

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, October 16, 2008
10:05 a.m.

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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

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

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair recognizes Reverend
12 Alan Neale. Reverend Neale is the Rector
13 of the Church of the Holy Trinity. He is
14 here today as the guest of Councilman
15 Greenlee.

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

18 (Members and guests rise.)

19 REVEREND NEALE: Madam Chair,
20 Honorable Council women and men, I bring
21 you greetings from the Church of the Holy
22 Trinity on Rittenhouse Square. We are in
23 our 150th year, and on March 27, 2009, we
24 celebrate our birth date. We hope some
25 of you will come and join us, just to

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2 prove that Episcopalians can dance.

3 One little prayer before the
4 prayer I prepared, and though I
5 understand cricket better than baseball
6 and though I speak with an English
7 accent, in the name of God, we pray, go
8 Phillies.

9 (Applause.)

10 REVEREND NEALE: Let us pray.

11 All-just, all-loving and
12 ever-present God, we thank you for the
13 priceless treasure of choice with which
14 you have imbued us, honored us and
15 dignified us.

16 I pray for those who labor in
17 this Chamber. Give them vision and
18 imagination to make bold choices,
19 sympathy and compassion to make sensitive
20 choices, courage and fortitude to make
21 hard choices.

22 Lord, may the choices made in
23 this Chamber enable those bereft of
24 choice to choose a home, a job and a
25 life. Lord, in all the members of this

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2 Chamber, may the choices so made produce
3 a sense of pride and achievement in a job
4 well done.

5 And this we pray in the name
6 and the power of the one who made and
7 makes his choice to live with and to love
8 all those whom he has made, and may it be
9 our choice ever to say to him, amen, so
10 be it, amen.

11 (Amen.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair thanks Reverend Neale for his very
14 inspiring invocation.

15 Council will be at ease.

16 (Council at ease.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
18 Councilman Jones, I understand you would
19 like to be recognized.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
21 Madam President.

22 I'd like to echo the Reverend's
23 comments about go Phillies. On this day,
24 we celebrate and head back to the World
25 Series for the first time in 15 years.

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2 I've had an opportunity to
3 challenge some of our colleagues in
4 Milwaukee and also Los Angeles on behalf
5 of this Council. We sought out the
6 Councils of Milwaukee and LA and we bet
7 them some of Philadelphia's fine
8 tradition, such as Tastykakes and
9 cheesesteaks. We informed them that they
10 would have an opportunity to smell it,
11 but they would never have an opportunity
12 to taste it.

13 So in that light, the Phillies
14 have graciously said to Council thank you
15 for their support, and they provided each
16 and every member with a Phillies cap to
17 be adorned. And, my colleagues, don't
18 forget to put them on your disclaimers
19 and financial contribution forms, as not
20 to upset any entity that monitors us.

21 And my final words, Madam
22 President, are, go Phillies.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you very much.

25 The next order of business is

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2 the approval of the Journal of the
3 meeting of Thursday, September 25, 2008,
4 and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I move that the Journal
8 of the meeting of Thursday, September
9 25th stand approved.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
12 has been moved and properly seconded that
13 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
14 October 25, 2008 stand approved.

15 All in favor will indicate by
16 saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 ayes have it, and the Journal is
23 approved.

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

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
4 President, on behalf of the majority,
5 there are no requests for leave of
6 absence today.

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
12 President, on behalf of the republicans,
13 leave is requested for Councilman Jack
14 Kelly.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair thanks the gentleman. Leave will
17 be granted.

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

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

4 At this time, the Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Miller. Is she
6 in the room? Is Councilwoman Miller in
7 the room?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If
10 she is not, I think we'll proceed with
11 the next.

12 (Councilwoman Miller entered
13 Chambers.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
15 Councilwoman Miller will present a
16 resolution honoring the NAACP's ACT-SO
17 Competition.

18 Will Mrs. Kathleen
19 Coleman-Smith and those accompanying her
20 please join the Councilwoman at the
21 podium. Please join at the Councilwoman
22 at the podium.

23 I see that Councilwoman Miller
24 is being joined by Councilman Clarke.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

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2 you. Thank you, Madam President.

3 It's my pleasure this morning
4 to honor a group that we all know. NAACP
5 has been around for so many years, but
6 there's different components that we're
7 just not familiar with.

8 And with that, I'll read the
9 City Council citation.

10 The City Council of
11 Philadelphia honors the NAACP's ACT-SO
12 Competition for its 30th anniversary and
13 the four Philadelphia medal winners.

14 Whereas, ACT-SO is a national
15 competition sponsored annually by the
16 NAACP where high school students compete
17 in 25 separate categories in the
18 sciences, humanities and performing and
19 visual arts; and

20 Whereas, ACT-SO is an acronym
21 for Afro-Cultural Technical and
22 Scientific Olympics; and

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas,
24 talented young people from a wide array
25 of disciplines took their place in

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2 history recently by being recognized as
3 national winners in the NAACP's ACT-SO
4 competitions; and

5 Whereas, four proud
6 Philadelphians brought home three gold
7 medals and a bronze medal; and

8 Whereas, Jordan Thomas, a
9 harpist, won the gold medal award in the
10 classical instrumental category; and

11 Whereas, Dasha Savage, the
12 chemist, won the gold medal award in the
13 chemistry/microchemistry category; and

14 Whereas, Nathaniel Jones, the
15 artist, won the gold medal award in the
16 drawing category; and

17 Whereas, Jamesa Hines, the
18 biologist, won the bronze medal award in
19 the biology/microbiology; and

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
21 more than 260,000 young people have
22 benefited from this initiative's
23 development and inspiration since NAACP's
24 ACT-SO Competition's inception.

