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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 28, 2008, 10:08 a.m.

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COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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Anna C. Verna, President

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Jannie L. Blackwell

Blondell Reynolds Brown

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Darrell L. Clarke

Frank DiCicco

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W. Wilson Goode, Jr.

Bill Green

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William K. Greenlee

Curtis Jones, Jr.

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Jack Kelly

James F. Kenney

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Joan L. Krajewski

Donna Reed Miller

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Brian J. O'Neill

Maria D. Quinones-Sanchez

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Marian B. Tasco

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1 2/28/08 STATED - GREETING/INVOCATION

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

9 To give our invocation this
10 morning, the Chair welcomes Father
11 Mike Davis of the Divine Mercy Parish.
12 He is here today as my guest.

13 I would ask all members and
14 guests to please ride.

15 Father, take the podium.

16 FATHER DAVIS: Gracious God,
17 You have blessed each of us with this
18 new day. Our daily existence is a gift
19 which You freely give as we recognize
20 indeed our Creator, so we humbly and
21 most gratefully acknowledge that You've
22 made each of us in Your own image and
23 likeness and have made each of us
24 uniquely good.

25 We know the truth when we use

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2 the creative gifts bestowed upon us.
3 We give you glory and ask that You
4 bless our beloved sons and daughters,
5 our brothers and sisters. Bless our
6 newly elected mayor, the honorable
7 Michael A. Nutter, for his service to
8 the residents of our city to
9 Philadelphia as our chief elected city
10 official. Bless the honorable
11 President Anna C. Verna and each
12 member of our Philadelphia City
13 Council that they remember the
14 influence they have as elected City
15 officials and authorities as a means
16 of service to benefit the residents of
17 the City of Philadelphia, and to give
18 You glory, generous God, and ask that
19 You share Your authority with them in
20 all of the deliberations of City
21 Council.
22 Guide each member to represent
23 all whom they serve and their
24 willingness to do on to others as they
25 would have done to them.

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2 We make our prayer today and
3 every day in the name of Jesus Christ,
4 the Lord.

5 Amen.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair thanks Father Davis for his very
8 inspiring invocation.

9 Council will be at ease.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 next order of business is the approval
4 of the Journal of the meeting of
5 Thursday, February 14, 2008, and the
6 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I move that the
9 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
10 February 14th, stand approved.

11 (Motion seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
13 has been moved and properly seconded
14 that the Journal of the meeting of
15 Thursday, February 14, 2008, stand
16 approved.

17 All in favor will indicate by
18 saying aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it and the
21 Journal is approved.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 next order of business is requests for
4 leaves of absence. And, again, the
5 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
7 Madam President. On behalf of the
8 Majority, there are no requests for
9 leaves of absence today.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
11 don't see anyone here from the
12 Minority, so we'll continue on.

13 (Councilman Brian J. O'Neill
14 asked for a leave of absence for
15 Councilman Frank Rizzo later on in the
16 proceedings, which was duly granted by
17 Council President Verna.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair will dispense with the regular
4 order of business to recognize the
5 guests and visitors joining us in
6 chambers this morning.

7 On behalf of all members of
8 City Council, I welcome you to our
9 Council session. We appreciate your
10 taking the time to join us as we
11 attend to the legislative affairs of
12 our city. We certainly invite you to
13 come again.

14 At this time, the Chair
15 recognizes Councilman Kenney, who will
16 present a resolution recognizing the
17 Electric Factory Concerts.

18 Will Mr. Larry Magid and those
19 accompanying him please join the
20 Councilman at the podium. I see that
21 Councilman Kenney is also being joined
22 by Councilman DiCicco.

23 (Councilmembers Kenney and
24 DiCicco and honorees come forward.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

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2 Councilman Kenney?

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
4 Madam President.

5 It's always an exciting event
6 in here when you have the opportunity
7 to honor an iconic institution like
8 Electric Factory Concerts when you've
9 grown up in the City. I'm obviously
10 more than 40 years old, but to grow up
11 you with an institution like this,
12 it's always a pleasure and an honor to
13 be able to honor them now. They've
14 brought so much joy to us.

15 Recognizing the Electric
16 Factory Concerts, one of the world's
17 most successful and influential
18 concert promoters, on the occasion of
19 their 40th anniversary.

20 Whereas, Electric Factory
21 Concerts began on February 2, 1968,
22 with the opening of the Electric
23 Factory at 22nd and Arch Street in
24 Philadelphia; and

25 Whereas, founded by Larry

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2 Magid and Allen Spivak, the Electric
3 Factory was the first live rock music
4 venue; and

5 Whereas, over the last forty
6 years, Electric Factory Concerts have
7 promoted over 15,000 concerts over the
8 world and have brought nearly every
9 major live entertainment performer to
10 Philadelphia; and

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Whereas,
12 in 1985, they staged the largest
13 charity concert of all time, Live Aid,
14 at JFK Stadium, which raised
15 \$75 million for famine relief. The
16 concert's stunning success was one of
17 the Philadelphia area's proudest
18 moments; and

19 Whereas, in 2005, Electric
20 Factory Concerts staged Live Aid, a
21 free concert for debt relief for
22 poorest nations on the steps of the
23 Philadelphia Art Museum; and

24 Whereas, nearly one million
25 people gathered on the Ben Franklin

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2 Parkway and participated yet in
3 another milestone in Philadelphia's
4 music history. The show was yet
5 another stunning success and was
6 broadcast over the world to over
7 3 billion viewers; and

8 Whereas, with unwavering
9 passion and bold vision, Magid and
10 Spivak have acted as architects for
11 live-concert business. They have
12 created trends and template, which are
13 still followed 40 years later; and

14 Whereas, Electric Factory
15 Concerts have shaped the concert
16 business in what we know today as --
17 while founder Larry Magid continues to
18 lead the company as both a music
19 industry pioneer and leader; and...

