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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Room 400, City Hall  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Thursday, May 12, 2005, 10:00 a.m.  
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3                   P R O C E E D I N G S

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5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good  
6 morning. I note that the hour has come and  
7 that a quorum of this Council is present.

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

11                  To give our invocation this morning,  
12 the Chair welcomes Reverend Ronald Westman of  
13 St. Paul English Lutheran Church. He is here  
14 today as the guest of Councilwoman Tasco.

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

17                  REV. WESTMAN: Let us pray.

18                  We face at this time in our City  
19 many crises. There's violence, too many  
20 shootings, too many dying, scandals, civil  
21 servants serving their greed, not the City,  
22 lack of trust in government, education and  
23 the problems in schools, jobs moving away,  
24 transportation, fighting over contracts,  
25 vacant homes.

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2                   As government servants, City Council  
3           is called to work for justice for our City,  
4           provide the structures to care for the  
5           citizens, especially the poor, weak, sick,  
6           elderly and children, and to provide  
7           hospitality.

8                   This day I pray for the work of this  
9           City Council. I pray for God to provide you  
10          with all that you need to do this day, with  
11          wisdom, guidance, compassion, honesty and the  
12          will to work for the City's well-being.

13                  Dear God, bless these men and women.  
14          Bless their work. Hold accountable those who  
15          do not work for the best interests of the  
16          people of Philadelphia, and hold accountable  
17          those who work only for their own greed or  
18          for the greed of others.

19                  Make these men and women instruments  
20          of Your justice and Your peace. Keep  
21          southeastern Pennsylvania in your heart.

22                  In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

23                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

24                  The Chair thanks Reverend Westman  
25          for his very inspiring invocation.

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2                   Council will be at ease.

3                   (Pause.)

4                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next  
5 order of business is the approval of the  
6 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, May 5,  
7 2005, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
8 Blackwell.

9                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,  
10 Madam President.

11                  I move that the Journal of the  
12 Meeting of Thursday, May 5, 2005, stand  
13 approved.

14                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.  
15 Do I hear a second?

16                  UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:  
17 Second.

18                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has  
19 been moved and properly seconded that the  
20 Journal of the Meeting of Thursday, May 5,  
21 2005, stand approved.

22                  All in favor will indicate by saying  
23 aye.

24                  (Chorus of "ayes.")

25                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2                                opposed?

3                                (No response.)

4                                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes  
5                                have it. The motion carries, and the Journal  
6                                of the Meeting of Thursday, May 5, 2005 is  
7                                approved.

8                                The next order of business is  
9                                request for leaves of absence. And the Chair  
10                               recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

11                               COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,  
12                               Madam President.

13                               On behalf of the majority, there are  
14                               no requests for leaves of absence.

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

17                               The Chair recognizes Councilman  
18                               Rizzo.

19                               COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,  
20                               there are no requests for leaves of absence  
21                               from the Republicans.

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

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

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2           guests and visitors joining us in chambers  
3           this morning.

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

10                   At this time the Chair recognizes  
11           Councilman Rizzo, who will present a  
12           resolution recognizing Miss Philadelphia.

13                   Would Miss Philadelphia and her  
14           parents and those accompanying her please  
15           join the Councilman at the podium.

16                   Councilman Rizzo will be joined by  
17           Councilwoman Blackwell.

18                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Welcome,  
19           everybody.

20                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair  
21           recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

22                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you. Thank  
23           you very much Madam President.

24                   We're very fortunate today to have a  
25           young lady that all Philadelphia, all of us,

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2           are very proud of.

3                   And it's Ronica Licciardello. She's  
4           Miss Philadelphia for 2005. Let's give her a  
5           big round of applause.

6                   (Applause.)

7                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Her mom, dad and  
8           everyone here with her today certainly also  
9           is proud of her.

10                  Recognizing, honoring and  
11           celebrating Ronica Licciardello, Miss  
12           Philadelphia 2005, for her talent and  
13           well-rounded persona that earned her the  
14           title Miss Philadelphia 2005, and wishing her  
15           well in the Miss Pennsylvania 2005 pagent.  
16           You're going to win.

17                  Whereas, Miss Licciardello competed  
18           against 17 of the Philadelphia areas  
19           brightest, prettiest and most talented young  
20           women and excelled in the competition.

21                  And whereas, Miss Licciardello's  
22           singing talent, interviewing skills and  
23           physical beauty exemplifies what it means to  
24           hold the title Miss Philadelphia.

25                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And

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2       whereas, Miss Licciardello studies systems  
3       engineering, demonstrating her intellectual  
4       acumen and as a bachelor of science degree  
5       candidate at the University of Pennsylvania;

6                   And whereas, Miss Licciardello, as a  
7       member of various educational societies, and  
8       volunteers her time to help the youth of our  
9       area, exhibiting her social commitment;

10                  And whereas, Miss Licciardello will  
11       superbly represent the City of Philadelphia  
12       in the Miss Pennsylvania 2005 pageant.

13                  Now, therefore...

14                  COUNCILMAN RIZZ0: Be it resolved by  
15       the Council of the City of Philadelphia that  
16       it recognizes, honors and celebrates Miss  
17       Ronica Licciardello, Miss Philadelphia 2005,  
18       and her talents and well-rounded persona that  
19       earned her the title Miss Philadelphia 2005,  
20       and wishing her well in the Miss Pennsylvania  
21       2005 pageant.

22                  Further resolved that an engrossed  
23       copy of this resolution be presented to  
24       Ronica, further evidencing the sincere  
25       admiration and gratitude of this legislative



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2           body.

3                   Congratulations and good luck.

4                   (Applause.)

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair  
6           recognizes Miss Philadelphia, who will now  
7           sing the National Anthem and then say a few  
8           remarks.

9                   Would everybody please stand.

10                  (All stand.)

11                  (Miss Philadelphia sings the  
12       National Anthem.)

13                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Beautiful.

14                  Everyone can please be seated.

15                  MISS PHILADELPHIA: I'd like to  
16       thank you all so much for this today,  
17       especially Councilman Rizzo.

18                  This is quite an honor. My mom is  
19       originally from South Philadelphia. And the  
20       City of Philadelphia has meant so much to me  
21       growing up.

