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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 2, 2006
10:30 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good

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morning. I note that the hour has come

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and that a quorum of this Council is

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present. The Council will please come to

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order. Members will take their seats,

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and visitors will retire to the seats

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outside the rails.

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To give our invocation this

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morning, the Chair welcomes Father John

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Large of the Mater Dolorosa Church. He

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is here today as the guest of Councilman

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Mariano.

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At this time, I would ask all

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members and guests to please rise.

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Father.

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FATHER LARGE: Let us pray.

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Lord God, I thank you for the

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time to pray with members of Council.

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Lord, you said to the rich young man that

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he can have eternal life if he keeps the

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commandments.

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Help us to keep in mind the

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reasons we ran for office. Never let us

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outrun those who elected us because they

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2 feel underappreciated and unappreciated,
3 may we feel the love in this room from
4 our Council sisters and Council brothers,
5 because God calls us to be one body.

6 Lord, you called the rich young
7 man to the one thing necessary, to give
8 up what he held on to. Help us to give
9 up the things of the ego so we can hold
10 on to the things of our city's mojo,
11 remembering always that the main thing is
12 to keep the main thing the main thing.

13 With respect to all the
14 religions represented here, I ask these
15 blessings in Jesus' name and I ask that
16 Council to say amen.

17 COUNCILMEMBERS: Amen.

18 Thank you for your invitation
19 and thank you for all your work.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chair thanks Father Large for his very
22 inspiring invocation.

23 Council will be at ease.

24 (Council at ease.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: May I

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2 have everyone's attention, please.

3 The next order of business is
4 the approval of the Journal of the
5 meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 2006, and
6 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you, Madam President. I move that the
10 Journal of the meeting of Tuesday,
11 January 24, 2006 stand approved.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I
13 hear a second?

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
16 has been moved and properly seconded that
17 the Journal of the meeting of Tuesday,
18 January 24, 2006 stand approved.

19 All in favor will please
20 indicate by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it, and the Journal of the
3 meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 2006 is
4 approved.

5 The next order of business is
6 requests for leave of absence, and again
7 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Madam President. There are no
11 requests for leaves of absence on the
12 part of the Majority today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
18 President, on behalf of the republicans,
19 there are no requests for leave of
20 absence.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chair will dispense with
24 the regular order of business to
25 recognize the guests and visitors joining

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

9 At this time, the Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco, who will
11 present a resolution designating February
12 as American Heart Month.

13 Will Ms. Bernadette Munley and
14 those accompanying her please join the
15 Councilwoman at the podium.

16 I see that Councilwoman Tasco
17 is being joined by Councilwoman Miller --
18 we have all of the Councilwomen. Good.
19 Councilwoman Brown and Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 This morning we come to present

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2 this resolution designating February as
3 American Heart Month and recognizing the
4 Go For Red For Women Movement in the City
5 of Philadelphia.

6 Whereas, cardiovascular disease
7 is the nation's leading cause of death,
8 and stroke is the third leading cause of
9 death; and

10 Whereas, cardiovascular disease
11 is the leading cause of death among women
12 over age 25; and

13 Whereas, cardiovascular disease
14 claims the lives of over 480,000 women
15 each year, more than the next six most
16 common causes of death combined; and

17 Whereas, only 13 percent of
18 women are aware that heart disease is
19 their number one health threat.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
21 in 2006, the direct and indirect cause of
22 cardiovascular disease and stroke in the
23 United States is estimated at \$403.1
24 billion; and

25 Whereas, one in four females

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2 Campaign has evolved into a national
3 movement, empowering women to love and
4 save their hearts through education as
5 well as life-style choices and actions
6 designed to lower personal risk factors
7 for cardiovascular disease; and

8 Whereas, numerous Philadelphia
9 landmarks will be going red in February
10 in support of the Go Red For Women
11 Movement and American Heart Month; and

12 Whereas, the American Heart
13 Association continues to work actively
14 with faith-based institutions, healthcare
15 providers, researchers, scientists and
16 public officials in an effort to educate
17 and inform women about the importance of
18 paying attention to their hearts and to
19 help them live longer, stronger lives by
20 reducing their risk for cardiovascular
21 disease. Now, therefore...

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Resolved
23 by the Council of the City of
24 Philadelphia, that we hereby proclaim
25 February 3rd, 2006 as Wear Red Day in the

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2 City of Philadelphia and urge all
3 citizens to show their support for women
4 and the fight against heart disease by
5 commemorating this day by wearing the
6 color of red. The increased awareness
7 and empowering women to reduce their risk
8 for cardiovascular disease, we can save
9 thousands of lives each year.

10 Further resolved, we call upon
11 all women to recognize the importance of
12 the ongoing fight against heart disease
13 and urge all women to be educated, speak
14 with their healthcare provider and be
15 aware of the risk factors for this
16 devastating disease and take steps to
17 reduce their personal risk factors.

18 Further resolved, we hereby
19 proclaim the month of February as
20 American Heart Month in the City of
21 Philadelphia. We call upon everyone in
22 the City of Philadelphia to be aware of
23 cardiovascular disease and its risk
24 factors and take action to reduce their
25 personal risk factors.

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2 Finally resolved, that an
3 engrossed copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the American Heart
5 Association further evidencing the
6 sincere sentiment and high esteem of this
7 legislative body. Introduced by Council
8 President Anna C. Verna, Councilwoman
9 Marian B. Tasco, Councilwoman Jannie L.
10 Blackwell, Councilwoman Donna Reed
11 Miller, Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds
12 Brown, January 24, 2006, and co-sponsored
13 by all members of City Council.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Ms. Munley for remarks.

17 MS. MUNLEY: Yes. Thank you
18 very much.

19 My name is Bernie Munley and I
20 am co-chairing the Go Red Women's
21 luncheon this year, which is the
22 fundraising arm which makes a lot of this
23 possible, a lot of this information for
24 women possible. With me up here are
25 Sherry Ashton and Katherine Dipoppo, both

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2 of whom are from the American Heart
3 Association and they're both working on
4 this program with me.

