

1 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, December 4, 2025
10:00 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT KENYATTA JOHNSON

COUNCILWOMAN RUE LANDAU

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COUNCILWOMAN NINA AHMAD

COUNCILWOMAN KENDRA BROOKS

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COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE GAUTHIER

COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE-RICHARDSON

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COUNCILWOMAN QUETCY M. LOZADA

COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DRISCOLL

COUNCILMAN CURTIS J. JONES, JR.

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COUNCILMAN NICOLAS O'ROURKE

COUNCILMAN JEFFREY YOUNG, JR.

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COUNCILMAN ANTHONY PHILLIPS

COUNCILMAN BRIAN O'NEILL

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ELIZABETH MCCOLLUM, Chief Clerk

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

3 Good morning, everyone. Good
4 morning, everyone.

5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Good
6 morning.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

8 I note that the hour has come and a
9 quorum of Council is present. I am
10 asking for our members, please take
11 your seats, and visitors to please
12 retire to the seats outside the
13 rail. Before proceeding, I would
14 like to ask all those present to
15 please set your cell phones to
16 silent and/or vibrate. Thank you.

17 To give our invocation this
18 morning, the Chair recognizes Bishop
19 Luke Zhoba, Vicariate of the
20 Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Kyivian
21 Patriarchate in the USA and Canada.
22 He is here today as guests of
23 Councilmember Brian O'Neill. I'll
24 ask all members and guests to please

1 rise.

2 BISHOP ZHOBA: Good
3 morning. Council President Kenyatta
4 Johnson, members of the City
5 Council, brothers and sisters in the
6 city of Philadelphia, I'm Bishop of
7 Philadelphia, Luke, Ukrainian
8 Orthodox Church, Kyiv Patriarchate
9 in USA and Canada.

10 Today on December 4th, 2025
11 and this morning of the
12 distinguished members of the
13 Philadelphia City Council, I am
14 honored to give the invitation, I
15 thank to the Councilman Brian
16 O'Neill, the second time I'm here.
17 And for all for you, for the
18 invitation to be here with you this
19 morning. Let us bow our heads now
20 us to pray to the Lord.

21 For this beautiful and
22 wonderful land, the United States of
23 America, for our president, armed
24 forces, and for all civil

1 authorities, in memory of the
2 founding fathers and all those who
3 gave their lives for our freedom,
4 for all the people in the war today,
5 and especially the suffering people
6 in Ukraine who are fighting for the
7 freedoms we enjoy and pray every day
8 for this beautiful city of
9 Philadelphia, Mayor Cherelle Parker,
10 and for every city and country, and
11 for the faithful dwelling in them.
12 For you, the members of the
13 Philadelphia City Council, let us
14 pray to the Lord for his mercy,
15 guidance, and grace.

16 Apostle Paul writes in
17 Romans Chapter 8, verse 28, he says,
18 "We know that all things work
19 together for great to those who love
20 God, to those who are called
21 according to his purpose. So we
22 pray for you. We say thanks God for
23 the past -- last -- this year, 2025,
24 God bless, the next New Year 2026,

1 and trusted City Councilmembers as
2 representatives of the people of the
3 city of Philadelphia, that the Lord
4 continues to grant you this -- the
5 next year, 2026, wisdom, honesty,
6 integrity, empathy, confidence, the
7 ability, integrity to work together
8 and joy in fulfilling the mission
9 before you today.

10 Let us all pray to the Lord
11 and give thanks for his mercy,
12 endurance forever. God bless you.
13 God bless America. Merry Christmas.
14 Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
16 The Chair -- the Chair thanks the
17 Bishop for his invocation. Council
18 will be at ease.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
20 The next order of business is the
21 approval of the Journal of the
22 meeting of Thursday, November the
23 20th, 2025. The Chair recognizes
24 majority Deputy Whip, Councilmember

1 Cindy Bass.

2 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Thank
3 you, Mr. President. I move that the
4 journal of the meeting of Thursday,
5 November 20th, 2025, be approved.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
7 It has been moved and properly
8 seconded that the journal of the
9 meeting of Thursday, November 20th,
10 2025, stand approved. All those in
11 favor will signify by saying aye.

12 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
14 Those opposed? The ayes have it,
15 and the journal is approved. The
16 next order of business is request
17 for leave of absence, and the Chair
18 recognizes the Majority Leader,
19 Councilwoman Katherine Gilmore-
20 Richardson.

21 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-
22 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. On behalf of the
24 majority, a leave of absence is

1 requested for Councilmember Isaiah
2 Thomas.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
4 The Chair thanks the Majority
5 Leader. Leave will be granted. The
6 Chair recognizes Minority Leader
7 Councilmember Kendra Brooks.

8 COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS:
9 Thank you, Council President. On
10 the behalf of the minority, there
11 are no requests for leave of absence
12 today. Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
14 The Chair thanks the Minority
15 Leader. The Chair now recognizes
16 Majority Leader Councilwoman
17 Katherine Gilmore-Richardson for a
18 motion regarding certain legislative
19 matters that may arise during the
20 course of today's session of
21 Council, and that were not listed on
22 the calendar circulated prior to
23 today's council's session.

24 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-

1 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
2 Mr. President. I move that any of
3 the following matters, if considered
4 today, may be added to the agenda
5 for this session of Council and as
6 required by law, subsequently
7 published on an amended agenda after
8 the consideration of those matters,
9 resolutions authorizing hearings,
10 amendments to bills on first
11 reading, the reconsideration of a
12 bill vetoed by or recalled from the
13 mayor, amendments to bills recalled
14 from the mayor, resolutions taking
15 substantive action to be voted on in
16 this session, a motion to withdraw a
17 bill or resolution that is not on
18 the calendar, and a motion placing a
19 bill or resolution on or returning a
20 bill or resolution from the
21 suspension calendar that is not
22 listed on today's calendar.

23 The purpose of this motion
24 is to provide the public with notice

1 concerning possible actions by
2 counsel that arose too late to be
3 included on the calendar that was
4 published prior to today's session.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

6 Is there a second?

7 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

9 It has been moved and properly
10 seconded that the legislative matter
11 stated by our Majority Leader,
12 Katherine Gilmore-Richardson, may be
13 added to the agenda for today should
14 those matters arise during the
15 course of this session. The
16 council, all those in favor indicate
17 by saying Aye.

18 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

20 Those opposed? The ayes have it,
21 and the motion carries. The Chair
22 would dispense with the regular
23 order of business to recognize the
24 guests and visitors joining us in

1 chambers this morning. On behalf of
2 all members of City Council, I
3 welcome you to our council session.
4 We appreciate you taking the time to
5 join us as we attend to the
6 legislative affairs of our great
7 city. We certainly invite you to
8 come again. We have several
9 different visitors joining us here
10 in City Council today. I'm going to
11 ask for members of Leadership
12 Philadelphia, who's in the balcony
13 to please stand.

14 Leadership Philadelphia was
15 founded in 1959. It's a non-profit
16 organization that mobilizes and
17 connects Philadelphia leaders to
18 serve the community. Through its
19 core program, Leadership
20 Philadelphia enhances participants
21 civic knowledge and awareness and
22 enriches their leadership skills.
23 Leadership Philadelphia serves as
24 the hub of a diverse professional

1 network. It is a deeply trusting
2 convener and thought leader in the
3 region. The core class of 2026 is
4 being accompanied by Leadership
5 Philadelphia Board Chair, Hugh
6 McStravick. Let's again give them a
7 round of applause and welcome to
8 City Council.

9 We also have a group of
10 distinguished young men who will be
11 recognized by Councilmember Curtis
12 Jones, Jr. of the 4th Councilmanic
13 District.

14 COUNCILMEMBER JONES: Thank
15 you, Mr. President. Colleagues, we
16 have Cassidy, the distinguished
17 gentlemen of Cassidy, and they're
18 distinguished by their suits. And
19 for the male members of Council, we
20 were sizing them up. Unfortunately,
21 they weren't our size. But can
22 you-all stand up again and be
23 recognized, please. Cassidy. Thank
24 you. Thank you, Mr. President.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 Now, I just want to take a moment of
3 personal privilege. Now, when
4 so-called celebrities come down here
5 and we recognize them, we honor
6 them, you know, everybody stand up
7 and they give them all these
8 accolades. And for me, seeing these
9 young men, they are breaking the
10 stereotypes of African American men
11 here in the city of Philadelphia.
12 These are distinguished young men
13 that represent the best that our
14 city has to offer. So when they
15 stand up again, I want everyone to
16 stand up and give them a real big
17 round of applause. Stand up young
18 men. This is the future of our city
19 right there. The Chair recognizes
20 Councilman Dr. Anthony Phillips.

21 COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIPS:

22 Good morning, Council President. I
23 just want to say that I'm so
24 thrilled that Councilman Curtis

1 Jones has one of the best programs
2 in the city of Philadelphia in his
3 district, and it's so great that
4 Dwayne Frazier serves the Overbrook
5 session in Curtis Jones' district,
6 because these young men for 25 years
7 -- for -- he's a veteran of -- a
8 higher department veteran for over
9 25 years.

10 And what I know about these
11 young men is that afterschool
12 mentorship instruction matters.
13 They have great etiquette and social
14 skills training, there's mentorship,
15 you know, that goes on about
16 identity, behavior and future
17 readiness. And also a lot of these
18 young men don't have what I've told,
19 don't have male presence in their
20 lives.

21 And Dwayne Frazier and your
22 team, you're doing a great job, and
23 our hope is that, you know, we can
24 get some of the 4th District, which

1 was said on social media early this
2 week, was the best district.
3 Something that he wrote. He said
4 was the best district. Hopefully we
5 get some of the 4th District work
6 into all of our districts.

