

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, September 22, 2011
10:05 a.m.

PRESENT:

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

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good

morning. I note that the hour has come
and that a quorum of this Council is
present.

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

To give our invocation this
morning, the Chair recognizes Reverend
Arlington Medley of Victory Community
Church. He is here today as the guest of
Councilman Goode.

I would ask all members and
guests to please rise.

(Members and guests rise.)

REVEREND MEDLEY: Grace and
peace.

There was a wonderful,
wonderful woman who had an opportunity
that she took. She had a chance to buy a
new refrigerator. She went to the
appliance store and asked for the very
best refrigerator that they had. The

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2 gentleman tried to give her a sale. She
3 said, No, I want the best.

4 He said, I have a \$5,000
5 refrigerator.

6 She said, That's the one I
7 want.

8 They delivered the \$5,000
9 refrigerator. She put her best food in
10 there, took a short nap, and when she
11 came back, she saw the ice cream began to
12 melt. She saw that the vegetables began
13 to spoil. She called on the phone and
14 screamed at the appliance salesman,
15 What's this? What is this? I bought a
16 \$5,000 refrigerator.

17 He said, Madam, when you open
18 the door, does the light come on?

19 She said, No, no light comes
20 on.

21 When you bend down, do you hear
22 a motor?

23 No, I don't hear no motor.

24 When you look in the back, is
25 it plugged up?

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2 For \$5,000, I wouldn't have to
3 plug it up.

4 As a clergy person, we deal
5 with lots of people who feel that their
6 lives are not completely plugged up, that
7 though they have notable success in their
8 worldly careers and endeavors, they don't
9 feel that their lives are making a
10 difference with their faith or to God's
11 kingdom.

12 The book of Jeremiah has a few
13 verses where it says that there are
14 people who have forgotten how to blush,
15 meaning that they have become so fixed in
16 their ideology and in their groups that
17 they're not even looking for what
18 spiritual leadership is about, which is
19 putting people on God's agenda, working
20 beyond your own group, working beyond for
21 a third alternative, bigger than anything
22 you may have come on your own.

23 Let's pray today that we become
24 persons who like Nelson Mandela, having
25 had a chance to have a country of all one

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2 colored people, decided to move beyond
3 the ideology of the A&C, to have a
4 multi-racial government, people who look
5 beyond just their own group to see what
6 they can do as far as spiritual
7 leadership and putting people on God's
8 agenda. Let's bow and look to the Lord.

9 Dearest God, we thank you in
10 advance that some have already come to
11 know that you continue to build legacies
12 and continue to plug us in when we are
13 people who go beyond partisanship, go
14 beyond our personal agendas and look
15 forward to what you are able to do
16 through us.

17 God, we open up this session as
18 an opportunity of hope, of new ground,
19 that we join your work in the total
20 renewal of all things.

21 We thank you in advance, for
22 it's in the name of your son we pray.
23 Let everyone say amen.

24 (Amen.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair thanks the Reverend for his
3 invocation.

4 Council will be at ease.

5 (Council at ease.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 next order of business is the approval of
8 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
9 September 15th, 2011.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I move that the Journal
14 of the meeting of Thursday, September
15 15th, 2011 be approved.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
18 has been moved and properly seconded that
19 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
20 September 15th, 2011 stand approved.

21 All in favor will indicate by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 ayes have it, and the Journal is
5 approved.

6 The next order of business is
7 requests for leave of absence, and the
8 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. On behalf of the
11 majority, there are no requests for leave
12 of absence today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chair now recognizes
16 Councilman Rizzo.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
18 President, at this point I haven't heard
19 of any requests for leave, but if that
20 changes, I'll get back with you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chair will dispense with
24 the regular order of business to
25 recognize the guests and visitors joining

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2 us in Chambers this morning. On behalf
3 of all members of City Council, I welcome
4 you to our Council session. We
5 appreciate your taking the time to join
6 us as we attend to the legislative
7 affairs of our city. We certainly invite
8 you to come again.

9 At this time, the Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Green, who will
11 present a resolution honoring Young
12 Involved Philadelphia.

13 Would Michelle Freeman and
14 those accompanying her please join the
15 Councilman at the podium.

16 I see that the Councilman is
17 being accompanied by Councilwoman
18 Blackwell, Councilwoman Brown and
19 Councilwoman Sanchez and Councilwoman
20 Tasco, and we also have Councilman Jones
21 joining us.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Green.

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
25 Madam Chair.

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2 Proclaiming the weeks of
3 October 3rd, 2011 and October 10th, 2011
4 as "State of Young Philly Weeks," and
5 honoring Young Involved Philadelphia.