25 Resolved, by the Council of the

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2 City of Philadelphia, that City Council
3 hereby recognize, honor and celebrate
4 NAACP's ACT-SO Competition for its 30th
5 anniversary and for the four Philadelphia
6 medal winners.

7 Further resolved, that an
8 engrossed copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Kathleen Coleman-Smith, the
10 ACT-SO Chairperson for Philadelphia, as
11 further evidencing the sincere admiration
12 and gratitude of this legislative body.

13 Certification that this is a
14 true and correct copy of the original
15 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
16 City of Philadelphia on the 18th day of
17 September 2008. Signed by Anna C. Verna,
18 President of City Council. Introduced by
19 Donna Reed Miller and co-sponsored by all
20 members of City Council.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair recognizes Mrs. Smith for remarks.

24 MS. COLEMAN-SMITH: This is
25 truly a great honor, that you have taken

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2 the time to award our young people who
3 have worked so diligently to bring these
4 awards home to Philadelphia.

5 We were in Orlando, Florida
6 representing the Philadelphia,
7 Pennsylvania branch where there were over
8 1,000 young people from all over the
9 United States who competed. And we are
10 so proud of our young people, and we hope
11 that you all will encourage them to
12 pursue their goals as they go on to
13 higher learning.

14 Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

17 Council will be at ease.

18 (Council at ease.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Tasco,
21 who will present a resolution declaring
22 October as Domestic Violence Awareness
23 Month.

24 Will Chris Stutman and those
25 accompanying her please join the

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2 Councilwoman at the podium.

3 Is Chris Stutman here? Would
4 your group come up, please.

5 I see that Councilwoman Tasco
6 is being joined by Councilmembers Miller
7 and Sanchez.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 This is one of my favorite
13 groups, and I just appreciate all the
14 wonderful work they do, and this gives me
15 great pleasure to present this resolution
16 declaring October as Domestic Violence
17 Awareness Month.

18 Whereas, Domestic Violence
19 Awareness Month is being sponsored
20 locally by Women Against Abuse, and
21 through their sponsorship, they are
22 encouraging everyone to help increase the
23 awareness of domestic violence in our
24 homes and communities and decrease its
25 negative impact on Philadelphia; and

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2 Whereas, founded in 1976, the
3 mission of Women Against Abuse is to
4 provide quality and compassionate
5 services in a manner that fosters
6 self-respect and independence in persons
7 who have been victimized by domestic
8 violence; and

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
10 Women Against Abuse has grown to become
11 one of the largest domestic violence
12 programs in the United States, created
13 the nation's first legal center devoted
14 to victims of domestic violence, founded
15 the only emergency shelter in the City
16 exclusively for abused women and their
17 children; and

18 Whereas, Women Against Abuse
19 provides education and training to the
20 community about domestic violence issues
21 and resources and has partnered with the
22 City of Philadelphia, Lutheran Settlement
23 House, Women in Transition and Congreso
24 de Latino Unidos to operate the
25 Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline;

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2 and

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Whereas,
4 to support victims of domestic violence,
5 Women Against Abuse also operates a
6 12-unit transitional housing program
7 called Sojourner House, which enables
8 victims to take the crucial first steps
9 to reclaim their lives and move forward
10 toward a brighter future.

11 Now, therefore be it resolved,
12 that the Council of the City of
13 Philadelphia declares and recognizes
14 October as Domestic Violence Awareness
15 Month.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Further
17 resolved, that an engrossed copy of this
18 resolution be presented to
19 representatives of Women Against Abuse as
20 a sincere expression of the Council's
21 gratitude, appreciation and commendation
22 for raising the public's awareness
23 regarding domestic violence.

24 Certification that this is a
25 true and correct copy of the original

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2 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
3 City of Philadelphia on the 18th day of
4 September 2008. Introduced by Tasco,
5 Sanchez, Miller, and sponsored by all
6 members of City Council.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair recognizes Ms. Chris Stutman.

10 MS. STUTMAN: Good morning.
11 I'm Christine Stutman, Deputy Director at
12 Women Against Abuse. On behalf of our
13 staff and clients, thank you for
14 recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness
15 Month here in Philadelphia.

16 The work we do would be
17 impossible without the support of the
18 City of Philadelphia, and we are honored
19 to be working so closely with the City to
20 better serve our clients.

21 Domestic violence is an issue
22 we must all work together to solve,
23 because the consequences affect all of
24 us.

25 We urge City Council to vote on

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2 October 23rd to amend the City ordinance
3 to protect victims of domestic violence
4 against wrongful termination and unfair
5 treatment by their employers. By
6 ensuring the passage and enforcement of
7 this proposed bill, you will enhance
8 safety for survivors of domestic violence
9 and strengthen our entire community.