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas,
21 Electric Factory Concerts are also well
22 known and respected for the
23 philanthropic efforts raising millions
24 of dollars and awareness for local as
25 well as international charities; and

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2 Whereas, over their 40 years,
3 Electric Factory Concerts have
4 remained deeply committed to countless
5 local charities, raising money for
6 schools and children's programs in our
7 area.

8 Now, therefore, be it resolved
9 by the City of Philadelphia that
10 Council does hereby recognize the
11 Electric Factory Concerts, one of the
12 world's most successful and
13 influential concert-promoters on the
14 occasion of their 40th anniversary.

15 Congratulations.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair recognizes Mr. Magid for remarks.

19 MR. MAGID: I'd like to thank
20 everyone in City Council for this
21 incredible honor.

22 This honor is especially
23 meaningful to me. I've been fortunate
24 enough to receive a number of honors
25 throughout my career here in

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2 Philadelphia, but my dad was a --
3 worked for Councilman Harry Norwich in
4 the late '40s through the '50s, and I
5 got to help him when I was a
6 youngster, ten, eleven years old, in
7 the 46th Ward in West Philadelphia,
8 where we lived, and I would ring
9 doorbells and knock on doors, call
10 people and tell them my father asked
11 them to come out and vote.

12 And when I grew up, I actually
13 wanted to be a city councilman; I
14 thought that that was, like, the
15 coolest thing that you can possibly
16 be.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: And we want
18 to be you.

19 (Laughter.)

20 MR. MAGID: Somehow I got
21 waylaid, I don't know; something
22 happened to me along the way.

23 But when we opened in 1968, we
24 encountered a problem with the City.
25 The mayor actually at that time wanted

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2 to close us up. And without any
3 prompting, there were a few members of
4 City Council that spoke up for us.

5 We went to court and were able
6 to open -- to continue to stay open,
7 but it was through the efforts of the
8 Councilmen speaking up on
9 constitutional issues that allowed us
10 to stay open.

11 And when we started -- when we
12 came up with the idea of doing Live
13 Aid in Philadelphia, the City
14 initially turned us down, and members
15 of the City Council, again, spoke up
16 for us and helped pave the way to do
17 the show.

18 And we got to work with
19 Council President Verna's brother,
20 Tony Verna, the man that created and
21 invented the instant replay, who was
22 the worldwide director of the
23 television broadcast, and it was a
24 great thrill.

25 It's just been incredible for

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2 me to be here today to share this day
3 with you. And, you know, I'd just
4 like to thank City Council for
5 everything that they've done for us
6 through these 40 years.

7 Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

10 Council will be at ease.

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12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At
13 this time the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
16 you, Madam President.

17 I have some visitors here in
18 Council today. We have young people
19 here, students here from Wagner Middle
20 School, grades 6 through 8, with their
21 instructor, Mr. Mariano -- Marriman.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If
23 they would stand, we would like to
24 recognize you. Please stand so that we
25 can recognize you. And welcome.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Miller, who will present
7 a resolution recognizing Central High
8 School's basketball team. Will their
9 coach, Mr. Frank Greco, and those
10 accompanying him please join the
11 Councilwoman at the podium.

12 Councilwoman Miller is being
13 joined by Councilwoman Sanchez.

14 (Councilmembers and honorees
15 come forward.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
17 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
19 you, Madam President.

20 It is my pleasure today to
21 have two schools here from the 8th
22 Council District, and this one,
23 Central High School, we will be
24 recognizing, honoring and celebrating
25 Central High School's girls basketball

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2 team, the Lancers, and Coach Frank
3 Greco for their amazing 100
4 consecutive victories.

5 Whereas, the Lancers began
6 their winning streak in the 2001-2002
7 season; and

8 Whereas, the Lancers won their
9 100th consecutive Public League
10 victory on Thursday, January 23, 2008,
11 with a score of 86 to 41 and...

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ:

13 Whereas, Coach Frank Greco has been the
14 girls' basketball coach for ten years
15 and is also Central's athletic
16 director; and

17 Whereas, through numerous
18 injuries -- popped shoulders, broken
19 noses, sprained ankles -- the girls
20 keep finding ways to get it done and
21 leave victorious; and

22 Whereas, as Coach Greco puts
23 it, they're always students and classy
24 young women, as we can see here this
25 morning; and

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2 Whereas, Coach Greco's
3 volunteer assistants include Vince
4 Parsale (sp,) Liston Noels (sp?) and
5 Ron Montgomery; and

6 Whereas, Coach Greco provides
7 an environment where the time can
8 assume responsibility and consequences
9 for their own actions; and...

