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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, October 25, 2007, 10:15 a.m.

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COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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Anna C. Verna, President
Jannie L. Blackwell
Blondell Reynolds Brown
Carol Ann Campbell
Darrell L. Clarke
Frank DiCicco
W. Wilson Goode, Jr.
William K. Greenlee
Jack Kelly
James F. Kenney
Joan L. Krajewski
Donna Reed Miller
Brian J. O'Neill
Juan F. Ramos
Daniel J. Savage
Frank Rizzo
Marian B. Tasco

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I

3 note that the hour has come and that a

4 quorum of this Council is present.

5 Council will please come to order:

6 Members will take their seats, and

7 visitors will retire to the seats

8 outside the rails.

9 To give our invocation this

10 morning, the Chair welcomes Father

11 Edward J, Pastor of St. Martin de

12 Porres Church. He is here today as the

13 guest of Councilman Kenney. I would

14 ask that all members and guests to

15 please rise.

16 FATHER HALLINAN: Good morning.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good

18 morning, Father.

19 FATHER HALLINAN: It's a

20 pleasure to be with you.

21 Let us pray.

22 Loving God, you are a God of

23 justice, inclusivity, a God who

24 transcends nationality, ethnicity,

25 race, culture, religion, politics. You

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2 are a God who cheers for the underdog,
3 the weak, and the marginalized.

4 A couple weeks ago, our city
5 celebrated a rock star, Bono, who
6 transcends race, religion, politics,
7 and nations in order to bring people of
8 good will together on behalf of those
9 most in need.

10 Being a priest, a minister, in
11 North Philadelphia, at 24th and Lehigh
12 the past eleven years, a pastor who
13 walks the streets in the evening to be
14 one with the community, God knows we
15 have our challenges and our
16 responsibilities.

17 As we celebrate our successes,
18 let us also remember our children, who
19 are in need after quality education and
20 a safe place to learn and play.

21 Let us remember our young
22 adults in need of employment.

23 Let us remember our elderly,
24 who have worked hard for many, many
25 years, paid taxes, and laid many of the

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2 wonderful foundations that we have here
3 in our great city.

4 Let us remember those areas of
5 the city that are not yet gentrified or
6 diversified so that we may invest in
7 these areas where many of our citizens
8 live.

9 Let City Council be the spark
10 that lights the fire that gathers the
11 politicians, the business leaders, law
12 enforcement, the churches, the medical
13 profession, and the many nonprofits
14 that exist for the betterment of our
15 citizens so that we may continue in
16 God's great work of creation in making
17 our great city a wonderful place to
18 live.

19 We ask all of these things in
20 the name of God, our creator, our
21 redeemer, and our savior.

22 And let everyone say amen.

23 ALL: Amen.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair thanks Father Hallinan for his

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2 very inspiring invocation.

3 Council will be at ease.

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: May I

6 have your attention, please.

7 The next order of business is

8 the approval of the Journal of the

9 meeting of Thursday, October 18, 2007,

10 and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman

11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

13 you, Madam President.

14 I move that the Journal of the

15 meeting of Thursday, October 18, 2007,

16 stand approved.

17 (Motion seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

19 has been moved and properly seconded

20 that the Journal of the meeting of

21 Thursday, October 18, 2007, stand

22 approved.

23 All in favor will indicate by

24 saying aye.

25 Those opposed?

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2 The ayes have it, and the
3 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
4 October 18, 2007, is approved.

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6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 next order of business is requests for
8 leaves of absence, and the Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you, Madam President.

12 On behalf of the Majority,
13 there are no requests for leaves of
14 absence today.

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

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilman O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
20 President, on behalf of the Republicans,
21 there are no requests for leaves of
22 absence.

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

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair will dispense with the regular
4 order of business to recognize the
5 guests and visitors joining us in
6 chambers this morning. On behalf of all
7 members of City Council, I welcome you
8 to our Council session. We appreciate
9 your taking the time to join us as we
10 attend to the legislative affairs of our
11 city. We certainly invite you to come
12 again.

13 At this time, the Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco, who will
15 present a resolution honoring the
16 Mayor's Commission on Technology and
17 WHYY-TV. Will Miss Carole Smith and
18 Mr. William Webber and those
19 accompanying him please join
20 Councilwoman at the podium.

21 (Honorees and others come
22 forward.)

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

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Good

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2 morning. This is going to be a very
3 informative day today about the changes
4 in how television will be viewed in the
5 future, and I'm pleased to present this
6 citation to Carole Smith, who is
7 executive director of the Mayor's
8 Commission on Technology, and Mr. Webber
9 from WHYY who have joined in a
10 partnership to help inform the public.
11 And I must say that Carole Smith has
12 been tenacious in getting me to pay
13 attention to this important issue.

14 This resolution honoring the
15 Mayor's Commission on Technology and
16 WHYY-TV for developing a Community
17 Awareness Plan for the analog-to-
18 digital technology transition.

19 Whereas, at midnight, on
20 February 17, 2009, all broadcast
21 television services in this country
22 will become one hundred percent
23 digital. And to the uninformed TV
24 viewers attempting to watch television
25 without cable or satellite

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2 transmission, it will appear as if all
3 the TV channels have disappeared;

4 And whereas, television has
5 become an essential component of the
6 daily life of Americans for various
7 forms of news and information, and
8 approximately 20 million people in the
9 United States receive television
10 services over the air. And
11 Philadelphia, as the fourth largest
12 media market, clearly represents a
13 large number of these viewers;

14 And whereas, industry and
15 federal regulations and politics have
16 been developed in -- I'm sorry, not
17 politics. Let me start again.

18 Whereas, industry and federal
19 regulations and policies have been
20 developed and implemented to protect
21 the public interests, the average TV
22 consumer is not aware of this impending
23 disruption of TV services. And of
24 particular concern is the negative
25 effects on the vulnerable segments of

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2 our city that will be unprepared and
3 disoriented with what appears to be the
4 loss of access to essential information
5 provided on television;

6 And whereas, to receive
7 digital TV service, the consumer must
8 understand how to access the service
9 and purchase either a digital
10 television or a low-cost digital TV
11 converter box that will enable the
12 obsolete analog TV to receive the
13 channels, and the converter boxes will
14 retail for about \$60, and the federal
15 government will offer the opportunity
16 to apply for a rebate coupon to qualify
17 households to reduce the actual cost to
18 \$20;

19 And whereas, the Mayor's
20 Commission on Technology (known as
21 MCOT) has approached this approaching
22 technology change and is concerned
23 about the public's interest and the
24 potential impact on the City's
25 well-being and has partnered with

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2 WHY-TV to develop a community
3 awareness and education plan that will
4 reach the vulnerable citizens and
5 families throughout the City;

6 And whereas, MCOT and WHY-TV
7 recognize the magnitude of this overall
8 plan and will work with community
9 organizations to bring them up to speed
10 on the technology transition and
11 consumer options, and digital converter
12 boxes will be brought to the community
13 meetings so that demonstrations,
14 instructions, and information regarding
15 the transition and the rebate program
16 can be delivered to the public;

17 And whereas, MCOT and WHY-TV
18 will also utilize radio, television,
19 and Internet-based communication
20 resources to inform the public through
21 education resources and public
22 awareness spots and programs to support
23 this initiative throughout the City and
24 will also build a digital transitional
25 training and presentation course to

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2 further inform community leaders and
3 the citizens of Philadelphia.

4 Now, therefore, be it resolved
5 by the Council of the City of
6 Philadelphia that we hereby honor the
7 Mayor's Commission on Technology and
8 WHYY-TV for developing a community
9 awareness plan for the analog-to-
10 digital transition.

