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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING - BUDGET ADDRESS

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 14, 2008
10:00 a.m.

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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 W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE

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COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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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: May I

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have your attention, please. Thank you.

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I note that the hour has come

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and that a quorum of this Council is

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present.

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The Council will come to order.

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Members will take their seats and

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visitors will retire to the seats outside

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the rails.

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To give our invocation this

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morning, the Chair welcomes Reverend

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Jeffrey Jordan from the Metropolitan

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Community Church. He is here today as

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the guest of Councilman DiCicco.

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I ask all members and guests to

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please rise.

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(Members and guests rise.)

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REVEREND JORDAN: Good morning.

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(Good morning.)

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REVEREND JORDAN: Madam

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President, members of the Council,

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yesterday I had the opportunity to

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demonstrate outside of the Jamaican

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Embassy, and someone asked me why am I

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2 doing this, and I said because this is
3 what God would have me to do and it's the
4 right thing to do. Amos 5:24 says let
5 justice roll on like a river,
6 righteousness like a never-failing
7 stream.

8 Dear God of power and might,
9 wisdom and justice, through you authority
10 is rightly administered, laws are enacted
11 and judgment is decreed.

12 Today we pray that you will
13 assist, with your spirit of counsel and
14 fortitude, the members of this Council
15 and other government leaders of this
16 great city. We pray that they may always
17 seek the ways of righteousness, justice
18 and mercy.

19 Help them in every situation to
20 know and to do the things that are right
21 and just, with soundness of judgment in
22 making vital decisions. Help them to
23 think clearly, and give them wisdom in
24 every decision that they must make.

25 Grant them discernment and

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2 common sense so they'll be strong and
3 effective leaders.

4 As they do the difficult job of
5 leading this city, we pray that the
6 barriers of fear, suspicion and hatred
7 may fall. Help them to lead and govern
8 with integrity and that their integrity
9 guides them and keeps them on track.

10 We pray that they may be strong
11 and courageous. Encourage and strengthen
12 them. Give them wisdom that they need.
13 Be their defender and their protector,
14 and keep them always on guard. We pray
15 that you not only defend and protect this
16 Council, but that you will shield their
17 families and loved ones from all evil and
18 violence.

19 And, God, we pray that you may
20 bless this great city. We pray that it
21 may indeed be a city of brotherly love.
22 We pray that you bind out the spirits of
23 violence, worthlessness and poverty, and
24 release spirits of hope, love, peace and
25 determination.

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2 And now, oh, God, may your
3 spirit rest, rule and abide over this
4 Council and this Council meeting. This
5 we pray in the name which is known by
6 many names.

7 Amen.

8 (Amen.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair thanks Reverend Jordan for his very
11 inspiring invocation.

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 next order of business is the approval of
16 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
17 February 7, 2008, and the Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I move that the Journal
21 of the meeting of February 7th stand
22 approved.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
3 February 7, 2008 stand approved.

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, and the Journal is
12 approved.

13 The next order of business is
14 requests for leave of absence, and,
15 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. On behalf of the
19 majority, there are no requests for leave
20 of absence today.

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

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2 President, on behalf of the republicans,
3 there are no requests for leave of
4 absence at this time.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 The Chair will dispense with
8 the regular order of business to
9 recognize the guests and visitors joining
10 us in Chambers this morning. On behalf
11 of all members of City Council, I welcome
12 you to our Council session. We
13 appreciate your taking the time to join
14 us as we attend to the legislative
15 affairs of our city.

16 We have many distinguished
17 visitors with us today, including elected
18 officials, heads of departments, boards
19 and commissions, and many representatives
20 of the Administration. Although I would
21 like to individually acknowledge each of
22 you, owing to the constraints of time, I
23 am unable to do so. Please know that we
24 deeply appreciate your being with us
25 today. We want to extend a warm welcome.

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2 At this time, I would ask all
3 of our distinguished guests, elected
4 officials and representatives of the
5 Administration to please stand so that we
6 may acknowledge you with a round of
7 applause. Please stand.

8 (Guests, elected officials and
9 representatives of the Administration all
10 stand.)

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

13 Welcome and thank you.

14 The next order of business is
15 communications. The Chair requests that
16 the Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages
17 to the Chief Clerk.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
21 and members of the Council of the City of
22 Philadelphia, I am transmitting for the
23 consideration of your honorable body a
24 draft of a resolution approving the
25 redevelopment contract and disposition

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2 supplement of the Redevelopment
3 Authority, the City of Philadelphia, for
4 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
5 portion of the Kingsessing Urban Renewal
6 Area; and

7 A resolution providing for the
8 approval by the Council of the City of
9 Philadelphia of a Revised Five-Year
10 Financial Plan for the City of
11 Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2009
12 through 2013; and

13 An ordinance to adopt a Capital
14 Program for the six Fiscal Years 2009 to
15 2014 inclusive; and

16 An ordinance adopting an
17 Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2009;
18 and

19 An ordinance amending Chapter
20 19-1200 of The Philadelphia Code,
21 entitled "Parking Tax," by establishing a
22 rate of taxation on parking transactions
23 for Fiscal Year 2009; and

24 A resolution amending Chapter
25 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code,

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2 entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax," by
3 revising certain tax rates and making
4 technical changes, all under certain
5 terms and conditions; and

6 An ordinance amending Chapter
7 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code,
8 entitled "School Tax Authorization," by
9 amending Section 19-1806, entitled
10 "Authorization of Realty Use and
11 Occupancy Tax"; and

12 An ordinance amending Section
13 19-1801 of The Philadelphia Code,
14 entitled "Authorization of Tax," to
15 further authorize the Board of Education
16 of the School District of Philadelphia to
17 impose to tax on real estate within the
18 City of Philadelphia; and

19 An ordinance amending Section
20 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code,
21 relating to tax credits, rates,
22 alternative tax computation for the
23 business privilege tax, by reducing
24 certain tax rates, under certain terms
25 and conditions; and

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2 An ordinance authorizing
3 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
4 Year 2008 from the General Fund to the
5 General Fund, certain or all City
6 offices, departments, boards and
7 commissions; and

8 An ordinance authorizing
9 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
10 Year 2008 to the Managing Director -
11 Office of Fleet Management; and

