

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 21, 2012
10:50 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILMAN DENNIS O'BRIEN
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning, everyone.

4 (Good morning.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 hour has come. It appears we have
7 established a quorum. Council will come
8 to order. I will ask all guests and
9 visitors to please retire behind the
10 rail.

11 This morning to give our
12 invocation, the Chair recognizes the
13 Bishop James Darrell Robinson of Yesha
14 Ministry. He is here today as the guest
15 of Councilman Johnson.

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

18 (Members and guests rise.)

19 BISHOP ROBINSON: Let every
20 heart pray. Let us bow our heads.

21 Eternal God and Father, we
22 thank you for this great opportunity, for
23 this great gathering. Lord, we come not
24 just out of tradition or form or fashion,
25 but we come, God, because we really need

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2 your help. We need your wisdom, God, in
3 this city. We're faced with so many
4 issues.

5 Father God, we realize that
6 only you can help us through this
7 difficult time. Lord, our children are
8 in trouble. Our schools are in trouble.
9 Our educational system is in trouble.
10 Lord, we need your help. We need your
11 wisdom. We need you to guide the City
12 Council and help them, God, to make wise
13 decisions.

14 Lord, you said if any man
15 lacked wisdom, they should ask you.
16 Lord, today we're asking you that we
17 might make the right decisions, God,
18 concerning our youth, concerning our
19 children, concerning our education. And,
20 God, all the issues that are raised on
21 the platform, Lord God, we implore your
22 presence.

23 Lord, we thank you, because
24 you're still on the throne. And, Lord,
25 you said that if my people which are

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2 called by my name would humble themselves
3 and pray and seek your face, Lord, we're
4 seeking your face because the City needs
5 your help. In fact, God, the country
6 needs your help.

7 Lord God, we're praying, God,
8 that you will help us to conquer even
9 that spear of separatism that comes, Lord
10 God, with party lines and that we would
11 look at the issues that make sense and
12 that we would vote the right vote and
13 that we would have a conscience behind
14 what we do.

15 Lord, our children really need
16 your help. And, Father God, we stand
17 here, God, before this people and before
18 this Council and we ask, God, that you
19 would come in the room and, Father, if
20 there's any foolishness, Lord God, you
21 deal with it.

22 In Jesus' name we pray.

23 Amen.

24 (Amen.)

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Bishop, thank you so much for those
4 inspiring words.

5 Council will be at ease.

6 (Council at ease.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Again, thank you, Bishop.

9 The next order of business is
10 the approval of the Journal of the
11 meeting of Thursday, June 14th, 2012.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Greenlee.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
15 you, Mr. President. I move that the
16 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, June
17 14th, 2012 be approved.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
20 has been moved and properly seconded that
21 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
22 June 14th stand approved.

23 All those in favor indicate by
24 saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

6 ayes have it, and the Journal is

7 approved.

8 The next order of business is

9 request for leaves of absence.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman

11 Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

13 Mr. President. On behalf of the

14 majority, there are no requests for

15 leaves of absence today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Thank you, Councilman.

18 The Chair now recognizes

19 Councilman O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

21 Mr. President, on behalf of the

22 republicans, there are no requests for

23 leave of absence.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you, Councilman.

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2 At this time, I would like to
3 dispense with the regular order of
4 business to welcome everyone here today.
5 We'll try not to keep you here too long,
6 but do not hold me to that.

7 This is your government in
8 action, and we feel real good about the
9 fact that you've taken time out of your
10 day to come down and look at us and watch
11 us as we do the business of the
12 government. It's truly a blessing to
13 have this opportunity to do this for the
14 citizens of the City of Philadelphia. We
15 hope you find this a treasured experience
16 and you do come back again, maybe next
17 week, maybe sometime in the fall, but we
18 really look forward to you coming back.

19 The Chair at this time would
20 now like to recognize Councilwoman
21 Blackwell for the purpose of welcoming a
22 special guest joining us in Chambers this
23 morning.

24 Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

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2 you, Mr. President. Today certainly the
3 Chairman of the Mayor's Commission on
4 African and Caribbean Immigrant Affairs
5 and Honorary Consul to Guinea, the
6 Honorable Stan Straughter, is with our
7 special guest, and we are hosting him
8 today. And we are happy to recognize
9 Dr. Kingsley Chiedu Moghalu, Deputy
10 Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria. He's
11 from an economic development and banking
12 sector in Nigeria. Dr. Kingsley Chiedu
13 Moghalu is Deputy Governor of the Central
14 Bank of Nigeria in charge of the
15 Financial System Stability, FSS,
16 Directorate. He is responsible for the
17 implementation of far-reaching reforms to
18 enhance the quality and stability of
19 banks and other financial institutions.
20 He supervises the departments of the
21 Central Bank of Nigeria, Financial Policy
22 and Regulation Department, Banking
23 Supervision Department, other financial
24 institutions' supervision department and
25 the Development Financial Department. He

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2 is also a member of the President of the
3 federal -- he's also a member of the
4 President of the Federal Republic of
5 Nigeria's Economic Management Team.

6 Thank you, Mr. President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you, Councilwoman.

9 Welcome.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you.

13 At this time, the Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Johnson, who will
15 present a citation honoring Jessie
16 Frisby-Hyden. Would Ms. Frisby-Hyden and
17 those accompanying her please join the
18 Councilman at the podium.

19 And I see we have Councilman
20 Oh, Councilwoman Bass, Councilman
21 Squilla, Councilman Henon and Councilman
22 O'Brien, also known as the Serious Six.

23 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Good
24 morning, everyone.

25 (Good morning.)

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2 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Good
3 morning, everyone.

4 (Good morning.)

5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: That's
6 much better. It's always good to start
7 off your day with a smile and
8 enthusiastic response.

9 Today I am honored and
10 privileged to present a citation of
11 recognition to Ms. Jessie Frisby-Hyden.
12 I've known Ms. Jessie over the past
13 several years in my life in public
14 service and in my former life as a
15 community activist, first and foremost,
16 for her passion and commitment to
17 improving the quality of life in South
18 Philadelphia; more specifically, along
19 the South Street West business corridor.

20 And so I am privileged this
21 morning to present this citation to you,
22 and I'd like to thank all of my
23 colleagues for joining me.

24 And the citation reads -- the
25 resolution reads: The Council of the

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2 City of Philadelphia is pleased and proud
3 to honor and recognize Jessie
4 Frisby-Hyden for her many years of
5 dedicated service to the Southwest
6 Business Association, her church and her
7 community.

8 COUNCILMAN OH: Whereas, Jessie
9 Frisby-Hyden loved the fashion world and
10 spent her early years as a fashion model.
11 In March 1969, she combined her business
12 sense and her fashion know-how and opened
13 her South Street Boutique. This was a
14 major accomplishment, a first at a time
15 for a woman and for an African American
16 entrepreneur on the exclusive South
17 Street; and

18 COUNCILMAN HENON: Whereas,
19 Jessie has served as President of South
20 Street West Business Association for the
21 past 11 years. In this capacity, she was
22 instrumental in recognizing the
23 association and working towards the
24 revitalizing and beautification of South
25 Street West business corridor. Jessie

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2 served as a member of the South Street
3 Neighborhood Association and is an active
4 member of the National Political Congress
5 of Black Women; and

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Whereas,
7 Jessie has been a guiding light and
8 mentor to many youth and adults. Through
9 a 20-year partnership with the Negro
10 Trade Union, she mentored high school
11 students who were interested in
12 entrepreneurship and trained youth during
13 the summer in association with the Union
14 League Summer Employment Program. Jessie
15 has been an inspiration to many women who
16 have taken on the challenge of becoming
17 self-employed; and

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Whereas,
19 Jessie is devoted to her church and
20 community. She has been a member of Zion
21 Baptist Church for 40 years. Jessie
22 serves as Chairperson of the new member's
23 ministry, a member of the music
24 ministries where she serves as a vocalist
25 with the R.J. Langston Chorus, and is a

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2 missionary for the Lott Carey Baptist
3 Foreign Mission Convention where she
4 serves as Chairperson for the 5:30 a.m.
5 Morning Prayer Service; and

6 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Whereas,
7 Jessie has been recognized for her many
8 accomplishments. She was awarded the
9 Senator J. Roxanne Jones Entrepreneurship
10 Award, the Madam C.J. Walker Woman of
11 Excellence Award, the Meridian Bank Award
12 for Entrepreneurship and the Senator
13 Shirley Kitchen Award for Business
14 Excellence. Most recently, Jessie was
15 the recipient of the 2012 Coretta Scott
16 King Memorial Award; and

17 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Therefore,
18 by virtue of this citation, the Council
19 of the City of Philadelphia is pleased
20 and proud to honor and recognize Jessie
21 Frisby-Hyden for her many years of
22 dedicated service to the South Street
23 West Business Association, her church and
24 community. We thank her for all of her
25 hard work and contributions to our city.

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2 We wish her continued success and extend
3 the sincere respect and admiration of
4 this legislative body.

5 And I want to officially
6 present this citation to you and say
7 congratulations.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you. Ms. Hyden, please give
11 remarks.

12 MS. FRISBY-HYDEN: Good
13 morning.

14 (Good morning.)

15 MS. FRISBY-HYDEN: It's a
16 pleasure to be here. To God be the
17 glory. I come here standing on the
18 shoulders of my grandfather and my
19 great-grandfather, who was a slave in
20 this country. After being freed, my
21 great-grandfather and my grandfather
22 accumulated 265 acres of land at \$3
23 per -- what is it -- \$3 per acre. Thank
24 you. I need all the help I can get. I'm
25 nervous.

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2 So I was born into an
3 entrepreneurship family. And today,
4 thank God, I have three grandchildren,
5 one daughter and nine
6 great-grandchildren, which is here, and I
7 think they will always remember what we
8 have done as a family and that they will
9 follow.

10 Councilman Jones, I want to
11 thank you for the way that you worked
12 with us with South Street West Business
13 Association in order to beautify the
14 street. Now we have wonderful lights on
15 the street, and people are coming, and
16 there's just been a great change. I want
17 you to remember that I will always
18 remember what you did and how you worked
19 with us, and I thank you.

20 Thank you, Councilman Johnson,
21 for having me here this morning.

22 I wrote a few notes. I know I
23 don't have much time, but I want you to
24 know a little of my background.

25 So I was born into the family

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2 of entrepreneurship, and if I have
3 anything to say to anyone who wanted to
4 go in business, don't lose your dream.
5 Don't let anybody change your mind. If
6 you have a dream, pursue it.

7 When I went in business in
8 1969, I was told that I would only be
9 there for three months. Well, today is
10 June the 21st, 2012 and I'm still there,
11 and I thank God.

12 (Applause.)

13 MS. FRISBY-HYDEN: So don't
14 lose your vision to anyone else. If it's
15 your dream, pursue it. And I'll leave
16 you with that.

17 Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you so much.

21 Council will be at ease.

22 (Council at ease.)

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: The Chair
24 now recognizes Councilwoman Tasco, who
25 will present a resolution honoring

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2 Ms. Mary Torres. Would Ms. Torres and
3 those accompanying her join the
4 Councilwoman at the podium.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Good
6 morning. I'm here with Ms. Torres and
7 her colleagues from the Convention Center
8 on the day we want to recognize her for
9 doing some outstanding work to move our
10 Convention Center forward as we look to
11 increasing our numbers over there. She's
12 doing a great job. And so this morning
13 it gives me pleasure to present this
14 resolution honoring Mary Ann Torres.

15 Whereas, the Council of the
16 City of Philadelphia is pleased and proud
17 to honor Ms. Mary Ann Torres for being
18 named the Convention Services Manager of
19 the Year by the Event Service
20 Professionals Association ("ESPA") and
21 Successful Meeting Magazine; and

22 Whereas for over 25 years,
23 Ms. Torres has had a distinguished career
24 in the region's hospitality industry
25 having served as an event manager for the

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2 Atlantic City Convention Center and show
3 manager for the Atlantique City Antique
4 and Collectible Show and, currently, she
5 serves as event coordinator at the
6 Philadelphia Convention Center Authority;
7 and

8 Whereas, on January 7th, 2012,
9 Ms. Torres, a certified meeting planner,
10 was awarded the Convention Services
11 Manager of the Year Award during the ESPA
12 Annual Conference at the U.S. Grant Hotel
13 in San Diego, California; and

14 Whereas, the ESPA (formerly
15 known as the Association for Convention
16 Operations Management) is the first and
17 only association to serve convention
18 services managers, and in September 2011,
19 the organization changed its name to its
20 current title to more accurately reflect
21 the growth in this profession and the
22 diversity of roles its members play in
23 venues and cities throughout the U.S.;
24 and

25 Whereas, through this honor,

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2 Ms. Torres demonstrates the high degree
3 of expertise, hospitality and
4 professionalism of the staff of the
5 Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority
6 as it strives to become the nation's
7 premier convention venue; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 Resolved, by the Council of the
10 City of Philadelphia, that we hereby
11 recognize and congratulate Ms. Mary Ann
12 Torres for being named the Convention
13 Services Manager of the Year by the Event
14 Service Professionals Association and
15 Successful Meeting Magazine.

16 Further resolved, that an
17 engrossed copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Ms. Mary Ann Torres as
19 evidence of the sincere sentiments of
20 this legislative body.

21 Certification that this is a
22 true and correct copy of the original
23 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
24 City of Philadelphia on the 2nd of
25 February 2012. It's signed by President

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2 Darrell Clarke, introduced by Tasco, and
3 supported by all members of City Council.

4 We thank you for your service,
5 your good work, and I know you're going
6 to do a great, great job moving us
7 forward over there.

8 Thank you very much.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: The Chair
11 recognizes Ms. Torres for remarks.

12 MS. TORRES: Thank you very
13 much. I'm going to have a hard time
14 following that speech that just went. So
15 thank you, everyone. Thank you, City
16 Council, for presenting this to me.

17 I can't do my job alone. I
18 work with a wonderful, wonderful
19 supportive staff, many of who are behind
20 me and up here. Without them I couldn't
21 do what I do. So thank you, and thank
22 you all for being here for me today.
23 Thank you to my family. Couldn't make it
24 today, but thank you very much.

25 Thanks, everyone.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: The Chair
4 recognizes Ms. Young for remarks.

5 MS. YOUNG: This is great. I
6 didn't know I was going to get to speak,
7 so hold on to your hats. No.

8 We thank you so much. Our
9 message here is that we understand the
10 importance of this Convention Center for
11 our city and state. We will continue to
12 do the work that we do.

13 And I'd like to leave you with
14 what I believe is the most important
15 thing we can say about that Convention
16 Center. It is a house of commerce
17 directed to jobs, jobs, jobs in this
18 region.

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Council will
22 be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you. At this time, the Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Squilla, who will
3 present a resolution recognizing the
4 accomplishments of Sun Ping. Would
5 Ms. Ping and those accompanying her
6 please come up to the podium.

7 And Councilman Squilla is
8 joined by Councilman Kenney, Councilman
9 Oh and Councilwoman Blackwell.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: First I'd
11 like to say, before we start the
12 resolution, that Ms. Sun is a member of
13 the National Committee of Chinese People
14 Political Conservative Conference and she
15 currently serves on the Foreign Affairs
16 Committee. Members of the CPPCC are
17 political consultants who supervise the
18 democratic process and organize various
19 constituencies to discuss and manage
20 state affairs.

21 This recognition is the
22 accomplishments of Sun Ping, a performer
23 in the Peking Opera Theatre of China.

24 Whereas, Sun Ping was one of
25 the first college graduates from the

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2 Institute of Chinese Traditional Operas
3 in the early 1980s. Following
4 graduation, she enrolled in the Peking
5 Opera Theatre of China. Her impressive
6 vocal power and stage presence led her to
7 becoming the star actress in several of
8 the troupe's most famous work; and

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas,
10 Peking Opera is an art form taking roots
11 in Chinese culture, and involves the
12 elements of dance and acrobatics. Sun
13 Ping introduced more action into her
14 performances and impressed audiences with
15 make-up and costumes containing a
16 distinctly Chinese flavor;

17 COUNCILMAN OH: Whereas,
18 because of the very different cultural
19 backgrounds, it was thought that it would
20 be difficult to introduce this Chinese
21 art form to western audiences. Sun
22 Ping's first work, King Laszlo, was
23 staged more than three hundred times in
24 Europe. The initial success encouraged
25 Sun Ping to move forward with a genuine

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2 Chinese story played in this new form;
3 and

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

5 Whereas, in August 1994, the show, Monkey
6 King, was performed at the German Drama
7 Festival and received awards and
8 accolades. Former German Chancellor
9 Helmut Kohl announced, quote, action
10 drama as a new performance type and it
11 was officially accepted across the
12 European countries; and

13 Whereas, following the
14 achievements in Europe, Sun Ping
15 continued promoting the Peking Opera in
16 the United States. The American debut
17 was in 2000, with the Washington National
18 Symphony Orchestra; and

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Whereas,
20 Sun Ping feels a sense of obligation to
21 pass her love for the Peking Opera
22 Theatre of China, which she inherited
23 from her predecessors, to the next
24 generation. She tirelessly supports the
25 opera, accepting speaking engagements

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2 throughout the world, including Yale
3 University, University of Pennsylvania,
4 and the success of the Peking Opera is
5 due in large part to Sun Ping's efforts.

