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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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Room 400, City Hall

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Thursday, May 19, 2005, 10:53 a.m.

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10 PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN F. RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS-BROWN

COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We will
6 now go into our session. I note that the
7 hour has come and a quorum of this Council is
8 present.

9 Council will please come to order.
10 Members will take their seats, and visitors
11 will please retire to the seats outside the
12 rails.

13 To give our invocation this morning,
14 the Chair would request that Reverend Mr.
15 Ramos give our invocation this morning.

16 All members and guests will please
17 rise.

18 (All rise.)

19 REV. MR. RAMOS: Let us pray.

20 By the miracle of God's life in you
21 and with you, you will see fruit of such
22 quantity and size in your life that you will
23 be amazed, and you will know that you had
24 nothing to do with it.

25 Heavenly Father, on this Your day,

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2 guide us in the deliberations before us, for
3 they will be tough. Pour Your grace and
4 wisdom, patience and tolerance upon us. Only
5 You are Almighty.

6 And for Thee we say, praise the Lord
7 in all of our works. Amen.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

9 Thank you very much.

10 The next order of business is the
11 approval of the Journal of the Meeting of
12 Thursday, May 12, 2005.

13 And the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President.

17 I move that the Journal of the
18 Meeting of Thursday, May 12, 2005 stand
19 approved.

20 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
21 Second.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
23 been moved and properly seconded that the
24 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, May 12,
25 2005, stand approved.

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2 All in favor will indicate by saying
3 aye.

4 (Chorus of "ayes.")

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
9 have it, and the motion carries, and the
10 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, May 12,
11 2005 stands approved.

12 The next order of business is
13 requests for leave of absence, and the Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President.

17 There are no requests for leaves of
18 absence on the part of the majority.

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

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 On behalf of the Republicans there

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2 are no requests for leaves of absence.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 thanks the gentleman.

5 The Chair will dispense with the
6 regular order of business to recognize the
7 guests and visitors joining us in chambers
8 this morning.

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

15 Councilwoman Blackwell, is your
16 guest here to receive the proclamation?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I asked
18 them to come over. They'll be here
19 momentarily. They're only right across the
20 street. Sorry, Madam president. I told them
21 about 11:00.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.

23 I think, in order to save time, I
24 would like to continue on with the calendar.
25 Once they arrive, we can recognize them.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

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

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

8 The Chief Clerk will please read the
9 messages from the Mayor.

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

13 I am pleased to advise you that on
14 May 19, 2005, I signed all the bills that
15 were passed by Council at its session on May
16 5, 2005.

17 And I am transmitting for the
18 consideration of your honorable body an
19 ordinance amending Title 14 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled zoning and
21 planning, by amending Chapter 14-200 entitled
22 residential districts, by adopting a new
23 waterfront redevelopment district, under
24 certain terms and conditions; and an
25 ordinance amending Bill Number 040765

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2 entitled, an ordinance approving the fiscal
3 year 2005 capital budget, providing for
4 expenditures for capital purposes of the
5 Philadelphia Gas Works; and an ordinance
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to execute and deliver to the
8 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
9 Development a deed bounded generally by 12th
10 Street on the west, Wharton Street on the
11 north, 11th Street on the east and Reed
12 Street on the south; and an ordinance
13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
14 Property to execute and deliver to the
15 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
16 Development a deed located on the east side
17 of University Avenue between Guardian Drive
18 and Curie Boulevard; and an ordinance
19 authorizing the Water Commissioner on behalf
20 of the city to enter into an agreement with
21 the owners of the properties and their
22 successors of 923 rear, units one, two and
23 three South 2nd Street; and an ordinance
24 authorizing the Water Commissioner on behalf
25 of the city to enter into an agreement with

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2 the owner of the property and his successors
3 at 8550 Verree Road; and an ordinance
4 authorizing the Water Commissioner on behalf
5 of the city to enter into an agreement with
6 the owner of the property and his successors
7 at 2401 Walnut Street, under certain terms
8 and conditions; and an ordinance granting
9 permission to Marie Bontigao, owner of Tabula
10 Rasa Cafe, owner of the property 944 North
11 2nd Street, to operate and maintain an open
12 air sidewalk cafe; and an ordinance granting
13 permission to Longacre Holdings, owner of the
14 property 1509 Mifflin Street, to operate an
15 maintain an open air sidewalk cafe at the
16 northwest corner of Mifflin Street and Hicks
17 Street.

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

20 The Chief Clerk will please read any
21 other communications in her possession.

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

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
25 very much.

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2 Councilwoman Blackwell, would you
3 please call and find out if your guests are
4 on their way.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At this
7 time, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Blackwell, who will present a resolution
9 proclaiming May 8th through May 14th as
10 Building Safety Week.

11 And Councilwoman Brown will be
12 joining Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 Will Commissioner Robert Zabibli and
14 those accompanying him please join the
15 Councilwoman at the podium.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
19 Madam President.

20 Resolution proclaiming May 8 to 14,
21 2005, as Building Safety Week within the City
22 of Philadelphia, and encouraging all citizens
23 to participate in activities that improve
24 building safety.

25 Whereas, building safety affects

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2 many aspects of American life. Thanks in
3 large part to the work of building safety and
4 fire prevention officials working together,
5 we enjoy the comfort of structures that safe
6 and sound;

7 And whereas, countless lives have
8 been saved through the adoption and
9 enforcement of building safety codes by local
10 and state agencies.

11 Dedicated members of the
12 International Code Council, including code
13 officials, architects, engineers and other
14 construction professionals, work diligently
15 to develop and enforce codes that safeguard
16 all of us in buildings where we live, work,
17 play and learn.

18 The City of Philadelphia which is an
19 active participant in this Code Council has
20 adopted the international codes, the most
21 widely used building and safety and fire
22 prevention codes in the nation.

23 In addition to the adoption of the
24 international code, the Pennsylvania Uniform
25 Construction Code became effective April 9,

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2 2004; and whereas, City Council recognized
3 the Department of Licenses and Inspection --
4 and we thank them for all they do -- for the
5 recent licensing and permitting reforms, it
6 developed in collaboration with the
7 Philadelphia Building and Construction Trades
8 Council, to substantially improve code
9 compliance and enforcement activities, for
10 the purpose of promoting public health and
11 safety in our city's construction industry.