7 So we appreciate Curtis
8 Jones and also Dwayne Frazier for
9 all the work that you're doing with
10 distinguished young gentlemen, and
11 proud to have you all as part of
12 Philadelphia City Council and our
13 youth initiatives in our city as the
14 chair of children and youth. Thank
15 you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
17 Thank you. As there are no
18 presentations today, also want to
19 acknowledge members of operating
20 engineers who are joining us today
21 for a presentation. Let's give them
22 a round of applause as well. See
23 Mr. Sullivan as well as Cecil
24 Preston. Thank you-all for joining

1 us. Get some of these young men
2 inside you-all union in the future,
3 so that's the agenda. As there are
4 no presentations today, the next
5 order of business is communications.

6 The Chair request that the
7 Sergeant-at-Arms delivers the
8 messages from the Mayor to the Chief
9 Clerk.

10 Will the Chief Clerk please
11 read the messages from the mayor and
12 any other communications in her
13 possession?

14 CHIEF CLERK: To the
15 President and members of the Council
16 of the City of Philadelphia, I am
17 transmitting for the consideration
18 of your honorable body, a resolution
19 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
20 Bank to dispose of 2758 through 60
21 and 2762 Helen Street, located in
22 the 1st Councilmanic District in
23 accordance with the terms of Chapter
24 16-700 of the Philadelphia Code.

1 And a resolution approving
2 the redevelopment contract of the
3 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
4 for the redevelopment and urban
5 renewal of a portion of the South
6 Central urban renewal area
7 identified by house number and
8 street address as 1220 through 30
9 Kenilworth Street. And authorizing
10 the Philadelphia Redevelopment
11 Authority to execute the
12 redevelopment contract with
13 Neighborhood Gardens Trust and to
14 take such action as may be necessary
15 to effectuate the redevelopment
16 contract.

17 And a resolution approving
18 the redevelopment contract of the
19 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
20 for the redevelopment and urban
21 renewal of a portion of the Belmont
22 Numbers 1, 2, 3 urban renewal area
23 identified by house number and
24 street address, as 4016 through 18

1 Powelton Avenue, 4020, 4022, 4024
2 Powelton Avenue and 4648 Wiota
3 Street, and authorizing the
4 redevelopment authority to execute
5 the redevelopment contract with
6 Neighborhood Gardens Trust and to
7 take such action as may be necessary
8 to effectuate the redevelopment
9 contract.

10 And a resolution
11 authorizing the Philadelphia
12 Redevelopment Authority to execute
13 and deliver to the Philadelphia Land
14 Bank deeds conveying title to 3810
15 Haverford Avenue and 3712 Wallace
16 Street, located in the 3rd
17 Councilmanic District pursuant to
18 the requirements of the Commonwealth
19 Land Bank Act.

20 And a resolution
21 authorizing the Philadelphia
22 Redevelopment Authority to execute
23 and deliver to the Philadelphia Land
24 Bank deeds conveying title to

1 various properties located in the
2 4th Councilmanic District, including
3 on the following streets: North
4 58th Street, North Dover Street,
5 West Seltzer Street, West Silver
6 Street, West Sterner Street, and
7 West Lehigh Avenue pursuant to the
8 requirements of the Commonwealth
9 Land Bank Act.

10 And a resolution
11 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
12 Bank to dispose of 1725, 1726, 1729,
13 1747, 1749, 1832 North 26th Street,
14 1808, 1809, 1810, 1812, 1819, 1824,
15 1828, 1837, 1838 North Bailey
16 Street, 1735, 1747, 1765 North 27th
17 Street, 2525, 2611 Cecil B. Moore
18 Avenue located in the 5th
19 Councilmanic District in accordance
20 with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of
21 the Philadelphia Code.

22 And a resolution
23 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
24 Bank to dispose of 1816, 1817, 1838,

1 1839, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1845, 1847,
2 1848, 1849, 1851, 1853, 1854, 1861,
3 1862 and 1866 North Etting Street
4 located in the 5th Councilmanic
5 District in accordance with the
6 terms of Chapter 16-700 of the
7 Philadelphia Code.

8 And authorized -- and a
9 resolution authorizing the
10 Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of
11 2423, 2425, 2437, 2446, 2501, 2502,
12 2504, 2505, 2506, 2513, 2516, 2517,
13 2526, 2529, 2539, 2542, 2556 and
14 2567 North Stanley Street, 2420,
15 2438, 2442, 2456, 2648, 2650 and
16 2651 North Carlisle Street, 2519,
17 2600, 2603, 2611, 2640, 2931, 2935,
18 3019, 3021, 3027, 3029, 3031, and
19 3039 Oakdale Street located in the
20 5th Councilmanic District in
21 accordance with the terms of Chapter
22 16-700 of the Philadelphia Code.

23 And a resolution
24 authorizing the Philadelphia

1 Redevelopment Authority to execute
2 and deliver to the Philadelphia Land
3 Bank deeds conveying title to
4 various properties located in the
5 5th Councilmanic District including
6 on the following streets: West
7 Letterly Street, West Oakdale
8 Street, North Etting Street, North
9 Bailey Street, and North 26th Street
10 pursuant to the requirements of the
11 Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

12 And a resolution
13 authorizing the Philadelphia
14 Redevelopment Authority to execute
15 and deliver to the Philadelphia Land
16 Bank deeds conveying title to 2214
17 North 3rd Street and 2212 North
18 Lehigh Street located in the 7th
19 Councilmanic District pursuant to
20 the requirements of the Commonwealth
21 Land Bank Act.

22 And a resolution
23 authorizing the Philadelphia
24 Redevelopment authority to execute

1 and deliver to the Philadelphia Land
2 Bank deeds conveying title to 92
3 Collom Street, 98 Collom Street, and
4 5128 Wakefield Street located in the
5 8th Councilmanic District pursuant
6 to the requirements of the
7 Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

8 And pursuant to sections
9 4-604 and 2-307 of the Home Rule
10 Charter, I'm today transmitting to
11 Council the recommendations of the
12 City Planning Commission on the
13 following bills, Bill Number 250721,
14 not for approval. 250771, not for
15 approval. 250804, not for approval.
16 Bill Number 250831, 250834, 250835,
17 845, not for approval. 250846,
18 250891, approval with amendments.
19 250914, 250917, approval with
20 amendments. 250918, 250919, 250920,
21 250946, 250947, not for approval.
22 250949, not for approval.

23 And Bill Number 250952.

24 And I'm pleased to advise you that

1 on December 3rd, 2025, I signed the
2 following bills which were passed by
3 Council at a session on November
4 20th, 2025; Bill Number 250707,
5 250831, 250848, 250849, 250890,
6 250891, and 250916. And I'm pleased
7 to advise you that on December 3rd I
8 signed the following bills which
9 were passed by Council at its
10 session on November 13th, 2025; Bill
11 Number 240873, 250493-AA, 250830,
12 and 250835. Council President,
13 there are no further communications
14 in my possession.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

16 Thank you. The messages will be
17 printed in the journal. The next
18 order of business is the
19 introduction of bills and
20 resolutions. The Chair recognizes
21 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips.

22 COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIPS:

23 Thank you, Council President. I
24 have one privilege resolution for

1 introduction today.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

3 Thank you very much. Would the
4 Chief Clerk please read the title of
5 the Resolution?

6 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
7 resolution honoring and recognizing
8 Distinguished Young Gentlemen for
9 its membership in youth development
10 work, empowering Philadelphia's
11 Elementary School aged boys through
12 etiquette, character building and
13 leadership development as part of
14 the Children and Youth Spotlight,
15 which celebrates community centered
16 organizations uplifting young people
17 across the city.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
19 This resolution will be placed on
20 today's final passage calendar. The
21 Chair recognizes Majority Leader
22 Councilmember Katherine Gilmore-
23 Richardson.

24 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-

1 RICHARDSON: Good morning, Council
2 President. Good morning,
3 colleagues. Today I offer one bill
4 on your behalf, five privilege
5 resolutions, three on your behalf,
6 and two on my behalf.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
8 Thank you very much. Will the Chief
9 Clerk please read the title of the
10 bill and resolutions.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 authorizing the commissioner of
13 records and the procurement
14 commissioner on behalf of the city
15 to execute a multi-year concession
16 agreement with Ancestry.com in
17 connection with digitizing indexing
18 and public access and search of City
19 of Philadelphia Department of
20 Records vital records, all under
21 provision set forth in the
22 concession agreement substantially
23 as set forth in Exhibit A to this
24 ordinance.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 This bill will be referred to the
3 appropriate committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a
5 privileged resolution authorizing
6 the Committee on Commerce and
7 Economic Development to hold
8 hearings on the economic impact of
9 cruising in the city of
10 Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
12 This resolution will be placed on
13 today's final passage calendar.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a
15 privileged resolution declaring each
16 Friday in December 2025, as Shop
17 Black Business Friday in the city of
18 Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
20 This resolution will be placed on
21 today's final passage calendar.

22 THE COURT: And a
23 privileged resolution honoring Mo'ne
24 Davis, Philadelphia native and 10th

1 overall pick in the inaugural
2 Women's Professional Basketball
3 League draft.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
5 This resolution will be placed on
6 today's final passage calendar.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a
8 privileged resolution congratulating
9 the Avenging the Ancestors Coalition
10 and its founder Michael Coard, Esq.,
11 on the 15th anniversary of the grand
12 opening of the Slavery Memorial at
13 the President's House at 6th and
14 Market Streets.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
16 This resolution will be placed on
17 today's final passage calendar.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a
19 privileged resolution honoring and
20 congratulating former Eagles Safety,
21 Malcolm Jenkins, a Super Bowl
22 champion, defense leader and
23 distinguished advocate for social
24 justice on his induction into the

1 Eagles Hall of Fame on November
2 28th, 2025. The first member of
3 Super Bowl LII roster to earn its
4 recognition. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
5 I'm sorry.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
7 We get the picture. We got it.
8 This resolution will be placed on
9 today's final passage calendar. The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Jamie
11 Gauthier.

12 COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER:
13 Good morning, Council President.
14 Today I have three non-privileged
15 resolutions for introduction and one
16 bill and two non-privileged
17 resolutions on your behalf.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
19 Thank you very much. Will the Chief
20 Clerk please read the title of the
21 bill and resolutions. Council will
22 be at ease.

