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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, January 25, 2005
10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
3 morning, everyone. I note that the hour has
4 come and that a quorum of this Council is
5 present. Council will please come to order.
6 Members will take their seats, and visitors
7 will retire to the seats outside the rails.

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes Father Thomas Rossi from
10 St. Edmond's Church. He is here today as my
11 guest.

12 I would ask at this time that all
13 Members and guests please rise.

14 Father.

15 FATHER ROSSI: Before the business
16 of this day is addressed, let us take a moment
17 to be thankful for all we have been given and
18 to ask our Lord's help as we offer our
19 individual and collective gifts to our
20 community.

21 Let us be thankful that we have an
22 opportunity to give of ourselves in ways that
23 makes a difference to our families, to our
24 City, to our nation and to a world grown so
25 small it can be explored and conquered by a

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2 click of a mouse.

3 Let us pray that we maintain our
4 focus with determinations and with a sense of
5 humor borne of the knowledge that we are
6 mortal men and women so that we can do our
7 work with vigor, with stamina, and with a
8 hearty spirit.

9 And so we pray, Lord of all, all
10 good people are guided by your spirit. We
11 pray that we stay focused on the objectives we
12 have for our great City, the least of which
13 are peace, tranquility, a true brotherhood and
14 sisterhood, freedom from hunger, from
15 oppression, from sickness; freedom to choose
16 our own destinies. And we give thanks for all
17 the blessings we have received and for all the
18 opportunities and responsibilities we have as
19 leaders of our community. Help us to continue
20 to perform our responsibilities with optimism,
21 with renewed energy and with a commitment to
22 serve you and our fellow men and women, and
23 finally, help us to serve all who seek our
24 help. Amen.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair

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2 thanks Father Rossi for his very inspiring
3 invocation.

4 Council will be at ease.

5 (Council at ease.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
7 order of business is the approval of the
8 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, December
9 16, 2004.

10 And the Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
14 the meeting of Thursday, December 16, 2004,
15 stand approved.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
18 been moved and properly seconded that the
19 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, December
20 16, 2004, stand approved.

21 All in favor will signify by saying
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
4 have it, and motion carries, and the Journal
5 of the meeting of December 16, 2004, is
6 approved.

7 The next order of business is
8 requests for leaves of absence.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President. On behalf of the Majority, a
13 request for a leave of absence is requested
14 for Joan Krajewski.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
16 Leave will be granted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
20 there are no requests for leaves of absence at
21 this point.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
23 The Chair thanks the gentleman.

24 The Chair will dispense of the
25 regular order of business to recognize guests

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2 and visitors joining us in Chambers this
3 morning.

4 At this time, the Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I would like to recognize
8 Philadelphia Student Voices.

9 Student Voices is a civic education
10 project that is working in Philadelphia to
11 help students become more engaged in politics
12 and government.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

14 I believe the students are up in the
15 balcony. If they would stand, we'd like to
16 recognize you and welcome you and thank you
17 for coming.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: As has
20 been our practice over the years, we have many
21 distinguished visitors with us today,
22 including elected officials, heads of
23 departments, boards and commissions, and many
24 representatives of the Administration.
25 Although, I would like to recognize each of

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2 you individually, owing to the constraints of
3 time today, I am unable to do so. Please know
4 that we deeply appreciate your being with us,
5 and we want to extend a warm welcome and offer
6 our thanks for all of the good work that you
7 do.

8 At this time, I would like to ask
9 all of our distinguished guests, elected
10 officials and representatives of the
11 Administration to please stand so that we may
12 acknowledge them with a round of applause.

13 (Applause.)

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

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

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

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
22 and Members of the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith without
24 my signature Bill No. 040113-AA, entitled an
25 ordinance amending Chapter 10-800 of the

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety."

3 And I am pleased to advise you that
4 on January 25, 2005, I signed the following
5 bills that were passed by Council at its
6 Session on December 9, 2004, and December 16,
7 2004, except Bill No. 040918, 040972, and
8 040999.

9 And I am transmitting herewith for
10 the consideration of your honorable body a
11 resolution providing for the approval by the
12 Council of the City of Philadelphia of a
13 revised Five-Year Financial Plan for the City
14 of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2006
15 through 2010.

16 And an ordinance authorizing
17 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year
18 2005 from the General Fund.

19 And an ordinance authorizing
20 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year
21 2005 within the Water Fund.

22 And an ordinance authorizing
23 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year
24 2005 from the Grants Revenue Fund.

25 And an ordinance authorizing

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2 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year
3 2005 within the Grants Revenue Fund.

4 And an ordinance to adopt a Capital
5 Program for the six Fiscal Years 2006-2011,
6 inclusive.

7 And an ordinance to adopt a Fiscal
8 2006 Capital Budget.

9 And an ordinance amending Section
10 19-1801 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
11 "Authorization of Tax," to impose a tax on
12 real estate within the City of Philadelphia,
13 all under certain terms and conditions.

14 And an ordinance amending Section
15 19-2604 of the Philadelphia Code relating to
16 tax rates, credits and alternate tax
17 computation for business privilege tax.

18 And an ordinance amending Chapter
19 19-1200 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
20 "Parking Tax."

21 And an ordinance amending Chapter
22 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
23 "School Tax Authorization," to impose a tax on
24 the use or occupancy of real estate within the
25 School District of Philadelphia.

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2 And an ordinance amending Chapter
3 19-1800 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
4 "School Tax Authorization."

5 And an ordinance adopting the
6 Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
8 The messages will be printed in the Journal.

9 The Chief Clerk will please read any
10 other communications in her possession.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Madam President,
12 that's all I have.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

16 And again, the Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move that the Rules of
20 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
21 consideration of resolutions at their time of
22 introduction.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
3 immediate consideration of resolutions at the
4 time of introduction.

5 All those in favor will indicate by
6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed the ayes have it and the motion
10 carries.

11 At this time, we will consider a
12 special order of business, a resolution
13 recalling Bill No. 040918.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Mariano.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
19 The Clerk will please read the title of the
20 resolution.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
22 requesting the Mayor to return to Council Bill
23 No. 040918, entitled an ordinance amending
24 Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No. 010719,
25 approved April 17, 2002, entitled an ordinance

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2 authorizing the revision of lines and grades
3 on a portion of City Plan No. 194 by striking
4 from the City plan and vacating Bodine Street
5 from Diamond Street to Susquehanna Avenue.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 again recognizes Councilman Mariano.

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
9 adoption.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
12 been moved and properly seconded that the
13 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 ayes
20 have it, and the resolution has been adopted.

21 The Clerk will please read the
22 letter from the Mayor.

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

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2 requested by your resolution adopted January
3 25, 2005, Bill No. 040918, entitled an
4 ordinance amending Section 2 of an ordinance,
5 Bill No. 010719, approved April 17, 2002,
6 entitled an ordinance authorizing revision of
7 lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No.
8 194 for the purpose of reconsideration by the
9 Council of the vote by which said bill passed
10 Council.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 again recognizes Councilman Mariano for a
13 motion that Council reconsider the vote by
14 which Bill No. 040918 was passed.

