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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

4

5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Thursday, October 7, 2010
8 10:25 a.m.

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PRESENT:

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
10 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
11 COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE
12 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
13 COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
14 COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
15 COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
16 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
17 COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
18 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
19 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
20 COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
21 COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
22 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO, JR.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good
3 morning. I note that the hour has come
4 and that a quorum of this Council is
5 present.

6 Members will please take their
7 seats, and visitors will retire to the
8 seats outside the rails.

9 To give our invocation this
10 morning, the Chair recognizes Father John
11 Zaggarelli of Saint Gabriel's Roman
12 Catholic Church. He is here today as my
13 guest.

14 I would ask all members and
15 guests to please rise.

16 (Members and guests rise.)

17 FATHER ZAGGARELLI: Thank you,
18 Council President.

19 Good morning, everyone.

20 (Good morning.)

21 FATHER ZAGGARELLI: We take a
22 moment now to put ourselves in the Lord's
23 presence.

24 In the name of the Father and
25 of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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2 A reading from the Holy Gospel
3 according to Matthew. This is how you
4 are to pray: Our Father in heaven,
5 hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
6 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
7 Give us today our daily bread and forgive
8 us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
9 And do not subject us to the final test,
10 but deliver us from the evil one. If you
11 forgive others their transgressions, your
12 Heavenly Father will forgive you, but if
13 you do not forgive others, neither will
14 your Father forgive your transgressions.

15 Good and Gracious God, we come
16 before you today humbly asking you to
17 hear our prayers. We also ask your
18 blessing upon this City Council that
19 together your kingdom might be built in
20 our beautiful City of Philadelphia. Give
21 our City Council your wisdom, your grace,
22 your guidance, Lord, to speak the right
23 words, to make the right decisions for
24 the betterment of our city.

25 Bless this City Council

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2 meeting. Bless Council President Verna,
3 and thanksgiving to God for all that City
4 Council does to make our city great.

5 May God bless you all.

6 In the name of the Father and
7 of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

8 Amen.

9 (Amen.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair thanks Father for his invocation.

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 next order of business is the approval of
16 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
17 September 30th, 2010.

18 The Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move that the Journal
22 of the meeting of Thursday, September
23 30th, 2010 be approved.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
25 there a second?

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
4 has been moved and properly seconded that
5 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
6 September 30th, 2010 stand approved.

7 All in favor will indicate by
8 saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 ayes have it, and the Journal is
15 approved.

16 The next order of business is
17 requests for leave of absence, and the
18 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
20 Madam President. On behalf of the
21 majority, a leave of absence is requested
22 for Councilmembers DiCicco and Krajewski.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
24 Chair thanks the Councilwoman. Leave
25 will be granted.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
5 President, on behalf of the republicans,
6 leave of absence is not requested for
7 anyone.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
9 you.

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

20 At this time, the Chair
21 recognizes Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I have two visitors to
24 Council today from the great State of
25 Ohio, City of Cincinnati. They are

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2 Councilmembers Wendell Young and
3 President of City Council, Cecil Thomas,
4 and they have enjoyed our hospitality
5 from the City of Brotherly Love and
6 Sisterly Affection everywhere in our
7 city, except on the ball field.

8 Here they are.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

10 Welcome.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
13 Madam President.

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
17 you, Madam President. This morning we
18 would like to welcome some visitors,
19 Walter D. Palmer and Brother Sultan
20 Ashley, and students from the Walter D.
21 Palmer Leadership Learning Partners
22 Charter School.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: If
24 you stand, we would like to recognize
25 you. Welcome.

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2 (Appause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 Chair now recognizes Councilwomen
5 Reynolds Brown and Blackwell, who will
6 present a resolution recognizing October
7 as Parent Appreciation Month at the
8 School District of Philadelphia.

9 Will Ms. -- I'm sorry. How is
10 this pronounced?

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Quibila.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
13 Quibila Divine and those accompanying her
14 please join the Councilwomen at the
15 podium.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 We know that so often when
19 talking about any student or any school
20 district, we typically fail to
21 acknowledge and mention the fact that a
22 child's first teacher is their parent.
23 Long before a student sees the
24 schoolhouse door, the person they learn
25 first from is their parent, and at the

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2 School District of Philadelphia, a lot is
3 done to lift up and celebrate parents who
4 are actively involved in the lives of
5 their children. So this morning, we are
6 recognizing October as Parent
7 Appreciation Month at the School District
8 of Philadelphia.

