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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

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5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Thursday, April 16, 2009
8 10:00 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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

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

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

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair welcomes Reverend
12 Lorraine Jenkins Gilmore, Pastor of the
13 Church of God of Prophecy. She is here
14 today as the guest of Councilwoman Brown.

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

17 (Members and guests rise.)

18 REVEREND GILMORE: Let us all
19 pray.

20 Oh, Lord, our heavenly father,
21 who has brought us safely to this day, we
22 pray for those who lead us in our City
23 Council and in our City government. May
24 you give them wisdom, discernment and
25 courage to make decisions which are

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2 morally right.

3 According to your word, you
4 said acknowledge you in all our ways and
5 you would direct our paths. You also
6 promised to be a light and a lamp to
7 those who trust and believe in you.

8 Now, Lord, I humbly come to you
9 on behalf of the citizens of our great
10 city, the City of Brotherly Love and
11 Sisterly Affection, to ask you to be
12 their counselor and guide as they make
13 tough decisions that will affect all of
14 us.

15 And, dear God, in your word,
16 you said for us not to be anxious for
17 anything, but in all things, through
18 prayer, supplication and with
19 thanksgiving, make our request known unto
20 you, and the God of peace that surpasses
21 all understanding will guard our hearts
22 and mind.

23 We ask this in the name of our
24 Lord and Jesus Christ, our savior.

25 Amen.

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2 (Amen.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 Chair thanks Pastor Gilmore for her
5 invocation.

6 Council will be at ease.

7 (Council at ease.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 next order of business is the approval of
10 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
11 April 2nd, 2009, and the Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move that the Journal
15 of the meeting of Thursday, April 2nd,
16 2009 stand approved.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I
18 hear a second?

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
21 has been moved and properly seconded that
22 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
23 April 2nd, 2009 stand approved.

24 All in favor will indicate by
25 saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 ayes have it and the Journal is approved.

8 The next order of business is
9 requests for leave of absence, and the
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. On behalf of the
13 majority, there are no requests for leave
14 of absence today.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
20 President, there are no requests for
21 leave of absences today.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chair will dispense with
25 the regular order of business to

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2 recognize the guests and visitors joining
3 us in Chambers this morning. On behalf
4 of all members of City Council, I welcome
5 you to our Council session. We
6 appreciate your taking the time to join
7 us as we attend to the legislative
8 affairs of our city. We certainly invite
9 you to come again.

10 At this time, the Chair
11 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco, who I
12 understand will be joined by Councilwoman
13 Brown, who will present a resolution
14 recognizing Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on
15 the occasion of Delta Day in City
16 Council.

17 Will Mrs. Tracy Carter and
18 those accompanying her please join the
19 Councilwomen at the podium, please.

20 Councilwoman Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Councilwoman Brown and
23 I really are very pleased to always have
24 our sorors join us in City Council.
25 These women are politically-minded,

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2 civic-minded, and they are here today and
3 we want to recognize them and acknowledge
4 the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on the
5 occasion of the Annual Delta Day in
6 Philadelphia City Council.

7 Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta
8 Sorority, Incorporated was founded at
9 Howard University on January 13th, 1913
10 by 22 collegiate women with the primary
11 focus of community service and academic
12 excellence, de-emphasizing the social
13 side of sorority life. Within weeks
14 after its inception, these founders
15 participated in their first collected act
16 of public service, marching in the
17 Women's Suffrage March in Washington, DC;
18 and

19 Whereas, the 22 founders
20 envisioned a community service sorority
21 that would use their membership's
22 collected efforts to promote academic
23 excellence, provide scholarships, provide
24 assistance to persons in need, educate
25 and stimulate participation in the

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2 establishment of positive public policy,
3 and to highlight issues and provide
4 solutions for problems in their
5 communities; and

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
7 Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated has been
8 incorporated since 1930 and now boasts a
9 membership of more than 200,000
10 predominantly African American
11 college-educated women in over 900
12 chapters in the United States, England,
13 Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, the
14 Bahamas, Bermuda and the Republic of
15 Korea; and