23 CHIEF CLERK: There's two
24 bills.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 For the record, we have two bills
3 and one non-privileged resolutions
4 introduced by Councilwoman Jamie
5 Gauthier.

6 COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER:

7 It's okay.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

9 Please read the title of the bills
10 and resolution.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 amending Bill Number 250568,
13 approved June 13th, 2025, entitled,
14 an Ordinance Authorizing and
15 Approving the Execution and Delivery
16 of a Service Agreement Between the
17 City of Philadelphia.

18 And the Philadelphia
19 Redevelopment Authority relating to
20 the financing of a Housing
21 Opportunities Made Easy, H.O.M.E.
22 plan, which includes housing
23 production and preservation, home
24 affordability, homeowner and

1 renter's assistance, related
2 contractor training and support,
3 light and vacant property reduction,
4 urban beautification, neighborhood
5 infrastructure and other related
6 programs, approving the assurance by
7 the authority of bonds, notes of
8 other evidences of indebtedness
9 including reimbursement obligations
10 related to lines or letters of
11 credit in one or more series to
12 finance or refinance such plan.

13 And authorizing and
14 approving the obligation of the City
15 of Philadelphia to pay in full when
16 due the service fee and other
17 amounts payable under the service
18 agreement, authorizing certain city
19 officers to take certain actions
20 required to issue bonds, notes
21 and/or evidences of indebtedness
22 covenanting that the City of
23 Philadelphia will make necessary
24 appropriations in each of the city's

1 fiscal years to provide for, and
2 will make timely payments of the
3 service fee and other amounts due
4 under the service agreement
5 requiring an annual program
6 statement and budget to be approved
7 by Council, and other requirements
8 and authorizing, and approving the
9 director of finance of the city and
10 other city officials to take other
11 necessary or appropriate actions to
12 effectuate purposes of this
13 ordinance all under certain terms
14 and conditions in order to expand on
15 the H.O.M.E. programs and provide
16 further process concerning spending,
17 all under certain terms and
18 conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
20 This bill will be referred to the
21 appropriate committee.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And an
23 ordinance authorizing real estate
24 transactions by the Commissioner of

1 Public Property, the Philadelphia
2 Redevelopment Authority and the
3 Philadelphia Land Bank, necessary to
4 permit the City of Philadelphia to
5 acquire property bounded by Island
6 Avenue, Elmwood Avenue, South 77th
7 Street, Buist Avenue, South 78th
8 Street, Cobbs Creek Waterway, the
9 vacated section of South 75th Street
10 and former Grays Ferry Grays Avenue,
11 including property known as Cibotti
12 Recreation Center, all under certain
13 terms and conditions.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a
18 non-privileged resolution
19 authorizing the Philadelphia
20 Redevelopment authority to execute
21 and deliver to the Philadelphia Land
22 Bank a deed conveying title to 3830
23 Wallace Street located in the 3rd
24 Councilmanic District pursuant to

1 the requirements of the Commonwealth
2 Land Bank Act.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

4 This resolution will be placed on
5 the final passage calendar for
6 consideration at our next session of
7 Council.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a
9 non-privileged resolution
10 authorizing the Philadelphia
11 Redevelopment Authority to execute
12 and deliver to the Philadelphia Land
13 Bank, deeds conveying title to 3810
14 Haverford Avenue and 3712 Wallace
15 Street located in the 3rd
16 Councilmanic District, pursuant to
17 the requirements of the Commonwealth
18 Land Bank Act.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

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21 the final passage calendar for our
22 -- for consideration in our next
23 session of Council.

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3 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
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5 renewal of a portion of Belmont
6 Numbers 1, 2, 3 urban renewal area
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8 street address as 4016 through 18
9 Powelton Avenue, 4020 Powelton
10 Avenue, 4022, 4024 Powelton Avenue
11 and 46 through 48 Wiota Street and
12 authorizing the redevelopment
13 authority to execute the
14 redevelopment contract with
15 Neighborhood Gardens Trust and to
16 take such action as may be necessary
17 to effectuate the redevelopment
18 contract.

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5 renewal of a portion of the South
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9 Kenilworth Street, and authorizing
10 the Philadelphia Redevelopment
11 authority to execute the
12 redevelopment contract with
13 Neighborhood Gardens Trust and to
14 take such action as may be necessary
15 to effectuate the redevelopment
16 contract.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
18 This resolution will be placed on
19 the final passage calendar for
20 consideration in our next session of
21 Council. The Chair recognizes
22 Councilmember Jones.

23 COUNCILMEMBER JONES: Thank
24 you, Mr. President. Today I offer

1 one bill and one privilege
2 resolution.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

4 Thank you very much, Member Jones.
5 Will the Chief Clerk please read the
6 title of the bill and resolution.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 amending Chapter 12-3000 of the
9 Philadelphia Code entitled, Use of
10 an Automated Red Light Enforcement
11 System to Prevent Red Light
12 violations by authorizing the
13 installation of a red light
14 enforcement system at the
15 intersection of Schoolhouse Lane and
16 Henry Avenue, all under certain
17 terms and conditions.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And a
22 non-privileged resolution
23 authorizing the Philadelphia
24 Redevelopment Authority to execute

1 and deliver to the Philadelphia Land
2 Bank deeds conveying title to
3 various properties located in the
4 4th Councilmanic District, including
5 on the following streets: North
6 58th Street, North Dover Street,
7 West Seltzer Street, West Silver
8 Street, West Sterner Street, and
9 West Lehigh Avenue pursuant to the
10 requirements of the Commonwealth
11 Land Bank Act.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

13 This resolution will be placed on
14 the final passage of this calendar
15 for consideration in the next
16 session of Council. Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Rue Landau.

18 COUNCILMEMBER LANDAU: Good
19 morning, Council President,
20 colleagues, and everyone here
21 visiting today. Today I have one
22 privilege resolution.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

24 Thank you very much. Will the Chief

1 Clerk please read the title of the
2 privilege resolution.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Recognizing
4 December 8th through December 14th,
5 2025, as Computer Science Education
6 Week in the city of Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
8 This resolution will be placed on
9 the final passage calendar --
10 today's final passage calendar.
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Quetcy
12 Lozada.

13 COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA: Good
14 morning, Council President. Today I
15 offer one bill.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
17 Thank you very much. Will the Chief
18 Clerk please read the bill?

19 CHIEF CLERK: Regulating
20 the direction -- an ordinance
21 regulating the direction of movement
22 of traffic on Adams Avenue between
23 Wing of Hawking Street and Frankford
24 Avenue, as well as Leiper Street

1 between Adams Avenue and Ruan
2 Street.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

4 This bill will be referred to the
5 appropriate committee. The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Jeffrey J.
7 Young, Jr.

8 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Thank
9 you, Mr. President. Today I offer
10 one bill, five privileged
11 resolutions, and two non-privileged
12 resolutions. And, Mr. President, I
13 asked if I can briefly speak on one
14 of the resolutions after
15 introduction, please. Briefly.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
17 Will the Chief Clerk please read the
18 title of the bill and resolutions.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending section 12-926 of the
21 Philadelphia Code entitled, Center
22 City Parking Regulations, to confirm
23 regulations adopted by the
24 Department of Streets that establish

1 and revise loading zone regulations
2 in additional portions of the Center
3 City area and to re-authorize
4 changes in additions to such
5 regulations, all under certain terms
6 and conditions.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a
11 privileged resolution authorizing
12 the Council Committees on
13 Legislative Oversight and Parks,
14 Recreation, and Cultural Affairs to
15 hold hearings to investigate the
16 current conditions and future of
17 Philadelphia's public libraries.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And a
22 privileged resolution honoring the
23 life and legacy of architect Robert
24 A. M. Stern.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 This resolution will be placed on
3 today's final passage calendar.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a
5 non-privileged resolution also
6 naming the 2800 block of West
7 Fletcher Street as Mother Elizabeth
8 L. Dabney Way.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
10 This resolution will be placed on
11 the final passage calendar for
12 consideration in our next session of
13 Council.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a
15 non-privileged resolution
16 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
17 Bank to dispose of 1816, 1817, 1838,
18 1839, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1845, 1847,
19 1848, 1849, 1851, 1853, 1854, 1861,
20 1862, and 1866 North Etting Street,
21 located in the 5th Councilmanic
22 District in accordance with the
23 terms of Chapter 16-700 of the
24 Philadelphia Code.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 This resolution will be placed on
3 the final passage calendar for
4 consideration at our next session of
5 Council.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a
7 non-privileged resolution
8 authorizing the Philadelphia
9 Redevelopment authority to execute
10 and deliver to the Philadelphia Land
11 Bank deeds conveying title to
12 various properties located in the
13 5th Councilmanic District, including
14 on the following streets: West
15 Letterly Street, West Oakdale
16 Street, North Etting Street, North
17 Bailey Street and North 26th Street,
18 pursuant to the requirements of the
19 Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

21 This resolution will be placed on
22 the final passage calendar for
23 consideration in our next session of
24 Council.

1 CHIEF CLERK: And a
2 non-privileged resolution
3 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
4 Bank to dispose of 2423, 2425, 2437,
5 2446, 2501, 2502, 2504, 2505, 2506,
6 2513, 2516, 2517, 2526, 2529, 2539,
7 2542, 2556, and 2567 North Stanley
8 Street, 2420, 2438, 2442, 2456,
9 2648, 2650 and 2651 North Colley
10 Street. 2519, 2600, 2603, 2611,
11 2640, 2931, 2935, 3019, 3021, 3027,
12 3029, 3031, and 3039 Oakdale Street;
13 located in the 5th Councilmanic
14 District in accordance with the
15 terms of Chapter 16-700 of the
16 Philadelphia Code.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
18 This resolution will be placed on
19 the final passage calendar for
20 consideration at our next session of
21 Council.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a
23 non-privileged resolution
24 authorizing the Philadelphia Land

1 Bank to dispose of 1725, 1726, 1729,
2 1747, 1749, 1832 North 26th Street,
3 1808, 1809, 1810, 1812, 1819, 1824,
4 1828, 1837 and 1838 North Bailey
5 Street. 1735, 1747, 1765 North 27th
6 Street and 2525 and 2611 Cecil B.
7 Moore Avenue located in the 5th
8 Councilmanic District in accordance
9 with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of
10 the Philadelphia Code.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

12 This resolution will be placed in
13 the final passage calendar for
14 consideration in our next session of
15 Council. Chair recognizes
16 Councilmember Jeffrey J. Young, Jr.