12 And whereas, Building Safety Week,
13 sponsored by the International Code Council
14 Foundation, is a wonderful opportunity to
15 educate the public and increase awareness of
16 the role of safety and fire officials, local
17 building departments and federal officials
18 play in the first line of defense in
19 protecting the public; and...

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas, this
21 year's theme, quote, making homes, schools
22 and workplaces safer together, end quote,
23 encourages all Americans to increase their
24 awareness of building safety, and to take
25 appropriate steps to ensure that the places

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2 where we live, work and play are safe.

3 And whereas, during Building Safety
4 Week and throughout the year, this Council
5 urges all Philadelphians to consider projects
6 to improve building safety at home and in the
7 community, and to recognize the local
8 building safety and fire prevention officials
9 in the important role that they play in
10 public safety.

11 Now, therefore, resolved by the
12 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that it
13 has proclaimed May 8 through May 14, 2005, as
14 Building Safety Week within the City of
15 Philadelphia, and encourages all citizens to
16 participate in activities that improve
17 building safety.

18 And further resolved, that an
19 engrossed copy be given to the Department of
20 Licenses and Inspection as evidence of this
21 body's sincere appreciation in promoting
22 building safety.

23 Signed by the President of City
24 Council, our own Anna C. Verna, introduced by
25 colleagues Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell and

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2 Blondell Reynolds Brown, and sponsored by all
3 members of the Philadelphia City Council.

4 Congratulations.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Commissioner
8 Zabibli for remarks.

9 COMMISSIONER ZABIBLI: Good
10 morning. I want to thank everyone here for
11 honoring the men and women in the department.

12 And we're there. It's a tough job,
13 but safety is the foremost reason for our
14 existence. And we take it seriously. And we
15 thank you for recognizing that today. Thank
16 you.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council
19 will be at ease.

20 The next order of business is the
21 introduction of bills and resolutions, and
22 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell
23 for a motion.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 Thanks for permitting that
3 resolution to be heard today.

4 Madam President, I move that the
5 rules of Council be suspended in order to
6 permit the immediate consideration of
7 resolutions at their time of introduction.

8 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:

9 Second.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
11 been moved and properly seconded that the
12 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
13 immediate consideration of resolutions at the
14 time of introduction.

15 All in favor of the motion will
16 please say aye.

17 (Chorus of "ayes.")

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
22 have it, and the motion carries.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Kenney.

25 (No response.)

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

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
5 Madam President.

6 Today I introduce eight bills and
7 six resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
9 Councilwoman, are you adding to what you had
10 said originally? I think I had seven bills
11 and five resolutions.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I'm sorry,
13 Madam President.

14 More came up. So, I have eight
15 bills and six resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
19 Clerk will please read the title of the first
20 bill.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
22 Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, Section
23 9-602, entitled outdoor advertising, by
24 amending the requirements for obtaining the
25 conditions for issuance of license, including

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2 the applicable fees imposing safety
3 requirements and increasing penalties.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia Code
9 entitled, finances, taxes and collections, by
10 creating a new Chapter 19-3400 entitled,
11 excise tax on outdoor advertising
12 transactions.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for
18 Industrial Development to purchase properties
19 located 1627 to 33 South 49th Street.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 amending Chapter 19-1200 of The Philadelphia
25 Code entitled, parking tax, to provide for a

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2 tax on valet parking transactions, under
3 certain terms and conditions.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
9 Property to execute and deliver to the
10 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
11 Development a deed conveying fee simple title
12 to certain tract of City-owned land located
13 on the east side of University Avenue between
14 Guardian Drive and Curie Boulevard.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
19 granting permission to Longacre Holdings,
20 owner of the property 1509 Mifflin Street, to
21 operate and maintain an open air sidewalk
22 cafe.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 authorizing the Water Commissioner on behalf
4 of the City of Philadelphia to enter into an
5 agreement with the owner of the property and
6 his successors at 2401 Walnut Street.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a ordinance to
11 amend the Philadelphia zoning maps by
12 changing the zoning designations of certain
13 areas of land located within an area
14 bounded -- generally bounded by Oregon
15 Avenue, 20th Street and the Walt Whitman
16 Bridge.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
22 Property to execute and deliver to the
23 Philadelphia Authority deeds located in the
24 36th ward of the City of Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
4 Madam President.
5 I move for the adoption.
6 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
7 Second.
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
9 been moved and properly seconded that the
10 resolution be adopted.
11 All in favor will say aye.
12 (Chorus of "ayes.")
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?
15 (No response.)
16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
17 have it, and the resolution is adopted.
18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 approving the redevelopment contract and
20 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
21 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
22 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
23 of the Mantua Urban Renewal Area.
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 I move for the adoption of the
5 resolution.

6 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
7 Second.

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

11 All in favor will signify by saying
12 aye.

13 (Chorus of "ayes.")

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
18 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 approving the redevelopment contract and
21 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
22 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
23 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
24 of the 44th and Aspen Urban Renewal Area.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 I move for the adoption.

5 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:

6 Second.

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

10 All in favor will please say aye.

11 (Chorus of "ayes.")

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 approving the actions of the Board of the
19 Philadelphia Industrial Development
20 Corporation and the Philadelphia Authority
21 for Industrial Development to sell parcel
22 A-22 located at 70th Street and Halston
23 Avenue, Eastwick Urban Renewal Area.

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 I move for the adoption of the
5 resolution.

6 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
7 Second.

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

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Chorus of "ayes.")

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
17 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President,
21 no bills or resolutions today.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 thanks the gentleman.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
3 on behalf of the city administration, I offer
4 two bills and one resolution.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
9 Title 20 of The Philadelphia Code entitled,
10 officers and employees, by adding a new
11 chapter entitled lobbying, under certain
12 terms and conditions.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 providing for the submission to the qualified
18 electors of the City of Philadelphia of an
19 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule
20 Charter, creating and empowering a board of
21 ethics, as approved by resolution of City
22 Council.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia
4 Home Rule Charter, creating and empowering a
5 new board of ethics, and providing for the
6 submission of the amendment to the electors
7 of Philadelphia.