9 Whereas, according to the
10 National Committee for Citizens in
11 Education, students with parents who are
12 actively involved in their school have
13 fewer behavioral problems and better
14 academic performance, and are more likely
15 to complete secondary school than
16 students whose parents are not involved
17 in their school -- and that's been backed
18 up by research -- and

19 Whereas, research continues to
20 show that parents get involved in their
21 children's education for a variety of
22 reasons, but they do so especially when
23 schools reach out to them and invite
24 their participation;

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And

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2 whereas, parents are the first and most
3 influential teachers of their children
4 and most often have high hopes and dreams
5 for their children's future; and

6 Whereas, the most accurate
7 predictor of student achievement in
8 school is the extent to which their
9 families are able to create a home
10 environment that encourages learning and
11 advocates for their children's
12 achievement in both school and community;
13 and

14 Whereas, the importance of
15 parent engagement in education requires
16 not only recognition, but a firm
17 commitment to the School District of
18 Philadelphia policies and practices; and

19 Whereas, the Office of Parent,
20 Family, Community Engagement and
21 Faith-Based Partnerships, on behalf of
22 the School District of Philadelphia, has
23 scheduled a month of activities to show
24 appreciation for parents and their
25 contributions as members of school-based

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2 and District teams.

3 Now, therefore, be it

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Resolved,
5 by the City Council of Philadelphia, that
6 we hereby recognize October 2010 as
7 Parent Appreciation Month in
8 Philadelphia.

9 Further resolved, that an
10 engrossed copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the School District of
12 Philadelphia officials, faculty and staff
13 and parents as evidence of the sincere
14 sentiments of this legislative body.

15 This resolution was introduced
16 by Councilmembers Blondell Reynolds Brown
17 and Jannie Blackwell, Chair of the
18 Education Committee, and supported by all
19 members of City Council.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The
22 Chair recognizes Ms. Divine for remarks.

23 MS. DIVINE: Thank you.

24 Education Chair, Blondell -- I
25 mean Jannie Blackwell, and Blondell

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2 Reynolds Brown, on behalf of the School
3 Reform Commission, Dr. Arlene Ackerman,
4 her cabinet and all staff in the Office
5 of Parent, Family and Community
6 Engagement, we appreciate your efforts
7 with us as we celebrate Parent
8 Appreciation Month.

9 We appreciate Joe Meade in our
10 Office of Government Affairs, as well as
11 our parent representatives who are here
12 with us. We have representatives from
13 the Home and School Council, we have
14 representatives from the Philadelphia
15 Right to Education Task Force, as well as
16 Parent Power - What Will You Do With
17 Yours.

18 We have a whole list of
19 activities planned. On Tuesday, we have
20 the Superintendent's Parent Roundtable
21 discussion, which will be held at Dobbins
22 University, 22nd and Lehigh Avenue,
23 beginning at 5 o'clock, and on the 15th,
24 Friday, we will have Take a Parent to
25 Work Day. So we want the parents to come

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2 to the District to find out the things
3 that we do at the District to support
4 them as they raise their children.

5 On the 23rd, we have the second
6 Male Involvement Conference at 440 North
7 Broad Street, and then on the 29th, we
8 have Parents Pampering Other Parents. So
9 parents will be able to massage, do
10 manicures and facials for other parents.

11 So, again, we thank you very
12 much on behalf of the School District of
13 Philadelphia.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

16 Council will be at ease.

17 (Council at ease.)

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

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I'm pleased to welcome
22 members and affiliates of the Greater
23 Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce,
24 including Young Professional Network,
25 along with Denise Earley, the Chamber's

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2 Public Policy Director. Ms. Earley will
3 bring a new group to our Stated Meeting
4 each week to observe their hard-earned
5 business tax dollars at work.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If
7 they would stand, we would like to
8 recognize them. Welcome.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At
11 this time, the Chair recognizes Members
12 Reynolds Brown, Tasco and Kenney, who
13 will present a resolution recognizing and
14 congratulating the students from the High
15 School for the Creative and Performing
16 Arts, who in fact performed at the White
17 House for First Lady Michelle Obama in
18 honor of Judith Jamison.