16 Whereas, the major programs of
17 the Sorority are based upon the
18 organization's Five Point Programmatic
19 Thrusts of economic development,
20 educational development, international
21 awareness and involvement, physical and
22 mental health, and political awareness
23 and involvement; and

24 Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta
25 Sorority, Incorporated is highly

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2 recognized for our commitment to
3 sisterhood, scholarship, community
4 service and the creation and
5 implementation of programs that support
6 the mission of Delta; and

7 Whereas, as a national and
8 international body, Delta Sigma Theta
9 Sorority, Incorporated has participated
10 in 20 Delta Days in the nation's capital,
11 and in March 2003 became a
12 Non-Governmental Organization at the
13 United Nations, granting the organization
14 special consultative status to the
15 Economic and Social Council of the United
16 Nations; and

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,
18 chapters from across Pennsylvania
19 participate annually in Delta Days in
20 Harrisburg, and we are honored and
21 pleased to be joined by the members of
22 the local chapters, Philadelphia, Quaker
23 City and Valley Forge Alumnae Chapters,
24 who want to continue their civic
25 involvement and to further pledge their

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2 commitment to the City.

3 Now, therefore, be it resolved,

4 by the Council of the City of

5 Philadelphia, that we acknowledge and

6 honor Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,

7 Incorporated on the occasion of its first

8 Delta Day, first as a group but second

9 for the second Delta Day in Philadelphia

10 City Council.

11 Further resolved, that

12 engrossed copies of this resolution be

13 presented to each of the local chapters

14 of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,

15 Incorporated represented here today as an

16 expression of the sincere sentiments of

17 this legislative body.

18 This is a certification it's a

19 true and correct copy of the original

20 resolution, adopted by the Council of the

21 City of Philadelphia on the 2nd day of

22 April 2009. Signed by President Verna

23 and supported by all members of City

24 Council.

25 Thank you very much.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Ms. Carter for remarks.

5 MS. CARTER: Thank you.

6 On behalf of the local chapters
7 of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
8 Incorporated, we are proud and pleased to
9 accept this honor, this resolution, as we
10 continue to do our community service work
11 throughout the Philadelphia area. And I
12 would just like to recognize that one
13 member in our chapter did bring her
14 students with her. So I'd like to
15 recognize them, students from Roxborough
16 High School.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. CARTER: Thank you very
19 much.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: These
21 ladies represent a few of the thousands
22 of Deltas in Philadelphia, and we just
23 remind you that Blondell Reynolds Brown
24 and Marian Tasco are part of that
25 thousand, so don't mess with us.

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2 MS. CARTER: Thank you very
3 much.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

5 Council will be at ease.

6 (Council at ease.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair now recognizes Councilman Green,
9 who will present a resolution honoring
10 Gift of Life on the occasion of its 35th
11 Anniversary.

12 Will Mr. Howard Nathan and
13 those accompanying him please join the
14 Councilman at the podium.

15 I see that Councilman Green is
16 being joined by Councilman Jones.

17 Councilman Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: This
19 resolution is honoring and commending the
20 Gift of Life on the occasion of its 35th
21 Anniversary. I've asked Councilman Jones
22 to co-sponsor this resolution with me and
23 to be up here today because although it's
24 not in the script here, Councilman Jones
25 actually was a donor for his brother and

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2 saved his brother's life with his gift of
3 life.

4 So I just want to commend you
5 first for that.

6 Whereas, the Gift of Life
7 celebrates its 35th Anniversary in 2009,
8 having achieved a rich history of saving
9 lives through organ and tissue donation
10 and transplantation; and

11 Whereas, during Gift of Life's
12 tenure, 28,000 lives have been saved and
13 more than 250,000 lives have been
14 enhanced through the organ and tissue
15 donations coordinated by Gift of Life,
16 which were made possible by the
17 overwhelmingly generous spirit of organ
18 donors and their loved ones in
19 Philadelphia; and

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas,
21 organ transplantation has become a
22 common, but critical treatment that has
23 the power to save lives, dependent upon
24 the altruism and generosity of members of
25 the community who understand that they

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2 have the power to do something
3 extraordinary and become an organ and
4 tissue donor; and