10 Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: There are
13 many wonderful leaders in this
14 organization, and one I've worked with
15 for so many years who just recently left
16 as Executive Director of Women Against
17 Abuse and is now working as a Deputy in
18 the Department of Human Services, and
19 that's Cynthia Figueroa.

20 Would you please stand, because
21 your hard work --

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: -- has
24 really helped to make this organization
25 what it is today. We appreciate that,

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2 and thank all of the workers and
3 volunteers who serve in this
4 organization.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 Council will be at ease.

9 (Council at ease.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
12 Tasco, who will present a resolution
13 honoring the 25th anniversary of the
14 Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation.

15 Will Ms. Sharmain
16 Matlock-Turner and those accompanying her
17 please join the Councilwoman at the
18 podium.

19 The Councilwoman is being
20 accompanied by Councilmembers Sanchez and
21 Miller. Oh, and we have a very special
22 guest with us today.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: This is

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2 the mighty OARC group from the awesome
3 West Oak Lane and vicinity, and we are
4 just pleased to be here to recognize
5 their 25th anniversary, and it is my
6 honor to have been around when they
7 started this organization 25 years ago
8 and have watched their progress through
9 the years. And so this morning, we
10 present this resolution honoring and
11 recognizing the 25th anniversary of the
12 Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation.

13 Whereas, after decades of being
14 a vibrant commercial corridor bustling
15 with commerce and charm, the 7100 block
16 of Ogontz Avenue began to decline in the
17 early '70s, and by 1981, Ogontz Plaza,
18 the centerpiece of this once mighty
19 block, had become a vacant,
20 graffiti-scarred eyesore and the Ogontz
21 Hall Apartment building was plagued with
22 undesirable conditions and many other
23 properties on Ogontz and 72nd Avenues
24 were also vacant and dilapidated; and
25 Whereas, in 1983, neighborhood

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2 residents, led by State Representative
3 Dwight Evans, banded together to devise a
4 solution to the Ogontz Avenue problem and
5 created the Ogontz Avenue Revitalization
6 Corporation as their solution to this
7 problem; and

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
9 more recently, OARC has continued its
10 efforts by expanding its scope and taking
11 a holistic approach towards making West
12 Oak Lane a community of choice, and this
13 approach includes dozens of programs,
14 initiatives and development projects in
15 the areas of housing development, home
16 improvement, education, business and
17 economic development, workforce
18 development, arts and cultural event
19 planning, open space greening, grassroots
20 community planning and tourism
21 development; and

22 Whereas, OARC has been
23 responsible for the development of dozens
24 of housing units, several of the marquee
25 business institutions of West Oak Lane

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2 and the overall improvement in the
3 quality of life in one of Philadelphia's
4 finest neighborhoods, and since its
5 inception, OARC has grown to include
6 eight entities with a total annual
7 operating budget of approximately 20
8 million and development projects valued
9 at over 24 million. OARC, its related
10 entities and affiliations employ more
11 than 250 full-time people and more than
12 30 part-time, and serve an approximately
13 1,000 children annually; and

14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Whereas,
15 OARC is also the executive producer of
16 the internationally acclaimed West Oak
17 Lane Jazz and Arts Festival, and each
18 year more than 500,000 attendees come to
19 Ogontz Avenue, which is transformed into
20 an exciting festival of vendors offering
21 food, fine arts and crafts and non-stop
22 entertainment from music icons and hall
23 of fame artists; and

24 Whereas, OARC has also expanded
25 its successful and nationally recognized

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2 revitalization model to other commercial
3 corridors in the Northwest, including
4 Stenton Avenue and Washington Lane, and
5 upper Ogontz Avenue from Washington Lane
6 to Cheltenham Avenue, and OARC works with
7 other groups and communities throughout
8 Northwest Philadelphia, including Mount
9 Airy, Nicetown and Germantown, to help
10 stimulate neighborhood revitalization;
11 and

12 Whereas, through valuable
13 partnerships and innovative programs,
14 OARC is a fresh wind in the field of
15 community development, proving that no
16 community goal is too ambitious and, in
17 the process, providing hope and
18 inspiration to residents of all
19 communities.

20 Now, therefore be it
21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Resolved,
22 by the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia, that we hereby honor OARC
24 on 25 years of success and accomplishment
25 in stimulating economic development while

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2 improving the quality of life for the
3 residents of West Oak Lane and other
4 neighborhoods throughout Northwest
5 Philadelphia.

6 Further resolved, that an
7 engrossed copy of this resolution be
8 presented to State Representative Dwight
9 Evans and representatives of OARC as
10 evidence of the sincere sentiments of
11 this legislative body.

12 Certification that this is a
13 true and correct copy of the original
14 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
15 City of Philadelphia on the 18th day of
16 September 2008. Signed by President
17 Verna, sponsored by Miller, Tasco and
18 Sanchez, and supported by all members of
19 City Council.

20 We congratulate you. We thank
21 you for the wonderful work you're doing.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair recognizes Ms. Turner for remarks.

25 MS. MATLOCK-TURNER: Thank you

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2 very much, Council President.

3 I certainly want to thank City
4 Council and certainly Councilwomen Tasco,
5 Miller and Sanchez for sponsoring this
6 resolution today. And I want to thank
7 Council President Verna for giving me the
8 opportunity to have Dwight Evans be a
9 part of my gang. I've never had an
10 opportunity to be introduced and just
11 have him come along with me. So that was
12 very, very special.