6 Therefore, resolved by the
7 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that
8 we hereby recognize the accomplishments
9 of Sun Ping and the success of the Peking
10 Opera Theatre of China.

11 Further resolved, that an
12 engrossed copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Sun Ping, further advancing
14 the sincere sentiment of this legislative
15 body.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Chair recognizes Ms. Ping for remarks.

20 Excuse me.

21 Folks, can we please keep the
22 voices down. We're having difficulty
23 hearing up here. Thank you.

24 INTERPRETER: So Sun Ping would
25 like to share remarks, and I'm going to

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2 be interpreting on the fly. So bear with
3 me.

4 Good morning, everyone, to all
5 the attending audience, all the
6 Councilmembers and obviously the Council
7 President. Good morning.

8 I bear many titles. I was a
9 Peking Opera singer. I'm also a
10 presiding professor for university in
11 Beijing, and now I am a member of the
12 Council Lady of Political Conference, and
13 I've been in service for the party for
14 over ten years. I now serve on the
15 Foreign Relations Committee. And you
16 must be wondering how a Peking Opera
17 singer and artist becomes a member of a
18 party in the General Assembly in China,
19 and the reason why, I have been working
20 in Europe for over ten years and in
21 United States for ten years. Through my
22 past experience has been working, not
23 politically related but fostering the
24 relationships between the two countries.

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2 to me because I have -- first time I come
3 to Philadelphia was 20 years ago and have
4 been traveling back and forth, and
5 Philadelphia was really dear -- one of
6 the dearest city of United States to me.

7 In 1999, I was honored to
8 collaborate with the Student Orchestra of
9 University of Pennsylvania to perform
10 Peking Opera with the orchestra, and it
11 was one and only time the collaborated
12 effort of cultural exchange through the
13 arts in Philadelphia. The performance
14 was performed in Philadelphia as well as
15 Washington, DC and Beijing, and the three
16 performances, both the Presidents and the
17 party leaders have attended and observed
18 my performance and felt very honored to
19 see a collaborative effort between the
20 two countries.

21 One of the reason why
22 Philadelphia is so dear to me is that
23 Philadelphia has for me -- my daughter
24 received most of her education in
25 Philadelphia, attending Mathacan (ph)

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2 High School, and also when she graduated,
3 she was honored to receive the
4 President's Educational Award and as well
5 as through her accomplishment in
6 Philadelphia was able to graduate through
7 Syracuse, one of the best communication
8 school in the nation.

9 Her last parting words,
10 although the political makeup is rather
11 different between the two countries;
12 however, the two countries bear a lot in
13 common through cultural, economic and as
14 well as fostering a great future for more
15 generations to come.

16 Philadelphia has a great
17 seaport, has a lot of the cultural
18 history, as well as basically bearing the
19 democracy -- birth place of United States
20 democracy. China for the past 34 years
21 has gone through a very similar reform.
22 Although it's still under one party rule,
23 there's still -- it bears a lot of
24 similarities. And the collaborative
25 effort between the two countries is what

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2 something is looking to do in many of the
3 years to come.

4 And her last words, to wish
5 Philadelphia to become one of the largest
6 city in the states and for one day to be
7 working with China to produce a better
8 future in terms of cultural development,
9 as well as bringing local economy to
10 produce more jobs. Her role is to be the
11 bridge between Philadelphia and China,
12 hoping to introduce Philadelphia to China
13 and as well as introducing to the rest of
14 the world in one day.

15 Thank you.

16 So this has come as a surprise,
17 but she would like to take a very brief
18 moment, if Council President would allow
19 her, to sing a short piece of Beijing
20 Opera, just to show her gratitude of
21 being here. Two sentences.

22 Would you guys like that?

23 (Applause.)

24 (Ms. Ping singing.)

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you, Ms. Ping.

4 Council will be at ease.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
6 everyone. Thank you to Councilman
7 Greenlee, who also gave her a citation
8 years ago.

9 (Council at ease.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you.

12 At this time, the Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Henon, who will
14 present a resolution honoring the
15 Philadelphia Inquirer on winning the
16 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service. Would
17 Mr. Dylan Purcell and those accompanying
18 him please join the Councilman at the
19 podium.

20 And we have joining the
21 Councilman, Councilman Johnson,
22 Councilman Oh and Councilman O'Neill.

23 Folks, could I please ask you
24 to lower your voices, please.

25 COUNCILMAN HENON: Good

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2 morning, everybody. Today we have the
3 chance to honor the Philadelphia Inquirer
4 on winning the Pulitzer Prize for Public
5 Service.

6 Whereas, the Philadelphia
7 Inquirer published a seven-part series,
8 titled "Assault on Learning," in March
9 and April of 2011, which investigated the
10 climate of pervasive violence in
11 Philadelphia's public schools; and

12 COUNCILMAN OH: Whereas, the
13 series revealed that violence in City
14 schools was widespread and underreported,
15 with over 30,000 serious incidents over
16 the last five school years, findings
17 which were later corroborated by a
18 Philadelphia School District panel on
19 safety; and

20 Whereas, the series spurred an
21 overhaul of incident reporting in the
22 District and prompted the hiring of a
23 state funded safe schools advocate; and

24 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Whereas,
25 reporters John Sullivan, Sue Snyder,

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2 Kristen Graham, Dylan Purcell and Jeff
3 Gammage spent a year examining the
4 violence in public schools, conducting
5 more than 300 interviews with teachers,
6 administrators, students and their
7 families, District officials, police
8 officers, court officials and school
9 violence experts; and

10 Whereas, photographers David
11 Swanson, Ron Tarver and Sharon Kimmel
12 captured the faces of the victims of
13 violence, both students and teachers, for
14 the series; and

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Whereas,
16 Frank Wiese served as the series
17 multimedia editor. Mike Leary and Rose
18 Ciotta were the project editors and the
19 copy editor was Thom Guarnieri. In
20 print, the series was laid out by
21 designer Sterling Chen with graphics by
22 artist Mike Placentra; and

23 Whereas, the reporting for the
24 series was launched during the tenure of
25 William K. Marimow and published under

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2 the direction of editor-in-chief Stan
3 Wischnowski; and

4 Whereas, the award is the 19th
5 Pulitzer Prize for the 183 year old
6 newspaper and its first since 1997. This
7 is the third Pulitzer for Public Service
8 that the Inquirer has received; now
9 therefore

10 COUNCILMAN HENON: Resolved, by
11 the City Council of Philadelphia, that we
12 hereby honor and commend the Philadelphia
13 Inquirer on winning the Pulitzer Prize
14 for Public Service.

15 Resolved further, that an
16 engrossed copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the editors, reporters,
18 photographers, designers and artists
19 involved in this series, further
20 evidencing the sincere appreciation and
21 admiration of this legislative body.

22 Congratulations. Great job.
23 (Applause.)

24 MR. PURCELL: Thank you. Good
25 morning. I wanted to thank the

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2 Councilmembers, and I just want to
3 mention that as you heard, it was a team
4 effort to do a project like this, and it
5 took us almost a year. And I'm one of
6 the reporters that worked on the project.
7 The reporter you probably know best among
8 us is Kristen Graham, who is hiding out
9 over here. She's --

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. PURCELL: She'll turn
12 bright red now. But she covers the
13 School District, and she's here working,
14 something about the schools and the
15 budget. I didn't follow the whole thing.
16 I got the easy gig.

17 And, you know, I just want to
18 say that I can speak for our whole team.
19 Our sincere hope is that this project
20 will continue to impact the improvement
21 of school safety throughout the City.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Council will be at ease.

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2 (Council at ease.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you.

5 The next order of business is
6 communications. The Chair requests that
7 the Sergeant-of-Arms deliver the messages
8 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

9 Mr. Decker, will you please
10 read the messages from the Mayor.

11 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
12 and members of the Council of the City of
13 Philadelphia, pursuant to Sections 4-604
14 and 2-307 of the Home Rule Charter, I am
15 today transmitting to the Council the
16 recommendation of the City Planning
17 Commission regarding the following bills:
18 Bill No. 120420 and Bill No. 120524; and

19 I am also transmitting letters
20 reflecting a plan of development approval
21 in connection with 230 through 50 North
22 Christopher Columbus Boulevard and 431
23 South Broad Street and a revised plan of
24 development approval in connection with
25 412 North Street; and

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2 I am pleased to advise you that
3 on June 20, 2012, I signed all of the
4 bills that were passed by Council at its
5 session on June 7, 2012; and

6 I am transmitting for the
7 consideration of your honorable body an
8 ordinance approving the fifth amendment
9 of the redevelopment proposal for the
10 American Street Industrial Corridor Urban
11 Renewal Area, including the fifth
12 amendment to the urban renewal plan and
13 the third amendment to the relocation
14 plan, which provides for the additional
15 land acquisition of approximately 49
16 properties for residential,
17 institutional, industrial and related
18 uses, all under certain terms and
19 conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Mr. Decker, do you have any other
22 messages?

23 CHIEF CLERK: I do not,
24 Mr. President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 The next order of business is
4 the introduction of bills and
5 resolutions.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. I have no bills or
10 resolutions today.

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

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Mr. President. I have no bills or
17 resolutions today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
23 you, Mr. President. On your behalf I
24 offer one resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 Mr. Decker, please read the
4 resolution.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged
6 resolution approving the redevelopment
7 contract and disposition supplement of
8 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
9 for the redevelopment and urban renewal
10 of a portion of the Model Cities Urban
11 Renewal Area, identified by house numbers
12 and streets addresses as 1800 North 16th
13 Street, 1804 through 08 North 16th
14 Street, 1812 North 16th Street and 1820
15 North 16th Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
17 resolution will be placed on next week's
18 Final Passage Calendar.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Henon.

21 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I have no bills or
23 resolutions today.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you, Councilman.

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO:

5 Mr. President, I have no bills or

6 resolutions today.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you, Councilwoman.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman

10 Johnson.

11 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

12 Mr. President, I have two resolutions,

13 one privileged.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
17 resolution authorizing the Committee on
18 Transportation and Public Utilities to
19 hold public hearings to investigate
20 flooding and the City of Philadelphia's
21 efforts to improve stormwater drainage in
22 the Eastwick section of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That

24 resolution will be placed on today's

25 Final Passage Calendar.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a
3 non-privileged resolution urging the
4 Pennsylvania General Assembly to reject
5 House Bill 2405 because it would halt
6 state funding for important women's
7 healthcare services.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
9 resolution will also be placed on today's
10 Final Passage Calendar.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Sanchez.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
14 you, Mr. President. I have two bills and
15 one privileged resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Thank you, Councilwoman.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Section 9-205 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
21 Sales," by permitting sidewalk sales on a
22 portion of Frankford Avenue.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
24 bill will be referred to the appropriate
25 committee.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 approving the fifth amendment of the
4 redevelopment proposal for the American
5 Street Industrial Corridor Urban Renewal
6 Area.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
8 bill will also be referred to committee.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a
10 non-privileged resolution calling on the
11 U.S. Congress to redirect military
12 spending to fund education, public and
13 private sector family-sustaining job
14 creation, special protections for
15 military sector workers, environmental
16 and infrastructure restoration, care for
17 veterans and their families, and the
18 human services that our cities and states
19 so desperately need.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
21 resolution will be placed on today's
22 Final Passage Calendar.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Green.

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

1 6/21/12 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Mr. President. I have one resolution.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
6 resolution authorizing the Committee on
7 Finance to hold hearings examining the
8 current tax structure and cost of
9 government in the City of Philadelphia
10 and how to reform both to increase the
11 City's regional and national economic
12 competitiveness, stimulate job growth,
13 and attract and retain residents.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
15 resolution will be placed on today's
16 Final Passage Calendar.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 O'Brien.

19 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I have no bills or
21 resolutions today.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Goode.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. I offer one bill.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
5 Thank you.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 amending Chapter 17-1500 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Annual
9 Disparity Study and Participation Goals,"
10 by requiring certain additional
11 information to be included in the Finance
12 Director's required annual report.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
14 bill will be referred to the appropriate
15 committee.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I thank
19 you, Mr. President. I offer two
20 resolutions this morning, one privileged.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Mr.
24 President?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes,

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2 Councilwoman.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I might
4 add that the non-privileged resolution,
5 the one calling for hearings, is
6 co-sponsored by my colleagues Sanchez,
7 Jones and Tasco.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Thank you, Councilwoman.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And
11 Johnson. Forgive me.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
13 resolution honoring Joseph A. Feola upon
14 his retirement and recognizing his
15 dedication to the Pennsylvania Department
16 of Environmental Protection, especially
17 his accomplishments as Director for the
18 Southeast Regional Office.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
20 resolution will be placed on today's
21 Final Passage Calendar.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
23 resolution authorizing the Committee on
24 Public Safety to hold hearings to review
25 and examine the regulations surrounding

1 6/21/12 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 All Terrain Vehicles and similar
3 vehicles.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
5 resolution will also be placed on today's
6 Final Passage Calendar.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Jones.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. I have two bills and two
11 privileged resolutions, one co-sponsored
12 by Councilman Kenyatta Johnson and the
13 other by Councilpersons Bass, Tasco and
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you, Councilman.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 adopting an amendment to the Articles of
19 Incorporation of the Manayunk Special
20 Services District of Philadelphia to
21 extend the term of that Authority.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
23 bill will be referred to committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
25 approving a new plan, estimated costs and

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2 proposed method of assessment of the
3 Manayunk Special Services District for
4 and concerning business improvements and
5 administrative services to the Manayunk
6 business district of the City of
7 Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
9 bill will also be referred to committee.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
11 resolution honoring the outstanding
12 efforts and achievements of the many
13 founders and the supporters of Youth
14 Courts who have integrated restorative
15 justice methods, taught civic
16 responsibility, and promoted community
17 involvement; all to promote the goal of
18 reduced recidivism and delinquency; as
19 well as inspire our youth towards
20 achievement, empowerment, and
21 self-realization.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
23 resolution will be placed on today's
24 Final Passage Calendar.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged

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2 resolution honoring the late historian
3 Dr. Edward Robinson for his unbridled
4 passion and dedication to the study of
5 African Ancestry, his many lessons on
6 culture, anthropology, and heritage, and
7 his commitment to the Philadelphia
8 community.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
10 resolution will be placed on today's
11 Final Passage Calendar.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 O'Neill.

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

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you, Councilman.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Squilla.

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I have no bills or
23 resolutions today.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you.

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Bass.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,

5 Mr. President. No bills or resolutions

6 today.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you, Councilwoman.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman

10 Oh.

11 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,

12 Mr. President. I introduce one

13 resolution, privileged.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you, Councilman.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
17 resolution calling on Council's Committee
18 on Education to hold hearings to
19 determine the best, most efficient and
20 effective form of governance and
21 accountability for the Philadelphia
22 School District.

23 COUNCILMAN OH: Mr. President,

24 if I may add that the bill -- or the

25 resolution is co-introduced by

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2 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell and
3 co-sponsored by all members of City
4 Council. Thank you.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you, Councilman.

7 That resolution will be placed
8 on today's Final Passage Calendar.

9 That concludes our
10 introduction. The Chair now recognizes
11 Councilman Green for a report from the
12 Committee on Finance.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. The Committee on Finance
15 reports two bills with a favorable
16 recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you.

19 Mr. Decker, will you please
20 read the report.

21 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
22 and members of the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia, the Committee on Finance,
24 to which was referred Bill No. 120483,
25 entitled "An ordinance removing certain

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2 properties located on the ground bounded
3 by West Thompson Street to the North,
4 North 31st Street to the East, West
5 Girard Avenue to the South, and certain
6 railroad tracks and North 32nd Street to
7 the West from the Philadelphia Keystone
8 Opportunity Expansion Zone, subject to
9 the request and consent of the owners of
10 said properties"; and

11 Bill No. 120562, entitled "An
12 ordinance authorizing the Bond Committee
13 to sell bonds at public or private
14 negotiated sale, to provide funds toward
15 various capital municipal purposes;
16 providing for appropriations to the
17 Sinking Fund Commission for the payment
18 of such bonds; authorizing agreements to
19 provide credit or payment or liquidity
20 sources for the bonds in connection with
21 the issuance of the bonds, and certain
22 other actions; providing for obtaining
23 the consent of the electors to increasing
24 the indebtedness of the City; and fixing
25 a day and providing for arrangements for

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2 holding the election for obtaining such
3 consent," respectfully reports it has
4 considered and amended the same and
5 returns the attached bills to Council
6 with a favorable recommendation.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you.

9 The Chair again recognizes
10 Councilman Green.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. I move that the rules of
13 Council be suspended so as to permit
14 first reading this day of Bills No.
15 120483 and 120562.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
18 moved and properly seconded that the
19 rules of Council be suspended to permit
20 first reading this day of Bills No.
21 120483 and 120562.

22 All those in favor say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 bills will be placed on our First Reading
5 Calendar today.

6 The Chair now recognizes
7 Councilman Greenlee for a report from the
8 Committee on Law and Government.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
10 you, Mr. President. The Committee on Law
11 and Government reports two bills and two
12 resolutions with a favorable
13 recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you.