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

11 Does anyone have bills to be
12 introduced for Councilwoman Krajewski?

13 All right. The Chair recognizes
14 Councilman Kelly, for the purpose of
15 introducing bills for Councilwoman Krajewski.

16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I offer five
17 bills on behalf of Councilwoman Krajewski.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to amend
22 the Philadelphia zoning maps, by changing the
23 zoning designations of certain areas of land
24 located within an area bounded by Delaware
25 Avenue, Tacony Bridge, Eldridge Street and

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2 the New State Road and Huron Avenue.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance to
7 amend the Philadelphia maps, by changing the
8 zoning designations of certain areas of land
9 located within an area bounded by Thompson
10 Street, Arson Road, Edgemont Street, Juliana
11 Street, Solomon Street, Berkshire Street and
12 Richman Street.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance to
17 amend the Philadelphia zoning maps, by
18 changing the zoning designations of certain
19 areas of land, located within an area bounded
20 by State Road, former Rhawn Street, the
21 Delaware River and Bleigh Avenue.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code,
3 entitled zoning and planning, by amending
4 Chapter 14-200 entitled, residential
5 districts, by adopting a new Chapter 14-216
6 entitled, Waterfront Redevelopment District.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance to
11 amend the Philadelphia zoning maps, by
12 changing the zoning designations of certain
13 areas of land located within an area bounded
14 by New State Road, Minor Street, Princeton
15 Avenue, the Delaware River and Huron Avenue.

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

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Mariano.

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I have no bills
22 or resolutions.

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
4 President, I offer one bill and three
5 resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
7 The Chief Clerk will please read the
8 title of the bill.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
10 Bill Number 040765 entitled, an ordinance
11 approving the fiscal year 2005 capital budget
12 providing for expenditures for the capital
13 purposes of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 declaring June 16, 2005 as Tammy Terrell day.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for the
22 adoption of the resolution.

23 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
24 Second.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has

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2 been moved and properly seconded that the
3 resolution be adopted.
4 All in favor will say aye.
5 (Chorus of "ayes.")
6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?
8 (No response.)
9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
10 have it, and the resolution is adopted.
11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 declaring June 3, 2005 as Safe Night
13 Philadelphia Day.
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 again recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.
16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for the
17 adoption of the resolution.
18 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
19 Second.
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
21 been moved and properly seconded that the
22 resolution be adopted. All in favor will
23 signify by saying aye.
24 (Chorus of "ayes.")
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 have it, and the resolution is adopted.
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.
5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
6 Madam President.
7 Today I have no bills or
8 resolutions.
9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Nutter for introduction of bills and
12 resolutions.
13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Can I come back,
14 Madam President?
15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You want
16 me to bypass you. Okay.
17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Brown.
19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
20 Madam President.
21 I offer no bills or resolutions this
22 morning.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Goode.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
3 President.

4 I have no bills or resolutions.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Ramos.

9 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
10 I offer one bill on behalf of the
11 administration.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
15 Title 22 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
16 Public Employees Retirement Code, by amending
17 various provisions to prohibit rehiring
18 retirees who had retired out of D.R.O.P., and
19 to allow certain transfer payments for
20 purchase of service to provide certain
21 retroactive effective dates.

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
4 Madam President.

5 Earlier I indicated I had two
6 resolutions. It will only be one resolution
7 and four bills.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance granting
12 permission to Marie Bontigao, owner of Tabula
13 Rasa Cafe, tenant of the property located at
14 944 North 2nd Street, to operate and maintain
15 an open air sidewalk cafe.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
20 authorizing the Water Commissioner on behalf
21 of the city to enter into an agreement with
22 the owners of the properties and the
23 successors at 923 rear units one, two and
24 three South 2nd Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

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2 will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
6 Property to execute and deliver to the
7 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
8 Development a deed conveying for nominal
9 consideration fee simple title to three
10 adjacent parcels bounded generally by 12th
11 Street on the west, Wharton Street on the
12 north, 11th Street on the east, and Reed
13 Street on the south.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
15 will also be referred to the appropriate
16 committee.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 authorizing The Philadelphia Authority for
19 Industrial Development to file an application
20 with the Office of the Budget, Commonwealth
21 of Pennsylvania, under the Redevelopment
22 Assistance Capital Program in an amount not
23 to exceed \$1 million to assist in the
24 construction of a new rehearsal facility for
25 the Rock School of Ballet.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to execute and deliver to the
8 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
9 Philadelphia deeds located in the 31st ward
10 of the City of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 I move for the adoption of the
16 resolution.

17 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Chorus of "ayes.")

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
3 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'Neill: Thank you,
7 Madam President.

8 I have no bills or resolutions.

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

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Clarke.

13 Is anyone introducing anything for
14 Councilman Clarke?

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Kelly.

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
18 I offer one bill on behalf of Councilman
19 Clarke.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is it a
21 bill or a resolution?

22 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Pardon me. That
23 was a resolution.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
25 The Chief Clerk will please read the

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2 title of the relation.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution approving
4 the redevelopment contract and disposition
5 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of
6 the City of Philadelphia for the
7 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
8 of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Kelly.

11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Yes. I offer
12 the...

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Move for
14 the adoption.

15 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Move for the
16 adoption.

17 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
18 Second.

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

22 All in favor will indicate by saying
23 aye.

24 (Chorus of "ayes.")

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 the Pennsylvania United States Senators and
3 Congressional delegation to oppose the
4 proposed cut in federal funding for adult
5 basic and literacy education and the
6 Everstart Program.

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

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I move the
10 adoption of the resolution.

11 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
12 Second.

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

16 All in favor will indicate by saying
17 aye.

18 (Chorus of "ayes.")

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
23 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

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2 Property to execute and deliver to the

3 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the

4 4th ward of the City of Philadelphia.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

6 again recognizes Councilman Nutter.

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam

8 President.

9 I move the adoption of the

10 resolution.

11 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:

12 Second.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has

14 been moved and properly seconded that the

15 resolution be adopted.