13 We have some wonderful people
14 here today who really make this happen.
15 As the Board Chair, I've had the
16 opportunity to volunteer and be a part of
17 this effort for many, many years, but it
18 is really our number one volunteer, State
19 Representative Dwight Evans, that is the
20 wind beneath our sails and is the fuel
21 for what we do.

22 So Representative Dwight Evans,
23 please come and accept this honor.

24 (Applause.)

25 REPRESENTATIVE EVANS: I'd also

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2 like to thank my Councilperson,
3 Councilperson Marian Tasco, also my
4 Councilperson, Donna Reed Miller, and
5 also my Councilperson, Sanchez. You
6 probably ask how do I live in all those
7 neighborhoods. But I'd like to thank
8 them and all of the members of Council,
9 particularly the President of City
10 Council, for recognizing the work that
11 this organization does.

12 This organization is a
13 bottom-up organization. It is an
14 organization that starts from the bottom
15 and not from the top. All of the people
16 who work in this organization in the last
17 25 years are all about the business of
18 making a difference. So I'm proud that
19 you are recognizing them for their
20 effort. I know a lot of people mention
21 my name, but the reality of it is, they
22 do the work and they implement what you
23 see take place.

24 So, again, I want to sincerely
25 thank the Council for recognizing this

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2 organization. And believe me, it's not
3 just OARC in the City of Philadelphia.
4 There are always a lot of fine
5 organizations that are making a
6 difference every single day in every
7 single neighborhood.

8 Thank you very much, and God
9 bless.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 (Applause.)

13 MS. MATLOCK-TURNER: Just say
14 hello to the other people who are here.
15 Jack Kitchen, our wonderful President,
16 CEO and Executive Director of OARC.
17 We're glad to have him here.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. MATLOCK-TURNER: Our Board
20 members and supporters, Phyllis Benson,
21 Melanie Shark.

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. MATLOCK-TURNER: And with
24 that, Councilwomen Tasco and Miller and
25 Sanchez, I turn it back over to you.

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2 Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 Council will be at ease.

6 (Council at ease.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 next order of business is communications.
9 The Chair requests that the
10 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
11 the Chief Clerk.

12 The Chief Clerk will please
13 read the messages from the Mayor.

14 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
15 and members of the Council of the City of
16 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith
17 for the consideration of your honorable
18 body an ordinance amending Bill No.
19 070994-A, approved December 21, 2007,
20 entitled "Authorizing the Director of
21 Finance, Commissioner of Public Property
22 and other officials of the City to
23 execute either directly or through the
24 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
25 Development various agreements,

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2 instruments of conveyance and other
3 transactional documents by and among the
4 City, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 and the Pennsylvania Convention Center";
6 and

7 An ordinance authorizing the
8 City Solicitor, on behalf of the City, to
9 enter into a multi-year lease or lease
10 purchase agreement with a provider of
11 personal and laptop computers; and

12 An ordinance authorizing
13 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
14 Year 2009 from the Grants Revenue Fund,
15 the Director of Finance - Provision for
16 other grants to the General Fund, the
17 Director of Finance - Indemnities; and

18 An ordinance amending Chapter
19 12-2400 of The Philadelphia Code,
20 entitled "Hotel Room Rental Tax," by
21 providing for an additional excise tax on
22 hotel room rentals and designating the
23 expenditures for which such tax shall be
24 used, all under certain terms and
25 conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you. The messages will be printed in the
4 Journal.

5 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
6 please read any other communications in
7 her possession.

8 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
9 have, Madam President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you very much.

12 The next order of business is
13 the introduction of bills and
14 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
15 Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I offer two bills and
18 one resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 read the title of the first bill.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 amending Section 17-104 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, relating to

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2 "Prerequisites to the Execution of City
3 Contracts," by adding a new subsection
4 prohibiting the acceptance of bids on
5 City contracts from, or the execution of
6 original or renewal contracts with,
7 corporations or other business entities
8 that do business in Iran or Sudan, and
9 imposing duties on the Procurement
10 Department with respect to said
11 prohibition and certain other related
12 matters.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 amending Section 17-107 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contractors:
19 Labor-Management Relationships," to
20 transfer certain occupational
21 classifications from the definition of
22 Service Contracts to the definition of
23 Building or Construction Work.

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

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2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 recognizing Halloween, the Greater
5 Philadelphia Tourism Marketing
6 Corporation, a company that knows how to
7 promote all things fun in Philly, and its
8 partners.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney for a
11 motion.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
13 adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Madam President. This morning I
6 introduce four resolutions and two bills.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 amending Section 9-205 of The
13 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
14 Sales," by prohibiting the exhibiting,
15 displaying or selling any washing
16 machine, clothes dryer, refrigerator, ice
17 box or other household appliance
18 measuring more than one cubic foot on
19 City sidewalks.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 providing for the submission to the
25 qualified electors of the City of

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2 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
3 a Resolution approved by Council
4 proposing amendment of the Philadelphia
5 Home Rule Charter to provide within civil
6 service regulations for the posthumous
7 promotion to the next rank for any
8 Philadelphia police officer or
9 firefighter who is killed or who dies in
10 the line of duty.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
16 Property to execute and deliver to the
17 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
18 the 6th and 27th Wards of the City of
19 Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
23 you, Madam President. I move for the
24 adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will indicate by
6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 proposing an amendment to the
16 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
17 within civil service regulations for the
18 posthumous promotion to the next rank for
19 any Philadelphia police officer or
20 firefighter who is killed or who dies in
21 the line of duty, and providing for the
22 submission of the amendment to the
23 electors of Philadelphia.