15 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: So moved, Madam
16 President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear
18 a second?

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in
21 favor will indicate by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
3 have it. A majority of all Councilmembers
4 having voted in the affirmative, the motion
5 carries and the vote by which Bill No. 040918
6 was passed has been reconsidered.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Mariano.

9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I would like to offer an
11 amendment to Bill No. 040918. A copy of the
12 amendment has been circulated to all members
13 of the Council. I move for the adoption of
14 this amendment.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
17 been moved and properly seconded that the
18 amendment to Bill NO. 040918 be adopted.

19 All in favor will signify by saying
20 aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
23 opposed?

24 The ayes have it, and the Bill No.
25 040918 has been amended. The bill will be

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2 placed on the Final Reading Passage Calendar
3 for our next Session of Council.

4 We will now consider another special
5 order of business, a resolution recalling Bill
6 No. 040972.

7 At this time, the Chair recognizes
8 Councilman Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I offer one resolution.

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

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 requesting the Mayor to return to the Council
16 Bill No. 040972, entitled an ordinance
17 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code
18 relating to zoning and planning by amending
19 Chapter 14-1600, entitled "Miscellaneous," and
20 by adding a new section 14-1629 entitled
21 Yorktown Special District Controls.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President,
25 I move the adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will indicate by saying
7 aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
13 have it, and the resolution has been adopted.

14 The Chief Clerk will please read the
15 letter from the Mayor.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
17 and Members of the Council of the City of
18 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith, as
19 requesting by your resolution adopted January
20 25, 2005, Bill No. 040972, entitled an
21 ordinance amending Title 14 of the
22 Philadelphia Code relating to zoning and
23 planning, entitled Yorktown Special District
24 Controls for the purpose of reconsideration by
25 the Council of the vote by which said bill

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2 passed Council.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Clarke for a motion that the Council
6 reconsider the vote by which Bill No. 040972
7 was passed.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So moved.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in
11 favor will please indicate by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
17 have it. A majority of all Members having
18 voted in the affirmative, the motion carries,
19 and the vote by which 040972 was passed has
20 been reconsidered.

21 The Chair again recognizes
22 Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President,
24 I'd like to offer an amendment to Bill No.
25 040972. A copy of this amendment has been

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2 circulated to all Members of Council. I move
3 for the adoption of the amendment.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
6 been moved and properly seconded that the
7 amendment to Bill No. 040972 be adopted.

8 All in favor will indicate by saying
9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
15 have it, and Bill No. 040972 has been amended.
16 The bill will be placed on the Final Passage
17 Calendar for our next Session of Council.

18 We will now consider another special
19 order of business, a resolution recalling Bill
20 No. 040999.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Miller.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 The Clerk will please read the title
3 of the resolution.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 requesting the Mayor to return to Council Bill
6 No. 040999, entitled an ordinance amending
7 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
8 "Zoning and Planning," by deleting and no
9 longer permitting the preparation of retail
10 sale of food for consumption on premises as an
11 accessory use in the C-2 Commercial District
12 by amending the definition of a restaurant for
13 the purpose of reconsideration by the Council
14 of the vote by which said bill passed.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

16 The Chair again recognizes
17 Councilwoman Miller.

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

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in
22 favor will please indicate by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
4 have it. The resolution has been adopted.

5 The Clerk will please read the
6 letter to the Mayor.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
8 and Members of the Council of the City of
9 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith, as
10 requested by your resolution adopted January
11 25, 2005, Bill No. 040999, entitled an
12 ordinance amending Title 14 of the
13 Philadelphia Code entitled "Zoning and
14 Planning," for the purpose of reconsideration
15 by the Council of the vote by which said bill
16 passed Council.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 again recognizes Councilwoman Miller for a
19 motion that Council reconsider the vote by
20 which Bill No. 040999 was passed.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: So moved,
22 Madam President.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 oppose?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
7 have it. A majority of all Members having
8 voted in the affirmative, the motion carries
9 and the vote by which Bill No. 040999 has been
10 reconsidered. The bill will be placed on the
11 Final Passage Calendar for our next Session.

12 We will now return to our regular
13 order of business. And at this time the Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Kenney for any bills or
15 resolutions he would like to introduce.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
17 President. I offer one resolution. I'd like
18 to speak briefly, please.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 celebrating the life and honoring the memory
24 of G. Fred DiBona, Jr.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Kenny.

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

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
7 Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
9 President. Just briefly, because much has
10 been said about Fred since his passing. One
11 of the things I think that I've learned from
12 Fred I think we all can take from him is the
13 people you meet life on the way up are the
14 same people you're going to meet in life on
15 the way down. And from South Philadelphia
16 High School to the street corners of South
17 Philly to the legal profession to the Zoning
18 Board to the Port Authority to Independence
19 Blue Shield and then finally Independence Blue
20 Cross, Fred became a titan in the industry, a
21 head of large organization that employs many,
22 many people in the City. But when cancer
23 finally took him down after a valiant fight,
24 those same people that he met on the way up
25 were all there at the cathedral to pay tribute

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2 to him in our loss. From the heads of the IBC
3 to the heads of government to the heads of
4 people in politics but the secretaries and the
5 cab drivers and the people who clean the
6 offices, they were all there, too. It was one
7 of the largest and most impressive displays of
8 outpouring of grief and love that I've ever
9 seen. And I think we can all take a message
10 from that. We will miss him dearly. The City
11 will be less as a result of it. He was a good
12 friend to all of us in here and we just send
13 our best and our pay our condolences to his
14 family.

15 Thank you, Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

17 It has been moved and seconded that
18 the resolution be adopted. And I would
19 suggest we do that by a standing vote.

20 (Councilmembers stand.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
22 resolution has been adopted.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. Today, we introduce two
3 resolutions to be referred to committee; four
4 resolutions, three on your behalf and one on
5 mine to be considered today; and 12 budget or
6 tax bills.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
8 will please read the first resolution, please.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 providing for the approval by the Council of
11 the City of Philadelphia of a revised
12 Five-Year Financial Plan for the City of
13 Philadelphia covering Fiscal Year 2006 to 2010
14 and incorporating those changes with respect
15 to Fiscal Year 2005.

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

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 authorizing Committee on Finance to hold
21 hearings on the possibility of creating a
22 customer amnesty program within the
23 Philadelphia Gas Works to prevent residents
24 from getting shut off during the winter
25 months.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I move for the adoption.
6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
8 been moved and seconded that the resolution be
9 adopted.