5 The three of us, along with
6 other members of the American Heart
7 Association, would like to accept this
8 resolution from Philadelphia City Council
9 President Anna Verna, along with these
10 wonderful women up here, Councilwoman
11 Marian Tasco, Councilwoman Donna Reed
12 Miller, Blondell Reynolds Brown and
13 Jannie Blackwell. That's a lot of women
14 power behind our effort here.

15 The resolution is basically
16 going to show the support of the City of
17 Philadelphia by recognizing February as
18 American Heart Month, as well as the
19 Association's Go Red For Women Campaign.

20 Tomorrow, which is February
21 3rd, which is Friday, is National Wear
22 Red Day. So we're going to ask everyone
23 if they can remember to please try and
24 wear red in support of our campaign.

25 The Councilwomen all read to

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2 women so that they can take care of
3 themselves and lead healthy lives.

4 That being said, we hope that
5 we can count on everyone here to join in
6 our movement by wearing something red
7 tomorrow. And if you can't do that or if
8 you would like to join us tomorrow at
9 Liberty Place from 12:00 to 1:00, they're
10 having a kick-off event. There will be
11 information there regarding health, your
12 heart and a raffle.

13 So thank you very much to
14 everyone. Thank you to the members of
15 Council. We really appreciate it.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you very much.

19 Council will be at ease.

20 (Council at ease.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
22 notice that State Representative Roebuck
23 is in the office. So if you would stand,
24 we would like to welcome you. Welcome.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
4 Reynolds Brown, who will present a
5 resolution honoring the African-American
6 Children's Book Project.

7 Will Ms. Vanesse Sgambati and
8 those accompanying her please join the
9 Councilwoman at the podium.

10 He's coming up. Please join
11 the Councilwoman, if you please.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: To my
13 colleagues and those in attendance, you
14 should know that Philadelphia has a star
15 when it comes to the literary world. In
16 the Black Issues Book Review, which is a
17 magazine for those in the profession,
18 many, many authors were saluted, but only
19 one of them was a literary agent, and
20 she's our very own Vanesse Lloyd
21 Sgambati.

22 So before I read our citation,
23 I want to share with you that Vanesse
24 Lloyd Sgambati is the founder of the
25 Literary, a Philadelphia public relations

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2 firm. She is a publicist and book
3 promoter, wherein her strategies for
4 African-American authors turns book
5 events into literary fashion life-style
6 gatherings all over the City. She
7 expanded book promotions far beyond
8 stores into hip venues and made marketing
9 sheik, with evening parties, champagne
10 sips and other types of gatherings.
11 She's well known nationwide for pushing
12 black authors to be guests on radio
13 shows. So she has really created her own
14 trail, and now many are following her
15 footsteps when it comes to lifting up and
16 celebrating African-American authors.

17 Honoring the African-American
18 Children's Book Project on the occasion
19 of the Annual African-American Children's
20 Book Fair.

21 Whereas, for 14 years, the
22 African-American Children's Book Fair has
23 enhanced multi-culturalism in our City
24 utilizing the joy of reading as a tool;
25 and

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2 Whereas, the importance of book
3 fairs cannot be understated for many of
4 our young people using reading to better
5 know the world around them and use books
6 to help them develop into well-educated
7 adults; and

8 Whereas, one of the most
9 important reasons to encourage reading in
10 our children and young people is that
11 studies show that the more our youth
12 read, the more likely they are to make
13 positive life-style decisions as they
14 grow older; and

15 Whereas, strictly judging by
16 the attendance at the fair, it is a
17 tremendous success, as well over 4,000
18 people attended the fair in 2005.

19 And if you've never been and
20 you're a mommy, daddy, auntie, uncle or
21 just an adult who loves reading, put it
22 on your schedule and try to get there on
23 Saturday.

24 Whereas, rich or poor, no one
25 leaves empty-handed, as posters,

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2 bookmarkers and raffle books are
3 distributed free of charge to the
4 attendees; and

5 Whereas, the books themselves
6 are priced at a level where they are more
7 affordable than many of our bookstores
8 right here in the region.

9 Whereas, many of the authors
10 and illustrators who are right on site
11 where you can see them up close and
12 personal are in attendance, as well as
13 local celebrities to further enhance the
14 excitement and vibrancy of the book fair.

15 Whereas, one of the esteemed
16 authors in attendance will be Dr. Angelia
17 D. Nelson, who is with us today, who
18 wrote "The Ghetto is Not My Final
19 Destination" to provide young girls
20 around the world with motivating and
21 insightful information to assist them on
22 their journey to securing a brighter
23 future.

24 Whereas, the fair is lucky to
25 host a terrific local author and minister

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2 right here in our town, Tokunbo Adelekan,
3 who wrote "African Wisdom: 101 Proverbs
4 from the Motherland," which shares
5 African reflections that carry messages
6 and enjoyment for young and old alike;
7 and

8 Whereas, the 14th Annual
9 African-American Book Fair will be held
10 free of charge on this Saturday, February
11 4th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the
12 gymnasium of the Community College of
13 Philadelphia located at 17th and Spring
14 Garden Street. So get there early.

15 Now, therefore resolved by the
16 City Council of Philadelphia, that we
17 hereby honor the African-American
18 Children's Book Fair and authors
19 Dr. Angelia Nelson and Reverend Tokunbo
20 Adelekan on the occasion of the Annual
21 African-American Children's Book Fair.

22 Further resolved, that an
23 engrossed copy of this resolution be
24 presented to the representatives of the
25 African-American Book Project,

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2 Dr. Angelia Nelson and Dr. Tokunbo
3 Adelekan, for their good, hard work and
4 efforts in the promotion of children's
5 literacy as evidence of the sincere
6 sentiments of this legislative body,
7 signed by our President Anna C. Verna,
8 introduced by Blondell Reynolds Brown,
9 proudly co-sponsored by all members of
10 the Philadelphia City Council.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair recognizes Ms. Sgambati for
14 remarks.

15 MS. SGAMBATI: Thank you very
16 much. Thank you, Councilwoman Blondell
17 Reynolds Brown, or she's known around the
18 publishing circles as the "Literary
19 Politician."

20 I'd also like to thank the
21 members of Council, especially President
22 Councilwoman Anna Verna, mi piasi, for
23 allowing the African-American Children's
24 Book Project to present some of our
25 stellar literary talent in the

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2 recognition is for a real, real simple
3 reason, it is the people here in
4 Philadelphia that have allowed me to
5 pursue my dreams and allowed me to live
6 my passion. These are some book-buying
7 and book-reading folks here in
8 Philadelphia.