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
11 the Lancers promote a safe, calm, and
12 disciplined environment in which
13 students can discover and develop their
14 talents; and

15 Whereas, Central High School
16 maintains a high expectation for each
17 student on and off the basketball
18 court.

19 Therefore, be it resolved by
20 the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia that City Council hereby
22 recognizes, honors, and celebrates
23 Central High School's girls basketball
24 team, the Lancers, and Coach Frank
25 Greco for think amazing 100th

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2 consecutive victories.

3 Further resolved that an
4 engrossed copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Coach Frank Greco as
6 further evidencing the sincere
7 admiration and gratitude of this
8 legislative body.

9 This is a true and correct
10 copy of the original resolution
11 adopted by the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia on the 31st day of
13 January, 2008, signed by Anna C.
14 Verna, President of City Council, and
15 introduced by Donna Reed-Miller and
16 Maria Quinones-Sanchez and cosponsored
17 by all members of City Council.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Mr. Greco for remarks.

21 MR. GRECO: Thank you. On
22 behalf of Central High School and the
23 girls' varsity team, we accept this
24 with -- we're humbled by this. It's a
25 wonderful honor.

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2 And all I can say is that
3 these young ladies are the best and
4 brightest that we have in the School
5 District, that they represent the
6 School District well. We should be
7 very proud of them, and they have done
8 just a wonderful job.

9 And one last note: All of our
10 seniors who have graduated over the
11 last ten years are all attending
12 college or have graduated college,
13 whether they're playing or not, and we
14 take a lot of pride in that particular
15 aspect. These are wonderful student
16 athletes.

17 And once, again, thank you for
18 taking the time out of your schedules.

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

21 Council will be at ease.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 next order of business is
4 communications.

5 The Chair requests that the
6 sergeant-at-arms deliver the messages
7 to the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk
8 will please read the messages from the
9 Mayor.

10 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
11 and members of the Council of the City
12 of Philadelphia:

13 I am pleased to advise you
14 that on February 27, 2008, I signed
15 the following bills that were passed
16 by Council at its session on February
17 14, 2008: Bill No. 080009 and Bill
18 No. 080010.

19 And I am transmitting herewith
20 for the introduction and consideration
21 of your honorable body three
22 resolutions reappointing current
23 members to the Board of Directors for
24 the Old City Special Services
25 District, namely: Fran Smith, term to

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2 expire the first Monday in January,
3 2009; William Moore, term to expire
4 the first Monday in January 2013; and
5 Ellen Yin, term to expire the first
6 Monday in January, 2013.

7 And two resolutions appointing
8 new members to the Board of Directors
9 for the Old City Special Services
10 District, namely: Lou Casina, term to
11 expire the first Monday in January,
12 2013; and Stanley Taraila, term to
13 expire the first Monday in January,
14 2013.

15 And an ordinance authorizing
16 the Commissioner of Public Property,
17 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia,
18 to transfer to the Philadelphia
19 Authority for Industrial Developments
20 buildings and improvements thereon
21 located in an area bounded by North
22 Front Street, Wilkey Street, Leopard
23 Street, and Richmond Street.

24 And an ordinance authorizing
25 the Commissioner of Public Property,

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2 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia,
3 to transfer to the Philadelphia
4 Authority for Industrial Development
5 buildings and improvements thereon
6 known as 4301 Tacony Street.

7 And an ordinance authorizing
8 the Commissioner of Public Property,
9 on behalf of the City of Philadelphia,
10 to transfer to the Philadelphia
11 Authority for Industrial Development
12 buildings and improvements thereon
13 known as 815 East Washington Lane.

14 And an ordinance authorizing
15 the issuance of one or more series of
16 general-obligation bonds to provide
17 funds to re-fund certain outstanding
18 general-obligation bonds of the City
19 of Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
21 you. The messages will be printed in
22 the Journal.

23 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
24 please read any other communications
25 in your possession.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I

3 have, Madam President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

5 you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 next order of business is the
4 introduction of bills and resolutions,
5 and the Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Kenney.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I offer one bill and
9 one resolution on your behalf.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia
16 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning,"
17 by amending Section 14-101, entitled
18 "Purpose and Scope" amending Section
19 14-102, entitled "Definitions," and
20 creating a new Chapter 14-2200,
21 entitled "Substantial Zoning" to
22 require certain substantial buildings
23 and construction practices for public
24 parking lots and public garages.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 bill will be referred to the

3 appropriate committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

5 proclaiming the month of March 2008 as

6 "American Red Cross Month."

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

8 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney for

9 a motion on the resolution.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam

11 President, I move the adoption of the

12 execution.

13 (Motion seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

15 has been moved and properly seconded

16 that the resolution be adopted.

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it, and the

20 resolution is adopted.