5 Whereas, Gift of Life has been
6 lauded both nationally and
7 internationally as a training center for
8 fellow organ donation programs around the
9 world, collaborating with its peers to
10 ensure the best practices engendered and
11 proven here in cooperation with the Gift
12 of Life Institute become the standard of
13 organ procurement organizations
14 everywhere; and

15 Whereas, National Donate Life
16 Month, recognized each April, calls
17 attention to the vast number of people
18 waiting for life-saving transplants, more
19 than 6,000 people in the greater
20 Philadelphia region, alongside the more
21 than 101,000 waiting in the U.S. Each
22 day, 18 people die waiting for their
23 second chance at life, reinforcing the
24 urgency of recruiting additional donors;
25 and

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2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Whereas,
3 Gift of Life urges all residents of
4 Philadelphia to consider the value of
5 organ donation and urges members of the
6 community to add the donor designation
7 when they renew their driver's license or
8 by registering online; and

9 Whereas, Gift of Life's newest
10 initiative, the Gift of Life Family
11 House, will complete the circle of care
12 that the organization provides to those
13 being touched by donation and
14 transplantation. The facility will
15 provide temporary housing to families
16 traveling great distances to receive care
17 at any of Philadelphia's renowned
18 transplant centers.

19 Now, therefore, be it resolved,
20 that the City Council of Philadelphia
21 honors and commends Gift of Life on the
22 occasion of its 35th Anniversary.

23 Be it further resolved, that an
24 engrossed copy of this resolution be
25 presented to Gift of Life as further

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2 evidence of the sincere admiration and
3 appreciation of this legislative body.
4 And we will get the engrossed copy for
5 you shortly, I'm sure.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair recognizes Mr. Nathan for remarks.

9 MR. NATHAN: Thanks,
10 Ms. Chairman.

11 Thanks, Councilman Green, and
12 particular to Councilman Jones too for
13 being a Gift of Life donor. This is
14 Donate Life Month and we want people to
15 go and talk to their family about
16 becoming an organ and tissue donor.

17 We're very blessed in this
18 community to have a very giving
19 community. As Councilman Green outlined,
20 more than 28,000 gifts of life have
21 occurred in the last 35 years, but we
22 still have 6,000 people waiting, and I
23 think the key is getting more people to
24 talk about it and put it on their
25 driver's license. That's what the Gift

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2 of Life is about, and we're very blessed
3 to be here, and thanks, everybody, for
4 their recognition to the entire Council.

5 I want to introduce, if I can,
6 Kelly Green, whose mom received a gift of
7 life.

8 MS. GREEN: Good morning,
9 Council. It's interesting to be on this
10 side over here. I'm usually out there
11 watching you.

12 Many of you know me and you've
13 known me for many years, and what you may
14 not know is that in January of 2007, my
15 mom received a kidney from my aunt, but
16 the one thing that she didn't have was an
17 opportunity to receive a compatible
18 kidney. I don't know if you know this,
19 but my mother was deteriorating fast
20 while on dialysis, and it was a very
21 difficult process. We researched where
22 we could go, and we found Johns Hopkins
23 Hospital in Baltimore.

24 We went there so that she could
25 get an incompatible kidney transplant.

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2 What that meant is that we had to uproot
3 our family and move to Baltimore briefly
4 so that my mom could be close by to that
5 hospital, and what we found there was
6 that there was no support. And the one
7 thing that Gift of Life has offered is
8 something that they're putting together
9 called Family House, and what that is is
10 an opportunity for families like mine who
11 were uprooted from our area to go to
12 another place and have the support
13 necessary to get through this very
14 difficult and trying process.

15 Understand that every night I
16 would go back to an empty hotel room
17 after spending a full day with my mother
18 in the hospital for upwards of four
19 months, while she went through multiple
20 complications with her surgery, which
21 apparently were very common, but I didn't
22 know that because I was completely alone.

23 What family House is trying to
24 do is set up an environment where people
25 can go and stay and be around other

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2 people who are going through the
3 identical situation, but be around people
4 who understand and can offer that
5 support.