11 Further resolved that an
12 engrossed copy of this resolution be
13 presented to representatives of the
14 Mayor's Commission on Technology and
15 WHYY-TV as evidence of the sincere
16 sentiments of this legislative body.

17 Certification that this is a
18 true and correct copy of the original
19 resolution adopted by Council of the
20 City of Philadelphia on the 27th day of
21 September, 2007, signed by President
22 Verna, introduced by Marian Tasco, and
23 supported by all members of City
24 Council.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 Chair recognizes Miss Smith for remarks.

4 MS. SMITH: Thank you,
5 President Verna and Councilwoman Tasco.

6 We are very pleased to be able
7 to assist the City of Philadelphia
8 through the City Council to help
9 Philadelphians understand and be able
10 to take advantage of the transition in
11 television that has been the first
12 advance in 50 years since color
13 television made its appearance on the
14 stage.

15 This will have an entirely
16 different effect on the way you and
17 everybody else watches TV, and we want
18 to make sure that the City of
19 Philadelphia is able to assist
20 everyone -- specifically our vulnerable
21 populations -- to see make sure that on
22 February 18, 2009, when you turn on
23 your television, it will not go blank.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Mr. Webber for remarks.

4 MR. WEBBER: Well, thank you,
5 Madam President, and thank you,
6 Councilwoman. Thank you for this honor
7 and recognition of this partnership with
8 MCOT. And WHY? is honored.

9 And, actually, this is a
10 primary piece of our mission as a
11 public broadcasting station, to inform
12 the public about significant changes in
13 technology, and this certainly is one
14 of them.

15 This is a significant change
16 in the use of the public airways, and
17 it is -- and there are solutions, as
18 you're hearing, to enable a rebate
19 program, a low-cost exclusion for those
20 who cannot afford to go out and buy a
21 digital TV, a widescreen TV.

22 We're anxious to develop this
23 program, and this indeed can be another
24 Philadelphia first as we respond as a
25 community to this significant change in

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2 how people receive information.

3 Thank you very much.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes the
7 Councilwoman.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: We have
9 placed an information booklet on each of
10 the Councilmembers' desks. As you know,
11 when the televisions go dark, the first
12 place that your constituents will call
13 will be you. They will not call the TV
14 station; they will call City Council.

15 And right after City Council,
16 there will be a briefing in the caucus
17 room for Councilmembers and our staff,
18 a full briefing on what's going to take
19 place, and we invite you to come to
20 this important briefing.

21 Thank you very much.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
23 you very much. Council will be at ease.

24 (Council stands at ease.)

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2 (Proceedings resume.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I'd like to be excused
7 from the rest of the session -- I have
8 business in my district -- and be
9 recorded as voting aye on all amendments
10 that have been circulated.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Leave
12 will be granted. Thank you.

13 The Chair recognizes now
14 recognizing Councilwoman Miller, who
15 will present a resolution for claiming
16 October 7th as "Domestic Violence
17 Awareness Month."

18 Will Mr. Gerald Evans and
19 those accompanying him please join the
20 Councilwoman at the podium. I see that
21 Councilwoman Miller is being joined by
22 Councilwoman Tasco and Councilwoman
23 Reynolds-Brown.

24 (Honorees and Councilmembers
25 come forward.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Also,
3 Councilwoman Blackwell is now being
4 joined.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good
6 morning, everyone. This is a resolution
7 proclaiming October 2007 as "Domestic
8 Violence Awareness Month."

9 The City of Philadelphia
10 designates the month of October 2007 as
11 "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in
12 Philadelphia and encourages the
13 analysis and examination of violence
14 against men and women and to address
15 the harm caused by domestic and sexual
16 violence.

17 Whereas, the impact of
18 domestic violence continues to be
19 wide-ranging, directly affecting
20 individuals and society as a whole
21 here, in, and around this community,
22 throughout the United States, and the
23 world.

24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:
25 And whereas, City Council has been, and

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2 continues to be, in the forefront of
3 recognizing how domestic violence
4 traumatizes victims, endangers children,
5 harms families, and threatens the
6 quality of life in our communities;

7 And whereas, the problems of
8 domestic violence are not confined to
9 any group of people but cut across all
10 economic racial and societal barriers
11 and are supported by societal
12 indifference;

13 And whereas, the National
14 Institute of Justice and the Center for
15 Disease Control estimates that
16 1.5 million women and 835,000 men are
17 the victims of domestic violence each
18 year; and...

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas,
20 the Violence Against Women Act expired
21 in September 2005, jeopardizing the
22 remarkable gains it has generated in
23 reducing the occurrences of domestic
24 violence, sexual assault, and stalking,
25 meaning progress could come to a halt if

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2 Congress does not reauthorize the
3 Violence Against Women Act;

4 And whereas, a vast majority
5 of Americans realize Congress should
6 act to reauthorize and enhance existing
7 BAWA programs and include new programs
8 that better respond to the community
9 needs; and...

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

11 Whereas, it is necessary for this
12 Council and the citizens of Philadelphia
13 to remain thoroughly informed on all
14 issues related to the impact of domestic
15 violence and how it affects our
16 community and to have a reliable
17 response and resource system.

18 Now, therefore, be it resolved
19 by the City Council of Philadelphia
20 that the month of October 2007 be
21 declared "Domestic Violence Awareness
22 Month" in Philadelphia and encourage
23 and analyze the examination of violence
24 against men and women and to address
25 the harm caused by domestic and sexual

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2 violence.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER:

4 Certification that is a true and correct

5 copy of the original resolution adopted

6 by the Council of the City of

7 Philadelphia on the 4th of October,

8 2007, signed by Anna C. Verna, President

9 of City Council, introduced by Donna

10 Reed-Miller and Blondell Reynolds-Brown

11 and cosponsored by all members of City

12 Council.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

15 Chair recognizes Mr. Evans for remarks.

16 MR. EVANS: I want to thank

17 City Council for giving me this honor.

18 The Men's Resource Center has been

19 around since 1979, and it feels like

20 I've given my life to helping men and

21 women nice relationships for themselves.

22 It's very important.

23 Domestic violence is

24 insidious. It hits us where we least

25 expect. Most of us at some point in

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2 time have known of domestic violence
3 either in our own lives or in other
4 people's.

5 As a result, the Men's
6 Resource Center along with the Berean
7 Institute and Andrew Carne are putting
8 together a video, and we hope to take
9 that video into the community and
10 educate as many people as possible
11 about domestic violence.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We
15 will now hear from Madeline Truitt.

16 MS. TRUITT: We are working
17 with the Berean Institute to develop a
18 video to educate the community around
19 the issue of domestic violence. Most
20 people really do not understand what
21 domestic violence is, how it happens, so
22 we decided we needed to educate the
23 community thoroughly as to the issues
24 around domestic violence. People mostly
25 blame the victim.

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2 So beginning next month, we
3 will have a video available for
4 churches, organizations, anyone to
5 view, and we will have a presentation.
6 We will come to your organization or to
7 your church to actually teach people
8 about the issues around domestic
9 violence.

10 It's very important to support
11 the victims of domestic violence, but
12 unless we get helpful of the abusers,
13 the cycle will continue, so I'm working
14 with the Men's Resource Center and the
15 Berean Institute to produce this video,
16 and we hope all of you will be able to
17 view it.

18 Thank you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you very much.

21 Council will be at ease.

22 (Council stands at ease.)