16 All in favor will please say aye.

17 (Chorus of "ayes.")

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes

22 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

23 The next order of business is

24 reports from committees.

25 Councilman Cohen, would you like

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2 Councilman Kenney to submit the report from
3 the Committee on Law and Government?

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes. The
6 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
8 President.

9 On behalf of Councilman Cohen, the
10 Chairman, the Committee on Law and Government
11 reports one resolution with a favorable
12 recommendation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

14 The Chief Clerk will please read the
15 report.

16 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
17 members of the Council of the City of
18 Philadelphia:

19 The Committee on Law and Government
20 to which was referred Resolution Number
21 050428 entitled, a resolution proposing an
22 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule
23 Charter relating to city leases, contracts,
24 concessions, and the provision of financial
25 assistance, and providing for the submission

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2 of the amendment to the electors of
3 Philadelphia, respectfully reports it has
4 considered the same and returns the attached
5 resolution to Council with a favorable
6 recommendation.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

8 Resolution Number 050428 will be
9 placed on our final passage calendar for our
10 next session of Council.

11 The next order of business is the
12 consideration of the calendar.

13 There are no bills on our first
14 reading calendar at this time.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up bills
17 on the second reading and final passage
18 calendar.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 Today Bill Number 050166, Resolution
22 Number --

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry,
24 Councilwoman. What page is that on, please?

25 Did you say 050166?

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2 made to hold?

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well.

5 Bill Number 050071 will be held.

6 The Chief Clerk will please read the
7 title of Bill Number... I was just informed
8 by the sponsor of Bill Number 040771 --
9 that's on Page 4 -- that he will be offering
10 an amendment to that bill.

11 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
12 please read the title of Bill Number
13 040772-A.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
15 Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code entitled,
16 contracts and procurement, by adding
17 provisions regulating the process by which
18 the city awards professional services --
19 service contracts and other non-competitive
20 bid contracts, and prohibiting persons from
21 entering into such contracts or from
22 receiving city financial assistance if they
23 or certain related parties have made certain
24 contributions to elected city offices or
25 candidates for city offices, all under

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2 certain terms and conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Nutter.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
7 President.

8 This bill is being called up for
9 amendment purposes. But before speaking on
10 those, I wish to thank my colleagues for
11 their continued interest in this particular
12 issue, for raising questions that needed to
13 be raised, so that we could try to accomplish
14 what we're trying to accomplish, while at the
15 same time not having unintended consequences
16 or negative impact.

17 And specifically, the proposed
18 amendments today, again working with
19 yourself, Madam President, Councilwoman
20 Tasco, Councilman Clarke, and a number of
21 other members and their advice and guidance,
22 the amendments seek to remove any question or
23 any concern with regard to our critically
24 important social service network and the
25 non-profit organizations that contract with

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2 the city, as well as putting back the
3 provisions with regard to contracting
4 procedures involving city-related agencies.

5 For that I also want to commend the
6 Law Department and our own staff for making
7 sure that in both the Charter resolution, as
8 well as in this Bill 040772-A, the
9 appropriate language is put into place to
10 make sure that those provisions work as
11 they're intended as well. Those are the
12 major features.

13 These amendments have been
14 circulated. And I would ask my colleagues
15 for their support in amending Bill 040772-A,
16 with the circulated amendments.

17 Thank you, Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

19 Would you make a motion, please?

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I guess that
21 would be nice.

22 I move the adoption of the
23 amendments to Bill 040772-A.

24 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
25 Second.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
3 been moved and properly seconded that the
4 amendments proposed by Councilman Nutter be
5 adopted.

6 All in favor will indicate by saying
7 aye.

8 (Chorus of "ayes.")

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

14 The next bill to be called for
15 consideration is Bill Number 040771, on Page
16 4. Councilman Nutter, that's your bill.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
18 President.

19 First, I want to apologize to the
20 President and the members. Madam President,
21 can I ask that we come back to this bill? I
22 have to have a discussion with Councilman
23 Clarke. I inadvertently said that this bill
24 was not coming up today. That was a mistake.

25 This bill is the ballot question

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2 related to the Charter proposal that just
3 came out of the Law and Government Committee.

4 It was originally written such that
5 the question would be on the ballot in May.
6 Of course, that did not happen. Therefore,
7 an amendment needs to be made to this bill in
8 order to enable it to be on the ballot in
9 November, should it be approved.

10 That's an amendment that needs to be
11 made, but I need to have a further
12 consultation with my colleague and also
13 circulate that particular amendment. I
14 apologize for the error.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And you
16 will do that at the completion of the
17 calendar.

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I will do it as
19 soon as I finish talking.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I believe
23 the next bill to be called for consideration
24 is Bill Number 050301.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending

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2 Title 20 of The Philadelphia Code entitled,
3 officers and employees, by amending the
4 provisions relating to campaign contributions
5 and expenditures, relating to, included but
6 not limited to the District Attorney, City
7 Controller, Register of Wills, Sheriff, Clerk
8 of Quarter Sessions, Court and City
9 Commissioners.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
13 Madam President.

14 I have an amendment on behalf of
15 myself and Councilman Nutter to Bill Number
16 050301.

17 It's been circulated. I'd like to
18 explain Page 2, which is an amendment I was
19 going to introduce today, but in light of
20 what was done just recently in the Law and
21 Government Committee to the bill that was
22 just discussed, 040772-A, I want to make sure
23 the two bills are consistent, which we tried
24 to do all along.

25 So, let me -- Councilman Nutter will

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2 explain Page 1 of the amendments because it
3 involves the other bill. Let me just explain
4 Page 2 which is my amendment, my part of the
5 amendment.

6 This bill, just to refresh everyone,
7 would place the District Attorney, City
8 Controller and row offices under the same
9 campaign finance regulations which have been
10 enacted for the Mayor and City Council.

11 The dollar limits vary by office.
12 The bill would become effective upon signing
13 by the Mayor. The amendment clarifies the
14 status of funds already raised in the 2005
15 campaigns for District Attorney and City
16 Controller.