10 All in favor will signify by saying
11 aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
17 have it, and the resolution will be referred
18 to the Finance Committee.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
21 Property to execute and deliver to the
22 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
23 39th ward of the City of Philadelphia.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
4 the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will signify by saying
10 aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
16 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
19 Property to execute and deliver to the
20 Redevelopment Authority to the City of
21 Philadelphia deeds located in the 6th Ward of
22 the City of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

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

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will signify by saying
9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
15 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
18 Property to execute and deliver to the
19 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
20 Philadelphia deed located in the 30th, 36th
21 and 39th Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

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2 the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will signify by saying
8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
14 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
16 authorizing Council President to convene a
17 Nuisance Bars and Stop-N-Go Task Force.

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

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 01/25/05 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will signify by saying
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
12 adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year
13 2006.

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

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 amending Chapter 19-1800 of the Philadelphia
18 Code, entitled "School Tax Authorization," by
19 amending Section 19-1804, entitled
20 "Authorization of Net Income Tax."

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

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 amending Section 19-1801 of the Philadelphia
25 Code, entitled "Authorization of Tax" to

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2 further authorize the Board of Education of
3 the School District of Philadelphia to impose
4 a tax on real estate within the City of
5 Philadelphia.

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

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
9 amending Chapter 19-1200 of the Philadelphia
10 Code, entitled "Parking Tax."

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

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
14 to adopt the Capital Program for the six
15 fiscal years 2006 to 2011, inclusive.

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

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 amending Chapter 19-1800 of the Philadelphia
20 Code, entitled "School Tax Authorization."

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

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 amending Section 19-2604 of the Philadelphia
25 Code relating to tax rates credits and

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2 alternate tax calculation for the business
3 privilege tax.

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

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 to adopt a Fiscal 2006 Capital Budget.

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

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
12 authorizing transfers in appropriation for
13 Fiscal Year 2005 within the Grants Revenue
14 Fund from the Director of Finance, provision
15 for other grants to the Mayor's Office of
16 Information Services.

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

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 authorizing transfers in appropriation for
22 Fiscal Year 2005 in the General Fund from
23 certain or all City offices, departments the
24 boards and commissions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill

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2 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
4 authorizing transfers in appropriation for
5 Fiscal Year 2005 from the Grants Revenue Fund.

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

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
9 authorizing transfers in appropriation for
10 Fiscal Year 2005 within the Water Fund from
11 all City offices, departments, boards and
12 commissions.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Cohen.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I have no bills or resolutions
19 today.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 thanks the gentleman.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Mariano.

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

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
3 will please read the title of the bill.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No.
6 010713, approved April 17, 2002, entitled an
7 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines
8 and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 194
9 by striking from the City Plan and vacating
10 Bodine Street from Diamond Street to
11 Susquehanna Avenue, under certain terms and
12 conditions.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
18 President, I offer two resolutions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 declaring February as American Heart Month and
24 February 4, 2005, as Go Red for Women Day in
25 the City of Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN Tasco: I move for the
5 adoption of the resolution.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear
7 a second?

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will signify by saying
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
19 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 declaring March as Save Your Vision Month.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN Tasco: Madam
25 President, I move for the adoption of the

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2 resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Miller.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I offer no bills or
18 resolutions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
20 thanks the Councilwoman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Nutter.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I offer two bills and one
25 resolution.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
3 Clerk will please read the title of the first
4 bill.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 amending Chapter 20-1000 of the Philadelphia
7 Code, entitled "Campaign Contributions and
8 Expenditures," by requiring candidates for
9 elected City office, treasurers of political
10 committees and other persons to file certain
11 campaign finance reports with the Board of
12 Ethics by requiring the Board of Ethics to
13 arrange for the publication of such
14 information on the City's official website in
15 a searchable format by making conforming
16 changes to existing provisions of Chapter
17 20-1000, all under certain terms and
18 conditions.

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

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 authorizing transfers in appropriation for
23 Fiscal Year 2005 in the General Fund from
24 certain or all City offices, departments,
25 boards and commissions to certain or all City

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2 offices, departments, boards and commissions.

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 authorizing the Committee of the Whole to hold
7 hearings on the proposed changes to the hours
8 of operation at the City's branch of
9 libraries.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I move the adoption the
14 resolution, and I'd like to speak briefly on
15 the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
20 President. We will more extensively go into
21 these issues, but I would only suggest that
22 given what investment we've made in our branch
23 libraries over time, the discussion recently
24 about the expansion of the central branch,
25 which this Council has supported, the critical

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2 issue of neighborhood library services could
3 not be more pressing. There are, I believe, a
4 variety of ways, and we'll go through the
5 budget process, to examine some of them. But
6 I do not want the library issue to get lost in
7 the larger discussion about this upcoming
8 year's budget.

9 In addition, I would suggest, Madam
10 President, given some of recent reports, that
11 we should take a very close examination of at
12 least our professional services and no-bid
13 contracts to make sure that the price that
14 we're paying is not just the price that's good
15 for the company, but that the price is even
16 better for the taxpayers of this City. And I
17 would recommend that in our examination we
18 seek to find where there might be cost savings
19 out of those contracts and divert those
20 savings not only to library service so we can
21 restore and have a fully functioning library
22 system throughout this City to complement what
23 we expect to be a spectacular expansion of the
24 central branch, but also look at the needs of
25 other critical operating departments

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2 throughout the City.

3 So I think that a close examination
4 of these contracts, how they are negotiated
5 and is the price, in fact, the price the
6 taxpayers should be paying and whether we can
7 provide cost savings before anymore discussion
8 about possibly laying off employees or
9 cutbacks in services. I think that before we
10 have a service cutback discussion, we should
11 be talking about a cost reduction program for
12 this City to lower the cost of government and
13 turn those savings back to the benefit of
14 services for citizens in this City.

15 I move the adoption of the
16 resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

19 It has been moved and properly
20 seconded that the resolution be adopted.

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
3 have it, and the resolution will be referred
4 to the Committee of the Whole.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Brown.

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

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 amending Chapter 19-1400 of the Philadelphia
15 Code, entitled "Realty Transfer Tax," by
16 excluding from the tax certain subleases of
17 property by Fairmount Park Historic
18 preservation Trust.

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

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an resolution
22 honoring the African-American Children's Book
23 Project on the occasion of the Annual
24 African-American Children's Book Fair.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
15 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 declaring February 14, 2005, as Victory Over
18 Violence Day.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Again, the
20 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will signify by saying
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
10 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Goode.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
14 President. I offer one resolution.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
16 will please read the title of the resolution.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 opposing proposals by the Federal Bank and
19 regulatory agencies to weaken Community
20 Reinvestment Act, exams and regulations to
21 ensure that banks will abide by their
22 obligation to make loans, investments,
23 branches and basic banking accounts available
24 to low and moderate income communities.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 again recognizes Councilman Goode.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I move for the
4 adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
15 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Ramos.

18 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
19 I offer one privileged resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 recognizing the week of February 7, 2005, as
25 National School Counselors Week.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman Ramos.