9 So I hope that you in Council
10 will come out and support the
11 African-American Children's Book Fair.
12 It is the 14th, can you imagine, the 14th
13 Annual African-American Children's Book
14 Fair, and see the rich tradition of
15 African-American illustrators and authors
16 from around the country and also the two
17 people who are presented here today.
18 Thank you.

19 I'm going to introduce first
20 Dr. Angelia Nelson. She is a young woman
21 who is not from Philadelphia but has made
22 her home here in Philadelphia working
23 with the Dawn Staley Foundation. She has
24 written a book that, as I mentioned,
25 gives young women the tools to empower

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2 and enrich their lives, as she says, "The
3 Ghetto is Not My Final Destination," and
4 she'll make some short, brief remarks.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. NELSON: Good morning. Let
7 me first give honor to God for allowing
8 me to be here today and to have this
9 opportunity to partake in such a special
10 occasion.

11 I also want to give thanks to
12 Mayor Street and all the Councilmembers
13 for presenting us with this citation and
14 recognizing the work that we do -- that
15 I'm doing, actually, as it relates to the
16 book that I wrote, "The Ghetto is Not My
17 Final Destination," and for the past ten
18 years, I've had the pleasure of working
19 with Dawn Staley developing her program,
20 her foundation that works very closely
21 with inner city children, specifically
22 girls. And that really had inspired me
23 to write the book, alongside my own
24 personal story.

25 And this book is actually to be

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2 used as a tool to give words of
3 encouragement and hope to our young women
4 who strive to live and dream their
5 boldest dream. I hope that they embrace
6 it in such a way that it will help them
7 on their journey towards living their
8 best life.

9 Again, thank you so much.
10 Peace and blessings to you all. And we
11 hope that you come out to the
12 African-American Book Fair, because it
13 truly is something awesome, and my
14 publicist, Vanesse Lloyd Sgambati, is
15 truly passionate about what she does.
16 Again, we would love to see you on
17 Saturday at the Community College. Peace
18 and blessings.

19 (Applause.)

20 MS. SGAMBATI: Thank you so
21 much. But she wasn't picked because I
22 worked with her. She was picked because
23 it was a great book to have her
24 participate.

25 The final person who is being

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2 acknowledged this morning is Pastor
3 Tokunbo Adelekan, and also with him are
4 members of his church, and in the
5 audience, if you would please stand, the
6 publisher of Judson Press is here also
7 today --

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. SGAMBATI: -- which is
10 really, really a wonderful imprint that
11 has done some phenomenal publishing of
12 christian literature.

13 PASTOR ADELEKAN: For all those
14 that are gathered for this gathering,
15 convened for this convocation and
16 assembled for this assembly, we greet you
17 in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus
18 Christ. We greet you in the creator, in
19 the name of the creator, in the name of
20 the community and of the city and of the
21 church. Greetings to all of you. As we
22 say in Nigeria where I'm from, baoni
23 (ph).

24 It is truly an honor to be here
25 today to be honored in this way. We

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2 thank God for the opportunity. I'm a
3 preacher of the unsearchable riches of
4 Jesus Christ and so I want to give honor
5 where honor is due.

6 But in Nigeria where I'm from
7 there's a proverb that says that people
8 are the clothes that you wear. People
9 are the clothes that you wear. And any
10 author knows that without the readership
11 that opens up the pages of your books and
12 reads them, you will be nowhere.

13 So I thank God for this City.

14 I also thank God for the members of
15 Minavale (ph) Tabernacle Baptist Church
16 who are here today in support of their
17 pastor. I thank God for members of
18 Palmer Theological Seminary, where I
19 serve as Professor of Theology and
20 Ethics. To the national ministries and
21 to Judson Press, I thank you. I thank
22 you. I thank you.

23 I also want to say finally that
24 this is African-American History Month
25 and we are learning through our studies

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2 that when we celebrate African-American
3 history, we celebrate the cosmopolitanism
4 of the human family. So when we look
5 back to celebrate where we've come, we
6 also celebrate the grand people culture
7 that make up the world culture that make
8 up the City of Philadelphia.

9 We are in a global age, and we
10 thank God for the many aspects of the
11 human family that make up what Martin
12 Luther King, Jr. called the beloved
13 community.

14 Again, we say thank you for
15 your readership and we thank you for your
16 support.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. NELSON: I will be remiss
19 if I did not thank Councilwoman Blondell
20 Reynolds Brown for all of her support and
21 presenting us with this citation and also
22 for supporting the Dawn Staley
23 Foundation. I really appreciate that. I
24 have to get that in.

25 PASTOR TOKUNBO: Ditto.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

3 Council will be at ease.

4 (Council at ease.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 next order of business is communications.

7 The Chair requests that the
8 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages
9 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the messages from the Mayor.

12 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
13 and members of the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith
15 for the introduction and consideration of
16 your honorable body two resolutions
17 appointing a member to the Board of
18 Directors of the Philadelphia Municipal
19 Authority; namely, Al Childs, term to
20 expire January 1, 2007, and Daniel
21 Anders, term to expire January 1, 2010;
22 and

23 An ordinance approving the
24 third amendment of the redevelopment
25 proposal for the 45th and Sansom Urban

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2 Renewal Area; and

3 An ordinance amending Section 2
4 of an ordinance, Bill No. 040763,
5 approved October 27, 2004, entitled "An
6 ordinance authorizing the revision of
7 lines and grades on a portion of City
8 Plan No. 187"; and

9 An ordinance authorizing and
10 directing the revision of lines and
11 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 143;
12 and

13 An ordinance authorizing the
14 Commissioner of Public Property to
15 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
16 Authority for Industrial Development a
17 deed located at 105-09 Reed Street; and

18 An ordinance to amend the
19 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
20 zoning designations of certain areas of
21 land located in an area bounded by I-95
22 Expressway, Island Avenue and the
23 Philadelphia International Airport; and

24 An ordinance authorizing
25 Evangelisiori of the Theotokus Greek

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2 Orthodox Church to construct, operate and
3 maintain an existing raised platform,
4 providing ingress and egress from the
5 church.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you. The messages will be printed in the
8 Journal.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 read any other communications in her
11 possession.

