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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 10, 2008
9:45 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE

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COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning, everyone. This is a public hearing of the Committee of the Whole regarding Resolution Nos. 080098, 080099, 080100, 080101, 080102.

I would ask Mr. McPherson to please read the title of the resolutions.

MR. MCPHERSON: Resolution 080098, appointing Bernie Prazenica to the Board of Directors of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.

Resolution No. 080099, appointing Matthew Schure to the Board of Directors of the City Avenue Special Services District of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.

Resolution 080100, reappointing George R. Goldstone to the Board of Directors of the Board of Direct of the City Avenue Special Services District.

Resolution 080101, appointing H. James Tollett to the Board of Directors of the Board of Direct of the

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2 City Avenue Special Services District of
3 Philadelphia and Lower Merion.

4 080102, resolution reappointing
5 Revenue Timothy Lannon to the Board of
6 Directors.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
8 Terrance Foley here?

9 Please approach the witness
10 table, if you will.

11 (Witness approached witness
12 table.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
14 Mr. Foley, it's my understanding that you
15 are representing all of the other members
16 for the District?

17 MR. FOLEY: Yes, Council
18 President Verna.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
20 there a statement that you would like to
21 make?

22 MR. FOLEY: Just that the City
23 Avenue Special Services District --

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
25 Excuse me. Just identify yourself for

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2 the record, if you will.

3 MR. FOLEY: I'm sorry. My name
4 is Terrance Foley. I'm the President of
5 the City Avenue Special Services District
6 of Philadelphia and Lower Merion.

7 We have before you today the
8 appointment and reappointment of five of
9 our Board members who have served us very
10 well in a dedicated and supportive manner
11 to our mission, and we'd like to see them
12 continue in that role.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 Are there any questions from
16 members of the Committee?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Any
19 comments?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
22 Councilman Jones, do you have any
23 comments to make on this, or questions?
24 Mr. Foley is at the witness table.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: I just want

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2 to say that I live in my district which
3 is shared by the counties. This overlay
4 and these activities have meant the world
5 to the viability and economics of that
6 region. Looking forward, the people that
7 are proposed to be a part of the planning
8 of this, I trust and are looking at the
9 best interest of a new day for City
10 Avenue.

11 So I support wholeheartedly the
12 appointments. I support wholeheartedly
13 the activities involved in the City
14 Avenue Special District.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 Any other comments or questions
18 from members of the Committee?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
21 Mr. Foley, thank you for taking the time
22 to come in to testify.

23 MR. FOLEY: Thank all of you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 We will now consider Resolution
3 Nos. 080226, 080227, 080228, 080229 and
4 080230.

5 I would ask Mr. McPherson to
6 please read the titles of the
7 resolutions.

8 MR. MCPHERSON: Resolution
9 080226, reappointing Fran Smith to the
10 Board of Directors for the Old City
11 Special Services District.

12 Resolution 080227, resolution
13 reappointing William Moore to the Board
14 of Directors for the Old City Special
15 Services District.

16 Resolution 080228, resolution
17 reappointing Ellen Yin to the Board of
18 Directors for the Old City Special
19 Services District.

20 Resolution 080229, reappointing
21 Luca Sena to the Board of Directors for
22 the Old City Special Services District.

23 Resolution 080230, appointing
24 Stanley Taraila to the Board of Directors
25 for the Old City Special Services

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2 District.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do we
4 have someone here to testify?

5 (Witness approached witness
6 table.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
8 morning.

9 MS. PHILO: Good morning.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
11 Kindly identify yourself for the record.

12 MS. PHILO: Good morning. I'm
13 Cynthia Philo. I'm the President and CEO
14 of the Old City District. Thank you very
15 much for having me here to testify on
16 behalf of the appointment and
17 reappointment of some of our Board
18 members.

19 Just to kind of give you a
20 little bit of a background on the people
21 that you are going to be appointing and
22 reappointing today, Bill Moore is the
23 President and Chair of the Independence
24 Visitors Center. He is also our current
25 Chair of our Board of Directors.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

3 Excuse me just a minute.

4 The noise level is much too
5 high. We're trying to conduct business.
6 Thank you.

7 Please proceed.

8 MS. PHILO: Thank you very
9 much.

10 Fran Smith is with Republic
11 First Bank. She previously has done a
12 great deal of work in the Old City area
13 and also has been on the Board of
14 Directors for the Alfred Salley
15 Association.

16 Stanley Taraila, who is a new
17 appointment but not really a new
18 appointment, is with Renaissance
19 Properties, and he has been with Historic
20 East Market Street for years and has
21 worked on redeveloping the area.

22 Ellin Yin -- many of you know
23 her as the restaurateur and owner of
24 Fork and Fork:etc -- is coming back to
25 our Board, hopefully with your blessing.

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2 And Luca Sena is coming back to
3 our Board. He owns Ristorante Panorama
4 as well as Penns View Inn.

5 These individuals have worked
6 very hard in the past and will work very
7 hard in the future. As a matter of fact,
8 today they should be at their committee
9 meetings doing the tasks that I've
10 appointed them.

11 So I respectfully request that
12 the Board here today go ahead and move
13 forward those appointments, and I'd be
14 happy to answer any questions about them
15 or about any activities going on in the
16 Old City District.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 Are there any questions or
20 comments from members of the Committee?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
23 Seeing none, I thank you.

24 MS. PHILO: Thank you very
25 much.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you very much.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion on the
6 resolutions.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
8 Chair, I move that the resolutions be
9 voted out of Committee with a favorable
10 recommendation.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
13 in favor will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 ayes have it, and the resolutions before
20 us have been approved.

21 Thank you.

22 (Committee of the Whole
23 adjourned at 9:50 a.m.)

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