17 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Thank
18 you, Mr. President. So today I just
19 want to acknowledge that there are
20 residents and community members who
21 are advocates of the Cecil B. Moore
22 Library here today to talk to us and
23 express their feelings. I want to
24 recognize, you know, that

1 discussions about the library has
2 sparked strong feelings, but this
3 passion reflects how deeply our
4 neighborhoods care about these
5 institutions. And it's precisely
6 with the same passion why I
7 introduced the resolution today to
8 create a formal structure
9 opportunity for public comment on
10 this issue. This resolution ensures
11 that all voices, not just the most
12 vocal or intimidating, can be heard
13 on a public record. Leadership
14 requires engagement and not
15 avoidance, and that's something that
16 I always do in our district.
17 Providing this platform is not about
18 agreeing or disagreeing, it's about
19 upholding democratic principles that
20 every member deserves the chance to
21 be heard in the proper forum.
22 And so, you know, my vision
23 for our community has been clear.
24 We can both preserve and maintain

1 existing spaces while exploring
2 opportunities to build modern spaces
3 within the same community.

4 This process is also
5 important opportunity for
6 Councilmembers, library advocates,
7 community leaders across the city to
8 see what the possibilities are in
9 our city. By sharing lessons we
10 learned, we can strengthen libraries
11 citywide to ensure that all
12 Philadelphia residents benefit from
13 accessible, modern, and historically
14 rich learning spaces. This is about
15 a commitment to equality.

16 I thank everyone who's been
17 engaged in this issue and look
18 forward to continuing these
19 conversations in a productive,
20 respectful, and collaborative
21 manner. Thank you, Mr. President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

23 You're welcome, Member Young.

24 Councilmember Kendra Brooks,

1 Minority Leader.

2 Councilmember BROOKS: I
3 have nothing to say, Council
4 President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
6 Thank you very much. Councilmember
7 Jim Harrity.

8 COUNCILMEMBER HARRITY:
9 Thank you, Council President. I
10 have nothing to introduce today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
12 Councilmember Nicholas O'Rourke.

13 COUNCILMEMBER O'ROURKE:
14 Thank you, Mr. President. Nothing
15 to introduce today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
17 Councilmember Mike Driscoll.

18 COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL:
19 Thank you, Mr. President. Nothing
20 to introduce today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
22 Councilmember O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMEMBER O'NEILL:
24 Thank you, Mr. President. I have

1 nothing to introduce today.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

3 Councilmember Mark Squilla.

4 COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA:

5 Thank you, Mr. President. Two
6 non-privileged resolutions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

8 Thank you very much. Will the Chief
9 Clerk please read the title of the
10 non-privileged resolutions.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A
12 non-privileged resolution also
13 naming Latimer Street between 12th
14 and Camac Streets as Pierre Robert
15 Way to honor the life and legacy of
16 legendary humanitarian DJ and
17 entertainer Pierre Robert.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

19 This resolution will be placed on
20 the final passage calendar for
21 consideration in our next session of
22 Council.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a
24 non-privileged resolution

1 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
2 Bank to dispose of 2758 through 60
3 and 2762 Helen Street, located in
4 the 1st Councilmanic District in
5 accordance with the terms of Chapter
6 16-700 of the Philadelphia Code.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

8 This resolution will be placed on
9 the final passage calendar for
10 consideration in the next session of
11 Council. Chair recognizes Majority
12 Deputy Whip, Councilmember Cindy
13 Bass.

14 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Thank
15 you, Mr. President. I'll offer two
16 non-privileged resolutions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
18 Thank you very much. Will the Chief
19 Clerk please read the title of the
20 non-privileged resolutions.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A
22 non-privileged resolution
23 authorizing the Philadelphia
24 Redevelopment Authority to execute

1 and deliver to the Philadelphia Land
2 Bank deeds conveying title to 92
3 Collom Street, 98 Collom Street and
4 5128 Wakefield Street, located in
5 the 8th Councilmanic District
6 pursuant to the requirements of the
7 Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

9 This resolution will be placed on
10 the final passage calendar for
11 consideration at our next session of
12 Council.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a
14 non-privileged resolution also
15 naming the corner of Broad Street
16 and Pike Street in the city of
17 Philadelphia as Saudia Shuler Way in
18 honor of Saudi Schuler's outstanding
19 contributions to the city. Her
20 unparalleled commitment to uplifting
21 the community and her positive
22 cultural impact on Philadelphia and
23 beyond.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

1 This resolution will be placed on
2 the final passage calendar for
3 consideration at our next session of
4 Council. Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Dr. Nina Ahmad.

6 COUNCILMEMBER AHMAD: All
7 right. You got it. Thank you,
8 Council President. I have one
9 non-privileged resolution today.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
11 Thank you very much. Will the Chief
12 Clerk please read the title of the
13 non-privileged resolution, please?

14 CHIEF CLERK: A
15 non-privileged resolution condemning
16 the Trump administration for
17 jeopardizing the stability of
18 healthcare workforce in the city of
19 Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
21 This resolution will be placed on
22 today's final -- this resolution
23 will be placed on the final passage
24 calendar for consideration at our

1 next session of Council.

2 The next order of business
3 is reports from the committee. The
4 Chair recognizes Councilmember
5 Gilmore-Richardson for a report from
6 the Committee of the Whole.

7 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-
8 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. The Committee of the
10 Whole reports out one resolution
11 with a favorable recommendation.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
13 Thank you very much. Will the Chief
14 Clerk please read the report.

15 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee
16 of the Whole to which was referred
17 the following resolution:
18 Resolution Number 250955, resolution
19 approving the 2025 through 26
20 Housing Opportunities Made Easy,
21 H.O.M.E. program annual program
22 statement and budget, which
23 addresses expenditures by various
24 agencies in the first year of the

1 HOME program, respectfully reports
2 it has considered and amended the
3 same and returns the attached
4 resolution to council with a
5 favorable recommendation. There are
6 no further resolutions to report out
7 from the Committee of the Whole,
8 Council President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
10 Resolution Number 250955 will be
11 placed on the final passage calendar
12 for consideration at the next
13 session of Council. The Chair
14 recognizes Councilmember -- Majority
15 Deputy Whip, Councilwoman Cindy
16 Bass, for a report from the
17 Committee on Rules.

18 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Yes.
19 Thank you, Mr. President. The
20 Committee on Rules reports out seven
21 bills with a favorable
22 recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
24 Thank you. Will the Chief Clerk

1 please read the report?

2 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee
3 on Rules to which were referred the
4 following bills: Bill Number
5 250952, an ordinance amending
6 section 14-602 of the Philadelphia
7 Code entitled, use tables by
8 defining building types and
9 Clarifying Uses Permitted in the
10 R2A-2 Residential Two-Family
11 Attached Base Zoning District, all
12 under certain terms and conditions.

13 Bill Number 250984, an
14 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
15 zoning maps by changing the zoning
16 designations of certain areas of
17 land located within an area bounded
18 by Eva Street, Dearnley Street,
19 Flamingo Street, Hillside Avenue,
20 Shaw Street, Wigard Avenue
21 Extension, Umbria Street, Minerva
22 Street and Shawmont Avenue.

23 Bill Number 250985, an
24 ordinance amending the Philadelphia

1 zoning maps by changing the zoning
2 designations of certain areas of
3 land located within the area bounded
4 by Brynmore Avenue, Winfield Avenue,
5 Nevada Street, and the SEPTA
6 Railroad right of way.

7 Bill Number 250986, an
8 ordinance amending section 14-500 of
9 the Philadelphia Code entitled,
10 Overlay Zoning Districts by creating
11 Section 14-545 entitled West
12 Fairmount Sports Overlay District,
13 all under certain terms and
14 conditions, respectfully reports it
15 has considered the same and returns
16 the attached bills and -- the
17 attached bills to council with a
18 favorable recommendation.

19 Bill Number 250947, an
20 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
21 zoning maps by changing the zoning
22 designations of certain areas of
23 land located within an area bounded
24 by North Frazier Street, Master

1 Street, North Ethan Street and Media
2 Street.

3 Bill Number 250983, an
4 ordinance amending section 14-503 of
5 the Philadelphia Code entitled,
6 Neighborhood Commercial Overlay
7 District by amending the East Falls
8 Neighborhood Commercial Review area
9 and making related changes, all
10 under certain terms and conditions.

11 And Bill Number 250987, an
12 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
13 zoning maps by changing the zoning
14 designations of certain areas of
15 land located within an area bounded
16 by Ridge Avenue, Sunset Avenue,
17 Harner Street, Port Royal Avenue,
18 Haes Mill Road and Cathedral Road,
19 respectfully reports it has
20 considered and amended the same and
21 returns the attached bills to
22 council with a favorable
23 recommendation. There are no
24 further bills to report out from the

1 Committee of Rules, Council

2 President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

4 Thank you very much. The Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Cindy Bass
6 for a motion.

7 COUNCILMEMBER CINDY BASS:

8 Thank you, Mr. President. I move
9 that the Rules of Council be
10 suspended to permit first reading
11 this day of the bills just read into
12 the record by the Chief Clerk.

13 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

15 It has been moved and properly
16 seconded that the Rules of Council
17 be suspended so as to permit the
18 consideration of these bills just
19 read by the Chief Clerk at today's
20 assessment Council. All those in
21 favor of the motion will signify by
22 saying aye.

23 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

1 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
2 The motion carries. These bills
3 will be placed on our first reading
4 calendar for today. The Chair
5 recognizes Majority Leader
6 Councilmember Catherine Gilmore-
7 Richardson for a report from the
8 Committee on Finance.