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

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2 appropriate committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 recognizing and honoring Mercy
5 Philadelphia Hospital on the occasion of
6 its 90th anniversary.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 ayes have it and the resolution is
24 adopted.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

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 2 calling on the City Council Committee on
 3 Education to hold hearings on the need to
 4 improve student performance and to narrow
 5 the achievement gap in Philadelphia
 6 public schools.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
 8 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
 19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
 22 ayes have it and the resolution will be
 23 referred to the appropriate committee.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
 25 Greenlee.

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COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank you, Madam President. I offer one bill, which is co-sponsored by Councilman Jones.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity," by amending Chapter 10-300, entitled "Minors," by providing for the establishment of a daytime curfew for minors of compulsory school age on days when such minors are required to be in school, providing for penalties, adding definitions and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

The Chair recognizes

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 Councilwoman Krajewski.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
4 you, Madam President. I offer two bills
5 and one resolution.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 authorizing transfers in appropriations
12 for Fiscal Year 2009 from the Grants
13 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
14 Provision for other grants to the General
15 Fund, the Director of Finance.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
20 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
21 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
22 amending Section 14-1619, entitled
23 "Frankford Avenue Special District
24 Controls."

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 honoring the Polish-American String Band
6 on their 75th anniversary.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move
10 for the adoption of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

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2 President, I offer one resolution on your
3 behalf. I offer three resolutions and
4 one bill on my behalf.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
7 the bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Bill No. 070994-A, approved
10 December 21, 2007, entitled, "Authorizing
11 the Director of Finance, Commissioner of
12 Public Property and other officials of
13 the City to execute either directly or
14 through the Philadelphia Authority for
15 Industrial Development various
16 agreements, instruments of conveyance and
17 other transactional documents by and
18 among the City and the Commonwealth of
19 Pennsylvania."

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 bill will be referred to the appropriate
22 committee. And I believe that
23 Councilwoman Tasco had two bills; did she
24 not?

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I have two

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2 bills, Madam President. I'm sorry.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
4 Please read the title.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
6 amending Chapter 19-2400 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Hotel Room
8 Rental Tax," by providing for an
9 additional excise tax on hotel room
10 rentals and designating the expenditures
11 for which such tax will be used.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
16 recognizing the 18th anniversary of the
17 Memory Walks in October and observing
18 National Alzheimer's Awareness Month in
19 November 2008 in the City of
20 Philadelphia.

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

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
24 the adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

All in favor will say aye.

(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

(No response.)

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

CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings on findings and recommendations of the Working Poor Families Project in the recent report entitled "Working Hard Still Falling Short - America's Working Families and the Pursuit of Economic Security."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair again recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 the adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will indicate by
8 saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 recognizing Keystone Mercy Health Plan
18 for receiving the National Committee for
19 Quality Assurance Award for innovative
20 efforts to reduce healthcare disparities.

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

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
24 the adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

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 resolution is
12 adopted.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 declaring October 25th as Dr. W.E.B.
15 DuBois Day.

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

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
20 the adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

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 resolution is
8 adopted.

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Miller.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
12 you. Thank you, Madam President. Today
13 I have three resolutions and two bills.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
21 amending Section 10-818, entitled
22 "Firearms in Public Places," by creating
23 mandatory penalties for the illegal
24 public carrying of firearms in the City
25 of Philadelphia.

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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 amending Chapter 10-800 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by
8 adding a new Section 10-839, entitled
9 "Unlawful Sale or Transfer of Firearms,"
10 creating mandatory penalties for the
11 illegal sale of firearms in the City of
12 Philadelphia.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 recognizing, honoring and celebrating
18 Dyana Williams for her exceptional
19 talents and her constant force in the
20 entertainment industry over three
21 decades.

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

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
25 for the adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 proclaiming October 2008 as Crime
16 Prevention Month.

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

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

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will indicate by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 proclaiming the week of October 5th, 2008
13 as National Fire Prevention Week.

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

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will 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 Sanchez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
9 you, Madam President. I have one bill
10 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 to
16 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
17 changing the zoning designations of
18 certain areas of land located within an
19 area bounded by B Street, Erie Street, G
20 Street and Tioga Street.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
25 recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 the Latino employees of the City of
3 Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

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

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will indicate by
14 saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Green.

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I have one bill

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 co-sponsored by Councilwoman
3 Quinones-Sanchez and Councilman Jones,
4 and one resolution co-sponsored by
5 Councilman O'Neill.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Section 20-301 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Payment of
13 Salaries," and Section 22-307, entitled
14 "Payment of Retirement Benefit," to
15 require that all payments of salaries and
16 pension benefits be made by electronic
17 fund transfer (direct deposit) to a
18 financial institution designated by the
19 recipient, under certain terms and
20 conditions.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
25 authorizing City Council's Committee on

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 2 Labor and Civil Service and Technology
 3 and Information Services to hold joint
 4 hearings to explore the implementation of
 5 technology and changes in the workflow
 6 processes to enable the City to provide
 7 better services to its citizens more
 8 efficiently.