21 The Chair recognizes

22 Councilwoman Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

24 you, Madam President. Today, I

25 introduce one bill and three

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2 resolutions. One of the resolutions,
3 that one dealing with education, is
4 cosponsored by Councilwoman Blondell
5 Reynolds-Brown and Maria
6 Quinones-Sanchez and Councilmen Curtis
7 Jones and William Green.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Chapter 12-3000 of the
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of an
18 Automatic Red Light Enforcement System"
19 to prevent red-light violations by
20 authorizing the installation of
21 red-light enforcement systems at the
22 intersection of 58th Street and Walnut
23 Streets.

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

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2 appropriate committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 authorizing the Philadelphia City
5 Council Committee on Education to hold
6 hearings on the Pennsylvania Department
7 of Agriculture alert that the
8 Philadelphia School District receive
9 recalled beef through the National
10 School Lunch Program, including inquiry
11 into the efforts by the School District
12 to ensure food safety and nutrition.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

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

19 (Motion seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The ayes have it, and the

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2 resolution will be referred to the
3 Committee on Education.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
6 Property to execute and deliver to the
7 Redevelopment Authority deeds located
8 in the 24th Ward of the City of
9 Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

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

16 (Motion seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will signify by
21 saying aye.

22 Those opposed?

23 The ayes have it, and the
24 resolution is adopted.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

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2 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
3 Property to execute and deliver to the
4 Redevelopment Authority deeds located
5 in the 6th Ward of the City of
6 Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you, Madam President. I move for the
12 adoption of the resolution.

13 (Motion seconded.)

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

17 All those in favor will say
18 aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it and the
21 resolution is adopted.

22 Councilman DiCicco, your light
23 is on; did you want to be recognized?

24 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yes, Madam
25 President.

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2 I need to be excused from
3 Council for business outside of City
4 Council, so I'm going to be asking
5 that my vote be recorded aye on all
6 bills and resolutions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 Councilman O'Neill, on behalf
10 of the Minority, are there any
11 requests for leaves of absence?

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes, Madam
13 President. Leave of absence is
14 requested for Councilman Frank Rizzo.

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

17 Is there another resolution,
18 Pat?

19 CHIEF CLERK: No. That's it.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
23 you, Madam President. No bills or
24 resolution today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair thanks the gentleman.

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilwoman Krajewski.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
6 you, Madam President. I offer one
7 bill.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 Will the Chief Clerk please
11 read the title of the bill.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
14 Property, on behalf of the City, to
15 acquire the beds of the portions of
16 Delaware Avenue and Buckius Street that
17 are to be open pursuant to Bill No.
18 080131, under certain terms and
19 conditions.

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

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

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2 President, I offer one resolution on
3 your behalf and one bill on behalf of
4 the administration.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 authorizing the issuance one or more
11 series of general-obligation bonds to
12 provide funds to re-fund certain
13 outstanding general-obligation bonds to
14 the City of Philadelphia.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
20 Property to execute and deliver to the
21 Redevelopment Authority deeds located
22 in the 36th Ward of the City of
23 Philadelphia.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move that the rules
4 of Council be suspended so as to permit
5 first reading of this bill just
6 reported for -- I move for the adoption
7 of the resolution.

8 (Motion seconded.)

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

12 All those in favor will say
13 aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it and the
16 resolution is adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
20 you, Madam President. Today I have two
21 bills and one resolution.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
4 Property, on behalf of the City of
5 Philadelphia, to transfer to the
6 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
7 Development buildings known as 815 East
8 Washington Lane.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 granting permission to ABEER, owner of
14 the property Oak Lane Diner, 6528 North
15 Broad Street, to legalize an existing
16 vestibule entrance and for the
17 operation and maintenance of the
18 sidewalk cafe covered by a canvas tent
19 at 66th Avenue.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
21 bill will be referred to the
22 appropriate committee.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
25 Property to execute and deliver

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2 Redevelopment Authority deeds located
3 in the 12th and 13th Wards City of
4 Philadelphia.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
8 for the adoption of the resolution.

9 (Motion seconded.)

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

13 All those in favor will say
14 aye.

15 Those opposed?

16 The ayes have it and the
17 resolution is adopted.

18 The Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Sanchez.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
21 you, Madam President. I have nothing
22 this morning.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilman Green.

3 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I offer one
5 resolution cointroduced by Councilwoman
6 Sanchez, Councilman Jones, and
7 Councilman Blondell Reynolds-Brown.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
9 you.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 authorizing the Committee on Public
14 Safety to hold hearings to examine the
15 current laws, programs, and procedures
16 regarding abuse orders in Philadelphia
17 County and to explore alternate laws,
18 practices, programs and procedures to
19 ensure that be an abuse victim will not
20 suffer further mental and physical
21 trauma by having to confront his or her
22 abuser with service of the protection
23 order from abused order.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
25 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Green.

3 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Madam

4 President, I move for the adoption of
5 the resolution.

6 (Motion seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will say aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 The ayes have it, and the
13 resolution will be referred to the
14 Committee on Public Safety.

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilman Jones.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
18 morning, Madam President. I have three
19 resolutions today and one on behalf of
20 the administration.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the title of the first
25 resolution.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 honoring and recognizing the great
4 works and commitment of Bishop Desmond
5 Tutu, a champion of oppressed people
6 worldwide, a forefather of the
7 liberation of South Africa and
8 banishing of apartheid, and recipient
9 of the Nobel Peace Prize.

