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Room 400, City Hall
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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning, everyone. I note that the hour has come to convene today's Council session.

I would like to announce that an Executive Session of Council will now be held in the Caucus Room for the purpose of deliberating on applications for take-out beer permits under Act 39. Council will reconvene immediately after the conclusion of that Executive Session, which should not last more than five or ten minutes. So if you'll bear with us, we'll be back very shortly.

Thank you.

(Short recess.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you very much. I note that a quorum of this Council is present. This Council session now is reconvened, and the Council will please come to order. Members will take their seats and visitors will retire to the seats outside the rails.

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2 To give our invocation this
3 morning, the Chair welcomes Father Gary
4 Pacetti of the Annunciation Blessed
5 Virgin Mary Parish. He is here today as
6 the guest of Councilman DiCicco.

7 I would ask all members and
8 guests to please rise.

9 (Everyone rises.)

10 FATHER PACETTI: Good morning.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
12 morning, Father.

13 FATHER PACETTI: In the name of
14 the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
15 Spirit.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

17 FATHER PACETTI: Let us pray.

18 Almighty and Eternal God, you
19 have revealed your glory to all nations,
20 God of wisdom and justice. Through you,
21 authority is rightly administered and
22 judgments are decreed. Assist with your
23 spirit of counsel and fortitude the
24 members of this Council that their
25 deliberations and administration may be

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2 conducted in righteousness and be useful
3 to your people over whom they preside and
4 represent. May they encourage due
5 respect for all, and execute their
6 deliberations with justice and mercy.
7 Let the light of your divine wisdom guide
8 their deliberations and shine forth in
9 all of their proceedings.

10 We pray in a special way for
11 all of the citizens of Philadelphia,
12 especially those who are suffering, those
13 who are in need, the victims of violence
14 and their families, and the poor. May
15 they be built up in grace, and help us to
16 help them.

17 We commend all of this to your
18 care and ask your blessing upon us.
19 Amen.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.
21 The Chair thanks Father Pacetti for his
22 very inspiring invocation.

23 Council will be at ease.
24 (Council at ease.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 next order of business is the approval of
3 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
4 November 10, 2005, and the Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you, Madam President. I move that the
8 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
9 November 10, 2005 be approved.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
12 has been moved and properly seconded that
13 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
14 November 10, 2005 stand approved.

15 All in favor will please
16 indicate by saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 ayes have it, and the Journal of the
23 meeting of Thursday, November 10, 2005 is
24 approved.

25 The next order of business is

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2 requests for leave of absence, and,
3 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
6 you, Madam President. On behalf of the
7 Majority, a leave of absence is requested
8 today for Councilman Mariano.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you. Leave will be granted.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
14 President, on behalf of the republicans,
15 there are no requests for leave of
16 absence.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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2 us as we attend to the legislative
3 affairs of our City. We certainly invite
4 you to come again.

5 At this time, the Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Kenney, who will
7 present a resolution honoring the School
8 District of Philadelphia.

9 Will Mr. Paul Vallas and
10 Mr. James Nevels and those accompanying
11 them please join the Councilman at the
12 podium.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
14 President, may I ask the Chair of the
15 Education Committee, Councilwoman
16 Blackwell, to also accompany.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
18 Certainly.

19 Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
21 you.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
23 Madam President. This is a resolution
24 honoring the School District of
25 Philadelphia for its third year of growth

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2 on state achievement tests.

3 Whereas, on August 22, 2005,
4 the School District of Philadelphia
5 released their 2004-2005 Pennsylvania
6 System of School Assessment Test results
7 from the Pennsylvania Department of
8 Education, showing District students'
9 third consecutive year of PSSA score
10 growth; and

11 Whereas, the District's overall
12 math and reading scores increased by 8.5
13 percentage points and 2 percentage points
14 respectively from the 2003-2004 test
15 results.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

17 Whereas, data from the Pennsylvania
18 Department of Education shows that over
19 the past three years, gains of 17 to 21
20 percentage points in math and 10 to 16
21 percentage points in reading were
22 achieved across racial and economic
23 demographic groups; and

24 Whereas, the recent
25 accomplishments made on the State

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2 Achievement Tests proves the combined
3 efforts of the District and the School
4 Reform Commission to be successful in
5 strengthening Philadelphia's educational
6 performance; and

7 Whereas, the District's
8 instructional program has played a vital
9 role in improving test scores through
10 initiatives, including increased
11 standardized professional development,
12 data instruction characterized by
13 six-week benchmarks and assessments, and
14 increased instructional time for
15 language, arts and mathematics during and
16 after the regular school day and year;
17 and

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas,
19 George DiPilato, President of the
20 Commonwealth Association of School
21 Administrators, stated, "Philadelphia is
22 building a solid foundation in education
23 reform, and the principals are proud to
24 set an example of leadership within the
25 District building. We look forward to

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2 continued progress in the future as the
3 hard work continues."

4 Now, therefore be it resolved,
5 by the Council of the City of
6 Philadelphia, that Council does hereby
7 honor and commend the School District of
8 Philadelphia for their third year of
9 growth on State Achievement Tests.

10 Further resolved, that an
11 engrossed copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Paul Vallas, School District
13 of Philadelphia, CEO, and James Nevels,
14 Chairman of the School Reform Commission,
15 as a token of evidence of this
16 legislative body's sincere appreciation
17 for their dedication and efforts in
18 improving the School District of
19 Philadelphia.

20 Thank you very much, gentlemen.
21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 Chair welcomes and recognizes Mr. Nevels
24 for remarks.

25 MR. NEVELS: Thank you, Madam

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2 President.

3 Good morning, everyone. On
4 behalf of everyone at the School District
5 of Philadelphia, I would like to thank
6 this Council that I appeared before four
7 years ago next month for this resolution
8 honoring the progress of the District
9 that the District has made.

10 The children can learn. They
11 can learn, and they have proven it. And
12 they will continue to learn with your
13 support.

14 This resolution is a real honor
15 of their hard work and the effort of the
16 District's 185,000 students and their
17 parents and caregivers in improving
18 public education in Philadelphia.

19 I also want to thank the
20 District's 25,000 employees as well.
21 None of the success that the children are
22 having would be without their help.

23 I also want to thank this
24 Council, the Mayor and members of the
25 Pennsylvania State House and Senate and

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2 Governor Rendell for their support and
3 your support to reform public education
4 in Philadelphia.

5 I think it's important that we
6 note that I hope it will be said that we
7 taught our children to stand tall and
8 proud even in the face of history, and
9 the future, our future and the region's
10 future, was made new and whole for each
11 and every one of us, one child at a time.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Mr. Vallas for remarks.

16 MR. VALLAS: Thank you. I just
17 want to echo my boss's remarks, Jim
18 Nevels, and I want to thank, first of
19 all, the Council, as well as the state
20 legislature and the Governor, both past
21 and present, for their support in these
22 reform efforts.

23 Let me also extend my
24 congratulations to the Principals
25 Association, George DiPilato, and, of,

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2 course, the Teachers Union.