22                  And to represent this City as Miss  
23       Philadelphia is quite an honor and something  
24       that I'm taking very seriously from the  
25       moment that I won, and I realized that not

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2           only did I have this great opportunity at my  
3           fingertips, but also the generosity of Drexel  
4           University affording me a \$20,000 scholastic  
5           scholarship has really changed my life and  
6           the future in front of me.

7                   (Applause.)

8                   MISS PHILADELPHIA: During the year  
9           ahead, not only would I like to be the first  
10          Miss Philadelphia in a very long time to win  
11          the title of Miss Pennsylvania, but I'm also  
12          dedicating my year to the importance of  
13          community service and volunteerism.

14                  And I stand before you today  
15          offering my services in any way possible to  
16          make this great City of Philadelphia even  
17          better.

18                  Thank you so much for this honor.

19                  (Applause.)

20                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

21          Congratulations. We wish you well.

22                  Council will be at ease.

23                  Councilman, Goode, your light is on.

24          Did you want to be recognized?

25                  COUNCILMAN GOODE: I'm pleased today

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2           to introduce students from University City  
3           and Bartram High Schools, participating in a  
4           Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition  
5           Education Options Program.

6                   I also want to thank Gail Maliga  
7           Davis, from GPUAC, for bringing these  
8           students and other students in the past to  
9           experience the legislative process.

10                   And I'll ask them to stand at this  
11           time.

12                   (Applause.)

13                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Welcome.  
14           Welcome.

15                   At this time the Chair recognizes  
16           Councilman Kelly.

17                   COUNCILMAN KELLY: Yes. Thank you,  
18           Madam President.

19                   I'd like this morning to welcome, of  
20           course, one of the true crime fighters of  
21           this City. He's a member of the Philadelphia  
22           Crime Commission. And he has done more for  
23           victims of crime in this City than anyone has  
24           ever done. And that's Joe Mamanna.

25                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If he

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2           would stand, we would like to recognize him.  
3                   COUNCILMAN KELLY: Joe's not here.  
4           Joe disappeared, I guess.  
5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh. Okay.  
6                   COUNCILMAN KELLY: But I also...  
7           Madam President, I also want to welcome and  
8           give a real good welcome to a hero of the  
9           Iraq war, which we honored last year, and  
10          that's Shoshona Johnson, who is is here.  
11                   (Applause.)  
12                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair  
13          now recognizes Councilwoman Miller, who will  
14          present a resolution recognizing May 15th  
15          through May 21st as National Police Week.  
16                   Will Commissioner Sylvester Johnson  
17          and Mr. Robert Eddis please accompany the  
18          Commissioner. And anyone who is with the  
19          Commissioner is more than free to come to the  
20          podium.  
21                   Councilwoman Miller is being joined  
22          by Councilman Rizzo and Councilwoman  
23          Blackwell.  
24                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair  
25          recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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2                   COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,  
3                   Madam Chair.

4                   Resolution recognizing May 15  
5                   through May 21 as National Police Week.

6                   Whereas, the Congress and President  
7                   of the United States have designated May 15th  
8                   as Police Officers Memorial Day, and the week  
9                   in which May 15th falls as National Police  
10                  Week;

11                  And Whereas, the members of the  
12                  Philadelphia Police Department play a central  
13                  role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms  
14                  of Philadelphians; and...

15                  COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, it is  
16                  important that all citizens know and  
17                  understand the duties, responsibilities,  
18                  hazards, sacrifices of the Police Department,  
19                  and that members of our law enforcement  
20                  agency recognize their duties to serve the  
21                  people by safeguarding life and property, by  
22                  protecting them against violence and disorder  
23                  and by protecting the innocent against deceit  
24                  and weak against oppression;

25                  And whereas, the men and women of

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2           the Philadelphia Police Department unseenly  
3           provide a vital public service; and...

4                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Whereas,  
5           the police officers of Philadelphia have  
6           worked devotedly and selflessly on behalf of  
7           the people of this City, regardless of the  
8           peril or hazard to themselves;

9                   And whereas, these officers have  
10          safeguarded the lives and property of their  
11          fellow Philadelphians;

12                  And whereas, these men and women, by  
13          their pat patriotic service and their  
14          dedicated efforts, have earned the gratitude  
15          of the City;

16                  Now, therefore, be it resolved by  
17          the City of Philadelphia that we call upon  
18          the citizens of Philadelphia to observe the  
19          week of May 15th to the 21st, 2005, as Police  
20          Week; and...

21                  COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Further  
22          resolved, we call upon all citizens of  
23          Philadelphia to observe May 15th as Police  
24          Officers Memorial Day, in honor of those law  
25          enforcement officers who throughout their

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2           courageous deeds, have made the ultimate  
3           sacrifice and service to the community or  
4           have been disabled in the performance of  
5           their their duty. And let us recognize and  
6           pay respects to the survivors of our fallen  
7           heroes.

8                   And be it further resolved that an  
9           engrossed copy of this resolution be  
10          presented to Sylvester Johnson as Police  
11          Commissioner and Robert Eddis, as President  
12          of the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of  
13          Police, Lodge Number 5.

14                   This is a true and correct copy of  
15          the original resolution adopted by the  
16          Council of the City of Philadelphia on the  
17          14th day of April 2005.

18                   Signed by Anna C. Verna, President  
19          of City Council, introduced by Donna Reed  
20          Miller, Jannie L. Blackwell, and Frank Rizzo,  
21          and sponsored by all members of City Council.

22                   (Applause.)

23                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair  
24          welcomes and recognizes Commissioner Johnson.

25                   COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: First I want

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2           to thank City Council for giving us this  
3           resolution. And I feel very honored being up  
4           here with Bob Eddis and the F.O.P.

5                   I think the relationship between the  
6           Police Department and the F.O.P. has really  
7           been outstanding the last four or five years,  
8           and will only continue.

9                   I'm also glad to see my friend Joe  
10          Mamanna here in City Council today. And I  
11          think everything that law enforcement can  
12          possibly do for the citizens of Philadelphia  
13          we have and will continue to do.

14                   I say all the time every time I get  
15          a chance to speak that law enforcement really  
16          is the only civilian occupation in the world  
17          that you can either give a life, take a life  
18          or save a life. And when our officers leave  
19          home, there is no guarantee they'll be coming  
20          home.

21                   So, we had approximately a hundred  
22          police officers that run to Washington  
23          yesterday for a memorial down in Washington  
24          this weekend.