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

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for
13 the adoption of the resolution.

14 (Motion seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will indicate by
19 saying aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it and the
22 resolution is adopted.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 honoring and recognizing Raymond
25 O'Donnell, Jr.'s achievements on

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2 receiving the Eagle Scout of Honor.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

4 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Move for the

6 adoption of the resolution.

7 (Motion seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

9 has been moved and properly seconded

10 that the resolution be adopted.

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 Those opposed?

13 The ayes have it and the

14 resolution is adopted.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

16 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

17 Property to execute and deliver to the

18 Redevelopment Authority deeds located

19 in the 38th Ward of the City of

20 Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

22 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for

24 the adoption of the resolution.

25 (Motion seconded.)

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

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 Those opposed?

7 The ayes have it, and the
8 resolution is adopted.

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilman Goode.

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

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

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Brown.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I offer three
20 resolutions: Earth Day, cosponsored by
21 my colleagues Councilman Jim Kenney,
22 Bill Green, and Curtis Jones; and Mary
23 J. Blige, cosponsored by Councilmembers
24 Sanchez and Jones; and the Dell East,
25 cosponsored by Clarke and Jones, and

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2 the last one of which I would like to
3 speak on.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chief Clerk will please read the title
6 of the first resolution.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 calling on the Department of Recreation
9 to find an alternate method to closing
10 the Robin Hood Dell East for the 2008
11 summer concert series.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Madam
15 President. I'd like to speak on this
16 very briefly, if I may.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
18 Mm-hmm.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Councilman
20 Clarke and Councilman Jones have joined
21 with me in sponsoring this resolution,
22 which, for today, softly puts the
23 spotlight on one of our city's outdoor
24 amphitheaters located in Councilman
25 Jones' district.

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2 The 2008 budget hearing
3 process has started this week, and
4 based on testimony this week, it is
5 uncertain if the Dell will host a 2008
6 summer concert series.

7 For now, we've decided we will
8 slow-walk our dissatisfaction with the
9 surprise discovery that the 2008 Dell
10 East season is now in a big question.

11 This resolution is designed to
12 simply kick-start needed discussions
13 with the leadership at the Rec
14 Department and the Capital Office.
15 The discussions, we expect, will be
16 open, honest and candid, but backed up
17 and supported with documentation.

18 With that said, on behalf of
19 the cosponsors and myself, we will --
20 we are, at best, sending a clear
21 message that should those pending
22 discussions lead us to a stonewall of
23 unanswered questions and inadequate
24 explanation, we will then push for a
25 more public, open discussion about

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2 this unacceptable prospect.

3 I move for the, adoption Madam
4 President.

5 (Motion seconded.)

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

9 All those in favor will say
10 aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 The ayes have it, and the
13 resolution is adopted.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 honoring and commending Mary J. Blige
16 on her involvement with Radio One's
17 First Annual Music and Entertainment
18 Conference Sunday, March 16, 2008; and
19 for her leadership in the community and
20 contributions to the music industry and
21 as a 2008 Honorary Women Making a
22 Difference awardee.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
24 Chair against recognizes Councilwoman
25 Brown.

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

5 (Motion seconded.)

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

9 All those in favor will say
10 aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 The ayes have it, and the
13 resolution is adopted.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 recognizing April w2, 2008 as "Earth
16 Day" in Philadelphia.

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

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

22 (Motion seconded.)

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

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2 All those in favor will say

3 aye.

4 Those opposed?

5 The ayes have it and the

6 resolution is adopted.

7 I know that Councilman DiCicco

8 did have some bills to introduce. The

9 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Madam

11 President. I'm pleased to introduce

12 three bills and five resolutions on

13 behalf of Councilman DiCicco.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank

15 you. The Chief Clerk will please read

16 the title of the first bill.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

19 Property, on behalf of the City of

20 Philadelphia, to transfer to the

21 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial

22 Development buildings located at 4301

23 Tacony Street.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Is

25 that a resolution?

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2 CHIEF CLERK: No, that's an
3 ordinance.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
9 Property, on behalf of the City of
10 Philadelphia, to transfer to the
11 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
12 Development buildings located on North
13 Front Street, Wilkey Street, Leopard
14 Street, and Richmond Street.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 amending Chapter 12-2400 of the
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Towing and
21 Immobilization of Parked or Abandoned
22 Vehicles."

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 reappointing Fran Smith to the Board of
4 Directors of the Old City Special
5 Services District.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 reappointing William Moore to the Board
11 of Directors of the Old City Special
12 Services Direct.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
14 resolution will be referred to the
15 appropriate committee.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 reappointing Ellen Yin to the Board of
18 Directors of the Old City Special
19 Services District.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 resolution will referred to the
22 appropriate economy.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 appointing Lou Casina to the Board of
25 Directors for the Old City Special

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2 Services District.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
4 resolution will also be referred to the
5 appropriate committee.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 appointing Stanley Taraila to the Board
8 of Directors of the Old City Special
9 Services District.