4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
5 I move for the adoption of the resolution.
6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
8 been moved and properly seconded that the
9 resolution be adopted.

10 All in favor will say aye.
11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
16 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 DiCicco.

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

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
22 The Chief Clerk will please read the
23 title.

24 THE 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 deeds located in 5th,
4 18th, and 26th Wards of the City of
5 Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
10 the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
13 been moved and seconded that the resolution be
14 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 ayes
21 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'Neill: Madam
25 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 thanks the gentleman.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President,
7 I have one bill.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
9 Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 granting permission to Bharat Patel, owner of
12 the newsstand at the southwest corner of Broad
13 Street and Arch Street, to construct use and
14 maintain an electrical conduit with electric
15 service line and a telecommunication conduit
16 for telephone service.

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
22 I have no resolutions or bills.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 thanks the gentleman.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
4 no bills or resolutions today. Thanks.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

6 As there are no reports from
7 committees day, the next order of business is
8 the consideration of the Calendar.

9 There are no bills on the First
10 Reading Calendar today. Therefore, the Chair
11 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the
12 purpose of calling up the bills to be
13 considered on the Second Reading and Final
14 Passage Calendar.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. Today Bill Nos. 040117-A,
17 040118-A, 040132-A, 040136-A, 041004, 040701,
18 041045, 040326, 040755, and 041005 are being
19 called up for second reading and final
20 passage. All other bills are being held.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
22 Councilwoman, I believe that is incorrect.

23 If you want to approach me, I'll go
24 over it with you.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Sure.

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2 (Pause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. In addition, Bill No.
7 041004, 040701, 041045, 040326, 040755, and
8 041005 are being called for second reading and
9 final passage. All other bills are being
10 held.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
12 The Chief Clerk will please read the
13 Title of Bill No. 041004, please.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 amending Section 9-204 of the Philadelphia
16 Code by prohibiting vending on both sides of
17 12th Street from Chancellor Street to Walnut
18 Street.

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

22 The Chief Clerk will please call the
23 roll.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 DiCicco.
9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Mariano.
18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: (No response.)
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Miller.
21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Reynolds Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President

14 Verna.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

16 Did Councilman Mariano vote?

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: No.

18 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A

19 majority of all Members having voted in the

20 affirmative, the bill passes.

21 The next bill to be called

22 consideration is Bill No. 040701.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

24 approving certain contracts and transactions

25 arising thereunder for the purchase, storage,

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2 distribution, transportation and transmission
3 of national gas entered into by the
4 Philadelphia Facilities Management
5 Corporation.
6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
7 having been read on two different days, the
8 question now is shall the bill pass finally.
9 The Clerk will please call the roll.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.
12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 DiCicco.
19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Mariano.
4 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: (No response.)
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Miller.
7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 O'Neill.
12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
14 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Reynolds Brown.
17 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Tasco.
22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
24 Verna.
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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2 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A
3 majority of all Members having voted in the
4 affirmative, the bill passes.

5 The next bill being called for
6 consideration is Bill No. 041045.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 amending Bill No. 990728, approved December 6,
9 1999, entitled an ordinance authorizing the
10 Commissioner of Public Property to convey to
11 the Redevelopment Authority of Philadelphia
12 certain premises located at 1823-35 Callowhill
13 Street.

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

17 The Clerk will please call the roll.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Verna.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

10 Councilman Mariano, how are you

11 voting on Bill NO. 041045.

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I would like to

13 vote aye for both of the ones that I missed.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The vote

15 on Bill No. 040145 is 16 to nothing. A

16 majority of all Members having voted in the

17 affirmative, the bill passes.

18 The record will also reflect that

19 Councilman Mariano has voted in the

20 affirmative on Bill Nos. 041004 and 040701.

21 The Chief Clerk will please read the

22 title of the Bill No. 040326.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

24 amending Title 22 of the Philadelphia Code,

25 entitled "Public Employees Retirement Code,"

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2 by amending Chapter 22-400, entitled
3 "Disability Benefits," 22-401 relating to
4 service connected disability retirement
5 benefits, and Section 22-402 relating to
6 ordinary disability retirement benefits to
7 delete provisions related to the reduction in
8 benefits for gainful employment, all under
9 certain terms and conditions.

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

13 The Clerk will please call the roll.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
4 Verna.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

6 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
7 majority of all Members having voted in the
8 affirmative, the bill passes.

9 The next bill to be called for
10 consideration is Bill No. 040755.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 amending Title 22 of the Philadelphia Code,
13 entitled "Public Employees Retirement Code,"
14 all under certain terms and conditions.

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

18 The Chief Clerk will please call the
19 roll.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 DiCicco.
5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
9 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Mariano.
14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Miller.
17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 O'Neill.
22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Reynolds Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
10 Verna.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

12 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
13 majority of all Members having voted in the
14 affirmative, the bill passes.

15 The last bill to be called for
16 consideration is Bill No. 041005.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 amending Title 22 of the Philadelphia Code,
19 entitled "Public Employees Retirement Code,"
20 including sections 22-701 and 22-702, to allow
21 for benefits to be paid to trusts for disabled
22 children and disabled adopted children of
23 members, all under certain terms and
24 conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

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

4 The Chief Clerk will please call the
5 roll.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

19 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Mariano.

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

5 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Reynolds Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President

20 Verna.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

22 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
23 majority of all Members having voted in the
24 affirmative, this bill passes.

25 And that concludes our Calendar for

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2 today.

3 The time has come for us to consider
4 the Mayor's presentation of his annual budget
5 message. The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
6 states that the Mayor shall submit to Council
7 no later than 90 days before the end of the
8 Fiscal Year his Operating Budget and message
9 and proposed Operating Budget Ordinance for
10 the ensuing Fiscal Year. At the same time,
11 the Mayor shall submit to Council the
12 recommended Capital Program and Capital Budget
13 as received from the Planning Commission to
14 the extent approval or it is approved by the
15 Mayor.

16 At this time I appoint the following
17 Committee to escort the Mayor to the Council
18 Chambers: Councilwoman Blackwell,
19 Councilwoman Tasco, Councilman O'Neill, and
20 Councilman Rizzo.

21 (Pause.)

22 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Madam President,
23 the Mayor has arrived.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Ladies and
25 gentlemen, I am proud to introduce the Mayor

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2 of the City of Philadelphia, Mayor John F.
3 Street.

4 (Applause.)

5 MAYOR STREET: Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Mr.
7 President.

8 MAYOR STREET: I think I should
9 thank Councilman Mariano for giving me a
10 picture of my son and Randal Cunningham in my
11 son's Randal Cunningham throwback jersey.
12 Thank you, Councilman. Might as well get that
13 out the way.