17 Under this amendment, contributions
18 made before the bill becomes law will not be
19 considered in determining compliance with the
20 contribution limits established in the bill.
21 So, it would be going forward in this
22 election.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Excuse me,
24 Councilman. I don't mean to interrupt you.
25 Was the copy of the amendment circulated?

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2 Because I don't have a copy.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes, it was;
4 just recently. We're waiting for the text of
5 the pay to play amendment.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Does
7 everyone have a copy? Thank you. I'm sorry,
8 Councilman. I didn't mean to interrupt you,
9 but I couldn't follow what you were...

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: That's okay.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I think the
13 amendment on Page 1 which is to have
14 consistency between the two bills as they're
15 moving through Council dealing with
16 contribution limits, one on no bid --
17 involving no bid contracts and one just
18 involving elected officials.

19 I would defer to Councilman Nutter
20 to explain it. I believe they're pretty
21 straightforward.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Nutter.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam

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2 President.

3 Councilman O'Neill is correct. The
4 amendments that we have made to Bill 040772-A
5 involve a variety of matters, but also for
6 consistency purposes, the dollar amount
7 limitation for individuals would be \$2500 per
8 year.

9 We wanted to make sure that there
10 was consistency between for the moment what
11 is now Bill 040772-A and Bill 050301.

12 In addition -- And this, again,
13 working in concert with a variety of members,
14 but specifically Councilwoman Tasco, when you
15 look at federal limits, you will also notice
16 in their legislation there are provisions
17 with regard to what are generally referred to
18 as either adjustments, automatic adjustments.

19 And so, we have mirrored to some
20 extent the federal formula involving the
21 maximum amount that could be contributed
22 either by an individual or by a political
23 action committee or partnership or business,
24 such that there will be an every four-year
25 review based on the C.P.I.U.

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2 That's a consumers all items index
3 for Philadelphia, as determined by the Bureau
4 of Labor Statistics. That's what this
5 proposed amendment to Bill 050301 does, and
6 it is consistent with the provisions of Bill
7 040772-A.

8 I could keep talking about some
9 other matters or...

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 O'Neill, I assume, for a motion.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 I move that proposed amendment to
16 Bill 050301 be approved.

17 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
18 Second.

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

22 All in favor will say aye.

23 (Chorus of "ayes.")

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
4 have it, and the motion carries.

5 The Chief Clerk will please read the
6 title of Bill Number 050166.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
8 the ordinance of April 22, 1975, Bill Number
9 1796, establishing the prison industrial
10 revolving fund and providing for the
11 administration thereof, all under certain
12 terms and conditions.

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

16 The Chief Clerk will please call the
17 roll.

18 The Chief Clerk will please call the
19 roll.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Verna.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

10 The ayes are 15. The nays are zero.

11 A majority of all members having voted in the
12 affirmative, the bill passes.

13 The next bill to be called for
14 consideration is Bill Number 050429.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 memorializing Council's intent not to
17 authorize the issuance of debt by the city or
18 any other agency unless the sale of bonds and
19 the selection of bond firms and professionals
20 is conducted under a transparent process that
21 seeks the selection of the most qualified
22 firms and professionals at the best possible
23 prices.

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

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2 Oh, I'm sorry, it is a resolution.

3 Councilman Clarke, your light is on.

4 Did you want to be recognized?

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes, Madam

6 President.

7 Madam President, I just wanted to

8 speak briefly on the resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Sure. The
10 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

12 Madam President, while I believe I
13 understand the intent of this particular
14 resolution and probably support the intent, I
15 do have some concerns, as it relates to my
16 vote, essentially memorializing Council's
17 intent.

18 Intent is a somewhat catchy word. I
19 do want to say for the record that there
20 could potentially be a bond transaction that
21 needs to happen in a timely matter.

22 So, I'm somewhat concerned about
23 voting for something that, although
24 technically not limiting my ability to vote
25 on any potential bond transaction, but it

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2 sends a signal that I personally will not in
3 fact vote for that if I vote for this
4 resolution.

5 So I say that with reservation. And
6 I don't know if the sponsor wants to speak of
7 that -- respond to that. I'm just a little
8 concerned about... I don't think I'm -- To
9 my knowledge, I don't think we've ever done
10 anything like this. Sponsor.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Kenney for a point of
13 order.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Sorry to
15 interrupt. Please record my vote as being
16 aye on 050166.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The record
18 will so reflect that Councilman Kenney is
19 voting aye on Bill Number 050166.

20 Councilman Nutter, are you going to
21 be responding to Councilman Clarke's
22 concerns?

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
24 President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I,
3 likewise, because generally this comes
4 through the Finance Committee... I likewise
5 would have liked to have more discussion. It
6 didn't come through the Finance Committee as
7 it usually does. It was circulated. And a
8 lot of people just weren't aware. We've had
9 some general airport discussion and bond
10 discussion about what we want to do.

11 But it does... You know, life's a
12 little -- We have enough to do. It just
13 makes it a little easier if we're given more
14 information and issues like this are
15 certainly discussed with us. And I would
16 have liked to have shared it with the Finance
17 Committee as well. Thank you.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
19 Nutter.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
21 President.

22 Unfortunately, I did not hear the
23 beginning of Councilman Clarke's comments but
24 I think I have a pretty good idea, and we did
25 have a chance to chat.

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2 I think what should be made clear
3 here is that this is a resolution that
4 expresses a particular sentiment, if you
5 will, although somewhat specific in the
6 sentiment, about the kind of process that the
7 Council would like to see.

8 I think, if I heard the Councilman
9 correctly, he is going to, as all of us will,
10 he is going to reserve his absolute right to
11 vote for or against a bill if one is
12 presented at that time in either a committee
13 process or certainly when it reaches the full
14 calendar, the Council calendar and the full
15 body, notwithstanding anything in this
16 resolution.

17 But I think it is in the form of, at
18 a minimum, laying out a process, starting a
19 discussion at a very serious level.

20 There is an opportunity, of course,
21 for the Mayor to respond with either an
22 executive order or a piece of legislation.

23 Because of the subject matter, I'm
24 sure my colleagues will remember that is why
25 this resolution was introduced last Thursday,

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2 in order to give members certainly some
3 decent amount of time to review the matter.