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

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I move for
 12 the adoption.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
 20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
 23 ayes have it and the resolution is
 24 adopted.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 Jones.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
4 morning, Madam President. I have three
5 resolutions and two ordinances.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
12 changing the zoning designations of
13 certain areas of land located within an
14 area bounded by Roberts Avenue,
15 Wissahickon Avenue, Hunting Park Avenue
16 and Fox Street.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
22 No. 060317.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 honoring and celebrating Philadelphia's
4 own living local legends, Judge Doris
5 Smith-Ribner, Action News Sports Anchor
6 Keith Russell and Ms. Gerri H. Walker on
7 the occasion of Black History Month.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for
11 the adoption of the resolution, Madam
12 President.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 ayes have it and the resolution is
24 adopted.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
 2 authorizing Council's Committee on
 3 Commerce and Economic Development to hold
 4 hearings to identify ways that the City
 5 of Philadelphia can play a proactive role
 6 in facilitating business programs between
 7 Philadelphia and Israel to further the
 8 creation of local jobs while expanding
 9 the City's profile in the global economy.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
 11 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for
 13 the adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
 21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
 24 ayes have it and the resolution will be
 25 referred to the appropriate committee.

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 proclaiming November 2008 as Lung Cancer
4 Awareness Month.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I move for the adoption
9 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 say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 The Chair now recognizes
23 Councilman Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I offer no bills or

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 resolutions today.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair thanks the gentleman.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I offer two bills and
9 three resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you. And before the Chief Clerk reads
12 the first bill, I understand it's
13 Councilwoman Brown's birthday today and I
14 see she was presented with roses. Happy
15 birthday.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
19 the first bill.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia
22 Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses,
23 Trades and Professions," by creating a
24 new Chapter relating to energy
25 conservation, by providing for certain

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 requirements regarding the efficient
3 operation of air conditioning and coolant
4 systems.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
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 an amendment to the
12 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
13 authorizing City Council to provide, by
14 ordinance, for bid preference in the
15 awarding of public contracts, for
16 businesses whose products, services or
17 operations demonstrate a high level of
18 environmental stewardship.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 honoring the 17th annual My City, My
24 Place, Brighter Futures Awards Event and
25 commending members of the Public

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 Awareness Committee for working to
3 include people with mental retardation in
4 everyday community life.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

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

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 say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 calling on City Council Committee on
24 Education to hold hearings investigating
25 the status of after-school programs

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 throughout the City of Philadelphia and
3 preparing our students to succeed in a
4 globalized 21st century economy.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

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

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 say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 proposing an amendment to the
24 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
25 authorizing City Council to provide, by

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 ordinance, for bid preferences in the
3 awarding of public contracts, for
4 businesses whose products, services or
5 operations demonstrate a high level of
6 environmental stewardship.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
10 Madam President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,
12 I'm sorry. That has to do with the
13 Charter. That will be referred to the
14 appropriate committee.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I offer two bills.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 read the title of the first bill.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
24 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
25 changing the zoning designations of

1 10/16/08 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
 2 certain areas of land located within an
 3 area bounded by 11th Street, Filbert
 4 Street, 10th Street and Market Street.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
 9 amending Chapter 14-400 of The
 10 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial
 11 Entertainment District," by adding
 12 provisions relating to proposed projects
 13 in the Center City area and relating to
 14 public art, by providing for revised
 15 effective dates.

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
 20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
 22 President, I have no bills or
 23 resolutions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
 25 Chair thanks the gentleman.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Clarke.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I have three bills and
6 one resolution. Madam President, as
7 indicated earlier, the one resolution I
8 will not be asking for a vote today but
9 next week.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 authorizing and directing the revision of
16 lines and grades on a portion of City
17 Plan No. 307 by relocating the westerly
18 curb line and house line of 15th Street
19 between Arch and Cherry Street.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 granting permission to Howard Foreman,
25 owner of the Caribbean Restaurant, 1338

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2 to 44 Rising Sun Avenue, for a raised
3 deck encroachment for accessory seating.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 amending Section 14-1402 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking in
10 Residential Districts," by imposing
11 restrictions on off-street parking in
12 front of residential buildings, under
13 certain terms and conditions.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 amending Resolution No. 080001, which
19 provides Rules for the Government of the
20 Council of the City of Philadelphia, by
21 adding procedures for Council's
22 consideration of bills that authorize the
23 City to acquire, convey or lease to a
24 third party any interest in real estate
25 that includes park or recreation land or

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2 facilities.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
4 will consider this resolution at our next
5 session of Council.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
9 President, no bills or resolutions today.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The next order of business is
13 reports from committees, and the Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
15 report on the Committee on Finance.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
17 President, the Committee on Finance
18 reports two bills with a favorable
19 recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 read the report.