12 An ordinance authorizing
13 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
14 Year 2008 within the Grants Revenue Fund
15 from the Director of Finance to the Law
16 Department and the Board of Trustees of
17 the Free Library of Philadelphia; and

18 An ordinance authorizing
19 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
20 Year 2008 within the Aviation Fund -
21 Office of Fleet Management to the
22 Managing Director - Office of Fleet
23 Management; and

24 An ordinance amending Subcode
25 "A" of the Philadelphia Administrative

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2 Code of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code,
3 entitled "The Philadelphia Building
4 Construction and Occupancy Code," by
5 amending the fee schedule for various
6 construction-related activities and
7 amending Section 14-1706 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Schedule of
9 Fees"; and

10 An ordinance amending Title 9
11 of The Philadelphia Code and Title 11 of
12 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
13 "Streets," to provide authorization to
14 the Streets Department to adopt
15 regulations establishing fees for issuing
16 permits for hauling oversized and
17 overweight vehicles; and

18 An ordinance amending Chapter
19 11-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
20 "Construction, Encroachments and Projects
21 Over, On and Under Streets," all under
22 certain terms and conditions; and

23 An ordinance amending Chapter
24 11-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
25 "Openings and Excavations in the

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2 Streets," to revise the operative period
3 of permits to break streets and footways
4 for the installation and repair of
5 underground conduit; all under certain
6 terms and conditions.

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

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
14 have, Madam President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The next order of business is
18 the introduction of bills and
19 resolutions, and at this time, the Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I offer one resolution
23 and two bills.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Section 17-107 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contractors:
7 Labor-Management Relationships," to
8 change the method by which the prevailing
9 wage and prevailing working conditions
10 are calculated for certain occupational
11 classifications.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 amending Section 12-1117 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Physically
18 Handicapped and Disabled or Severely
19 Disabled Veteran Parking," and Section
20 12-2809, entitled "Civil Penalties and
21 Costs," by expressly prohibiting certain
22 improper uses of Disabled Parking Permits
23 and providing for penalties, all under
24 certain terms and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

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2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 encouraging Major League Soccer to bring
6 its 16th team to Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Kenney.

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will signify by
18 saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
6 two resolutions, the housing one
7 co-sponsored by Councilwoman Quinones.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the title of the first resolution.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 calling on the United States Senate to
14 pass and the President of the United
15 States to sign into law the National
16 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of
17 2007.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell
20 for a motion on the resolution.

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 properly seconded that
3 the resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor will say aye.
5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 commending Dr. Lawrence Caplin and the
14 Oral Health Impact Project and
15 recognizing the week of February 21, 2008
16 as Oral Health Week.

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

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will indicate by
4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Greenlee.

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

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

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Krajewski.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
22 you, Madam President. I offer two bills.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 read the title of the first bill.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 authorizing transfers in appropriations
5 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Water
6 Fund from the Managing Director - Office
7 of Fleet Management to the Managing
8 Director - Office of Fleet Management.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 authorizing transfers in appropriations
14 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Aviation
15 Fund from the Managing Director - Office
16 of Fleet Management to the Managing
17 Director - Office of Fleet Management.

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

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
24 President, I offer 12 bills on your
25 behalf and one resolution -- the

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2 Administration bills on your behalf, one
3 resolution for you and one resolution for
4 me.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
10 adopt a Capital Program for the six
11 Fiscal Years 2009 to 2014 inclusive.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 to adopt a Fiscal 2009 Capital Budget.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal
22 Year 2009.

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 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia
4 Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses,
5 Trades and Professions," and Title 11 of
6 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
7 "Streets."

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
12 amending Subcode "A," the Philadelphia
13 Administrative Code, of The Philadelphia
14 Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Building
15 Construction and Occupancy Code," by
16 amending the fee schedule for various
17 construction-related activities.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 amending Chapter 11-200 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Opening and
24 Excavations in the Streets."

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

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2 bill will also be referred to the
3 appropriate committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
5 amending Chapter 11-600 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled
7 "Construction, Encroachments and
8 Projections Over, On and Under the
9 Streets."

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
14 amending Section 19-2604 of The
15 Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates,
16 credits and alternative tax computation
17 for the business privilege tax, by
18 reducing certain tax rates, under certain
19 terms and conditions.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 amending Section 19-1801 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled

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

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 amending Chapter 19-1800 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax
13 Authorization," by amending Section
14 19-1806, entitled "Authorization of
15 Realty Use and Occupancy Tax."

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
20 amending Section 19-1200 of The
21 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking
22 Tax."

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 amending Chapter 19-1500 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net
5 Profits Tax."

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 providing for the approval by the Council
11 of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised
12 Five-Year Financial Plan for the City of
13 Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2009
14 through 2013.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 honoring Women's History Month, the 99th
20 anniversary of International Women's Day
21 and declaring March 8, 2008 as
22 "International Women's Day in
23 Philadelphia."

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a

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2 motion on the resolution.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for
4 the adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

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 resolution is
17 adopted.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 approving the redevelopment contract and
20 disposition supplement of the
21 Redevelopment Authority, the City of
22 Philadelphia, for the redevelopment and
23 urban renewal of a portion of the
24 Kingsessing Urban Renewal Area.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
4 the adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

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 resolution is
17 adopted.

18 The Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
21 you, Madam President, and good morning.
22 Today I offer one resolution co-sponsored
23 by Councilman Greenlee.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read the title.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 authorizing City Council's Committee on
6 Law and Government to hold public
7 hearings to investigate current policies
8 and procedures relating to real estate
9 transfers and the problem of fraudulent
10 real estate transfers and creating a Task
11 Force on Fraudulent Real Estate
12 Transfers.

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

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

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 say 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 resolution will be
4 referred to the appropriate committee.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Sanchez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Yes. I
8 offer up one bill, Madam President.

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 naming and designating the Department of
15 Recreation-owned field located at 4th and
16 York Streets as the "Eric Casiano Field."