3 At the end of the day, if you
4 have great leadership and effective
5 instruction in the schools, you have
6 dynamic schools. Just this week we
7 recognized 132 of our schools that have
8 made adequate yearly progress based on
9 the No Child Left Behind standards.
10 That's up from 22 schools three years
11 ago. And 108 of those schools, up from
12 48 schools the previous year, made AYP
13 for the second or third year in a row.
14 They were recognized as Keystone Schools
15 by the state.

16 So that's sustained growth.
17 But the bottom line here is, we've gone
18 from 9 percent of our schools making AYP
19 to 50 percent. Hopefully in the next
20 three years, if we have the same level of
21 growth, we'll be hitting the numbers that
22 we should be hitting, 75, 80 percent, 85
23 percent of our schools making AYP.

24 So we acknowledge that we have
25 a long way to go, and it will probably

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2 take three or four more resolutions in a
3 row until we reach the level that we want
4 to reach and we reach the expectations
5 that the public has for us.

6 So I want to thank everybody
7 from here.

8 I also want to recognize the
9 Sulzberger School, I believe Councilwoman
10 Blackwell's school, if you can raise your
11 hands and recognize you. Please stand.

12 Thank you so much.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
14 Please stand.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you very much.

18 Council will be at ease.

19 (Council at ease.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chair now recognizes Councilman Rizzo,
22 who will present a resolution honoring
23 the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

24 Will Mr. Roosevelt Hairston and
25 those accompanying him please join the

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2 Councilman at the podium.

3 I understand that Councilman
4 Rizzo will be joined by Councilwomen
5 Brown and Blackwell.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Good
9 morning. Thank you, Madam President.

10 Recognizing, honoring and
11 celebrating the Children's Hospital of
12 Philadelphia for its international
13 significance as it recognizes historic
14 and groundbreaking progress in the field
15 of pediatric medicine on the occasion of
16 its 150th anniversary in 2005.

17 Whereas, the Children's
18 Hospital of Philadelphia started in 1855
19 as the nation's first hospital devoted
20 exclusively to caring for children; and

21 Whereas, the Children's
22 Hospital has been the birth place of many
23 dramatic firsts in pediatric medicine;
24 and

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

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2 Whereas, the Children's Hospital of
3 Philadelphia has fostered medical
4 discoveries and innovations that have
5 improved pediatric healthcare and saved
6 countless children's lives; and

7 Whereas, in an exclusive
8 survey, Child Magazine has ranked the
9 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia the
10 best pediatric hospital in the United
11 States for the third consecutive time;
12 and

13 Whereas, in its comprehensive
14 2005 survey, Child Magazine also rated
15 the Philadelphia Children's Hospital
16 Cardiac Center and neonatology, oncology
17 and orthopedic divisions number one in
18 the nation and emergency medicine number
19 four; and

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
21 the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
22 has been awarded Magnet Status for
23 nursing excellence by the American Nurses
24 Credentialing Center, an arm of the
25 American Nurses Association; and

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2 Whereas, the Children's
3 Hospital of Philadelphia was the first
4 hospital in the nation to initiate formal
5 training in pediatrics and also pioneered
6 the fields of pediatric emergency
7 medicine and adolescent medicine; and

8 Whereas, the Children's
9 Hospital of Philadelphia is one of only
10 ten centers in the country devoted to
11 pediatric clinical research; and

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, the
13 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
14 provides resources ranging from
15 laboratory space and patient beds to
16 specialized nursing, dietary and
17 biostatistical services to support the
18 wide variety of active research projects.

19 Resolved, by the Council of the
20 City of Philadelphia, the City Council
21 hereby recognizes, honors and celebrates
22 the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
23 for its international significance as it
24 recognizes historic and groundbreaking
25 progress in the field of pediatric

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2 medicine on the occasion of its 150th
3 anniversary in 2005.

4 Further resolved, that an
5 engrossed copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the Children's Hospital of
7 Philadelphia as further evidencing the
8 sincere admiration and gratitude of this
9 legislative body.

10 We'd like to present this
11 resolution to you, sir.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair recognizes Mr. Hairston for
15 remarks.

16 MR. HAIRSTON: I bring you
17 greetings and thanks on behalf of our
18 Chief Executive Officer, Steve
19 Altschuler, as well as my colleagues on
20 the senior staff and management at
21 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

22 Before I came down here, I
23 briefly had an opportunity to speak to
24 our CEO, and we talked about what I would
25 say briefly, and we decided that I would

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2 not say one thing in particular, and,
3 that is, although CHOP is number one, we
4 cannot guarantee where the Eagles will
5 end up, nor can we guarantee where the
6 Sixers will end up. But we are pleased
7 and we will commit to you that we will do
8 our best to continue to be the best
9 Children's Hospital in this country and
10 indeed, in our belief, in the world.

11 What you do not typically hear
12 about Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
13 is the tremendous impact that our
14 hospital has on this region, and the
15 impact I'm talking about is in terms of
16 the economic impact that we have. When I
17 first started at Children's Hospital nine
18 years ago, we had 3,200 employees. We
19 now have 8,400 employees. Within the
20 next three years, we anticipate that
21 we'll be over 10,000 employees.

22 The construction activity, if
23 you go into West Philadelphia, and I know
24 that Councilwoman Blackwell and others
25 have been in our area, you will see a lot

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2 of activity. We are in the middle of
3 what we consider to be a \$1.2 billion
4 capital expansion project, and that is in
5 addition to the research projects that we
6 have ongoing, which bring in excess of
7 \$100 million a year to this City.

8 And so we commit to you that
9 not only will we continue to try and
10 pioneer clinical care, the best clinical
11 care in the country, but we will also
12 continue to pioneer cutting-edge research
13 and we will continue to be an economic
14 engine for this region in ways that we
15 hope will continue to make the Council
16 proud. And we thank you for your support
17 and we look forward to working with you
18 in the future.

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you, and congratulations.

23 Council will stand at ease.

24 (Council at ease.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Miller,
3 who will present a citation honoring
4 Mr. Akpan.

5 Will Mr. Akpan and those
6 accompanying him please join the
7 Councilwoman at the podium.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Miller.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
11 you.

12 City Council, City of
13 Philadelphia, citation honoring and
14 recognizing Chief Nana Kwadwo Akpan.

15 The Council of the City of
16 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join
17 the d'Zert Club in honoring Chief Nana
18 Kwadwo Akpan, and designating November
19 17th, 2005 as Sister City Building Day
20 between Fihankra, Ghana and Philadelphia,
21 Pennsylvania.