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

13 And the Chair recognizes
14 Councilman O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
16 President, I offer one resolution.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
18 you.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
22 calling on the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia's pleased and proud on the
24 occasion of his retirement to join with
25 the family and many friends of Vincent

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2 Jannetti. We honor him on his
3 exemplary service as Acting Secretary
4 is of Financial Oversight and Director
5 of Finance and recognize his 36 years
6 of stellar service to the citizens of
7 City of Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Move the
11 adoption.

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

15 All those in favor will say
16 aye.

17 Those opposed?

18 The ayes have and the
19 resolution is adopted.

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilman Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I have two bills and
24 one resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

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2 you.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 amending Chapter 19-2600 of the
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled
8 "Business-Privilege Taxes," by amending
9 Section 19-2604, entitled "Tax Rates,
10 Credits, Alternate Tax Computation."

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
12 bill will be referred to the
13 appropriate committee.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 amending Chapter 12-3000 of the
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of the
17 Automated Red-Light Enforcement System"
18 to prevent red-light violations, by
19 authorizing the installation of
20 red-light enforcement systems at the
21 intersection of 9th Street and
22 Roosevelt Boulevard.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
4 Property to execute and deliver to the
5 Redevelopment Authority deeds located
6 in the 15th 16th, and 32nd Wards of the
7 City of Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for
11 the adoption.

12 (Motion seconded.)

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

16 All those in favor will say
17 aye.

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it, and the
20 resolution is adopted.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilman Kelly.

23 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
24 President, I offer one resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

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

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 honoring Roman Catholic High School's
6 varsity football team.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 Chair recognizes Councilman Kelly.

9 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I move for
10 the adoption.

11 (Motion seconded.)

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

15 All those in favor will say
16 aye.

17 Those opposed?

18 The ayes have it, and the
19 resolution is adopted.

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1 2/28/08 STATED - COMMITTEE REPORTS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 next order of business is reports from
4 committees.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Tasco for a report from
7 the Committee on Finance.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
9 Madam President. The Committee on
10 Finance reports out two bills with a
11 favorable recommendation.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
13 you. The Chief Clerk will please read
14 the report.

15 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
16 and members of the Council of the City
17 of Philadelphia: The Committee on
18 Finance to which was referred:

19 Bill No. 080005, an ordinance
20 Amending Title 13 of the Philadelphia
21 Code, entitled "Water and Sewer," by
22 adding a new chapter regarding
23 termination of water and sewer service
24 and prohibiting the termination of
25 such services on certain days;

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2 And Bill No. 080076, an
3 ordinance amending Bill No. 070368, an
4 ordinance approving the Fiscal Year
5 2008 Capital Budget providing for
6 expenditures for the capital of the
7 Philadelphia Gas Works

8 Respectfully reports it has
9 considered the same and the returns
10 attached bills to Council with a
11 favorable recommendation.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 I move that the rules of
19 Council be suspended so as to permit
20 first reading of these bills just
21 reported from committee.

22 (Motion seconded.)

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

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2 so as to permit first reading this day
3 of the bills just reported from
4 committee.

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 Those opposed?

7 The ayes have it, and the
8 bills just read will be placed on our
9 first-reading calendar for today.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilman Greenlee for a report from
12 the Committee on Law and Government.

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
14 you, Madam President.

15 The Committee on Law and
16 Government reports out two bills and
17 two resolutions with a favorable
18 recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
20 Thank you.

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 read the report.

23 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
24 and the members of the Council of the
25 City of Philadelphia:

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2 The Committee on Law and
3 Government, to which was referred Bill
4 No. 080886, an ordinance providing for
5 the submission to the qualified
6 electors of the City of Philadelphia
7 of an amendment to the Philadelphia
8 Home Rule Charter separating and
9 further defining the responsibilities
10 of the City Representative and
11 Commerce Department; and

12 Bill No. 080008, an ordinance
13 providing for the submission to the
14 qualified electors of the City of
15 Philadelphia of an amendment to the
16 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to
17 increase the number of deputies exempt
18 from civil services in City
19 departments; and

20 Resolution No. 080040, a
21 resolution proposing an amendment to
22 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to
23 allow the administrative board to
24 increase the number of deputies exempt
25 from civil service in City

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2 departments; and

3 Resolution No. 0800041, a
4 resolution proposing an amendment to
5 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to
6 separate and further define the
7 responsibilities of the City
8 representative and Commerce Department

9 Respectfully reports it has
10 considered and amended the same and
11 returns the attached bills and
12 resolutions to Council with a
13 favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
15 you. The Chair again recognizes
16 Councilman Greenlee.

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
18 you, Madam President.

19 I move that the rules of
20 Council be suspended so as to permit
21 first reading this day of Bill No.'s
22 080006 and 080008.

23 (Motion seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It's
25 been moved and properly seconded that

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2 the rules of Council be suspended so as
3 to permit first reading this day of the
4 bills just read from the committee.

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 Those opposed?

7 The ayes have it, and the bill
8 just read will be placed on our
9 first-reading calendar for today.

10 Resolution Nos. 080040 and
11 080041 will be placed on our
12 second-reading and final-passage
13 calendar our next session Council.

14 The Chair now recognizes
15 Councilwoman Brown for a report from
16 the Committee on Parks, Recreation and
17 Cultural Affairs.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
19 Madam President. The Committee on
20 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs
21 reports one bill with a favorable
22 recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chief Clerk will please

1 2/28/08 STATED - COMMITTEE REPORTS

2 read the report.