16 Mr. Decker.

17 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
18 Law and Government, to which was referred
19 Bill No. 120108, entitled "An ordinance
20 providing for the submission to the
21 qualified electors of the City of
22 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
23 a Resolution approved by Council
24 proposing an amendment of The
25 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating

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2 to information that must be provided with
3 the annual operating budget, annual
4 capital budget, and capital program"; and

5 Bill No. 120531, entitled "An
6 ordinance providing for the submission to
7 the qualified electors of the City of
8 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
9 a Resolution approved by Council
10 proposing an amendment of The
11 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating
12 to a preference in civil service
13 regulations for the grandchildren of
14 firefighters or police officers who were
15 killed or who died in the line of duty";
16 and

17 Resolution No. 120119, entitled
18 "A resolution proposing an amendment to
19 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
20 relating to information that must be
21 provided with the annual operating
22 budget, annual capital budget, and
23 capital program"; and

24 Resolution No. 120540, entitled
25 "A resolution proposing an amendment to

1 6/21/12 - STATED - REPORTS

2 The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to
3 provide for a preference in civil service
4 regulations for the grandchildren of
5 firefighters or police officers who were
6 killed or who died in the line of duty,
7 and providing for the submission of the
8 amendment to the electors of
9 Philadelphia," respectfully reports it
10 has considered the same and returns the
11 attached bills and resolutions to Council
12 with a favorable recommendation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you.

15 The Chair again recognizes
16 Councilman Greenlee.

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
18 you, Mr. President. I move that the
19 rules of Council be suspended so as to
20 permit first reading this day of Bill
21 Nos. 120108 and 120531.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
24 has been moved and properly seconded that
25 the rules of Council be suspended so as

1 6/21/12 - STATED - REPORTS
2 to permit first reading this day of Bills
3 No. 120108 and 120531.

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

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 ayes have it, and these bills will be
11 placed on our First Reading Calendar
12 today. Resolution No. 120119 and 120540
13 will be placed on the Final Passage
14 Calendar for our next session of Council.

15 The Chair now recognizes
16 Councilman Johnson for a report from the
17 Committee of Transportation and Public
18 Utilities.

19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. The Committee on
21 Transportation and Public Utilities
22 reports one bill with a favorable
23 recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Mr. Decker.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
3 Transportation and Public Utilities, to
4 which was referred Bill No. 120561,
5 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the
6 City of Philadelphia to enter into
7 purchase obligations for the delivery of
8 electric supply for use by facilities
9 owned and leased by the City, including
10 agreements that obligate payments for
11 delivery of electric supply in Fiscal
12 Year 2015," respectfully reports it has
13 considered the same and returns the
14 attached bill to Council with a favorable
15 recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Thank you.

18 The Chair again recognizes
19 Councilman Johnson.

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
21 Mr. President. I move that the rules of
22 Council be suspended so as to permit
23 first reading this day of Bill No.
24 120561.

25 (Duly seconded.)

1 6/21/12 - STATED - SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Been
3 moved and properly seconded that the
4 rules of Council be suspended to permit
5 first reading this day of Bill No.
6 120561.

7 All those in favor?
8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
10 those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 ayes have it, and this bill will be
14 placed on our First Reading Calendar for
15 today.

16 We now will have special
17 business. We will now proceed under a
18 special order of business, a motion to
19 add an additional meeting to the
20 scheduled Council sessions for the year
21 2012.

22 At this time, I'd like to
23 recognize Councilman Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
25 Mr. President. On your behalf, I wish to

1 6/21/12 - STATED - SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
2 add an additional meeting to the schedule
3 of Council session for the year 2012 and,
4 accordingly, I move that the Council
5 meeting be on Thursday, June 28th, 2012
6 to conduct a regular Council session.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Councilman Jones, I don't think that was
10 in the script about being asked on my
11 behalf. I think you added that.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: I didn't
13 want it to be on my behalf.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 There's been a second?

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
19 seconded that the Council meet on
20 Thursday, June 28, 2012 to conduct a
21 regular Council session. To be sure we
22 have a clear majority of this motion, we
23 will vote by a show of hands. Those in
24 favor of the motion will indicate by a
25 show of hands, and keep them raised until

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2 counted.

3 (Councilmembers raised their
4 hands.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
6 going to say everybody raised their hand,
7 but I have to say, those opposed, raise
8 your hand.

9 I didn't see anything. The
10 motion carries. The Council will meet on
11 Thursday, June 28th, 2012 to conduct a
12 regular session of Council.

13 The next order of business is
14 the consideration of the Calendar. I
15 note that the bills just reported from
16 committee with suspension of the rules
17 have been deemed to have had a first
18 reading. These bills will be placed on
19 the Second Reading and Final Passage
20 Calendar for the next Council session.

21 As there are no additional
22 bills on the First Reading Calendar, the
23 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones for a
24 motion concerning the resolutions on the
25 Final Passage Calendar.

1 6/21/12 - STATED - RES. ON RES. CONSENT AGENDA

2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you

3 again, Mr. President. I move that the

4 rules of Council be suspended to permit

5 the use of a consent agenda to consider

6 the following resolutions on Final

7 Passage Calendar: Resolution No. 120594,

8 120595, 120596, 120597, 120598, 120599,

9 120600, 120601, 120602, 120603, 120604,

10 120606, 120608, 120190, 120191, 120503,

11 120504, 120505 and 120538.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It

14 has been moved and properly seconded that

15 the rules of Council be suspended to

16 permit the use of a consent agenda to

17 consider the resolutions just read by

18 Councilman Jones.

19 All those in favor indicate by

20 saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

1 6/21/12 - STATED - BILLS ON BILL CONSENT AGENDA
2 ayes have it. The motion carries, and we
3 will consider the Resolutions Consent
4 Agenda shortly.

5 The Chair now recognizes
6 Councilman Jones for a motion concerning
7 the bills on the Second Reading and Final
8 Passage Calendar.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. I move the rules of
11 Council be suspended to permit the use of
12 a consent agenda to consider the
13 following bills on Second Reading and
14 Final Passage Calendars: Nos. 120214-A,
15 120415, 120420, 120417, 120431, 120480,
16 120416, 120489, 120389, 120413, 120414,
17 120421, 120427, 120486, 120144, 120331,
18 120395, 120396, 120436, 120490, 120518,
19 120519, 120520, 120521, 120522, 120550,
20 120551, 120552, 120553, 120554, 120555,
21 120145, 120274, 120433, 120435, 120482
22 and 120328.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 6/21/12 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING
2 the rules of Council be suspended to
3 permit the use of a consent agenda to
4 consider the bills just read by
5 Councilman Jones.

6 All those in favor please
7 indicate by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 ayes have it. The motion carries, and we
14 will consider the Consent Agenda shortly.

15 The Chair again recognizes
16 Councilman Jones for the purpose of
17 calling up bills and resolutions on the
18 regular Second Reading and Final Passage
19 Calendar.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES:
21 Mr. President, thank you. And in
22 addition to the bills being considered on
23 the Consent Agenda, the following
24 resolutions and bills are being called up
25 for Second Reading and Final Passage

1 6/21/12 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 Calendar today: Nos. 120284, 120428-A,
3 120173-A, 120175-A, 120340-AA, 120164,
4 120165, 120166, 120329, 120432, 120056
5 and 120278. All other bills are being
6 held.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you, Councilman.

9 Before considering these
10 resolutions and bills, we will consider
11 public comment as follows. I will
12 probably have to invoke a rule that I've
13 only had to use once before.

14 We take all of your concerns
15 and your public comment extremely
16 serious. Believe me, we do. Let me
17 start out by telling you what the
18 regulations are as established by this
19 Council.

20 We have a three-minute limit as
21 it relates to your public comments. The
22 three-minute limit will be noted on the
23 podium. On the podium before you, you
24 will see a device. That device when it
25 turns green, it is your time to speak.

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2 When it turns yellow, it means that there
3 are 30 seconds left on your public
4 comment. When it turns red, it means
5 your three minutes are up.

6 Now, we believe that it's very
7 important for people to have public
8 comment, particularly on the work that we
9 do on behalf of the citizens of the City
10 of Philadelphia, but as a result of our
11 ability to do that, we want to give
12 everybody an opportunity to speak, which
13 is why we impose a three-minute limit.
14 But this being the second time, sometimes
15 on particularly volatile issues -- and we
16 understand that we have a significant --
17 and today I do mean significant -- number
18 of individuals who wish to speak about
19 these very important measures. So under
20 our rules, I happen to be the one who has
21 been given this task, not necessarily
22 very happy about it. In the event that
23 those comments are continuous about the
24 same subject matter, I have the right to
25 basically cut those comments off on that

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2 same subject matter.

3 Based on this list that I have
4 here today where there are more than 60
5 people, the reality is if everybody here
6 who wants to speak had three minutes,
7 that would add a substantial amount of
8 time to our already pretty burdensome
9 Calendar. So during the course of this
10 conversation, there will probably be a
11 time when I will acknowledge the issue
12 and we may have to cut the public
13 comment, because we do want to be in a
14 position to continue the business for the
15 citizens.

16 Believe me, we have heard all
17 of your issues. We have had numerous
18 hearings on all of the measures that we
19 have before you today, but it is
20 important for you to be able to talk
21 about that today.

22 So with that, Mr. Decker, I
23 would ask for you to read the first name
24 of individuals who wish to testify.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Harold Kupersmit,

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2 commenting on 120166.

3 (Witness approached podium.)

4 MR. KUPERSMIT: Good morning,
5 Mr. President. I appeared in front of
6 this body about ten months ago
7 recommending that you utilize your hidden
8 asset, your real estate portfolio, to
9 supplement the budget, and you did
10 nothing. I'm back, and now the
11 conditions are not improved. They won't
12 improve. Now you have to lay people off.
13 You're going to prioritize and sub out
14 jobs to private industry, the race to the
15 bottom.

16 You have to utilize your assets
17 so these people don't lose their jobs.

18 I thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHIEF CLERK: Joan
21 Duckensfield, commenting on 120601.

22 (Witness approached podium.)

23 MS. DUCKENSFIELD: I'm here
24 today representing not only Philadelphia
25 Move on Council and Neighborhood

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2 Networks, but also as a concerned
3 Philadelphian, a proud citizen of this
4 city, where our Constitution was written
5 and where our forefathers declared
6 independence on tyranny. Today we're
7 fighting a new form of tyranny, one where
8 corporations are allowed to spend
9 unlimited money to influence our
10 elections and our elected officials. Our
11 democracy is rapidly morphing into an
12 oligarchy where we, the people, are
13 subservant to the few, the privileged,
14 the corporations. This cannot be allowed
15 to continue.

16 The idea that corporations are
17 people is ludicrous. Real people, like
18 people in this room, care about each
19 other and work together to improve
20 society and our communities. We may not
21 always agree on what needs to be done or
22 how to do it, but we do care.

23 Corporations are bound by law
24 to maximize shareholder profits, and
25 though they do make contributions to

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2 society, it is often limited to what will
3 grow the bottom line. One result of this
4 is an inequitable regressive tax system
5 with multiple loopholes where
6 corporations pay less money while the
7 real people pay more. The not-gone
8 effect is less money for social services,
9 like education, a real problem here in
10 Philadelphia. Someone ends up paying,
11 and in this case it is likely to be
12 school employees and Philadelphia
13 property owners, but the real victims are
14 our children who are our future.

15 So I'm here today to urge you
16 to pass this resolution calling for a
17 constitutional amendment which clarifies
18 that corporations are not people, money
19 is not free speech, and that our
20 government must remain a democracy for
21 the people, by the people and of the
22 people, just as our founding fathers
23 envisioned right here in Philadelphia.

24 Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Alex Grella.

3 (No response.)

4 CHIEF CLERK: Alex Grella.

5 (No response.)

6 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Zuritsky,

7 commenting on 120173-A.

8 (Witness approached podium.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
10 morning.

11 MR. ZURITSKY: Good morning.

12 I'm President of Parkway Corporation, a
13 company headquartered in Philadelphia for
14 83 years.

15 During the terms of Mayor
16 Rendell and Street, City Council
17 understood that the City of Philadelphia
18 was uncompetitive with other cities and
19 with the surrounding suburbs because our
20 business taxes were too high and that
21 this has cost the City a large number of
22 jobs over the last decade. In fact, over
23 the last 40 years, 70,000 jobs have been
24 lost in the City of Philadelphia.

25 For almost a decade, this City

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2 Council did what was necessary to roll
3 back some of the oppressive wage and
4 business taxes that 75 years worth of
5 prior Administrations had imposed on the
6 City. With those two -- what those two
7 Mayors and Council understood was that
8 those taxes and the threat of continued
9 tax increases were doing great harm to
10 our jobs base.

11 Though those annual tax
12 reductions were very small, literally
13 pennies for every \$100 worth of taxes,
14 they added up and sent a signal that
15 changed the business decision-makers'
16 opinions about locating in the City. The
17 strategy had positive effects. Though
18 our city still had the first or second
19 highest tax burden in the nation,
20 businesses stopped their waves of exodus,
21 and we were actually able to coax some
22 employers and many residents to relocate
23 into Philadelphia.

24 Since Mayor Nutter has been in
25 office, the City and nation had been

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2 faced with crippling financial crisis in
3 a recession. Philadelphia has held
4 employment relatively steady because some
5 growth in our education, medical and
6 hospitality industries, but we have lost
7 a steady flow of office and manufacturing
8 jobs that were very significant because
9 they were better-paying jobs. So even
10 though we have a similar number of jobs,
11 overall the City has lost ground because
12 overall wages have not increased.

13 Also something of significance
14 is the City continues to be on the wrong
15 side of mergers and acquisitions. Many
16 deals have taken place over the last 20
17 years that have reduced or eliminated
18 huge City employers, because the
19 companies buying were generally the ones
20 headquartered outside the City. Part of
21 the reason that our home-based companies
22 are the ones that are acquired is because
23 of our tax environment. Businesses are
24 at a disadvantage when competing
25 nationally and globally because our taxes

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2 are too high.

3 If the City takes all or most

4 of the profits from a business, your

5 business can't compete, grow or expand.

6 I don't understand why the U&O tax is

7 even being considered to increase.

8 Originally it was proposed in response to

9 a Councilman's theory that real estate

10 taxes for businesses would have been

11 lowered because of AVI. Now it is being

12 proposed because businesses need to pay

13 their fair share. First of all,

14 businesses do pay their fair share.

15 (Microphone cut off.)

16 MR. ZURITSKY: Thank you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you.

19 (Audience members booing.)

20 CHIEF CLERK: Robert

21 Wonderling, commenting on 120173-A.

22 MR. WONDERLING: Good

23 afternoon, Council President, members of

24 Council. We're actually delighted to be

25 here. My name is Rob Wonderling and I am

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2 the President of the Philadelphia Chamber
3 of Commerce. We very much appreciate the
4 cooperation that we've had with
5 individual Councilmembers on a whole host
6 of issues, from land bank legislation to
7 issues regarding diversity and inclusion
8 to the Council President's proposals on
9 municipal advertising and local
10 development districts. We have built a
11 strong and cooperative relationship on a
12 range of issues, but I stand today in
13 opposition to proposals that would
14 increase the use and occupancy tax on
15 commercial tenants throughout the City of
16 Philadelphia.

17 It is not sound public policy
18 to fund for a greater good, which we all
19 agree, safe and high-quality schools, to
20 segment a very small subsection of small
21 proprietors and professionals throughout
22 this city. For it is those tenants that
23 will ultimately foot the bill under the
24 proposal that is currently before this
25 Council, chiropractors, dentists, pizza

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2 shop owners, sub shop owners, mechanics,
3 that do not have the economic wherewithal
4 to have their own building.

5 So make no bones about it. The
6 proposed use and occupancy tax is a tax
7 on small proprietors, small tenants
8 throughout this city.

9 Our Chamber of Commerce has
10 been on record for several weeks that we
11 do and are willing to pay our fair share
12 to support public education, to support
13 safe, high-quality schools for this
14 city's children, and we already are on
15 record to say we should do so through the
16 property tax system. That's why we're
17 not in opposition to the fact that two
18 years of temporary property tax increases
19 on the commercial sector are going to be
20 memorialized as part of your budget
21 proposal. We've agreed to that. We're
22 supporting that. We understand that
23 property taxes, for which we already pay
24 43 percent of the total in this city, is
25 the right way to fund a modern, vibrant

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2 public education system. We stand
3 committed in support of that effort but,
4 again, in opposition to the use and
5 occupancy tax.

6 Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHIEF CLERK: Al Taubenberger,
9 commenting on 120173-A.

10 (Witness approached podium.)

11 MR. TAUBENBERGER: Thank you
12 very much. My name is Al Taubenberger.
13 I'm President of the Northeast
14 Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, a body
15 of nearly 900 member partners, and please
16 allow me to share with you some of our
17 views on the current discussion regarding
18 taxes in the City of Philadelphia budget.

19 By way of background, it is
20 important to note that the clear majority
21 of our member partners are small
22 businesses, many of which are
23 individually owner operators. Although
24 our membership is widely varied,
25 retailers and branches are located along

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2 the neighborhood business corridors. In
3 many cases, these busy avenues of
4 commerce are the lifeblood of their
5 communities.