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Madam
23 President, I have no bills or
24 resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair thanks the gentleman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Jones.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes. Madam
6 President, I have one resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 read the title.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 authorizing the Council Committee on
13 Public Safety to investigate the
14 expansion of the Philadelphia Community
15 Court in order to reduce cost, reduce
16 overcrowding within the prison system and
17 empower the community.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for
21 the adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 ayes have it, and the resolution will be
9 referred to the appropriate committee.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Goode.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I offer no bills or
14 resolutions today.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair thanks the gentleman.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Brown.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I offer two bills, one
21 bill co-sponsored by Councilman Goode and
22 one resolution co-sponsored by
23 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Title 6 of The Philadelphia
6 Code, entitled "Health Code," by adding a
7 new section requiring that chain
8 restaurants and retail food
9 establishments make available certain
10 nutrition information for food and
11 beverage items offered for sale, all
12 under certain terms and conditions.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business
19 Privilege Taxes," by revising certain
20 types of business privilege licenses,
21 under certain terms and conditions.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

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2 authorizing the Committees on Parks,
3 Recreation and Cultural Affairs and
4 Public Safety to hold hearings regarding
5 the purchase and training in the use of
6 automated external defibrillators for
7 recreation centers throughout the City of
8 Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I move for the
13 adoption.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I offer two
6 resolutions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 urging Jamaican authorities to take
13 immediate action to curb violence against
14 the lesbian, gay, bisexual and
15 transgender community and to provide
16 appropriate police protection for all of
17 their citizens.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will please say

4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

10 ayes have it and the resolution is

11 adopted.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

14 Property to execute and deliver to the

15 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in

16 the 31st Ward of the City of

17 Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

19 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman

20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,

22 Madam President. I move for the adoption

23 of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

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

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
15 President, I have no bills or
16 resolutions.

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I have one resolution
23 and two -- actually, two resolutions, one
24 co-sponsored by Councilwoman Brown and
25 myself, and one ordinance co-sponsored by

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2 Councilwoman Brown and myself.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 providing for the submission to the
9 qualified electors of the City of
10 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
11 a Resolution approved by Council
12 proposing an amendment of the
13 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating
14 to the transfer of powers and duties of
15 the Fairmount Park Commission to the
16 Department of Recreation, to be named the
17 "Department of Parks and Recreation," and
18 reconstituting the Fairmount Park
19 Commission as the Commission on Parks and
20 Recreation.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
25 proposing an amendment to the

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2 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating
3 to the transfer of powers and duties of
4 the Fairmount Park Commission to the
5 Department of Recreation, to be renamed
6 the "Department of Parks and Recreation."

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
12 Property to execute and deliver to the
13 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
14 the 15th, 16th and 32nd Wards of the City
15 of Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair again recognizes Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
19 the adoption.

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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Kelly.

11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
12 President, I have no bills or resolutions
13 today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
19 President, no bills or resolutions today.
20 Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The next order of business is
24 reports from committees, and the Chair
25 recognizes -- oh, Councilwoman Krajewski,

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2 did you want to be recognized?

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
4 you, Madam President. I'd like to add
5 two additional bills.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 authorizing transfers in appropriations
12 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Grants
13 Revenue Fund from the Director of
14 Finance - Provision for other grants to
15 the Law Department and the Board of
16 Trustees of the Free Library of
17 Philadelphia.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 authorizing transfers in appropriations
23 for Fiscal Year 2008 from the General
24 Fund, certain or all City offices,
25 departments, boards and commissions from

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2 the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of
3 Finance - Provision for other grants to
4 the General Fund, certain or all City
5 offices, departments, boards and
6 commissions.

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

10 The next order of business is
11 reports from committees, and the Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Brown for a
13 report from the Committee on Parks,
14 Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

15 Councilwoman Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Madam
17 President. The Committee on Parks,
18 Recreation and Cultural Affairs reports
19 two bills with a favorable
20 recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the report.

25 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

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2 and members of the Council of the City of
3 Philadelphia, the Committee on Parks,
4 Recreation and Cultural Affairs, to which
5 was referred Bill No. 080078, entitled
6 "An ordinance authorizing the President
7 of the Fairmount Park Commission, the
8 Executive Director of Fairmount Park and
9 the Procurement Commissioner, on behalf
10 of the City of Philadelphia, to enter
11 into a Concession Agreement with Billy
12 Casper Golf"; and

13 Bill No. 080084, entitled "An
14 ordinance authorizing the President of
15 the Fairmount Park Commission, the
16 Executive Director of Fairmount Park and
17 the Public Property Commissioner, on
18 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
19 enter into a lease with the Philadelphia
20 Authority for Industrial Development to
21 lease City-owned land south of Shelmire
22 Avenue adjacent to the campus of the Fox
23 Chase Cancer Center, all under certain
24 terms and provisions," respectfully
25 reports it has considered and amended the

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2 same and returns the attached bills to
3 Council with a favorable recommendation.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I move that the rules
10 of Council be suspended so as to permit
11 first reading this day of Bill Nos.
12 080078 and 080084.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
15 has been moved and properly seconded that
16 the rules of Council be suspended so as
17 to permit first reading this day of the
18 bills just reported from committee.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 ayes have it, and the bills just read

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2 will be placed on our First Reading
3 Calendar for today.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Madam
5 President?

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 next order of business is the
8 consideration of the Calendar.

9 Oh, I'm sorry. Councilman
10 Green.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I'm sorry,
12 Madam President. I would like to be
13 recorded as abstaining on the previous
14 motion. Because the law firm at which I
15 am employed represents a party in
16 litigation involving Fox Chase Cancer
17 Center, I will be abstaining on all
18 matters before Council that affect Fox
19 Chase Cancer Center to avoid the
20 appearance of impropriety.

21 Thank you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you. The record will so note that.

24 The next order of business is
25 the consideration of the Calendar. I

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2 would ask the Chief Clerk to please read
3 the bills on the First Reading Calendar.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080078,
5 an ordinance authorizing the President of
6 the Fairmount Park Commission, the
7 Executive Director of Fairmount Park and
8 the Procurement Commissioner, on behalf
9 of the City of Philadelphia, to enter
10 into a Concession Agreement with Billy
11 Casper Golf.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair agrees.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
15 080084, an ordinance authorizing the
16 President of the Fairmount Park
17 Commission, the Executive Director of
18 Fairmount Park and the Public Property
19 Commissioner, on behalf of the City of
20 Philadelphia, to enter into a lease with
21 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
22 Development to lease City-owned land
23 south of Shelmire Avenue adjacent to the
24 campus of the Fox Chase Cancer Center,
25 all under certain terms and conditions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair agrees.