25                   But again, we're very honored for



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2           getting this resolution from City Council.  
3           And hopefully we will do the things that  
4           we're supposed to do to make sure there's a  
5           good quality of life here in the City of  
6           Philadelphia. But we wouldn't be able to do  
7           that without the relationship between the  
8           F.O.P. and our executive staff.

9                   So, thank you very much.

10                   (Applause.)

11                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair  
12           also thanks Mr. Eddis for remarks.

13                   MR. EDDIS: Good morning.

14                   On behalf of 14,500 members, I would  
15           like to thank all the members of City  
16           Council, Madam President, and all the others,  
17           for your constant support, where it makes it  
18           so much easier for us every day to go out  
19           there and do a job.

20                   And we would say it's our pleasure  
21           to be able to work with Commissioner Johnson  
22           on a daily basis, with the same goal, which  
23           is to improve the quality of life for  
24           everyone from our City.

25                   We couldn't do it without the

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2           members in this room. And I'd like to  
3           personally thank everyone for your support,  
4           and let you know it's our pleasure to be able  
5           to serve our City.

6                   Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.  
7                   (Applause.)

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council  
9           will now be at ease.

10                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
11           Nutter, who will present a resolution  
12           declaring May 15 through May 21 as National  
13           Public Works Week.

14                  Will Mr. Leonard Bernstein and those  
15           accompanying him, please join the Councilman  
16           at the podium.

17                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
18           Nutter.

19                  COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam  
20           President.

21                  This is a resolution declaring the  
22           week of May 15 through May 21, 2005, as  
23           national public works week.

24                  Whereas, public works  
25           infrastructure, facilities and services, are

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2           of vital importance to the health, safety and  
3           welfare to the citizens of Philadelphia;

4                   And whereas, such facilities and  
5           services could not be provided without the  
6           dedicated efforts of public works  
7           professionals, engineers and administrators  
8           from all levels of government, who are  
9           responsible for designing, building,  
10          operating and maintaining the transportation,  
11          water supply, sewage and refuse disposal  
12          systems, public buildings, and other  
13          structures and facilities essential to serve  
14          our citizens.

15                  And whereas, in 1932, the Delaware  
16          Valley Chapter of Public Works Employees was  
17          formed. And this founding chapter led to the  
18          creation of similar chapters, and ultimately  
19          the American Public Works Association which  
20          now consists of approximately 20,000 members  
21          across the country.

22                  And whereas, it is in the public  
23          interest for all citizens and civic leaders  
24          of this country to learn about the array of  
25          facilities and services provided through the

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2           public works infrastructure.

3                   Now, therefore, resolved by the  
4           Council of the City of Philadelphia that we  
5           hereby declare the week of May 15 through May  
6           21, 2005, as National Public Works Week, and  
7           urge all citizens to join with the American  
8           Public Works Association in activities and  
9           ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our  
10          public works professionals, engineers and  
11          administrators for the substantial  
12          contributions they have made to our national  
13          health, safety and welfare.

14                  Further resolved, that an engrossed  
15          copy of this resolution be presented to the  
16          Delaware Valley Chapter of the American  
17          Public Works Association, as evidence of the  
18          sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

19                  Signed by the Council President,  
20          introduced by myself, and co-sponsored by all  
21          members of City Council.

22                  (Applause.)

23                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair  
24          recognizes Mr. Bernstein for remarks.

25                  MR. BERNSTEIN: Madam president,

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2           Members of Council, thank you for having us  
3           here today.

4                   Thank you for recognizing the work  
5           that the public works employees, public works  
6           employees in the Departments of Water,  
7           Streets, Airport, Public Property, Fleet  
8           Management, and throughout the whole Delaware  
9           Valley.

10                  We thank you for your support and  
11           your recognition. And thank you for  
12           following up with the silent first  
13           responders.

14                  We just honored the police officers  
15           who are usually thought of as the first  
16           responders, police and fire.

17                  Public works employees are first  
18           responders also.

19                  And thank you for your continued  
20           support and recognition.

21                  (Applause.)

22                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council  
23           will be at ease.

24                  The Chair now recognizes Councilman  
25           Kelly, who will present a citation honoring

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2           Tommie Hammil. Will Mr. Hammil and those  
3           accompanying him please join the Councilman  
4           at the podium.

5                   COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you, Madam  
6           President.

7                   It gives me great privilege to honor  
8           Mr. Tommie Hammil.

9                   I was privileged last year at this  
10          time to release a resolution honoring  
11          Shoshona Johnson, and I'm also privileged  
12          this year to honor Tommie Hammil.

13                  The Council of the City of  
14          Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join the  
15          Citizens Crime Commission in paying tribute  
16          to Tommie Hammil for his bravery and  
17          outstanding service to our country on the  
18          one-year anniversary of his return from Iraq.

19                  Whereas, Tommie Hammil was raised on  
20          a dairy farm in Noxabie County, Mississippi,  
21          he began his career at an early age as a  
22          carpenter, truck driver and farmer.

23                  As with many farmers, Mr. Hammil  
24          worked multiple jobs, in addition to his  
25          dairy farm.

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2                   And whereas, Tommie Hammil is a  
3                   quiet man, with deep and abiding faith in  
4                   God. His life revolves around his reverence  
5                   for God and his family.

6                   He has been married to his wife  
7                   Kelly for 18 years. And from this union came  
8                   two beautiful children, Thomas and Tori.

9                   In addition to his commitments to  
10                  God and family, Mr. Hammil gives back to his  
11                  community as a volunteer firefighter.

12                  And whereas, in 2003, Tommie Hammil  
13                  went abroad as an employee of Haliburton, in  
14                  support of his country's fight for Iraq  
15                  freedom.

16                  In a tragic turn of events, on April  
17                  9, 2004, Tommie Hammil was reported missing,  
18                  along with seven others, after an attack on  
19                  their convoy.

20                  His abductors demanded the United  
21                  States forces be withdrawn from Fallujah by  
22                  the next day.

23                  And whereas, after nearly one month  
24                  in captivity and against all odds, Tommie  
25                  Hammil managed to escape the house where he

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2           had been held captive, and ran after a  
3           passing United States military convoy. He  
4           identified himself and led the troops back to  
5           his Iraqi captors.

6                   Finally, on May 8, 2004, Tommie  
7           Hammil was able to return home to his loving  
8           and caring family.