6 Whereas, Young Involved
7 Philadelphia has been working for over
8 ten years to increase civic engagement
9 among young Philadelphians and facilitate
10 reforms for a better Philadelphia; and

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas,
12 from October 3rd, 2011 through October
13 14th, 2011, Young Involved Philly will
14 host its second annual "State of Young
15 Philly," a series of events involving
16 over 30 participating organizations,
17 whose theme this year will be "Building
18 Philadelphia's Future"; and

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
20 based on the ideas generated from
21 facilitated discussions among speakers
22 and attendees during "State of Young
23 Philly: Building Philly's Future," Young
24 Involved Philadelphia will produce a
25 written agenda that will inform

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2 Philadelphia's direction in four areas:

3 community engagement, education,

4 sustainability and planning, and the

5 creative economy;

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Whereas,

7 "State of Young Philly: Building

8 Philly's Future" will leverage the voice

9 of young Philadelphia by bringing

10 together hundreds of young professionals

11 and key City leaders to discuss how to

12 build a better future for Philadelphia;

13 and

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

15 Whereas, "State of Young Philly:

16 Building Philly's Future" will: Engage -

17 young Philadelphians will have an

18 opportunity to engage with their peers,

19 organizational leaders and government

20 representatives and be exposed to

21 innovative approaches;

22 Connect - young Philadelphians

23 will connect with other young leaders and

24 organizations in the City;

25 Represent - young

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2 Philadelphians will share feedback on
3 current practices and help discuss key
4 ideas for building a better future for
5 the City; and

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,
7 as part of its ongoing effort to engage,
8 connect and represent young
9 Philadelphians, Young Involved
10 Philadelphia will organize future
11 activities and events aimed at putting
12 the written agenda into action; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Resolved, by
15 the City Council of Philadelphia, that it
16 declares the weeks of October 3rd and
17 October 10th, 2011 as "State of Young
18 Philly Weeks," encourages young
19 Philadelphians to participate in the
20 series of the scheduled events, and
21 commends Young Involved Philadelphia for
22 over ten years of dedication to
23 increasing civic engagement among young
24 Philadelphians.

25 Be it further resolved, that an

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2 engrossed copy of this resolution be
3 presented to representatives of Young
4 Involved Philadelphia as evidence of the
5 sincere sentiments of this legislative
6 body.

7 Congratulations.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Ms. Freeman for remarks.

11 MS. FREEMAN: Thank you so much
12 for the recognition, and we really
13 appreciate the support of Council over
14 the last few years.

15 Since 2000, as all the
16 Councilpeople have said, we've been
17 working to increase civic engagement and
18 build relationships amongst the young
19 citizens in Philadelphia, and last year
20 was the first year that we started State
21 of Young Philly. And over the course of
22 two weeks, we engaged thousands of young
23 professionals throughout the City and
24 encouraged them to imagine a future --
25 what their future was like for

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2 Philadelphia. And last year there were
3 several outcomes and priorities that we
4 came out with that helped us build this
5 year's event. I'm just going to share
6 some of those priorities and outcomes
7 with you so you can get some framework
8 and background on where this all came
9 from.

10 The first was to improve
11 government accessibility. So for the
12 last year, YIP has been working with the
13 City's task force, Open Access Philly,
14 and participated to bring Code of America
15 to Philadelphia.

16 The second, that we worked to
17 cultivate organizational relationships.
18 So we worked with Philadelphia's young
19 and non-profit leaders to bring a board
20 prep program and trained over 30 young
21 leaders and matched them on non-profit
22 boards.

23 And, third, we leveraged assets
24 and built strengths. So rather than
25 focus on what's wrong with Philadelphia,

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2 around Valentine's Day we worked to
3 launch a Twitter hashtag campaign called
4 "Why I Love Philly," and people ever
5 since then have been sharing why they
6 love Philadelphia and things that they
7 love about the City.

8 The fourth is to improve the
9 City's labor force. So we've worked and
10 partnered with Philadelphia Social
11 Innovations Journal to launch a new
12 vision for the City's education system.

13 And, finally, we've been
14 working to build intergenerational
15 leadership. So we've been working with
16 Leadership Philadelphia and have begun
17 conversations on how to bridge
18 intergenerational leadership.

19 The second sort of important
20 part of all this is to focus on our issue
21 area. So as it was referenced earlier,
22 this year we'll be focusing on community
23 engagement, education, the creative
24 economy, and sustainability and planning.
25 Again, all things that came out of

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2 conversations when we were imagining what
3 our Philadelphia was looking like. So
4 this year we are working to focus on
5 action and on building the future.

6 And we'd love to share with you
7 all those results once our series is
8 over. Again, the series is October 3rd
9 through the 14th, and we invite you to
10 come to all of the events, in particular
11 our final showcase and reception, which
12 will be held on October 14th at the
13 University of the Arts from 6:30 to 9:30.
14 You can find all of our event
15 information. We also keep a blog to keep
16 the conversation going for the event and
17 throughout the year. That website is
18 www.stateofyoungphilly.com. All of the
19 events are open to the public, so, again,
20 we encourage you all to come.

21 Thank you again.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 Council will be at ease.

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2 (Council at ease.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair now recognizes Councilman Rizzo,
5 who will present a resolution recognizing
6 CISV.

7 Would Karen Helhowski and those
8 accompanying her please join the
9 Councilman at the podium.

10 The Councilman is being joined
11 by Councilwoman Tasco, Councilman Clarke,
12 Councilwoman Blackwell, Councilwoman
13 Brown.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Rizzo.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you
17 very much, Madam President.

18 Good morning, everyone.
19 Recognizing, honoring and thanking CISV,
20 formerly Children's International Summer
21 Village, through its local chapter, CISV
22 Philadelphia, on the occasion of its 60th
23 Anniversary, in furtherance of the CISV
24 mission that "peace is possible through
25 friendship and that real differences can

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2 be made by starting with children," and
3 celebrating September 21st as "Peace One
4 Day" and "International Day of Peace."