6 Along business corridors like
7 Frankford Avenue, Castor Avenue, Cottman
8 Avenue, Torresdale Avenue and like many
9 other businesses who own the buildings in
10 which they operate, an increase in the
11 U&O taxes coupled with a hike in the real
12 estate taxes is a double whammy. As you
13 well know, it is hard enough for them to
14 maintain a profit margin. For many of
15 them this would be the death nil. Even
16 if these businessowners lease the
17 property, surely it will be passed on to
18 them in higher rent payments.

19 Any plan to fund the schools at
20 the request of millions of dollars on the
21 back of the U&O tax is extraordinarily
22 shortsighted. Philadelphia should be
23 seen as a city opening its doors to all
24 businesses rather than unfairly targeting
25 them to solve decades of fiscal

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2 mismanagement at the School District. I
3 urge you to deal with this problem at the
4 root, not superficially with quick tax
5 increases.

6 Please vote no on the U&O tax
7 increase. It is a too frontal assault on
8 small business. These small businesses
9 provide jobs, and these jobs sustain and
10 support the families of the City of
11 Philadelphia.

12 Thank you very much.

13 (Audience members booing.)

14 CHIEF CLERK: Paul Levy.

15 (No response.)

16 CHIEF CLERK: Paul Levy.

17 (No response.)

18 CHIEF CLERK: Mike Harris,
19 commenting on 120173-A.

20 (Witness approached podium.)

21 MR. HARRIS: Good morning,
22 Mr. President and members of the City
23 Council. My name is Michael Harris. I'm
24 the Executive Director of the South
25 Street Headhouse Business District. I

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2 appreciate the opportunity to briefly
3 speak to you this morning regarding the
4 proposed legislation to increase the use
5 and occupancy tax.

6 The South Street Headhouse
7 Business District is a historically
8 significant area of the City that
9 contains an eclectic mix of nearly 500
10 businesses. We're an established tourist
11 destination, attracting visitors from
12 throughout the region and the country.
13 We're also a neighborhood commercial
14 district serving the needs of the
15 surrounding communities in the City.

16 The businesses in the district
17 include restaurants, fabric and fashion
18 stores, live entertainment, professional
19 offices and a great variety of retailers
20 and services. Although there are many
21 different types of businesses in the
22 district, there is one thing they have in
23 common. The vast majority of them are
24 small businesses.

25 We're encouraged when we meet

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2 shop owners and entrepreneurs that are
3 opening new businesses in the district.
4 They're taking risks and making
5 investments because they believe in their
6 plans and believe in the City. But there
7 are also struggling businesses who make
8 decisions every day about the operations
9 and staffing, and at the same time,
10 there's an abundance of vacant
11 storefronts and commercial spaces nearly
12 numbering 70 in the district. These
13 vacancies are opportunities for retail in
14 the right business environment, but are
15 not conducive to business and growth in
16 the detrimental business environment.

17 For these reasons, I come to
18 you speaking in opposition to the
19 proposed increase in the use and
20 occupancy tax. An increase in the U&O
21 tax is one more burden and obstacle to
22 businesses in the South Street District,
23 as well as businesses throughout all
24 other business districts will have to
25 contend with. It comes on top of other

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2 existing taxes they pay.

3 Many businesses are still
4 trying to recover from the economic
5 downturn, and while the recovery may be
6 occurring, this additional tax will be
7 enough to serve as the tipping point for
8 some, jeopardizing jobs and the existing
9 contributions they currently make.

10 This tax increase will not be
11 an encouragement to other entrepreneurs
12 who may be looking to open up new
13 businesses or expand existing businesses.
14 It will not assist us in our efforts to
15 fill empty vacant storefronts in the
16 streets of our business district.

17 In short and finally, this
18 proposed tax increase does not help us
19 grow and strengthen the business
20 environment of our district, which
21 ultimately will have a negative impact on
22 the City's economic condition and our
23 surrounding residential neighborhoods.

24 I thank you for your time, your
25 service and listening to the concerns of

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2 our businesses.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHIEF CLERK: Bernard Guet.

7 (No response.)

8 CHIEF CLERK: Bernard Guet.

9 (No response.)

10 CHIEF CLERK: Paul Garvey,
11 commenting on 120173-A.

12 (Witness approached podium.)

13 MR. GARVEY: Council President
14 Clarke, esteemed Councilmembers, ladies
15 and gentlemen, my name is Paul Garvey.
16 I'm the Senior Director with Cushman and
17 Wakefield. Cushman and Wakefield is the
18 largest privately held, full service
19 commercial real estate brokerage company
20 in the world. I'm a former President of
21 the Commercial Realtors Alliance and a
22 District Vice President for the
23 Pennsylvania Association of Realtors.

24 At Cushman and Wakefield, we
25 represent landlords and tenants in

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2 Philadelphia and its surrounding
3 counties. I can tell you our suburban
4 landlord clients benefit every time the
5 City raises taxes on businesses or on
6 their employees.

7 I can also tell you that our
8 city's youth, the people who live in the
9 City, the construction workers who work
10 in the City, the shop and restaurant
11 owners and their employers, and our city
12 as a whole suffer when business taxes are
13 raised.

14 I'm here to speak against the
15 proposal to raise the business use and
16 occupancy tax in the City of Philadelphia
17 for two primary reasons. Raising this
18 tax will further erode our tax base of
19 Philadelphia. Secondly, it will stifle
20 job growth in the City.

21 Companies benefit from moving
22 from the City to the suburbs by saving
23 significantly on taxes and costs of
24 operations. These companies effectively
25 give their non-City employees a

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2 significant pay raise by moving to the
3 suburbs, as the employees no longer have
4 to pay the City wage tax.

5 The use and occupancy tax is a
6 line item on the financial analysis and
7 looked at by real estate decision-makers
8 at the time they are considering and
9 making these decisions. Increasing this
10 tax sends a clear message to businesses
11 in Philadelphia. Some as a result will
12 relocate from the City when their leases
13 expire.

14 Companies relocating from the
15 City negatively affect all the businesses
16 around them, their revenues,
17 profitability and their ability to hire.
18 Not only does the U&O tax push companies
19 to move, expand or relocate all or part
20 of their operations out of the City, it
21 is an impediment to bringing companies
22 into the City.

23 As I said before, this is a
24 line item on the financial analysis that
25 exists only on the City of Philadelphia

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2 alternatives.

3 In working with the Science
4 Center in West Philadelphia for over the
5 past 15 years, I have struggled mightily
6 to even get the project on the radar
7 screen of companies looking at new
8 facilities in the suburbs. Once we lose
9 a company to the suburbs, we rarely get
10 them back.

11 Every year I personally work
12 with one to two companies that move all
13 or part of their companies out of the
14 City. Taxes are at the top of their list
15 of reasons to move.

16 Any increase in the U&O tax
17 sends a strong message to
18 decision-makers. It will drive more
19 companies out of the City, further limit
20 our ability to bring good and growing
21 companies into the City, and have a
22 negative effect on the future tax base of
23 the residents of the City.

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 (Audience members booing.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
5 is the way we're going to do it. On the
6 limitations -- and I hate to use that
7 term, but we do have to take some very
8 important votes later on, and before we
9 do that, we have to make sure that
10 Council is adequately -- has the adequate
11 information to make sure that we take the
12 most prudent votes.

13 The way the numbers run, the
14 U&O bill has the second highest number.
15 There is eight. So we're going to limit
16 each subject matter to eight speakers.
17 The bill that has the highest number is
18 not going to run today. That is Bill No.
19 230, which is known as the Squilla bill.
20 So we're going to be fair. We're going
21 to let individuals speak. So we're going
22 to limit the Squilla bill --

23 (Audience member yelling.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So
25 we're going to limit it to eight. So

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2 we're going to proceed. U&O, we have the
3 number, and then we're going to proceed
4 through the rest to allow everybody else
5 to speak on the various subject matters,
6 but once we get to eight, we're going to
7 limit that conversation. Trust me, we
8 heard you.

9 (Audience member yelling.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir,
11 can you please.

12 (Audience members yelling.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir,
14 listen to me. Listen to me, please.
15 Please. The bill, which is the School
16 District bills, do not have more than 17
17 people. So they are under the 17 number
18 in terms of the people to testify with
19 respect to the School District bill. All
20 right? So we're going to limit it to
21 eight per subject matter for a bunch of
22 folks, and we will be --

23 (Audience members yelling.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
25 right. Well, sir, sir, all due respect,

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2 we're not going to --

3 (Audience member yelling.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Let
5 me tell you how this works here. Look --

6 (Audience member yelling.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir,
8 we're not going to have this debate back
9 and forth. I'm going to give people an
10 opportunity to speak, and we will be back
11 this afternoon. All right? Because we
12 have to talk about making sure that we
13 have the appropriate votes for whatever
14 issue that you are here for. And I told
15 you when we started, we have regulations
16 associated with the public comment. So
17 we're going to proceed, and based on what
18 I see on this sheet, the individuals in
19 support of a particular measure appear to
20 be in a position, and if you're
21 supporting the School District votes,
22 then fine, you should sign up, but what
23 we have so far, there are only eight
24 people listed in support of the U&O,
25 related to U&O vote. So we're going to

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2 do eight for your subject matter, so
3 we'll start calling names.

4 Mr. Decker.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Tiffany Green.

6 (No response.)

7 CHIEF CLERK: Tiffany Green,
8 commenting on 120431.

9 (Witness approached podium.)

10 MS. GREEN: I'm here today to
11 comment on the amendments to the new
12 Zoning Code. Regarding this new by-right
13 policy, we feel as though it's
14 exclusionary housing policy that will
15 take away the rights of the people. The
16 by-right policy is a liability. It
17 brings unfairness in zoning. It benefits
18 land developers and landowners and limits
19 the residents' input. Exclusionary
20 zoning will have an effect on many of the
21 low-income communities.

22 We want to -- I want to address
23 also the RCO piece that's in the
24 amendment. RCOs will take away the
25 rights of the residents. It creates a

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2 handmade list for outside developers.

3 RCOs and developers can make deals before

4 the community meeting. City control --

5 the City will gain control over

6 City-funded agencies that will lead to

7 forced support for different

8 developments. RCOs can use this policy

9 to market support letters to get funding

10 for their organizations. RCOs will lead

11 to exclusionary practices.

12 Also, we want to comment on the

13 conservation -- I'm putting this in there

14 for a reason. The conservation, we do

15 not support -- we want to keep in there

16 about a community being able to define

17 their boundaries under the neighborhood

18 conservation piece so that we should be

19 able to have meetings and define our own

20 boundaries to be self-determined. And

21 also, 20 percent that disqualifies you

22 from the NCO, we don't think it's right,

23 because Planning Commission should not be

24 allowed to dictate where the conservation

25 goes.

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2 Regarding the tax increase, we
3 are against that. We feel as though you
4 issued 50,000 ten-year tax abatements in
5 this city. You have people living in
6 condominiums, in townhouses that go for
7 300,000 to 3 million, 12 million and not
8 paying taxes at all. They're all getting
9 ten-year tax abatements.

10 (Applause.)

11 MS. GREEN: You have over 100
12 buildings or condominiums in here who are
13 getting ten-year tax abatements, and yet
14 you want the City -- you want traditional
15 Philadelphians to pay the cost because
16 you're not reaping the benefits of this
17 ten-year tax abatement. The ten-year tax
18 abatement must go, and everybody -- if we
19 have to pay taxes, then everybody should
20 have to pay taxes.

21 Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. GREEN: Thank you.

24 Therefore, if you want to incorporate
25 that, our schools will not be losing

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2 money. We will be able to buy new
3 computers for every child and every child
4 will be able to have Internet access and
5 a new computer in school.

6 (Applause.)

7 MS. GREEN: Finally, I just
8 want to say that this new Zoning Code, it
9 is not fair that you allow developers to
10 build up to 48 feet in our community,
11 build these mansions, without us having a
12 say-so regarding the building height. We
13 should be able to say what comes into our
14 community and what kind of houses are
15 built in our community. It is not fair
16 that -- you take away our voice with this
17 by-right policy. Believe me, this
18 by-right policy --

19 (Microphone cut off.)

20 (Applause.)

21 CHIEF CLERK: Theresa
22 McCormick, commenting on 120431.

23 (Witness approached podium.)

24 MS. MCCORMICK: Good morning.

25 My name is Theresa McCormick and I want

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2 to speak about the new Zoning Code and
3 the RCOs and the by-right policy.

4 The RCOs will take away
5 residents' voice and vote. It gives
6 certain organizations and agencies the
7 power to get money from developers in
8 return for support letters. They will
9 put large organizations and agencies over
10 the residents and including grassroots
11 groups.

12 The policy will lead to City
13 control over communities and not
14 communications. The new Zoning Code
15 by-right policy opens the door for big
16 money developments, which will cost
17 \$300,000 to \$700,000 mansions and new
18 homes, drastic increase in property
19 taxes, rents and the Mayor's tax
20 reassessment plan.

21 Alan Greenberg (sic), he's a 36
22 architect who is the Deputy Mayor of
23 Economic Development, Chairman of the
24 Zoning Commission. He is the Chairman of
25 City Planning. That's a lot of control

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2 and monopoly. It is because of the
3 dictatorship and his word is final. He
4 is pro-development. He has deep ties
5 with the developers. His new
6 development, he has told us in his
7 meetings that he does not have to
8 communicate with the community. When we
9 looked at his resume, we see that he has
10 no commitment to the communities at all.

11 We ask City Council, don't
12 support exclusionary zoning and other
13 exclusionary housing policies within the
14 City of Philadelphia.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHIEF CLERK: Shantaya Willis,
18 commenting on 120166.

19 (Witness approached podium.)

20 MISS WILLIS: Hi. My name is
21 Shantaya Willis and I'm a member of the
22 Youth United for Change, and I go to
23 accelerated schools. The reason why I'm
24 here today, because I think that they
25 shouldn't close down accelerated schools,

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2 because accelerated schools is a place
3 where kids could go like to graduate and
4 get a good opportunity. And my school is
5 called El Centro. My school is like
6 based on real-world learning. We get a
7 chance to go out and experience the real
8 world. We get to go out like, my school,
9 three times a week and we get to go out
10 like -- oh, my God. I'm nervous.

11 (Applause.)

12 MISS WILLIS: We'll be able to
13 get back on track.

14 From my experience, my school
15 is based on real-world learning. It help
16 kids to think about what they want to
17 become in life. We get to go out to the
18 work field to prepare us for the real
19 world.

20 Ever since I've been doing --
21 ever since I've been to that school, I've
22 been doing good in accelerated school,
23 and plus -- I don't want to go no more.

24 (Applause.)

25 (Audience members yelling "Save

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2 our school.")

3 CHIEF CLERK: Dashanda Glover.

4 CASSANDRA: How y'all doing?

5 My name is Cassandra. I'm going for

6 Dashanda today. She couldn't make it.

7 I want everybody -- I want to

8 keep my school open because my school did

9 a lot for me. Being at that school was

10 better than being at a regular school for

11 me, because I feel as though they gave me

12 more individualized attention. I could

13 talk to my teachers like one on one.

14 They would give me real feedback, help me

15 with the real world. They didn't just

16 teach me the regular curriculum, just

17 things in the textbooks. They taught you

18 things that are going to help you when

19 you leave and how you going to further

20 your development and everything.

21 And I like going there because

22 they were always supportive. They were

23 always smiling, and for some people, that

24 means a lot. Not everybody has somebody

25 at home to smile and to say, All right,

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2 you got to get up, got to go to school.

3 Some people do it on their own. So to

4 have somebody always there with you.

5 And I just feel like they went

6 beyond the basic curriculum. They helped

7 me with everything. They help me do

8 little things like schedule doctors

9 appointments, like simple things that you

10 wouldn't think you would even get from

11 your school. They helped me out with

12 everything, and I just really appreciate

13 my school and I just really think that

14 everybody -- we should try to keep them

15 open. Because for some people, it's like

16 the last resort. It's the best options

17 for them. And a lot of times the school

18 is not only like a house of knowledge;

19 it's a safe place for a lot of people to

20 go. So why not keep it open and have a

21 place to go.

22 (Applause.)

23 CASSANDRA: And I want to keep

24 my school open just because I think a lot

25 of people, they will do better. Just

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2 save our schools.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHIEF CLERK: Eli Hicks.

6 (No response.)

7 CHIEF CLERK: Eli Hicks.

8 (No response.)

9 CHIEF CLERK: Emily Moronta,
10 commenting on 120166.

11 (Witness approached podium.)

12 MISS MORONTA: I'm so short,
13 you know.

14 Hi. My name is Emily Moronta.
15 I'm going to be talking about the data
16 service, so can somebody hand that out to
17 the City Council.

18 Hi. My name is Emily Moronta.
19 I also want to accelerated school, but I
20 actually graduated this year, and that
21 helped me a lot.

22 (Applause.)

23 MISS MORONTA: As a member of
24 Youth United for Change, I'm in the Push
25 Out Chapter. For youth in the Push Out

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2 Chapter, last year we heard that the
3 School District was closing accelerated
4 schools. So what we did was go to City
5 Hall and fight for the accelerated
6 schools to stay open. The reason they
7 didn't get closed down is because City
8 Council voted to give \$53 million to the
9 School District, and City Council made
10 the District promise to keep accelerated
11 schools open.