23 * * *

24 (Proceedings resume.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
3 Miller, who will prepare a resolution
4 honoring the Sistahs of the Million
5 Women March.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Will
8 Miss Asia Coney and those accompanying
9 her please join the women at the podium.

10 (Honorees, Councilmembers and
11 others come forward.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I see
13 that Councilmembers Brown, Tasco, and
14 Blackwell are joining the others at the
15 podium. I'm told that Councilwoman
16 Campbell will be reading.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: If you
18 would like to come up, please feel
19 welcome.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
23 you. Thank you, Madam President.

24 You know, it's an honor to
25 recognize the tenth anniversary of

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2 the Million Woman March. I'm sure that
3 all of us here on stage worked on that
4 historic march more than ten years ago.

5 This is a resolution honoring
6 the Sistahs of the Million Woman March.

7 Whereas, an estimated
8 2.5 million African-American women
9 gathered in Philadelphia on Saturday,
10 October 25, 1997, as they marched down
11 the Benjamin Franklin Parkway to bring
12 attention to the family and the
13 community. The mission: To advocate
14 for the inclusion, quality, and
15 empowerment of African-American women
16 and girls, to promote a positive
17 awareness of African history and
18 knowledge, to develop knowledge of
19 political and economic forces and their
20 impact on their families; and...

21 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL:

22 Whereas , (inaudible) was spearheaded by
23 a few determined African-American from
24 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

25 Whereas, in spite of

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2 overwhelming challenges that worked
3 against the success of organizing such
4 a massive endeavor, the Million Woman
5 March was a resounding success; and...

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: And
7 whereas, the Million Woman March
8 received widespread acclaim, received
9 national and international attention
10 focused on the City of Philadelphia, the
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and
12 African-American women as a whole;

13 And whereas society as a whole
14 benefits when women from all across the
15 world unite to show unity,
16 understanding, and womanship; and...

17 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:
18 Whereas, the City of Philadelphia this
19 day honors the Sistahs of the Million
20 Women March;

21 And whereas, the historic
22 Million Woman March is a reflection of
23 the ongoing commitment of
24 African-American women to their
25 individual responsibilities both in

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2 their own families and throughout the
3 world; and...

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

5 Whereas, the historic march was a
6 reflection of the ongoing commitment of
7 African-American women to their
8 individual responsibilities both in
9 their own families and throughout the
10 world.

11 Resolved by the Council of the
12 City of Philadelphia that the
13 organizers of the Sistahs of
14 the Million Women March be commended
15 for a job well done and for showing the
16 world that when women put their minds
17 to it, there's nothing we can't
18 accomplish.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Be it
21 further resolved that an engrossed copy
22 of this resolution be presented to the
23 Sistahs of the Million Woman March.

24 Certified that this is a true
25 and correct copy of the original

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2 resolution adopted by the Council of
3 the City of Philadelphia on the 25th of
4 October, 2007, signed by Anna C. Verna,
5 President, and introduced by Donna
6 Reed-Miller, and cosponsored by all
7 members of City Council.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Miss Coney for remarks.

11 MS. CONEY: Thank you.

12 (Interruption by unidentified
13 speaker.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I am
15 sorry. I believe -- I don't know where
16 that voice is coming from, but I think I
17 did recognize someone to speak.

18 Miss Coney, please proceed.

19 MS. CONEY: Good morning. This
20 is such an honor, and we, the conveners
21 of the Million Woman March are so proud
22 today to accept this resolution. It is
23 our honor, we are very invigorated. We
24 want to thank all of you that showed up
25 today.

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2 Could the Sistahs that are
3 here please stand.

4 (Applause.)

5 MS. CONEY: As many of you
6 know, October 25, 1997 was such a
7 wonderful, wonderful day. And today, we
8 come together to work on cleaning up our
9 own house, the City of Philadelphia.
10 And we'll meet you on the Parkway.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

13 Council will be at ease.

14 (Council stands at ease.)

15 * * *

16 (Proceedings resume.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDNT VERNA: The

18 next order of business is

19 communications, and the Chair requests
20 that the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the
21 messages to the Chief Clerk. The Chief
22 Clerk will please read the messages from
23 the Mayor.

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

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2 Philadelphia, I am transmitting herewith
3 for the introduction and consideration
4 of your honorable body:

5 An ordinance authorizing the
6 president of the Fairmount Park
7 Commission and the executive director
8 of Fairmount Park, on behalf of the
9 City of Philadelphia, to enter into a
10 ground lease with the Philadelphia
11 Authority for Industrial Development to
12 develop and operate a museum about the
13 Underground Railroad;

14 And an ordinance to amend the
15 Philadelphia zoning maps by changing
16 the zoning designation to certain areas
17 of land located within an area bounded
18 by Burholme Avenue, Naftel Avenue,
19 Burholme Avenue, Hartel Avenue,
20 Hasbrook Avenue, Central Avenue,
21 Cottman Avenue, Philmore Avenue,
22 Shelmire Avenue;

23 And an ordinance authorizing
24 the President of the Fairmount Park
25 Commission and the Executive Director

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2 of Fairmount Park and the Public
3 Property Commissioner, on behalf of the
4 City of Philadelphia, to enter into a
5 lease with Philadelphia Authority for
6 Industrial Development to lease
7 City-owned land south of Shelmire
8 Avenue adjacent to the campus of the
9 Fox Chase Cancer Center;

10 And an ordinance directing the
11 revision of lines and grades on a
12 portion of City Plan No. 44 by striking
13 from the City Plan and vacating
14 Cuthbert Street from 32nd Street to
15 33rd Street;

16 And an ordinance authorizing
17 the Commissioner of Public Property, on
18 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
19 enter into an agreement to sublease
20 from the Philadelphia Municipal
21 Authority a certain building located at
22 229 West Allegheny Avenue;

23 And an ordinance authorizing
24 the Commissioner of Public Property to
25 convey certain tracts of lands located

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2 on the block bounded by West Huntington
3 Street, North Fairhill Street, West
4 Lehigh Avenue, and North Fifth Street.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 I would ask that the message
8 be printed in the Journal, and I would
9 ask the Chief Clerk to please read any
10 other communications in her possession.

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

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you very much.

15 * * *

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 next order of business is the
18 introduction of bills and resolutions,
19 and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell for a motion.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President.

23 I move that the rules of
24 Council be suspended so as to permit
25 first reading so as to permit

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2 consideration of resolutions at their
3 time of introduction.

4 (Motion seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
6 has been moved and properly seconded
7 that the rules of Council be suspended
8 so as to permit immediate consideration
9 of resolutions at the time of
10 introduction.

11 All in favor will indicate by
12 saying.

13 Those opposed?

14 The ayes have it, and the
15 motion carries.

16 At this time, the Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I offer two
20 resolutions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 authorizing the Committee on Legislative
3 Oversight to hold public hearings to
4 identify employee safety issues that
5 have been forced into contract and
6 arbitration by the City; and to
7 investigate the reasoning behind why
8 employee health and safety issues are
9 negotiated rather than properly
10 addressed by the City.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair recognizes.

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

15 (Motion seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will indicate by
20 saying aye.

21 Those opposed?

22 The ayes have it, and the
23 resolution will be referred to the
24 Legislative Oversight Committee.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

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2 authorizing the Committee on Labor and
3 Civil Service to hold public hearings to
4 examine the potential impact of the
5 upcoming deployment of Pennsylvania
6 National Guard troops on the City of
7 Philadelphia's workforce.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

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

12 (Motion seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will say.