22 Whereas, Chief Nana Kwadwo
23 Akpan, leader of Fihankra International,
24 has donated five acres of land in the
25 eastern region of Ghana of West Africa to

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2 the d'Zert Club in support of its efforts
3 to provide African-American children with
4 their true and correct history. The
5 d'Zert Club will use the land to build a
6 boarding school and leadership academy.
7 They will house and educate
8 African-American boys in the metropolitan
9 area; and

10 Whereas, the d'Zert Club
11 originated in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
12 in 1997 and was founded by the husband
13 and wife team of Ali and Helen
14 Salahuddin. The d'Zert Club is a
15 Philadelphia-based youth organization
16 geared to provide African-American
17 children between the ages of 7 and 14
18 with their true and correct African
19 history by enrolling them in a two-year
20 African Genesis program; and

21 Whereas, the d'Zert Club
22 commemorates the survival instincts of
23 Africans who endured a transatlantic
24 journey known as the Middle Passage on
25 slave ships from their homeland to this

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2 country; and

3 Whereas, approximately 11.5
4 million Africans survived the harsh
5 voyage to slave markets in the New World
6 during the late 17th century, and the
7 slave population in the American colonies
8 grew quickly; and

9 Whereas, the descendants of
10 those who survived the devastating
11 realities of slavery went on to help
12 build America and to invent great things,
13 the d'Zert Club lifts up that rich and
14 powerful history for the youth of today;
15 and

16 Whereas, the d'Zert Club is
17 partnering with the Ghanaian Chiefs Nan
18 Kwadwo Akpan and Kwa David Whitaker and
19 the Ghanaian government to create viable
20 economic development programs between the
21 d'Zert Club, the City of Philadelphia and
22 the township of Fihankra in Ghana, which
23 means "they left without saying
24 good-bye."

25 Therefore, by virtue of this

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2 citation, the Council of the City of
3 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join
4 the d'Zert Club in honoring Nana Kwadwo
5 Akpan, and designating November 17th,
6 2005 as Sister City Building Day between
7 Fihankra, Ghana and Philadelphia,
8 Pennsylvania. We extend to him our
9 sincere respect and deep admiration of
10 this legislative body.

11 And this citation was signed by
12 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller, 8th
13 District, and Anna C. Verna, President of
14 Philadelphia City Council.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair recognizes Mr. Akpan for remarks.

18 MR. AKPAN: Thank you,
19 Councilwoman Miller and other
20 Councilpersons and Administration of this
21 wonderful house.

22 We'd like to express our
23 appreciation and thanks for this high
24 honor. We have been impressed over some
25 time with the work of the d'Zert Club and

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2 have chosen to contribute a portion of
3 land in Ghana for the establishment of
4 the school that has been mentioned in
5 this citation, but also have expressed to
6 a number of persons our interest in
7 creating a Sister City relationship
8 between this great City of Philadelphia
9 and of the District in Ghana in order to
10 further encourage a cultural and economic
11 exchange between our two nations and our
12 two municipalities.

13 So we look forward to future
14 developments that I am certain will
15 evolve from this nation relationship
16 which has just been established, and we
17 thank all of you for the initiative which
18 you have shown and support which we feel
19 exists and will grow in numbers and in
20 force between us.

21 Thank you very much once again
22 for this opportunity to speak before this
23 group and for the warmth and love that
24 you have expressed to us. Thank you very
25 much.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 Council will be at ease.

5 (Council at ease.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 next order of business is communications.

8 The Chair requests that the
9 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages
10 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
14 and members of the Council of the City of
15 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
16 that on November 17, 2005, I signed all
17 of the bills that were passed by Council
18 at its session on November 3, 2005, and I
19 am transmitting for the consideration of
20 your honorable body a draft of a
21 resolution approving the disposition and
22 sale by the Redevelopment Authority of
23 the City of Philadelphia of a portion of
24 the West Philadelphia Redevelopment Area;
25 and

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2 A resolution authorizing the
3 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to
4 use NTI bond proceeds to acquire 5712
5 Malcolm Street, under certain terms and
6 conditions; and

7 I am transmitting herewith for
8 the consideration of your honorable body
9 the following ordinances: An ordinance
10 authorizing transfers in appropriation
11 for Fiscal Year 2005 within the General
12 Fund from certain or all City offices,
13 departments, boards and commissions to
14 certain or all City offices, departments,
15 boards and commissions; and

16 An ordinance authorizing
17 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
18 Year 2005 within the Water Fund from the
19 Water Department to the Water Department;
20 and

21 An ordinance authorizing
22 transfers in appropriation for Fiscal
23 Year 2005 within the Aviation Fund from
24 the Director of Finance to the Director
25 of Finance - fringe benefits.

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2 And I am transmitting for the
3 consideration of your honorable body the
4 following ordinance authorizing Temple
5 University Health Systems and Hunting Fox
6 Associates to construct and maintain a
7 pedestrian bridge over and across Stokely
8 Street; and

9 An ordinance authorizing the
10 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
11 Development to file an application with
12 the Office of the Budget, Commonwealth of
13 Pennsylvania, in an amount not to exceed
14 \$6 million to assist in the development
15 of the Point Breeze Performing Arts
16 Center; and

17 An ordinance authorizing the
18 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
19 Development to file an application with
20 the Office of the Budget under the
21 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program
22 in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to
23 assist in the development of Moore
24 College of Art and Design; and

25 An ordinance authorizing the

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2 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
3 Development to file an application with
4 the Office of the Budget in an aggregate
5 amount not to exceed \$3,600,000 to assist
6 in the development of Billy Penn
7 Warehouse and El'Chento D'Orno (ph); and

8 An ordinance authorizing the
9 extension of and modifications to the
10 trial program authorized by Bill No.
11 040558 under which advanced approval is
12 given to the Philadelphia Facilities
13 Management Corporation; and

14 An ordinance approving the 34th
15 amendment of the redevelopment proposal
16 for the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you. The messages will be printed in the
19 Journal.

20 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
21 please read any other communications in
22 her possession.

23 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
24 have, Madam President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you very much.

3 The next order of business is
4 the introduction of bills and
5 resolutions, and at this time, the Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a
7 motion.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you, Madam President. I move that the
10 rules of Council be suspended in order to
11 permit the immediate consideration of
12 resolutions at their time of
13 introduction.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
16 has been moved and properly seconded that
17 the rules of Council be suspended so as
18 to permit immediate consideration of
19 resolutions at the time of introduction.

20 All in favor will please
21 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
3 ayes have it and the motion carries.

4 At this time, the Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
7 Madam President. On behalf of myself and
8 Councilman DiCicco, I offer one bill.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 amending Section 12-1117 of The
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Physically
16 Handicapped and Disabled or Severely
17 Disabled Veteran Parking," by limiting,
18 with respect to on-street parking spaces
19 reserved for physically handicapped
20 persons and severely disabled veterans,
21 the number of hours persons who do not
22 live on the block may park in such
23 reserved spaces.

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

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2 committee.

3 The Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
6 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
7 on your behalf one bill and on my own
8 behalf one bill and two resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
15 for Industrial Development to file an
16 application with the Office of the Budget
17 of Pennsylvania under the Redevelopment
18 Assistance Capital Program in an amount
19 not to exceed \$6 million.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate

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2 Taxes," by providing that real estate
3 taxes levied under that Chapter shall be
4 based on the average of ten years of
5 assessed values, to offset the effects of
6 BRT's Full Valuation Project.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 approving the disposition and sale by the
12 Redevelopment Authority, the City of
13 Philadelphia, of a portion of the West
14 Philadelphia Redevelopment Area.