12 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
13 have, Madam President.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The next order of business is
17 the introduction of bills and
18 resolutions.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President. I move that the
23 rules of Council be suspended in order to
24 permit the immediate consideration of
25 resolutions at their time of

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2 introduction.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do I

4 hear a second?

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

7 has been moved and properly seconded that

8 the rules of Council be suspended so as

9 to permit immediate consideration of

10 resolutions at the time of introduction.

11 All in favor of the motion will

12 please indicate by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

18 ayes have it and the motion carries.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman

20 Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

22 Madam President. I offer five

23 resolutions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

25 you.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 providing for the re-establishment of the
6 Veterans Advisory Commission and for the
7 appointment of the members thereof, and
8 defining the Commission's powers and
9 duties.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
13 adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
16 sorry. I don't think I heard a second.

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 please
22 indicate by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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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 welcoming and thanking the Professional
8 Convention Management Association for
9 choosing Philadelphia to host their 50th
10 Annual Meeting.

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

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
14 adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will indicate by
20 saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution is
3 adopted.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 authorizing City Council's Legislative
6 Oversight Committee to hold public
7 hearings on implementing a training
8 program designed to equip all City
9 officials and employees with the ethics
10 knowledge needed to make better decisions
11 and take appropriate action.

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

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
15 President, I move that that resolution be
16 referred to the appropriate committee.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 ayes have it and the resolution will be
4 referred to the Legislative Oversight
5 Committee.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 recognizing Paul Hewson, known to the
8 world as Bono, for his charitable work
9 and activism aimed at reducing global
10 poverty and improving world health, and
11 furthermore urging the Region Nobel
12 Committee to award Bono with the 2006
13 Nobel Peace Prize.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
17 adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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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 congratulating the 1960 Philadelphia
8 Eagles on their induction into the
9 Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
13 adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will please say
19 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 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

6 you, Madam President. Today I introduce

7 three bills and one resolution on my

8 behalf and one resolution and three bills

9 on your behalf.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

11 you.

12 The Chief Clerk will please

13 read the title of the first bill.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to

15 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by

16 changing the zoning designations of

17 certain areas of land located within an

18 area bounded by I-95, Island Avenue and

19 also the Philadelphia International

20 Airport.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

22 bill will be referred to the appropriate

23 committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

25 approving the fourth amendment of the

redevelopment proposal for the 45th and Sansom Urban Renewal Area.

CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing George Wake, Big George's Diner, to construct, operate and maintain an existing one-story building addition on the north public sidewalk.

CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance amending Section 6-103 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Penalties and Cease Operations Orders," to authorize the Department of License and Inspection to suspend for up to 120 days the food license of any licensee that receives two or more cease operation orders in any 12-month period.

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2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
5 Property to execute and deliver to the
6 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
7 the 30th and 36th Wards of the City of
8 Philadelphia.

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

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

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will please say
19 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 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
5 Property to execute and deliver to the
6 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
7 the 6th and 24th Wards of the City of
8 Philadelphia.

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

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

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will please
19 indicate by saying 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 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 appointing Daniel Anders to the Board of
5 Directors of the Philadelphia Municipal
6 Authority.

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

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
14 sorry. This would have to be referred
15 for a hearing. So that will be referred
16 to the appropriate committee.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 appointing Al Childs to the Board of
19 Directors of the Philadelphia Municipal
20 Authority.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
22 resolution will also be referred to the
23 appropriate committee, and the Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam

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2 President, I have three bills and one
3 resolution.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 authorizing transfers in appropriation
9 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Grants
10 Revenue Fund.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
15 authorizing transfers in appropriation
16 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the Water
17 Fund.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
19 bill will be referred to the appropriate
20 committee.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 authorizing transfers in appropriation
23 for Fiscal Year 2006 within the General
24 Fund from certain or all City offices,
25 departments, boards and commissions.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 memorializing Council's opposition to the
7 proposed project to expand PGW's Port
8 Richmond Liquefied Natural Gas, LNG,
9 facility into an import terminal facility
10 and expressing Council's intention not to
11 enact any legislation needed to implement
12 that project, and further expressing
13 Council's unqualified opposition to any
14 project that would create an LNG shipping
15 terminal within the City of Philadelphia
16 or that would cause loaded LNG tankers to
17 regularly traverse the Delaware River
18 alongside the City of Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
20 Councilman Clarke, I notice that your
21 light is on. Did you want to be
22 recognized?

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes, Madam
24 President.

25 Madam President, as you all

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2 know, this is an extremely important and
3 complex issue of the creation of the
4 additional LNG plants and traversing of
5 the Delaware by enormous, and I mean
6 enormous, ships. I'm a little concerned
7 about the resolution in that it calls for
8 us to take some action, albeit not
9 necessarily binding, but it is calling
10 for action by this Council, and, frankly
11 speaking, I just don't know enough about
12 this.

13 More often than not, I will be
14 supportive of the District Councilperson
15 on a particular issue, but I just don't
16 know enough about this, and my concern --
17 while I don't want to have my vote be
18 tainted by the movie Syriana, which I saw
19 and it was extremely troubling when I saw
20 that movie and I saw LNG on the side of
21 that boat, and now I see before us a
22 proposal that has LNG on that boat, I
23 don't want that to be the basis for my
24 decision.

25 So I'd like to ask my good

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2 friend and the Councilperson, the prime
3 sponsor, and I know that you and
4 Councilman DiCicco were also sponsors, if
5 they can just hold this until we can get
6 a little more information.

7 Actually, ironically, PGW had
8 scheduled a briefing for me 4 o'clock
9 this afternoon prior to -- I'm assuming
10 not knowing that this particular
11 resolution was coming up. So I would
12 like to be able personally to have a
13 little more information so my position on
14 this is not tainted by a movie.

15 So I would ask my good friend
16 and Councilwoman Krajewski if she can
17 hold it at this time until we can get a
18 little more information.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you, Councilman.

21 I see that Councilwoman Brown
22 would also like to be recognized.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
24 Madam President.

25 I first need to say that the

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2 word "complex" needs to be underscored.