17 Those opposed?

18 The ayes have it, and the
19 resolution will be referred To the
20 Committee on Labor and Civil Service.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
24 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
25 one bill.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you. Do you have a resolution too?

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:
5 (Inaudible.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 authorizing and direction the revision
12 of lines and grades on a portion of City
13 Plan No. 44 by striking from the City
14 Plan and vacating Cuthbert Street from
15 32nd Street to 33rd Street.

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

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilman Greenlee.

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

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

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Krajewski.

4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank

5 you. I have no bills or resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes

9 Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

11 Madam President. I offer two

12 resolutions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

14 Chief Clerk will please read the title

15 of the first resolution.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

17 honoring Michael Gailbraith on receiving

18 the Milkin National Education Award.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

20 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

22 President, I move for the adoption of

23 the resolution.

24 (Motion seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

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

4 All in favor will indicate by
5 saying aye.

6 Those opposed?

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 honoring the National Federation of
11 Advanced Informational Services on its
12 50th Annual Conference and declaring
13 February 24th as NFAIS Day.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
15 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Tasco.

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

19 (Motion seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The ayes have it, and the

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2 resolution is adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilwoman Miller.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
6 you, Madam President. Today I have one
7 resolution.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 honoring the Sistahs of the Million
14 Women March.

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

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

19 (Motion seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 Those opposed?

25 The ayes have it, and the

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2 resolution is adopted.

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilman Savage.

5 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Thank you,

6 Madam President. I offer three bills

7 today, one of which is cosponsored by

8 Councilwoman Krajewski and Councilman

9 DiCicco.

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

15 amending Title XIV of the Philadelphia

16 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by

17 amending Chapter 14-300, entitled

18 "Commercial Districts," by adopting a

19 new 14-310, entitled "Transit-oriented

20 Development District."

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

22 bill will be referred to the appropriate

23 committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

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2 Property to convey certain tracts of
3 land with the buildings and improvements
4 thereon located on the block bounded by
5 West Huntington Street, North Fair Hill
6 Street, West Lehigh Avenue, and North
7 Fifth Street.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
12 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
13 Property, on behalf of the City of
14 Philadelphia, to enter into an agreement
15 to sublease from the Philadelphia
16 Municipal Authority a certain building
17 located at 229 West Allegheny Avenue.

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

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilman DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I have no bills or
25 resolutions today.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

3 Chair thanks the gentleman.

4 The Chair recognizes

5 Councilwoman Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

7 Thank you, Madam President. This

8 morning, I offer one resolution

9 cosponsored by you, Madam President,

10 Councilman Bill Greenlee, and Councilman

11 Frank DiCicco, and one bill cosponsored

12 by my colleague Jim Kenney.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

14 Chief Clerk will please read the title

15 of the bill.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

17 amending Title XIV of the Philadelphia

18 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by

19 amending Section 14-102, entitled

20 "Definitions," and creating a new

21 Section 14-1631 of the Philadelphia

22 Code, entitled "Green Building Design

23 Standards."

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

25 bill will be referred to the appropriate

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2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 honoring Philadelphia's Theater Company
5 on the opening of its new home, the
6 Suzanne Roberts Theater, which
7 accumulates 32 years of dedication to
8 the genius and diversity of the American
9 playwright.

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

12 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:
13 Thank you, Madam President. I move for
14 the adoption.

15 (Motion seconded.)

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

19 All those in favor, please say
20 aye.

21 Those opposed?

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Goode.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I offer one resolution
4 sponsored by all members of Council.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 calling on the School Reform Commission
10 to submit quarterly updates to the Mayor
11 and City Council related to the impact
12 analysis report for additional School
13 District funding filed by the SRC
14 pursuant to Bill No. 070015.

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

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Move for the
18 adoption.

19 (Motion seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will indicate by
24 saying aye.

25 Those opposed?

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2 The ayes have it, and the
3 resolution is adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilman Ramos.

6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I offer one resolution
8 today cosponsored by President Verna,
9 Councilman DiCicco, and Councilwoman
10 Reynolds-Brown.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 honoring John P. Foley, a Philadelphian,
13 on his elevation to Cardinal in the
14 Roman Catholic Church, and declaring
15 November 13, 2007 as "Cardinal John P.
16 Foley Day" in the City of Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Ramos.

19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I move for the
21 adoption of the resolution.

22 (Motion seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will indicate by
3 saying aye.

4 Those opposed?

5 The ayes have it, and the
6 resolution is adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Campbell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Thank
10 you, Madam President. I have two bills
11 and one resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 amending Chapter 12-300 of the
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Special
19 Restrictions," upon use of vehicles
20 around wheelchair lift equipment
21 vehicles.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 amending Title XVII of the Philadelphia
3 Code, entitled "Contracts and
4 Procurement" by adding provisions
5 requiring the City to pay its vendors
6 promptly and requiring City vendors to
7 pay their subcontractors promptly.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 calling on the Mayor and the Office of
13 Housing and Community Development to
14 enter into the contracts necessary to
15 make available the additional funds for
16 the Basic Systems Repair Program.

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

19 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: I move
20 the adoption of the resolution.

21 (Motion seconded.)

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

25 All in favor will please

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2 indicate by saying aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it, and the
5 resolution is adopted.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilman Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I have four bills.

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
15 amending Chapter 10-200 of the
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Ethnic
17 Intimidation and Institutional
18 Vandalism," by adding a section
19 prohibiting the display of racial
20 (indiscernible) under certain terms and
21 conditions.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 amending Title XVII of the Philadelphia
3 Code, entitled "Contracts and
4 Procurement," by increasing the
5 threshold amount that invokes
6 requirement of the Economical
7 Opportunity Plan and accepting
8 single-family households, all under --

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 amending Section 6-301 of the
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Food
15 Establishments," by establishing the
16 licensing fee and licensing requirement
17 for food establishments with seating of
18 30 or less patrons where the preparation
19 of serving food and/or beverages is
20 primarily for consumption off premises.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
25 amending Section 14-1605 of the

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulated
3 Uses," by adding takeout restaurants and
4 small retail food establishments to the
5 list of designated regulated uses, all
6 under certain terms and conditions.

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

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilman Kelly.

12 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
13 President, I offer one resolution, which
14 I would like to speak on.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
20 calling upon the City of Philadelphia
21 and Fairmount Park Commission to allow
22 the Boy Scouts to remain in the facility
23 located at 22nd and Spring Streets until
24 they obtain a suitable new location, and
25 urging them to compensate the Boy Scouts

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2 in full for any and all improvements
3 which they have made to the facility
4 throughout the term of their lease.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilman Kelly.

7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Yes. Thank
8 you, Madam President.

9 I'm asking that my colleagues
10 support this resolution regarding the
11 Boy Scouts. It's an issue of fairness.
12 And, unfortunately, the Philadelphia
13 chapter is being punished for the
14 policies of a national organization.

15 I'm only asking that we give
16 the Boy Scouts sufficient time to find
17 a suitable facility and that we
18 reimburse them for all of the expenses
19 which they have incurred in making
20 improvements to a facility which we
21 own.

22 We certainly do not want to
23 harm an organization that is keeping
24 40,000 kids off the streets of
25 Philadelphia at a time when we have a

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2 homicide epidemic. It's important that
3 send the message that we want the Boy
4 Scouts do stay in Philadelphia and that
5 we want them to continue to be a
6 contributing part of our community.

7 And since I've distributed
8 this resolution, Madam President, I've
9 heard from the City Solicitor and I've
10 also spoken to the local Boy Scout
11 organization. Both of these groups
12 want a settlement, and I think it's
13 fair to get a fair and compromised
14 settlement on this issue, that we give
15 them time to do that.