19 Would Principal John Whaley,
20 the students and those accompanying them
21 please join the Councilmembers at the
22 podium.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Brown.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I wish to first
3 congratulate these young dancers, who had
4 the enormous once-in-a-lifetime
5 opportunity to dance at the White House
6 before the First Lady, with
7 Philadelphia's own Judith Jamison, who we
8 know started right here in Philadelphia
9 and then has gone on to now run, be the
10 Artistic Executive Director of the Alvin
11 Ailey Dance Theatre.

12 Recognizing and congratulating
13 Ibn Snell, Malika Ghilyard, Bria
14 Robertson-Sanford and Carly Rutizer,
15 students at the High School for the
16 Creative and Performing Arts, on their
17 performance at the White House for First
18 Lady Michelle Obama in honor of longtime
19 Artistic Director of the Alvin Ailey
20 American Dance Theatre, Philadelphia's
21 own Judith Jamison.

22 Whereas, Alvin Ailey and a
23 group of young African American modern
24 dancers first performed at New York's
25 92nd Street Young Men's Hebrew

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2 Association under the name of the Alvin
3 Ailey American Dance Theatre in March
4 1958; and

5 Whereas, in 1962, the company
6 was chosen to tour the Far East,
7 Southeast Asia and Australia as part of
8 President John F. Kennedy's "President's
9 Special International Program for
10 Cultural Presentations"; and

11 Whereas, Judith Jamison joined
12 the company in 1965 and when Alvin Ailey
13 died on November 1, 1989 -- December 1,
14 1989, Judith Jamison assumed the post of
15 Artistic Director of the Alvin Ailey
16 Dance Theatre, and the entire Ailey
17 organization moved to the new building at
18 211 West 61st Street on the Upper West
19 Side of Manhattan; and

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Whereas,
21 the Philadelphia High School for Creative
22 and Performing Arts is a magnet school
23 within the School District of
24 Philadelphia located on South Broad
25 Street where students can major in one of

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2 six areas: Creative writing,
3 instrumental music, visual arts, theatre,
4 dance, and vocal music; and

5 Whereas, the mission of the
6 High School of Creative and Performing
7 Arts is to nurture the creative talents
8 and aspirations of students within an
9 academic/arts college preparatory
10 program;

11 Whereas, on September 7th, 2010
12 ballet dancer Damian Woetzel, a member of
13 President Barack Obama's Committee on the
14 Arts and Humanities, led students from
15 across the country in a workshop in the
16 East Room of the White House in
17 Washington, DC;

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,
19 First Lady Michelle Obama hosted the
20 workshop with students from the Alvin
21 Ailey School and the High School for the
22 Creative and Performing Arts; and

23 Whereas, Ibn Snell, Malika
24 Ghilyard, Bria Robertson-Sanford and
25 Carly Rutizer, students at the High

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2 School for the Creative and Performing
3 Arts, performed during the workshops and
4 represented the City of Philadelphia; and

5 Whereas, the City of
6 Philadelphia is proud to have been
7 represented at the White House during
8 this inaugural Arts and Humanities
9 Workshop by students from the School
10 District of Philadelphia.

11 Now, therefore

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Be it
13 resolved, by the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, that City Council hereby
15 recognizes and congratulates Ibn Snell,
16 Malika Ghilyard, Bria Robertson-Sanford
17 and Carly Rutizer, students at the High
18 School for the Creative and Performing
19 Arts, on their extraordinary performance
20 at the White House for First Lady
21 Michelle Obama in honor of longtime
22 Artistic Director of Alvin Ailey American
23 Dance Theatre Judith Jamison.

24 Further resolved that an
25 engrossed copy of this resolution be

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2 presented to these students, the
3 principal and their choreographer, dance
4 teacher, choreographer, as evidence of
5 the sincere sentiments of this
6 legislative body.

7 Introduced by Councilmembers

8 Tasco, DiCicco and Jim Kenney and
9 supported by all members of the
10 Philadelphia City Council.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair recognizes Mr. Whaley for remarks.

14 MR. WHALEY: Well, good
15 morning. On behalf of the staff and our
16 entire Kappa family, it's quite an honor
17 to be in City Council Chambers. We'd
18 like to thank Council for this very
19 prestigious recognition. And I'll be
20 honest with you, we're always proud of
21 the accomplishments of our students, but
22 they can't do what they do without the
23 support of parents and without the
24 support of their dance instructor. So on
25 behalf of all of us, we'd like to thank

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2 you for being here today. And I know
3 that they experienced a
4 once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and they
5 represented our city very well, as well
6 as the School District.