3 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
4 and members of the Council of the City
5 of Philadelphia:

6 The Committee on Parks,
7 Recreation and Cultural Affairs, to
8 which was referred Bill No. 080024,
9 entitled "Commercial Activities on
10 Streets" by adding a new section
11 providing for the certification of
12 tour guides in certain areas of the
13 City, establishing requirements for
14 such certification, and providing for
15 penalties for violations, all under
16 certain terms and conditions,
17 respectfully reports it has considered
18 and amended the same and returns the
19 attached bill to Council with a
20 favorable recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Brown.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move that the rules
3 of Council be suspended so as to permit
4 first reading this day of Bill No.
5 080024.

6 (Motion seconded.)

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

12 All in favor, please say aye.

13 Those opposed?

14 The ayes have it and the bill
15 just read will be placed on our
16 first-reading calendar for today.

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1 2/28/08 STATED - CALENDAR CONSIDERATION

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 next order of business is the
4 consideration of the calendar the Chief
5 Clerk will please read the bills on our
6 first reading calendar.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080005,
8 an ordinance amending Title 13 of the
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Water and
10 Sewer" by adding a new chapter
11 regarding termination of water and
12 sewer service and prohibiting the
13 termination of such service on certain
14 days.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair agrees.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No.
18 080076, an ordinance amending Bill No.
19 070368, an ordinance approving the
20 Fiscal Year 2008 Capital Budget
21 providing for expenditures for the
22 capital purposes of the Philadelphia
23 Gas Works.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair agrees.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

3 080006, an ordinance providing for the
4 submission to the qualified electors of
5 the City of Philadelphia of an
6 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule
7 Charter separating and further defining
8 the responsibilities of the City
9 Representative and the Commerce
10 Department.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair agrees.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

14 080008, an ordinance providing for the
15 submission to the qualified electors of
16 the City of Philadelphia of an
17 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule
18 Charter to allow the Administrative
19 Board to increase the number of
20 deputies exempt from civil service.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair agrees.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

24 080024, an ordinance amending Chapter
25 9-200 of the Philadelphia Code,

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2 entitled "Commercial Activities on
3 Streets," by adding a new section
4 providing for the certification of tour
5 guides in certain areas of the City,
6 all under certain terms and conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair agrees.

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1 2/28/08 STATED - FINAL-READING CALENDAR

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for
4 the purpose of calling up the bills on
5 the second-reading and final-passage
6 calendar to be considered today.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
8 Madam President. Today, Bill No.
9 080078 is being held up for a second
10 reading and final-passage calendar for
11 today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 And it's my understanding that
15 Bill No. 080084 is being held at the
16 request of the sponsor? Councilman
17 O'Neill?

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes. This
19 is the Fox Chase Cancer bill that's
20 being held, and I just wanted everybody
21 to know that unlike December, when
22 there was a question about whether the
23 bill should be held, why the bill was
24 being held -- it's being held at the
25 request of the Law Department for one

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2 week because of a technical aspect that
3 the Planning Commission hasn't met on
4 it, and you have to wait 30 days if
5 they haven't met on the matter, and it
6 will be next week.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you for making that known for the
12 record.

13 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
14 please read the title of Bill No.
15 080078.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080078,
17 an ordinance authorizing the President
18 of the Fairmount Park Commission, the
19 Executive Director of Fairmount Park,
20 and the Procurement Commissioner, on
21 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
22 enter into a concession agreement with
23 Billy Casper Golf, LLC, all under
24 certain terms and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

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2 bill having been read on two different
3 days, the question now is: Shall the
4 bill pass finally?

5 The Chief Clerk will please
6 call the roll.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell?

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Clarke?

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 DiCicco is voting aye.

15 Councilman Goode?

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Greenlee?

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones?

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

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

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2 Verna?

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

4 The ayes are 16, the nays are
5 zero. A majority of all members
6 having voted in the affirmative, the
7 bill passes.

8 That completes our calendar
9 for today.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
3 there speeches on the part of the
4 Minority?

5 (No speeches on the part of
6 the Minority.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
8 there speeches on the part of Majority?

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I will be very brief.

13 Earlier in the week, I
14 forwarded a copy of a recent release
15 of a book to each of your office. The
16 book is called "The Rains," and it is
17 written by Dr. Sulaiman Clarke, who is
18 a graduate of Overbrook High School,
19 Cheyney University, and he has his
20 Ph.D. from Harvard. He's also a
21 professor at Fisk University,
22 Morehouse and Hampton and other
23 prestigious black colleges and
24 universities throughout the country.

25 And the reason I raise this

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2 book and why I've forwarded it to each
3 member of Council and am urging all
4 members and all citizens of the City
5 and all students in our school system
6 to read it, it is a truly amazing book
7 of fiction, which is extremely backed
8 up and researched by historical fact.

9 And the thing that really
10 has -- that I've noticed about the
11 book upon reading is it that it brings
12 to life many of the historic figures
13 that have lived and walk the streets
14 of the City of Philadelphia pretty
15 much in our day unknown and
16 unrecounted in history in many ways.