4 Having said that, I mean, I, you
5 know, would call for the adoption of the
6 resolution. And the members will, you know,
7 vote in accordance with how they want to
8 vote.

9 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.
12 Do you want to be recognized, Councilman
13 Clarke? Your light's not on, for some
14 reason.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President,
16 for the moment I'll withdraw the motion, if
17 Councilman O'Neill would agree to withdraw it
18 in a second. I didn't realize Councilman
19 Clarke was coming back.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I know.
21 And his name is not being reflected on the
22 screen here.

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I can come back.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It's on now.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yeah.

4 Additionally, Madam President, as it relates
5 to any introduction of a potential bond
6 transaction, although understanding that this
7 is, in fact, a resolution that's not binding.

8 Earlier I mentioned the fact that
9 there could be something that was pressing
10 that we may need to do. Introductions of
11 such bonds tend to go through the Council
12 President's office and introduced by the
13 majority leader.

14 And I'm not sure that this
15 particular resolution covers that. If there
16 is something that we would not in fact
17 introduce it, even if it was something that
18 was pressing, something that people feel
19 there's a consensus that we need to act upon.
20 I'm a little concerned about that also.

21 Therefore, not even allow me to have
22 an opportunity to vote on a transaction, a
23 transaction that potentially everyone
24 could -- could agree with. That's another
25 thing I'm a little concerned about.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: (Inaudible).

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yeah. I mean,
4 if the Council President --

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Just a
6 moment please. I think Councilman Clarke is
7 speaking and I'd like him to finish.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'm not sure...
9 You know, traditionally the process on
10 ordinances of this type traditionally go
11 through the Council President's office and
12 more often than not is introduced by the
13 majority leader on her behalf.

14 My concern that... And I'm not --
15 It doesn't clearly spell out the details of
16 that particular process, the introduction.
17 It talks about us not addressing it.

18 And I'm concerned that if there is
19 in fact something that there's a clear
20 consensus that we need to do, that that
21 particular bill wouldn't even get introduced
22 until the Mayor lays out whatever executive
23 order that he so sees fit, because at the end
24 of the day it's his prerogative, that that
25 bill wouldn't even be introduced. I'm a

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2 little concerned about that, that this
3 executive order that the Mayor, you know,
4 ultimately has a determination as to what it
5 is he would do. I don't want to tie our
6 hands as a Council. And we need to do
7 something in a timely manner.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
9 Nutter, a Councilwoman wants to be
10 recognized. So, if you don't mind I would
11 like to recognize her, and you would be able
12 to address the concerns of the Council
13 members at one time.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 If all those who sponsored this are
19 in support of the bill, you already have nine
20 votes.

21 I'm only asking because some of us
22 have not read it, if you could wait until
23 next week. So I mean, it's apparent if those
24 who are listed as co-sponsors this morning,
25 that you have the votes. So that's not the

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2 issue. We'd just like to review it, which is
3 different from what Councilman Clarke is
4 saying. But that's my concern, if you'd be
5 willing to hold it up for a week and vote on
6 it next week.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Kenney. Do you have...

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Just a point of
10 information relative to Councilman Clarke's
11 position.

12 Doesn't the power of the Presidency
13 currently have that ability, to hold a bond
14 issue if he or she, whoever the President is,
15 decided that they didn't want to have it
16 introduced?

17 Regardless of whether or not this
18 resolution is acted upon or voted favorably,
19 Council President could refuse to introduce
20 the legislation or the Chairman or
21 Chairperson of the Finance Committee, upon
22 receipt of that ordinance or bond ordinance
23 from the Council President, could refuse to
24 schedule a hearing in a timely fashion.

25 I mean, those prerogatives exist

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2 today without the resolution. That could be
3 held up for a number of different reasons.
4 Thank you.
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I agree.
6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
7 Clarke.
8 COUNCILMAN CLARKEE: I agree. So, I
9 guess I'm -- I would then respond, why do we
10 need the resolution?
11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Well,
12 Councilman, I'm sure Councilman Nutter could
13 explain the resolution. But I mean, I don't
14 think it does anything to change --
15 materially change what the procedure of this
16 Council is.
17 It just gives in many ways the
18 sentiment of the Council on how we should
19 proceed in the future, as opposed to how
20 we've proceeded the past on doing bond -- on
21 awarding bond contracts.
22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Nutter.
25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam

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2 President.

3 I appreciate the sincere comments of
4 my colleagues, Councilman Clarke, majority
5 leader Blackwell and Councilman Kenney.

6 Let me try, at least, to articulate
7 that. The sum and substance of this
8 particular resolution, I think, is found very
9 simply in Section 3 which talks about the
10 process.

11 The sole purpose and intent of this
12 resolution is to talk about the process of
13 how the administration conducts the issuance
14 of debt and the selection of the
15 professionals to participate in that process,
16 all of which today takes place away from this
17 body, which is fine.

18 This resolution does not in any way,
19 shape or form change our process and what we
20 do when a bill comes up to the President.
21 It's almost always transmitted to the
22 majority leader, and we go through our normal
23 process, as required by the Home Rule
24 Charter.

25 All this resolution says is, before

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2 it comes to us, the issuance of debt, the
3 selection of professionals should be
4 conducted in a certain fashion. That is all
5 it says.

6 It does not interfere with the
7 normal transactions between the receipt by
8 the President, going to the majority leader,
9 ultimately, again in most cases, being
10 referred to the Committee on Finance.

11 It is not disruptive of the Council
12 process. It lays out a process for the
13 administration in how they put these deals
14 together.

15 Having said that, based on the
16 majority leader's suggestion, and if members
17 do require additional time, I don't see any
18 harm -- And other members will speak for
19 themselves. I don't see any particular harm
20 in holding for a week.

21 But I think, again, it should be
22 very clear that this only affects the process
23 of how these deals are put together which is
24 a process that generally the members are not
25 involved in in the first place.

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2 What we do and how we do it is not a
3 subject matter specifically as it relates to
4 this resolution.

5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
7 welcome.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 I have no problem if the sponsor
13 holds the bill.