7 Thank you very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We
10 will now hear from the choreographer.

11 MS. Davis: Good morning. My
12 name is LaDiva Davis and I'm head of the
13 Dance Department at the Philadelphia High
14 School for Creative and Performing Arts.

15 It was a pleasure for me. It was an
16 honor for me to be able to send these
17 four ladies and gentleman, who are my
18 dance captains of the dance company this
19 year, to Washington, because I've told
20 previous students about Judith Jamison.

21 We went to dancing school together, high
22 school together, college together, and
23 for them to be able to meet her and share
24 some of the moments and she say to them
25 when I told them to say to her, tell them

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2 that -- tell her that LaDiva Davis said
3 hello, and she of course knew and she
4 said, Oh, these are my homies. So they
5 became like stars for a day.

6 So thank you very much for the
7 honor today and for graciously accepting
8 my children in your fold.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

11 Council will be at ease.

12 (Council at ease.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 next order of business is communications.
15 The Chair requests that the
16 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages
17 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
21 and members of the Council of the City of
22 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith
23 for the consideration of your honorable
24 body an ordinance authorizing the Federal
25 Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, located at

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2 Ten Independence Mall West, to construct,
3 own and maintain various encroachments in
4 the right-of-way adjacent to the Federal
5 Reserve Bank Building; and

6 Also, an ordinance authorizing
7 Ashwin Patel, owner and operator of the
8 newsstand located on the southwest corner
9 of Chestnut Street and Tenth Street, to
10 construct, use and maintain conduits in,
11 under and across the southwest corner of
12 Chestnut Street and Tenth Street; and

13 An ordinance authorizing the
14 issuance of one or more series of general
15 obligation bonds to provide funds to
16 refund certain outstanding general
17 obligation bonds of the City of
18 Philadelphia, all under certain terms and
19 conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
21 you. The Chief Clerk will please read
22 any other communications in his
23 possession.

24 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
25 Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 The next order of business is
5 the introduction of bills and
6 resolutions, and at this time, the Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I offer two resolutions
10 and one bill.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Chapter 16-600 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled
18 "Redevelopment Proposals and Contracts,"
19 by setting forth certain additional
20 requirements to Council's approval of
21 redevelopment proposals and redevelopment
22 contracts submitted to Council.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 congratulating Anne O'Callaghan for her
4 work in the Irish Community and her
5 numerous contributions to the welfare of
6 immigrants living in Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney for a
9 motion.

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
22 ayes have it and the resolution is
23 adopted.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
25 urging the Mayor, in light of the

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2 Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board's
3 recent Order holding that Philadelphia's
4 Fire Service Paramedics do not belong in
5 the same collective bargaining unit as
6 firefighters, to direct all
7 Administration officials to immediately
8 halt ongoing and announced efforts to
9 convert FSPs into non-represented
10 employees.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move the adoption of
15 the resolution and would like to speak
16 briefly.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I introduced this
22 resolution today not in a happy way. I
23 consider the Mayor my friend and I
24 consider this Administration -- to be
25 friendly to this Administration. I've

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2 tried my best over the last two or so
3 years to support their issues and support
4 their efforts.

5 On May 6th of this year, we
6 passed an ordinance amending the Fire
7 Code to make it clear, the sentiment of
8 this body was that firefighter paramedics
9 are firefighters. That's in the term of
10 their job description.

11 On May 20th, we overrode the
12 Mayor's veto unanimously. The sentiment
13 of this body was clear, that we believed
14 that firefighter paramedics are
15 firefighters.

16 The Pennsylvania Labor
17 Relations Board did not agree. And just
18 because the Administration has the
19 ability to do something doesn't mean they
20 should.

21 Firefighters and paramedics
22 train at the same facility. When they
23 are hired and they have gone through
24 their training, they live in the same
25 house, they eat in the same kitchen, they

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2 sleep in the same bunk room, they respond
3 to the same fires and car accidents at
4 the same time. They are the same people
5 who cut your broken body out of an
6 automobile after you've been in an
7 accident or bring you back to life after
8 you've been pulled from a burning fire.