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas, in
6 1951, CISV was founded by Dr. Doris
7 Allen, a child psychologist who believed
8 that by encouraging children to be
9 self-aware and respect cultural
10 differences, children will become
11 productive global citizens and strive for
12 a more peaceful world; and

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
14 in 1956, CISV Philadelphia was founded,
15 one of 22 chapters of CISV USA, which
16 hosts international delegates every year
17 from all member nations and likewise
18 sends delegations to other countries
19 including, most recently, England,
20 Germany, France, Italy, Norway, Finland,
21 Brazil, Guatemala and New Zealand; and

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:
23 Whereas, the CISV core values are the
24 mechanism for fulfilling its mission,
25 which include the values of friendship,

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2 inclusiveness, enthusiasm, engagement and
3 cooperation using a specific formula for
4 success, which is individuals learn by
5 experience to live amicably with others
6 irrespective of cultural background;
7 conduct research relating to the science
8 of international relations and
9 non-violent conflict resolution;
10 cooperate with other similar
11 organizations; and inspire people of all
12 ages to strive for a more just and
13 peaceful world; and

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,
15 the Council of the City of Philadelphia
16 looks forward to the continued work of
17 CISV Philadelphia to offer local youth
18 cross-cultural experiences for the
19 purpose of exposing children to their
20 responsibilities as global citizens in
21 its ongoing pursuit of a more peaceful
22 world; and, therefore

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Be it
24 resolved, by the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, that it recognizes, honors

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2 and thanks CISV through the local
3 chapter, CISV Philadelphia, on the
4 occasion of its 60th anniversary, in
5 furtherance of the CISV mission that
6 "peace is possible through friendship,
7 and that real differences can be made by
8 starting with children," and celebrating
9 September 21st as "Peace One Day" and
10 "International Day of Peace."

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Further
12 resolved, that an engrossed copy of this
13 resolution be presented to CISV
14 Philadelphia further evidencing the
15 sincere admiration and gratitude of this
16 legislative body.

17 Thank you very much, ladies.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 Chair recognizes Ms. Helhowski for
21 remarks.

22 MS. HELHOWSKI: Hi. I'm Karen
23 Helhowski. I'm President of CISV
24 Philadelphia, and I'm here with longtime
25 members of the Chapter, Janet Lowery, who

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2 is our current Treasurer, and Tali Segal,
3 who is our PR Chairperson.

4 Thank you for recognizing the
5 significance of CISV's anniversary. For
6 60 years, we've been striving to teach
7 youth around the world about peace and
8 how to achieve it through cultural
9 understanding, which is developed through
10 friendships. Our programs for youth and
11 adults stress education on diversity,
12 human rights, conflict resolution,
13 sustainable development and service to
14 the community. These global experiences
15 have and continue to transform lives. We
16 both host international programs and send
17 people on them. Peace One Day, one day
18 closer.

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

22 Council will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 next order of business is communications.

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2 The Chair requests that the
3 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages
4 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

5 The Chief Clerk will please
6 read the messages from the Mayor.

7 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
8 and members of the Council of the City of
9 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith
10 for the consideration of your honorable
11 body an ordinance authorizing the
12 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
13 Development to purchase a certain tract
14 of land with the improvements thereon
15 situate at 9470 Ashton Road; and

16 Also an ordinance amending
17 Chapter 10-300 of The Philadelphia Code,
18 entitled "Minors," by amending Section
19 10-303, entitled "Unlawful Conduct of
20 Minors," and Section 10-307, entitled
21 "Parental Responsibility for Minor
22 Children," to provide for earlier curfew
23 hours for minors, to provide for
24 different curfew hours for additional age
25 groups among minors, and to provide for

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2 parental liability, all under certain
3 terms and conditions.

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

7 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
8 please read any other communications in
9 his possession.

10 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
11 Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The next order of business is
15 the introduction of bills and
16 resolutions.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I offer one bill.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 amending Title 21 of The Philadelphia
3 Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," by
4 regulating the public availability of
5 police accident reports, including, but
6 not limited to, providing for the
7 confidentiality of certain information
8 contained in such reports.

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

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
16 one resolution.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 read the title.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
22 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
23 Property to execute and deliver to the
24 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
25 Philadelphia, without consideration,

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2 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
3 title to certain City-owned lots or
4 pieces of ground with the buildings and
5 improvements thereon, situate in the
6 Twenty-Seventh Ward of the City of
7 Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
9 resolution will be placed on the Final
10 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
11 next session of Council.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Greenlee.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
15 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
16 resolutions today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Krajewski.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
22 you, Madam President. I offer one bill.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the title of the bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
5 for Industrial Development to purchase a
6 certain tract of land with the
7 improvements thereon situate at 9470
8 Ashton Road.

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

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
15 President, I offer one resolution on
16 behalf of Councilwoman Miller and myself
17 and one on your behalf.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 read the title of the first resolution.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 honoring The Business Center for
24 Entrepreneurship and Social Enterprise on
25 its 10th Annual Enterprising Woman

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2 Business Plan Competition.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
4 resolution will be placed on the Final
5 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
6 next session of Council.