16 I'm in agreement for having a
17 meeting with the both factors to settle
18 this dispute. Therefore, I am not
19 asking for a vote at this time to give
20 them the time to settle this on their
21 own, without Council involvement.

22 So at this time, Madam
23 President, I would just refrain from
24 voting on this resolution today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you very much.

3 Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown,

4 your light is on. Did you want to be

5 recognized?

6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

7 Given the decision of the sponsor of the

8 bill, I will withhold my comments.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

10 you.

11 Councilman Clarke?

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

13 Madam President.

14 Madam President, I would like

15 to say that, first, I thank my good

16 friend and colleague Councilman Kelly

17 for holding the resolution at this

18 particular time. As a sponsor of the

19 original bill calling for the

20 termination of the lease, I understand

21 the significance in that particular

22 decision.

23 And I know where Councilman

24 Kelly's heart is. He has spent a lot

25 of time in the Center City portion of

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2 my district and in some other portions
3 of my district, working with all
4 people, so I know where he's coming
5 from.

6 Having been involved
7 significantly in discussions between
8 both the scouts and some of the other
9 communities as it relates to this
10 particular issue, I continue to be
11 optimistic that some settlement can be
12 worked out.

13 It comes down to a couple of
14 words in the language and the
15 interpretation of those particular
16 words.

17 And working with all of the
18 members of Council and my colleague
19 Councilman Kelly, we hope that we can
20 come to some resolution because we do
21 not want to see the Boy Scouts leave
22 that particular facility because of the
23 national policy.

24 So I want to thank him, and I
25 look forward to his continued support

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2 on this particular issue.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you very much.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
8 President, my light was not on.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do
10 you have any bills or resolutions?

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Okay. No
12 bills or resolutions today. That threw
13 me off.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 next order of business is reports from
19 committees, and the Chair recognizes
20 Councilman Clarke for a report from the
21 Rules Committee.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
23 President, the Committee on Rules
24 reports out one bill 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
8 of Philadelphia: The Rules Committee,
9 to which was referred:

10 Bill No. 070540, an ordinance
11 reestablishing a Neighborhood
12 Improvement District, to be known as
13 the "Frankford Special Services
14 District," designating The Frankford
15 Special Services District of
16 Philadelphia, an authority established
17 pursuant to the Municipality
18 Authorities Act of 1945 as the
19 Neighborhood Improvement District
20 Management Association for the district
21 respectfully reports it has
22 considered the same and returns the
23 attached bill to Council with a
24 favorable recommendation.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilman Clarke.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam

6 President, I move that the rules of

7 Council be suspended this day so as to

8 permit first reading today of Bill No.

9 070540.

10 (Motion seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

12 has been moved and properly seconded

13 that the rules of Council be suspended

14 to as to permit first reading this day

15 of the bill just reported from the Rules

16 Committee.

17 All in favor will please

18 indicated by saying aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it, and the bill

21 just read will be placed on our

22 first-reading calendar for today.

23 The Chair recognizes

24 Councilwoman Blackwell for a report

25 from the Finance Committee.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
3 you, Madam President.

4 The Committee on Finance
5 reports out three bills with a
6 favorable recommendation.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
10 please read the report.

11 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
12 Finance to which was referred:

13 Bill No. 070541, an ordinance
14 amending Chapter 19-1400 of the
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Reality
16 Transfer Tax," by exempting
17 transactions between certain
18 financially interdependent persons,
19 including, but not limited to, domestic
20 partners;

21 And Bill No. 070673, an
22 ordinance authorizing the issuance of
23 one or more series of general-
24 obligation bonds to provide funds to
25 return certain outstanding general-

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2 obligation bonds of the City of
3 Philadelphia;

4 And Bill No. 070693, an
5 ordinance creating the Philadelphia
6 Reentry Employment Program for
7 Ex-offenders to provide a tax credit
8 for businesses that hire ex-offenders,
9 all under certain terms and conditions,
10 respectfully reports it has
11 considered and amended the same and
12 returns the attached bills to Council
13 with a favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
19 you, Madam President. I move that the
20 rules of Council be suspended so as to
21 permit first reading this day of Bills
22 No. 070541, 673, and 693.

23 (Motion seconded.)

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

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

6 All those in favor will
7 signify by saying aye.

8 Those opposed?

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

12 The Chair now recognizes
13 Councilman DiCicco for a report from
14 the Committee on Streets and Services.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you,
16 Madam President.

17 The Committee on Streets and
18 Services reports one bill out with a
19 favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
23 please read the report.

24 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
25 Streets and Services, to which was

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2 referred:

3 Bill No. 070683, an ordinance
4 amending Chapter 10-700 of the
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Refuse and
6 Littering," by adding a section
7 creating a reward program for the
8 provisions of information leading to a
9 determination that an individual has
10 engaged in short-dumping, all under
11 certain terms and conditions

12 respectively reports it has
13 considered the same and returns the
14 attached bill to Council with a
15 favorable recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair recognizes -- no
19 suspension?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: No request
21 for suspension.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 Bill No. 070683 will be placed
25 on our first-reading calendar for our

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2 next session of Council.

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilman Savage for a report from the
5 Committee on Licenses and Inspections.

6 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Thank you,
7 Madam President.

8 The Committee on Licenses and
9 Inspections reports out five bills with
10 a favorable recommendation.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read the report.

15 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
16 and the members of the Council of the
17 City of Philadelphia, the Committee on
18 Licenses and Inspections, to which was
19 referred:

20 Bill No. 050743, an ordinance
21 amending the Philadelphia Property
22 Maintenance Code to add requirements
23 for the owners of a one-family or
24 two-family rental properties to have a
25 local agent when the owner resides

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2 outside of the City limits;

3 And Bill No. 070539, an
4 ordinance amending Section 9-627 of the
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial
6 Establishments on Residential Faces,"
7 to extend the scope of the ordinance to
8 include certain establishments located
9 on corner lots;

10 And Bill No. 070697, an
11 ordinance amending Section 10-609 of
12 the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public
13 Urination or Defecation," by increasing
14 the fine for violations of such
15 section;

16 And Bill No. 070820, an
17 ordinance amending the Philadelphia
18 Property Maintenance Code by adding the
19 condition "poor" to the list of
20 conditions which require immediate
21 notification to the Department of
22 Licenses and Inspections once such
23 condition is found after an inspection
24 is conducted;

25 And Bill No. 070821, an

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2 ordinance amending Subcode A of the
3 Philadelphia Administrative Code by
4 amending certain administrative and
5 enforcement provisions and the fee
6 schedule for various construction-
7 related activities, all under certain
8 terms and conditions

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

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilman Savage.

17 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Thank you,
18 Madam Chair.

19 I move that the rules of
20 Council be suspended so as to permit
21 first reading this day of Bill No.
22 050743, 070539, 070697, 070820, and
23 070821.

24 (Motion seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

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2 has been moved and properly seconded
3 that the rules of Council be suspended
4 so as to permit first reading this day
5 of the bills just reported from the
6 committee.

7 All in favor will indicate by
8 saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it, and the
11 bills just read will be placed on our
12 first-reading calendar for today.