9 This Administration I
10 understand is moving at a break-neck
11 speed to change the benefits, pension
12 benefits and health benefits, of these
13 firefighter paramedics. They are moving
14 at a speed that I'm not used to when they
15 move on my stuff, but they're moving
16 quick.

17 I'm asking two things today.
18 Number one, for the Mayor not to do it.
19 I doubt that he will listen. I'm also
20 asking for authority to hire legal
21 counsel to join with Local 22 to slow
22 this thing down.

23 I've also talked to Senator
24 Stack, who is very interested in talking
25 to his colleagues in Harrisburg to see

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2 what legislative remedies there are to
3 stop this thing from happening.

4 I do not want the benefits
5 changed for our firefighter paramedics,
6 and I don't want to give them the right
7 to strike, taken in that Act 111 gives
8 them the right to strike. Now, do I
9 think that they will strike? Probably
10 not. They're dedicated public servants
11 who would not walk away from us like the
12 Administration is walking away from them.
13 However, if you cut people's benefits,
14 pension benefits and health benefits,
15 maybe you make them angry enough to think
16 about it, and the thought of that is
17 extremely frightening.

18 I'm asking the Mayor as my
19 friend, I'm asking the Mayor as the
20 leader of the City to stop this from
21 happening, to sit down, slow down and
22 let's work this out.

23 I think that the Council --
24 it's not unprecedented that we've been
25 involved in labor disputes. I remember

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2 Councilman Cohen, God rest him, got
3 involved in every labor dispute there
4 ever was to get involved in, and we went
5 along with him most of the time. But we
6 need to hold the line now, because these
7 people need our help. They are there
8 without hesitation to help us, and I
9 think we need to slow this down and help
10 stop it and reverse it.

11 So I would ask unanimous
12 approval and a voice vote from the
13 members of Council.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 It has been moved and seconded
18 that the resolution be adopted.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

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

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2 adopted.

3 (Appause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

5 Councilman, I understand that you have a

6 bill and a resolution on behalf of

7 Councilman DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes, Madam

9 President. On behalf of Councilman

10 DiCicco, I offer two bills and one

11 resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

13 you.

14 The Chief Clerk will please

15 read the title of the first bill.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

17 authorizing the Federal Reserve Bank of

18 Philadelphia, located at Ten Independence

19 Mall West, to construct, own and maintain

20 various encroachments in the right-of-way

21 adjacent to the Federal Reserve Bank

22 Building.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

24 bill will be referred to the appropriate

25 committee.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 authorizing Ashwin Patel, owner and
4 operator of the newsstand located on the
5 southwest corner of Chestnut Street and
6 Tenth Street, to construct --

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
12 Property to execute and deliver to the
13 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
14 Philadelphia, without consideration,
15 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
16 title to certain City-owned lots or
17 pieces of ground with the buildings and
18 improvements thereon, situate in the
19 First Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
23 adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

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

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Greenlee.

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

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
25 you.

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

5 President, I offer one privileged

6 resolution honoring the Barristers and

7 like to recognize that Mr. Sherman

8 Toppin, who is the new President of the

9 Barristers, is present with us this

10 morning. And I have one bill on behalf

11 of the Administration.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

13 Welcome.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

16 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

17 the bill.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

19 authorizing the issuance of one or more

20 series of general obligation bonds to

21 provide funds to refund certain

22 outstanding general obligation bonds of

23 the City of Philadelphia.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

25 bill will be referred to the appropriate

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 honoring the Barristers' Association of
5 Philadelphia on its 60th Anniversary.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: I move for
9 the adoption of the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 ayes have it and the resolution is
21 adopted.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
25 you, Madam President. Today I offer

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 three resolutions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
4 you.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
9 Property to execute and deliver to the
10 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
11 Philadelphia, without consideration,
12 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
13 title to certain City-owned lots or
14 pieces of ground with the buildings and
15 improvements thereon, situate in the
16 Seventeenth Ward of the City of
17 Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
21 for the adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 All in favor will indicate by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 ayes have it and the resolution is
10 adopted.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 proclaiming the week of October 3rd, 2010
13 as "National Fire Prevention Week."

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
25 opposed?

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 (No response.)