3 This particular measure and potential

4 action I believe raises a magnitude of

5 questions and concerns, including

6 environmental concerns, as well as, from

7 what I am told, a number of legitimate

8 community concerns. So I too have severe

9 reservations with additional LNG being

10 shipped through the City.

11 But one thing I know since I've

12 been here is that this is a body that

13 really prides itself on being fair and

14 giving everyone a chance in court, "in

15 court" being Council hearings, briefings

16 or whatever.

17 So knowing what I know today, I

18 cannot support this, but we need to have,

19 I believe, an open, a broader discussion,

20 if you will, if for no other reason to

21 gain additional accurate current

22 information.

23 I've learned that PGW has a lot

24 of work to do in this area, and if they

25 are going to convince this Council that

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2 this is a good idea, which remains
3 questionable, we need to give them a
4 chance to do that. So in the spirit of
5 fairness, we need to give them the
6 opportunity, and I'd simply like to go on
7 record to support the request to hold for
8 now, understanding that we may end up at
9 a different place going forward. I'd
10 like to support Councilman Clarke's
11 request.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you very much.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I think
17 Councilwoman Krajewski's light was on
18 before mine, I believe.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Out of
20 respect for my colleagues, I'd be willing
21 to hold this. But the culprit here is
22 PGW. Every time I question or any of us
23 question, any questions that come up, the
24 answer is, You must speak to the
25 developer about that.

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2 They're not telling me who the
3 developer is. So how can I hold hearings
4 when we don't know who the developer is?
5 Once I know who the developer is, maybe I
6 will call for hearings.

7 And I do appreciate my
8 colleagues wanting to know more about
9 this. The public has a right to know all
10 that's going on with this LNG. It's a
11 serious problem here, and I think the
12 public must know.

13 So out of respect, I'm willing
14 to hold this until we hold hearings once
15 I know who the developer is, but PGW has
16 been dragging their feet time and time
17 again not informing me or any of us who
18 that vendor is. So it's about time that
19 they come out and they state who that
20 vendor is. We have a right to know, and
21 my colleagues, they have a right to know
22 and to question this. So I'll respect
23 that and I'm willing to hold it until
24 further notice. Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you. And I think we all realize how
3 important this is.

4 And I see that Councilman
5 DiCicco, I'm sorry, you have your light
6 on and I shouldn't be speaking from up
7 here, but it's something that we can't
8 drag our feet on either.

9 Councilwoman Krajewski, I think
10 that we have to obtain the information
11 that we're seeking, and we should try to
12 get it as soon as possible.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
14 President, I have pictures here from the
15 Boston Harbor, and the size of this
16 tanker is the same size as a football
17 field. This is not a small issue.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Three
19 football fields, I'm told. Is it three?

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Well,
21 it's 100 feet.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No; 100
23 yards.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: The
25 one in Boston is three football fields.

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2 I'm sorry. My staff has been working on
3 this for quite a bit.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
5 know they have, very diligently.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: As you
7 see, there's condos along that harbor.

8 So this is an issue that has to
9 be brought out to the public, and I
10 agree, but PGW must come up and tell me
11 and this Council who the developer is so
12 we can hold hearings.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
14 Totally agree.

15 Councilman DiCicco, do you
16 still want to be recognized?

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Yes.
18 Thank you, Madam President. And I
19 totally agree with the comments made by
20 my colleagues.

21 I have a somewhat slight
22 different view of this. I'm not as
23 concerned as to who the developer is or
24 may be. My concern is that as a result
25 of a meeting with my colleague,

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2 Councilman Kenney, two, three months ago
3 with representatives of PGW, there's an
4 hysteria out there. There have been
5 leaks, no pun intended, that have gotten
6 out to the community about the
7 seriousness and the safety issues in
8 relationship to these LNG tankers. PGW,
9 in my opinion, has dropped the ball.
10 They now have another opportunity to get
11 out there.

12 I don't necessarily need to
13 know who the developer is. What I need
14 to know and my constituents need to know
15 is what is this product, what impact will
16 it have on their communities. We need to
17 know what other cities have done about
18 this, what their experiences are. That
19 is the way we need to engage the public
20 in this process. Without that
21 information, I can never support the
22 expansion of the LNG facility in
23 Councilwoman Krajewski's district, nor
24 can I ever support these tankers.

25 The idea was or the notion was,

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2 well, we can't talk about it because we
3 don't have a contract. Well, a contract
4 is one thing, but if you're entertaining
5 this kind of product and the expansion of
6 the LNG plant, it doesn't matter to me
7 whether it's Mobile, Exxon or Hess or
8 anybody else. The fact of the matter is,
9 they want to expand the facility, and
10 their argument is that this may, may,
11 reduce gas rates for citizens going
12 forward. We need to know what the
13 logistics of this is all about, what the
14 impact will be, what the safety issues
15 are, will our police forces be necessary
16 to provide the safety for these tankers,
17 the Coast Guard and everybody else.
18 Those are the things, in my mind, are
19 more important than who the developer is
20 or the vendor is.

21 So I'm reluctantly willing to
22 go along with the not calling this bill
23 up for a vote today and engage in the
24 public process.

25 Thank you, Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 Speaking to Councilwoman
5 Krajewski yesterday, I know that she and
6 her staff members have made numerous
7 phone calls to cities who in fact have
8 gone this route, and they have indicated
9 that we in Philadelphia are in a very
10 unique position because we own PGW and we
11 have a different right and position that
12 many of them had. And I think we have to
13 look at this very, very carefully.

14 Councilwoman Krajewski.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Well,
16 I just wanted to add one other tidbit.
17 The Mayor of Boston sued the federal
18 court to ban the LNG from entering the
19 Boston Harbor, because they were a
20 perfect target for terrorists. But, of
21 course, he lost that case, but he did
22 try.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Well,
24 Councilwoman, you said you're willing to
25 hold this. For the record, would you --

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I'll
3 hold the resolution for the time being,
4 but I'm not withdrawing it. Thank you,
5 Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
7 You're welcome.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Mariano.

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
11 President, I have one resolution.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
17 Property to execute and deliver to the
18 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
19 the 7th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 31st, 37th and
20 43rd Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
24 President, I move for the adoption of
25 this resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will please say
7 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
16 Councilwoman Tasco.