12 This year, this school year,
13 Youth United for Change surveyed
14 accelerated school students. The survey
15 showed that students have improved since
16 they started going to accelerated school.
17 It also shows that students are receiving
18 a better quality education at their
19 current school. And some said that they
20 are more motivated to learn at their
21 current school than at their old schools.
22 Accelerated schools also push students
23 harder than their old schools.

24 Youth United for Change would
25 like to know if City Council would commit

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2 to making accelerated schools a priority
3 with the School District.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHIEF CLERK: Ben Sears,
7 commenting on 120284.

8 (Witness approached podium.)

9 MR. SEARS: Mr. President,
10 members of Council and distinguished
11 guests, I'm speaking as a private
12 citizen. I'm commenting on 120284, the
13 military -- redirecting military
14 spending. I'm a retired School District
15 teacher, having worked three decades,
16 more than three decades, in our city's
17 public schools. I would like to
18 personally, by the way, recognize the
19 members of the 32BJ who are here.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. SEARS: They took good care
22 of me during the time I worked.

23 I'm also the parent of four
24 grown offspring who attended our City
25 schools and benefitted from the

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2 experience. Two of them, I should say,
3 went on to serve in the armed forces.
4 One of them did two tours in Iraq. And
5 I --

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. SEARS: During my years in
8 the School District, we have all
9 witnessed numerous debates driven by the
10 issue, where is the money, where is the
11 money, where is the money.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. SEARS: Can we afford to
14 keep our libraries, our swimming pools
15 open? Can we afford to run an excellent
16 public school system?

17 Well, passing 120284 for
18 redirecting military spending to domestic
19 uses, including public education, will
20 put this body, will put this Council, our
21 elected representatives here, on record.
22 And I want to get this right. We want to
23 let our elected officials in DC know that
24 they must give serious attention to our
25 issues, to our urgent needs and, yes, to

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2 our opinions about how we want our tax
3 money spent.

4 We know that this resolution is
5 a beginning and that's all. This will
6 not be a simple matter. President
7 Eisenhower chose his words carefully when
8 he used the term the "military industrial
9 complex." But complexity can no longer
10 deter us from confronting this overriding
11 issue. We know that federal legislators
12 have high-priced corporate lobbyists at
13 their doors every day. We want them to
14 know they will also be hearing from us.
15 We want them to know that they will be
16 hearing from our elected local
17 representatives with a united voice.

18 So we urge you in the strongest
19 possible terms to pass 120284, which
20 would urge the federal government, the
21 Congress to redirect military spending to
22 domestic issues, such as public
23 education, such as libraries, such as
24 healthcare. You will make us all proud.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Okay. Earlier when we talked about the
4 limitations, there was some slight
5 confusion with respect to the sign-up
6 sheet. Some individuals -- well, bottom
7 line is, people signed up for bills that
8 were not relevant to the subject matter
9 that they were interested to do. So to
10 be fair, we're going to call those
11 individuals so they can testify on behalf
12 of a particular subject matter. It will
13 take it over the eight, but the most
14 important thing is, we want to be fair.

15 So we're going to have -- I
16 think it's five people are going to speak
17 on the bill, which is the U&O bill, which
18 was not the bill that they signed up for.
19 So we're going to call those folks and
20 let them come up, and I guess it will be
21 four in count.

22 CHIEF CLERK: George Richezza.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHIEF CLERK: Commenting on

25 120173-A.

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2 (Witness approached podium.)

3 MR. RICHEZZA: Good afternoon,
4 Council President. Good afternoon,
5 Council, and good afternoon, guests. I
6 come here today with frustration, with
7 anger, because we've been dealing with
8 the School District for the last five
9 months on bargaining. We have put
10 millions and millions of dollars on the
11 table. We have asked them to bargain in
12 good faith with us, and in return we're
13 asking them to take privatization and
14 layoffs off of the table. After five
15 months and between \$20 and \$60 million of
16 concessions, the best the School District
17 could do is not get back to us or even
18 give us an answer on that. Total
19 disrespect for the membership, for the
20 workers that we have and to the children
21 of Philadelphia.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. RICHEZZA: The children of
24 Philadelphia deserve more. We have a
25 Governor who will not fund education

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2 here. We have an SRC who is inept to
3 make a decision. This body has done
4 everything that it possibly could in the
5 past years to find funding for the School
6 District, and even this year we come back
7 to you with additional funding. We ask
8 you to approve U&O. We ask you to
9 approve any source of revenue that you
10 possibly can to go to the School
11 District, but, more importantly, to save
12 2,700 jobs that we are now in jeopardy of
13 losing.

14 As of July 15th, this
15 membership will lose 575 members, who are
16 in this room, and I ask all 32BJ to
17 please stand.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. RICHEZZA: I would also
20 like to show that the children of
21 Philadelphia deserve more. We have
22 children in this body right now who are
23 going to be adversely affected if we
24 could not find the resources to go to the
25 School District of Philadelphia.

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2 We've done everything in our
3 power with the School District to try to
4 find a resolution to this situation.
5 Unfortunately, the School District will
6 not even get back to us.

7 Again, we've put millions and
8 millions and millions of dollars. We
9 gave back wage increases for five years
10 on the table. No wage increases. We
11 gave back health benefits, reduced the
12 costs. We gave them back over \$3 million
13 in health and welfare funds. We gave
14 them furlough days. We did work rule
15 changes for them. And every time we try
16 to get back to the School District, there
17 was no response. Frustration on our part
18 and I believe frustration on this body
19 here also with the School District of
20 Philadelphia.

21 We're imploring you to find
22 resources. Find a way to give our
23 children the best education they possibly
24 can and, importantly, to find a way to
25 save 2,700 hard-working men and women's

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2 jobs.

3 I want to close by saying, I
4 was in a school today. Ninety-two
5 degrees in that school today. Men and
6 women working who cannot be here because
7 they're dedicated to the School District.
8 They care about children. They care
9 about education. Our jobs are on the
10 roof, in the boiler room, cleaning
11 schools. Our transportation today had to
12 go into their buses today to make sure
13 that troop inspections are done, that
14 they're being cleaned adequately and when
15 September comes, that those children get
16 to and from school safely.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. RICHEZZA: And for that,
19 our reward is lay them off and privatize
20 them.

21 I've been with the School
22 District as a maintenance mechanic for 39
23 years, and my reward for 39 years is to
24 tell me that you are no longer needed,
25 that you are not important, that

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2 September 14th, your job is done with the
3 School District, so go away.

4 We're not going away. We're
5 going to continue to fight. We're going
6 to continue to ask you for assistance
7 here, but, more importantly, we're asking
8 you to fund education.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you.

13 (Standing ovation.)

14 (Audience members yelling "Save
15 our schools.")

16 (Pause.)

17 CHIEF CLERK: Tom McGraham,
18 commenting on 120173-A.

19 (Witness approached podium.)

20 MR. McGRAHAM: Good morning,
21 City Council President and City Council.
22 My name is Tom McGraham. I was born and
23 raised in the City of Philadelphia. I've
24 worked for the School District of
25 Philadelphia for 18 years. As of

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2 September 14th, if nothing changes, I
3 will be unemployed. Twenty-seven members
4 of my union will be following me shortly
5 thereafter.

6 We are hard-working
7 individuals. We are not asking for a
8 handout. We're asking for help. We
9 understand the fiscal times are tough all
10 around. We're asking that you support
11 the U&O tax to fund the schools, as well
12 as send a message to the SRC that they
13 cannot bully us, intimidate us or get rid
14 of us.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. McGRAHAM: We work hard for
17 what we earn. They are not giving away
18 anything to us. We work for everything
19 that we get.

20 We are individuals who are
21 dedicated to the School District,
22 dedicated to the children, dedicated to
23 our jobs. We are proud to do our jobs.
24 We are proud members of this city. All
25 we're asking for is a little bit of help

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2 and your support. And thank you for
3 everything you've done for us so far.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 CHIEF CLERK: Steve Petacco,
8 commenting on 120173-A.

9 (Witness approached podium.)

10 MR. PETACCO: Good morning. My
11 name is Steve Petacco and I also am an
12 employee of the School District of
13 Philadelphia. I've been an employee for
14 15 years now, and I do support the use
15 and occupancy tax.

16 Back in December, my wife was a
17 member of PFT and she was laid off. Now
18 my future is actually bleak right now. I
19 have one son still in public schools and
20 I have two grandchildren that are in
21 public schools right now, and my concern
22 not only for me getting laid off in
23 September is the future of my
24 grandchildren.

25 Thank you very much.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHIEF CLERK: Ernie Bennett.

6 (No response.)

7 CHIEF CLERK: Ernie Bennett.

8 (No response.)

9 CHIEF CLERK: Gabe Morgan,
10 commenting on 120173-A.

11 (Applause.)

12 (Witness approached podium.)

13 MR. MORGAN: I'm standing here
14 proud to be the Director of SEIU 32BJ for
15 the State of Pennsylvania with all of my
16 brothers and sisters here.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. MORGAN: I think that this
19 Council knows that there's a crisis in
20 this city and there's a crisis in the
21 state, and I think as Council also knows
22 and has said to us and can honestly say,
23 this is not a crisis that's been created
24 by the City Council of Philadelphia doing
25 something wrong. In fact, I think we all

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2 know that the only bodies in this state
3 that have been trying to wrestle with
4 solving the education problem have
5 unfortunately been our local elected
6 officials, because the state government
7 has essentially de-funded the system and
8 handed you guys this problem. So I want
9 to say that we're here in part because we
10 realize that you are the only folks that
11 will actually listen to us when we talk
12 about this crisis.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. MORGAN: But this is not
15 just a crisis, as this Council knows, for
16 local elected officials who are trying to
17 figure out how to do the right thing,
18 School District custodians, janitors, bus
19 drivers, maintenance people. This is a
20 crisis for children. This is a crisis
21 for the entire city. And I'm sorry, but
22 this is also a crisis for the business
23 community of Philadelphia. There will be
24 other times where you'll see this union
25 come in and demand that you do not raise

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2 taxes on large office buildings where our
3 members clean and work and are part of a
4 vibrant private sector that is very
5 important that we do everything we can do
6 to support, but the fact is if there's
7 30,000 out of year workers, if 3,000 bus
8 drivers and janitors are willing to
9 sacrifice \$60 million to try to keep
10 schools open, asking the business
11 community to contribute 20 million in use
12 and occupancy is not too much to ask.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. MORGAN: In a much better
15 world, small business would not be asked
16 to carry this burden. We would instead
17 tax the largest multi-national
18 corporations that pay no state taxes
19 right now.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. MORGAN: And we'd tax the
22 world's largest natural gas and use it to
23 fund education. But that's not the world
24 that we live in. We live in a world
25 where the state government has de-funded

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2 the education system by a billion
3 dollars, there's a \$300 million deficit
4 in the City schools, and our members are
5 saying we'll fund, we'll give up seven,
6 eight thousand dollars a member out of a
7 \$30,000 worker to try and fund these
8 schools. And this Council is debating
9 whether or not to raise 20 million from
10 business?

11 We urge you to do everything
12 that you can, not just the use and
13 occupancy tax but any measure that you
14 can take to keep these schools open. If
15 these workers lose their jobs, you'll
16 lose \$40 million a year in spending power
17 in the very communities that you are here
18 to represent where we live.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. MORGAN: We urge this
21 Council to stand for schools, the workers
22 and your students.

23 Thank you very much.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you.

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2 (Applause.)

3 CHIEF CLERK: Ernie Bennett.

4 (Witness approached podium.)

5 MR. BENNETT: Good morning,
6 Council. Good morning, Mr. President.
7 Good morning, everybody. I'd like to
8 give honor to God, because I prayed this
9 morning about this here. I prayed to God
10 that he trust the hearts of everybody, as
11 the minister said, so that we can look at
12 this thing that we're going through,
13 32BJ. Twenty-seven hundred people are
14 being affected, who can't sleep at night,
15 and I'm one of them.

16 I've done everything in my
17 power to try to convince the media, City
18 Council, the SRC, negotiating team for
19 the SRC to do right by 2,700 people.

20 It's wrong. It's wrong.

21 So I'd like to say, 26 years I
22 come to work every day. I'm the first
23 one in; I'm the last one out. I taught
24 my children to go to work, work hard,
25 you'll be rewarded. Why are we being

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2 punished? Why are we being the
3 scapegoats for mismanagement? It's very
4 unfair.

5 And I say to City Council, in
6 all due respect to my Councilman, Curtis
7 Jones, laying 2,700 people off and
8 putting them on unemployment is a
9 disservice to working families in our
10 city.

11 We support the use and
12 occupancy tax. We need it. We need
13 y'all. We fought a good fight and now we
14 need some help. And I'm humble enough to
15 say that to you, City Council, on behalf
16 of my colleagues, who do the same thing
17 day in and day out as I do.

18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHIEF CLERK: Sarah Jameson,
21 commenting on 120173-A.

22 (Witness approached podium.)

23 MS. JAMESON: Praise God. I am
24 a worship the Lord, and I just thank him
25 for another day. And I too am a prayer

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2 warrior, and I've been praying right
3 along with others in this place. And I
4 just want to thank God that we all are
5 colleagues. We're standing for each
6 other. If you don't stand for something,
7 you'll fall for anything. And I thank
8 God we're all one and we stand together.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. JAMESON: But I do want to
11 say that we support school taxes, and all
12 we're standing here and stating and
13 asking and saying if it's not too much,
14 please support us and help keep our
15 schools and our jobs, please. That's all
16 we're stating right here.

17 (Applause.)

18 (Audience members yelling "Save
19 our schools.")

20 CHIEF CLERK: Tom Paine Crown,
21 commenting on 120284.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Cronin, Tom
23 Cronin.

24 (Witness approached podium.)

25 MR. CRONIN: Good morning,

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2 distinguished members of Council. Let me
3 start by making the point that this
4 resolution is not about ideology; it's
5 about survival. Since the 1950s, the
6 U.S. government has spent lavishly on
7 military and defense outlets, without
8 even debating whether or not it's any way
9 justified. We're at a point where this
10 kind of spending is no longer
11 sustainable.

12 In 2013, military spending
13 makes up 57 percent of the federal
14 discretionary spending, defined as those
15 programs where spending levels are set
16 each year by the government. Education
17 is set at 6.3.

18 Many of those huge military
19 spending contracts are locked into place.
20 The war in Afghanistan isn't. According
21 to costofwar.com, the tab for that war is
22 now closing in on 600 billion. The U.S.
23 has 88,000 troops there, and the proposed
24 budget for 2013 is 83 billion.

25 The most recent poll shows that

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2 66 percent of the Americans believe that
3 the war in Afghanistan is not worth
4 fighting. Meanwhile, Philadelphia
5 prepares to decimate its school system at
6 every level for want of funding. The
7 current 60 million shortfall cited in our
8 resolution and the 269 million budget gap
9 we come into next year are small sums
10 compared to what the federal government
11 spends in a month in Afghanistan. Yet
12 they make all the difference in the
13 quality of education to Philadelphia
14 kids.

15 This year's cuts, for instance,
16 eliminate the jobs of 100 nurses. That
17 means we go to approximately 185 nurses
18 in 390 schools. One nurse for
19 approximately 1,500 students. Ask any
20 nurse what that means and they will tell
21 you chaos.

22 Consider the effect of laying
23 off 2,700 school employees on the
24 infrastructure of an already deteriorated
25 system in the nation's biggest poorest

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2 city. Clearly, we have come to a place
3 where the health and welfare of
4 Americans' poor children are regarded
5 with the same casual cynicism according
6 to the populations of those countries
7 unfortunate enough to find themselves in
8 the middle of another American war.

9 This resolution asks the
10 Congress and the President immediately to
11 withdraw U.S. forces from Afghanistan.
12 To those who say foreign policy issues
13 are not the business of Philadelphia City
14 Council, I reply when we're staring at
15 the brutalizing effects of those
16 policies, then in fact they are our
17 business.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. CRONIN: By passing this
20 resolution, you will help create the
21 political ground swell it will take for
22 the woefully blind among the members of
23 Congress to get the message. The federal
24 government's military spending priorities
25 are resulting in disaster for the U.S.

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2 cities, and we see it every day. Bring
3 all troops home from Afghanistan and use
4 that money to fund education, job
5 creation and --

6 (Applause.)

7 CHIEF CLERK: Tim Rearney
8 Sepapa.

9 (No response.)

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11 Sepapa.

12 (No response.)

13 CHIEF CLERK: Ken Heard,
14 commenting on 120284.

15 (Witness approached podium.)

16 MR. HEARD: Greetings,
17 Councilmembers. We're with the National
18 Writers Union. I'm Treasurer here in
19 Philadelphia. I have with us today the
20 Chairman of Philadelphia, but he also
21 sits on the national Board. We're with
22 United Auto Workers of America. We are
23 Local 1981, and we would like you to
24 definitely, we beseech you to support
25 this resolution on the floor presently.

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2 I will leave you with our
3 executive Board member.

4 REVEREND JONES: My name is
5 Reverend Colton Jones. I am the Chair of
6 the Philadelphia Chapter of the National
7 Writers Union, United Automobile,
8 Aerospace and Agricultural Implement
9 Workers, Local 1981 AFL-CIO.