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

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
19 resolution will be placed on the Final
20 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
21 next session of Council.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
25 you, Madam President. Today I offer no

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2 bills or resolutions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Sanchez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
8 you, Madam President. No bills or
9 resolutions.

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

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

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Jones.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I have three
21 resolutions, one co-sponsored by
22 Councilmen Greenlee and Clarke and
23 another co-sponsored by Councilmen
24 Greenlee, Clarke, Reynolds Brown, Goode
25 and Kenney.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
8 Property to execute and deliver to the
9 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
10 Philadelphia, without consideration,
11 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
12 title to certain City-owned lots or
13 pieces of ground with the buildings and
14 improvements thereon, situate in the
15 Twenty-First Ward of the City of
16 Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
18 resolution will be placed on the Final
19 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
20 next session of Council.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
22 recognizing and honoring the
23 achievements, traditions and
24 contributions of American Indians, also
25 known as "indigenous peoples" of the City

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2 of Philadelphia and declaring October 8,
3 2011 as Indigenous Peoples Day and every
4 first Saturday of October thereafter.

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

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I move that the rules
9 of Council be suspended to permit
10 consideration for the resolution on
11 today's Final Passage Calendar.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Just MED
14 Week. Just the MED Week.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I beg
16 your pardon?

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Just the MED
18 Week resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 resolution will be placed on the Final
21 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
22 next session of Council.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 supporting the National Minority Business
25 Development Agency and recognizing

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2 October 5th through 7th as Philadelphia

3 Minority Enterprises Development Week

4 which provides critical information to

5 foster the growth and competitiveness of

6 the minority business community.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

8 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

10 Madam President. I move the rules of

11 Council be suspended to permit

12 consideration of the resolution on

13 today's Final Passage Calendar.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

16 has been moved and properly seconded that

17 the rules of Council be suspended to

18 permit consideration of this resolution

19 at today's session of Council.

20 All in favor will indicate by

21 saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 ayes have it and the motion passes. This
4 resolution will be placed on today's
5 Final Passage Calendar.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Goode.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I offer no bills or
10 resolutions today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair thanks the gentleman.

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I am pleased to offer
17 one resolution -- one bill today on
18 behalf of the Administration and
19 co-sponsored by colleagues Bill Green and
20 Donna Reed Miller.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the title.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 amending Chapter 10-300 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Minors," by
4 amending Section 10-303, entitled
5 "Unlawful Conduct of Minors," and Section
6 10-307, entitled "Parental Responsibility
7 for Minor Children," to provide for
8 earlier curfew hours for minors, to
9 provide for different curfew hours for
10 additional age groups among minors, and
11 to provide for parental liability.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
21 the resolution.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
24 Property to execute and deliver to the
25 Redevelopment Authority of the City of

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2 Philadelphia, without consideration,
3 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
4 title to certain City-owned lots or
5 pieces of ground with the buildings and
6 improvements thereon, situate in the
7 Thirty-First Ward of the City of
8 Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
10 resolution will be placed on the Final
11 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
12 next session of Council.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
16 President, I offer two bills.

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 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of An
24 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
25 Prevent Red Light Violations," by

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2 authorizing the installation of red light
3 enforcement systems at the intersection
4 of Worthington Road at Byberry Road.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
9 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of An
11 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
12 Prevent Red Light Violations," by
13 authorizing the installation of red light
14 enforcement systems at the intersection
15 of Woodhaven Road at Knights Road.

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

19 The Chair now recognizes
20 Councilman Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I have one bill.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the title of the bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Section 14-1629 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "North
6 Central Philadelphia Community Special
7 District Controls," by specifically
8 amending Section 14-2629(3), entitled
9 "District Boundaries," to prohibit
10 student housing in certain neighborhoods
11 near Temple University.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Kelly.

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
18 President, I have no bills or
19 resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Nothing
25 today, Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you.

4 The next order of business is
5 reports from committees. The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman DiCicco for a
7 report from the Committee on Streets and
8 Services.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. The Committee on
11 Streets and Services reports six bills
12 with a favorable recommendation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 read the report.

17 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
18 and members of the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia, the Committee on Streets
20 and Services, to which was referred Bill
21 No. 100269, entitled "An ordinance
22 authorizing the installation of all-way
23 stop signs at the intersection of Whiting
24 Road and Whiting Place"; and

25 Bill No. 110481, entitled "An

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2 ordinance establishing a one-way
3 regulation on North Lambert Street, from
4 65th Avenue to Cheltenham Avenue,
5 southbound"; and

6 Bill No. 110482, entitled "An
7 ordinance establishing a one-way
8 regulation on Marion Street, from West
9 Ashmead Street to Hansberry Street,
10 northbound"; and

11 Bill No. 110551, entitled "An
12 ordinance authorizing the revision of
13 lines and grades on a portion of City
14 Plan No. 278 by closing to vehicular
15 traffic a portion of Unruh Avenue
16 extending from a point approximately
17 one-thousand seventy-seven feet southeast
18 of Wissinoming Street southeastwardly to
19 the Pierhead Line of the Delaware River";
20 and

21 Bill No. 110553, entitled "An
22 ordinance amending Section 9-205 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, relating to "Sidewalk
24 Sales" and vending in residential areas
25 within the Ninth District, by deleting a