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

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 amending Chapter 10-600 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public
4 Places - Prohibited Conduct," by
5 prohibiting smoking in public places and
6 in the workplace, and providing for
7 penalties, all under certain terms and
8 conditions.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 declaring March as Save Your Vision
14 Month.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
18 the adoption of the resolution.

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 please say
24 aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 ayes have it and the resolution is
7 adopted.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 authorizing the Council Committee of the
10 Whole to hold hearings regarding campaign
11 finance reform and public financing of
12 municipal elections.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
15 Tasco.

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
20 in favor?

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution will be
3 referred to the Committee of the Whole.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Miller.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
7 you, Madam President. Today I have no
8 bills or resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Nutter.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I have one bill.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 read the title of the bill.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 authorizing and directing the revision of
21 lines and grades on a portion of City
22 Plan No. 143 bounded by Arch Street,
23 Conestoga Street, Market Street and 56th
24 Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee, and the Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
9 the resolution.

10 Councilwoman, do you have one
11 or two resolutions?

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Forgive
13 me, Madam President. I have two
14 resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chief Clerk will read the
18 title of the first resolution.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
20 commending the partnership of Congressman
21 Chaka Fattah, CITGO, the people of
22 Venezuela, Citizens Energy and Energy
23 Coordinating Agency of Philadelphia on
24 their successful efforts to bring
25 low-cost heating oil to the residents of

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2 Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

4 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for

6 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 please

12 indicate by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

18 ayes have it and the resolution is

19 adopted.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

21 honoring the African-American Children's

22 Book Project on the occasion of their

23 Annual African-American Children's Book

24 Fair.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
3 Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I thank
5 you, Madam President. I move for the
6 adoption, and I would be remiss not to
7 put on the record that Councilman Juan
8 Ramos was a co-sponsor of the preceding
9 resolution.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you. You have moved for the adoption of
12 the resolution just read. Was it
13 seconded?

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will please say
19 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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Goode.

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I offer one bill, which
7 I would like to speak on.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Section 19-201 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City
15 Depositories," by revoking the depository
16 status of Wachovia Bank and revising the
17 list of City depositories, under certain
18 terms and conditions.

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

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
22 Madam President.

23 In December, this Council
24 unanimously passed two fair lending bills
25 later signed into law by the Mayor. The

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2 passer of those bills filed a
3 comprehensive study of lending
4 disparities conducted by the National
5 Community Reinvestment Coalition. The
6 findings were alarming. Wachovia Bank
7 was proven to be three times more likely
8 to deny the American dream of home
9 ownership to black people. Wachovia gave
10 only 18 percent of its home mortgages to
11 African-Americans, while PNC Bank gave
12 almost 39 percent of its home mortgages
13 to African-Americans. Wachovia, 18
14 percent to blacks; PNC Bank, 39 percent
15 to blacks.

16 Wachovia gave only 30 percent
17 of home mortgages to women, while
18 Citizens Bank gave almost 48 percent of
19 home mortgages to women. Wachovia, 30
20 percent to women; Citizens Bank, 48
21 percent to women.

22 Wachovia is actually dragging
23 down the market in terms of fair lending
24 performance. So what does Wachovia
25 decide to do? Instead of trying to

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2 improve its lending practices, Wachovia
3 hires a lawyer to sue the City for
4 creating fair lending laws. But there's
5 no need for a legal dispute. This new
6 bill will relieve Wachovia of any City
7 requirements, but it will also relieve
8 Wachovia of any City deposits. I
9 dedicate the bill to the memory of
10 Coretta Scott King, an African-American
11 and a woman who would face double
12 discrimination from Wachovia.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 (Applause.)

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Ramos.

22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: I have no
23 bills or resolutions today, Madam
24 President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I offer four bills, one
7 of which was co-sponsored by yourself and
8 me, and two resolutions, one was
9 co-sponsored by Councilmembers Kenney and
10 Blondell Reynolds Brown.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
12 you.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of an
18 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
19 Prevent Red Light Violations."

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 amending Section 14-1624 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled "North

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2 Delaware Avenue Special District
3 Controls."

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 amending Bill No. 040369, which became
9 law June 21st, 2004, as amended, entitled
10 "An ordinance amending Chapter 14-1600 of
11 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
12 'Miscellaneous,' by adding a new section
13 prohibiting the demolition of buildings
14 or other structures located within an
15 area of the City of Philadelphia.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
20 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
21 Property to execute and deliver to the
22 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
23 Development a deed located at 105-09 Reed
24 Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

1 2/2/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
6 Property to execute and deliver to the
7 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
8 the 31st and 39th Wards of the City of
9 Philadelphia.

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

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

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will please
20 indicate by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution is
3 adopted.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 calling upon the Philadelphia Historical
6 Commission to maintain the Dilworth House
7 classification as a significant historic
8 building worthy of preservation.

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

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I move for the adoption
13 of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will please say
19 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

1 2/2/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
4 amending Bill No. 990728, approved
5 December 6, 1999, entitled "An ordinance
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to convey to the Redevelopment
8 Authority certain premises located at
9 1823 to 35 Callowhill Street.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
15 Property to execute and deliver to the
16 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
17 the 14th, 20th and 37th Wards of the City
18 of Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
22 the adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 2/2/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 the resolution be adopted.

3 All in favor will please say
4 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 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
14 Property to execute and deliver to the
15 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
16 the 32nd Ward of the City of
17 Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair again recognizes Councilman Clarke.

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
21 the adoption.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 2/2/06 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 All in favor will please
3 indicate by 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 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Kelly.

13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
14 President, I have no bills or
15 resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair thanks the gentleman.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Rizzo.

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

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The next order of business is
25 reports from committees, and the Chair

1 2/2/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a
3 report from the Committee of the Whole.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Madam President. The Committee of
6 the Whole reports out one bill with a
7 favorable recommendation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 read the report.

12 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
13 and members of the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, the Committee of the Whole,
15 to which was referred Bill No. 051230,
16 entitled "An ordinance dissolving the
17 West Philadelphia Retail Tax Increment
18 Financing District and creating the Park
19 West Tax Increment Financing District,"
20 respectfully reports it has considered
21 and amended the same and returns the
22 attached bill to Council with a favorable
23 recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Madam President. I move that the
6 rules of Council be suspended so as to
7 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
8 051230.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you. It has been moved and properly
12 seconded that the rules of Council be
13 suspended so as to permit first reading
14 this day of Bill No. 051230.