9 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-
10 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
11 Mr. President. The Committee on
12 Finance reports out seven bills with
13 a favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
15 Thank you. Will the Chief Clerk
16 please read the report.

17 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee
18 on Finance to which were referred
19 the following bills: Bill Number
20 250574, an ordinance amending
21 Chapter 19-1700 of the Philadelphia
22 Code entitled, Finance, Taxes, and
23 Collections to allow for refunds of
24 the realty transfer taxes to victims

1 of defraud all under certain terms
2 and conditions.

3 Bill Number 250953, an
4 ordinance authorizing the
5 procurement department on behalf of
6 the city to enter into an agreement
7 with the Philadelphia Energy
8 Authority for implementation and
9 evaluation of energy conservation
10 capital measures designed to reduce
11 energy, water, wastewater or other
12 consumption or operating costs at
13 specified city properties under
14 certain terms and conditions.

15 Bill Number 250954, an
16 ordinance authorizing the city
17 treasurer on behalf of the city to
18 enter into a provider agreement with
19 Citizens Bank National Association
20 for provision of payroll banking
21 services to the city under certain
22 terms and conditions. Bill Number
23 250981, an ordinance authorizing and
24 approving the execution and delivery

1 of a service agreement between the
2 City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
3 and the Philadelphia Energy
4 Authority relating to the financing
5 of the construction, equipping,
6 installation, and implementation of
7 energy conservation improvements and
8 other measures designed to reduce
9 energy, water, waste water, or other
10 consumption or operating costs at
11 specified properties owned or leased
12 and operated by the city approving
13 the issuance by such authority of
14 bonds, notes or other evidences of
15 indebtedness in one or more of a
16 series to finance or refinance the
17 cost of such project in authorizing
18 and approving the obligation of the
19 city to pay in full when due the
20 service fee and other amounts
21 payable under the service agreement,
22 authorizing certain city officers to
23 take certain actions required to
24 issue such bonds, notes or other

1 evidences of indebtedness,
2 covenanting that the city will make
3 necessary appropriations in each of
4 the city's fiscal years to provide
5 for, and will make timely payments
6 of the service fee and other amounts
7 due under the service agreement and
8 authorizing city officials to take
9 other necessary or appropriate
10 actions to effectuate the purposes
11 of this ordinance, all under certain
12 terms and conditions.

13 Bill Number 251018, an
14 ordinance approving the amendment of
15 fiscal year 2026 capital budget for
16 providing expenditures for the
17 capital purposes of the Philadelphia
18 Gas Works, including the supplying
19 of funds in connection therewith,
20 subject to certain constraints and
21 conditions and acknowledging the
22 receipt of the revised forecast of
23 capital budgets for fiscal years
24 2027 through 2031 as amended.

1 Bill Number 251019, an
2 ordinance amending Bill Number
3 250103, approved June 13th, 2025,
4 entitled, Authorizing the
5 Procurement Commissioner on behalf
6 of the City of Philadelphia to enter
7 into an agreement with the
8 Philadelphia Energy Authority for
9 coordination of a guaranteed energy
10 savings contract for implementation
11 and evaluation of energy
12 conservation measures designed to
13 reduce energy, water, waste water or
14 other consumption or operating costs
15 at specified city properties, all
16 under certain terms and conditions.

17 To clarify the scope of the
18 guaranteed energy savings contract
19 and make related technical changes
20 all under certain terms and
21 conditions, respectfully reports it
22 as considered the same and returns
23 the attached bills to counsel with a
24 favorable recommendation.

1 And Bill Number 250951, an
2 ordinance amending Title 12 of the
3 Philadelphia Code entitled, Traffic
4 Code, by revising certain
5 definitions, adding a new section
6 12-926 entitled Fee for Use of Bus
7 Loading Zones and Facilities to
8 impose a fee on certain activities
9 by inner city buses, authorizing the
10 installation of camera-based
11 monitoring systems for
12 administration of the fee system,
13 and authorizing an agreement with
14 the Philadelphia Parking Authority
15 for enforcement and collection of
16 certain fees for inner city buses,
17 all under certain terms and
18 conditions, respectfully reports it
19 as considered and amended the same
20 and returns the attached bill to
21 council with a favorable
22 recommendation.

23 There are no further bills
24 to report out from the Committee on

1 Finance, Council President.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

3 Thank you very much. The Chair
4 recognizes Majority Leader Katherine
5 Gilmore-Richardson for a motion.

6 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-

7 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
8 Mr. President. I move that the
9 Rules of Council be suspended as to
10 permit first reading this day of the
11 bills just read into the record by
12 the Chief Clerk.

13 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

15 It has been moved and properly
16 seconded that the Rules of Council
17 be suspended so as to submit the
18 consideration of these bills just
19 read by the Chief Clerk at today's
20 session of Council. All those in
21 favor of the motion will signify by
22 saying aye.

23 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

1 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
2 The motion carries. These bills
3 will be placed on our first reading
4 calendar for today. The Chair
5 recognizes Councilmember Quetcy
6 Lozada for a report from the
7 Committee on Public Property and
8 Public Works.

9 COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA:

10 Thank you, Council President. The
11 Committee on Public Property and
12 Public Works reports out 10 bills
13 with a favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

15 Member Lozada, how many bills?

16 COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA: Ten.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

18 Thank you, Member Lozada. Will the
19 Chief Clerk please read the report.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Yes, sir.

21 The Committee on Public Property and
22 Public works to which we're referred
23 the following bills: Bill Number
24 250573, an ordinance authorizing the

1 Commissioner of Public Property on
2 behalf of the City of Philadelphia
3 to enter into an amendment to a
4 lease agreement with 2401 Walnut LP
5 for use by the city of all or a
6 portion of the premises located at
7 2401 Walnut Street, Philadelphia,
8 Pennsylvania, under certain terms
9 and conditions.

10 Bill Number 250717, an
11 ordinance renaming and designating
12 the property commonly referred to as
13 Wilson Avenue Park, located at 5801
14 Frankford Avenue as Margaret
15 Tartaglione Park in the city of
16 Philadelphia. Bill Number 250801,
17 an ordinance authorizing the
18 Commissioner of Public Property on
19 behalf of the city to acquire fee
20 simple title or a lesser interest in
21 real estate by purchase, dedication,
22 donation, condemnation, agreement in
23 lieu of condemnation or otherwise.

24 And certain parcels of land

1 along the Schuylkill River and the
2 Wissahickon Creek together with all
3 improvements there on and all
4 associated easements and
5 appurtenances for public
6 recreational purposes, all under
7 certain terms and conditions.

8 Bill Number 250832, an
9 ordinance formerly renaming the
10 Wynnefield Branch Library located at
11 5325 Overbrook Avenue, Philadelphia,
12 PA 19131, as the Reverend Louise
13 Williams Bishop Library to honor the
14 dedication and service of former
15 Pennsylvania State representative
16 Louise Williams Bishop.

17 Bill Number 250833, an
18 ordinance amending Title 16 and
19 Title Public Property to add a new
20 chapter to explicitly require the
21 Philadelphia Land Bank to submit an
22 annual report to council that
23 details disposition of all land
24 subject to the Land Bank, under

1 certain terms and conditions.

2 Bill Number 250841, an
3 ordinance authorizing the director
4 of the Department of Aviation on
5 behalf of the city to transfer or
6 convey real estate interest to
7 resolve litigation with Tinicum
8 Township, Delaware County,
9 Pennsylvania under certain terms and
10 conditions.

11 Bill Number 250847, an
12 ordinance authorizing the
13 Commissioner of Public Property on
14 behalf of the City of Philadelphia
15 to acquire fee simple title or a
16 lesser real estate interest in and
17 to all or a portion of the
18 properties known as 1948 Cayuga
19 Street, all under certain terms and
20 conditions.

21 Bill Number 250913, an
22 ordinance renaming the Paschalville
23 Library to the Hardy Williams
24 Library of Paschalville in honor of

1 Pennsylvania State Senator Hardy
2 Williams, a distinguished politician
3 and trailblazer for the African
4 American community.

5 Bill Number 251017, an
6 ordinance authorizing the director
7 of the Department of Aviation to
8 acquire on behalf of the city fee
9 simple title or a lesser real estate
10 interest by purchase, amicable
11 negotiation, dedication, donation,
12 condemnation, agreement in lieu of
13 condemnation or otherwise in and to
14 all or portions of a certain parcel
15 of land located at -- known as 4521
16 Island Avenue, under certain terms
17 and conditions.

18 Bill Number 251023, an
19 ordinance authorizing the
20 Commissioner of Public Property on
21 behalf of the City of Philadelphia
22 to enter into an agreement with the
23 Philadelphia Authority for
24 Industrial Development or the

1 Philadelphia Municipal Authority to
2 fit out a health center facility
3 based on plans.

4 And specifications
5 acceptable to the city that will be
6 developed on the premises located on
7 Frankford Avenue in the vicinity of
8 Pratt Street and Dyre Street, and to
9 repay the landlord for the cost of
10 the fit out under certain terms and
11 conditions. Respectfully reports it
12 has considered and amended the same
13 and returns the attached bills to
14 council with a favorable
15 recommendation. There are no
16 further bills to report out from the
17 Committee on Public Property and
18 Public Works, Council President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
20 Thank you very much. The Chair
21 recognizes Councilwoman Quetcy
22 Lozada for a motion.

23 COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA:
24 Thank you, Council President. I

1 move that the Rules of Council be
2 suspended to permit first reading
3 this day of the bills just read into
4 the record by the Chief Clerk.

5 MALE VOICE: Second.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

7 It has been moved and properly
8 seconded that the Rules of Council
9 be suspended to permit the
10 consideration of these bills just
11 read by the Chief Clerk at today's
12 session of Council. All those in
13 favor will signify by saying aye.

14 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

16 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
17 The motion carries. These bills
18 will be placed on our first reading
19 calendar for today. The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Jeffrey J.
21 Young Jr. for a report from the
22 Committee on Streets and Services.