24 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
25 and members of the Council of the City of

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2 Philadelphia, the Committee on Finance,
3 to which was referred Bill No. 080627,
4 entitled "An ordinance amending Section
5 19-203 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
6 'Payroll Deductions,' to add the
7 Correctional Peace Officers Foundation to
8 the list of designated payees to whom an
9 employee may direct payroll deductions";
10 and

11 Bill No. 080634, entitled "An
12 ordinance further amending Bill No.
13 070368, entitled 'An ordinance approving
14 the Fiscal Year 2008 Capital Budget
15 providing for expenditures for the
16 capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas
17 Works, as previously amended by Bill No.
18 080076, by approving a further revised
19 Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2008,"
20 respectfully reports it has considered
21 the same and returns the attached bills
22 to Council with a favorable
23 recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move
5 that the rules of Council be suspended so
6 as to permit first reading this day of
7 Bills 080627 and 080634.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will indicate 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 bills just read
22 will be placed on our First Reading
23 Calendar for today.

24 The Chair now recognizes
25 Councilman Goode for a report from the

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2 Committee on Commerce and Economic
3 Development.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
5 Madam President. The Committee on
6 Commerce and Economic Development reports
7 one bill with a favorable recommendation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the report.

12 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
13 and members of the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, the Committee on Commerce
15 and Economic Development, to which was
16 referred Bill No. 080573, entitled "An
17 ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Business
19 Privilege Taxes,' by expanding the
20 program under which a credit against
21 business privilege taxes is given to
22 certain businesses that contribute monies
23 to community development corporations
24 undertaking economic development
25 activities within the City of

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2 Philadelphia, all under certain terms and
3 conditions," respectfully reports it has
4 considered the same and returns the
5 attached bill to Council with a favorable
6 recommendation.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you. The bill just read will be placed
9 on our First Reading Calendar for our
10 next session of Council.

11 The next order of business is
12 the consideration of the Calendar. I
13 would ask the Chief Clerk to please read
14 the bills on the First Reading Calendar.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080627,
16 an ordinance amending Section 19-203 of
17 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Payroll
18 Deductions," to add the Correctional
19 Peace Officers Foundation to the list of
20 designated payees to whom an employee may
21 direct payroll deductions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair agrees.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
25 080634, an ordinance further amending

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2 Bill No. 070368, entitled, "An ordinance
3 approving the Fiscal Year 2008 Capital
4 Budget providing for expenditures for the
5 capital purposes of the Philadelphia Gas
6 Works."

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair agrees.

9 The Chair now recognizes
10 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of
11 calling up bills on the Second Reading
12 and Final Passage Calendar to be
13 considered today.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
15 Madam President. Madam President, Bill
16 080468 is being called up for amendment,
17 to be amended.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And
19 all other bills are being held.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: All other
21 bills are being held.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
25 please read the title of Bill No. 080468.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending Section 9-1103 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Unlawful
5 Employment Practices," and enacting a new
6 Chapter 9-3200, entitled "Entitlement to
7 Leave Due to Domestic or Sexual
8 Violence," to provide that certain
9 employees may take unpaid leave from work
10 to address domestic or sexual violence,
11 all under certain terms and conditions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Greenlee.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
17 you, Madam President. I'll be offering a
18 couple of amendments to this bill today,
19 which were circulated previously.

20 Just a quick explanation.
21 These amendments were worked out with the
22 advocate community, many of the same
23 people who were honored here today and
24 are still sitting here behind us.
25 Basically what it does is clear up any

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2 possible conflict with the Family Medical
3 Leave Act and also put some time
4 limitations on the bill, and the reason
5 we're doing that is to kind of prove to
6 the naysayers and the doom sayers that
7 this will have some terrible effect on
8 businesses, that indeed it doesn't, that
9 it will be just like many other cities
10 and states who have adopted this bill,
11 that what it will do is help people who
12 need help. And I'm hoping next week this
13 amended bill will be passed, and I think
14 it's appropriate in Domestic Violence
15 Awareness Month that that should be done.

16 So saying that, Madam
17 President, I move the adoption of the
18 amendments.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will indicate by
24 saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 ayes have it and the amendments are
7 adopted.

8 That concludes our Calendar for
9 today, believe it or not.

10 Are there any speeches on the
11 part of the minority?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
14 there speeches on the part of the
15 majority?

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Madam
19 President. I'd like to extend an
20 invitation to my colleagues, but I'd like
21 to also take a couple of minutes just to
22 provide context.

23 On April 30th of this year, my
24 colleague, Councilman Jones, and I and
25 the City Council Committees on

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2 Environment and Transportation had a
3 hearing wherein we heard from advocacy
4 groups and stakeholders from the
5 bicycling community, because there's a
6 growing interest, if you will, for our
7 city to have a citywide public bike share
8 program.

9 Today there's a follow-up
10 luncheon in our Council Caucus Room where
11 we will hear from a number of individuals
12 and watch a video on why we believe this
13 is a smart way for us to go in the
14 future. So I invite all of my colleagues
15 and their staff to join us after Council
16 in the Caucus Room to learn more about a
17 citywide bike share program.

18 Thank you, Madam President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
24 Madam President. Madam President, with
25 less than three weeks to go before we

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2 elect a new President, Senators Obama and
3 McCain are both working hard to convince
4 American voters that they are the best
5 candidate to lead our country in these
6 troubling times. However, in selecting
7 our next President, we must be careful to
8 separate the facts from the rhetoric. In
9 particular, I raise this issue because of
10 the recent attacks against the
11 Association of Community Organizations
12 for Reform Now, known as ACORN.