14 But I think it's actually trying to
15 be more fair to the administration, if the
16 bill's going to come here and people are not
17 going to vote for it, that there be a
18 forewarning that the administration be placed
19 on notice that if these deals are not bid --
20 And obviously, there's always arguments for
21 extraordinary circumstances, and we can deal
22 with them when they come up.

23 But I'd rather be in a position
24 where I'm voting for this now rather than
25 later, saying, I don't want to vote for this

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2 bill in committee or I don't want to vote for
3 it on final passage because of the no-bid or
4 bid issue involved with bond issues. Thank
5 you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam, thank you
10 Madam President.

11 Madam President, I just want to
12 thank the sponsor for the explanation.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Goode.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
17 President.

18 I believe Councilman Nutter is
19 holding the resolution.

20 If the decision has not been made, I
21 just wanted to clarify for the record that it
22 is a resolution. I'm a sponsor of the
23 resolution.

24 My understanding of the resolution
25 is that it is non-binding. It's the

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2 beginning of a discussion on a policy matter
3 that we will probably take up in some formal
4 way, but any action we take today may be
5 formal but non-binding.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: And I appreciate
9 Councilman Goode's comments, which I think
10 are, you know, again, kind of the critical
11 aspect here.

12 It is merely expressing the
13 sentiment of the body, in terms of what a
14 process should look like. It provides
15 maximum flexibility for the Mayor in this
16 particular regard.

17 But I do think in whatever context
18 we want to view these matters, it is
19 critically important continually that this
20 body express its view on these kinds of
21 matters. We have other legislation moving
22 through this chamber.

23 And because it's non-binding, you
24 know, and it has been sitting for some time,
25 I don't -- I mean, I'm not completely clear

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2 on what the -- what the issue is. Hopefully
3 he'll tell me if I'm wrong. Hopefully I've
4 sought to address the concerns expressed by
5 Councilman Clarke.

6 I don't know if there are any
7 others. And again, it certainly does not
8 take away anyone in this chamber's right to
9 vote how they want to vote, if there were a
10 matter in front of us.

11 To the best of my knowledge, I don't
12 think there is a matter in front of us,
13 and -- in terms of any debt offering. And if
14 it was not done in accordance with this,
15 there would be no harm to that -- to that
16 piece of legislation.

17 So, I mean, I'm not exactly sure
18 what the -- what the big issue is.

19 I think every opportunity this
20 Council has to take to address many of these
21 concerns, and again, at least lay out a
22 framework and a process for taking action,
23 does not mean -- You know, this is not part
24 of the Ten Commandments.

25 I mean, there are certainly

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2 opportunities to make change. And what would
3 be better is, at least from my perspective as
4 a legislator, if a bill came in, but the
5 Mayor obviously has the right under the Home
6 Rule Charter to issue an executive order if
7 he wants to use some of these components, not
8 use some of the components, take advice from
9 the 21st Century Review Forum or others who
10 are experts in the area, you know, that
11 should be more than fine.

12 I mean, you know, I am a little hard
13 pressed after the discussion and again with
14 Councilman Goode reminding us for probably
15 the third or fourth time, it is a resolution.

16 And we express our sentiment in many
17 different ways virtually every week here in
18 this chamber.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
22 President.

23 Madam President, again, you know, I
24 thank the sponsor for his explanation. And
25 it was not my intent to make a big deal of

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2 it. I just simply asked for an explanation
3 about the resolution and the intent of the
4 resolution. Thank you.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.

6 Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Nutter.

9 (No response.)

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

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I thank
13 you. I thank the sponsor for being willing
14 to hold it one week. I don't think the world
15 will change so much, but I thank him. And I
16 think that's -- that will be satisfactory,
17 and we can move on.

18 Thank you, Councilman.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Again the
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
22 President.

23 I do appreciate the majority
24 leader's comments. And given that I have
25 made the previous statement about this, with

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2 reluctance I will hold.

3 But I do want to make sure that
4 given all of this discussion and whatever
5 else might ensue in the course of the week, I
6 want at least some sense of commitment, you
7 know, by the members that, whether it's up or
8 down, that there is at least the opportunity
9 for a vote.

10 Because I don't know what else we
11 could explore or examine or what's going --
12 what is going to change in the course of the
13 week, but I do want a vote on this particular
14 matter. And I'd like to have it next week,
15 notwithstanding whatever other issues may
16 arise. I mean, are we at the end of the
17 calendar?

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.
19 Well, we've -- I believe we have one other of
20 your bills to consider. You had asked us to
21 speak at the time. It's Bill Number 040771.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: What I would
23 ask, Madam President, is, I know that
24 we're -- when we finish the calendar we're
25 going to recess this session, go into budget.

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2 I'd at least like to reserve the
3 opportunity to talk with the majority leader.
4 We will, you know, probably be together for a
5 little while today. And we will come back
6 into a Council session.

7 This resolution is still on the
8 calendar. And I'd like to have the
9 opportunity for further discussion, and the
10 prospect of later in the session taking
11 action on this particular matter. But I need
12 to have an opportunity for discussion with
13 the majority leader.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
15 certainly have no objection.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Madam President,
19 this is a non-binding resolution. I think
20 discussion has gone too far. This matter is
21 of greater importance to discuss here today.
22 So, I'm going to withdraw myself as a sponsor
23 of the resolution.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.
25 I didn't hear you.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I'm withdrawing
3 myself as a sponsor of the resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.
5 So... Councilman Nutter.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I think we can
7 go to 040771.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes. And
9 you're going to hold 050429 until the
10 conclusion of today's session?

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Is that the
12 resolution?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yeah.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Yes.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay. All
16 right.

17 I would ask the Chief Clerk to once
18 again read Bill Number 040771.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance providing
20 for the submission to the qualified electors
21 of the City of Philadelphia of a proposal set
22 forth and a resolution approved by Council
23 proposing amendment of the Philadelphia Home
24 Rule Charter relating to city leases,
25 contracts, concessions and the provision of

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2 financial assistance, fixing the date of a
3 special election for such purpose,
4 prescribing the former ballot question to be
5 voted on, and authorizing the appropriate
6 officers to publish notice and to make
7 arrangements for the special election.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

9 This bill having been read on two
10 different days, the question now is, shall
11 the bill pass finally.

12 The Chief Clerk will please call the
13 roll.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: It's being
15 amended.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
17 what?