13 The Chair now recognizes
14 Councilman Kenney for a report from the
15 Committee on the Environment.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
17 Madam President. It's my pleasure to
18 present the first report ever to City
19 Council from this committee. We report
20 out one bill with a favorable
21 recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the report.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
3 and members of the Council of the City
4 of Philadelphia, the Committee on the
5 Environment, to which was referred Bill
6 No. 070788, an ordinance enacting a new
7 Section 12-1131 of the Philadelphia
8 Code, entitled "Electric Vehicle
9 Parking," to provide for the designation
10 of electrical vehicle on-street parking
11 spaces where only electric vehicles may
12 be parked, and amending Section 12-2809
13 of the Philadelphia Code to provide for
14 penalties for illegally parking in a
15 designated electric vehicle parking
16 space, all under certain terms and
17 conditions, respectfully reports it has
18 considered and amended the same and
19 returns the attached bill to Council
20 with a favorable recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilman Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

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2 Madam President.

3 I move that the rules of
4 Council be suspended so as to permit
5 first reading this day of Bill No.
6 070788.

7 (Motion seconded.)

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

14 All those in favor will say
15 aye.

16 Those opposed?

17 The ayes have it, and the bill
18 just read will be placed on our
19 first-reading calendar for today.

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Campbell for a report from
22 the Committee on the Disabled and the
23 Handicapped.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Thank
25 you, Madam President.

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2 The Committee on the Disabled
3 and Handicapped reports three bills
4 with a favorable recommendation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
8 please read the report.

9 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
10 and the members of the Council of the
11 City of Philadelphia, the Committee on
12 Disabled and Handicapped, to which was
13 referred:

14 Bill No. 070154, an ordinance
15 amending Chapter 9-1100 of the
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Fair
17 Practice," by providing that private
18 entities providing taxi service shall
19 not discriminate against individuals
20 with disabilities;

21 And Bill No. 070698, an
22 ordinance amending Title XII of the
23 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic
24 Code," to provide for the installation
25 of variable speed-limit signs and

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2 pedestrian-traffic control signals
3 designated to meet the needs of the
4 disabled and senior citizens;

5 And Bill No. 070699, an
6 ordinance enacting a new Chapter 12-300
7 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
8 "Special Restrictions Upon Use of
9 Vehicles Around Wheelchair Lift
10 Equipped Vehicles," to require a driver
11 of a vehicle meeting or overtaking any
12 lift equipped vehicle stopped on a
13 highway or a traffic way to stop at
14 least ten feet before reaching the
15 wheelchair lift

16 respectfully reports it has
17 considered the same and returns the
18 attached bills to Council with a
19 favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Campbell.

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

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2 as to permit the first reading this day
3 of Bill No.'s No. 070154, 070698,
4 070699.

5 (Motion seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will indicate by
13 saying aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it, and the
16 motion carries.

17 And the bills just read will
18 be placed on our first-reading calendar
19 for today.

20 * * *

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 next order of business is the
23 consideration of the calendar.

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

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2 first-reading calendar.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 070540,
4 an ordinance reestablishing a
5 Neighborhood Improvement District in an
6 area that generally includes both sides
7 of Frankford Avenue from Torresdale
8 Avenue to Bridge Street to be known as
9 the "Frankford Special Services
10 District."

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair agrees.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
14 070541, an ordinance amending Chapter
15 19-1400 of the Philadelphia Code,
16 entitled "Reality Transfer Tax," by
17 exempting transactions between certain
18 financially interdependent persons.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
22 070673, an ordinance authorizing the
23 issuance of one or more series of
24 general-obligation bonds to provide
25 funds to return certain outstanding

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2 general-obligation bonds of the City of
3 Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair agrees.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
7 070693, an ordinance creating the
8 Philadelphia Reentry Employment Program
9 for ex-offenders to provide a tax credit
10 for businesses that hire ex-offenders.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair agrees.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
14 050743, an ordinance amending Title IV
15 to add requirements for the owners of a
16 one-family or a two-family rental
17 property to have local agent when the
18 owner resides outside of the City.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
22 070539, an ordinance amending Section
23 9-627 of the Philadelphia Code to extend
24 the scope of the ordinance include
25 certain establishments located on corner

1 10/25/07 STATED - CALENDAR CONSIDERATION
2 lots.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair agrees.

5 THE CLERK: And Bill No.
6 070697, an ordinance amending Section
7 10-609 of the Philadelphia Code,
8 entitled "Public Urination or
9 Defecation," by increasing the fine for
10 violation of such section.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair agrees.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
14 070820, an ordinance amending Title IV
15 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
16 "Piers and Other Waterfront Structures,"
17 by adding the condition "poor" to the
18 list of conditions which require
19 immediate notification to the Department
20 of Licenses and Inspections.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair agrees.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
24 070821, an ordinance amending Title IV
25 of the Philadelphia Code by amending

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2 certain administrative and enforcement
3 provisions and the fee schedule for
4 various construction-related activities.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair agrees.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
8 070788, an ordinance enacting a new
9 Section 12-1131 of the Philadelphia
10 Code, entitled "Electric Parking," to
11 provide the designation of electric
12 vehicle on-street parking spaces where
13 only electric vehicles may be parked.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair agrees.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
17 070154, an ordinance amending Chapter
18 9-1100 of the Philadelphia Code,
19 entitled "Fair Practices," by providing
20 that private entities providing taxi
21 service shall not discriminate against
22 individuals with disabilities.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair agrees.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

1 10/25/07 STATED - CALENDAR CONSIDERATION
2 070698, an ordinance amending Title XII
3 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
4 "Traffic Code," to provide for the
5 installation of variable speed-limit
6 signs and pedestrian-traffic control
7 signals designated to meet the needs of
8 the disabled and senior citizens.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair agrees.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
12 070699, an ordinance enacting a new
13 Chapter 12-300 of the Philadelphia Code,
14 entitled "Special Restrictions Upon Use
15 of Vehicles Around Wheelchair Lift
16 Equipment," all under certain terms and
17 conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair agrees.

20 The Chair now recognizes
21 Councilwoman Campbell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Madam
23 President, I would request that the
24 rules of Council be suspended for
25 permission to amend two bills on the

1 10/25/07 STATED - CALENDAR CONSIDERATION
2 first-reading calendar.

3 (Motion seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
5 has been moved and seconded.

6 All in favor of the motion
7 will please say aye.

8 Those opposed?

9 The ayes have it, and the
10 motion carries.

11 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: I move
12 for the adoption of the amendment to
13 Bill No. 070898.

14 (Motion seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Miss
16 Campbell, were the amendments -- were
17 they circulated?

18 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Yes.

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

21 Those opposed?

22 The ayes have it, and the
23 motion passes.

24 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: I also
25 move for the adoption of an amendment to

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2 Bill No. 070699.

3 (Motion seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's

5 been moved and seconded that the

6 amendments be adopted.

7 All those in favor will say

8 aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it, and the

11 motion carries.

12 Thank you very much.

13 * * *

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

15 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman

16 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up

17 bills for on the second-reading and

18 final-passage calendar to be considered

19 today.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

21 you, Madam President.

22 Today our calendar begins on

23 Page 2, where we will consider Bill No.

24 060474-A for an amendment and Bill No.

25 040904-AA for another amendment.

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2 On the top of Page 3, we will
3 consider Bill No. 070275-A.

4 The next bills to be
5 considered are on Page 7. We will
6 consider Bill No. 070437, Bill No.'s
7 070676 and 677.

8 And on Page 8, Bill No.
9 070678, 070542, 681, 793, 794.

10 And, finally, on Page 9, Bill
11 No. 070511.

12 All other bills are being
13 held.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you very much.

16 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
17 please read the title of Bill No. Bill
18 No.60474-A.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 providing for the submission to the
21 qualified electors of the City of
22 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth
23 in a resolution relating to the
24 appointment of the members of the
25 Fairmount Park Commission and

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2 authorizing an appropriate officer to
3 publish notice and to make arrangements
4 for the special election.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
8 President?