14 Can I hear everybody just say "Go
15 Eagles"?

16 AUDIENCE: Go Eagles.

17 MAYOR STREET: We are on the way to
18 the Super Bowl. It's very, very -- we're on
19 our way. It's very, very special. I, of
20 course, am having a great day, but not as good
21 as Sunday. While we celebrate, we must also
22 remember our troops at home and abroad as well
23 as the families of those who have been victims
24 of catastrophic acts of nature throughout the
25 world.

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2 President Verna and Members of City
3 Council, thank you for the opportunity to
4 present for your consideration my proposed FY
5 '06 Operating Budget; Capital Budget and
6 Program, as well as my proposed Five-Year
7 Financial Plan.

8 We have just celebrated a great
9 holiday season highlighted by tree lightings
10 and candle lightings, a best ever Mummer's
11 Parade and the National Holiday in
12 commemoration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther
13 King Jr., one of the great leaders in world
14 history.

15 Thirty-seven years after his death,
16 Dr. King's life still stands as a model for
17 service, sacrifice and commitment.
18 Philadelphians should be proud that we host
19 the largest day of service in America to honor
20 his memory and struggle for equal opportunity
21 for all Americans.

22 The pursuit of opportunity for
23 disadvantaged citizens largely from North
24 Philadelphia brought me to public life more
25 than 25 years ago, and the pursuit of a better

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2 life and opportunity for all Philadelphians
3 inspires the commitment of this Administration
4 to neighborhoods, children, and public
5 education. We have proudly focused our
6 attention on these critical issues without
7 turning our backs on the growth and
8 development of Philadelphia's economy. Our
9 efforts are making a profound difference in
10 the quality of life of people who live in our
11 neighborhoods while simultaneously inuring to
12 the benefit of all who work in or simply visit
13 our City.

14 The proposed financial plan I
15 present today provides the critical funding
16 necessary to support these goals.

17 Our Neighborhood Transformation
18 Initiative is producing clean, vibrant,
19 livable neighborhoods, with a range of housing
20 options for students, individuals and
21 families. Since 2001, approximately 3,900
22 units of affordable housing and approximately
23 3,004 units of market rate housing are
24 completed or under construction.
25 Unprecedented increases in property values can

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2 be seen in neighborhoods throughout the city,
3 not just in center city. The average sales
4 price in the city has increased by more than
5 20 percent over the last several years.

6 Under NTI, building collapses have
7 been reduced from 1,040 in FY '02 to 70 thus
8 far in FY '05. Fifteen Million or
9 approximately 48 percent of demolition
10 contracts have been won by MBE firms and 72
11 percent of the workers on demolition sites
12 have been minority workers.

13 I take great personal satisfaction
14 in the number and quality of public housing
15 units that have been completed since this
16 Administration took office and the renewed
17 pride that is evident in tenant leaders and
18 public housing residents. Public housing is
19 now lifting neighborhoods up. A special
20 thanks to Carl Greene and his entire staff, as
21 well as the PHA Board of Directors for a job
22 well done.

23 Our street corners are no longer an
24 oasis for drug dealers and buyers, and public
25 safety is still a priority in this government.

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2 After school programs keep children
3 off the streets and out of harm's way, and our
4 Social Services agencies will continue to
5 attack problems of delinquency and drug abuse
6 as our child welfare agencies work in a more
7 coordinated way to improve the plight of
8 children in our City.

9 Growing out of our historic
10 partnership with the Commonwealth, the
11 Philadelphia School District, which was on the
12 brink of bankruptcy when I became Mayor, is
13 now on sound financial footing and showing
14 demonstrable educational progress. I again
15 thank former Governor Mark Schweiker for his
16 commitment to our children. The Microsoft
17 School of the Future is a direct product of
18 the success we are having in providing quality
19 public education. I thank School District CEO
20 Paul Vallas and School Reform Commission
21 Chairman Jim Nevels, as well as all of the SRC
22 members, for their fine work and assure them
23 they have our full support. Ordinances have
24 been transmitted to Council, which continue
25 funding for our public schools.

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2 Our homeless programs have become
3 nationally known as Best Practices. The San
4 Francisco Chronicle did in an article entitled
5 "The City That Knows How - Philly," concluded
6 that Philadelphia could teach other cities how
7 to treat homeless men, women and children with
8 respect. This work will continue under the
9 current budget proposal. In fact, we are
10 committed to creating for public release,
11 before the beginning of the '06 Fiscal Year, a
12 plan to end homelessness in Philadelphia.

13 This year, we will maintain our
14 efforts to improve the opportunities available
15 to inmates in our County prisons, particularly
16 those recently released into our communities.
17 Without training and a support network 75
18 percent will return to prison within 3 years,
19 usually for more serious crimes. If we do not
20 provide life-changing experiences for these
21 citizens and help them reintegrate into their
22 families and communities, they will fail and
23 the victims of their predictable behavior will
24 undoubtedly be innocent, hard-working, decent
25 people.

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2 President Bush supports this goal,
3 and as Chairman of the United States
4 Conference of Mayors Faith-Based and Re-entry
5 Committee, I am leading a lobbying effort for
6 Federal Legislation to help fund this effort.
7 Historically, our prison budget which
8 represents almost a million dollars in our
9 Five-Year Plan has grown faster than any other
10 department. Working with our faith-based
11 community, we will expand our re-entry efforts
12 largely from non-General Fund sources. We
13 will also build a state-of-the-art Youth Study
14 Center to create a better future for our
15 troubled youth by putting them in a safe and
16 caring environment designed to reshape their
17 priorities, build their self-esteem and teach
18 them life-sustaining skills.

19 These activities paint a portrait of
20 a city that cares about all of its people, a
21 proud legacy Dr. King would be pleased to
22 embrace. Unfortunately, Philadelphia is one
23 of just a few major American cities with no
24 official street named in honor of Dr. Martin
25 Luther King, Jr. So I take this occasion to

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2 respectfully request that the Fairmount Park
3 Commission favorably consider naming the West
4 River Drive in honor of Dr. King.

5 Nothing is more rewarding than
6 seeing the positive results of the hard work
7 of this government as is now happening with
8 our economic agenda.

9 Retail developments anchored by
10 Loews, IKEA, Home Depot, BJ's and Circuit
11 City, particularly in the Northeast and South
12 Philadelphia, combined with the stunning
13 growth of residential market rate housing in
14 all areas of the City are the best evidence
15 that Philadelphia is an enormously desirable
16 place to live, work and invest. We will
17 continue to build upon this momentum and
18 ensure that small minority and women-owned
19 businesses capitalize on this growth and
20 property.

21 The Barnes collection on Benjamin
22 Franklin Parkway could become the greatest
23 tourist attraction in the history of our city
24 and will soon be an indispensable part of our
25 strategy to transform the Benjamin Franklin

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2 Parkway into one of the leading cultural
3 centers in the world, and it nicely
4 compliments the exciting plans for library
5 expansion, which will make our central library
6 the best in the country.