9                   Now, therefore, by virtue of this  
10          citation, the Council of the City of  
11          Philadelphia joins the Citizens Crime  
12          Commission in paying tribute to Tommie Hammil  
13          for his bravery and outstanding service to  
14          our country on the one-year anniversary of  
15          his return from Iraq.

16                  He has brought pride to his family  
17          and nation. And we extend to him the utmost  
18          respect and admiration of this legislative  
19          body for all he has done.

20                  Congratulations, Tommie Hammil.

21                  (Applause.)

22                  MR. HAMMIL: Thank you, Madam  
23          President, Council members, Councilman Kelly,  
24          Joe Mamanna.

25                  The one-year anniversary of my



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2           capture and escape has come and gone. There  
3           are still others that are being held there as  
4           hostages. We must never forget. Never  
5           forget those.

6                    The sacrifice that Shoshona Johnson  
7           made, the sacrifice of our many men and women  
8           in the military, the sacrifice of many  
9           civilians that are working in the Middle East  
10          today.

11                   Our appreciation for freedom was  
12          always here. It's always endless. But we  
13          take for granted here in this country of  
14          freedom, this City of brotherly love, what  
15          it's like to live in other countries that do  
16          not have the things we have and understand  
17          the things that we have, and do not have the  
18          freedoms and rights that we have in this  
19          country.

20                   And being a part of that, and being  
21          a part of going to a country where people do  
22          not have those freedoms and those rights, it  
23          makes me appreciate more and more the country  
24          we have and the men and women that are  
25          willing to stand up and shed their blood on

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2           any battlefield anywhere in this world to  
3           promote freedom throughout this universe.

4                   It's a wonderful thing that's going  
5           on in Iraq. I didn't appreciate it before I  
6           went over there, but when I went over there  
7           and I spent seven months in that country, I  
8           appreciate what we're doing.

9                   It's a great thing. The men and  
10          women over there are making progress. You  
11          may not realize it here. You may not see it  
12          on the news media, but the seven months I was  
13          there, progress is being made. It's being  
14          made every day over there, every day.

15                  It's going to take a commitment from  
16          us, commitment from you to continue this.  
17          It's a commitment here, the Crime Commission,  
18          here in our own country, to keep our freedoms  
19          here from criminals and people like the  
20          terrorists we are fighting, not to come to  
21          this country again and attack us again here.

22                  We have to send it back at those.  
23          We have to point the fingers back at the ones  
24          that are to blame, not us. We are good  
25          people.

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2                   Thank you and God bless you.

3                   (Applause.)

4                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5                   Council will be at ease.

6                   At this time the Chair recognizes

7                   Councilman Rizzo.

8                   COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,

9                   I ask to be excused for the remainder of this  
10                  Council session.

11                  I'd like to be on the record for  
12                  voting yes on all bills and amendments coming  
13                  before the Council today.

14                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And  
15                  resolutions?

16                  COUNCILMAN RIZZO: And resolutions,  
17                  yes.

18                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.  
19                  Leave will be granted.

20                  The next order of business is  
21                  communications.

22                  The Chair requests that the  
23                  sergeant-at-arms deliver the messages from  
24                  the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

25                  The Chief Clerk will please read the

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2           messages from the Mayor.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: To the President and  
4           members of the Council of the City of  
5           Philadelphia:

6                   I am pleased to advise you that on  
7           May 12, 2005, I signed all the bills that  
8           were passed by Council at its session on  
9           April 28, 2005.

10                   And I am transmitting herewith for  
11           the introduction and consideration of your  
12           honorable body a proposed resolution  
13           entitled:

14                   A resolution proposing an amendment  
15           to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter,  
16           creating and empowering a new board of  
17           ethics, and providing for the submission of  
18           the amendment to the electors of  
19           Philadelphia; and a resolution approving the  
20           actions of the Boards of the Philadelphia  
21           Industrial Development Corporation and the  
22           Philadelphia Authority for Industrial  
23           Development to sell parcel 822, located 70th  
24           Street and Halston Avenue; and a resolution  
25           approving the redevelopment contract and

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2       disposition supplement of the Redevelopment  
3       Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the  
4       redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion  
5       of the 44th and Aspen Urban Renewal Area; and  
6       a resolution approving the redevelopment  
7       contract and disposition supplement of the  
8       Redevelopment Authority of the City of  
9       Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban  
10      renewal of a portion of the Mantua Urban  
11      Renewal Area; and a resolution for the  
12      redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion  
13      of the Mantua Urban Renewal Area; and a  
14      resolution for the redevelopment and urban  
15      renewal of a portion of the Independence Mall  
16      Urban Renewal Area; and a resolution for the  
17      redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion  
18      of the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area; and  
19      an ordinance providing for the submission to  
20      the qualified electors of the City of  
21      Philadelphia, of an amendment to the  
22      Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, creating and  
23      empowering a board of ethics, as approved by  
24      resolution of the City Council; and an  
25      ordinance amending Title 20 of The

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2       Philadelphia Code, entitled officers and  
3       employees, by adding a new chapter entitled  
4       lobbying, under certain terms and conditions;  
5       and an ordinance amending Title Nine of The  
6       Philadelphia Code entitled, outdoor  
7       advertising, by amending the requirements for  
8       obtaining and the conditions for issuance of  
9       licenses; and an ordinance amending Title 19  
10      of The Philadelphia Code, entitled finance,  
11      taxes and collections, by creating a new  
12      Chapter 19-3400 entitled, exercise tax on  
13      outdoor advertising transactions; and an  
14      ordinance amending Chapter 19-1200 of The  
15      Philadelphia Code, entitled parking tax, to  
16      provide for a tax on valet parking  
17      transactions, under certain terms and  
18      conditions; and an ordinance amending Title  
19      22 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled Public  
20      Employees Retirement Code, by amending  
21      various provisions to prohibit rehiring  
22      retirees who have retired out of DROP and to  
23      allow certain transfer payments for purchase  
24      of service; and an ordinance authorizing the  
25      Philadelphia Authority for Industrial

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2        Development to purchase properties located in  
3        the 27th, 51st and 40th wards of the City of  
4        Philadelphia; and an ordinance authorizing  
5        the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial  
6        Development to purchase a certain tract of  
7        land located 2620, 2638 West Girard Avenue;  
8        and an ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia  
9        Authority for Industrial Development to file  
10       an application with the Office of the Budget  
11       in the amount not to exceed \$1 million, to  
12       assist in the construction of the new  
13       rehearsal facility for the Rock School of  
14       Ballet; and an ordinance authorizing the  
15       Philadelphia Authority for Industrial  
16       Development to file an application with the  
17       Office of the Budget in an amount not to  
18       exceed \$2,500,000, to assist in the  
19       construction, renovation and expansion of the  
20       emergency room at the Mercy Nazareth  
21       Hospital; and an ordinance approving the  
22       second amendment of the redevelopment  
23       proposal for the Tioga Urban Renewal Area.