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

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

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will indicate by
25 saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 authorizing the Philadelphia
11 Redevelopment Authority to use NTI bond
12 proceeds to acquire 5712 Malcolm Street,
13 under certain terms and conditions.

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
17 you, Madam President. I move for the
18 adoption.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I
20 hear a second?

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
23 those in favor will please indicate by
24 saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

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

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
11 you, Madam President. I offer four bills
12 and two resolutions, one sponsored on
13 behalf of Councilman Mariano and myself.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing transfers in appropriation
20 for Fiscal Year 2005 within the Aviation
21 Fund from the Director of Finance to the
22 Director of Finance - fringe benefits.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 authorizing transfers in appropriation
4 for Fiscal Year 2005 within the Water
5 Fund from the Water Department to the
6 Water Department.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 authorizing transfers in appropriation
12 for Fiscal Year 2005 within the General
13 Fund from certain or all City offices,
14 departments, boards and commissions to
15 all City offices, departments, boards and
16 commissions.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
22 changing the zoning designations of
23 certain areas of land located within an
24 area bounded by Frankford Avenue,
25 Carteret Drive, St. Denis Drive, the

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2 Poquessing Creek and I-95 Expressway.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 approving the revision to the Holy Family
8 University Institutional Development
9 District Master Plan.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move
13 for the adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will please say
19 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 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 honoring St. Christopher's Hospital for
5 Children on the occasion of its 130th
6 anniversary.

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

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

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

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2 President, I offer one resolution, which
3 I'd like to speak on, and three bills.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read the title of the first bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Section 11-506 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Alleys,
11 Driveways and Retaining Walls," by
12 providing additional methods by which the
13 City may assess abutting property owners
14 to alleys or driveways which must be
15 paved, repaved or repaired, and by
16 authorizing the Procurement Department to
17 designate one or more non-profit entities
18 to enter into the contracts.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
23 authorizing the extension of and
24 modifications to the trial program
25 authorized by Bill No. 040558 under which

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2 advance approval is given to the
3 Philadelphia Facilities Management
4 Corporation.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
9 amending Title 20 of The Philadelphia
10 Code, entitled "Officers and Employees,"
11 by adding a new provision relating to
12 campaign contributions and expenditures,
13 relating to, including but not limited
14 to, the Mayor, District Attorney, City
15 Controller, Register of Wills, Sheriff,
16 Clerk of Quarter Sessions, City
17 Commissioners and City Council.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
22 calling on the Pennsylvania General
23 Assembly to continue to allow
24 Pennsylvania cities, towns and boroughs
25 to eliminate blight through eminent

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2 domain.

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

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for
6 the adoption of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Yes.
11 Madam President, over the past few years,
12 various cities and towns and boroughs in
13 our Commonwealth have witnessed a rebirth
14 and a renewal through the redevelopment
15 of numerous vacant or blighted
16 properties.

17 With the assistance of
18 historically low interest rates and
19 eminent domain, developers have been
20 equipped with the necessary financial and
21 legal resources to acquire and transform
22 these properties into productive
23 developments that have improved the
24 economic viability of our cities and our
25 entire state.

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2 In Philadelphia, more than
3 10,000 units of affordable housing were
4 built and developed through this
5 important redevelopment tool.

6 Although eminent domain has
7 been a productive asset for redeveloping
8 Pennsylvania, concerns have been raised
9 regarding how eminent domain has been
10 used in other jurisdictions. These
11 concerns have led to litigation, which
12 resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court case
13 of *Kelso versus City of New London*, 45
14 U.S. Docket No. 04108 and decided in June
15 of 2005.

16 In *Kelso*, the U.S. Supreme
17 Court decided that the City of New London
18 did not violate the U.S. Constitution
19 when it used the City's authority of
20 eminent domain to take private property
21 for the public benefit of economic
22 development.

23 In response to the *Kelso*
24 decision, the Pennsylvania House Bill
25 2054 and Pennsylvania Senate Bill 881

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2 were introduced to prevent this type of
3 result in Pennsylvania. However, this
4 concern is misplaced concerning that the
5 Kelso case is based on Connecticut law,
6 which uses the lower standard of economic
7 development as opposed to Pennsylvania's
8 stricter standard of blight for eminent
9 domain.

10 In addition to the differences
11 between Connecticut's and Pennsylvania's
12 eminent domain laws, House Bill 2054 and
13 Senate Bill 881, if passed in their
14 current form, would severely and
15 negatively impact the ability of
16 Pennsylvania cities to redevelop vacant
17 and blighted properties.

18 Accordingly, various newspapers
19 from the Beaver County Times to the
20 Philadelphia Daily News have written
21 articles concerning the need to have a
22 detailed and informed debate about
23 eminent domain. These publications
24 stress the importance of an acting smart
25 legislation and not legislation that does

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2 more harm than good.

3 So I ask my colleagues to
4 support the resolution, which we will
5 send to the House and to the Senate
6 asking them before they pass this bill
7 that they have an open and informed
8 debate, not only in Harrisburg but around
9 the state, to elicit discussion and
10 comments from local counties and boroughs
11 and cities, because they have a habit in
12 Harrisburg of passing things without a
13 lot of public discussion.

14 So on this issue, because it
15 would really and severely hurt us, and
16 particularly as I move to develop in my
17 area, the Logan sinking home area, and a
18 lot of other areas in this City up for
19 redevelopment, this would severely
20 restrict us and hurt us.

21 So we ask our colleagues to
22 support this, and on their own if they
23 would write their legislators. I believe
24 the Pennsylvania Delegation does not
25 support these bills, but we need to reach

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2 out to our fellow elected officials
3 across the state to inform them of the
4 impact of these two bills on
5 Pennsylvania.

6 Thank you very much.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

8 Councilwoman, I concur with you, and I
9 will state that I have already written
10 letters to many of our Delegation. I
11 think it's a very important issue.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

14 Councilman Rizzo, your light was on. Did
15 you want to be recognized?

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

18 has been moved and seconded that
19 Councilwoman Tasco's resolution be
20 adopted.

21 All in favor will please say
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 ayes have it and the resolution is
5 adopted.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Miller.

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

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read the bill.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 authorizing Temple University Health
17 Systems and Hunting Fox Associates to
18 construct and maintain a pedestrian
19 bridge over and across Stokley Street,
20 southwest of West Hunting Park Avenue.

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Nutter.