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
10 Councilman Clarke, do you have an
11 amendment to offer on this bill?

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
13 President, it's my understanding that
14 Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown is going to
15 offer the amendment.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very
17 well.

18 Councilwoman Brown?

19 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

20 Thank you, Madam President.

21 Progress continues with
22 regards to the Fairmount Park
23 Commission, and we are pleased to offer
24 this amendment, which, in effect,
25 changes the date from September 20,

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2 2007, to April 22, 2008.

3 I move for the adoption, Madam
4 President.

5 (Motion seconded.)

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

9 All those in favor will say
10 aye.

11 Those opposed?

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

14 The Chief Clerk will please
15 read the title of Bill No. 040904-AA.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 amending Title IX of the Philadelphia
18 Code, entitled "Regulation of
19 Businesses, Trades and Professions,"
20 concerning the use of mercury in dental
21 procedures and requiring dentists to
22 install systems that permit the
23 recycling of mercury waste.

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

3 Madam President, I'd like to speak on
4 this amendment in an effort to simply
5 keep my colleagues updated on the
6 progress.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

10 I'm pleased to report that discussions
11 continue with the Health Department, the
12 American Dental Association, and the
13 advocates for consumers for mercury-free
14 dentistry.

15 And I'm pleased to report that
16 I've recently learned that the National
17 Office of the NAACP and the National
18 Black Caucus of State Legislators have
19 adopted resolutions on this very issue.

20 This bill, Madam President, is
21 about disclosure. The issue of this
22 bill is the consumer's right to know,
23 and the trigger for me in this bill,
24 Madam President, is that pregnant women
25 seeking to avoid exposure to mercury

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2 for their unborn babies should be an
3 issue.

4 A report by the United States
5 Environmental Protection Agency says
6 that one in eight women of childbearing
7 age in this country have been exposed
8 to mercury. Any additional mercury
9 exposure is a health risk to 12
10 percent, therefore, of the United
11 States women; and further, any mercury
12 amalgam is no small exposure.

13 The CDC, in 2005, warned that
14 amalgam is, and I quote, a major
15 exposure, end quote, of mercury.

16 So why this amendment? The
17 amendment essentially is a fact sheet,
18 Madam President, that we would like to
19 add to the bill.

20 And a fact sheet about mercury
21 is not a new idea. Four states mandate
22 it in their dental offices --
23 California, Connecticut, Maine, and New
24 Hampshire.

25 And, so I am, therefore asking

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2 my colleagues to approve and support
3 the amendment, which we believe moves
4 us one step closer to a better bill.

5 I move for the adoption, Madam
6 President.

7 (Motion seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
9 has been moved and seconded that the
10 amendment be adopted.

11 All in favor will please say
12 aye.

13 Those opposed?

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCIO: No.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
16 record will reflect that the only
17 no-vote is from --

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I vote
19 no also.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm
21 going to announce that.

22 All of the Councilmembers have
23 voted in affirmative, with the
24 exception of Councilwoman Krajewski;
25 therefore, the amendment is adopted.

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2 We will now consider Bill No.

3 070275-A.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

5 President, I also said no.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,

7 I'm. I didn't hear you.

8 The record will also reflect a

9 no from Councilwoman Tasco.

10 I'm inclined to also cast a
11 vote of no, but I just have not seen
12 the -- I have not seen the amendments
13 as being proposed until they were just
14 given to me and I haven't had a chance
15 to read them.

16 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

17 Madam President, the amendments were
18 sent by e-mail yesterday.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: As I
20 said, this is the first time I'm seeing
21 it, so the amendment is adopted.

22 And I would ask the Chief
23 Clerk to please read the title of Bill
24 No. 070275-A.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 amending Title VI of the Philadelphia
3 Code, entitled "Health Code," related to
4 hearing-protection measures for
5 firefighters and paramedics with the
6 amendments thereto, all under certain
7 terms and conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
9 bill having been read on two different
10 days, the question now is: Shall the
11 bill pass finally?

12 The Chief Clerk will please
13 call the roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell?

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Campbell?

19 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Clarke?

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 DiCicco?

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Greenlee?

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?

8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 Kenney?

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Krajewski?

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Miller?

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 O'Neill is voting aye.

20 Councilman Ramos?

21 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Reynolds-Brown?

24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

25 Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Savage?

6 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Tasco?

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

11 Verna?

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

17 We will now consider Bill No.

18 070 -- oh, I'm sorry. That's not it.

19 070437.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
21 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
22 changing the zoning designations of
23 certain areas of land located within an
24 area bounded by Grant Avenue, Frankford
25 Avenue, Pierson Street, and I-95

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2 Expressway.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
4 bill having been read on two different
5 days, the question is, shall the bill
6 pass finally?

7 The clerk will please call the
8 roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell?

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Campbell?

14 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Clarke?

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 Greenlee?

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?

3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Kenney?

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Krajewski?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Miller?

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 O'Neill is voting aye.

15 Councilman Ramos?

16 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Reynolds-Brown?

19 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 Savage?

25 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Tasco?

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Verna?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 17, the nays are
9 zero. A majority of all members having
10 voted in the affirmative, the bill
11 passes.

12 We will now consider Bill No.
13 070676.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 establishing a no-parking regulation on
16 30th Street between Market Street and
17 Walnut Street.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
19 bill having been read on two different
20 case, the question now is: Shall the
21 bill pass finally?

22 The clerk will please call the
23 roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Blackwell?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Campbell?

5 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 Clarke?

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 DiCicco?

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Greenlee?

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?

18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 Kenney?

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Krajewski?

24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Miller?

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 O'Neill is voting aye.

6 Councilman Ramos?

7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Reynolds-Brown?

10 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

11 Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Savage?

16 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Tasco?

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

21 Verna?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

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2 passes.

3 We will now consider Bill No.

4 070677.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
6 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
7 changing the zoning designations of
8 certain area of land located within an
9 area bounded by 30th Street, Chestnut
10 Street, Schuylkill Avenue, and Walnut
11 Street.

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

16 The Chief Clerk will now
17 please call the roll.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Blackwell?

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Campbell?

23 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Clarke?

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 DiCicco?

5 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

9 Greenlee?

10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: 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 is voting aye.

24 Councilman Ramos?

25 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Reynolds-Brown?

4 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

9 Savage?

10 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Tasco?

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

15 Verna?

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

17 The ayes are 17, the nays are

18 zero. A majority of all members having

19 voted in the affirmative, the bill

20 passes.

21 We will now consider Bill No.

22 070678.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

24 regulating the direction of movement of

25 traffic on 30th Street between Market

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2 Street to Walnut Street.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
4 bill having been read on two different
5 days, the question now is: Shall the
6 bill pass finally?

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 call the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell?

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Campbell?

14 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Clarke?

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 Greenlee?

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?

3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Kenney?

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Krajewski?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Miller?

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 O'Neill is voting aye.

15 Councilman Ramos?

16 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Reynolds-Brown?

19 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 Savage?

25 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Tasco?

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Verna?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

8 The ayes are 17, the nays are
9 zero. A majority of all members having
10 voted in the affirmative, this bill
11 passes.

12 We will now consider Bill No.
13 070542.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 authorizing transfers in appropriations
16 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
17 Fund from certain or all City offices,
18 departments, boards, and commissions to
19 all City offices, departments, boards,
20 and commissions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
22 bill having been read on two different
23 days the question now is: Shall the
24 bill pass finally?