6 Mind you, uprooting my family
7 and moving there also bankrupted us. It
8 was a very difficult process. And what
9 we all know and take great pride in is
10 that here in Philadelphia we have some of
11 the most amazing doctors and incredible
12 hospitals, and people travel great
13 distance to come here and stay in
14 Philadelphia to receive the services that
15 we should take great pride that we offer.
16 We need something like Family House here,
17 so that when I went home every night and
18 I cried and I thought about whether or
19 not my mother was going to live or die
20 and how was I going to deal with this,
21 people like that and families that have
22 to go through that journey will have a
23 place to stay in Philadelphia where they
24 don't have to suffer. They don't have to
25 be alone.

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2 So I urge you to take the time
3 and explore Gift of Life and Family
4 House, and thank you for taking this time
5 today.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

8 Council will be at ease.

9 (Council at ease.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 next order of business is communications.

12 The Chair requests that the
13 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
14 the Chief Clerk.

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 read the messages from the Mayor.

17 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
18 and members of the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
20 that on April 3rd and April 15th, I
21 signed all of the bills that were passed
22 by Council at its session on April 2nd,
23 2009, except 090121; and

24 I am transmitting herewith for
25 the consideration of your honorable body

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2 an ordinance authorizing the Commerce
3 Director to file an application with the
4 Commonwealth's Department of Community
5 and Economic Development under the Main
6 Street Program in an aggregate amount not
7 to exceed \$1 million to assist in the
8 revitalization of the Lancaster Avenue
9 Commercial Corridor; and

10 An ordinance authorizing the
11 Commissioner of Public Property, on
12 behalf of the City, to acquire fee simple
13 title in parcels of land along the
14 Delaware River and K&T Trail; and

15 Pursuant to Section 2-307 of
16 the Home Rule Charter, I am today
17 transmitting to the Council the
18 recommendation of the City Planning
19 Commission on the following bills: Bill
20 No. 090127, 090071 and 090120.

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

24 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
25 please read any other communications in

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2 her possession.

3 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I

4 have, Madam President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

6 you.

7 The next order of business is

8 the introduction of bills and

9 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes

10 Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam

12 President, I have no bills or resolutions

13 today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes

17 Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

19 you, Madam President. Today I introduce

20 one bill and one resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please

24 read the title of the bill.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 authorizing the Commerce Director to file
3 an application with the Commonwealth's
4 Department of Community and Economic
5 Development under the Main Street Program
6 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1
7 million to assist in the revitalization
8 of the Lancaster Avenue Commercial
9 Corridor.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 congratulating Robert L. Archie, Johnny
15 Irizarry and Joseph Dworetzky on their
16 appointment to the Philadelphia School
17 Reform Commission and recognizing
18 Commission members Heidi Ramirez and
19 Denise McGregor Armbrister for their
20 continued service.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell
23 for a motion.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
25 you, Madam President. This is certainly

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2 co-sponsored by all members of the
3 Education Committee and all members of
4 Council, and I move for its adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will indicate by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Greenlee.

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
21 you, Madam President. I offer one
22 resolution, which is co-sponsored by
23 Councilman Kenney.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

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2 the resolution.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
4 honoring the life and mourning the loss
5 of Harry Kalas (1936 to 2009).

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
9 you, Madam President. To honor a
10 gentleman whose voice will always be with
11 us, I move the adoption of the resolution
12 by a standing vote.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
14 standing will be voting in the
15 affirmative.

16 (All members of Council
17 standing.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
19 resolution is adopted.

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Krajewski.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
23 you, Madam President. I offer one bill.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read the title.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
6 Property, on behalf of the City, to
7 acquire fee simple title, or a lesser
8 interest in real estate, in parcels of
9 land along Delaware River and the K&T
10 Trail, under certain terms and
11 conditions.

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

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
18 President, I offer one resolution on your
19 behalf and one bill on your behalf and
20 one bill on my behalf.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 authorizing the revision of lines and
3 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 46-S
4 within an area bounded by 26th Street,
5 the Schuylkill Expressway and Penrose
6 Avenue.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 establishing a no parking regulation on
12 the 5200 block of Marshall Street, from
13 Fisher Avenue to Duncannon Avenue.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 requesting the Finance Director to attest
19 to Council and the Pennsylvania
20 Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority
21 that there has been a greater than two
22 percent reduction in total City tax
23 collections, which attestation is
24 required by the Pennsylvania Taxpayer
25 Relief Act before the City may enact an

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2 increase to the rates of the wage and net
3 profits tax above the rates specified in
4 that Act, and if the Finance Director
5 provides such attestation, calling on
6 PICA to provide the certification the Act
7 also requires before wage and net profits
8 tax rates may be increased.