4 At this time, the Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for the
6 purpose of calling up the bills on the
7 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
8 to be considered today.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. Today Bills No. 080009
11 and 080010 are being called up for Second
12 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for
13 today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you very much.

16 The Chief Clerk will please
17 read the title of Bill No. 080009.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing transfers in appropriations
20 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Grants
21 Revenue Fund from the Director of
22 Finance - Provision for other grants to
23 the Police Department, the Law Department
24 and the City Commissioners.

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 Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Verna.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

9 The Chief Clerk will now read
10 Bill No. 080010.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 authorizing transfers in appropriations
13 for Fiscal Year 2008 from the General
14 Fund, certain or all City offices,
15 departments, boards and commissions and
16 from the Grants Revenue Fund, the
17 Director of Finance - Provision for other
18 grants to the General Fund, certain or
19 all City offices, departments, boards and
20 commissions.

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

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Krajewski.

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

6 Councilwoman Krajewski, how are you

7 voting on this bill?

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Miller.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Reynolds Brown.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Sanchez.

22 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Verna.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

9 That completes our Calendar for
10 today.

11 The time has come for us to
12 consider the Mayor's presentation of his
13 first budget message.

14 The Philadelphia Home Rule
15 Charter states that the Mayor shall
16 submit to Council no later than 90 days
17 before the end of the fiscal year his
18 Operating Budget message and proposed
19 Operating Budget ordinance for the
20 ensuing fiscal year. At the same time,
21 the Mayor shall submit to Council the
22 recommended Capital Program and Capital
23 Budget as received from the City Planning
24 Commission, to the extent approved by the
25 Mayor.

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

7 (Councilmembers escort Mayor
8 Nutter into Chambers.)

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

11 (Applause.)

12 (School kids chanting "save our
13 people.")

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Would
15 everyone please be seated. Thank you
16 very much.

17 Thank you. May we have
18 silence, please. Silence, please. Thank
19 you.

20 Ladies and gentlemen, I am
21 pleased to introduce the Mayor of the
22 City of Philadelphia, Michael A. Nutter.

23 Mayor Nutter.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

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2 Mr. Mayor, just a moment. I think the
3 children in the balcony want to be quiet
4 so that they can hear what you have to
5 say. Thank you.

6 Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

7 MAYOR NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
8 President. It's a wonderful occasion,
9 with great pride and excitement and
10 humility, that I find myself here today
11 with you back in these Chambers. I spent
12 a little bit of time here and it's always
13 great to come back. If memory serves me
14 correctly, I think the last time I was at
15 this podium, Madam President, I was
16 announcing that I was leaving these
17 Chambers.

18 I'm back.

19 (Applause.)

20 MAYOR NUTTER: And, Madam
21 President, the reason I came back is
22 because the voters of this city were kind
23 enough to give me one more opportunity to
24 serve them in a different way, and I will
25 cherish that opportunity.

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2 It struck me this morning that
3 26 years ago -- there's a lady in the
4 back, maybe with a brownish outfit on. I
5 think it says PTO on it.

6 Dr. Wortman, my eye doctor,
7 would be thrilled that I could actually
8 see that. It's the wonder of progressive
9 lenses.

10 Twenty-six years ago -- and
11 there's a photo, see the front page of
12 Page 3 of the Philadelphia Daily News
13 back from, I believe, early 1982. Myself
14 and my best friend, Robert Bynum, came
15 here to City Council just to see what was
16 going on. I had no idea at that time
17 that I would ever end up here as a member
18 of Philadelphia City Council, but
19 certainly could have never imagined that
20 I'd be here today.

21 I spent a lot of time here. My
22 mentor, Councilman John Anderson, who
23 brought me here as a staff person, first
24 as a volunteer. Councilman Ortiz brought
25 me into this Chamber as a staff person.

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2 Members of the City Council
3 staff, you know I've teased you on many
4 occasions that ultimately I'm still just
5 a staff person here in City Council, but
6 it's because of that experience that I've
7 always appreciated the great staff people
8 here in City Council. And first let me
9 say that a big part of the reason that
10 I'm here today is because of the great
11 staff that I had when I was in City
12 Council. And so let me also recognize,
13 because the last time I was here I
14 recognized them, Julia Chapman, Denise
15 Dixon.

16 (Applause.)

17 MAYOR NUTTER: Deborah Brown
18 and Katherine Kiefski, Mary Turtle, Bobby
19 Johnson, Wadall Ridley. Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 MAYOR NUTTER: Staff people
22 help to make things possible.

23 As the great City Council staff
24 here and I would only say to the members,
25 every now and then -- and I'm sure you

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2 do -- we get to make big speeches, we get
3 to be big people on TV and other places.
4 Thank the staff.

5 (Applause.)

6 MAYOR NUTTER: Madam President,
7 Majority Leader Tasco, Majority Whip
8 Clarke, Minority Leader O'Neill, Minority
9 Whip Rizzo, members of City Council,
10 guests, my fellow Philadelphians and
11 especially the great children of this
12 city --

13 (Applause.)

14 MAYOR NUTTER: -- it really is
15 an incredible pleasure to come back to
16 these great Chambers where the public's
17 business has been guided now as of this
18 year for a decade by our great Council
19 President Anna C. Verna.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you. Thank you.

23 MAYOR NUTTER: I was pleased to
24 be her supporter back then, and that
25 partnership and friendship has served us

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2 well in our time together and will serve
3 this Administration to the utmost.

4 The Council President provides
5 strong leadership and direction. She is
6 honest, straightforward, and you never
7 have to wonder what's on her mind.
8 Sometimes I'd like to be left to wonder
9 what's on her mind, but she always tells
10 me.

11 Five weeks ago we all took our
12 oath of office and pledged to work
13 together, to make Philadelphia the city
14 of dreams, the safest, cleanest, best
15 educated, most productive city in the
16 United States of America. For all of us,
17 it was a new day.

18 Now it's time for a new way.

19 As I present a proposed budget
20 for 2009 and the Five-Year Plan for your
21 consideration, my message is
22 straightforward: We confront fiscal
23 issues that have been ignored for too
24 long. The time for heavy lifting has
25 arrived.