10 Years ago I attended a show.
11 It was a show of weapons and strength. I
12 watched as a million dollars worth of
13 ammunition was exploded in a few minutes.
14 To me it was a waste, for once a bomb is
15 exploded, it cannot be replaced.

16 In this profession of writing,
17 it is in our interest to encourage
18 education, to encourage reading, writing
19 for the betterment and enrichment of our
20 society. We do not need weapons. We
21 need education. Not weapons, not tanks,
22 not ships, not planes, not jets nor
23 costly wars. Museums are more important
24 than forts. Art is more substantial than
25 a missile. Pencils are; bullets are not.

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2 Pens are; grenades are not. Rulers are;
3 clay bars are not. Calculators are; land
4 mines are not.

5 Love is peace. Education is
6 growth, development, culture, knowledge,
7 art and science. Education is the
8 future. Education is peace. War is not.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHIEF CLERK: Nina Huizinga.

12 (No response.)

13 CHIEF CLERK: Nina Huizinga.

14 (No response.)

15 CHIEF CLERK: Mack Sukan.

16 (No response.)

17 CHIEF CLERK: John Loftus.

18 (No response.)

19 CHIEF CLERK: John Loftus.

20 (No response.)

21 CHIEF CLERK: Fran Epor.

22 (No response.)

23 CHIEF CLERK: Fran Epor.

24 (No response.)

25 CHIEF CLERK: Maurice Jones.

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2 (No response.)

3 CHIEF CLERK: Maurice Jones.

4 (No response.)

5 CHIEF CLERK: Andre Bright.

6 (No response.)

7 CHIEF CLERK: Andre Bright.

8 (No response.)

9 CHIEF CLERK: Barbara Ruffin.

10 (Witness approached podium.)

11 MS. HUIZINGA: I'm Nina

12 Huizinga. I was on the list.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

14 Begin your testimony, please.

15 You may begin your testimony,

16 ma'am.

17 MS. HUIZINGA: Yes?

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes, ma'am.

19 MS. HUIZINGA: Put the timer

20 on. Thank you.

21 I'm Nina Huizinga. I'm from

22 the Granny Peace Brigade.

23 We had a Council room filled

24 with people in the audience who were here

25 because they were concerned about

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2 Philadelphia public schools, and we are
3 in a Philadelphia public school crisis at
4 the moment. There are other human
5 services in Philadelphia that are also in
6 crisis across the board - recreation,
7 care for the elderly, fixing the
8 infrastructure. There's innumerable
9 problems that our city budget has.

10 There is reason why
11 Philadelphia is in such a financial
12 crisis. The state also is in a financial
13 crisis. The state used to support
14 Philadelphia much more than it does now.
15 And both the state and Philadelphia are
16 in crisis because the federal government
17 used to support the City and the State
18 much more than they do now. And the
19 reason why the federal government is in
20 crisis at the moment is because we have
21 spent our money. In fact, we have spent
22 money we didn't have to support the
23 foreign wars that we have been waging
24 these past ten years in Iraq, in
25 Afghanistan, in Somalia, in Yemen. And

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2 in addition, we have bases in more than
3 100 countries. Plus, we are spending a
4 lot of money every year on the military
5 budget.

6 All of the discretionary money
7 that we have available to us federally,
8 almost 60 percent of it goes for military
9 uses of one kind or another. So a very
10 small percentage is available for
11 essential services here at home.

12 We need to decrease the
13 military spending and spend it on our
14 domestic needs here at home to have a
15 strong country. Therefore, I want City
16 Council to pass Resolution 120284.

17 Thank you for your
18 consideration.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
20 for your testimony.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHIEF CLERK: Barbara Ruffin.

23 (No response.)

24 CHIEF CLERK: Barbara Ruffin.

25 (No response.)

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Jane Lipton.

3 (No response.)

4 CHIEF CLERK: Jane Lipton.

5 (No response.)

6 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Taylor.

7 MS. GEMMELL: Excuse me. He

8 was called before. He wasn't in Chamber.

9 Now he's here. His name was skipped.

10 Can he speak now?

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: We'll

12 entertain it. Please come up, state your

13 name for the record.

14 (Witness approached podium.)

15 MR. LOFTUS: My name is John

16 Loftus. I'm an employee for the School

17 District of Philadelphia, and I support

18 the use and occupancy tax. I'm also a

19 registered voter and I go to every

20 election and I vote for you, and I'm

21 asking you, City Councilmembers, to honor

22 the pledge that you signed here in this

23 room to support 32BJ members and to help

24 us save our jobs.

25 That's all I got.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Taylor.

5 (Witness approached podium.)

6 MR. TAYLOR: Hello,

7 Mr. President, members of Council, ladies
8 and gentlemen. I'm Robert Taylor,
9 citizen of South Philadelphia. I'm
10 commenting on Ordinance 120175-A.

11 I agree with Tom Cronin and
12 many of the others that suggest that we
13 should end these wars, bring those
14 resources home to support our schools and
15 other things that are needed and let's
16 keep our schools public and accountable
17 to the people.

18 However, I'm opposed to the
19 property tax increases. It appears that
20 the temporary taxes of the past are going
21 to be made permanent, just as predicted.
22 According to Philly.com, quote, two other
23 aspects of Nutter's plan promised to
24 compound the impact of AVI. First, he
25 planned to make permanent two years worth

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2 of property tax increases that were
3 billed as temporary at the time Council
4 approved them. Council's budget would
5 cement this plan. Second, Nutter
6 proposed raising an additional \$94
7 million for schools on top of those
8 temporary-turned-permanent tax increases,
9 end quote.

10 Councilman Green is certainly
11 correct in his view that AVI is really an
12 unadvertised tax hike. I support
13 Councilman Squilla and other members of
14 Council in resisting this dangerous plan.
15 Naturally, I hope AVI is delayed for
16 good.

17 Property taxes place a heavy
18 burden on our senior citizens, disabled,
19 people on fixed incomes and is really
20 just plain unfair.

21 Property taxes can force
22 homeowners to lose their homes to Sheriff
23 sales or force individuals to choose
24 between eating and heating their homes,
25 needed medication or paying their

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2 property tax.

3 Property assessments are based
4 upon subjective evaluations. They
5 contribute to the migration out of the
6 City and state. Appeal hearings can be
7 costly. They pit property owners against
8 the School District and municipal
9 government. Moreover, these increases
10 may put parents on the street, even if
11 their children continue to go to school.
12 They may end up calling a shelter home.

13 The School District needs to
14 live within its two and a half billion
15 dollar budget. This \$40 million that
16 will be raised today is a drop in the
17 bucket by comparison.

18 And it is important to have a
19 job, it is important for businesses to
20 stay in the City and it is important for
21 citizens to keep a roof over their head.

22 Thank you, and God bless
23 America.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you

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2 for your comment.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Sylvia Lieberman.

4 (No response.)

5 CHIEF CLERK: Sylvia Lieberman.

6 (No response.)

7 CHIEF CLERK: Reverend Micah

8 Sims.

9 (No response.)

10 CHIEF CLERK: Reverend Micah

11 Sims, commenting on 120601.

12 (Witness approached podium.)

13 REVEREND SIMS: To Council

14 President Darrell Clarke, my 4th District

15 Councilman, Curtis Jones, resolution

16 sponsor Councilwoman Maria

17 Quinones-Sanchez and the other members of

18 City Council, my name is Reverend Micah

19 Sims and I come before you today in

20 support of Resolution No. 120601 that

21 helps us truly understand that this

22 country is of the people, by the people

23 and for the people.

24 Today, this City Council in the

25 birth place of this country is taking a

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2 stand to bring back one vote for one
3 person. It is clear that the ruling to
4 allow corporations to be considered as
5 individuals is contributing to the
6 dismantling and weakening of democracy in
7 our country as we know it. It is my
8 belief that in no way do our founding
9 fathers ever intend that a corporation
10 should have the same rights as
11 individuals in the process of democracy.

12 For over 20 years -- for over
13 200 years, the citizens of our country
14 have participated in elections, which
15 involve ideas and visions, but now since
16 the ruling from the United States Supreme
17 Court in the case of Citizens United,
18 ideas can be extinguished by the need for
19 corporations to increase their profits.

20 If corporations want to do
21 something with their money, their
22 profits, how about improving the income
23 of their current employees? How about
24 creating more jobs? How about creating
25 and supporting public education by

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2 supplying new computers and educational
3 materials? How about providing college
4 scholarships for our public school
5 students? And how about paying your fair
6 share of taxes that provide the needed
7 income for our cities to provide the
8 services to its residents? Here is a way
9 to allow your profit dollars to impact
10 the general welfare of our society.

11 Yes, a constitutional amendment
12 is needed. Eradicating big money out of
13 politics is needed. Campaign finance
14 reform is needed. Encouraging people
15 that their vote matters and not just a
16 statistic is needed. And bringing back
17 democracy to the people is exactly what
18 is needed, and this resolution helps to
19 do that.

20 As the Regional Director and
21 national Board member of Occupy the Dream
22 and the Empowerment Movement, with these
23 organizations committed to bringing the
24 faith community back to the forefront of
25 social justice and equality, far too many

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2 of my ancestors lost their careers, homes
3 and lives to provide me the right to cast
4 my vote on November 6th, and I refuse to
5 allow those lives to go disrespected in
6 this United States of America by creating
7 an atmosphere that money matters and my
8 vote does not.

9 So we encourage this City
10 Council to move forward on their
11 amendment, on their resolution to get one
12 vote for one person.

13 Council, I thank you for this
14 time.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
17 for your comment.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Crystal Pulle.

19 (No response.)

20 CHIEF CLERK: Crystal Pulle.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Hold it for
22 a second.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY:

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2 Mr. Chairman, with your approval, I need
3 to leave the Chamber for personal
4 reasons. If the Consent Agenda vote
5 comes up, would you please record myself
6 as voting aye on all bills under consent.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: The Chair
8 thanks the Councilman.

9 We can proceed.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Crystal Pulle.
11 (No response.)

12 CHIEF CLERK: Hillary Do.
13 (No response.)

14 CHIEF CLERK: Matt Reuben,
15 commenting on 120395.

16 (Witness approached podium.)

17 MR. REUBEN: Thank you,
18 Mr. President, members of Council. My
19 name is Matt Reuben. I'm President of
20 Northern Liberties Neighbors Association.
21 I'm commenting on something a little
22 different. But first I just want to
23 quickly say, I don't envy you, the
24 incredibly difficult job that has been
25 foisted upon you, and I think you've

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2 actually done a tremendous job trying to
3 balance everything. And I also want to
4 thank one of the Councilpeople
5 representing my district in particular,
6 Mark Squilla, for his leadership on the
7 AVI issue.

8 And, finally, Bill 395 and 396
9 which relate to an issue specific to my
10 community regarding the Finnigan's Wake
11 bar, and I just need to publicly put on
12 the record my neighbors', residents',
13 constituents' strong opposition to
14 outdoor liquor service, balconies on
15 Spring Garden Street that Finnigan's Wake
16 is proposing, its strong and animus
17 opposition. And I just need to put that
18 on the record. And we're hopeful that
19 some kind of a solution can be achieved
20 to prevent the nuisance aspect of this
21 establishment from expanding and to work
22 out some kind of arrangement, and would
23 respectfully suggest that the 396 bill be
24 held until next week and/or amended to
25 address this issue.

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2 Thank you very much for your
3 time.

4 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
5 other speakers on the public comment
6 list, Mr. President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you.

9 I'm going to take the --

10 MR. HORNSTEIN: Mr. Clerk,
11 there were other folks who signed up.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You
13 want to be a filler? Come on, please.
14 Get the rest of our colleagues back.

15 MR. HORNSTEIN: As John Street
16 used to say, I'll be brief, however long
17 it takes.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Please.

20 MR. HORNSTEIN: There were a
21 number of us who wanted to testify on
22 175-A. I'll just be brief. I echo what
23 Matt just said. I'm Jeff Hornstein,
24 President of Queen Village Neighbors,
25 been here a bunch of times about this

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2 issue.

3 I commend you for tackling this
4 incredibly complex task of real estate
5 property tax reform. It is an incredibly
6 tough issue. We've heard a lot of
7 eloquent testimony today. My former
8 colleagues from 32BJ were amazing, the
9 School District employees. There is a
10 revenue crisis in the short term and the
11 medium term and the long term.

12 In the short term, I think it's
13 clear what has to happen. As we've seen
14 in this body over the past several
15 months, the Administration has not
16 provided the data necessary to put AVI
17 into place. That's a shame. It really
18 is. If we had the data, it would have
19 been great to move ahead with this
20 comprehensive tax reform or at least the
21 property tax reform now. The data is not
22 there. It is irresponsible, in my view,
23 to go ahead with AVI without the data.
24 But in the short term, we need to raise
25 revenue. We need to fund the City. We

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2 need to fund the School District.

3 You've heard the stories.

4 You've heard the testimony from the

5 School District employees. You've heard

6 testimony from folks who are worried

7 about property tax increases. I think

8 the only sensible thing to do right now

9 is once again to raise some property

10 taxes in a flat way as is proposed in the

11 current -- my understanding of the

12 current compromise that was brokered by

13 Council President Clarke and with the

14 leadership of my Councilman, Mark

15 Squilla, who we commend for all this.

16 But we need to get creative

17 about revenue sources. There's a whole

18 list of them that I think this Council

19 ought to entertain. I find it really

20 hard to understand why some people are

21 resisted to really pushing harder on

22 collecting delinquent property taxes.

23 Unless the Inquirer is totally lying,

24 there's a lot of money out there. We

25 need to figure out how to collect more of

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2 it. We need to get rid of the ten-year
3 tax abatement. I think it has totally
4 served its purpose.

5 We really do need to figure out
6 how to negotiate some pilot agreements
7 with some of our very prosperous
8 universities and hospitals here. There's
9 other cities have done it. We should be
10 following suit.

11 We need to think about raising
12 the gross receipts tax. I know the
13 business community wouldn't be thrilled
14 about that, but in exchange for lowering
15 net profits, I think there's a
16 comprehensive tax reform policy that
17 really needs to be put into place once
18 this short-term crisis is done.

19 So I'll just repeat. Do AVI
20 right, not recklessly. I'm glad to see
21 we're moving in that direction. We need
22 to protect the vulnerable. We need to
23 shift the burden to commercial property.
24 We need to figure that piece out. And I
25 thank you again for your leadership on

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2 this issue in this very, very complicated
3 moment in the City's history.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you. We're going to consider the
8 Calendar in about three minutes.

9 (Pause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 We'll now consider the Calendar. I will
12 ask Mr. Decker to please read the title
13 of all the resolutions on the Consent
14 Agenda. After each title is read, any
15 member may object to inclusion of the
16 resolution on the Resolution Consent
17 Agenda. Upon such an objection and
18 without debate, the resolution will be
19 immediately removed from the Resolution
20 Consent Agenda and placed on today's
21 regular Final Passage Calendar.

22 The Chair will now read the
23 titles of the resolutions on the Consent
24 Agenda -- I'm sorry, the Clerk,
25 Mr. Decker.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution No.