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

11 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: I move for
12 the adoption of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
20 opposed?

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 record will indicate that the majority of
24 Councilmembers having voted in the
25 affirmative, the resolution is adopted.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam

3 President?

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I'd like to

6 be recorded as voting no on the

7 resolution.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

9 record will indicate that Councilman

10 Kenney voted no. All other members --

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Madam

12 President, I'd like my vote to be

13 recorded no also.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.

15 Do we need a roll call? I'll ask the

16 question again.

17 All in favor will indicate by

18 saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

21 opposed?

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

25 record will indicate that Councilmembers

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2 Kenney and DiCicco voted no. All other
3 members voted in the affirmative, and the
4 resolution is adopted.

5 The Chief Clerk -- is there
6 another resolution?

7 CHIEF CLERK: That was it.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
13 you, Madam President. Today I offer no
14 bills or resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair now recognizes
18 Councilwoman Sanchez.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
20 you, Madam President. I offer one bill
21 co-sponsored by the three G's, Green,
22 Greenlee and Goode, and Councilman Jones.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 amending Section 17-107 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contractors:
4 Labor-Management Relationships," by
5 amending the definitions of "City Work"
6 and "Service Contracts" to include
7 certain subcontracts for non-professional
8 services, all under certain terms and
9 conditions.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Green.

15 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
16 Madam Chair. I have one resolution
17 today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chief Clerk will please read the title.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 honoring and commending Gift of Life on
22 the occasion of its 35th Anniversary.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move for the adoption
3 of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 ayes have it and the resolution is
15 adopted.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Jones.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
19 Madam President. This morning I offer
20 four resolutions, one on behalf of the
21 Administration, one co-sponsored by
22 Councilwoman Blackwell and one by
23 Councilwoman Sanchez.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
25 you.

1 4/16/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

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

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 honoring and acknowledging the Student
6 Welfare Council for their ongoing efforts
7 to overcome the high school dropout rate
8 and to help minority students remain in
9 college by providing supplementary aid
10 and guidance to minority students
11 interested in higher education.

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

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: For the
15 record, that was also co-sponsored by
16 Councilwoman Brown. I call for the
17 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 4/16/09 - 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 authorizing Council's Committee on
8 Licenses and Inspection to hold hearings
9 on the impact of L&I inspections on
10 tenant evictions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Madam
14 President, I call for the adoption of the
15 resolution.

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 4/16/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 ayes have it, the resolution is adopted,
3 and will be referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 authorizing Council's Committee on
7 Housing, Neighborhood Development and the
8 Homeless to hold hearings on the impact
9 of mortgage foreclosures on renters in
10 foreclosed properties.

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

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I call for the adoption
15 of the resolution.

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 4/16/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 ayes have it, the resolution is adopted,
3 and 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 deeds located in
9 the 52nd Ward of the City of
10 Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
12 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I call for the adoption
15 of the resolution.

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 signify by
21 saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 4/16/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Goode.

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

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

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I offer one bill
16 co-sponsored by Councilman Jones and two
17 resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 read the title of the bill.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
23 amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business
25 Privilege Taxes," by providing tax relief

1 4/16/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 for taxpayers whose businesses have been
3 affected by public works projects, under
4 certain terms and conditions.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 authorizing Council's Committee on Public
10 Health and Human Services to hold public
11 hearings to examine the record of Public
12 Health Management Corporation regarding
13 the participation levels of minorities
14 and women in subcontracts for the
15 provision of services to the City.

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

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

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will say aye.

1 4/16/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 honoring and congratulating the
12 Philadelphia Police Department's Employee
13 Assistance Unit on its 40th Anniversary.

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

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

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

1 4/16/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

5 ayes have it and the resolution is

6 adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman

8 DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,

10 Madam President. I offer three bills and

11 two resolutions, one resolution on your

12 behalf.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

14 you.