23 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Thank
24 you, Mr. President. The Committee

1 on Streets and Services reports out
2 14 favorable -- 14 bills with
3 favorable recommendation.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
5 For the record Member Young, how
6 many bills are there?

7 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: 14.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
9 Thank you very much. Will the Chief
10 Clerk please read the report.

11 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee
12 on Streets and Services to which
13 were referred the following bills:
14 Bill Number 250606, an ordinance
15 authorizing Howard Foreman owner to
16 install, own, and maintain a
17 proposed fence encroachment at 1338
18 through 44 Rising Sun Avenue,
19 Philadelphia, PA 19140 property
20 under certain terms and conditions.

21 Bill Number 250809, an
22 ordinance authorizing various
23 encroachments in the vicinity of 113
24 through 117 Washington Avenue,

1 Philadelphia, PA 19147 under certain
2 terms and conditions.

3 Bill Number 250840, an
4 ordinance authorizing a street array
5 in the right of way adjacent to 3467
6 Richmond Street, Philadelphia, PA
7 19134, under certain terms and
8 conditions.

9 Bill Number 250842, an
10 ordinance authorizing encroachments
11 in the nature of a sidewalk cafe in
12 the vicinity of 400 East Girard
13 Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125,
14 under certain terms and conditions.

15 Bill Number 250846, an
16 ordinance authorizing various
17 encroachments in the vicinity of
18 5901 Wayne Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
19 19144, under certain terms and
20 conditions.

21 Bill Number 250914, an
22 ordinance authorizing encroachments
23 in the nature of a sidewalk cafe in
24 the vicinity of 5021 through 23

1 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
2 19143, under certain terms and
3 conditions.

4 Bill Number 250920, an
5 ordinance authorizing encroachments
6 in the nature of a sidewalk cafe in
7 the vicinity of 2535 through 37
8 South 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA
9 19148, under certain terms and
10 conditions.

11 Bill Number 250843, an
12 ordinance amending Chapter 10-700 of
13 the Philadelphia Code entitled,
14 Refuse and Littering, to require
15 locking dumpsters all under certain
16 terms and conditions.

17 Bill Number 250946, an
18 ordinance authorizing encroachments
19 in the nature of a sidewalk cafe in
20 the vicinity of 4435 through 37
21 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
22 19104, under certain terms and
23 conditions.

24 Bill Number 250982, an

1 ordinance regulating the direction
2 of movement of traffic on certain
3 portions of LeCount and Bambrey
4 Streets under certain terms and
5 conditions. Bill Number 251025, an
6 ordinance regulating the direction
7 of movement of traffic on Ryan
8 Avenue between Leon Street and
9 Frankford Avenue, respectfully
10 reports it has considered the same
11 and returns the attached bills to
12 council with a favorable
13 recommendation.

14 Bill Number 250839, an
15 ordinance authorizing encroachments
16 in the nature of a sidewalk cafe in
17 the vicinity of 3467 Richmond
18 Street, Philadelphia, PA 19134,
19 under certain terms and conditions.

20 Bill Number 251022, an
21 ordinance amending section 9-208 of
22 the Philadelphia Code entitled,
23 Sidewalk Cafes to Revise Standards
24 and Requirements Associated with

1 Sidewalk Cafes all under certain
2 terms and conditions.

3 Bill Number 251028, an
4 ordinance authorizing the
5 installation, ownership, and
6 maintenance of various encroachments
7 in the vicinity of 510 North
8 Columbus -- Christopher Columbus
9 Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19123
10 under certain terms and conditions,
11 respectfully reports it has
12 considered and amended the same and
13 returns the attached bills to
14 council with a favorable
15 recommendation.

16 There are no further bills
17 to report out from the Committee on
18 Streets and Services, Council
19 President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
21 Chair recognizes Councilmember
22 Jeffrey J. Young Jr. for a motion.

23 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Thank
24 you, Mr. President. I move that the

1 Rules of Council be suspended to
2 permit first reading this day of the
3 bills just read into the record by
4 the Chief Clerk.

5 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

7 It has been moved and properly
8 seconded that the Rules of Council
9 will be suspended so as to put into
10 consideration these bills just read
11 by the Chief Clerk at today's
12 session of Council. All those in
13 favor of the motion will signify by
14 saying aye.

15 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

17 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
18 The motion carries. These bills
19 will be placed on our first reading
20 calendar for today. The Chair
21 recognizes Councilmember Mike
22 Driscoll for a report from the
23 Committee on License and
24 Inspections.

1 COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL:

2 Thank you, Mr. President. The
3 Committee on Licenses and
4 Inspections reports out two bills
5 with a favorable recommendation.
6 I'm sorry, it's only two bills,
7 Mr. President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

9 It's all well. It's a team effort.
10 Thank you very much. Will the Chief
11 Clerk please read the report.

12 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee
13 on Licenses and Inspections to which
14 were referred the following bills:
15 Bill Number 250720, an ordinance
16 amending Chapter 10-2800 of the
17 Philadelphia Code, Chapter 10-2800
18 vehicular mobile service providers,
19 to add new prohibitions on where
20 mobile medical service providers may
21 operate and providing for penalties,
22 all under certain terms and
23 conditions.

24 Bill Number 250805, an

1 ordinance amending Chapter 9-600 of
2 the Philadelphia Code entitled,
3 Services and Other Businesses, to
4 add a new exemption from certain
5 businesses -- business hour
6 restrictions for pharmacies, all
7 under certain terms and conditions,
8 respectfully reports it as
9 considered the same and returns the
10 attached bills to council with a
11 favorable recommendation.

12 There are no further bills
13 to report out from the Committee on
14 Licenses and Inspection, Council
15 President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
17 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
18 Mike Driscoll for a motion.

19 COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL:
20 Thank you, Mr. President. I move
21 that the Rules of Council be
22 suspended to permit first reading
23 this day of the bills just read into
24 the record by the Chief Clerk.

1 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

3 It has been moved and properly
4 seconded that the Rules of Council
5 be suspended, so I have to permit
6 the consideration of these bills
7 just read by the Chief Clerk at
8 today's session of Council. All
9 those in favor of the motion will
10 signify by saying aye.

11 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

13 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
14 The motion carries. These bills
15 will be placed on our first reading
16 calendar for today. I want to take
17 a moment to also acknowledge the
18 leader of Labor District Council 33,
19 who's a frequent visitor of city
20 council in the midst of his busy
21 schedule. Mr. Sam Staten Jr. The
22 Chair now recognizes Councilmember
23 Jeffrey J. Young Jr. for a motion
24 regarding special business.

1 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Thank
2 you, Mr. President. I move that the
3 Rules of Council be suspended to
4 permit consideration of special
5 business at this time.

6 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
8 It has been moved and properly
9 seconded that the Rules of Council
10 be suspended so as to permit the
11 consideration of special business at
12 this time. All those in favor of
13 the motion will signify by saying
14 aye.

15 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
17 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
18 The motion carries. The Chair
19 recognizes Councilmember Jeffrey J.
20 Young for a motion regarding Bill
21 Number 251024 introduced at our
22 stated meeting on November the 20th,
23 2025.

24 Will the Clerk please read

1 the title of the bill?

2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending section 19-926 of the
4 Philadelphia Code entitled, Center
5 City Parking Regulations, to confirm
6 regulations adopted by the
7 Department of Streets that establish
8 and revise loading zone regulations
9 in additional portions of the Center
10 City area and to reauthorize changes
11 in additions to such regulations,
12 all under certain terms and
13 conditions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
15 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
16 Young.

17 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Thank
18 you. For the record there was an
19 issue with the title. Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I move that the Bill
21 Number 251024 be withdrawn.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
23 May I have a second?

24 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 It has been moved and properly
3 seconded that Bill Number 251024 be
4 withdrawn. All those in favor of
5 the motion will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

9 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
10 The motion carries. Bill Number
11 251024 has been withdrawn. Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Jamie
13 Gauthier.

14 COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER:

15 Thank you, Council President. I
16 just wanted to take a moment to
17 acknowledge the leader of the mighty
18 6th Ward, Pete Wilson, who has
19 joined us this morning.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

21 Thank you for joining us, sir. The
22 next order of business is the
23 consideration of the calendar. I
24 note that the bills just reported

1 from committees with the suspension
2 of the rules have been deemed to
3 have had a first reading. These
4 bills will be replaced -- will be
5 placed on the second reading and
6 final passage calendar for the next
7 session of Council.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilmember, Deputy Whip of the
10 majority party, Cindy Bass, for
11 motion regarding Bill Number 250846
12 just reported out of committee.

13 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Thank
14 you, Mr. President. I move that the
15 Rules of Council be suspended so as
16 to permit an amendment to Bill
17 Number 250846.

18 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
20 It has been moved and properly
21 seconded that the Rules of Council
22 be suspended so as to permit the
23 consideration and amendment to Bill
24 Number 250846 at this time. All

1 those in favor of the motion will
2 signify by saying aye.

3 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

5 Those opposed? The ayes have it.

6 The motion carries. The Chair
7 recognizes Councilmember Cindy Bass.

8 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Thank
9 you, Mr. President. I would like to
10 offer an amendment to Bill Number
11 250846. A copy of the amendment has
12 been circulated to all members of
13 Council and I move for the adoption
14 of the amendment.

15 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

17 It has been moved and properly
18 seconded that the amendment to Bill
19 Number 250846 be adopted. All those
20 in favor will signify by saying aye.

21 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

23 Those opposed? The ayes have it.

24 And the bill has been amended. This

1 bill will be placed on the second
2 reading and final passage calendar
3 for our next session of Council.
4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Rue Landau for motion regarding Bill
6 Number 251022 just reported from
7 committee.

8 COUNCILMEMBER LANDAU:
9 Thank you, Mr. President. I move
10 that the Rules of Council be
11 suspended so as to remit an
12 amendment to Bill Number 251022.