24                            COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.  
25        The messages will be printed in the Journal.

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2                   I would ask the Chief Clerk to  
3                   please read any other communications in her  
4                   possession.

5                   CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,  
6                   Madam President.

7                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

8                   The next order of business is the  
9                   introduction of bills and resolutions. And  
10                  the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell  
11                  for a motion.

12                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,  
13                  Madam President.

14                  I move that the rules of Council be  
15                  suspended, so as to permit the immediate  
16                  consideration of resolutions at their time of  
17                  introduction.

18                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Second.

19                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: it has  
20                  been moved and properly seconded that the  
21                  rules of Council be suspended so as to permit  
22                  immediate consideration of resolutions at the  
23                  time of introduction.

24                  All in favor will please indicate by  
25                  saying aye.



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2                   (Chorus of "ayes.")

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
4                   opposed?

5                   (No response.)

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes  
7                   have it, and the motion carries.

8                   Chair recognizes Councilman Kentucky  
9                   Kenney.

10                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam  
11                  President.

12                  I offer one bill.

13                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief  
14                  Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

15                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending  
16                  Chapter 20-600 of The Philadelphia Code,  
17                  entitled, Standards of Conduct and Ethics, by  
18                  making such chapter applicable to the members  
19                  and the staff of the Philadelphia Gaming  
20                  Advisory Task Force, and by adding provisions  
21                  regulating the conduct of such members and  
22                  the staff during and after their service on  
23                  such task force.

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

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2           committee.

3                   The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
4           Blackwell.

5                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,  
6           Madam President.

7                   Today I introduce three resolutions,  
8           two of which are sponsored by each and every  
9           member of Council.

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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

13                  CHIEF CLERK: A resolution calling  
14           on Governor Edward G. Rendell to rescind the  
15           drafted proposed cuts in the Department of  
16           Welfare's Medical Assistance Program.

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

19                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,  
20           Madam President.

21                  I move for the adoption of the  
22           resolution.

23                  COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

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

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2           resolution be adopted.

3                   All in favor will signify by saying  
4           aye.

5                   (Chorus of "ayes.")

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
7           opposed?

8                   (No response.)

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes  
10          have it, and the resolution is adopted.

11                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
12          proclaiming May 8th to the 14th, 2005, as  
13          Building Safety Week within the City of  
14          Philadelphia, and encouraging all citizens to  
15          participate in the activities that improve  
16          building safety.

17                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Again, the  
18          Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

19                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,  
20          Madam President.

21                  I move for the adoption of the  
22          resolution.

23                  COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

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

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2           resolution be adopted.

3                   All in favor will say aye.

4                   (Chorus of "ayes.")

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
6           opposed?

7                   (No response.)

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes  
9           have it, and the resolution is adopted.

10                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
11           authorizing the Commissioner of Public  
12           Property to execute and deliver to the  
13           Redevelopment Authority of the City of  
14           Philadelphia deeds located in the 6th Ward of  
15           the City of Philadelphia.

16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Again the  
17           Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

18                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,  
19           Madam President.

20                  I move for the adoption of the  
21           resolution.

22                  COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

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

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2                   All in favor will signify by saying

3           aye.

4                   (Chorus of "ayes.")

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

6           opposed?

7                   (No response.)

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes

9           have it, and the resolution is adopted.

10                  The Chair recognizes Councilman

11           Cohen.

12                  COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam

13           President. I have no bills or resolutions

14           today.

15                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Chair

16           thanks the gentleman.

17                  The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

18           Krajewski.

19                  COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I have two

20           bills.

21                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief

22           Clerk will please read the title of the

23           first bill.

24                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance,

25           authorizing the Philadelphia Authority for

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2           Industrial Development to file an application  
3           with the Office of the Budget, under the  
4           Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, in  
5           an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, to assist  
6           in the construction, renovation and expansion  
7           of the emergency room at the Mercy Nazareth  
8           Hospital in Philadelphia.

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

12                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
13          amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill  
14          Number 020716, approved January 23, 2003,  
15          entitled, an ordinance authorizing the  
16          revision of lines and grades on a portion of  
17          City Man Number 197, by striking from the  
18          City Plan and vacating Wednesday Street from  
19          the southeasterly line of the Delaware  
20          Expressway.

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

24                  And the Chair recognizes Councilman  
25          Mariano.

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2                   COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam

3                   President, I have no bills or resolutions.

4                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

5                   thanks the gentleman.

6                   The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

7                   Tasco.

8                   COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam

9                   President, I have no bills or resolutions.

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

11                  The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

12                  Miller.

13                  COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,

14                  Madam President.

15                  I have one bill.

16                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief

17                  clerk will please read title of the bill.

18                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance approving

19                  the second amendment of the redevelopment

20                  proposal for the Tioga Urban Renewal Area.

21                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill

22                  will be referred to the appropriate

23                  committee.

24                  The Chair recognizes Councilman

25                  Nutter.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam  
3 President.

4 I offer four resolutions, the last  
5 of which, at least, I'd like to speak on.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do you  
7 have any bills? I was told you had two  
8 bills. No?

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I have no bills.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well.  
11 The Chief Clerk will please read the title of  
12 the first resolution.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution  
14 authorizing the Commissioner of Public  
15 Property to execute and deliver to the  
16 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the  
17 34th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

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

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam  
21 President.

22 I move the adoption of the  
23 resolution.

24 UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:  
25 Second.



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

5                   All in favor will say aye.

6                   (Chorus of "ayes.")

7                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
8                   opposed?

9                   (No response.)

10                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes  
11                  have it, and the resolution is adopted.

12                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
13                  commending Jimmie Heath for receiving the  
14                  Philadelphia Jazz Achievement Award.

15                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Again the  
16                  Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

17                  COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam  
18                  President.

19                  I move the adoption of the  
20                  resolution.

21                  COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

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

25                  All in favor will signify by saying



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2                                appropriate committee.