15 The Chief Clerk will please

16 read the title of the first bill.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

18 amending Chapter 14-400 of The

19 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial

20 Entertainment District," by amending

21 Section 14-403 of The Philadelphia Code,

22 entitled "Procedures for the

23 Establishment of a Commercial

24 Entertainment District," by amending the

25 procedure by which a Plan of Development

1 4/16/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 is approved or amended; and amending
3 Section 14-409, entitled "Off-Street
4 Loading," by adding provisions relating
5 to proposed projects in the Center City
6 area.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
12 changing the zoning designations of
13 certain areas of land located within an
14 area bounded by 11th Street, Filbert
15 Street, 8th Street and Market Street.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
20 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
21 changing the zoning designations of
22 certain areas of land located within an
23 area bounded by Front Street, Lombard
24 Street, 2nd Street and Pine Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This

1 4/16/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 approving the final plan for the
6 continuation of the East Passyunk Avenue
7 Business Improvement District beyond its
8 termination date, and authorizing and
9 directing the Committee on Rules to take
10 all further actions required by the
11 Community and Economic Improvement Act
12 prior to enactment of an ordinance.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move for the adoption
17 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 4/16/09 - 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 recognizing the Honorable Louis J.
8 Presenza, President Judge Emeritus, on
9 the occasion of his retirement following
10 27 years of great intellect, compassion
11 and devotion to our justice system.

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

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I move for the adoption
16 of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 4/16/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 ayes have it and the resolution is
4 adopted.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
8 President, I have no bills or
9 resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I have three bills and
16 one resolution.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
22 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate
24 Taxes," by reducing the amount of real
25 estate taxes to be exempted for certain

1 4/16/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 improvements to, or construction of,
3 certain residential, commercial,
4 industrial or other business properties,
5 under certain terms and conditions.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
10 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
11 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate
12 Taxes," by reducing the amount of real
13 estate taxes to be exempted for certain
14 improvements to, or construction of,
15 certain residential, commercial,
16 industrial or other business properties.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 amending Subcode "P" (The Philadelphia
22 Plumbing Code) of The Philadelphia Code
23 ("The Philadelphia Building Construction
24 and Occupancy Code") by providing for the
25 underground use of ABS plastic pipe and

1 4/16/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 PVC plastic pipe, under certain terms and
3 conditions.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
9 Property to execute and deliver to the
10 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
11 Development deeds located in the 32nd
12 Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
16 the adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 4/16/09 - STATED - REPORTS

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Kelly.

7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
8 President, I have no bills or
9 resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Rizzo.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
15 President, no bills or resolutions today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
17 you.

18 The next order of business is
19 reports from committees, and the Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Kenney for a report
21 from the Committee on Rules.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
23 Madam President. The Committee on Rules
24 reports one bill out with a favorable
25 recommendation.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 read the report.

6 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
7 and members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
9 which was referred Bill No. 080901,
10 entitled "An ordinance continuing the
11 Chestnut Hill Business Improvement
12 District beyond the date of termination
13 of the District in the area that
14 generally includes both sides of
15 Germantown Avenue from 7640 to 8705, both
16 sides of Bethlehem Pike from 10 to 105,
17 and certain blocks of streets that
18 intersect that portion of Germantown
19 Avenue, and for which Chestnut Hill
20 Business Improvement District,"
21 respectfully reports it has considered
22 the same and returns the attached bill to
23 Council with a favorable recommendation.
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
25 you.

1 4/16/09 - STATED - REPORTS

2 The Chair again recognizes
3 Councilman Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
5 President, I move the rules of Council be
6 suspended so as to permit first reading
7 this day of Bill No. 080901.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

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 bill just read will
21 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
22 for today.

23 The Chair now recognizes
24 Councilman Green for a report from the
25 Committee on Labor and Civil Service.

1 4/16/09 - STATED - REPORTS

2 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
3 Madam President. The Committee on Labor
4 and Civil Service reports one bill with a
5 favorable recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 read the report.