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2 But if we work together in
3 partnership, if we make smart
4 investments, we'll secure our future and
5 make this city and region strong as we
6 face the global economic challenges in
7 this century.

8 This is not a message of fear
9 or doubt. It really is a message about
10 hope and change. Yet, as the elected and
11 appointed officials of this government,
12 we must recognize some unvarnished
13 truths.

14 Many Philadelphians hold a
15 cynical view of local government, and in
16 some cases you'd be hard pressed to
17 wonder why. They've sent their
18 hard-earned tax dollars to us and in
19 return sometimes they've encountered an
20 unresponsive bureaucracy where a
21 pay-to-play culture and a "who you know"
22 is perceived as the standard of service.

23 We must do better, and today we
24 embark on a new journey.

25 Think about this: Imagine a

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2 time when Philadelphians brag about the
3 great service they receive from the City
4 government, when those services are
5 delivered quickly and at the lowest
6 possible cost and with a smile instead of
7 a frown.

8 We are going to make that
9 happen, and it starts with old-fashioned
10 respect. This government is here for
11 only one reason: We're in the customer
12 service business, and that's what we're
13 going to provide, high-quality customer
14 service every day to every citizen,
15 because they deserve it.

16 (Applause.)

17 MAYOR NUTTER: And in our
18 actions, we're going to be open,
19 transparent and accountable. We're going
20 to identify problems, map out solutions
21 and then get the job done. But it does
22 not end there.

23 We're not going to create
24 another bureaucracy, feed it scarce tax
25 dollars and then walk away saying "job

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2 done." Absolutely not. Results matter,
3 and we're going to manage for results.

4 Providing quality service is a
5 constant conversation with the customer.
6 That's our citizens, customers, the
7 people and businesses of this city, and
8 we're going to become very good listeners
9 as well. We're going to track our
10 performance very carefully and make
11 continuous adjustments to ongoing
12 situations.

13 This proposed budget and
14 strategic plan identifies core service
15 areas that we all agree upon are
16 important: Public safety, education,
17 jobs, healthy, sustainable communities,
18 delivered by a government with the
19 highest ethical standards and a
20 commitment to top-quality customer
21 service.

22 But as we begin this lengthy
23 budget process, let us not get lost in
24 big numbers or obscure budget principles.
25 Our actions will impact the lives of real

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2 people, real Philadelphians, real
3 children, real adults, real senior
4 citizens. That's what a budget is all
5 about.

6 I was reading the other day a
7 document that came to mind and I thought
8 very important in this discussion. In
9 Ancient Greece, in Athens, before a
10 person became a full citizen, they took
11 the Athenian Creed. I think it's
12 pertinent to our discussion. I think it
13 should be a guiding principle for us, and
14 I'd like to share it with you.

15 We will never bring disgrace on
16 this our city by an act of dishonesty or
17 cowardice. We will fight for the ideals
18 and sacred things of the city, both alone
19 and with many. We will revere and obey
20 the city's laws, and we will do our best
21 to insight a like reverence and respect
22 to those above us who are prone to annul
23 them or set them at naught.

24 We will strive increasingly to
25 quicken the public sense of civic duty.

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2 Thus in all these ways, we will transmit
3 this city not only not less, but greater
4 and more beautiful than it was
5 transmitted to us.

6 Let that be our guiding theme
7 as public servants who expect the highest
8 of ourselves. Let that be our code and
9 creed as citizens of this city, to expect
10 no less of each other.

11 As I made clear on my first day
12 in office, public safety is going to be a
13 central concern for all of us. In the
14 last few years, the echoes of gunshots on
15 our streets, the sound of police sirens
16 in the night, the tragic and unacceptably
17 large number of homicides have ripped out
18 the heart and soul of our great city.

19 But I believe the new
20 crime-fighting strategy put together by
21 Police Commissioner Ramsey is going to
22 change the dynamic in our neighborhoods
23 as more than 200 police officers, new
24 officers, on the streets of Philadelphia
25 by May 1st and many more to follow in the

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2 coming year. We're going to focus on
3 high-crime areas and use proven policing
4 strategies, lawful, constitutional
5 strategies like stop and frisk, dedicated
6 to the effort of getting guns off the
7 streets of Philadelphia.

8 In the next five years, we're
9 going to spend \$78 million in new funds
10 to hire more police officers. By the end
11 of FY09, there will be 400 more uniform
12 police officers on patrol on the streets
13 of our city.

14 (Applause.)

15 MAYOR NUTTER: As part of our
16 new capital plan, we will invest \$16
17 million for desperately needed
18 improvements to police buildings and for
19 the use of technology. In addition, we
20 propose to spend \$2 million each year to
21 create a network of surveillance cameras
22 throughout the City that will enhance our
23 safety. By the end of this year alone,
24 we will have installed over 250
25 surveillance cameras and there are more

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2 scheduled in the pipeline.

3 But even a return to basic
4 policing informed by the latest
5 data-driven techniques and strategies is
6 not enough. That's why I am recommending
7 a substantial increase in City funding,
8 \$5 million in the coming year and \$25
9 million over the next five years, for the
10 Youth Violence Reduction Partnership,
11 which provides intensive services to
12 young people aged 15 to 24 who have been
13 identified as most likely to either be
14 killed or to engage in violent behavior.

15 This program has a proven
16 track --

17 (Applause.)

18 MAYOR NUTTER: I'll take that.

19 (Applause.)

20 MAYOR NUTTER: This program has
21 a proven track record, and many vocal
22 advocates such as Councilwoman Donna Reed
23 Miller has pushed for more resources.
24 The new funding will help us expand the
25 program beyond the current police

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2 districts served to virtually cover the
3 entire City.

4 Related to our efforts to
5 protect our City youth and our young
6 people, I want to say that the 14,000
7 children who have been receiving child
8 protective services have not been
9 forgotten. I've directed the
10 Commissioner of Human Services to notify
11 our contractors that they will be funded
12 through the end of this year and into
13 next year. Our children will not be put
14 in danger.

15 (Applause.)

16 MAYOR NUTTER: Let me also say
17 that we will engage this budget in a
18 fiscally responsible fashion, and
19 inappropriate behavior by adults will not
20 be an excuse to damage the lives of kids.
21 But we will manage our resources and we
22 cannot spend what we do not have. And
23 I'll have more to say about these issues
24 and our after-school programs in another
25 day or so.