7 I also support the relocation of
8 Family Court to more appropriate facilities;
9 thereby, creating another exciting opportunity
10 to increase the vibrancy of the Parkway.

11 The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine
12 Arts, which is celebrating its 200th
13 anniversary and exhibiting "The Chemistry of
14 Color, A Collection of Contemporary
15 African-American Art," will serve as another
16 significant point of entry to our Parkway
17 institutions.

18 Philadelphia has matured as a
19 destination city. Total visitors and traveler
20 spending in the region are up, and the
21 Philadelphia hotel occupancy rate last summer
22 was at a five-year high. The expansion of the
23 Pennsylvania Convention Center, which now
24 seems certain, will solidify our reputation as
25 an elite international destination city.

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2 Comcast's new corporate headquarters
3 and the Cira Center will not only redefine
4 Philadelphia's skyline, they also represent
5 critical large investments of private capital
6 which will stimulate our economy and make an
7 important statement about our future. I
8 personally and publicly thank the Roberts
9 family and Comcast Corporation for their
10 important decision to stay and grow thousands
11 of jobs in Philadelphia. A very special
12 thanks to Governor Rendell and this Council,
13 whose support helped make this possible.
14 Philadelphia is Comcast country.

15 By the way, the incentives necessary
16 to support these projects will continue as
17 part of the City's Economic Development
18 Blueprint which will be presented at the
19 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon next month. That
20 Blueprint will include a commitment to make
21 Philadelphia America's New River City by
22 supporting Penn, Drexel, the University
23 Science Center and Children's Hospital as they
24 increase their capital investments on the west
25 side of the river, by supporting Toll

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2 Brothers, Westrum Development, Liberty
3 Property Trust, and Synterra, as they
4 transform acres of underutilized waterfront
5 property into unique mixed use communities at
6 the Navy Yard, and along the Schuylkill and
7 Delaware Rivers; and by working with the
8 Schuylkill River Development Corporation as it
9 spearheads improvements to the trails, ramps,
10 decks and bridges connecting Center City to
11 the burgeoning West Philadelphia community and
12 creating access to and enjoyment of the water.

13 This Budget contains no new
14 initiatives, but it does contain funding for
15 the purchase of the surety bond necessary to
16 release the \$125 million to support the
17 infrastructure projects that will leverage New
18 River City and other neighborhood economic
19 development projects. Failure to free up
20 those funds could jeopardize hundreds of
21 millions of dollars in private investment in
22 these priorities.

23 The Blueprint will reaffirm our
24 strategy to grow population and appeal to
25 university students, young professionals and

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2 immigrants through the Knowledge Industry
3 Partnership. We will grow our job base
4 through the coordinated efforts of PIDC and
5 Innovation Philadelphia by enhancing
6 opportunities for business start-ups,
7 attracting new businesses in partnership with
8 Select Greater Philadelphia Program and
9 creating an environment that is business
10 friendly and cost effective for our companies.
11 Our wireless Philadelphia Initiative has
12 enormous potential to help meet these goals.

13 There is a growing national view
14 that Philadelphia is on of the hot cities in
15 America, and that view is supported by the
16 conclusions of several respected publications
17 who took a close look at Philadelphia in 2004.

18 The Milken Institute stated in a
19 report, entitled "Best Performing Cities:
20 Where America's Jobs are Created and
21 Sustained," that "the city's economy improved
22 over the last year largely due to the strength
23 in the leisure and hospitality industry, the
24 fastest-growing segment of Philadelphia's
25 vibrant economy this past year. Housing

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2 prices, which have appreciated at a rapid
3 pace, remain relatively affordable.
4 Philadelphia's health care cluster provides
5 stability for its economy and should aid
6 future growth."

7 Trend Savvy said, "People love
8 Philly because it is both endearingly
9 provincial and culturally vibrant. For those
10 visitors who expect to find narrow, tree-lined
11 streets and elegant brick rowhouses, the
12 city's charming neighborhoods don't
13 disappoint. But these days, Philadelphia is
14 bumping with hip night life, an exploding art
15 scene, and a restaurant boom that shows no
16 sign of abating."

17 Newsweek recent reported, "The Real
18 World may have upped Philadelphia's cool
19 quotient but it's the hip restaurant scene and
20 neighborhood revivals that are driving the
21 City's high ratings."

22 The Architectural Record added, "In
23 the past four years, the City of Brotherly
24 Love has become a hotbed of urban development
25 and revitalization."

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2 Over the last two years, Bliss
3 received Esquire's coveted Best New Restaurant
4 in the country award. The Franklin Institute
5 and the National Constitution Center are among
6 the 50 top rated family attractions in the
7 country. LaCroix at the Rittenhouse was named
8 the world's best hotel dining room by Gourmet
9 Magazine and the Rittenhouse ranked sixth
10 among boutique hotels in the United States and
11 Canada.

12 No matter how gratifying it is to
13 know non-Philadelphians have published such
14 wonderful things about our city, it is more
15 important that we Philadelphians know and
16 believe that we are doing good things in our
17 City.

18 I do have a serious concern,
19 however, about gaming and its potential impact
20 on the quality of life as well as the economy
21 of our city. Although, state law vests all
22 significant decisions in this important matter
23 with the State Gaming Control Board, local
24 stakeholders must have a significant voice in
25 determining how gaming will be integrated into

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2 the social and economic fabric of our city.
3 We have worked too hard and too long to have
4 state-appointed officials make uninformed
5 decisions that could dramatically impact our
6 business environment and quality of life. For
7 gaming to work, it must be done right.

8 Towards that end, I will appoint a
9 local Gaming Advisory Board to work with this
10 government on all aspects of the introduction
11 of the industry in our city. Location,
12 parking, traffic and other implications of
13 this new industry require careful study. Dr.
14 Bernard Anderson, Paul Levy, and our own
15 Maxine Griffith have agreed to co-chair the
16 Advisory Board, and I am confident that its
17 work will offer invaluable assistance to this
18 government to its preparation to influence the
19 decision-making process in this sensitive and
20 important area.

21 In November of 2001 in a speech
22 before City Council, I warned that
23 Philadelphia could not afford further tax
24 reductions beyond those proposed by this
25 Administration, fund fair labor contracts,

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2 unless we reduced the City's workforce by
3 approximately 2500 employees, which would
4 result in City service levels that would
5 greatly concern the public. In our last
6 budget, we labored long and hard to balance
7 our commitment to quality services as against
8 the benefits of further tax reductions. It
9 was a long and ardently fought debate. While
10 we have delayed the day of reckoning and
11 avoided the most devastating service cuts, we
12 are not out of the woods. We have managed
13 because of the extraordinary work of the
14 dedicated, exempt and City service employees
15 who have professionally and strategically
16 managed our meager resources to operate this
17 government under increasingly stressful
18 circumstances. Let us take a moment and thank
19 them.