15 All in favor will indicate by
16 saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 ayes have it and the bill just read will
23 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
24 for today.

25 The Chair now recognizes

1 2/2/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Councilman Clarke for a report of the
3 Committee on Rules.

4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
5 Madam President.

6 Madam President, the Committee
7 on Rules reports three bills with a
8 favorable recommendation.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 read the report.

13 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
14 and members of the Council of the City of
15 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
16 which was referred Bill No. 051104,
17 entitled "An ordinance approving the
18 thirty-fourth amendment of the
19 redevelopment proposal for the Model
20 Cities Urban Renewal Area"; and

21 Bill No. 051232, entitled "An
22 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
23 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
24 designations of certain areas of land
25 located within an area bounded by

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 ayes have it and the bills just read will
9 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
10 for today.

11 At this time, the Chair again
12 recognizes Councilman Clarke for a report
13 from the Committee on Public Property and
14 Public Works.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
16 President, the Committee of Public
17 Property and Public Works reports two
18 bills with a favorable recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 read the report.

23 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
24 and members of the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public

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2 Property and Public Works, to which was
3 referred Bill No. 050505, entitled "An
4 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
5 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
6 Philadelphia, to extend the term of a
7 sublease agreement from the Philadelphia
8 Municipal Authority located on the second
9 and third floors of 111 South 15th
10 Street"; and

11 Bill No. 051231, entitled "An
12 ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia
13 Authority for Industrial Development to
14 convey fee simple title located between
15 50th and 52nd Streets south of Parkside
16 Avenue for consideration of \$400,000 to
17 the West Philadelphia Financial Services,
18 under certain terms and conditions,"
19 respectfully reports it has considered
20 the same and returns the attached bills
21 to Council with a favorable
22 recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

1 2/2/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move that
4 the rules of Council be suspended so as
5 to permit first reading this day of Bill
6 No. 050505 and Bill No. 051231.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
9 has been moved and properly seconded that
10 the rules of Council be suspended so as
11 to permit first reading this day of Bill
12 Nos. 050505 and 051231.

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 ayes have it and the bills just read will
20 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
21 for today.

22 The Chair now recognizes
23 Councilman DiCicco for a report from the
24 Committee on Streets and Services.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,

1 2/2/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Madam President.

3 The Committee on Streets and
4 Services reports seven bills out 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 Streets
13 and Services, to which was referred Bill
14 No. 051106, entitled "An ordinance
15 amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia
16 Code, entitled 'Traffic Code' to provide
17 for conditions in enforcement of
18 prohibitions on parking a vehicle if the
19 vehicle is not registered or not
20 displaying a valid registration plate";
21 and

22 Bill No. 051107, entitled "An
23 ordinance amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
24 Philadelphia Code by amending limitations
25 on the use of information collected under

1 2/2/06 - STATED - REPORTS

2 the Red Light Enforcement System"; and

3 Bill No. 051140, entitled "An
4 ordinance authorizing and directing the
5 revision of lines and grades by striking
6 from the City Plan the Industrial Highway
7 from Philadelphia-Delaware County Line to
8 Island Avenue"; and

9 Bill No. 051145, entitled "An
10 ordinance regulating the movement of
11 traffic on Chestnut Street, in particular
12 authorizing right turns to be made from
13 Chestnut Street at certain intersections
14 in Center City Philadelphia"; and

15 Bill No. 051201, entitled "An
16 ordinance authorizing and directing the
17 revision of lines and grades on a portion
18 of City Plan No. 298 by extending Almat
19 Place approximately 105 feet"; and

20 Bill No. 051202, entitled "An
21 ordinance authorizing the paving of the
22 extension of Almat Place, under certain
23 terms and conditions"; and

24 Bill No. 051234, entitled "An
25 ordinance authorizing the revision of

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2 lines and grades on a portion of City
3 Plan No. 266 by striking from the City
4 Plan and vacating Jefferson Street and
5 Heston Street, all under certain terms
6 and conditions," respectfully reports it
7 has considered the same and returns the
8 attached bills to Council with a
9 favorable recommendation.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 DiCicco.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I move that the rules
16 of Council be suspended so as to permit
17 first reading today of the seven bills
18 that have just been read into the record.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
21 has been moved and properly seconded that
22 the rules of Council be suspended so as
23 to permit first reading this day of Bill
24 Nos. 051106, 051107, 051140, 051145,
25 051201, 051202 and 051234.

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2 All in favor will please
3 indicate by 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 bills just read will
10 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
11 for today.

12 The next order of business is
13 the consideration of the Calendar, and
14 the Chief Clerk will please read the
15 bills on the First Reading Calendar.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 051230,
17 an ordinance dissolving the West
18 Philadelphia Retail Tax Increment
19 Financing District and creating the Park
20 West Tax Increment Financing District.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair agrees.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
24 051104, an ordinance approving the
25 thirty-fourth amendment of the

1 2/2/06 - STATED - 1ST READING
2 redevelopment proposal for the Model
3 Cities Urban Renewal Area.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair agrees.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
7 051232, an ordinance to amend the
8 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
9 zoning designations of certain areas of
10 land located within an area bounded by
11 Parkside Avenue and 51st Street.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair agrees.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
15 051233, an ordinance approving the second
16 amendment of the redevelopment proposal
17 for the West Parkside Urban Renewal Area.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair agrees.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
21 050505, an ordinance authorizing the
22 Commissioner of Public Property, on
23 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
24 extend the term of a sublease agreement
25 with the Philadelphia Municipal

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2 Authority.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
6 051231, an ordinance authorizing the
7 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
8 Development to convey fee simple title to
9 West Philadelphia Financial Services
10 Institution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair agrees.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
14 051106, an ordinance amending Title 12 of
15 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic
16 Code," to provide for conditions on
17 enforcement, all under certain terms and
18 conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
22 051107, an ordinance amending Chapter
23 12-3000 of The Philadelphia Code,
24 entitled "Use of an Automated Red Light
25 Enforcement System to Prevent Red Light

1 2/2/06 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 Violations."