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

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

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I offer two bills and
11 two resolutions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 providing for the submission to the
18 qualified electors of the City of
19 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
20 a resolution approved by Council
21 proposing amendment of the Philadelphia
22 Home Rule Charter to provide for the
23 appointment of a Chief Information
24 Officer who shall be a member of the
25 Mayor's Cabinet, and authorizing the

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2 appropriate officers to publish notice
3 and make arrangements for the special
4 election.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
9 providing for the submission to the
10 qualified electors of the City of
11 Philadelphia for the proposal set forth
12 in a resolution approved by Council
13 proposing amendment of the Philadelphia
14 Home Rule Charter to provide for an
15 Executive Director of the City Planning
16 Commission.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 proposing an amendment to the
22 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
23 for the Executive Director of the City
24 Planning Commission, who shall be a
25 member of the Mayor's Cabinet.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 proposing an amendment to the
7 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
8 for the appointment of a Chief
9 Information Officer, who shall be a
10 member of the Mayor's Cabinet.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
12 resolution will also be referred to the
13 appropriate committee, and the Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I have no bills or
17 resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair thanks the gentleman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Ramos.

22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I offer one bill today
24 co-sponsored by Councilwoman Krajewski.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 authorizing transfers in appropriation
7 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the General
8 Fund from certain or all City offices,
9 departments and commissions to certain or
10 all City offices, departments and
11 commissions.

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 deeds located in

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2 the 31st Ward of the City of

3 Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

5 Chair again recognizes Councilman

6 DiCicco.

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,

8 Madam President. I move for the adoption

9 of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

12 has been moved and properly seconded that

13 the resolution be adopted.

14 All in favor will indicate by

15 saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

21 ayes have it and the resolution is

22 adopted.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman

24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

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2 President, I offer one bill.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chief Clerk will please read the bill.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 amending Section 19-1800 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax
8 Authorization," by adding a new Section
9 19-1801 by providing for a cap on tax
10 increases, under certain terms and
11 conditions.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I have three bills and
19 two resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 amending Section 17-107 of The

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contractors:
3 Labor-Management Relationships," by
4 requiring a certain number of apprentices
5 and journeymen on every City public works
6 contract and further requiring that such
7 apprentices be selected from a City
8 apprenticeship identification program.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 approving the 34th amendment of the
14 redevelopment proposal for the Model
15 Cities Urban Renewal Area.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
20 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority
21 for Industrial Development to file an
22 application with the Office of the
23 Budget, under the Redevelopment
24 Assistance Capital Program, in an amount
25 not to exceed \$500,000.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to execute and deliver to the
8 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
9 the 18th and 29th Wards of the City of
10 Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
16 the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will please say
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 honoring Samuel T. Freeman & Company
8 Auction House on its 200th anniversary of
9 continued business, operation and success
10 in the City of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair again recognizes Councilman Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
14 the adoption.

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 please
20 indicate by 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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Kelly.

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
7 President, I have no bills or
8 resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair thanks the gentleman.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
14 President, two bills and one resolution.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia
21 Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to provide
22 for conditions on enforcement of
23 prohibitions on parking a vehicle if the
24 vehicle is not registered or not
25 displaying a valid registration plate.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
6 amending Section 12-3000 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of an
8 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
9 Prevent Red Light Violations."

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 recognizing, honoring and celebrating
15 Signe Wilkinson, who realized cartooning
16 combined her interest in art and politics
17 without taxing her interest in spelling,
18 on the occasion of her 20th anniversary
19 as editorial cartoonist par excellence
20 for the Philadelphia Daily News.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair again recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for
24 the adoption of this resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will indicate by
6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

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

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
19 you, Madam President. Today the
20 Committee on Finance reports out eight
21 bills with a favorable recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the report.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
3 and members of the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia, the Committee on Finance,
5 to which was referred Bill No. 050615
6 entitled "An ordinance amending Section
7 17-104 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
8 'Prerequisites to the execution of City
9 contracts,' by requiring any City
10 depository authorized to accept City
11 deposits under Section 19-201 of The
12 Philadelphia Code to annually certify
13 compliance with Section 17-104"; and

14 Bill No. 050740, entitled "An
15 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Real Estate
17 Taxes,' by providing for a tax credit
18 against real estate taxes for a member of
19 the National Guard or a reserve component
20 of the Armed Forces of the United
21 States"; and

22 Bill No. 050741, entitled "An
23 ordinance amending Chapter 19-1500 of The
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Wage and Net
25 Profits Tax,' by excluding from tax any

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2 Deposits and Investments," by authorizing
3 the City Treasurer to deposit funds in
4 Wachovia Bank"; and

5 Bill No. 050830, entitled "An
6 ordinance amending Chapter 19-200 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'City Funds
8 Deposits and Investments,' by authorizing
9 the City Treasurer to deposit funds in
10 Republic First Bank, under certain terms
11 and conditions," respectfully reports it
12 has considered the same and returns the
13 attached bills to Council with a
14 favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you, Madam President. I move that the
21 rules of Council be suspended so as to
22 permit first reading this day of Bill
23 Nos. 050615, 740, 741, 745, 746, 747, 829
24 and 830.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
3 has been moved and properly seconded that
4 the rules of Council be suspended so as
5 to permit first reading this day of Bill
6 Nos. 050615, 050740, 050741, 050745,
7 050746, 050747, 050829 and 050830.

8 All in favor will indicate by
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

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

18 The Chair at this time
19 recognizes Councilman Kenney for a report
20 from the Committee on Law and Government.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
22 Madam President. The Committee on Law
23 and Government reports five bills and one
24 resolution with a favorable
25 recommendation.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 read the report.

6 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
7 and members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia, the Committee on Law and
9 Government, to which was referred Bill
10 No. 040769, entitled, "An ordinance
11 providing for the submission to the
12 qualified electors of the City of
13 Philadelphia of an amendment to the
14 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating
15 to the creation, appointment, powers,
16 duties and funding of an independent
17 Board of Ethics;" and

18 Bill No. 050014, entitled "An
19 ordinance amending Chapter 20-1000 of The
20 Philadelphia Code entitled, 'Campaign
21 Contributions and Expenditures,' by
22 requiring candidates for elective City
23 offices, treasurers of political
24 committees and other persons to file
25 certain campaign finance reports with the

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2 Board of Ethics"; and

3 Bill No. 050613, entitled "An
4 ordinance amending Title 17 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Contracts
6 and Procurement,' by prohibiting persons
7 from receiving City financial assistance
8 if they or certain related parties have
9 made certain contributions to elected
10 City officers or candidates for City
11 office"; and

12 Bill No. 051023, entitled "An
13 ordinance amending Title 17 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Contracts
15 and Procurement,' by adding provisions
16 requiring certain disclosures by persons
17 seeking or awarded competitively bid
18 contracts or concessions"; and

19 Bill No. 051024, entitled "An
20 ordinance amending Chapter 20-600 of The
21 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Standards of
22 Conducts and Ethics,' by providing for
23 the powers and duties of the Board of
24 Ethics of an imposition of civil
25 penalties and providing for the

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2 compensation of the members of the Board
3 of Ethics"; and

4 Resolution No. 040817, entitled
5 "A resolution proposing an amendment to
6 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to
7 provide for the creation, appointment,
8 powers and duties of an independent Board
9 of Ethics, and providing for the
10 submission of the amendments to the
11 electors of Philadelphia," respectfully
12 reports it has considered and amended the
13 same and returns the attached bills and
14 resolution to Council with a favorable
15 recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move that the rules
22 of Council be suspended so as to permit
23 first reading this day of Bill Nos.
24 040769, 050014, 050613, 051023 and
25 050124.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
4 has been moved and properly seconded that
5 the rules of Council be suspended so as
6 to permit first reading this day of Bill
7 Nos. 040769, 050014, 050613, 051023 and
8 051024.