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2 provision allowing sidewalk sales and
3 vending in the area bordered by and
4 including Olney Avenue, Cheltenham
5 Avenue, Broad Street, and Fifth Street,
6 both sides"; and

7 Bill No. 110564, entitled "An
8 ordinance authorizing the revision of
9 lines and grades on a portion of City
10 Plan No. 55 by striking from the City
11 Plan and vacating the legally open
12 portions of Ashland Street from a point
13 approximately four-hundred one feet
14 southwest of Adams Avenue to the
15 northeasterly channel line of the
16 Frankford Creek," respectfully reports it
17 has considered the same and returns the
18 attached bills to Council with a
19 favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 DiCicco.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I move that the rules

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2 of Council be suspended so as to permit
3 first reading for the six bills that have
4 just been read into the record.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

20 The next order of business is
21 the consideration of the Calendar. I
22 note that the bills just read from
23 committee with suspension of rules have
24 been deemed to have had a first reading.
25 These bills will be placed on our Second

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2 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for
3 our next session of Council.

4 As there are no additional
5 bills on the First Reading Calendar, the
6 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
7 for the purpose of calling up bills and
8 resolutions on the Second Reading and
9 Final Passage Calendar to be considered
10 today.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. The following
13 resolutions and bills are being called up
14 from the Second Reading and Final Passage
15 Calendars today: Nos. 110617, 110618,
16 110619, 110620, 110621 and 110547. Bill
17 No. 100200-AA is being amended. All
18 other bills and resolutions are being
19 held.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 Before considering these bills
23 and resolutions, we will consider public
24 comment as follows: Your public comment
25 must concern matters on the Second

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2 Reading and Final Passage Calendars for
3 possible action at today's Council
4 session. All speakers must sign up in
5 order to testify. If you have not
6 already signed up for today's session,
7 please do so by giving your name to the
8 Sergeant-At-Arms at the table to my left.

9 You will be called in the order
10 in which your name appears on the sign-up
11 sheet. You will have three minutes,
12 three minutes to speak.

13 I would ask the Chief Clerk at
14 this time to please call the name of our
15 first speaker.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Raed Nasser.

17 (Witness approached witness
18 stand.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Good
20 morning, sir. Welcome.

21 MR. NASSER: Thank you. Thank
22 you. Good morning, Chamber, and good
23 morning, President. My name is Raed
24 Nasser. I represent the Hawthorne
25 Empowerment Coalition. I just want you

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2 to know that I'm a very active resident
3 of the Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition.
4 I moved into the community four years ago
5 and I got involved right away.
6 Councilman DiCicco can tell you so.

7 What the Chamber did last
8 Thursday by not engaging the community's
9 input on the pending changes in our
10 councilmanic district was wrong, because
11 our community had the representation.

12 Back in 2005, I took the oath
13 of the United States for citizenship,
14 because I wanted to live in a country
15 that has the best democratic system of
16 the world, where every citizen should get
17 the right to express their point of view
18 and express -- to express their point of
19 view. But that wasn't the case in this
20 instance, making me believe the American
21 dream is just a fantasy.

22 Once again, we are opposed that
23 our Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition
24 community get moved to the 2nd District.
25 We would like to stay as it is on the 1st

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2 District.

3 Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
5 you very much for coming in to testify.

6 Our next speaker.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Patricia Bullard,
8 commenting on Bills 110546 and 110547.

9 (Witness approached witness
10 stand.)

11 MS. BULLARD: Good morning.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
13 morning. Welcome.

14 MS. BULLARD: Good morning,
15 Councilmembers. I'm Patricia Bullard,
16 President of the Hawthorne Empowerment
17 Coalition. Raed Nasser is our
18 Vice-President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm
20 sorry. Would you mind speaking into the
21 microphone, please. Thank you.

22 MS. BULLARD: HEC is a
23 non-profit community organization
24 representing the Hawthorne neighborhood
25 in South Philadelphia. We are here to

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2 express Hawthorne community's opposition
3 to Council's redistricting plan that
4 removes Hawthorne from the 1st
5 Councilmanic District and places our
6 neighborhood in the 2nd Councilmanic
7 District.

8 Hawthorne is the area bounded
9 by South Street and Washington Avenue on
10 the north and south and by Broad Street
11 and 11th on the west and east.

12 Council's proposal is for the
13 2nd District to make an abrupt jog into
14 the 1st District to capture Hawthorne,
15 leaving the neighborhoods around us in
16 the 1st District. No other neighborhood
17 in the 1st District and no neighborhood
18 contiguous with Hawthorne would be moved
19 to the 2nd District. This plan clearly
20 was not made with the interest of
21 Hawthorne residents in mind. At no time
22 was our neighborhood consulted. We are
23 concerned that political deals appear to
24 have been made without reference to the
25 needs of concerns of the citizens most

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2 affected.