3                                CHIEF CLERK:    And a resolution  
4                                memorializing Council's intent not to  
5                                authorize the issuance of debt by the City or  
6                                any other agency unless the sale of bond and  
7                                the selection of bond firms and professionals  
8                                is conducted under a transparent process that  
9                                seeks the selection of the most qualified  
10                                firms and professionals at the best possible  
11                                prices.

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

14                                COUNCILMAN NUTTER:    Thank you, Madam  
15                                President.

16                                Madam President, this resolution, I  
17                                am not asking for a vote this morning. It  
18                                has merely been introduced in order to  
19                                provide more than the usual amount of time,  
20                                given the subject matter and some of the  
21                                complexities involved in a proposal, which is  
22                                what this resolution seeks to do, to lay out  
23                                in, I think, generally the plainest of  
24                                English, a process by which it would be  
25                                proposed and potentially supported by this

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2           Council, that the selection of professionals  
3           with regard to bond financings, whether it's  
4           underwriters, whether it's legal counsel,  
5           whether it's other professionals involved in  
6           that process or involved in those  
7           transactions, rather, that a process would be  
8           established, hopefully supported by the  
9           administration or some version of that  
10          process supported by the administration,  
11          either in the form of an ordinance or an  
12          executive order.

13                   The substance of it lays out how we  
14           would seek to change the current system, such  
15           that this is more transparency, there is  
16           openness, there is outreach, there is  
17           opportunity for a wide variety of people to  
18           not only participate, but as they say, not  
19           only open the process but spread the work  
20           around.

21                   If the events of this past week have  
22           shown us anything, I think anyone objectively  
23           would have to agree that there are some  
24           problems with the current system.

25                   I make no comment about the

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2           individuals involved. The federal jury has  
3           spoken in that particular matter.

4                   I think our responsibility and our  
5           obligation is to respond in the way that we  
6           can. We are legislators. We make laws. We  
7           vote. We take action.

8                   And so, I put this proposal forward,  
9           certainly with the input and the assistance  
10          of any number of people and professionals in  
11          the industry, models from other  
12          jurisdictions, in a way to move us along.

13                  We don't need to spend any time  
14          continually pointing fingers, making  
15          accusations. We're the legislative branch of  
16          the government. And I believe what we do, at  
17          least every Thursday, is legislate.

18                  Let us take action. The time for  
19          change, I believe -- and many others agree --  
20          is now.

21                  Thank you very much, Madam  
22          President.

23                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

24                  The resolution will be placed on  
25          next week's calendar.

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2                   At this time the Chair recognizes  
3 Councilwoman Brown.

4                   COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,  
5 Madam President.

6                   I have no bills or resolutions this  
7 morning.

8                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

9                   The Chair recognizes Councilman  
10 Goode.

11                  COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam  
12 President.

13                  I have no bills or resolutions.

14                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair  
15 thanks the gentleman.

16                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
17 Ramos.

18                  COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,  
19 I offer no bills or resolutions today.

20                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
22 DiCicco.

23                  COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank You,  
24 Madam President.

25                  I offer three bills and one

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2           resolution.

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4                   The Chief Clerk will please read the  
5           title of the first bill.

6                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to amend  
7           the Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the  
8           zoning designations of certain areas of land  
9           located within an area bounded by Christopher  
10          Columbus Boulevard, Fairmount Avenue, Front  
11          Street and Brown Street.

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

15                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance to  
16          amend the Philadelphia zoning maps by  
17          changing the zoning designations of certain  
18          areas of land located within an area bounded  
19          by Penn Street, Laurel Street, the Delaware  
20          River and the former Fairmount Avenue.

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

24                  CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance  
25          amending Chapter 9-200 of The Philadelphia

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2           Code, entitled, commercial activities on  
3           streets, by amending Section 9-211, entitled,  
4           boxes for distribution of printed material,  
5           which created a trial period granting the  
6           City regulatory authority over the  
7           maintenance, specification and placement of  
8           newspaper boxes on the public sidewalk.

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

12                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
13          authorizing the Commissioner of Public  
14          Property to execute and deliver to the  
15          Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the  
16          31st ward of the City of Philadelphia.

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

19                  COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,  
20          Madam President.

21                  I move for the adoption of the  
22          resolution.

23                  COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Second.

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



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2           resolution be adopted.

3                   All in favor will signify by saying  
4           aye.

5                   (Chorus of "ayes.")

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
7           opposed?

8                   (No response.)

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes  
10          have it, and the resolution is adopted.

11                  The Chair recognizes Councilman  
12          O'Neill.

13                  COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam  
14          President, I offer one bill.

15                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Chief  
16          Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

17                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to amend  
18          the Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the  
19          zoning designation of certain areas of land  
20          located within an area bounded by Blue Grass  
21          Road, Grant Avenue, Ashton Road and Willits  
22          Road.

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

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2                   The Chair recognizes Councilman  
3           Clarke.

4                   COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam  
5           President.

6                   I have one bill and one resolution.

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

9                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance providing  
10          for the submission to the qualified electors  
11          of the City of Philadelphia of a proposed set  
12          forth in a resolution approved by Council,  
13          proposing amendment of the Philadelphia Home  
14          Rule Charter, providing for regulation  
15          regulating the process by which contracts not  
16          currently subject to competitive bidding are  
17          awarded, and authorizing the appropriate  
18          officers to publish, notice and make  
19          arrangements for the special election.

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

23                  CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution  
24          proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia  
25          Home Rule Charter, providing for regulation

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2           of the process by which contracts not subject  
3           to competitive bidding are awarded and  
4           providing for the submission of the amendment  
5           to the electors of Philadelphia.

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
7           resolution will be referred to the  
8           appropriate committee.

9                   Are there other resolutions that the  
10          Councilman...

11                   CHIEF CLERK: Just one.

12                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

13                   COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'm holding the  
14          two other resolutions until I get further  
15          information.

16                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well.  
17          Thank you.

18                   The Chair recognizes Councilman  
19          Kelly.

20                   COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,  
21          I have no bills or resolutions today.

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

24                   And I believe Councilman Rizzo  
25          indicated he had no bills or resolutions.

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2                   The next order of business is  
3 reports from committees.

4                   And the Chair recognizes Councilman  
5 Kenney for a report from the Committee on Law  
6 and Government.