13 FEMALE VOICE: Second.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
15 It has been moved and properly
16 seconded that the Rules of Council
17 be suspended so that we permit the
18 consideration of an amendment to
19 Bill Number 251022 at this time.
20 All those in favor of the motion
21 will signify by saying aye.

22 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
24 Those opposed? The ayes have it.

1 The motion carries. The Chair
2 recognizes Councilwoman Rue Landau.

3 COUNCILMEMBER LANDAU:

4 Thank you, Mr. President. I would
5 like to offer an amendment to Bill
6 Number 251022. A copy of the
7 amendment has been circulated to all
8 members of Council. I move for the
9 adoption of the amendment.

10 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

12 It has been moved and properly
13 seconded that the amendment to Bill
14 Number 251022 be adopted. All those
15 in favor will signify by saying aye.

16 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

18 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
19 And the bill has been amended. This
20 bill will be placed on the Second
21 Reading and final passage calendar
22 for our next session of Council.

23 As there are no additional
24 bills on the first reading calendar,

1 the Chair recognizes Majority
2 Leader, Katherine Gilmore-Richardson
3 for a motion concerning the bills
4 and resolutions on the second
5 reading and final passage calendar.

6 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-
7 RICHARDSON:

8 Thank you, Mr. President.
9 The following bills and resolutions
10 are being called up from the second
11 reading and final passage calendars
12 today: Number 250612, 250613,
13 250820, 251035, 251040, 251046,
14 251047, 251048, 251049, 251050,
15 240304-A, 250670, 250708, 250709,
16 250834, and 250887-A.

17 The following bills and
18 resolutions on the calendar are
19 being held: 241070, 250303, 241056,
20 250534, 250768, 250888-A, and
21 250950.

22 The following bills and
23 resolutions on the calendar are
24 being amended: 250970, 250646,

1 250651, 250771, and 250804. The
2 following bill is being withdrawn:
3 250721.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

5 Thank you. Before considering these
6 bills and resolutions, we will
7 consider public comment as follows:
8 your public comment must concern
9 matters on the second reading of
10 final passage calendar for possible
11 action in today's Council session,
12 all speakers must sign up in order
13 to testify.

14 If you have not already
15 signed up for today's session,
16 please do so now by giving your name
17 to Ms. Hassen at the table outside
18 the rails to my left. Once you have
19 been signed up, you'll be called in
20 the order in which your name appears
21 under the signup sheet. Under ideal
22 circumstances, public commenters
23 each will have three minutes to
24 speak. However, this time limit may

1 vary from session to session. Today
2 the time limit will be two minutes.

3 In order to be fair to all
4 those wishing to speak, I intend to
5 hold faithfully to the two-minute
6 limit. When you begin speaking, you
7 will see a green light on the
8 podium. When there are 30 seconds
9 remaining to your time, the light
10 will turn yellow, which is your
11 reminder to conclude your remarks.
12 Once two minutes have passed, the
13 light will turn red and the
14 sergeant-at-arms will disconnect the
15 microphone. So please do not give
16 them a hard time.

17 At this -- at that point,
18 please yield the podium to the next
19 speaker if you have not already done
20 so. I also reserve the right
21 pursuant to our Rules of Council to
22 limit repetitious comments on the
23 same subject matter.

24 I will now ask the Chief

1 Clerk to please read the name of our
2 first speaker?

3 CHIEF CLERK: May we have
4 Sam Staten, Khalif Wilder, Joshua
5 Harris, Kobe Mortimore, Gordon
6 Stewart Harrison, and Timothy Walker
7 please come to the podium.

8 MR. STATEN: Good morning,
9 Mr. President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
11 Good morning.

12 MR. STATEN: Good morning,
13 Council. My name is Sam Staten, Jr.
14 I'm here because I found out that
15 you're actually acknowledging a
16 young gentleman, Dwayne Frazier with
17 the Young Distinguished Gentlemen.
18 I want to thank you for that honor.
19 I met Mr. Frazier during the summer,
20 through Lady B, because he was
21 taking some kids to one of the black
22 colleges and they ran a little short
23 on funds. So she called me up and
24 made it happen for those kids to

1 actually fly in the airplane, I
2 guess for the first time.

3 Also, maybe two weeks ago,
4 I invited them to the local union
5 hall and did a tour of the Union
6 Hall and District Council in our
7 training center. When I say those
8 young gentlemen were impressive.
9 And all I'm saying to you also is
10 that we need to find a lot of guys
11 like Dwayne Frazier, that take the
12 time with young people and young
13 kids.

14 And when I say these kids
15 are so respectful, and the way they
16 dressed, they came in with suit and
17 ties, and their mannerism was just
18 outstanding. And I'm saying it
19 reminded me back in school when we
20 had NTAs and people kind of keep us
21 in check that we don't have no more.
22 So I'm going to ask Mr. Dwayne to
23 actually write a book or some
24 instructions rather to actually pass

1 out so that some people really know
2 how to deal with young kids.

3 I know it's difficult
4 today, the culture is different, but
5 I was here just to want to be a part
6 of the recognition for him because I
7 was really impressed. And anybody
8 that know me, and children, when you
9 say children, I'm one over 80
10 percent because I know that they
11 need help, they want help, and I'm
12 surprised that they are the way they
13 are with Mr. Dwayne. So I want to
14 thank him for the honor for the work
15 he's doing and also thank Council.
16 Thank you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

18 Thank you.

19 MR. HARRISON: Good
20 morning. To the Honorable Council
21 President Kenyatta Johnson, City
22 Councilmembers, Dr. Herman Douglas,
23 Principal Lewis Cassidy Elementary
24 School, and we would like to

1 recognize the Honorable Mayor,
2 Cherelle Parker and Dr. Tony B.
3 Whitland, Sr.

4 Special thanks to
5 Councilman Curtis Jones,
6 Councilmember Anthony Phillips and
7 their staffs for inviting us, the
8 Distinguished Young Gentlemen. My
9 name is Gordon Stewart Harrison. To
10 our Distinguished Gentlemen, I'm
11 Mr. Gordon. I serve as one of the
12 co-mentors with Mr. Dwayne Frazier,
13 teacher. Also, I am a School
14 District of Philadelphia registered
15 volunteer.

16 Mr. Frazier and the
17 Distinguished Gentlemen were brought
18 to my attention by my daughter,
19 Principal Tangela McClam, four years
20 ago when she was principal of Lewis
21 Cassidy Academic Plus Elementary.
22 This after school program was only a
23 couple of weeks old at the time.
24 Her description of these boys along

1 with Mr. Frazier, all dressed in
2 suits, ties, and dress shoes
3 impressed me. She knew without a
4 doubt the program would spark my
5 interest.

6 They met weekly on
7 Thursdays, so I asked if I could
8 visit and Mr. Frazier granted my
9 request. When I walked in and saw
10 the behavior of these stylish young
11 men, immediately I knew I wanted to
12 be a part of this program.
13 Initially, our gentlemen experienced
14 peer pressure because of the suit
15 wearing.

16 However, we worked hard to
17 build confidence, and in no time,
18 they grew past that. The classroom
19 studies using one of our books, 50
20 Things Every Young Gentleman Should
21 Know, which includes chapters like,
22 Listening and Talking to Adults,
23 Introducing your Friends to your
24 Parents, Handshaking, Table Setting.

1 And one of my favorites, When to
2 Keep your Mouth Shut. Oh, yeah.
3 Our mission is to cultivate
4 confidence, character etiquette, and
5 leadership skills.

6 They have been and had
7 opportunities to visit various of
8 educational facilities, observe
9 behind the scenes operations of
10 various professions, and believe
11 they do themselves have the
12 opportunity to possess the same
13 thing.

14 I want to thank God my
15 savior for allowing me to be a part
16 of this organization. Thank
17 Mr. Frazier for his diligence and
18 his generosity, his good heart. And
19 also thank my wife Sheila who's
20 here, that encourages and prays for
21 me.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
23 Smart man. Welcome, Sheila.

24 MR. WILDER: Hello, ladies

1 and gentlemen. My name is Khalif
2 Wilder. I'm 13 years old and I'm in
3 the 7th Grade. Today I'll be
4 talking about why I joined the
5 Gentlemen's Club and some things
6 that I've learned from the
7 Gentlemen's Club.

8 Firstly, I joined the
9 Gentlemen's Club because I wanted to
10 carry myself in a professional way
11 so people will see me as a
12 professional person.

13 Secondly, some things that
14 I've learned from the Distinguished
15 Gentlemen's Club is proper table
16 etiquette, how to great someone, and
17 how to look someone in the eye when
18 you're talking to them.

19 Also, I've learned proper
20 manners, like obviously how to --
21 how it's rude to ignore someone when
22 you're talking to them and how you
23 should always look someone in the
24 eye.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
3 Kendra Brooks.

4 COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS: Oh,
5 thank you, Council President. I
6 would like to be excused for a
7 Council business and recorded as aye
8 on all bills, resolutions, and
9 amendments today.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
11 Excuse is granted.

12 COUNCILMEMBER BROOKS:
13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
15 Votes recorded. Go ahead young man.
16 Say your name for the record and
17 begin your speech.

18 MR. COBLEY: Hello, my name
19 is -- hello, my name is Simon
20 Cobley. I am in the 5th Grade and I
21 am 11. The things I'm going to be
22 talking about is the reason why I
23 joined the Distinguished Young
24 Gentlemen's Club and the things I

1 have learned. The reason I joined
2 is because before I -- before I even
3 joined the club, I was just overall
4 disrespectful to my elders and my
5 teachers. Some things I have
6 learned is that table manners,
7 proper etiquette, and how to respect
8 -- how to respect elders. Overall,
9 I just -- I learned how to be a
10 gentleman because of Mr. Frazier,
11 and without him I don't know how I
12 would see myself.