17 In this book are people like
18 Absalom Jones, Richard Allen, James
19 Forton, Robert Pervis, William Catto,
20 Fredrick Douglas, Harriet Tubman,
21 William Still, William and Ellen
22 Craft, and Octavius Cato, who many of
23 you know who have been working on an
24 appropriate memorial to Octavius
25 Catto.

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2 And the reason I raise it is,
3 I think it's very important for people
4 to read this and to understand that
5 that these people not only lived and
6 died lived in the streets of
7 Philadelphia but walked our streets,
8 lived in our neighborhoods, and were
9 an integral part of the history of
10 Philadelphia and the history of this
11 country.

12 And it also brings to light
13 and brings to a realistic
14 understanding many of the
15 institutional structure in our
16 building -- Mother Bethel Church.
17 Even here in City Hall work were
18 important segments of our history from
19 1800 to 1900, which was a very violent
20 and turbulent time in Philadelphia for
21 African-Americans and ex-slaves. It
22 was a major hub for the underground
23 railroad.

24 And I think this is one of the
25 greatest reads. It should be a movie

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2 and, hopefully, one day it will be
3 movie and it will be hopefully filmed
4 in Philadelphia.

5 But I recommend it reading to
6 all my colleagues and to all of
7 Philadelphians. If you really want to
8 get a good idea of what real
9 Philadelphian history is like, it's in
10 here.

11 So I thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilman Jones much.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: I want to
17 thank you, Madam President, for
18 bringing to my attention that it is
19 "African-American History Month." I
20 want to thank also my colleague
21 Councilman Kenney for circulating that
22 book. Sulaiman Clarke also happens to
23 be a resident of the 4th Councilmatic
24 District, and I'd like to put that on
25 the record, and we are very proud of

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2 him.

3 But Black History Month was
4 established in 1976 by African-
5 Americans for the study of
6 African-American life and history in
7 the City of Philadelphia, Commonwealth
8 of Pennsylvania, and these United
9 States of America. It was an
10 expansion of Negro History Week, which
11 was started by Carter Jewison out of
12 the year 1926.

13 I just wanted to take time in
14 this Council to recognize two figures
15 that made history in this City of
16 Philadelphia. One was the first
17 president of African-American heritage
18 to ascend to the presidency of this
19 Council, which was Dr. Joe Coleman,
20 and he should be recognized in this
21 great month. And also -- I think that
22 was 1980 if history serves me
23 correctly.

24 The other is Wilson Goode,
25 Sr., who also ascended to the Mayor's

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2 position within the City of
3 Philadelphia.

4 And they are two great
5 Philadelphians and two African-
6 Americans who should be recognized in
7 this month of African-American
8 history.

9 Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 I would just like to add
17 emphasis to the need for careful
18 deliberations on the Dell renovations.
19 Having been a veteran of improvements
20 in my district and how long it takes,
21 I think the administration should be
22 very, very cautious in determining
23 whether the Dell should close for this
24 summer because as bids go out, it
25 takes a long time, the whole process

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2 takes a long time, and we could end up
3 with having the Dell closed for two
4 seasons.

5 So I caution them, and
6 hopefully, that they will make sure
7 that the Department of -- the Capital
8 Improvements Office has a plan that's
9 detailed and has somewhat of a
10 schedule and time frame for the
11 beginning of the project and the end
12 of the project, 'cause it can get
13 really, really hairy.

14 Thank you very much.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 Are there any other speeches
18 on the part of the Majority?

19 Seeing none, the Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
22 Madam President.

23 I was -- Madam President, we
24 were actually going to wait until next
25 week, but I've been encouraged by my

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2 good friend Councilwoman Miller to
3 speak about this very briefly today,
4 and we'll have some follow-up
5 information next week.

6 We would like all of the
7 members of Council and members within
8 the chambers to save the date of March
9 12th at 9:30 a.m. The City of
10 Philadelphia prime sponsors,
11 Councilwoman Miller and myself, will
12 be taking on the challenge, the
13 challenge that we've been speaking
14 about sometime. We've finally gotten
15 our hearing date on this very, very
16 significant battle as it relates to
17 Philadelphia's ability to regulate its
18 own gun laws.

19 We will be sending some
20 information to all of the members.
21 That particular hearing will be in the
22 Commonwealth Court, 1300 block of
23 Chestnut Street, and we'll give you
24 more specifics.

25 And, Madam President, we'll

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2 probably be asking you to set up an
3 executive session so that members of
4 Council can be briefed prior to the
5 hearing.

6 But we just wanted to today
7 want ask people to save that date. We
8 think it could potentially be a
9 significant date for the citizens of
10 Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you. That's good news.

13 If there are no more speeches
14 on the part of the Majority, I would
15 recognize Councilman Clarke for a
16 motion to adjourn.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
18 Madam President. Thank you, Madam
19 President.

20 Madam President I move that
21 Council stand adjourned until
22 Thursday, March 6, 2008, 10 a.m.

23 (Motion seconded.)

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

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2 that Council stand adjourned Thursday,
3 March 6, 2008, at 10 a.m.

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it and the
7 motion carries.

8 (Proceedings end at 11 a.m.)

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