7                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam  
8 President.

9                   On behalf of the distinguished  
10 Chairman of the Committee on Law and  
11 Government, Councilman Cohen, the committee  
12 reports two bills and one resolution with a  
13 favorable recommendation.

14                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15                  The Chief Clerk will please read the  
16 report.

17                  CHIEF CLERK: To the President and  
18 members of the Council of the City of  
19 Philadelphia:

20                  The Committee on Law and Government  
21 to which was referred Bill Number 050286,  
22 entitled, an ordinance providing for the  
23 submission to the qualified electors of the  
24 City of Philadelphia of the proposal set  
25 forth in a resolution approved by Council,

1                                Stated - 5/12/05  
2        proposing an amendment of the Philadelphia  
3        Home Rule Charter, relating to Council's  
4        power to adopt by ordinance standards for the  
5        organization of the Fire Department and the  
6        manner by which the Fire Department carries  
7        out its powers and duties.

8                                And Bill Number 050301, entitled, an  
9        ordinance amending Title 20 of The  
10       Philadelphia Code, entitled officers and  
11       employees, by amending the provisions  
12       relating to campaign contributions and  
13       expenditures relating to, including but not  
14       limited to, the District Attorney, City  
15       Controller, Register of Wills, Sheriff, Clerk  
16       of Quarter Sessions, and the City  
17       Commissioners.

18                               And a Resolution Number 050292,  
19       entitled, a resolution proposing an amendment  
20       to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter,  
21       relating to Council's power to adopt by  
22       ordinance standards for the organization of  
23       the Fire Department, and the manner by which  
24       the Fire Department carries out its powers  
25       and duties, including the deployment of fire

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2           personnel and the duty of the Fire  
3           Commissioner, Managing Director and Mayor to  
4           abide by any such standards in managing and  
5           supervising the work of the Fire Department,  
6           and providing for the submission of the  
7           amendment of the electors of Philadelphia,  
8           respectfully reports it has considered the  
9           same and returns the attached bills and  
10          resolutions to Council with a favorable  
11          recommendation.

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

14                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam President,  
15          I move the rules of Council be suspended so  
16          as to permit first reading this day of Bills  
17          Number 050286 and 050301.

18                   COUNCILMAN COHEN: Second.

19                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has  
20          been moved and seconded that the rules of  
21          Council be suspended so as to permit first  
22          reading this day of Bill Numbers 050286 and  
23          050301.

24                   All in favor will indicate by saying  
25          aye.

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2                   (Chorus of "ayes.")

3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
4                   opposed?

5                   (No response.)

6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes  
7                   have it, and the bills just read will be  
8                   placed on today's first reading calendar.

9                   Resolution Number 050292 will be  
10                  considered at the end of today's calendar.

11                  The Chair now recognizes  
12                  Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the  
13                  Committee on Public Health and Human  
14                  Services.

15                  COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam  
16                  President, the Committee on Health and Human  
17                  Services reports one bill with a favorable  
18                  recommendation.

19                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.  
20                  The Chief Clerk will please read the  
21                  report.

22                  CHIEF CLERK: To the President and  
23                  members of the Council of the City of  
24                  Philadelphia:

25                  The Committee on Public Health and

1                                Stated - 5/12/05  
2            Human Services, to which is referred Bill  
3            Number 050166, entitled, an ordinance  
4            amending an ordinance of April 22, 1975, Bill  
5            Number 1796, establishing the prison  
6            industries revolving fund, and providing for  
7            the administration thereof, by establishing a  
8            mechanism to authorize charges for goods and  
9            services produced by prison industries, by  
10            authorizing expenditures from the fund for  
11            personnel costs, repair costs and other  
12            services required for the operation of prison  
13            industries, and by authorizing sales by  
14            prison industries to all City agencies and  
15            authorities to a non-profit agency with whom  
16            the City has contracts, all under certain  
17            terms and conditions, respectfully reports it  
18            has considered the same and returns the  
19            attached bill to Council with a favorable  
20            recommendation.

21                                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

22                                The Chair recognizes Councilwoman  
23            Tasco.

24                                COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam  
25            President, I move that the rules of Council



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2           be suspended so as to permit first reading  
3           this day of Bill Number 050166.

4                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is there a  
5           second?

6                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Second.

7                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has  
8           been moved and properly seconded that the  
9           rules of Council be suspended to as to permit  
10          first reading this day of Bill Number 050166.

11                  All until favor will indicate by  
12          saying aye.

13                  (Chorus of "ayes.")

14                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those  
15          opposed?

16                  (No response.)

17                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes  
18          have it, and the bill just read will be  
19          placed on today's first reading calendar.

20                  The next order of business is the  
21          consideration of the calendar.

22                  The Chief Clerk will please read the  
23          bills on the first reading calendar.

24                  CHIEF CLERK: Bill Number 050071, an  
25          ordinance authorizing the Managing Director

1                                Stated - 5/12/05  
2           on behalf of the City to execute a mutual aid  
3           agreement creating the Southeastern  
4           Pennsylvania Terrorism Task Force, under  
5           certain terms and conditions.

6                                COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair  
7           agrees.

8                                CHIEF CLERK: And Bill Number  
9           050286, an ordinance providing for the  
10          submission to the qualified electors of the  
11          City of Philadelphia of the proposals set  
12          forth in a resolution relation approved by  
13          Council proposing an amendment of the  
14          Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, relating to  
15          Council's power to adopt by ordinance  
16          standards for the organization of the Fire  
17          Department and the manner by which the Fire  
18          Department carries out its powers and duties.

19                               COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair  
20          agrees.

21                               CHIEF CLERK: And Bill Number  
22          050301, an ordinance amending Title 20 of The  
23          Philadelphia Code, entitled officers and  
24          employees, by amending the provisions  
25          relating to campaign contributions and

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2           expenditures, relating to and including but  
3           not limited to the District Attorney, City  
4           Controller, Register of Wills, Sheriff, Clerk  
5           of Quarter Sessions Court and City  
6           Commissioner.

7                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Chair  
8           agrees.

9                   CHIEF CLERK: And Bill Number  
10          050166, entitled, an ordinance amending an  
11          ordinance of April 22, 1975, Bill Number  
12          1796, establishing the prison industries  
13          revolving fund and providing for the  
14          administration thereof, by establishing a  
15          mechanism to authorize charges for goods and  
16          services produced by prison industries, all  
17          under certain terms and conditions.