3 120594, entitled "A resolution

4 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

5 Property to execute and deliver to the

6 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority,

7 without consideration, deeds conveying

8 conditional fee simple title to certain

9 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with

10 the buildings and improvements thereon,

11 situate in the Fifty-First Ward of the

12 City of Philadelphia"; and

13 Resolution No. 120595, entitled

14 "A resolution approving the redevelopment

15 contract and disposition supplement of

16 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority

17 for the redevelopment and urban renewal

18 of a portion of the Model Cities Urban

19 Renewal Area, identified by house number

20 and street address as 749 North Uber

21 Street"; and

22 Resolution No. 120596, entitled

23 "A resolution approving the redevelopment

24 contract and disposition supplement of

25 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority

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2 for the redevelopment and urban renewal
3 of a portion of the Model Cities Urban
4 Renewal Area, identified by house number
5 and street address as 1620 North Patton
6 Street"; and

7 Resolution No. 120597, entitled
8 "A resolution approving the redevelopment
9 contract of the Philadelphia
10 Redevelopment Authority for the
11 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
12 portion of the Southwest Temple Urban
13 Renewal Area, designated as Parcel Nos.
14 26 and 27 and also sometimes identified
15 by house numbers and street addresses for
16 Parcel No. 26 as 1221 through 33 North
17 Hutchinson Street and for Parcel No. 27
18 as 1224 through 38 Rear North Ninth
19 Street"; and

20 Resolution No. 120598, entitled
21 "A resolution authorizing the
22 Commissioner of Public Property to
23 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
24 Redevelopment Authority, without
25 consideration, deeds conveying

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2 conditional fee simple title to certain
3 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
4 the buildings and improvements thereon,
5 situate in the Fifteenth and
6 Forty-Seventh Wards of the City of
7 Philadelphia"; and

8 Resolution No. 120599, entitled
9 "A resolution urging the Renewal of
10 Collective Bargaining Agreements Between
11 Labor and Management in Area Healthcare
12 Institutions"; and

13 Resolution No. 120600, entitled
14 "A resolution authorizing the
15 Commissioner of Public Property to
16 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
17 Redevelopment Authority, without
18 consideration, deeds conveying
19 conditional fee simple title to certain
20 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
21 the buildings and improvements thereon,
22 situate in the Thirty-Sixth Ward of the
23 City of Philadelphia"; and

24 Resolution No. 120601, entitled
25 "A resolution calling upon the United

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2 States Congress to defend democracy from
3 the undue influence of corporations by
4 passing and sending to the states for
5 ratification a constitutional amendment
6 which overturns the Supreme Court's
7 ruling in Citizens versus Federal
8 Election Commission and establishes that
9 only human beings, not corporations, are
10 endowed with constitutional rights"; and

11 Resolution No. 120602, entitled
12 "A resolution authorizing the
13 Commissioner of Public Property to
14 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
15 Redevelopment Authority, without
16 consideration, deeds conveying
17 conditional fee simple title to certain
18 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
19 the buildings and improvements thereon,
20 situate in the Thirty-First Ward of the
21 City of Philadelphia"; and

22 Resolution No. 120603, entitled
23 "A resolution authorizing the
24 Commissioner of Public Property to
25 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia

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2 Redevelopment Authority, without

3 consideration, deeds conveying

4 conditional fee simple title to certain

5 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with

6 the buildings and improvements thereon,

7 situate in the Nineteenth Ward of the

8 City of Philadelphia"; and

9 Resolution No. 120604, entitled

10 "A resolution approving the redevelopment

11 contract and disposition supplement of

12 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority

13 for the redevelopment and urban renewal

14 of a portion of the Model Cities Urban

15 Renewal Area, identified by house number

16 and street address as 427 through 35

17 Master Street"; and

18 Resolution No. 120606, entitled

19 "A resolution authorizing the

20 Commissioner of Public Property to

21 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia

22 Redevelopment Authority, without

23 consideration, deeds conveying

24 conditional fee simple title to certain

25 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with

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2 the buildings and improvements thereon,
3 situate in the Thirty-Eighth Ward of the
4 City of Philadelphia"; and

5 Resolution No. 120608, entitled
6 "A resolution nominating 25 individuals
7 for consideration by the Mayor as
8 appointees to the Commission on Parks and
9 Recreation"; and

10 Resolution No. 120190, entitled
11 "A resolution reappointing Pat Lavelle to
12 the Board of Directors for the Old City
13 Special Services District"; and

14 Resolution No. 120191, entitled
15 "A resolution reappointing Michael
16 Mattioni to the Board of Directors for
17 the Old City Special Services District";
18 and

19 Resolution No. 120503, entitled
20 "A resolution appointing Harold Epps to
21 the Board of Directors of the Center City
22 District"; and

23 Resolution No. 120504, entitled
24 "A resolution appointing Greg DeShields
25 to the Board of Directors of the Center

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2 City District"; and

3 Resolution No. 120505, entitled

4 "A resolution appointing David Marshall

5 to the Board of Directors of the Center

6 City District"; and

7 Resolution No. 120538, entitled

8 "A resolution approving the annual

9 Program Statement and Budget for the

10 expenditure of the Neighborhood

11 Transformation Initiative Bond Proceeds

12 for Fiscal Year 2013.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman

16 Jones for a motion to adopt each of the

17 resolutions on the Resolution Consent

18 Agenda.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

20 Mr. President. I move the adoption of

21 each of the resolutions on the Resolution

22 Consent Agenda.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It

25 has been moved and seconded that each of

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2 the resolutions on the Resolution Consent
3 Agenda be adopted.

4 All in favor say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
7 those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 ayes have it, and each of the resolutions
11 on the Resolution Consent Agenda have
12 been adopted.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you. We will now consider today's
16 Bill Consent Agenda.

17 I will ask Mr. Decker to please
18 read the titles of all the bills on the
19 Consent Agenda. After each title is
20 read, any member may object to the
21 inclusion of the bill on the Consent
22 Agenda. Upon such an objection and
23 without debate, the bill will be
24 immediately removed from the Consent
25 Agenda and placed on our regular Final

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2 Passage Calendar.

3 Mr. Decker, will you now read
4 the titles of the bills on the Consent
5 Agenda.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No.
7 120214-A, entitled "An ordinance to amend
8 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing
9 the zoning designations of certain areas
10 of land located within an area bounded by
11 York Street, Front Street, Second Street
12 and Berks Street"; and

13 Bill No. 120415, entitled "An
14 ordinance authorizing Temple University
15 to construct, own and maintain
16 encroachments within the right-of-way at
17 1837 through 55 North Broad Street"; and

18 Bill No. 120420, entitled "An
19 ordinance authorizing Caffè Italia to
20 construct, own and maintain auxiliary
21 seating at 1424 Snyder Avenue"; and

22 Bill No. 120417, entitled "An
23 ordinance amending Title 14 of The
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Zoning and
25 Planning,' to expand the boundaries of

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2 the I-95 Acquisition Corridor"; and

3 Bill No. 120431, entitled "An
4 ordinance amending Title 14 of the
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Zoning and
6 Planning,' by revising and clarifying
7 certain provisions and making technical
8 changes"; and

9 Bill No. 120480, entitled "An
10 ordinance amending the Philadelphia
11 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
12 designations of certain areas of land
13 located within an area bounded by 38th
14 Street, Ludlow Street, Chestnut Street
15 and 37th Street"; and

16 Bill No. 120416, entitled "An
17 ordinance amending Chapter 19-3200,
18 entitled 'Keystone Opportunity Zone,
19 Economic Development District, and
20 Strategic Development Area,' by providing
21 for additional properties to be added to
22 certain zones"; and

23 Bill No. 120489, entitled "An
24 ordinance amending Chapter 12-2800 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled

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2 'Administrative Adjudication of Parking
3 Violations,' by providing for an
4 additional fee to be added to the cost of
5 each parking ticket"; and

6 Bill No. 120389, entitled "An
7 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
8 Public Property to enter into a long-term
9 lease agreement with the Southeastern
10 Pennsylvania Transportation Authority,
11 whereby the City will obtain use of a
12 parking lot located approximately at the
13 intersection of Dupont and High Streets";
14 and

15 Bill No. 120413, entitled "An
16 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
17 Public Property to convey to the
18 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
19 Development a parcel of land generally
20 situate at 1224 North Mascher Street";
21 and

22 Bill No. 120414, entitled "An
23 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
24 Public Property to convey to the
25 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial

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2 Development a parcel of land generally
3 situate at 1849 Frankford Avenue"; and

4 Bill No. 120421, entitled "An
5 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
6 Public Property to convey to the
7 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
8 Development a parcel of land generally
9 situate at 3129 South 70th Street"; and

10 Bill No. 120427, entitled "An
11 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
12 Public Property to convey to the
13 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
14 Development certain parcels of land
15 situate at 3300 North Front Street and
16 130 West Westmoreland Street"; and

17 Bill No. 120486, entitled "An
18 ordinance authorizing a license agreement
19 with a term of up to twenty years, and
20 other related agreements, between the
21 City and the Philadelphia Authority for
22 Industrial Development for certain land
23 and facilities located in the Franklin
24 Delano Roosevelt Park and Marian Anderson
25 Recreation Center, to be used to

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2 establish, conduct, and operate the
3 Philadelphia Phillies MLB Urban Youth
4 Academy"; and

5 Bill No. 120144, entitled "An
6 ordinance authorizing and directing the
7 installation of a traffic signal on
8 Conshohocken Avenue at the easternmost
9 entrance from Conshohocken Avenue to the
10 parking lot on the property known as 4160
11 Monument Road"; and

12 Bill No. 120331, entitled "An
13 ordinance amending Section 9-213 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Farmers'
15 Markets,' by adding as permissible
16 locations the southwest quadrant of
17 Norris Square Park and the sidewalk of
18 the south side of Lehigh Avenue between
19 North Lawrence Street and 4th Street";
20 and

21 Bill No. 120395, entitled "An
22 ordinance authorizing the revision of
23 lines and grades on a portion of City
24 Plan No. 271 by striking from the City
25 Plan and vacating Bodine Street from

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2 Spring Garden Street to Green Street";
3 and

4 Bill No. 120396, entitled "An
5 ordinance authorizing Northern Liberties
6 Auction to construct, use and maintain
7 various encroachments within the
8 right-of-way on the north sidewalk of
9 Spring Garden Street between North Third
10 Street and Bodine Street"; and

11 Bill No. 120436, entitled "An
12 ordinance authorizing Dranoff Properties,
13 3180 Chestnut Street, to construct, own
14 and maintain various encroachments within
15 the City right-of-way on the east side of
16 Broad Street between Rodman Street and
17 South Street, the north side of South
18 Street between Juniper Street and Broad
19 Street and the south side of Rodman
20 Street between Juniper Street and Broad
21 Street"; and

22 Bill No. 120490, entitled "An
23 ordinance establishing a parking
24 regulation on Carlisle Street, west side,
25 Tioga Street to Ontario Street"; and

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2 Bill No. 120519, entitled "An
3 ordinance amending Section 9-213 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Farmers'
5 Markets,' by adding as a permissible
6 location a portion of the sidewalks and
7 curb lanes of both sides of the 3500
8 block of Ryan Avenue beginning at
9 Frankford Avenue"; and

10 Bill No. 120519, entitled "An
11 ordinance authorizing 2303 Bainbridge
12 Street to construct, own and maintain
13 various encroachments within the City
14 right-of-way on the north side of
15 Bainbridge Street between South 24th
16 Street and Grays Ferry Avenue and the
17 west side of Grays Ferry Avenue north of
18 Bainbridge Street"; and

19 Bill No. 120520, entitled "An
20 ordinance establishing a parking
21 regulation on 6th Street, both sides,
22 Carpenter Street to Washington Avenue";
23 and

24 Bill No. 120521, entitled "An
25 ordinance establishing a parking

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2 regulation on Tasker Street, both sides,
3 12th Street to 13th Street"; and

4 Bill No. 120522, entitled "An
5 ordinance establishing a parking
6 regulation on Carpenter Street, both
7 sides, 11th Street to 12th Street"; and

8 Bill No. 120550, entitled "An
9 ordinance authorizing Bill Murphy's Irish
10 Saloon to construct, own and maintain an
11 open air sidewalk cafe at 3333 through 35
12 Conrad Street"; and

13 Bill No. 120551, entitled "An
14 ordinance authorizing J.B. Sweets and
15 Treats, doing business as Sweets and
16 Treats, to construct, own and maintain an
17 open air sidewalk cafe at 3138 Richmond
18 Street"; and

19 Bill No. 120552, entitled "An
20 ordinance authorizing Green Olives Cafe
21 to construct, own and maintain an open
22 air sidewalk cafe at 992 North 2nd
23 Street"; and

24 Bill No. 120553, entitled "An
25 ordinance authorizing 931 through 33

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2 Inc., doing business as Cantina Dos
3 Segundos to construct, own and maintain
4 an open air sidewalk cafe at 931 through
5 33 North 2nd Street"; and

6 Bill No. 120554, entitled "An
7 ordinance authorizing Dock Street Brewery
8 to construct, own and maintain an open
9 air sidewalk cafe at 701 South 50th
10 Street"; and

11 Bill No. 120555, entitled "An
12 ordinance establishing a no tractor
13 trailer parking regulation on the 800
14 Block of South 53rd Street, from Broomall
15 Street to Whitby Avenue, both sides"; and

16 Bill No. 120145, entitled "An
17 ordinance renaming and designating Old
18 Line Park located at 8730 Old Line Road
19 as 'Jack Horgan Memorial Field'; and

20 Bill No. 120274, entitled "An
21 ordinance naming the playground currently
22 designated as the 'Cobbs Creek
23 Playground,' located at 63rd and
24 Catharine Streets, and bounded by 63rd
25 and Christian Streets as the 'Rufus O.

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2 Williams Memorial Playground'"; and

3 Bill No. 120433, entitled "An
4 ordinance authorizing the Concession
5 Agreement for Operation and Management of
6 Bicycle Rental Stations In The Fairmount
7 Park System, between the City of
8 Philadelphia and Freetime, Inc. (doing
9 business as 'Wheel Fun Rentals')"; and

10 Bill No. 120435, entitled "An
11 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
12 the Department of Parks and Recreation to
13 acquire certain easements for the purpose
14 of constructing a public recreation trail
15 to connect Junod Playground to Poquessing
16 Creek Park and Benjamin Rush State Park";
17 and

18 Bill No. 120482, entitled "An
19 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
20 Parks and Recreation to execute a lease
21 with the Philadelphia Authority for
22 Industrial Development, obligating PAID
23 to execute a sublease with the Zoological
24 Society of Philadelphia, under which the
25 Society would construct, manage, operate,

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2 maintain, and repair a multi-story
3 parking garage and related streetscape
4 improvements along West Girard Avenue";
5 and

6 Bill No. 120328, entitled "An
7 ordinance amending Title 9 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Regulation
9 of Businesses, Trades and Professions,'
10 and related provisions of The
11 Philadelphia Code pertinent to electric
12 fences."

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY:
14 Mr. President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I'd just like to take the
19 opportunity to commend Mr. Decker and
20 compliment him on reaching the same speed
21 as Pat Rafferty. He's terrific.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So
24 moved.

25 I got to tell you, you have

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2 some stamina, sir. Thank you,
3 Mr. Decker.

4 These bills having been read on
5 two different days, the question for each
6 bill now is shall the bill pass finally.

7 Mr. Decker, please call the
8 roll, and upon being called, each member
9 shall vote aye on each bill or nay on
10 each bill or those bills for which the
11 members is voting aye and those bills for
12 which the member is voting nay.

13 Mr. Decker, please call the
14 roll.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Bass.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye on
18 Consent Agenda.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Just
20 say aye on all bills.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye on all
22 the bills.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye on

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2 all bills, except for 120489, for which I
3 vote nay.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you. So noted.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye on all
8 bills.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye on all
11 bills on the Consent Agenda, except for
12 Bill No. 120417, on which I previously
13 disclosed a conflict of interest and
14 abstaining and recuse myself.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you, Councilman.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Greenlee.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye on
20 all bills.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

22 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye on all
23 bills.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Johnson.

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2 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye on all

3 bills.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye on all

6 bills.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye on all

10 bills.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

12 O'Brien.

13 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye on all

14 bills.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye on all

18 bills.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

20 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye on all

21 bills.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Quinones-Sanchez.

24 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye on

25 all bills.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Reynolds Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye on all

5 bills.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 Squilla.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye on all

9 bills.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye on all

13 bills.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

15 Clarke.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye

17 on all bills.

18 A majority of all members

19 having voted in the affirmative for each

20 of the bills, with the exception of

21 Councilwoman Blackwell, who voted nay

22 on -- Councilwoman, what was that bill

23 again?

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: 489.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: 489

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2 and Councilman Green who abstained on
3 Bill No?

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: 120417.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: 417.

6 Thank you. Let the record reflect that.

7 We will now consider the bills
8 and resolutions on the regular Second
9 Reading and Final Passage.

10 Mr. Decker, please read the
11 title of Bill No -- Mr. Decker, do you
12 have any resolutions on the regular
13 Calendar?

14 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution No.
15 120284, entitled "A resolution calling on
16 the U.S. Congress and President Barack
17 Obama to redirect military spending to
18 fund education, public and private sector
19 family-sustaining job creation, special
20 protections for military sector workers,
21 and environmental and infrastructure
22 restoration, care for veterans and their
23 families, and the human services that our
24 cities and states so desperately need."

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: By?

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2 Who is the resolution?

3 CHIEF CLERK: Introduced by
4 Councilwoman Sanchez.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
8 you, Council President. We're
9 withdrawing this one. We've reintroduced
10 it, and it will be come up in a final
11 vote on the privileged Calendar. So I
12 motion to withdraw this language on the
13 bill.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Moved and properly seconded.

17 All in favor of withdrawing the
18 language?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 ayes have it. It is withdrawn.

25 Mr. Decker, do you have any

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2 other resolutions?

3 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No.
4 120428-A, entitled "An ordinance amending
5 Chapter 9-3400 of The Philadelphia Code,
6 entitled 'Energy Conservation,' to
7 provide for the benchmarking and
8 reporting of energy and water usage data
9 for certain buildings."

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

14 Mr. Decker, please call the
15 roll.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Bass.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Greenlee.

4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

6 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Johnson.

9 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 Kenney.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 O'Brien.

17 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

22 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Quinones-Sanchez.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Reynolds Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Squilla.

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

12 Clarke.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

14 The ayes are 17; the nays are

15 zero. The bill passes.

16 Mr. Decker, please read...

17 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 120329,
18 entitled "An ordinance approving the
19 Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Budget providing
20 for expenditures for the capital purposes
21 of the Philadelphia Gas Works."

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

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2 Mr. Decker, please call the
3 roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I'm
14 abstaining on this bill for a previously
15 disclosed conflict of interest, Mr.
16 President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you, Councilman. So noted.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Greenlee.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

23 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Johnson.

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2 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Kenney.
7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 O'Brien.
10 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 O'Neill.
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
15 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Quinones-Sanchez.
18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Reynolds Brown.
21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Squilla.
24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
5 Clarke.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

7 The ayes are 16. Let the
8 record reflect that Councilman Green
9 abstained.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 120432,
11 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the
12 City Treasurer, on behalf of the City, to
13 enter into an agreement with Wells Fargo
14 Bank for provision of payroll banking
15 services to the City."