9 All in favor will indicate by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 ayes have it, and the bills just read
17 will be placed on our First Reading
18 Calendar for today. Resolution No.
19 040817 will be placed on the Calendar for
20 our next session of Council.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Ramos for a report from the Committee on
23 Labor and Civil Service.

24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
25 Madam President. The Committee on Labor

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2 and Civil Service reports one bill with a
3 favorable recommendation.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read the report.

8 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
9 and members of the Council of the City of
10 Philadelphia, the Committee on Labor and
11 Civil Service, to which was referred Bill
12 No. 050748, entitled "An ordinance
13 amending Title 6 of The Philadelphia Code
14 by adding Chapter 6-900 relating to mold
15 inspections; providing for licensing of
16 residential mold inspectors; and
17 requiring buyers of residential
18 properties to have a licensed mold
19 inspector conduct a comprehensive mold
20 inspection if a home inspection
21 identifies mold or water intrusion, all
22 under certain terms and conditions,"
23 respectfully reports it has considered
24 the same and returns the attached bill to
25 Council with a favorable recommendation.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Ramos.

6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I move that the rules
8 of Council be suspended so as to permit
9 first reading of this Bill No. 050748.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
12 has been moved and properly seconded that
13 the rules of Council be suspended so as
14 to permit first reading this day of Bill
15 No. 050748.

16 All in favor will please say
17 aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 ayes have it, and the bill just read will
24 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
25 for today.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Goode for a report from the Committee on
4 Commerce and Economic Development.

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

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 read the report.

13 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
14 and members of the Council of the City of
15 Philadelphia, the Committee on Commerce
16 and Economic Development, to which was
17 referred Bill No. 050202, entitled "An
18 ordinance amending Section 17-109 of The
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Local
20 Bidding Preferences,' by amending the
21 terms and conditions under which a
22 business entity may be certified or
23 continue to be certified as a local
24 business entity entitled to a bidding
25 preference on City contracts,"

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2 respectfully reports it has considered
3 the same and returns the attached bill to
4 Council with a favorable recommendation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Goode.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I move that the rules
11 of Council be suspended so as to permit
12 first reading this day of Bill No.
13 050202.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
16 has been moved and properly seconded that
17 the rules of Council be suspended so as
18 to permit first reading this day of Bill
19 No. 050202.

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 bill just read will
4 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
5 for today.

6 The next order of business is
7 the consideration of the Calendar.

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 read the bills on the First Reading
10 Calendar.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 050615,
12 an ordinance amending Section 17-104 of
13 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
14 "Prerequisites to the execution of City
15 contracts, all under certain terms and
16 conditions."

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair agrees.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
20 050740, an ordinance amending Chapter
21 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code,
22 entitled "Real Estate Taxes," by
23 providing for a tax credit against real
24 estate taxes for a member of the National
25 Guard or a reserve component of the Armed

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2 Forces.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
6 050741, an ordinance amending Chapter
7 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code by
8 excluding from tax any compensation paid
9 to active duty military personnel.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair agrees.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
13 050745, an ordinance amending Chapter
14 19-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
15 "City Funds, Investments and
16 Disbursements," to provide the City with
17 a long-term strategic plan to address
18 disparities in its lending and investment
19 activities.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chair agrees.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
23 050746, an ordinance amending Chapter
24 19-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
25 "City Funds, Deposits, Investments and

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2 Disbursement," to deposit funds in the
3 Bank of America.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair agrees.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 050747,
7 an ordinance amending Chapter 19-200 of
8 The Philadelphia Code to deposit funds in
9 the Advance Bank.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair agrees.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
13 050829, an ordinance amending Chapter
14 19-200 of The Philadelphia Code to
15 deposit funds in Wachovia Bank.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair agrees.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
19 050830, an ordinance amending Chapter
20 19-200 of The Philadelphia Code to
21 deposit funds in Republic First Bank.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair agrees.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
25 040769, an ordinance providing for the

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2 submission to the qualified electors of
3 the City of Philadelphia of an amendment
4 to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
5 relating to creation, appointment,
6 powers, duties and funding of an
7 independent Board of Ethics.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair agrees.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
11 050014, an ordinance amending Chapter
12 20-1000 of The Philadelphia Code by
13 requiring candidates for elective City
14 office, treasurer or political committees
15 and other persons to file certain
16 campaign finance reports with the Board
17 of Ethics.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair agrees.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
21 050613, an ordinance amending Title 17 of
22 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
23 "Contracts and Procurement," by
24 prohibiting persons from receiving City
25 financial assistance if they or certain

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2 related parties have made certain
3 contributions to elected City offices.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair agrees.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
7 051023, an ordinance amending Title 17 of
8 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
9 "Contracts and Procurement," by adding
10 provisions requiring certain disclosures
11 by persons seeking or awarded
12 competitively bid contracts or
13 concessions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair agrees.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
17 051024, an ordinance amending Chapter
18 20-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
19 "Standards of Conducts and Ethics, all
20 under certain terms and conditions."

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair agrees.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
24 050748, an ordinance amending Title 6 of
25 The Philadelphia Code by adding Chapter

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2 6-900 relating to mold inspections,
3 providing for licensing of residential
4 mold inspectors, all under certain terms
5 and conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair agrees.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
9 050202, an ordinance amending Section
10 17-109 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
11 "Local Bidding Preferences," by amending
12 the terms and conditions under which a
13 business entity may be certified or
14 continue to be certified, under certain
15 terms and conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair agrees.

18 That concludes our First
19 Reading Calendar.

20 The Chair now recognizes
21 Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of
22 calling up bills on the Second Reading
23 and Final Passage Calendar.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
25 you, Madam President. Today all bills on

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2 Pages 1, 2 and 3 are being held, as well
3 as those on Page 4. On Page 5, we will
4 hear Bill No. 050408. That will be
5 called up for second reading and final
6 passage. On Page 6, Bill No. 050742 will
7 be called up for second reading and final
8 passage, as will Bill No. 050823 and
9 050824. On Page 7, Bill Nos. 050825, 26
10 and 27 will be called up for second
11 reading and final passage, and Bill
12 050831 will be amended, and on the final
13 page, we'll call up the last bill listed,
14 050858.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
21 Bill No. 050418.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
23 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
24 changing the zoning designations of
25 certain areas of land located within an

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2 area bounded by Christopher Columbus
3 Boulevard, Fairmount Avenue, Front Street
4 and Brown Street.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
6 bill having been read on two different
7 days, the question now is shall the bill
8 pass finally.