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 proclaiming October 2010 as "National
8 Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
12 you, Madam President. This resolution is
13 co-sponsored by all female members of
14 City Council, and I move for the
15 adoption.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 ayes have it and the resolution is

3 adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes

5 Councilwoman Sanchez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

7 you, Madam President. Nothing today.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

9 you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman

11 Green.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

13 Madam President. No bills or resolutions

14 today.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

16 Chair thanks the gentleman.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman

18 Jones.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

20 Madam President. One bill, two

21 resolutions, one co-sponsored by

22 Councilwoman Miller.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

24 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

25 the resolution -- I'm sorry; the bill.

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

3 amending Chapter 12-2700 of The

4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Permit

5 Parking Districts," by creating a new

6 Section providing for the establishment

7 of Special Permit Parking Districts in

8 certain areas of the City where there is

9 insufficient on-street parking and where

10 special parking regulations are needed.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

12 bill will be referred to the appropriate

13 committee.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

15 recognizing The Salvation Army of Greater

16 Philadelphia on its opening of the Ray

17 and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

19 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

21 Madam President. I move for the

22 adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

25 has been moved and properly seconded that

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will indicate by
4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 declaring October 6th to the 13th, 2010
14 as "Beat the Reds Week."

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for
18 the adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
21 in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Nay.

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT THOMAS: Nay.

3 (Laughter.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

5 ayes have it and the resolution is

6 adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman

8 Goode.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,

10 Madam President. I offer no bills or

11 resolutions today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes

15 Councilwoman Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

17 Madam President. I offer three bills

18 this morning -- three resolutions. Three

19 resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

21 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

22 the first resolution.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

24 recognizing and congratulating the

25 Philadelphia Education Fund on the

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

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

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam
6 President, I move for the adoption.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 calling on the Public, Private, Charter
21 and Parochial Schools of Philadelphia to
22 explore and investigate the value of
23 urban school gardens.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
25 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Brown.

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

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 ayes have it and the resolution is
17 adopted.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 recognizing and congratulating the Junior
20 Diabetes Research Foundation on the
21 occasion of the Walk to Cure Diabetes.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I move for the

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 adoption.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

5 has been moved and seconded that the

6 resolution be adopted.

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

13 ayes have it and the resolution is

14 adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman

16 O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

18 President, I have no bills or

19 resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman

23 Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam

25 President, I have one bill and one

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 resolution.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
5 the first bill.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 amending Section 14-305 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "C-4
9 Commercial District," all under certain
10 terms and conditions, to amend the
11 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
12 zoning designations of certain areas of
13 land located within an area bounded by
14 Hamilton Street, 19th Street, Callowhill
15 Street and 20th Street.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
21 Property to execute and deliver to the
22 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
23 Philadelphia, without consideration,
24 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
25 title to certain City-owned lots or

1 10/7/10 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 pieces of ground with the buildings

3 improvements thereon, situate in the

4 Thirty-Second, Thirty-Seventh and

5 Forty-Seventh Wards of the City of

6 Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

8 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for

10 the adoption of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

13 has been moved and properly seconded that

14 the resolution be adopted.

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

21 ayes have it and the resolution is

22 adopted.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman

24 Kelly.

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam

1 10/7/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2 President, no bills or resolutions today.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
8 President, no bills or resolutions today.
9 Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
11 you.

12 The next order of business is
13 reports from committees.

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Sanchez for a report from
16 the Committee on Licenses and
17 Inspections.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
19 you, Madam Chair. The Committee on
20 Licenses and Inspection reports one bill
21 with a favorable recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the report.

1 10/7/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
3 and members of the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia, the Committee on Licenses
5 and Inspections, to which was referred
6 Bill No. 100539, entitled "An ordinance
7 amending Section 9-3300 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Erection,
9 Use and Inspection of Tower Cranes,' by
10 revising the certification requirements
11 for the operation, signaling and rigging
12 of tower cranes, all under certain terms
13 and conditions," respectfully reports it
14 has considered the same and returns the
15 attached bill to Council with a favorable
16 recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Sanchez.

21 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
22 you, Madam Chair. I move that the rules
23 of Council be suspended as to permit
24 first reading of this Bill 100539 on this
25 day.

1 10/7/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
4 has been moved and properly seconded that
5 the rules of Council be suspended so as
6 to permit first reading this day of the
7 bill just reported from committee.