13 In the past few weeks, various
14 parties have attempted to paint ACORN as
15 either the group that bullied Washington
16 into allowing lenders to give subprime
17 loans that caused the current financial
18 crisis, to an extremist group that
19 engages in a vast conspiracy of voter
20 fraud. These allegations are inaccurate
21 distortions of the truth and just plain
22 lies.

23 With regard to subprime loans
24 and also payday loans, ACORN is the
25 organization that was out front leading

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2 the charge and sounding the alarm
3 regarding these predatory products that
4 have been defrauding citizens and
5 homeowners for years. It is due to greed
6 and deregulation that have allowed for
7 these loans to be bundled into investment
8 products that have caused our current
9 financial crisis.

10 For years, ACORN has been an
11 advocate against lending discrimination
12 and access to credit for low-income and
13 minority populations. Now the very
14 parties that would not lend to these
15 communities and then preyed upon them
16 through predatory loan products and who
17 ultimately caused our current financial
18 crisis are attempting to rewrite history
19 by blaming ACORN, the advocate against
20 their actions, as the cause of their own
21 unethical and unscrupulous behavior. As
22 you'll remember, ACORN was the partner
23 with this City Council in passing
24 anti-predatory lending in this Chamber.

25 The issue regarding voter fraud

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2 is another example of a lie and
3 distortion. Contrary to the incorrect
4 reports, ACORN is the victim of
5 perpetrators of voter fraud and not the
6 organizer. In attempting to register
7 primarily low-income and community people
8 to vote, ACORN hired independent
9 contractors for voter registration
10 drives. Some of these independent
11 contractors defrauded ACORN by being paid
12 for doing voter registration work.
13 However, these contractors submitted
14 fraudulent names and did not do the hard
15 work which ACORN paid them to do.

16 And ACORN, by the way, pointed
17 this out when those forms were turned in
18 to the local election bureaus.

19 Accordingly, ACORN is not the
20 organizer of voter fraud, but merely the
21 victim in two ways: Loss of vital
22 resources paid to con artists and vicious
23 attacks in the media.

24 Throughout my career, I have
25 been a strong advocate for voting rights

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2 and responsible lending to citizens who
3 for too long have been denied access to
4 credit. Through my work in City Council,
5 with the National League of Cities and
6 various entities, I have been an advocate
7 against predatory and payday lending, and
8 ACORN has been a partner with me and many
9 other governmental entities across this
10 country in this fight for justice.

11 As this election season comes
12 to a close, let's not allow history and
13 facts to become confused with rhetoric as
14 each candidate works to win this
15 election. In this regard, short-term
16 partisan attacks should not be used to
17 vilify good groups like ACORN that have
18 helped so many in our city, our state and
19 in our country.

20 Thank you very much.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
25 there any other speeches on the part of

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2 the majority?

3 Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I'm full
5 of speeches today.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: But this
8 is something I'd like to share with you
9 to show the hard work and tenacity of one
10 of my employees.

11 On Wednesday, October the 22nd
12 at 11:00 a.m. at the corner of Rising Sun
13 Avenue and Fanshawe Street, a plaque will
14 be dedicated in honor of Officer Gottlob
15 Klemmer, who died on September the 11th,
16 1927 from injuries sustained in the line
17 of duty on January 14, 1919. Officer
18 Klemmer had never been honored in the
19 City, and it would not have happened
20 without the hard work of Kathy Wersinger
21 of my office standing over there.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
23 Kathy here?

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: 35th Ward.
25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: While
3 researching a plaque dedication for
4 fallen Officer Joseph Kelly, Kathy
5 learned about Officer Klemmer's death due
6 to a shooting in her Lawncrest
7 neighborhood. Kathy then working with
8 the 35th Ward Leader, Bill Dolbow, the
9 Second Police District and John Campisi
10 of the Northeast Times were able to get a
11 number of news articles written about
12 Officer Klemmer in the local papers,
13 because we had no contact with the
14 family, didn't know any family members.

15 As a result of these
16 articles -- and she went to the library
17 to do a lot of research on her time --
18 Officer Klemmer's grandson, Carl Klemmer,
19 Jr. called the Northeast Times in
20 response to the articles, and Kathy was
21 able to meet with Carl and Officer
22 Klemmer's daughter, Ruth Shelton -- and I
23 believe she's 88 years old -- and her
24 niece, Martha Dowditch. After meeting
25 with the family, Kathy reached out to

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2 Mayor Nutter, Police Chief Ramsey,
3 Michael Lutz of the FOP and attorney
4 Jimmy Binns so that a plaque could be
5 dedicated to fallen Officer Gottlob
6 Klemmer.

7 I would like to publicly thank
8 Kathy for her hard work on behalf of this
9 family and for her tenacity in getting
10 this done. It took some time, and she
11 worked hard to do it. So we thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
14 there any other speeches on the part of
15 the majority?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
18 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
19 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
20 adjourn.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I move that Council
23 stand adjourned until Thursday, October
24 23, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
3 has been moved and seconded that Council
4 stand adjourned until Thursday, October
5 23rd.

6 All in favor will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 ayes have it. The motion carries, and
13 Council will stand adjourned.

14 Thank you.

15 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
16 11:15 a.m.)

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2 CERTIFICATE

3 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
4 proceedings, evidence and objections are
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