18                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair  
19          agrees.

20                  That completes the first reading  
21          calendar.

22                  The Chair now recognizes  
23          Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of  
24          calling up bills on the second reading and  
25          final passage calendar to be considered

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2           today.

3                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,  
4           Madam President.

5                   Today Bill Numbers 050062 and 050234  
6           are being called up for second reading and  
7           final passage. All other bills are being  
8           held.

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.  
10                   The Chief Clerk will please read the  
11           title of Bill Number 050062.

12                   CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending  
13           Section two of an ordinance, Bill Number  
14           020349, approved September 6, 2002, entitled,  
15           an ordinance authorizing the revision of  
16           lines and grades on a portion of City Plan  
17           Number 242, by striking from the City Plan  
18           and vacating Cedar Park Avenue from 69th  
19           Avenue to Haines Street, and by placing on  
20           the City Plan a right-of-way for drainage  
21           purposes, by extending the period for  
22           compliance with the authorization conditions  
23           therein.

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

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2           question now is, shall the bill pass finally.  
3           The Chief Clerk will please call the roll.  
4                   The Chief Clerk will please call the  
5           roll.  
6                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
7           Blackwell.  
8                   COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.  
9                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.  
10                  COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.  
11                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.  
12                  COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.  
13                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.  
14                  COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.  
15                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.  
16                  COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.  
17                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.  
18                  COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.  
19                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.  
20                  COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.  
21                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
22           Krajewski.  
23                  COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.  
24                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.  
25                  COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

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2                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

3                   COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

5                   COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

6                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

7                   COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

8                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

9                   COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

10                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds

11                  Brown.

12                  COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

13                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo

14                  voting aye.

15                  Councilwoman 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 zero.

21                  A majority of all members having

22                  voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

23                  Next bill to be called for

24                  consideration is Bill Number 050234.

25                  CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending

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2           Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled  
3           contracts and procurement, by enacting a new  
4           Chapter 17-1100 entitled, Philadelphia 21st  
5           Century Minimum Wage Standard, requiring a  
6           new minimum wage standard within the City of  
7           Philadelphia, all under certain terms and  
8           conditions.

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

12                  The Chief Clerk will please call the  
13          roll.

14                  The Chief Clerk will please call the  
15          roll.

16                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman  
17          Blackwell.

18                  COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

20                  COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

21                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

22                  COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

23                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

24                  COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

25                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

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2                   COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

4                   COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

5                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

6                   COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

7                   CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8                   Krajewski.

9                   COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

10                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

11                  COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

12                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

13                  COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

14                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

15                  COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

16                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

17                  COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

18                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.

19                  COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.

20                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds

21                  Brown.

22                  COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

23                  CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo

24                  voting aye.

25                  Councilwoman Tasco.



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2                   COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

3                   CHIEF CLERK: Council President

4                   Verna.

5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

6                   The ayes are 17. The nays are zero.

7                   A majority of all members having

8                   voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

9                   Resolution Number 050292 will be put

10                  on the calendar for next week.

11                  Councilwoman Miller.

12                  COUNCILMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam

13                  President.

14                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry.

15                  Are you going to be speaking on a particular

16                  issue?

17                  COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yes.

18                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Very well.

19                  The calendar is concluded for today.

20                  The Chair now recognizes

21                  Councilwoman Miller for some comments.

22                  COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay. Thank

23                  you, Madam president.

24                  I actually just wanted to share some

25                  information with City Council members

1                   Stated - 5/12/05  
2           regarding the death of former Councilman  
3           Debeary, Herb Debeary's wife, Lillian  
4           Debeary.  
5                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm sorry  
6           to hear that.  
7                   COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: And I thought  
8           we could have a moment of silence.  
9                   Her funeral services are Friday, MAY  
10          13th -- that's tomorrow -- at Zion Baptist  
11          Church. That's at Broad and Venango, 3600  
12          North Broad. Viewing from 9:00 until 11:00.  
13          And the funeral's at 11:00 a.m. And  
14          condolences can be sent. We'll be sending a  
15          memo around. I think we may have already  
16          sent one. I'm not sure.  
17                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.  
18                   COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: The address to  
19          the residence.  
20                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're  
21          asking for a moment of silence.  
22                   COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Moment of  
23          silence, yes.  
24                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I would  
25          ask everyone to stand for a moment of silence

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2           for Mrs. Debeary.

3                   (Moment of silence.)

4                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

5                   The Chair recognizes Councilman

6           Clarke.

7                   Councilman Clarke, your light is on.

8           Did you want to be recognized?

9                   COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes, Madam

10          President.

11                  Madam President, I just want to

12          remind everyone, next Tuesday, in the May

13          primary, there will be, in my estimation, a

14          very important ballot question.

15                  While I clearly understand that

16          members of Council are aware of it, but I

17          know there are a lot of people listening and

18          watching.

19                  And I want to remind people that as

20          we talk about the level of violence in our

21          streets, and as we talk about electing a

22          D.A., electing judicial candidates, the

23          reality is, is that we need to do something

24          about gun violence.

25                  And that question, we believe, is

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2           extremely important. It is a question that  
3           talks about the City of Philadelphia being  
4           able to enact its own gun legislation, not  
5           addressing the statewide issue, but it's own  
6           legislation. It must be done by referendum.  
7           So I'm asking individuals to vote for it and  
8           also vote yes.

9                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.  
10                  Is there anyone else that would like  
11           to be recognized?

12                  (No response.)

13                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Seeing no  
14           one, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco  
15           for a motion.

16                  COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam  
17           President, I move that Council stand  
18           adjourned until Thursday, May 19, 2005, at  
19           10:00 a.m.

20                  UNIDENTIFIED COUNCIL PERSON:  
21           Second.

22                  COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has  
23           been moved and properly seconded that Council  
24           stand adjourned until Thursday, May 19.

25                  All in favor will say aye.

1                   Stated - 5/12/05  
2                   (Chorus of "ayes.")  
3                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those  
4           opposed?  
5                   (No response.)  
6                   COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes  
7           have it, and the motion carries.  
8                   Thank you.  
9                   (Public hearing concluded at 11:11  
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DAVID A. DEIK, RPR and  
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