10 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
11 and members of the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia, the Committee on Labor and
13 Civil Service, to which was referred Bill
14 No. 080930, entitled "An ordinance
15 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia
16 Code, entitled 'Public Employees
17 Retirement Code,' by amending Section
18 22-202, entitled 'Membership After
19 Transfer of Employment,' by allowing any
20 police or fire employee, appointed to the
21 position of Commissioner or Deputy
22 Commissioner of the Police or Fire
23 Departments, to retain membership in the
24 retirement plan covering such member's
25 prior employment, all under certain terms

1 4/16/09 - STATED - REPORTS

2 and conditions," respectfully reports it
3 has considered the same and returns the
4 attached bill to Council with a favorable
5 recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Green.

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Madam
11 President, I move that the rules of
12 Council be suspended so to permit first
13 reading this day of Bill No. 080930.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

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 4/16/09 - STATED - SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

2 ayes have it, and the bill just read will
3 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
4 for today.

5 We do have special business.

6 At this time, Council will now proceed
7 under a special order of business, a
8 resolution re-calling Bill No. 090121.

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I offer one resolution,
13 and because this resolution was not
14 circulated yesterday, I move that the
15 rules of Council be suspended to permit
16 consideration of the resolution at this
17 time.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
20 has been moved and properly seconded that
21 the rules of Council be suspended to
22 permit consideration of Councilwoman
23 Tasco's resolution.

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

1 4/16/09 - STATED - SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

6 ayes have it.

7 I would ask the Chief Clerk to

8 please read the title of the resolution.

9 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

10 requesting the Mayor to return to Council

11 Bill No. 090121, entitled "An ordinance

12 establishing a no truck parking

13 regulation on the 5200 block of Marshall

14 Street, from Fisher Avenue to Duncannon

15 Avenue, on the eastern side," for the

16 purpose of reconsideration by the Council

17 of the vote by which said bill passed

18 Council.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

20 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for

22 the adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All

25 in favor please signify by saying aye.

1 4/16/09 - STATED - SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 ayes have it and the resolution has been
8 passed.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 read the letter from the Mayor.

11 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
12 and members of the Council of the City of
13 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith, as
14 requested by your resolution adopted
15 April 16, 2009, Bill No. 090121, entitled
16 "An ordinance establishing a no truck
17 parking regulation on the 5200 block of
18 Marshall Street, from Fisher Avenue to
19 Duncannon Avenue, on the eastern side,"
20 for the purpose of reconsideration by the
21 Council of the vote by which said bill
22 passed Council.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
25 motion that Council reconsider the vote

1 4/16/09 - STATED - SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

2 by which Bill No. 090121 was passed.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: So moved,

4 Madam President.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All

7 in favor please signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 ayes have it. A majority of all members
14 having voted in the affirmative, the
15 motion carries and the vote by which Bill
16 No. 090121 was passed has been
17 reconsidered. Bill No. 090121 will be
18 placed on the Second Reading and Final
19 Passage Calendar for our next session of
20 Council.

21 The next order of business is
22 consideration of the Calendar.

23 Councilwoman Miller, I'm sorry.
24 I didn't see your light on. You want to
25 be recognized?

1 4/16/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yes.

3 Thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

4 It's my pleasure to welcome and
5 recognize the 6th, 7th and 8th grade
6 members of the Student Council of Wagner
7 Middle School. I believe they're seated
8 to the rear, and they're escorted by
9 their teacher, Efrain Marimon.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If
11 they would stand, we'd like to recognize
12 you. Welcome.

13 (Applause.)

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

23 There are no additional bills
24 on the First Reading Calendar.
25 Therefore, the Chair recognizes

1 4/16/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of
3 calling up bills on the Second Reading
4 and Final Passage Calendar.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
6 Madam President. Bill No. 080645-A and
7 090211 are being called up for Second
8 Reading and Final Passage Calendar today.
9 All other bills are being held.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chief Clerk will please
13 read the title of Bill No. 080645-A.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 amending Chapter 12-1100 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 "Miscellaneous Regulations and
18 Penalties," by adding a new section
19 prohibiting the use of a hand-held mobile
20 telephone by a person operating a motor
21 vehicle or other vehicle on a City
22 street, under certain terms and
23 conditions.