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2 Keeping the public safe also
3 means getting to the sick and injured as
4 quickly as possible. We need to improve
5 our response time in Emergency Medical
6 Services. Already we've added \$1.2
7 million this year to increase the number
8 of medic units and the number of units we
9 deploy during peak hours.

10 On Tuesday, I proposed spending
11 an additional \$3.8 million to increase
12 the Emergency Medical Services budget,
13 which will support increased overtime and
14 staffing of 40 new EMTs, as well as two
15 new vehicles in the coming fiscal year,
16 with three more to follow in 2010.

17 (Applause.)

18 MAYOR NUTTER: These changes
19 could not have been made without the
20 quite persuasive advocacy of Councilwoman
21 Joan Krajewski, the analytical spotlight
22 cast on the issue by our City Controller,
23 Alan Butkovitz, and the technical
24 expertise of our Fire Commissioner, Lloyd
25 Ayers, and I want to thank each and every

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2 one of them for their assistance and the
3 support of all members of City Council.

4 Councilwoman, thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MAYOR NUTTER: Increasing our
7 EMS capacity is going to help us improve
8 our response time to life-threatening
9 emergencies, but it will also help us
10 unburden our 9-1-1 system, where fully a
11 third of the calls we receive are not
12 emergencies.

13 Heeding the advice and the hard
14 work done by Councilman Jim Kenney in
15 this area, we are going to establish a
16 3-1-1 non-emergency system with an annual
17 allocation of \$2 million.

18 Councilman, thank you.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 MAYOR NUTTER: This 3-1-1
22 system will also enable us to enter a new
23 world of customer service. Citizens will
24 no longer have to search all over for the
25 right number to call with a wide range of

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2 quality-of-life problems that beset us,
3 from potholes and abandoned cars to tree
4 limbs and trash complaints. Our goal is
5 that by the end of this year to have a
6 new system in place, our own version of
7 CityStat in other cities, but ours is
8 PhillyStat, which will track these
9 services from start to finish. We are in
10 the customer service business.

11 We'll know how long it takes
12 the Streets Department or L&I to respond
13 to a particular issue and when the
14 problem is resolved. It will become a
15 key element in our drive toward
16 accountability and greater efficiency.

17 And I also know that PhillyStat
18 will probably please City Councilman Bill
19 Greenlee, who has been pushing hard for
20 more efficient delivery of City services.

21 Councilman, thank you for your
22 advocacy as well.

23 (Applause.)

24 MAYOR NUTTER: Philadelphia has
25 always been one of America's great

7 As a part of our plan to
8 promote healthy and sustainable
9 neighborhoods, I want to establish
10 Philadelphia as the "green city" in
11 America, from an emphasis on green
12 construction practices to a national
13 leadership role in the recycling
14 movement.

25 In May, we're going to expand

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2 single-stream recycling to North
3 Philadelphia. Initially this new effort
4 will provide for every other week
5 collection, but by January 2009, we will
6 have weekly, citywide, single-stream
7 recycling in Philadelphia.

8 (Applause.)

9 MAYOR NUTTER: Along with our
10 emphasis on recycling, we're also moving
11 to implement a citywide litter prevention
12 strategy, and for his interest in a
13 clean, sustainable city, I want to thank
14 Councilman Frank DiCicco for his help in
15 this area. Frank is always looking to
16 clean up.

17 (Applause.)

18 MAYOR NUTTER: Shortly I will
19 name a director of the new Office of
20 Sustainability who will focus on best
21 practices in sustainability, energy
22 efficiency and green-collar jobs and work
23 with our City departments whose missions
24 will impact our environment.

25 No plan to make Philadelphia a

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2 green city is complete without focusing
3 on our incredible Fairmount Park, one of
4 the greatest park systems in the United
5 States of America.

6 (Applause.)

7 MAYOR NUTTER: For those who
8 have had the experience, it's been said
9 that Fairmount Park can sooth our urban
10 souls and attract visitors from all over
11 the region, across the country and around
12 the world. I want to make this park the
13 best in the country without dispute, and
14 to do that, we must give our park system
15 the resources it has been denied for too
16 many years.

17 I propose providing a \$1.5
18 million increase to Fairmount Park in
19 FY09, and over the five years of this
20 plan, the budget of Fairmount Park will
21 rise from \$13 million to \$19 million, an
22 increase of 46 percent. And I want to
23 thank Councilman Darrell Clarke for his
24 determined stewardship in this area.

25 (Applause.)

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2 MAYOR NUTTER: To fund this
3 initiative and a few others, I am
4 proposing an increase in the parking tax
5 from the current 15 percent rate to 20
6 percent. We estimate this increase will
7 generate an additional \$16 million, which
8 will support the Park, an aggressive
9 tree-planting program and our first "pay
10 as you go" capital program, and those
11 dollars will be used for street
12 resurfacing throughout Philadelphia.

13 With City Council approval, we
14 will continue the City's efforts to
15 rejuvenate neighborhoods by adding at
16 least \$1 million per year to the City's
17 Housing Trust Fund. With this new money,
18 we'll leverage other public and private
19 funding and aim to produce at least 1,000
20 affordable units of housing each year.
21 Building more low- and moderate-income
22 housing in this city for homeowners is
23 one of the key goals of our
24 Administration, and I want to thank
25 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell for her

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2 advocacy in this particular area.

3 Councilwoman, thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 MAYOR NUTTER: City Council has
6 been loud and clear expressing its
7 concerns over our funding commitment to
8 the Department of Public Health, and I
9 want to thank our Majority Leader
10 Councilwoman Marian Tasco for her
11 advocacy in this area.

12 Councilwoman, we heard you.
13 We're proposing an additional \$3 million
14 per year to enhance our health centers,
15 add key professional personnel and
16 upgrade technology.

17 (Applause.)

18 MAYOR NUTTER: Earlier I spoke
19 about the need to improve performance,
20 about setting the bar high, but when it
21 comes to educating our children and
22 preparing a skilled workforce, the bar
23 can never be set too high.