3 Hawthorne has always been a
4 part of the 1st District. We have strong
5 ties to the neighborhood organizations in
6 the 1st District, built our working
7 relationship together with them in the
8 1st District, Councilmembers that serve
9 the needs of our neighbors. For example,
10 we have worked for years with District
11 Councilmembers and 1st District community
12 groups to create a new community park at
13 12th and Catharine. The project has been
14 successful. Hawthorne Park is now under
15 construction, in great part because of
16 our ties to these groups. The same is
17 true for the years of joint efforts to
18 deal with crowds and street crime on
19 South Street and Hawthorne and the
20 neighborhoods to the east. These
21 neighborhoods, like Hawthorne, are in the
22 3rd Police District, most of which is in
23 the 1st Councilmanic District.

24 We have a long history of
25 working collaboratively with other

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2 community groups in the 3rd Police
3 District and the 3rd Police District
4 Command and with the District
5 Councilmembers who represent all of us to
6 address public safety issues impacting
7 our residents. Continued collaboration
8 to mitigate the impact of rapid
9 development on our neighborhood also with
10 the assistance of our District
11 Councilmember is a third example.

12 Carving Hawthorne out of the
13 1st District will disrupt these many
14 longstanding ties and strong
15 relationships, which are built on the
16 fact that we all have the same
17 Councilmember. Council's plan will make
18 it far more difficult for HEC to
19 represent successfully the interest of
20 Hawthorne residents and to succeed with
21 important and difficult community
22 projects like Hawthorne Park.

23 The 2nd Councilmanic District
24 is located entirely in South and
25 Southwest Philadelphia. Hawthorne is

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2 proud to be a South Philadelphia
3 neighborhood. In recent years, however,
4 the composition of our neighborhood has
5 changed and many of our new residents
6 moved to Hawthorne because it's close to
7 Center City. They have many interests
8 and concerns in common with Center City
9 residents. The 1st Councilmanic District
10 includes a substantial portion of Center
11 City as well as the South Philadelphia
12 neighborhoods we work with regularly.

13 Historically, geographically
14 and demographically Hawthorne belongs in
15 the 1st Councilmanic District. We urge
16 Council to put the needs and concerns of
17 Hawthorne residents above political
18 expediency and keep Hawthorne in the 1st
19 Councilmanic District.

20 Thank you for the opportunity
21 to speak before you today on this issue.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you very much.

24 Our next witness.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Sandra Rosenfeld,

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2 commenting on Bill No. 110116.

3 (Witness approached witness
4 table.)

5 MS. ROSENFELD: Good morning.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
7 morning. Welcome.

8 MS. ROSENFELD: I realize this
9 is probably not the right venue for me to
10 be bringing this up, so perhaps it would
11 be best if I spoke to the Councilperson
12 privately at their convenience. It's
13 about the policies of the Parking
14 Authority. I don't think this is the
15 right place. You can tell me if it is or
16 it isn't.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

18 Whichever you prefer doing.

19 MS. ROSENFELD: I'm sorry?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

21 Whichever you prefer doing. You can make
22 your statement or speak directly to the
23 District Councilperson.

24 MS. ROSENFELD: I think that's
25 actually you, but okay. I will just make

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2 a statement that -- not just from my
3 perspective, but from so many people I've
4 spoken to, it just seems that the Parking
5 Authority is ticketing with reckless
6 abandon, ticketing people who have
7 legitimate parking permits. That
8 happened to me the other day. It's
9 happened to many of my friends and
10 associates. And ticketing a car where
11 maybe 10 percent of the car -- 90 percent
12 is legal, 10 percent may be sticking out.
13 It's almost like they have a quota system
14 and they have to make money because
15 Philadelphia needs revenue.

16 It seems to have gotten out of
17 hand, and a lot of people are very
18 distressed by it. I'm one of them.

19 And to just take it one step
20 further, going to appeal any tickets is
21 such a waste of time. There's a
22 hostility there. I find that they don't
23 even look at the documentation, and then
24 if you want to appeal the hearing, you go
25 back to the very same place. And isn't

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2 that a little bit like the fox watching
3 the henhouse? I mean, it doesn't seem to
4 work.

5 I'm not sure if City Council
6 has authority over the Parking Authority.
7 I don't know the politics of it all, but
8 it's really -- Philadelphia is supposed
9 to be the city that loves you back.
10 Philadelphia has gotten very hostile.
11 And the six-minute meters is an
12 absurdity, I think.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
15 you very much.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Taylor,
17 commenting on 110618.

18 MR. TAYLOR: Good morning,
19 Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
21 morning.

22 MR. TAYLOR: Members of
23 Council, ladies and gentlemen. I'm
24 Robert Taylor, a citizen of South
25 Philadelphia. I'm commenting today on

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2 Resolution 110618, Childhood Cancer
3 Awareness Month. I rise in support of
4 this resolution. Nonetheless, we must be
5 aware that finding the cure -- finding
6 the cause is the cure. We need to look
7 at what is going on in our children's
8 lives that is increasing their cancer
9 risk.

10 Fluoride is a suspected
11 carcinogen that should be removed from
12 our water supply. It is linked to
13 osteosarcoma. It is known to damage the
14 brain, endocrine system, kidneys and
15 other organs, according to Dr. Paul
16 Connett.

17 We also have genetically
18 engineered foods rampant in our food
19 supply. We did not vote for many of
20 these things or any of them. And we have
21 things added like high fructose corn
22 syrup, NutraSweet, which is actually
23 aspartame, which is actually linked to
24 cancers.