8 All in favor will please say
9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

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

18 The Chair now recognizes
19 Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the
20 Committee on Public Health and Human
21 Services.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: The
23 Committee on Public Health and Human
24 Services reports one bill with a
25 favorable recommendation.

1 10/7/10 - STATED - REPORTS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 read the report.

6 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
7 Public Health and Human Services, to
8 which was referred Bill No. 100537,
9 entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter
10 10-400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
11 'Noise and Excessive Vibration,' by
12 providing for certain exceptions,
13 including, but not limited to, sounds
14 created by school bells, church bells,
15 and similar devices; all under certain
16 terms and conditions," respectfully
17 reports it has considered the same and
18 returns the attached bill to Council with
19 a favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move
25 that the rules of Council be suspended so

1 10/7/10 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 as to permit first reading this day of
3 Bill No. 100537.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
6 has been moved and properly seconded that
7 the rules of Council be suspended so as
8 to permit first reading this day of the
9 bill just reported from committee.

10 All in favor will say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 ayes have it, and the bill just read will
17 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
18 for today.

19 The next order of business is
20 the consideration of the Calendar. I
21 note that the bills just reported from
22 committee with a suspension of rules have
23 been deemed to have had a first reading.
24 The bills will be placed on our Second
25 Reading and Final Passage Calendar for

1 10/7/10 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 our next session of Council.

3 The Chief Clerk will please
4 read other bills on the First Reading
5 Calendar.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 100488,
7 entitled "An ordinance authorizing
8 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
9 Year 2011 within the General Fund from
10 the Clerk of Quarter Sessions to the
11 First Judicial District of Pennsylvania";
12 and

13 Bill No. 100541, entitled "An
14 ordinance authorizing transfers in
15 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011
16 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the
17 Director of Finance -- Provision for
18 Other Grants -- Federal Stimulus Funding
19 to certain or all City offices,
20 departments, boards and commissions."

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair agrees.

23 The bills just read will be
24 placed on our Second Reading and Final
25 Passage Calendar for our next session of

1 10/7/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 Council.

3 The Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of
5 calling up bills on the Second Reading
6 and Final Passage Calendar.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
8 President, all bills on today's Calendar
9 are being held.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
11 you.

12 That concludes our Calendar for
13 today, as brief as it was.

14 Are there any speeches on the
15 part of the minority?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
18 there speeches on the part of the
19 majority?

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 Madam President, the
25 Philadelphia City Council was right, if

1 10/7/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 only more people had listened. According
3 to a Princeton University study profiled
4 in Tuesday's Metro Philadelphia
5 Newspaper, predatory lending aimed at
6 racially segregated minority
7 neighborhoods led to mass foreclosures
8 that fueled the U.S. housing crisis, a
9 housing crisis which calls the worst
10 recession since the Great Depression.

11 The Princeton study used data
12 from the 100 largest U.S. metro areas and
13 found that poor minority areas became the
14 focus of predatory lending practices and
15 that living in a predominantly African
16 American area was a powerful predictor of
17 the nation's foreclosures.

18 Before the current recession
19 and due to constituent calls and
20 complaints, this Council had hearings and
21 then passed one of the nation's first
22 anti-predatory lending laws in 2001.
23 Unfortunately, this law was preempted by
24 the Pennsylvania General Assembly. This
25 law would have reduced foreclosures

1 10/7/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 because people, according to our
3 legislation, would be required to get
4 housing counseling before taking out a
5 predatory loan. Consequently, due to the
6 preemption of this law, the impact of
7 foreclosures on Philadelphia has been
8 devastating, and annually costs related
9 to foreclosures represent \$23 million to
10 individual homeowners in foreclosure, 158
11 million to lenders and investors, 62
12 million to the City, and 107 million in
13 lower home values.

14 Although this City Council took
15 additional action to urge Sheriff Green
16 to hold moratoriums on foreclosure sales
17 in 2004 and 2008 and work with the
18 Mayor's Office and the First Judicial
19 District to create a Mortgage Foreclosure
20 Diversion Program to reduce foreclosures,
21 it's unfortunate to learn that we were
22 right about the devastating impact that
23 predatory lending would have on our
24 communities and our city.

25 Hopefully in the future more

1 10/7/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 will listen when our constituents, people
3 we represent, identify problems that they
4 are facing, and when we take action to
5 address these issues, people will listen.
6 But what happens when we caught -- we had
7 pneumonia, and other people were just
8 catching the sniffles. Now everybody has
9 pneumonia.