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: 040771 is being
19 amended.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well.
21 Have the amendments been circulated?

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Yes, they have,
23 Madam President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
3 President.

4 Madam President, this is the bill
5 that was called up earlier. I had
6 inadvertently asked that it be held.

7 This is connected to the contract
8 reform, Bill 040772 and the Charter
9 resolution that came through the Law and
10 Government Committee this morning.

11 This resolution -- This bill needs
12 an amendment to the dates involving the
13 ballot question. The bill originally was
14 written such that the ballot question would
15 be on the May 17, 2005 ballot.

16 The amendments are to change the
17 date to November 8, 2005, and change the
18 resolution that goes with it to 050428.
19 Those are the only amendments to this bill.
20 And I'd move the adoption of the amendments.

21 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PESON: Second.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
23 been moved and seconded that the amendments
24 as submitted by Councilman Nutter be adopted.

25 All in favor will indicate by saying

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2 aye.

3 (Chorus of "ayes.")

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes

8 have it, and the amendments have been

9 adopted.

10 That concludes our calendar for

11 today.

12 This Council will stand in recess

13 until the completion of the meeting of the

14 Committee of the Whole which will resume

15 immediately.

16 I would ask all Council members to

17 please remain in chambers so that we may

18 complete the meeting of the Committee of the

19 Whole. And if anyone wants to suggest a

20 ten-minute recess, I'd be more than happy to

21 engage it. So, we will reconvene in ten

22 minutes. Thank you.

23 (Recessed at 12:00 noon.)

24 (Reconvened at 5:15 p.m.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT: This was a

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2 continued Council session that was recessed
3 earlier today and is now being reconvened.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell for a motion.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Is this
7 regarding my Committee of the Whole report?
8 No? Or is this regarding hearing --

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This is a
10 motion to spend the rules for additional
11 reports from committees.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
13 Madam President.

14 I move that the rules of Council be
15 suspended so as to permit additional reports
16 to be received at this time.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Second.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay. It
19 has been moved and properly seconded that the
20 rules of Council be suspended, as to permit
21 additional reports from committees and to
22 allow first reading at this time.

23 All in favor will signify by saying
24 aye.

25 (Chorus of "ayes.")

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
6 have it, and the motion carries.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Blackwell for a report from the Committee of
9 the Whole.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 The Committee of the Whole reports
13 out two bills with a favorable
14 recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

16 The Chief Clerk will please read the
17 report.

18 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
19 members of the Council of the City of
20 Philadelphia:

21 The Committee of the Whole to which
22 was referred Bill Number 050190, entitled:
23 An ordinance dissolving the Networks Tax
24 Increment Financing District, being the area
25 generally bounded by 16th Street on the west,

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2 Spring Garden Street on the north, Hamilton
3 Street on the south and 15th Street on the
4 east; and Bill Number 050236, entitled: An
5 ordinance dissolving the 1600 North Broad Tax
6 Increment Financing District, and creating
7 the Avenue North Tax Increment Financing
8 District, being the approximately three acre
9 site at 1600 to 36 North Broad Street,
10 generally bounded by Cecil B. Moore Avenue on
11 the north, Broad Street on the east, Oxford
12 Street on the south, and Carlisle Street on
13 the west, respectfully reports it has
14 considered and amended the same, and returns
15 the attached bills to Council with a
16 favorable recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 The bills just read will be placed
19 on the first reading calendar for our next
20 session of Council.

21 The Chair now recognizes Councilman
22 Clarke for a report from the Committee on
23 Rules.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President,
25 the Committee on Rules reports two bills with

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2 a favorable recommendation.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

4 The Chief Clerk will please read the report.

5 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
6 members of the Council of the City of
7 Philadelphia:

8 The Committee on Rules, to which was
9 referred Bill Number 050215, entitled: An
10 ordinance approving the second amendment of
11 the redevelopment proposal for the 44th and
12 Aspen Urban Renewal Area, being the area
13 generally bounded by Lancaster Avenue,
14 Bellmont Avenue, Pennsgrove Street, 42nd
15 Street, Haverford Avenue, 44th Street,
16 Fairmount Avenue and 47th Street; and Bill
17 Number 050229, entitled: An ordinance
18 approving the 12th amendment of the
19 redevelopment proposal for the Mantua Urban
20 Renewal Area, being the area beginning at the
21 intersection of 40th Street and Spring Garden
22 Street, including the Ninth Amendment to the
23 urban renewal plan, respectfully reports it
24 has considered the same and returns the
25 attached bills to Council with a favorable

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2 recommendation.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President,
7 I move that the rules of Council be suspended
8 so as to permit first reading this day of
9 Bills Number 050215, 050229.

10 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
11 Second.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
13 been moved and properly seconded that the
14 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
15 first reading this day of Bill Numbers 050215
16 and 050229.

17 All in favor will please say aye.

18 (Chorus of "ayes.")

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
23 have it, and the motion carries.

24 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
25 please read the bills on the first reading

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2 will be placed on the second reading and
3 final passage calendar for our next Council
4 session.

5 That completes our first reading
6 calendar, and concludes our business for the
7 day.

8 I would hope nobody has any
9 speeches.

10 (Laughter.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Would
12 anybody care to be recognized?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 The Chair is delighted to recognize
16 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion, motion to
17 adjourn.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Motion to
19 adjourn. I move that Council stand adjourned
20 until Thursday...

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: May the
22 26th.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: At 10:00 a.m.

24 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:
25 Second.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
3 been moved and properly seconded that Council
4 stand adjourned until Thursday, May 26th at
5 10:00 a.m.

6 All in favor will say aye.

7 (Chorus of "ayes.")

8 COUNCILWOMAN Tascio: Just a minute.

9 When is the Committee of the Whole coming
10 back?

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Wednesday
12 at 11:00.

13 (Public hearing concluded at 5:23
14 p.m.)

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