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
6 051140, an ordinance authorizing and
7 directing the revision of lines and
8 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 356
9 and 378.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair agrees.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
13 051145, an ordinance regulating the
14 movement of traffic on Chestnut Street,
15 in particular authorizing right turns to
16 be made from Chestnut Street.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair agrees.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
20 051201, an ordinance authorizing and
21 directing the revision of lines and
22 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 298
23 by extending Almat Place.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair agrees.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
3 051202, an ordinance authorizing the
4 paving of the extension of Almat Place.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair agrees.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
8 051234, an ordinance authorizing the
9 revision of lines and grades on a portion
10 of City Plan No. 266 by striking from the
11 City Plan and vacating Jefferson Street
12 and Heston Street.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair agrees.

15 That completes the First
16 Reading Calendar for today. The Chair
17 now recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
19 you, Madam President. There are no bills
20 on Second Reading and Final Passage
21 today.

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

24 Are there any speeches on the
25 part of the Minority?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
4 there speeches on the part of the
5 Majority?

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you, Madam President.

10 I was looking through the paper
11 today and noticed an article that the
12 House approved a \$39 billion bill in
13 cuts. I noticed another bill that said
14 students are going to more two-year
15 colleges. But I guess so when you cut
16 costs to the tune of 12.7 billion for
17 college costs and certainly increase the
18 rate of loans that students have to pay.

19 We are really concerned about
20 the cuts in Medicare, 6.4 billion;
21 Medicaid, 4.7 billion. We're concerned
22 about the pension issues, agriculture,
23 the issues for our farmers who won't get
24 paid the money they should, the digital
25 television issues and the whole issue the

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2 freeze in welfare cuts for the next five
3 years.

4 It's so hard to believe that in
5 year 2006 we're going back to days
6 when -- and I think of Lou this morning
7 when he would get up and brag about AIDS
8 education, Medicaid, Medicare, the
9 difference between the two parties and
10 just always talk about those things that
11 made him proud to be an American and
12 proud to be serving in public life.

13 But let me say that we are glad
14 the vote was tight. It is to the tune of
15 \$39 billion. We would like to thank
16 those on both sides of the aisle who
17 voted against this legislation, including
18 our Congresspersons Brady, Fattah,
19 Allyson Schwartz, including Congressman
20 Bob Andrews, Tim Holden and Christopher
21 Smith.

22 I thank you very much, Madam
23 President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

25 You're welcome.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Nutter.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
5 Madam President.

6 Madam President, I want to
7 recognize both the hard work and effort
8 by this body in passing a series of bills
9 last year related to contract reform and
10 the effort by the voters of this City in
11 passing such a measure last November with
12 an 87 percent "yes" vote.

13 The City Administration, and I
14 acknowledge the work of Mayor Street and
15 his Administration and one person in
16 particular, who I'll mention in a second,
17 for getting on this issue and being
18 prepared for the February 1st, 2006
19 implementation date, which was yesterday.
20 The City Administration very smartly
21 started working on this even though while
22 the bill had passed in the spring, the
23 voters had not approved the measure until
24 November, but knowing that it would take
25 a fair amount of time to get the system

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2 up and running, started working last
3 spring into the summer and through the
4 fall to make sure that the City would be
5 ready.

6 There is a new City website for
7 the professional services, and there will
8 be contracts and disclosure forms that
9 went live yesterday. It is
10 www.phila.gov/contracts, and the site
11 went up yesterday.

12 Every now and then, Madam
13 President, while we see all of the great
14 work that any number of us may do here as
15 elected officials or elected officials at
16 the state and federal level, there are
17 people behind the scenes who really do
18 make the government work, and I want to
19 call out special recognition to a person
20 who stepped up, who was not working on
21 this particular project when Council
22 passed it and the Mayor signed it, but
23 decided to take this on as a challenge.
24 Her name is Susan Kresky. She's a member
25 of the Administration, has been in the

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2 government for a long time. I had never
3 met her and have only come to meet her
4 recently. But she decided to try to take
5 on this massive project to change
6 literally City systems, create new ones
7 to allow us to reform our contract
8 process and opportunities. And so, one,
9 I want to recognize her hard work and all
10 the members of the Administration, thank
11 them for getting on this early and making
12 sure that the February 1st implementation
13 date has been met.

14 Anyone looking for those
15 opportunities for the first time, they
16 will be able to see them whatever is up
17 on the site from yesterday forward, and I
18 think it's a great moment for the City
19 government, and I thank again my
20 colleagues for all of their hard work and
21 support to make sure ultimately this went
22 through and that the citizens of this
23 City can have their confidence restored
24 in how the government functions.

25 Thank you, Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

3 You're welcome.

4 The Chair recognizes

5 Councilwoman Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
7 Madam President.

8 Madam President, within the
9 last six months, we have lost three
10 outstanding, dedicated, hard-working
11 women who dedicated themselves to civil
12 rights and justice: Sister Rosa Parks,
13 C. Delores Tucker and then the other day
14 our esteemed Coretta Scott King. She was
15 a woman that I admired greatly because
16 she had the strength and the endurance to
17 carry for nearly 40 years the torch of
18 the legacy so tragically left behind by
19 her husband. Rather than retreating to a
20 private life of domesticity, she publicly
21 and energetically upheld the battle for
22 civil rights and equality among the
23 races, placing herself on the front line
24 of the battle. Her work was always done
25 with grace, strength, dignity and blatant

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2 determination, offering a stellar example
3 to myself and other African-American
4 women and people of all colors. The loss
5 of a woman responsible for making such an
6 important impact on our country's history
7 is a profound and irreplaceable one. Our
8 world has truly been dimmed at the
9 burning out of such a bright light. And
10 I ask us to stand for a moment of silence
11 in her memory.

12 (Council stands in silence.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
14 Madam President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

16 You're welcome.

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

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

21 Seeing none, again the Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to
23 adjourn.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
25 President, I move that Council stand

1 2/2/06 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 adjourned until Thursday, February the
3 9th at 10:00 a.m., 2006.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
6 in favor?

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 ayes have it and the motion carries.
13 Thank you.

14 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
15 11:55 a.m.)

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