24 We now have before us a series
25 of aggressive goals, cutting in half the

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2 school dropout rate, doubling the number
3 of Philadelphians with college degrees
4 and encouraging people to re-enroll and
5 complete their college course work. If
6 we succeed -- and we must -- our city
7 will be the richer for it, because an
8 educated employee makes more money across
9 a lifetime than a lower skilled, less
10 educated worker.

11 Philadelphia already is heavily
12 invested in our schools, spending over
13 \$800 million a year on educating our
14 children. And Governor Rendell's new
15 funding formula for public schools will
16 help us, and we need to tell our friends
17 and ask our friends in Harrisburg that
18 this new funding formula must be passed,
19 because it is critical to support
20 education not just in Philadelphia but
21 across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

22 (Applause.)

23 MAYOR NUTTER: We are
24 addressing the dropout crisis by
25 reprogramming the money we now have and

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2 leveraging our current social services
3 funding to do a better job of linking
4 students to schools.

5 Reducing the dropout rate is
6 also about helping students understand
7 the meaning of their education in their
8 march toward work and careers. Following
9 City Council's lead last year, we will
10 provide \$1 million for summer
11 internships, helping 860 Philadelphia
12 students see the link between school and
13 life after school. And as I announced
14 yesterday, we will add 100 more slots
15 this upcoming summer.

16 (Applause.)

17 MAYOR NUTTER: As part of our
18 plan to encourage more Philadelphians to
19 go to college, we need to help Community
20 College of Philadelphia, our city's
21 community college, in its mission.
22 Community College of Philadelphia serves
23 as a critical gateway to higher
24 education. Many Philadelphians start
25 their college experience at Community

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2 College earning a two-year degree and
3 often move on to a four-year degree.

4 I propose to bolster the
5 College's funding with an annual increase
6 of \$4 million, or \$20 million over the
7 course of the Five-Year Plan.

8 (Applause.)

9 MAYOR NUTTER: This new funding
10 for Community College will help to lessen
11 the blow of escalating costs of college
12 education and make it more affordable for
13 young Philadelphians and the not so young
14 to go to college and remain in their
15 course of study.

16 A better educated workforce, a
17 cleaner, safer city with a
18 customer-oriented government, all of this
19 is part of a broad strategy to change
20 this city's direction.

21 Between 2001 and 2006, our job
22 base contracted by 4.5 percent. It was a
23 slower decline than in the '80s and the
24 '90s, but we cannot let this trend
25 continue.

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2 So I am committing the
3 resources of this government to the goal
4 of halting, once and for all, the drain
5 of jobs and people. We're seeking to
6 reverse the directions of both and grow
7 this city by 75,000 residents in the next
8 five to ten years.

9 (Applause.)

10 MAYOR NUTTER: And one of the
11 assets we'll use is our cultural
12 institutions, our museums and libraries,
13 entertainment venues and historical
14 treasures. We're going to reopen the
15 Office of Arts and Culture, founded with
16 foresight by Mayor W. Wilson Goode, Sr.,
17 and increase funding to the City's
18 Cultural Fund by \$2 million in 2009.

19 (Applause.)

20 MAYOR NUTTER: And at this
21 moment, let me cite the substantial
22 contributions and, again, advocacy by
23 Councilmembers Blondell Reynolds Brown,
24 Councilman Jack Kelly, Councilman Frank
25 Rizzo, who vigorously pushed for more

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2 investment in art and culture all
3 throughout Philadelphia.

4 Thank you all.

5 (Applause.)

6 MAYOR NUTTER: But using
7 culture as a magnet to attract jobs and
8 population must be part of a broad effort
9 to make Philadelphia a more
10 business-friendly environment. We must
11 continue the steady reduction of wage and
12 business taxes if we are to retain
13 business that we have, attract new
14 businesses and secure the prosperity that
15 Philadelphians deserve.

16 In recent days, we've seen what
17 a new spirit of cooperation can do.
18 After lengthy negotiations, City
19 Councilman Brian O'Neill and the
20 leadership at Fox Chase Cancer Center
21 have reached agreement on the expansion
22 that the world-renowned institution
23 desperately needs.

24 Councilman O'Neill, thank you
25 for your leadership in this regard.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MAYOR NUTTER: I also want to
4 thank Councilman W. Wilson Goode, Jr.,
5 who has proposed a series of aggressive
6 reductions in the City's onerous business
7 privilege tax. Those proposals will help
8 enhance our City's competitiveness.

9 Following the Councilman's
10 lead, I'm proposing to eliminate the
11 gross receipts portion of the business
12 privilege tax in eight years. We must
13 also target the other onerous part of the
14 business privilege tax, the net income
15 portion. For the first time, we will
16 begin to take down that tax from its
17 current 6.5 percent rate to 6 percent by
18 Fiscal Year 2013.

19 Councilman, thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 MAYOR NUTTER: At the same
22 time, we will also continue the wage tax
23 reductions that began under then-Mayor
24 Rendell in 1995. Over the course of the
25 next five years, the rate will drop below

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2 4 percent in FY11 for the first time
3 since 1976.

4 (Applause.)

5 MAYOR NUTTER: Earlier I said
6 our message today about the 2009 budget
7 and our Five-Year Plan was one of hope,
8 not fear. The spending initiatives I've
9 announced and outlined today are exciting
10 and doable, but as I've said on many
11 occasions in the past, we also have
12 serious fiscal challenges to face and the
13 time for heavy lifting has arrived.

14 As we start our journey toward
15 a consensus on this budget, we all have
16 to acknowledge that there are storm
17 clouds on the horizon. Some, in fact,
18 are upon us as we speak.

19 Our national economy is
20 struggling. Whether we're in a recession
21 or not, this much is clear: We're
22 already seeing a flattening in some of
23 our tax revenues, particularly in the
24 real estate transfer tax. And while we
25 have a healthy fund balance at the

9 (Applause.)

17 With contracts for our City's
18 four municipal unions set to expire at
19 the end of June, we have an historic
20 opportunity to establish a new
21 partnership for progress between City
22 government and our employees.

23 I've said that City employees
24 deserve a fair and reasonable contract,
25 but also one that is fair and reasonable

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2 to the taxpayers who must pay for it.

3 The Administration and City
4 employees have very tough choices to make
5 together. The right choices will result
6 in the smart investments and the
7 long-term security that we all want for
8 our City employees and our government.

