Keep Philly Clean Service fee.

8                A smarter city is a city that  
9        takes on a health crisis right in front  
10       of us and faces it, and that's why we  
11       need the Healthy Philly Initiative.

12               And a sustainable city is a  
13       city with leaders willing to make the  
14       tough decision that ensure a great  
15       future, and that's why we must work  
16       together.

17               The proposed Keep Philly Clean  
18       Service fee and the Healthy Philly  
19       Initiative will attract certain naysayers  
20       and some will complain. Some will be  
21       very loud, but I believe this is the best  
22       course for our city at this time.

23               Starting tomorrow and in the  
24       days and weeks to come, members of my  
25       Administration and I will visit

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2    Philadelphians where they live, where  
3    they work, where they gather to talk  
4    about this proposed budget and  
5    Philadelphia's future. I want to invite  
6    City Council members and all elected  
7    officials to join us on this historic  
8    journey.

9                And now allow me to return to  
10   Thomas Paine's comment December 23rd,  
11   1776. Earlier I read just a part of it,  
12   but here's a little more.

13                "These are the times that try  
14   men's souls. The summer soldier and the  
15   sunshine patriot will, in this crisis,  
16   shrink from the service of their country,  
17   but he that stands it now deserves the  
18   love and thanks of man and woman.  
19   Tyranny, like hell, is not easily  
20   conquered; yet we have this consolation  
21   with us, that the harder the conflict,  
22   the more glorious the triumph."

23                There is no doubt in my mind  
24   that this recession has had a tyrannical  
25   hold on our city and we must defeat it.

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2                My fellow Philadelphians, we  
3 are not sunshine patriots. In the face  
4 of this recession, we created a  
5 crime-fighting strategy that is working.

6                We are not summer soldiers. In  
7 the face of the recession, we moved our  
8 city forward, fighting for more  
9 educational opportunities and training  
10 programs, sustainability and reform and  
11 for jobs.

12               And when we do the right thing,  
13 we'll deserve the thanks of our fellow  
14 men and women of this great city.

15               Now, I'm aware that there's  
16 some serious heavy lifting required of  
17 all of us who deserve to be called  
18 leaders. I ask you to keep an open mind.  
19 I ask for your serious consideration and  
20 analysis.

21               I'm asking for your help and  
22 support to lead our city out of recession  
23 and into recovery. We must explore  
24 creative options to fully fund the  
25 services that Philadelphians want and

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2        deserve, because the old model just won't  
3        work in these modern times.

4                James Baldwin, the great  
5        American novelist and civil rights  
6        advocate, once said, "The moment we break  
7        faith with each other, the sea engulfs us  
8        and the lights go out."

9                Well, we must not break faith  
10       with each other. We must allow a bright  
11       future to engulf us, and the light of our  
12       faith in each other must shine brighter  
13       than ever before.

14               I believe our job as  
15       responsible public servants is to shine  
16       that light on the path ahead and act  
17       decisively with common sense for the  
18       common good for our city's uncommon  
19       future.

20               It's a bright future in front  
21       of us, and we must hold it with all our  
22       might and fight to succeed.

23               Members of City Council, ladies  
24       and gentlemen, my fellow Philadelphians,  
25       we were hit hard and we almost went to

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2   our knees, but through hard work and  
3   faith in each other, we're back on our  
4   feet, ready to fight some more for  
5   Philadelphia, and we are going to win.

6           Thank you very much.

7           (All members and guests  
8   standing.)

9           (Applause.)

10          (Guests chanting, "Close PNH.")

11          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I  
12   would ask our visitors to please leave  
13   very quietly so we can continue on with  
14   our session.

15          (Pause.)

16          COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
17   Please, those that are leaving, do so  
18   quietly. We are still in session. Thank  
19   you.

20          I would ask all members to  
21   please return to their desks.

22          Please, we're still trying to  
23   conduct business. Thank you.

24          Are there any speeches on the  
25   part of the minority?

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2           (No response.)

3           COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are  
4 there speeches on the part of the  
5 majority?

6           The Chair recognizes Councilman  
7 Jones.

8           COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,  
9 Madam President. Last week we had the  
10 privilege in the City of Philadelphia of  
11 hosting a retail clinic summit that was  
12 their 10th annual clinic, primarily  
13 sponsored by Jefferson Hospital. We  
14 passed a resolution in Council,  
15 Resolution 090608, which dealt with  
16 retail health clinics.

17           As we look at the next stage  
18 and healthcare becomes front and center  
19 and the administration at the federal  
20 level is going to make a decision, we too  
21 locally have an option to contribute, an  
22 option to be a part of, an option to give  
23 choices to people who do not otherwise  
24 have healthcare, particularly poor people  
25 who have used our emergency rooms as

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2    their primary physicians.

3           The retail health clinic

4    providers are looking at Philadelphia and

5    urban areas as outlets, affordable

6    outlets, for parents that cannot wait the

7    six hours or pay the high fees of

8    emergency rooms, and I think this is

9    going to be a Godsend to people who are

10   underutilizing healthcare in inner

11   cities, in places like ShopRite in my

12   district where we have three outlets

13   ready to go. We are welcoming them. And

14   this resolution today -- I mean last week

15   that we sponsored is going to put us on

16   that track, and it's a job well done.

17           Thank you, Madam President.

18           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

19   You're welcome.

20           The Chair recognizes

21   Councilwoman Blackwell.

22           COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

23   you, Madam President. Just a reminder

24   that our Partnership for Prescription

25   Assistance table is outside for any folks

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2    who are here who need help with their  
3    prescriptions or for offices who can let  
4    their staffs know for their  
5    constituencies.

6           Thank you.

7           COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank  
8    you.

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

11           (No response.)

12           COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

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

16           COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,  
17   Madam President. I move that Council  
18   stand adjourned until Thursday, March the  
19   11th, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

20           (Duly seconded.)

21           COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It  
22   has been moved and seconded that Council  
23   stand adjourned until Thursday, March the  
24   11th, 2010.

25           All in favor will say 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 motion carries.

8           Thank you.

9           (Stated Meeting adjourned at  
10 11:45 a.m.)

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