10 Hopefully more will listen
11 before these issues become a city, state
12 and national crisis.

13 Thank you, Madam President.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

15 You're welcome.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Jones.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
19 Madam President. This morning I rise to
20 invite my colleagues and their
21 constituents to the Minority Business
22 Enterprise Development, MED Week, where
23 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown and
24 I will be co-hosting a workshop at 3
25 o'clock today on eds and meds,

1 10/7/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 educational institutions, medical
3 institutions.

4 As you are well aware, the
5 recession hit all cities hard.
6 Philadelphia did not take as deep a dip
7 because of the number of educational
8 institutions and health hospitals and
9 universities in our area.

10 We are encouraging female
11 businesses, minority businesses,
12 disadvantaged businesses to come out and
13 meet the procurement officers of these
14 institutions. Last year we did
15 utilities, and it met with an
16 overwhelming success, standing-room only,
17 and we're encouraging that today in this
18 recession. These types of marketplaces
19 are vital to the survival of small
20 disadvantaged businesses in our city, and
21 we encourage you all to come out and
22 participate.

23 Thank you, Madam President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
25 you.

1 10/7/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Green.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I too want to extend my
6 welcome to the gentlemen, our colleagues
7 from Cincinnati. I want to note that
8 there are two of you here and if you're
9 taking Councilman Jones back to
10 Cincinnati with you, I'd volunteer to
11 join him, and also just say that welcome
12 to Philadelphia, where every day is a
13 Halladay.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
18 Madam President. Just a friendly
19 reminder there is a Commerce and Economic
20 Development hearing this afternoon, so I
21 encourage all Committee members to be
22 there at 1 o'clock sharp.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

1 10/7/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Madam

5 President. That is a wonderful segue to

6 talk about industry in our city that

7 contributes enormously to the economic

8 vitality of our city, the arts and

9 cultural communities.

10 Earlier this week I had the

11 good fortune to be in a room with artists

12 of all types, heads of all of our arts

13 and cultural organizations, and we were

14 gathered to hear about this enormous

15 once-in-a-lifetime opportunity now coming

16 to Philadelphia as a result of the Knight

17 Foundation.

18 Over the next three years, \$9

19 million will flow into the Philadelphia

20 arts sector, and the beauty of this

21 opportunity is that it allows anyone,

22 independent artists, established art

23 institutions, businesses, service

24 organizations, anybody who has a great

25 idea about the arts are welcome to apply.

1 10/7/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 But better than that, they get a chance
3 to tell their story very simply in 150
4 words, which is unprecedented when it
5 comes to applying for arts funding.

6 So we want to make sure that
7 anyone we know who loves the arts know
8 that there are three simple rules for
9 this challenge: The idea must be about
10 the arts, the project must take place in
11 or benefit our city, and the grant
12 recipients must find funds to match
13 Knight's commitment. Knight Foundation
14 is based in Florida, and Miami being the
15 first city, Philadelphia being the second
16 city to be a beneficiary of this
17 extraordinary funding opportunity.

18 Thank you, Madam President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

20 You're welcome.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Miller.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
24 you, Madam President. I just want to
25 once again remind and urge our residents

1 10/7/10 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 to attend the police community forums

3 that are being held tonight, and those

4 forums will start at 6:00 p.m. and go to

5 8:00, and the locations are citywide.

6 And if you don't -- actually, the

7 meetings are going to be held at the same

8 locations that were scheduled for last

9 week when the storm was cancelled due to

10 that storm -- when the meetings were

11 cancelled due to the storm. And if you

12 don't know where those locations are, you

13 can call the local Police Department or

14 call your City Council office, but the

15 goal of those meetings is to have people

16 share their thoughts and concerns

17 regarding crime, disorder and police

18 misconduct, and I think these are an

19 important way to start the dialogue that

20 I believe is needed here in Philadelphia.

21 Thank you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank

23 you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman

25 Clarke for a motion to adjourn.

1 10/7/10 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move that Council
4 stand adjourned until Thursday, October
5 21st, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
8 has been moved and seconded that Council
9 stand adjourned until Thursday, October
10 21st at 10:00 a.m.

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
17 ayes have it and the motion carries.

18 Thank you very much.

19 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
20 11:15 a.m.)

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