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

1 4/16/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 days, the question now is shall the bill
3 pass finally.

4 Councilman Greenlee, you want
5 to be recognized?

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Yes.

7 Very quickly, Madam President, on this
8 bill. I don't believe I have to persuade
9 members at this point that this is a bill
10 worth supporting. As the main sponsors
11 of the bill, Councilman Green and I, I
12 think have heard more positives about
13 this bill than anything we've been
14 involved with.

15 I do just want to put on
16 record, though, that by doing what we're
17 doing today, banning the hand-held cell
18 phones and texting while driving, that
19 we're taking a positive definitive step
20 to greatly improve public safety in our
21 city, which is certainly one of our most
22 important duties. This is a realistic,
23 enforceable bill that will save lives,
24 and I respectfully ask all members to
25 support it.

1 4/16/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Thank you, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 All in favor please say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,
11 I'm sorry. I would ask the Chief Clerk
12 to please read the bill.

13 You did?

14 CHIEF CLERK: Yes.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
16 bill having been read on two different
17 days, the question again is shall this
18 bill pass finally.

19 All in favor will indicate --
20 you want a roll call?

21 (It's a bill.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Well,
23 okay.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

1 4/16/09 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Clarke.
5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 DiCicco.
8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Greenlee.
15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
19 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Kenney.
22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Krajewski.
25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

1 4/16/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Reynolds Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Sanchez.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

20 Verna.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

22 The ayes are 17; the nays are
23 zero. A majority of all members having
24 voted in the affirmative, the bill
25 passes.

1 4/16/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 We will now consider Bill No.

3 090211.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 authorizing transfers in appropriations
6 for Fiscal Year 2009 within the General
7 Fund from certain or all City offices,
8 departments, boards and commissions to
9 certain or all City offices, departments,
10 boards and commissions.

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

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 call the roll.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

1 4/16/09 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Greenlee.
8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
12 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Kenney.
15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Krajewski.
18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Miller.
21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 O'Neill.
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Reynolds Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Sanchez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

13 Verna.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

15 The ayes are 17; the nays are
16 zero. A majority of all members having
17 voted in the affirmative, the bill
18 passes.

19 This concludes our Calendar for
20 today.

21 Are there speeches on the part
22 of the minority?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
25 there speeches on the part of the

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2 majority?

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilwoman Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Yes, Madam

6 President. I'd just like to invite the

7 Councilmembers into the Caucus Room to

8 meet with the Deltas, and they would like

9 to have a question and answer session

10 with them for a few moments. So I

11 encourage them to come in so our sorors

12 can have the opportunity to meet and chat

13 with our Councilmembers.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman

17 Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

19 Madam President. We are in the middle of

20 one of the most difficult budget

21 processes this city has ever seen, and at

22 this point in time --

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

24 Councilman, just a moment, please.

25 (Pause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

3 Please proceed.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: At this
5 point in time, we must continue to do
6 what is best for the citizens of
7 Philadelphia. This means examining all
8 options for generating additional revenue
9 and cutting the cost of City government
10 by decreasing our spending.

11 The resolution that we passed
12 today is not a call for a wage tax
13 increase. I don't believe anyone on City
14 Council is proposing at this point any
15 particular tax. What we are looking at
16 is the \$631 million of new revenue that
17 we need to operate the government for the
18 next five years, and we respectfully say
19 all options should be on the table, which
20 includes the wage tax, which includes an
21 idea that Councilman O'Neill and I have
22 talked about, which potentially takes the
23 sales tax and extends it for five years,
24 which would allow us to avoid any
25 property tax increase, or for each \$25

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2 million we can cut government spending,
3 we are saving citizens 2.31 mills of the
4 proposed property tax increase.

5 We will keep working for the
6 citizens of Philadelphia. This is
7 Philadelphia City Council, and we
8 represent Philadelphians.

9 Thank you, Madam President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 Any other speeches on the part
13 of the majority?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
16 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
17 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
18 adjourn.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I move that Council
21 stand adjourned until Thursday, April
22 23rd, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
3 April 23rd.

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 motion carries.

11 Thank you very much.

12 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
13 10:55 a.m.)

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