20 Can we have all the City employees
21 who are here who worked on all of those
22 initiatives, can I ask you all to stand, the
23 City employees who are here who worked on
24 those budget initiatives?

25 (Applause.)

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2 MAYOR STREET: This might be the
3 nicest thing you'll hear in the next couple of
4 months.

5 I also want to take this opportunity
6 to thank our Managing Director Phil Goldsmith
7 who is with us today but who probably will not
8 be with us for a whole lot longer.

9 Phil Goldsmith, would you please
10 stand?

11 (Applause.)

12 MAYOR STREET: I didn't know that
13 you were related to John Domzalski, Phil.

14 (Laughter.)

15 MAYOR STREET: Phil has worked with
16 us for some years now. He worked with us at
17 the School District of Philadelphia, in our
18 parks and as Managing Director and we really
19 do appreciate his work and wish him the best
20 and confirm that he will be testifying on this
21 Budget at City Council.

22 Due to the work of these fine public
23 servants, overtime is down 12 percent from
24 this time last year. Managers in L & I,
25 Recreation, Streets and other City Departments

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2 have been reassigned to direct service
3 positions. And the Police command structure
4 has been reduced by 31 percent, while the
5 number of police officers on the street
6 remains the same. Three hundred twenty city
7 cars have been replaced with the services of
8 Philly Carshare, a local company that uses
9 fuel-efficient hybrid automobiles. By
10 restructuring the hours of operation at 20
11 neighborhood libraries, we will soon have
12 Saturday hours at all neighborhood branches.
13 Cell phone and travel privileges have been
14 reduced. Office space has been consolidated;
15 excess real property is being aggressively
16 marketed; and administrative clusters and
17 technology-driven efficiencies are being
18 implemented.

19 The recently negotiated short-term
20 disability program for city employees provides
21 stronger support for deserving District
22 Council 47 and 33 employees while saving the
23 General Fund approximately \$2.3 million
24 annually.

25 Now, There has been considerable,

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2 deliberate and distortion of our proposals
3 with respect to the Fire Department. We
4 absolutely do not propose to close any fire
5 stations, and anyone who suggests otherwise is
6 being untruthful. We do, however, continue to
7 support our proposal to realign Fire
8 Department resources by reducing ladder and
9 engine companies and increasing EMS services.
10 Over the last decade, structure fires in our
11 City are down 23 percent and emergency medical
12 services calls are up over 50 percent.

13 In all, approximately 24 Departments
14 have contributed to this year's streamlining
15 and efficiency efforts which will produce
16 savings that will exceed \$160 million over the
17 life of our Five Year Plan. Those savings are
18 used, in large measure, to fund our tax
19 reduction programs.

20 By the end of the current fiscal
21 year, we will have reduced the City's
22 workforce by approximately 2200 employees
23 through a combination of employee reduction
24 initiatives that have unfortunately included
25 more than 200 layoffs.

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2 As everyone knows, I don't like
3 layoffs, which are almost always devastating
4 to a family. I will do everything reasonable
5 to make new career opportunities available to
6 every displaced worker. They will not,
7 however, be returned to their former jobs.
8 Those jobs have been eliminated. I will also
9 honor the request made by our union leadership
10 that their names be maintained on a worker
11 file for two years, one year longer than is
12 required by law. These workers will be the
13 first considered for new jobs that come
14 available. I am pleased to report we have
15 already found jobs for approximately 25
16 percent of the affected employees.

17 To keep our budgets balanced in a
18 sluggish economy and afford the tax cuts
19 already scheduled, we have made difficult
20 choices among competing services and policies.

21 However, in order for the proposed
22 financial plan to work, all independently
23 elected officials must cooperate and reduce
24 their current budgets by \$9.3 million in FY
25 '06 or our plan, the one I introduce today,

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2 will not work and it will require major
3 changes which will undoubtedly produce
4 undesirable service levels and consequences
5 for our constituents. We cannot afford fewer
6 police officers, firefighters, health care
7 workers, sanitation workers and staffing in
8 already strained city departments.

9 SEPTA desperately needs adequate,
10 predictable, dedicated funding, which the
11 Governor and the General Assembly should make
12 available immediately. The Frankford El must
13 be completed promptly to free the businesses
14 on 52nd, 60th Streets and Market Streets from
15 the economic hardship they are experiencing
16 because of the unreasonable disruption of
17 their businesses. SEPTA should also be
18 seriously identifying cost-effective ways to
19 expand and improve service. I will engage in
20 an unrelenting fight in favor of full funding
21 for SEPTA and in opposition to the proposed
22 fare hikes and service cuts. Their
23 implementation would punish innocent riders,
24 struggling businesses, and ultimately lead to
25 the demise of the system. The importance of

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2 this transportation system to our regional
3 economy and its growth cannot be exaggerated.

4 Let me now turn to the FY '06
5 Budget, which assumes 3.44 billion in General
6 Fund revenues. With adjustments, the FY '06
7 Budget is balanced with a small positive fund
8 balance. This Budget supports adequate levels
9 of city services and funds the smallest City
10 workforce since 1955. It provides for the
11 continuation of the currently approved tax
12 reduction program that has reduced the tax
13 burden on wage and business taxpayers by more
14 than a billion dollars since 1995, a record no
15 other city can match.

16 In a sluggish economy, with
17 escalating pension, labor and other costs,
18 there is little latitude for change. Each
19 dollar of additional spending or tax reduction
20 must be offset by other reasonable revenue
21 sources or service reductions, otherwise the
22 budget will be out of balance and won't work.

23 This Administration continues to
24 support tax reductions and believes that
25 improvements in our financial position should

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2 allow us to further reduce the tax burden on
3 wage and business taxpayers so long as tax
4 reductions are properly balanced against the
5 need for high quality City services and new
6 investments. We believe tax reductions in our
7 business taxes will improve Philadelphia's
8 economic attractiveness, although there are
9 other important considerations taken into
10 account by businesses when making location
11 decisions. Remember, over the past several
12 years, 83 of 84 major companies operating in
13 Center City decided to stay.

14 Given our fiscal challenges, the
15 Administration believes that any additional
16 tax reductions must be offset fully by new
17 revenue sources. Accordingly, we propose to
18 reduce the gross receipts portion of the
19 business tax by \$71 million over the Five Year
20 Plan by raising the parking tax from 15
21 percent to 20 percent and implementing other
22 efficiencies included in the Plan. This will
23 double the business tax reduction in the
24 present Plan, and result in an aggregated
25 total of \$378 million in tax reductions during

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2 the lifetime of the proposed Five Year Plan.
3 I also recommend we commit to reduce the
4 business tax even further by dedicating the
5 repayment of the \$45 million PGW loan
6 repayment to business tax reduction.

7 Today, I am presenting a Budget
8 that's balanced and works. It provides for
9 the maintenance of our progress and
10 investments in our future and provides a
11 desirable measure of added business tax
12 relief.