9 Before the Clerk calls the
10 roll, I recognize Councilman O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
12 President, I will be abstaining on this
13 bill. The law firm with which I am
14 associated, Fox Rothschild, represents
15 the developer in this matter, and I will,
16 therefore, be abstaining. Thank you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Clarke.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 DiCicco.
5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
9 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Kenney.
12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Krajewski.
15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Miller.
18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Nutter.
21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
23 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Reynolds Brown.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

9 Verna.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

11 The ayes are 14, the nays are zero, and
12 the record will reflect that Councilman
13 O'Neill abstained from voting.

14 We will now consider Bill No.
15 050742.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia
18 Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses,
19 Trades and Professions," by adding a new
20 chapter setting forth rules and
21 regulations governing Council's
22 consideration of requests for approval of
23 permits to sell malt or brewed beverages
24 for consumption off premises in
25 Philadelphia, all under certain terms and

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2 conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 This bill having been read on
6 two different days, the question now is
7 shall the bill pass finally.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Kelly.

10 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I just want to say that
12 I don't feel comfortable with this bill
13 at all. I think it's not a very good
14 bill. It was thrown to us from
15 Harrisburg, and I think the intent of
16 this bill is to enforce and control the
17 way stop-and-go's operate in our City. I
18 think that's fine, except it includes
19 everyone, every business, whether they're
20 taverns, restaurants, bars or whatever,
21 that have been dispensing and selling
22 take-out beer for many, many years.
23 They're also included. Now it's going to
24 cost them 600 more dollars.

25 To me, it's a slap in the face

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2 of the small business people who have
3 been operating legitimately and legally
4 for many, many years in doing this type
5 of business. This to me, I just don't
6 feel comfortable with it. I don't
7 believe in it, and I'm just going to vote
8 no against this bill.

9 Thank you, Madam President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you, Madam President. Madam President, I
16 too will be voting against this bill for
17 all the reasons I've spoken with all of
18 you in Council about. I do believe we
19 have legislation in Harrisburg that may
20 try to correct it, albeit it may be well
21 used for some of us.

22 They're very persuasive about
23 it, as Councilman Kelly certainly said.
24 I have other reasons to feel as I do. I
25 don't believe, as I've said many, many

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2 times, that in the initial part the bill
3 was structured in a way that is fair to
4 all concerned and that will best serve
5 this Council purpose.

6 Having said that, we're still
7 looking forward to the legislation in
8 Harrisburg to pass. And for that and
9 other reasons, I will be voting against
10 this legislation and certainly urge my
11 colleagues to do the same.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

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

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 call the roll.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 DiCicco.
4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: No.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Kenney.
11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Krajewski.
14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Miller.
17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Nutter.
20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 O'Neill.
23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
25 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Reynolds Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: No.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
11 Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: The nays are six,
14 the ayes are nine. The bill passes.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The next bill to be called for
18 consideration is Bill No. 050823.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 authorizing transfers in appropriation
21 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Grants
22 Revenue Fund from the Director of
23 Finance - provision for other grants to
24 the Fire Department.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

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

5 The Chief Clerk will please
6 call the roll.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

19 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

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

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2 the affirmative, this bill passes.

3 We will now consider Bill No.

4 050824.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 authorizing transfers in appropriation
7 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Grants
8 Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance
9 to the Director of Finance.

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

14 The Chief Clerk will please
15 call the roll.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 DiCicco.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

7 Verna.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

9 The ayes are 15, the nays are zero. A
10 majority of all members having voted in
11 the affirmative, this bill passes.

12 The next bill to be called for
13 consideration is Bill No. 050825.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 authorizing transfers in appropriation
16 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Grants
17 Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance
18 to the District Attorney.

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

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 call the roll.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Blackwell.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 Clarke.
6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 DiCicco.
9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Kenney.
16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Krajewski.
19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Miller.
22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Nutter.
25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 O'Neill.
4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Reynolds Brown.
9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Tasco.
14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
16 Verna.
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
18 The ayes are 15, the nays are zero. A
19 majority of all members having voted in
20 the affirmative, this bill passes.
21 We will now consider Bill No.
22 050826.
23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 authorizing transfers in appropriation
25 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Grants

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2 Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance
3 to the Police Department and the
4 Department of Public Property.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
6 bill having been read on two different
7 days, the question now is shall the bill
8 pass finally.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 call the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Kenney.

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

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2 Verna.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 The ayes are 15, the nays are zero. A
5 majority of all members having voted in
6 the affirmative, the bill passes.

7 We will now consider Bill No.
8 050827.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 authorizing transfers in appropriation
11 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Grants
12 Revenue Fund from the Director of Finance
13 to the Department of Public Property.

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

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 call the roll.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Reynolds Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
11 Verna.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

13 The ayes are 15, the nays are zero. A
14 majority of all members having voted in
15 the affirmative, the bill passes.

16 We will now consider Bill No.
17 050831.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
20 Code relating to zoning and planning by
21 amending Chapter 14-1100, entitled
22 "Institutional Development District,"
23 under certain terms and conditions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
25 bill having been read on two different

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2 days, the question now is shall the bill
3 pass finally.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you, Madam President. We circulated an
8 amendment. We would like to offer an
9 amendment to this bill.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Was
11 the amendment circulated, because I
12 haven't seen -- it has been circulated?

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes,
14 Madam President.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
16 President, I'll second it. I'm aware of
17 the amendment.

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

21 You made the motion, did you
22 not, Councilwoman?

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I so
24 move.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will please say
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 ayes have it, and the bill has been
13 amended.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 We will now consider the final
19 bill, Bill No. 050858.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 consenting to the transfer of control of
22 the Area II cable television franchise
23 from Urban Cable Works of Pennsylvania to
24 Time Warner Cable, and to transfer the
25 assignment of the Area II cable

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2 television franchise from Urban Cable
3 Works of Philadelphia to Time Warner
4 Cable, both under certain terms and
5 conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
7 bill having been read on two different
8 days, the question now is shall the bill
9 pass finally.

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 call the roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

24 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Kenney.
3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Krajewski.
6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Miller.
9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Nutter.
12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 O'Neill.
15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
17 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Reynolds Brown.
20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
22 COUNCILMAN RIZZ0: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Tasco.
25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Verna.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
5 The ayes are 15, the nays are zero. The
6 bill passes.

7 That completes the Calendar for
8 today. We will now take up the
9 consideration of applications for
10 take-out beer permits under Act 39. As
11 previously announced, Council held an
12 Executive Session to conduct
13 deliberations on these applications.

14 At this time, the Chair
15 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
17 you, Madam President. I offer five
18 resolutions on your behalf.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you very much.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: You're
22 welcome.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
25 the first resolution.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 accepting the Hearing Examiner's
4 recommendation and disapproving the
5 following application for a permit to
6 sell malt and brewed beverages for
7 consumption off premises: 55 Fortune
8 Inc., 447 South 55th Street.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
13 you, Madam President. I move for the
14 adoption of this resolution.

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 please say
20 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 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
5 President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm
7 sorry. Councilwoman Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you. I would just like to note that this
10 is the stop-and-go that on November 29th
11 the community has been demonstrating
12 against for 1,000 days.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
15 You're welcome.