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 call the roll.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Blackwell?

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Campbell?

8 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 Clarke?

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 DiCicco?

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Greenlee?

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Kenney?

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Krajewski?

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Miller?

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 O'Neill is voting aye.

9 Councilman Ramos?

10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Reynolds-Brown?

13 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Savage?

19 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Tasco?

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

24 Verna?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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2 The ayes are 17, the nays are
3 zero. A majority of all members having
4 voted in the affirmative, the bill
5 passes.

6 We will now consider Bill No.
7 070681.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 authorizing transfers in appropriation
10 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
11 Fund from the Council to the Mayor -
12 Office of Housing and Community
13 Development and to the Department of
14 Recreation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
16 bill having been read on two different
17 days, the question now is: Shall the
18 bill pass finally?

19 The clerk will please call the
20 roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell?

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Campbell?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: 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

12 Greenlee?

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?

15 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 Kenney?

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Krajewski?

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Miller?

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 O'Neill is voting aye.

3 Councilman Ramos?

4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Reynolds-Brown?

7 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

8 Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

12 Savage?

13 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

15 Tasco?

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

18 Verna?

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

24 The next bill to be called for
25 consideration is Bill No. 070793.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
4 Property, on behalf of the City, to
5 enter into an amendment of the four
6 cable-television franchises operated by
7 the subsidiaries of Comcast Corporation,
8 all under certain terms and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
10 bill having been read on two different
11 days, the question now is: Shall the
12 bill pass finally?

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 call the roll.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Campbell?

20 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Clarke?

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 DiCicco?

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2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Greenlee?

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?

9 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Kenney?

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Krajewski?

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Miller?

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 O'Neill is voting aye.

21 Councilman Ramos?

22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Reynolds-Brown?

25 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

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2 Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Savage?

7 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Tasco?

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

12 Verna?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

18 The next bill to be called for
19 consideration is Bill No. 070794.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
22 Property, on behalf of the City, to
23 enter into a lease agreement between the
24 City and the Philadelphia Authority for
25 Industrial Development located at 2529

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2 to 33 West Lehigh Avenue for further
3 sublease to the Philadelphia Public
4 Access Company, all under certain terms
5 and conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
7 bill having been read on two different
8 days, the question now is: Shall the
9 bill pass finally?

10 The Chief Clerk will please
11 call the roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Campbell?

17 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Clarke?

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 DiCicco?

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Greenlee?

4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Kenney?

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Krajewski?

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Miller?

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 O'Neill is voting aye.

18 Councilman Ramos?

19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Reynolds-Brown?

22 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Savage?

4 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Tasco?

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

9 Verna?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

11 The ayes are 17, the nays are
12 zero. A majority of all members having
13 voted in the affirmative, this bill
14 passes.

15 The final bill to be called
16 for consideration is Bill No. 070511.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 amending Section 6-307 of the
19 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Foods
20 Containing Artificial Transfats," by
21 exempting certain bakeries from the
22 provisions prohibiting the use of
23 artificial transfats, under certain
24 terms and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

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

5 The Chief Clerk will please
6 call the roll.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell?

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Campbell?

12 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Clarke?

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 DiCicco?

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

22 Greenlee?

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?

25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Kenney?

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Krajewski?

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Miller?

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

12 O'Neill?

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos?

15 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: No.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Reynolds-Brown?

18 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

19 Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Savage?

24 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Tasco?

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

5 Verna?

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 16, the nays are

8 1. The record will reflect that

9 Councilman Ramos voted in the negative.

10 That concludes our calendar

11 for today.

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13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are

14 there any speeches on the part of

15 Minority?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Can I

18 have your attention, please? Are there

19 speeches on the part of the Minority?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are

22 there any speeches on the part of the

23 Majority?

24 The Chair recognizes

25 Councilwoman Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
3 you, Madam President.

4 I just wanted to take time out
5 to thank my colleagues for the vote for
6 the small, little businessman, and I'm
7 sure they're all very happy today about
8 it.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you, thank you.

11 (Applause.)

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

14 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 I would like to speak on a
17 bill I introduced today. I introduced
18 the bill today that amends the Zoning
19 Code to create a classification for
20 transit-oriented development, commonly
21 referred to as "transit-oriented
22 design."

23 The new classification will
24 provide for compact, walkable
25 communities centered around

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2 high-quality transit systems. It aims
3 to make a higher quality of life
4 without complete dependence on a car
5 for mobility. It seeks to increase and
6 improve pedestrian access and shift the
7 emphasis away from the automobile,
8 encouraging foot and mass transit.

9 Transit-oriented development
10 is a growing trend creating vibrant and
11 liveable communities. It is consistent
12 with this city's goal of becoming
13 greener and improving the economic
14 living conditions of our neighborhoods.

15 To quote the Urban Land
16 Institute: Transit oriented
17 development, as an approach to combat
18 traffic congestion and protect the
19 environment, has caught on all across
20 the country. Today, highways are out
21 and urban transit systems are in.

22 A recent study listed
23 Philadelphia as fifth of the top-ten
24 regions where there will be a potential
25 demand for transit-oriented development

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2 housing. Philadelphia is the
3 third-largest city in terms of the
4 number of transportation stations.

5 Reconnecting America, a
6 nonprofit organization, has stated that
7 transit-oriented development is about
8 creating walkable, sustainable
9 communities for people of all ages and
10 incomes and providing for more
11 transportation and housing choices.
12 These neighborhoods provide for a
13 lifestyle that is convenient,
14 affordable, and active, and creates
15 places where our children can play and
16 our parents can grow old comfortably.

17 In short, transit-oriented
18 design creates a sense of community and
19 place. Specifically, the design and
20 zoning changes provided for in this
21 bill will give Frankford Avenue a vital
22 business corridor in my district and
23 parts of Councilman DiCicco's and
24 Councilwoman Krajewski's district a
25 pedestrian-friendly environment.

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2 I ask my colleagues to support
3 this legislation and consider
4 implementing such areas in their own
5 districts where the plan could work.

6 Thank you.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Yes, Madam
12 President, I would just like to remind
13 my colleagues and their staff about the
14 briefing in the caucus room, which will
15 begin right after Council, on the
16 digital transition legislation. And
17 lunch will be provided.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilman Ramos.

22 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 I want to thank all members of
25 City Council for voting unanimously

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2 back in February for this ban on
3 transfat, and I respect the opinions of
4 my colleagues today with the amendment
5 that was offered by my colleague Joan
6 Krajewski.

7 During the hearings concerning
8 the exemption of bakeries, a number of
9 the bakeries that wanted to be exempt
10 now, therefore, will be exempt, stated
11 that they were posting items that they
12 were selling that were transfat-free.
13 And I would encourage all of the
14 bakeries to continue to do that on
15 their own, as they testified here in
16 City Council.

17 Thank you, Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

19 You're welcome.

20 Are there any other speeches
21 on the part of the Majority?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

24 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion to

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2 adjourn.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam
4 President, I move that Council stand
5 adjourned until Thursday, November the
6 1st, at 10 a.m.

7 (Motion seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
9 those in favor, please say aye.

10 Those opposed?

11 The ayes have it, and Council
12 will stand adjourned until Thursday,
13 November 1st, at 10 a.m.

14 Thank you.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the proceedings of the October 25, 2007, Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia City Council are contained fully and accurately in the stenographic notes taken by me on Thursday, October 25, 2007, and that this is a true and correct statement of same.

JOSEPHINE CARDILLO
Registered Professional Reporter

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