13 It is now time for those of us who
14 hold the public trust put our differences,
15 focus on the job at hand, and honor the great
16 privilege we have been given to lead this
17 City. External issues should not distract us
18 from our work, nor interfere with our
19 commitment to effectively manage the affairs
20 of our government.

21 As you begin your deliberations, I
22 make two simple requests: One, that the
23 representatives of this Administration be
24 treated with respect and dignity as they
25 testify in public hearings; and two, that you

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2 adopt a Budget by March 31, 2005.

3 In closing, let me summarize my
4 vision for our city which this plan supports.
5 I see an emerging 21st Century world-class
6 Philadelphia.

7 I see neighborhoods with viable,
8 affordable, market rate and public housing
9 choices; neighborhoods with trees, gardens,
10 and open spaces for children to play; a city
11 with spray grounds; side yards; passive and
12 active recreational options; Good schools,
13 with quality after school programs, with art,
14 music and other enrichment activities
15 important to families and children.

16 I see adults excited about the
17 Philadelphia urban lifestyle; children anxious
18 to attend major events at our world-class
19 facilities.

20 I see thousands of domestic,
21 business, and international travelers
22 overwhelmed by the impressive array of arts,
23 cultural and recreational activities available
24 throughout our neighborhoods, Center City and
25 waterfront.

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2 I see a city of university students
3 who decide to stay in our city because of the
4 high quality of life and opportunity,
5 including jobs, nightlife, restaurants, arts
6 and cultural activities. Students who live on
7 wireless campuses love living in a wireless
8 City.

9 I see one of the 25 million people
10 who annually go through our world class
11 international airport take a cab, make
12 restaurant reservations, order theatre
13 tickets, reserve a rental car, and pay a few
14 bills, all on line during the ride to the
15 hotel. At lunchtime, I see busy office
16 workers sitting in Love Park ordering
17 groceries on-line while they listen to their
18 favorite music.

19 I see volunteers and children
20 huddled around a table in Malcolm X Park being
21 mentored in computer technology while students
22 at Norris Square might be engaged in an
23 on-line chess tournament with students from
24 one of our sister cities.

25 I see a city that respects its past

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2 by preserving old buildings, but is fully
3 committed to building a new 21st Century
4 infrastructure.

5 I see economic opportunity and jobs.

6 I see a daily stream of
7 construction, office and knowledge workers
8 headed to Comcast Center, waterfront
9 businesses and construction sites. Our
10 skyline is dotted with cranes, the symbol of
11 economic prosperity and growth. Many of those
12 workers live in the neighborhoods, a
13 representative number are minorities and
14 women. Many are living in recently built new
15 housing throughout the city. Some are former
16 inmates, some successfully completed drug
17 treatment programs, and others got their
18 skills from neighborhood schools.

19 I see a wireless city full of new
20 jobs and opportunities. I see our residents
21 with a new appreciation for the transforming
22 power of information and technology in our
23 lives.

24 In my 21st Century city
25 Philadelphia, small businesses are more

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2 competitive in the global economy. Our city
3 delivers better services, in a more
4 cost-effective and less labor-intensive way.

5 My emerging 21st Century
6 Philadelphia does not simply have the school
7 of the future, it's the city of the future, a
8 place with opportunity for everyone!

9 Thank you and God bless.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That
12 concludes our Calendar for today.

13 Are there speeches on the part of
14 the minority?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
17 speeches on the part of the Majority?

18 The Chair at this time recognizes
19 Councilman Clarke.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
21 President. I have a special presentation to
22 make. And I'm looking for the individual who
23 is going to have this presentation made to
24 them, please come to the Council Chambers.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman

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2 Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
4 President. Madam President, today I make this
5 presentation with mixed emotions. I am happy
6 for my good friend, and as I affectionately
7 call her, Mama Neat, that she will be going on
8 to another chapter in her life, i.e.,
9 retirement. But I must say that I'm sad
10 because I've had a special relationship with.

11 Is person over the years, a
12 relationship behind the scenes that most
13 people never know about. She is one of the
14 few people that I've seen around here that
15 can, frankly speaking, get the current 5th
16 District Councilperson and the prior 5th
17 District Councilperson to do the right thing,
18 stepping to us when nobody else has enough
19 heart to do it. So I will truly miss having
20 her around. But she will still be in my life.
21 So on behalf of the staff of the 5th District
22 and all of you her, I'd just like to read this
23 citation.

24 City Council City of Philadelphia
25 citation honoring Bonita Wroten. The Council

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2 of the City of Philadelphia is pleased and
3 proud to honor Bonita Wroten on the occasion
4 of her retirement from City Council after 16
5 years of dedicated service to the City and the
6 constituents of the 5th Councilmanic District.

7 Whereas, Bonita Wroten began her
8 employment with the City of Philadelphia in
9 July 1988 as an intern. She became a
10 permanent employee in 1988 working for the 5th
11 District Councilman, John F. Street; and

12 Whereas, Ms. Wroten who is also
13 affectionately known as Ms. Nita and Mama Neat
14 was also a Committee Person for the 32nd Ward
15 for many years and presently serves as Judge
16 of Elections, faithfully working every primary
17 and Election Day. And throughout her career
18 Nita has met the challenges and difficulties
19 that constituent services representatives face
20 each and every day. And for those of you who
21 work as a constituent service representative,
22 you have a true appreciation of that term.
23 Her patience, pervasive and calm nature is
24 admired and appreciated by constituents of the
25 5th Council District. However, most of all,

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2 Nita's presence, contagious smile and "good
3 morning, ladies" greetings will sorely be
4 missed by all in City Council.

5 Therefore, by virtue of this
6 citation, the Council of the City of
7 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to honor
8 Bonita Wroten on the occasion of her
9 retirement after 16 years of dedicated service
10 to the City in 5th Councilmanic District. We
11 wish her well and hope that she now has the
12 time to spend with her 5 sons, 10 children, 4
13 great grandchildren. We wish her well in any
14 future endeavors and extend sincere respect
15 and admiration of the legislative body.

16 Thank you, Mama Neat, for a job well
17 done. Congratulations.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Would you
20 like to say a few words?

21 MS. WROTEN: Just a few words. I'd
22 just like to thank everybody. It's been a joy
23 working with all the people around City Hall.
24 I will miss you. And I thank the Mayor, I
25 have to thank him for first getting me started

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2 out and then my boss, Darrell Clarke. Thank
3 you so much, everybody.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We wish
5 you continued good health.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
8 understand there will be a cake in Councilman
9 Clarke's office for anyone who would like to
10 stop in and personally say goodbye.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to
13 adjourn.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
15 President, I move that Council stand adjourned
16 until Thursday, February 3, 2005.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is there a
18 second?

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All in
21 favor will indicate by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes

3 have it, and Council will be adjourned until

4 Thursday, February 3, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

5 Thank you.

6 (Council adjourned at 11:40 a.m.)

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