16 Again, the Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Blackwell for the second
18 application.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you. I move for the adoption.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will please say

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
5 sorry. We're ahead of ourselves.

6 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
7 please read the title of the resolution.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 accepting the recommendation of the
10 Hearing Examiner and approving, with
11 conditions, the following application for
12 a permit to sell malt and brewed
13 beverages for consumption off premises:
14 Taurus Investments, 412 West Girard
15 Avenue.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
19 you, Madam President. I move for the
20 adoption of this resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will say aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 ayes have it, the resolution is adopted,
8 and the record will reflect that
9 Councilman Clarke has recused himself.

10 At this time, the Chair
11 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the
12 third resolution.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
14 you, Madam President. I think the Chief
15 Clerk needs to read it first.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 rejecting the Hearing Examiner's
18 recommendation and disapproving the
19 following application for a permit to
20 sell malt and brewed beverages for
21 consumption off premises: Stanley Stein
22 Inc., 2332 Orthodox Street.

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

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

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

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Madam
6 President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I wish the record to
11 reflect that I'm recusing myself on this
12 matter.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 I'm sorry, Councilwoman. Did
17 you move for the adoption?

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I
19 don't think so. I move for its adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
22 has been moved and seconded.

23 All in favor will please
24 indicate by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 ayes have it and the resolution is
7 adopted. The record will also reflect
8 that Councilman DiCicco has recused
9 himself.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 rejecting the recommendation of the
12 Hearing Examiner and disapproving the
13 following application for a permit to
14 sell malt and brewed beverages for
15 consumption off premises: TCOC Inc.,
16 4301 Main Street.

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

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

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 ayes have it and the resolution is
9 adopted. The record will reflect that
10 Councilman Nutter has recused himself.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 accepting the recommendation of the
13 Hearing Examiner and approving, with
14 conditions, the following application for
15 a permit to sell malt and brewed
16 beverages for consumption off premises:
17 La Quinto Inc., 4602 to 4604 North 5th
18 Street.

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

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

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

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2 has been moved and seconded that the
3 resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor will indicate by
5 saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 ayes have it, the resolution is adopted,
12 and the record will reflect that
13 Councilman Clarke has recused himself.

14 That completes our business for
15 today.

16 Are there speeches on the part
17 of the Minority?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
20 there speeches on the part of the
21 Majority?

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Ramos.

24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 Madam President, I held a
3 resolution that I want to continue to
4 hold. I'm considering maybe even
5 dismissing the resolution at some point,
6 especially if things get better resolved
7 around issues of missing people.

8 This Council resolved that the
9 week of October 29th through November the
10 4th would be Philadelphia Missing Persons
11 Awareness Week and that a Philadelphia
12 Missing Persons Conference will be held
13 and it was held on November the 5th at
14 West Philadelphia High School. At that
15 meeting of families who had missing loved
16 ones, there was a lady by the name of
17 Katrina Jefferson and family members and
18 she told the story of a missing loved one
19 named Neici Jefferson. She had been
20 missing since Monday, April 14th of 2003,
21 among other families who had missing
22 loved ones in the Philadelphia region.

23 That Sunday in the Local
24 section of the Inquirer a reporter from
25 the Inquirer reported on the

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2 circumstances surrounding missing people
3 in the Philadelphia region and described
4 and talked about Neici Jefferson.

5 I got a call from Katrina
6 Jefferson this morning and she informed
7 me that her body has been found, that an
8 employee at the Medical Examiner's office
9 read the article in the Inquirer and
10 thought that he had a body in the Medical
11 Examiner's facility that might be this
12 person. It turned out to be her. She
13 had been there for almost two years since
14 she disappeared, and the family called me
15 to let all of us know here how much they
16 appreciated that this Council got behind
17 her family and because the media put it
18 out there and someone read it that
19 happened to work in the Medical
20 Examiner's office, they are starting to
21 have closure in the disappearance of
22 Neici Jefferson.

23 That was my only intent of that
24 conference and it was my only intent of a
25 resolution that I'm holding indefinitely.

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2 It was not for it to become a world and
3 international issue, but it was about
4 people like Neici Jefferson, Latoya Berg
5 that's still missing and a whole lot of
6 other Philadelphians that are missing out
7 there under their suspicious
8 circumstances.

9 Today Councilwoman Krajewski
10 and I introduced a transfer ordinance so
11 that we can address the issue of the
12 energy crisis in the Philadelphia area,
13 and we will be working with the
14 Administration with the approval of this
15 Council to provide some energy assistance
16 to families in Philadelphia who are going
17 to be hit so hard, all of us, including
18 all of us here sitting, with this
19 dramatic increase in the price of gas.

20 So I just wanted to put that
21 out there, that if everything goes right,
22 there should be some assistance, further
23 assistance, to people in Philadelphia
24 that might not be able to pay their gas
25 bill.

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2 Thank you, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 You're welcome, sir.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Goode.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I will be brief.

9 In today's Philadelphia
10 Inquirer in both an editorial and a
11 separate story, it suggested that Council
12 is considering campaign contribution
13 limits for City contractors through
14 legislation voted out of the Law and
15 Government Committee yesterday. That's
16 simply not true. This Council has
17 already set contribution limits this term
18 and, in fact, set them higher than we did
19 last time.

20 It's amazing to me how
21 journalists who are pushing an ethics
22 agenda would not even understand what
23 we're voting on or choose to misrepresent
24 it.

25 I am further amazed that they

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2 pushed a ballot measure last week without
3 knowing that it didn't apply to bond
4 work. It's simply a matter of not fully
5 focusing on the issue but on the politics
6 of the issue.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

9 You're welcome.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
13 President, I'd like to invite my
14 colleagues and those who are listening to
15 an exciting opening of one of the, I
16 guess, best state-of-the-art rec centers
17 that will be open tomorrow on Saturday,
18 November the 19th at Pickering and Gowen,
19 the Dorothy Emmanuel Recreation Center.

20 We've been working on that for
21 about eight years, and we will open the
22 door. It is a state-of-the-art, one of
23 the finest and the best recreation
24 facilities in this country, and we invite
25 all of you to come to the opening at

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2 11:00 a.m.

3 I'd like to thank my State
4 Senator, LeAnna Washington, who was State
5 Representative at the time, who
6 contributed \$1.5 million to the \$4
7 million that we put in for that rec
8 center.

9 So it's something to see. We
10 took all of the problems that were things
11 that did not happen at other rec centers
12 and all the omissions and made sure that
13 they did not happen at this rec center.
14 We probably did miss something, but it
15 certainly is a state-of-the-art facility,
16 and we would invite you to come.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
18 congratulate you.

19 Are there any other speeches on
20 the part of the Majority.

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
23 Seeing none, the Chair again recognizes
24 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to
25 adjourn.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam

3 President, I move that we stand adjourned

4 until December the 1st, 2005 at 10:00

5 a.m.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

8 has been moved and seconded that Council

9 stand adjourned until Thursday, December

10 1, 2005.

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 motion carries.

18 Thank you.

19 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

20 11:45 a.m.)

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