9 With that in mind, let me first
10 address the issue of our Pension Fund.

11 Based on the needs of current
12 and future retirees, the City's Pension
13 Fund has an unfunded liability of \$3.9
14 billion. Looked at another way, only 52
15 percent of our pension obligation is
16 actually funded.

17 And yet, in 2001, the City's
18 General Fund set aside \$194 million to
19 the Pension Fund. This year that payment
20 will top \$437 million. Larger pension
21 payments are expected in the future. And
22 still the unfunded liability remains.

23 Our current employees and our
24 retirees should not have to worry about
25 their future after years of loyal service

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2 to the City and our citizens. We need to
3 act.

4 (Applause.)

5 MAYOR NUTTER: We need to act
6 and we need to act now. We need to
7 correct a succession of decisions that
8 have resulted in an underfunded Pension
9 Fund and increased General Fund
10 obligations that endanger the future of
11 the our pension system.

12 Today I'm proposing that we
13 issue a new pension obligation bond,
14 roughly \$4.5 billion, that will stabilize
15 the Pension Fund at a 95 percent funding
16 level.

17 (Applause.)

18 MAYOR NUTTER: The new debt
19 service on these bonds will be far lower
20 than the projected payments we are now
21 scheduled to make into the current
22 pension system. And part of the savings
23 that we'll achieve, roughly \$50 million
24 per year, will be returned to the City's
25 General Fund to help us improve our

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2 services.

3 At the heart of our upcoming
4 negotiations with our labor unions and
5 our labor leaders, all of whom I've known
6 for some time and respect tremendously,
7 at the heart of all of it will be the
8 compensation packages, the combination of
9 wages and benefits, including, of course,
10 healthcare.

11 The City's contributions to
12 employee healthcare have increased by
13 double digits every year for the past few
14 years. During the same period, a
15 national survey of employer-sponsored
16 health plans showed increases less than
17 double digit rates.

18 Our Administration is committed
19 to an open and honest dialogue with our
20 unions. As the Five-Year Plan makes
21 clear, there isn't much wiggle room and
22 there are dozens of worthy demands for
23 our scarce resources. But to our union
24 leaders -- Cathy Scott, John McNesby,
25 Brian McBride and Pete Matthews -- all of

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2 whom I know and respect and have had
3 opportunities to talk with, let me say in
4 the greatest spirit of partnership and
5 collaboration, we'll give you our books,
6 please test our revenue estimates and
7 examine the many demands for our City
8 resources that we face.

9 This is a new spirit of
10 openness and transparency that I pledged
11 during last year's campaign, and I
12 continue that promise today. As I've
13 mentioned many times publicly, let's all
14 pledge to negotiate in honesty and good
15 faith for the benefit of our employees.
16 And as John F. Kennedy once said, let us
17 never fear to negotiate, but let us never
18 negotiate in fear.

19 (Applause.)

20 MAYOR NUTTER: Yesterday when I
21 addressed the Greater Philadelphia
22 Chamber of Commerce, I posed a challenge
23 to our business community. I said that
24 together all of us, we, us, we are on a
25 quest for a better life, but government

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2 can't do it all.

3 We owe it to ourselves and to
4 our children and to our grandchildren to
5 make the hard choices now so that we can
6 meet the great challenges of the future.

7 More than two centuries ago a
8 group of leaders gathered here in
9 Philadelphia and said quite simply they'd
10 had enough, that they cut their ties from
11 the old ways and established something
12 new.

13 It's now time for the City, our
14 employees and our taxpayers to form a new
15 partnership based on trust, cooperation
16 and a recognition that the old ways
17 simply won't work anymore.

18 In the coming weeks, City
19 Council, our public employees,
20 Administration officials and our fellow
21 Philadelphians will examine every
22 assumption and projection in this budget
23 and Five-Year Plan.

24 I expect a full discussion of
25 these proposals, and I also know that

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2 three of our newest members of City
3 Council -- Councilwoman Maria
4 Quinones-Sanchez, Councilman Bill Green
5 and Councilman Curtis Jones -- are going
6 to be well prepared, because they spent
7 weeks and weeks studying the operations
8 of City government before taking office.
9 And I'd like to officially welcome them
10 to the greatest legislative body in the
11 free world.

12 (Applause.)

13 MAYOR NUTTER: It's that kind
14 of commitment, it's this kind of
15 commitment that will make the new way of
16 doing business here in City Hall a clear
17 benefit to all Philadelphians.

18 We don't walk into this process
19 under the assumption that we have a
20 monopoly on ideas, but we believe the
21 proposals we've set out and put forth
22 here today will put us on a course for a
23 safer, cleaner, greener city, where our
24 children are protected and educated,
25 where government performs its tasks in an

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2 open, honest and efficient manner, and
3 where performance is measured,
4 improvements are made, services
5 delivered.

6 Madam President and members of
7 City Council, ladies and gentlemen, this
8 is the new way of doing the public's
9 business, and so I urge all of us to
10 stand together and embark on a new day.
11 I look forward to working with each and
12 every one of you.

13 Thank you very much.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
16 are still in session. Please make your
17 exit very quietly. Thank you.

18 Before we adjourn, I would just
19 like to make a statement that although
20 Council is not scheduled to meet next
21 Thursday, I would like to announce that
22 an executive session briefing will be
23 held for all Councilmembers next Tuesday,
24 February 19th, at 1:30 in the Caucus Room
25 so that we may consult with our attorneys

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2 concerning pending litigation between
3 Council and the SugarHouse and Foxwoods
4 Casinos. I believe that you all should
5 have received a memorandum to that effect
6 yesterday.

7 Are there any speeches on the
8 part of the minority?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Any
11 speeches on the part of the majority?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I see
14 that the Mayor outspoke us all.

15 Since there are no speeches, at
16 this time, the Chair recognizes
17 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
18 adjourn.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 Madam President, I move that
22 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
23 February the 28th, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

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 2 has been moved and seconded that Council
 3 stand adjourned until Thursday, February
 4 28th at 10:00 a.m.

5 All in favor will say aye.
 6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
 8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
 11 ayes have it. The motion carries.

12 Thank you.

13 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
 14 11:25 a.m.)

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