25 Many vaccines, like Gardasil,

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2 has carcinogens in them. Quote, "The
3 injections contain carcinogens, heavy
4 metals, wild virus, mutated proteins, and
5 the DNA in the vaccine can be
6 transfective and recombinant, meaning
7 that it can combine with human DNA and
8 mutate," according to Mark Oakley.

9 Dr. Diane Harper, who developed
10 the Gardasil vaccine, said it was not
11 intended for the American market. Now
12 they want to inject boys, who don't even
13 have cervixes.

14 Dr. Sherri Tenpenny states
15 that, quote, "Every vaccine has a
16 potential side-effect." Many parents
17 feel that the risk of vaccine is
18 unacceptably larger than the risk of the
19 illness. A fact cannot be debated,
20 however, is that we have a national
21 epidemic of sick children. Today,
22 parents schedule routine occupational
23 therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy
24 into their weekly routines as though
25 those activities were as ordinary as

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2 soccer practice and piano lessons. Is
3 there a common factor contributing to the
4 epidemic of illness in our children?

5 It's not genetic. Different families
6 have different genes. It's not exercise.
7 Some kids are athletes; others are couch
8 potatoes.

9 What touches almost all of our
10 children today and likely contributes to
11 the plethora of chronic illness are the
12 70 doses of 16 vaccines by the age of 18.
13 Moreover, a recent study June 23rd, 2011,
14 quote, "Infant mortality rates regressed
15 against a number of vaccine doses
16 routinely given. Is there a biochemical
17 or synergistic toxicity," end quote.

18 This study suggests that
19 countries like the U.S. that have
20 vaccinated most have the greatest infant
21 mortality rates. The U.S. has the
22 highest vaccine rate and the highest
23 infant mortality rates among developed
24 nations. We must say no to many of these
25 avoidable risks.

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2 Thank you for your time.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you very much.

5 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
6 please read the name of our next witness.

7 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
8 other speakers on the public comment
9 list.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 Is there anyone else here who
13 has signed up to provide public comment
14 on today's agenda?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
17 Seeing none, that concludes today's
18 public comment period.

19 We will now consider the bills
20 and resolutions on the Second Reading and
21 Final Passage Calendar.

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 read the title of Resolution No. 110617.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

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2 Property to execute and deliver to the
3 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
4 Philadelphia, without consideration,
5 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
6 title to certain City-owned lots or
7 pieces of ground with the buildings and
8 improvements thereon, situate in the
9 Eleventh and Twelfth Wards of the City of
10 Philadelphia.

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
14 for the adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

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

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2 adopted.

3 The Chief Clerk will please
4 read the title of Resolution 110618.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 recognizing September 2011 as Childhood
7 Cancer Awareness Month in honor of
8 childhood cancer patients, care givers,
9 survivors and those who have succumbed to
10 the disease.

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
14 for the adoption.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will indicate by
20 saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution is
3 adopted.

4 We will now consider Resolution
5 110619.

6 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
8 Property to execute and deliver to the
9 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
10 Philadelphia, without consideration,
11 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
12 title to certain City-owned lots or
13 pieces of ground with the buildings and
14 improvements thereon, situate in the
15 Seventh and Nineteenth Wards of the City
16 of Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
20 you, Madam President. I move for the
21 adoption.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

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

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the title of Resolution 110620.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 supporting President Obama's urgent
14 American Jobs Act and calling on Mayor
15 Nutter to establish complementary job
16 creation programs at the local level.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

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

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will 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 We will now consider Resolution
11 110621.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 recognizing Smith Playground and
14 Playhouse.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move for the
19 adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
6 ayes have it and the resolution is
7 adopted.

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 read the title of Bill No. 100200-AA.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
12 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
13 amending Section 14-231, entitled
14 "Residential District Rules and
15 Exceptions," by providing for
16 restrictions on placement, installation
17 and maintenance of certain satellite
18 dishes and antenna.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Madam President, I
23 would offer an amendment for this bill.
24 The amendments have been circulated, so I
25 move for the adoption of the amendment.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
4 in favor will indicate by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 read the title of 110547.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 amending Chapter 20-500 of The
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Councilmanic
16 Districts," by revising the boundaries of
17 the Councilmanic Districts.

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

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 call the roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 Clarke.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Wait

10 a minute. Councilman Clarke, did you

11 vote?

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I

14 couldn't hear you.

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: No.

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: No.

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 15; the nays are
8 two, and the bill passes.

9 The Clerk will please read any
10 additional resolutions on today's
11 Calendar.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 supporting the National Minority Business
14 Development Agency and recognizing
15 October 5th through 7th as Philadelphia
16 Minority Enterprise Development Week
17 which provides critical information to
18 foster the growth and competitiveness of
19 the minority business community,
20 introduced by Councilman Curtis Jones.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.
24 It was also introduced by other members
25 of Council, but I move for the adoption

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2 of the resolution.
3 (Duly seconded.)
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
5 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 That completes our Calendar for
14 today.
15 Are there speeches on the part
16 of the minority?
17 (No response.)
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
19 there speeches on the part of the
20 majority?
21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Jones.
23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
24 Madam President.
25 Thank you, all members of

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2 Council, for supporting the resolution
3 for Obama's Jobs Act. It was brought
4 home to me last Thursday when I left my
5 office on my way to a hearing here and a
6 gentleman who had a distraught look on
7 his face, apparently -- a minority,
8 apparently over 50 and apparently in
9 distress. I asked him was he okay. He
10 responded sheepishly no. And the next
11 words that came out of his face scared me
12 to death. I was not prepared for this.
13 He said, I'm about to kill myself.