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

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Point of
21 order.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
23 sorry. The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. I'd like to speak briefly
3 on this bill.

4 I've been working on the issue
5 of fair lending and community
6 reinvestment for over 12 years now. It's
7 now called responsible banking. There
8 are ordinances being worked on in San
9 Diego, which I talked with the members of
10 Council there as recent as two days ago,
11 as well as ordinances in New York and Los
12 Angeles. Philadelphia is seen as a model
13 ordinance. I believe to some extent it
14 has worked.

15 The way it works is, the City
16 Charter says that City Council actually
17 has the authority to decide which
18 financial institutions are authorized to
19 receive City deposits, but the City
20 Treasurer has the authority to decide
21 where that money goes. We have basically
22 carved out a niche here that's being
23 replicated around the country in terms of
24 holding our banks, our depositories
25 responsible. One of the ways we did that

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2 was to set up payroll deposit contracts
3 as a separate contract that has to be
4 approved by Council and has to be
5 competitively bid. The first time that
6 was done was roughly three years ago, and
7 Wachovia won that competitive bid
8 process. Interestingly enough, before
9 that, it was done simply by agreement,
10 almost a wink and a handshake, and prior
11 City Treasurers have testified on the
12 record that the reason why institutions
13 were chose to hold our payroll accounts
14 was simply because they were the largest;
15 in other words, they were too big to
16 fail. We have seen what too big to fail
17 has done to this country.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: In this
20 process now Wachovia was taken over by
21 Wells Fargo. In that process, we could
22 not move the money. We were not prepared
23 to move the money. So we gave that
24 contract to Wells Fargo last year. I was
25 prepared to let this contract go this

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2 year, knowing that it will be put out for
3 competitive bid. Upon second thought,
4 I'm not comfortable with that. Wells
5 Fargo did not actually earn this
6 contract. Wells Fargo did not bid on
7 this contract. Wachovia bid on this
8 contract.

9 Regardless of what happens
10 today in terms of this vote, I'm not
11 really that concerned with the vote in
12 terms of what happens, because we can't
13 move the money until this competitive
14 process. But I will be voting no to push
15 that competitive process to say that no
16 organization be too big to fail, and they
17 should have to compete for this payroll
18 account, particularly since tens of
19 thousands of City employees and
20 pensioners have relationships established
21 by them when we do this. This doesn't
22 just give them an account. It
23 establishes other accounts for City
24 employees and pensioners.

25 So I will be voting no on this

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2 bill today.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you, Councilman. I'm just trying
7 to see if I was the sponsor of that bill
8 on behalf of the Administration.

9 Mr. Decker, was I the sponsor
10 of the bill on behalf of the
11 Administration?

12 We found out, Mr. Decker.

13 Okay. Councilman Goode, you
14 brought to light some information that I
15 was not aware of, and I understand --
16 well, I understand that the vote is
17 something that may be somewhat of concern
18 to you and I've heard information that I
19 wasn't aware of. So as a result of me
20 being the sponsor of the bill and the
21 fact that we've just authorized ourself
22 to have another session next week, I'm
23 just going to ask for that bill to be
24 held today.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 120056,
6 entitled "An ordinance amending Title 16
7 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
8 'Public Property,' to provide for
9 estimated annual energy cost disclosures
10 upon the sale of certain City-owned
11 residential properties."

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you.

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

17 Mr. Decker, please call the
18 roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Greenlee.

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

9 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Johnson.

12 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 O'Brien.

20 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

22 O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

25 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Quinones-Sanchez.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Reynolds Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Squilla.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

17 The ayes are 17; the nays are
18 zero. I would like to recognize
19 Councilman Jones.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
21 Mr. President. Two important bills were
22 moved today, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown
23 and Councilman Kenney's Bill 120428-A and
24 this bill. Both are companion bills, in
25 an effort to begin what Councilman Kenney

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2 started with the Environmental Committee
3 and continues by the Chairperson to make
4 this city, along with the Mayor's edict,
5 of one of the greener cities in the
6 world. So this was another step in the
7 right green direction, and I was very
8 concerned when Councilman Green hesitated
9 on the vote.

10 Thank you, Mr. President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you. Thank you, Councilman.

13 Mr. Decker.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 120278,
15 entitled "An ordinance amending Title 4
16 of The Philadelphia Code by amending
17 Subcode 'F' ('The Philadelphia Fire
18 Code'), by modifying a subsection
19 allowing smoke alarms in existing one-
20 and two-family dwellings to be solely
21 battery powered."

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

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2 Mr. Decker, please call the
3 roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Greenlee.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

18 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 Johnson.

21 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 O'Brien.

5 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

10 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Quinones-Sanchez.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Reynolds Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Squilla.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

24 Clarke.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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2 The ayes are 17; the nays are
3 zero. A majority of all members having
4 voted in the affirmative, the bill
5 passes.

6 Mr. Decker, do you have any
7 other bills or resolutions?

8 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution No.
9 120620, entitled "A resolution
10 authorizing the Committee on
11 Transportation and Public Utilities to
12 hold public hearings to investigate
13 flooding and the City of Philadelphia's
14 efforts to improve stormwater management
15 in the Eastwick section of Philadelphia,"
16 introduced by Councilman Johnson.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Johnson.

19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I make a
20 motion to adopt the resolution, Council
21 President.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Been
24 moved and properly seconded.

25 Those in favor?

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a
9 privileged --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Hold
11 on one second.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Johnson.

14 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I want to
15 also acknowledge Councilwoman Blondell
16 Reynolds Brown as one of the
17 Councilmembers that kind of stepped up
18 amongst the other Councilmembers to
19 support the resolution for hearings in
20 Eastwick.

21 Thank you, Councilwoman Brown.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 Mr. Decker.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged

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2 resolution authorizing the Committee on
3 Finance to hold hearings examining the
4 current tax structure and cost of
5 government in the City of Philadelphia
6 and how to reform both to increase the
7 City's regional and national economic
8 competitiveness, stimulate job growth,
9 and attract and retain residents,
10 introduced by Councilman Green.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
15 of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
18 been moved and properly seconded.

19 Those in favor?

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
3 resolution honoring Joseph A. Feola upon
4 his retirement and recognizing his
5 dedication to the Pennsylvania Department
6 of Environmental Protection, especially
7 his accomplishments as Director for the
8 Southeast Regional Office, introduced by
9 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Reynolds
12 Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I thank
14 you, Mr. President. I move for the
15 adoption.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
18 been moved and properly seconded.

19 Those in favor?

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
3 resolution authorizing the Committee on
4 Public Safety to hold public hearings to
5 review and examine the regulations
6 surrounding All Terrain Vehicles and
7 similar vehicles, introduced by
8 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you.

11 The Chair again recognizes
12 Councilwoman Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I thank
14 you. I move for the adoption.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Moved and properly seconded.

18 Those in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged

1 6/21/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 resolution honoring the outstanding
3 efforts and achievements of the many
4 founders and supporters of Youth Courts
5 who have integrated restorative justice
6 methods, taught civic responsibility, and
7 promoted community involvement; all to
8 promote the goal of reduced recidivism
9 and delinquency; as well as inspire our
10 youth towards achievement, empowerment,
11 and self-realization, introduced by
12 Councilman Jones.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Moved and properly seconded.

20 Those in favor?

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

1 6/21/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
4 resolution honoring the late historian
5 Dr. Edward Robinson for his unbridled
6 passion and dedication to the study of
7 African Ancestry, his many lessons on
8 culture, anthropology, and heritage, and
9 his commitment to the Philadelphia
10 community, introduced by Councilman
11 Jones.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.
15 I move for the adoption.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Been
18 moved and properly seconded.

19 Those in favor?

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
3 resolution calling upon Council's
4 Committee on Education to hold hearings
5 to determine the best, most efficient and
6 effective form of governance and
7 accountability for the Philadelphia
8 School District, introduced by Councilman
9 Oh.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

12 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
14 of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Moved and properly seconded.

18 Those in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

25 Thank you. I'm going to

1 6/21/12 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 recognize Councilwoman Brown for a
3 motion, but before I do that, I would ask
4 that all members stay here so we can
5 convene the Committee of the Whole and
6 then recess the Committee while we still
7 have a quorum. I don't want to let you
8 guys go until we can take care of that
9 business, please.

10 So at this time, I'd like to
11 recognize Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds
12 Brown for a motion to recess.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. I move that Council --

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Hold
16 on, Councilwoman.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Surely.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: My
19 resolution wasn't read into the record.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
21 sorry.

22 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: The war,
23 the military spending one. It was
24 reintroduced as privileged today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm

1 6/21/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 sorry. Mr. Decker.

3 Withdraw the motion for recess.

4 We have one little last piece of business
5 to take care of.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I'm
7 asking for the suspension of rules so
8 that this resolution can be heard on this
9 day.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
12 been moved and seconded.

13 Mr. Decker, why don't you
14 please read the title first. I don't
15 think -- did we read the title? Oh, I'm
16 sorry. The motion for suspension.

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I move
18 for the motion for suspension of the
19 rules.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
22 think, Mr. Decker, read the title,
23 because we need to know what we're
24 suspending the rules for.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

1 6/21/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 calling on the U.S. Congress to redirect
3 military spending to fight education,
4 public and private sector
5 family-sustaining job creation, special
6 protections for military sector workers,
7 environmental and infrastructure
8 restoration, care for veterans and their
9 families, and the human services that our
10 cities and states so desperately need.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Councilwoman, ask for your motion to
13 suspend, please.

14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I move
15 for a motion to suspend the rules of
16 Council so that this resolution can be
17 heard on today's Calendar.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Moved and properly seconded.

21 Those in favor for the motion
22 to suspend the rules to allow reading
23 this day.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

1 6/21/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 ayes have it.

6 Now the motion for the vote on
7 the resolution.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I move
9 for the motion that we adopt this
10 resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Moved and properly seconded.

14 Those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Those opposed?

18 COUNCILMAN OH: Nay.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Let
20 the record reflect that Councilman Oh has
21 voted in the negative.

22 And, Councilman Johnson, do you
23 wish to be recognized?

24 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: No.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

1 6/21/12 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Mr. President, I'd like to be recorded as
3 no on that.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you.

6 Councilman O'Neill also would
7 like to be recorded as voting nay.

8 Okay. Councilwoman Brown,
9 again I ask you for a motion to recess.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
11 Mr. President. I move that Council --

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Hold
13 on one second. I'm just going to ask
14 everybody to say what they have to say.

15 COUNCILMAN HENON: I apologize,
16 Mr. President. I thought that was the
17 procedure vote, but it's an actual vote
18 on the resolution. I'd like to be
19 recorded as no.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Okay. Let the record reflect that
22 Councilman Henon also would like to be
23 recorded as voting no.

24 Thank you. Councilwoman, get
25 it in fast.

1 6/21/12 - STATED - RECESS OF HEARING

2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, yes,
3 yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I move
4 that Council stand in recess until the
5 completion of the public meeting of the
6 Committee of the Whole, which is
7 scheduled to convene at the hour
8 designated by you.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
11 been moved and properly seconded that
12 Council stand in recess until the
13 completion of the public meeting of the
14 Committee of the Whole which is scheduled
15 to convene at noon today.

16 All those in favor will signify
17 by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 motion carries, and Council will stand in
24 recess until the completion of the public
25 meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

1 6/21/12 - STATED - CONT. 2ND READING

2 (Stated Meeting recessed from
3 1:55 p.m. until 6:50 p.m.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: We
5 will now reconvene today's Stated Meeting
6 and continue with the Calendar.

7 Mr. Decker, please read the
8 title of Bill No. 120164.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
10 adopt a Capital Program for the six
11 Fiscal Years 2013 through 2018 inclusive.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES:
15 Mr. President, I would like to offer an
16 amendment to Bill No. 120164. A copy of
17 this amendment has been circulated to all
18 members of Council, and I move for the
19 adoption of the amendment.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
22 been moved and properly seconded.

23 All those in favor of the
24 motion signify by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

1 6/21/12 - STATED - CONT. 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 ayes have it, and Bill No. 120164 has
7 been amended. Bill No. 120164 will be
8 placed on our Final Passage Calendar for
9 next week.

10 Mr. Decker, please read the
11 title of Bill No. 120165.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
13 adopt a Fiscal 2013 Capital Budget.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Jones again.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES:

19 Mr. President, I would like to offer an
20 amendment to Bill No. 120165. A copy of
21 this amendment has been circulated to all
22 members of Council, and I move for the
23 adoption of the amendment.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

1 6/21/12 - STATED - CONT. 2ND READING

2 been moved and properly seconded.

3 All those in favor of the
4 motion will signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 ayes have it. Bill No. 120165 has been
11 amended. Bill No. 120165 will be placed
12 on our Final Passage Calendar for next
13 week.

14 Mr. Decker, please read the
15 title of Bill No. 120166.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal
18 Year 2013.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 Chair again recognizes Councilmember
21 Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES:
23 Mr. President, I would like to offer an
24 amendment to Bill No. 120166. A copy of
25 that amendment has been circulated to all

1 6/21/12 - STATED - CONT. 2ND READING
2 members of Council, and I move for the
3 adoption of the amendment.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
6 been moved and seconded.

7 All those in favor of the
8 motion will signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 ayes have it. 120166 has been amended,
15 and Bill No. 120166 will be placed on our
16 Final Passage Calendar for next week.

17 Mr. Decker, please read the
18 title of Bill No. 120173-A.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Section 19-1806, entitled
21 "Authorization of Realty Use and
22 Occupancy Tax," to further authorize the
23 Board of Education of the School District
24 of Philadelphia to impose a tax on the
25 use or occupancy of real estate within

1 6/21/12 - STATED - CONT. 2ND READING
2 the School District of Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
4 bill having been read on two different
5 days, the question now is shall the bill
6 pass finally.

7 Mr. Decker, please call the
8 roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Bass.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Point of
19 information. What bill are we on?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: U&O,
21 Councilwoman, 173.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Greenlee.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Did
25 you call --

1 6/21/12 - STATED - CONT. 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: We're on

3 173? No.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Greenlee.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

8 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 Johnson.

11 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 O'Brien.

19 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: No.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

24 COUNCILMAN OH: No.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

1 6/21/12 - STATED - CONT. 2ND READING

2 Quinones-Sanchez.

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Reynolds Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Squilla.

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

14 Clarke.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: The ayes are 11;

17 the nays are six.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you. A majority of all members

20 having voted in the affirmative, the bill

21 passes.

22 Mr. Decker, please read the

23 title of Bill No. 120175-A.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

25 authorizing real estate taxes for the

1 6/21/12 - STATED - CONT. 2ND READING

2 City of Philadelphia and the School
3 District of Philadelphia for Fiscal Year
4 2013 and thereafter, by amending Chapter
5 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code,
6 entitled "Real Estate Taxes," to provide
7 for a tax and tax rate on real property,
8 for exclusions, and for an established
9 pre-determined ratio; and by amending
10 Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code,
11 entitled "School Tax Authorization," to
12 further authorize the Board of Education
13 of the School District of Philadelphia to
14 impose a tax on real estate within the
15 City of Philadelphia, and providing for a
16 tax rate and for exclusions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
20 again, Mr. President. I would like to
21 offer an amendment to Bill No. 120175-A.
22 A copy of that amendment has been
23 circulated to all members of Council, and
24 I move for the adoption of the amendment.

25 (Duly seconded.)

1 6/21/12 - STATED - CONT. 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Been
3 moved and properly seconded.

4 All those in favor of the
5 motion will signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it. Bill No. 120175 has been
12 amended, and Bill No. 120175-A will be
13 placed on our Final Passage Calendar for
14 next week.

15 Mr. Decker, please read the
16 title of Bill No. 120340-AA.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 enacting a new Chapter 19-3800 of The
19 Philadelphia Code authorizing the
20 granting of tax exemptions to long time
21 owner-occupants of certain properties in
22 the City of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

1 6/21/12 - STATED - CONT. 2ND READING

2 Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
4 Mr. President. I would like to offer an
5 amendment to Bill No. 120340-AA. A copy
6 of the amendment has been circulated to
7 all members of Council, and I move for
8 the adoption of that amendment.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
11 been moved and properly seconded.

12 All those in favor of the
13 motion will signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 ayes have it. Bill No. 120340-AA has
20 been amended, and Bill No. 120340-AA will
21 be placed on our Final Passage Calendar
22 for next week.

23 That completes our Calendar for
24 today.

25 Are there any speeches on the

1 6/21/12 - STATED - SPEECHES/ADJOURNMENT
2 part of the minority?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: If
5 anyone presses that button, I would swear
6 that this is broke. If it's broke, I
7 cannot read it.

8 Are there any speeches on the
9 part of the majority?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you. There being none, the Chair
13 recognizes Councilwoman Reynolds Brown
14 for a motion to adjourn.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. I move that Council stand
17 adjourned until Thursday, June 28th, 2012
18 at 10:00 a.m.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
21 been moved and properly seconded that
22 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
23 June 28th, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

24 All in favor say aye.

25 (Aye.)

1 6/21/12 - STATED - SPEECHES/ADJOURNMENT

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 ayes have it. Thank you very much.

7 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
8 6:55 p.m.)

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