14 He said he was about to kill
15 himself because he had been unemployed
16 close to two years, had reached the 99
17 week percentage point and did not know
18 how he was going to maintain any type of
19 life-style, any type of future.

20 A recent article by the
21 Inquirer showed that right home in
22 Philadelphia poverty went up 2 percent,
23 from 24 percent to 26 percent; that this
24 knows no race, no color; that in that
25 article they cite Mrs. Sidney,

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2 a 34-year-old Northeast woman, single
3 mother, who lost her job as a certified
4 nursing assistant and then plummeted from
5 a middle-class environment to
6 impoverished environment and is about to
7 be evicted from a \$640 a month apartment,
8 and prospects are that she will move into
9 a City-run shelter.

10 This job proposal, along with
11 good work done by Councilman Clarke to
12 create a Jobs Commission, good work done
13 by Councilman Goode and myself to try to
14 move Bill No. 110143 to look at
15 contracting opportunities to create local
16 stimulus jobs here under our control, are
17 things that we have to do.

18 As President Obama said in the
19 State of the Union Address, that some
20 people just can't wait until the next
21 election. They're forced with the
22 reality of meals that they will miss,
23 jobs that they don't have and evictions
24 that are looming, along with utility
25 shut-offs. We have to do what we can.

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2 Within a stone's throw of this building
3 are neighborhoods where hundreds and
4 thousands of people go through this.

5 Three hundred and ninety-seven
6 thousand of our fellow Philadelphians
7 live below the poverty guidelines. This
8 is something that begs our attention.

9 And I think we've done some of the good
10 work, but we have a lot of work to do.

11 Thank you, Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Sanchez.

16 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
17 you, Madam President.

18 I personally wanted to thank
19 you, the leadership team and all of my
20 colleagues for the work over the last few
21 months on redistricting. Many of you
22 know since I got elected initially in
23 2007 I have been active in the census
24 count and I have talked about
25 redistricting for many, many years, and

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2 despite all of the negative feedback and
3 people not believing that this Council in
4 a collegial way would listen to public
5 input and create districts that reflected
6 the population trends, some of the
7 challenges that the City faced, we did
8 meet our deadline. We did it in a
9 collegial way. I didn't throw anybody
10 out the window. And I just want to
11 publicly acknowledge all of my
12 colleagues, Councilmen DiCicco and Kenney
13 in particular for their alternative plan,
14 and say that on behalf of the residents
15 of the 7th Councilmanic District, who
16 have felt disenfranchised for many years,
17 the Latino community in particular, thank
18 you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank

20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman

22 Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

24 Madam Chair.

25 My comments were actually going

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2 to relate to Councilman Jones' comments,
3 but I would like everybody to note that
4 Councilwoman Sanchez really just spoke
5 like a lawyer, because what she said is
6 she didn't throw anybody out the window.
7 What she didn't say is she threatened to
8 throw a lot of people out the window in
9 that process.

10 You know, colleagues, Council
11 President, what Councilman Jones just
12 talked about is the truth, and it
13 continues. Every ten years the poverty
14 rate increases in the City of
15 Philadelphia. We know that what we are
16 doing is not working. Every single
17 decade we lose 40 or 50 thousand net
18 jobs. Every single year we lose four or
19 five thousand net jobs, yet we keep
20 patting ourselves on the back for
21 incremental and marginal progress that
22 does not bring about real change in the
23 City.

24 We talk about increasing test
25 scores in the schools, which are

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2 meaningless in the context of having
3 everybody at grade level in 2123. We
4 tout companies if they decide to come to
5 Philadelphia or stay here, yet every year
6 net we're losing jobs.

7 We have to be bold and be
8 willing to take risks, be willing to be
9 wrong if we're going to right the ship
10 that is the City of Philadelphia. That
11 means we have to be willing to do things
12 that will not be popular. We have to
13 fundamentally change the way we educate
14 our children. I'm questioning today
15 whether or not the School District is
16 capable of doing that.

17 We have to be willing to take
18 risks with our tax structure, lose
19 revenue in the short term with the hope
20 that it will turn things around in the
21 long term by eliminating job-killing net
22 income tax and other things. We have to
23 take risks if we're going to get a
24 reward. Doing the same thing, tinkering
25 around at the margins with incremental

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2 changes is not going to solve the poverty
3 problem or educate our children, and I
4 hope that in the next four years, we
5 seriously look at doing things that could
6 put our jobs in jeopardy.

7 Thank you, Madam President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
9 you.

10 Does anyone else want to be
11 recognized?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
14 Seeing no one, the Chair recognizes
15 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
16 adjourn.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move that Council
19 stand adjourned until Thursday, October
20 6th, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
23 has been moved and seconded that Council
24 stand adjourned until Thursday, October
25 6th at 10:00 a.m.

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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 motion carries.

9 Thank you all very much.

10 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
11 11:00 a.m.)

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