13 MR. MORTIMORE: Hello. My
14 name is Colby Mortimore. And the --
15 and I'm going to tell you-all the
16 reason why I joined the
17 Distinguished Young Gentlemen and
18 what I learned from it. The reason
19 why I joined the Distinguished Young
20 Gentlemen's Club is to learn proper
21 etiquette and to become a great man
22 in life. And some things I learned
23 was I learned about brotherhood and
24 I learned -- and I learned table

1 manners. I learned how to tie a
2 neck tie, and I learned to respect
3 people how I want to be treated.

4 MR. WALKER: Good morning,
5 everyone. Good morning, everyone.
6 City Council President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
8 Can we give our youth another round
9 of applause first. We know it is
10 not -- it is not easy speaking in
11 front of a room full of people, and
12 most importantly, a room full of
13 people most of them they do not
14 know. And so applaud and encourage
15 them to continue down this path. Go
16 ahead, sir. The floor is yours.

17 MR. WALKER: Okay. Thank
18 you. Good morning, everyone, City
19 Council President and Council
20 people. My name is Tim Walker. I'm
21 a former educator. I'm part of the
22 Distinguished Young Gentlemen Club.
23 I want to speak briefly on Dwayne
24 Frazier. Dwayne Keep It Plain

1 Frazier.

2 Couple years ago when I
3 retired, he had wanted to talk to
4 me. He referred to me as Uncle Tim.
5 I don't know why he does it. I'm
6 just four years older than him, but
7 he got on the phone, look, I need to
8 talk to you about this program,
9 Distinguished Young Gentlemen. Came
10 over to the house, told me what the
11 program was about.

12 Basically young black men
13 dressing up, but also learning
14 proper etiquette. And I said, man,
15 if that's what you want to do, I'm a
16 100 percent behind you. At first it
17 was a little rocky, the previous
18 schools he was at he didn't really
19 get favor, but then all of a sudden
20 God gave him favor. Thank God for
21 that.

22 But before I talk about
23 that, I want to talk about him, the
24 man. He's a servant leader, he

1 served in the military. He's a
2 devoted husband. Beautiful family.
3 Okay. Which I like about, he's a
4 former, I think basketball coach,
5 correct? Yeah. Which -- so he's a
6 servant person and he's associate
7 pastor at our church, Christian
8 Stronghold Baptist Church. I just
9 personally want to thank him for his
10 leadership, and allow me to be a
11 part of this because without -- you
12 know, he's doing -- he's doing a
13 fantastic job.

14 But there are other folks I
15 want to talk about, okay. Or other
16 unsung heroes that got this program
17 started because you have to
18 remember, without them, it couldn't
19 happen. And the other unsung heroes
20 I want to talk about is, let me see.
21 Special thanks to Tangela McClam,
22 former principal of Lewis Cassidy
23 Elementary School, which allowed him
24 to do this. Also, Dr. Herman

1 Douglas. Okay. Who's currently the
2 principal. Okay.

3 And then of course, Gordon
4 Harrison Stewart, who works
5 alongside him to make this program,
6 what it is today.

7 And then also, which
8 sparked a blessing for Mr. Frazier
9 was Dr. Solomon Clark, his former
10 camp counselor who he kind of -- was
11 his mentor and he -- Mr. Frazier
12 told him about it. And he was so
13 impressed that he informed Lady B of
14 107.9.

15 I'd like to thank her for
16 allowing us to come to her station
17 to expose people to the program, the
18 great things at Cassidy Elementary.
19 Other unsung heroes are -- that I'd
20 like to mention is Mr. Joseph Brown,
21 Gary Bryant, Cory Blakely. Okay.
22 And Mr. Brown, 2nd Grade teacher at
23 Cassidy Elementary. These are the
24 individuals, okay, that make the

1 program, other than myself, great.

2 And I really like that. So remember
3 we're a village.

4 Last but not least, I'd
5 like to thank the parents because
6 without the parents, this program
7 couldn't happen. There's other
8 activities that go in the Cassidy
9 Elementary School, but they chose
10 this type of program because they
11 want their child to be the best they
12 can be.

13 Last but not least,
14 remember there's a African proverb
15 that says, "It takes a village to
16 raise a child." And all of us who
17 play a role in these young men
18 dedicated to making sure their lives
19 will be a success." Thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

21 Thank you.

22 MR. FRAZIER: Good morning.

23 My name is Dwayne Frazier. I grew
24 up at 11th and Diamond Norris

1 Projects, and I had a lot of people
2 who poured into my life. First and
3 foremost, my mother and my father.
4 I'd like to thank some people real
5 quick. My wife Lori, who has been
6 my "Right hand man." She supports me
7 and she helps me out with this. I'd
8 like to thank my former -- yes, my
9 wife, let's give her a hand. Thank
10 you.

11 Yes. I'd like to thank my
12 former principal Tangela McClam, who
13 allowed me to do this program,
14 because when I was teaching at other
15 schools, principals -- one principal
16 in particular told me, "You can't do
17 anything in my school." So that kind
18 of shocked me, but she gave me the
19 green light. My current principal,
20 Dr. Herman Douglas allowed me to do
21 this.

22 And I just want to thank
23 God for sending Mr. Gordon Harrison,
24 Timothy Walker, Gary Bryan, Joe

1 Brown, and Mr. Sam Staten Jr, Miss
2 Lady, B. AKA Wendy Clark, Club
3 Vineyards. I also want to read out
4 these people who have helped me, the
5 people that I named. I had a chance
6 to take the boys to Morehouse
7 College from October 13th -- October
8 9th to October 13th. And Mr. Sam
9 Staten Jr. and his local donated
10 several funds for us to get there.
11 So I also want to thank him for that
12 personally. Yes.

13 Real quick. Real quick. I
14 like to thank -- I'd like to thank
15 Dr. Sulayman Clark, who was my camp
16 counselor in 1975. I was 10 years
17 old, okay. And they took us around
18 Temple and they taught us a lot.
19 And then I started this particular
20 program. And we have -- we have
21 what we call the five Rs. It's
22 respect, we strive to respect
23 ourselves and others.

24 Responsibility, we hold

1 ourselves accountable for our own
2 thoughts, words, and deeds.

3 Reading, we're well read
4 and reflect on the meaning and
5 relevance of uplifting literature.

6 Resilience, we are strong,
7 confident, and determined to
8 overcome any setbacks,
9 disappointment, or obstacles to come
10 our way. And the last five point is
11 refinement.

12 We are young gentlemen of
13 refinement as reflected in our
14 parents, our comportment, and our
15 daily etiquette and the way we
16 extend the courtesies that we extend
17 to teach others. My goal is when I
18 retire in June to make this a full
19 time after-school program from
20 Monday through Friday from 3:30 to
21 5:00.

22 So please pray that I get
23 the funding that I need to put this
24 program in other schools in all

1 parts of the city. Thank you, City
2 Council. Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
4 Chair recognizes Councilmember
5 Jones.

6 COUNCILMEMBER JONES:
7 Colleagues, we go to a lot of places
8 where our young men are. Some of
9 them in dark institutions that we
10 have to go in and try to rescue
11 them. But I -- what I saw today --
12 what I saw today helped me to lower
13 my blood pressure and be more
14 optimistic about our future.

15 And let me say that yes
16 they have on suits, but the suits
17 don't wear them. They are wearing
18 the suits in the sense that they --
19 it's not like new clothing, when you
20 put it on you can't stop looking at
21 it. Because they felt comfortable
22 and in control of their environment.
23 That is priceless.

24 So I want to thank all of

1 those individuals associated with
2 the program. May we be blessed to
3 put it in every Councilmanic
4 District in the city of
5 Philadelphia. And may your dreams
6 come true, and that in your
7 retirement you are reborn like the
8 Phoenix to carry out that mission.
9 Thank you all. Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

11 Thank you, Member Jones.

12 CHIEF CLERK: May we have
13 Kate Perez, Jeremy Blatstein, Sydney
14 Polinchock, Melanie Harris and John
15 Bynum come to the podium. Kate
16 Perez, Jeremy Blatstein, Sydney
17 Polinchock, Melanie Harris, and John
18 Bynum.

19 MS. PEREZ: Kate Perez. On
20 the creation of Philadelphia
21 Retirement Savings Board. Last
22 night the Israeli occupation bombed
23 Al-Mawasi wiping out entire families
24 in their tents and injuring hundreds

1 more. There are no fully
2 functioning hospitals left as the
3 occupation targeted every single
4 hospital in Palestine and the death
5 toll is rising every minute with no
6 access to medical care.

7 The savings board will be
8 establishing their own investment
9 policies. And I'm here to encourage
10 us to ensure that our investments
11 reflect our conscious. Let's be
12 preventative now and ensure that no
13 bonds can be invested into weapons
14 corporations like Elbit Systems or
15 Dan Zimmerman, companies that
16 facilitate and enable violations of
17 international law and human rights.
18 Just like our pension board divested
19 funds from Russia, we must also have
20 a moral core and prevent investments
21 to any state that would imprison
22 children in military courts or have
23 factories in illegal settlements or
24 operate under an apartheid system.

1 Our co-op celebration --
2 wait. Our co-op celebration here
3 reminds us there's value in
4 reinvesting into your own community.
5 We already know that Google and
6 Amazon's Project Nimbus tell the IOF
7 exactly who they're murdering and
8 their exact locations. Drones
9 striking a father and his two
10 children in a tent was not random.

11 For these reasons, we can't
12 invest in companies that build tech
13 for apartheid like HP or Amazon.
14 Yesterday occupation forces paved
15 roads through destroyed homes in the
16 North Shams refugee camp using
17 Caterpillar machinery in an effort
18 to alter the camp's geographical
19 features, separate families, destroy
20 morale and escalate their land grab.
21 For these reasons, we can't invest
22 into companies like Caterpillar that
23 aid and abet crimes against
24 humanity.

1 We're heartbroken but not
2 surprised that they would continue
3 their ethnic cleansing campaign
4 because we understand that the goal
5 is colonization. Philadelphians are
6 coming back from the West Bank this
7 week, and at the same time we're
8 hearing news that the occupation
9 army has imposed a full siege on the
10 city of Qalqiliya and Kfar Saba
11 neighborhood since last night, amid
12 raids, abuse of residents and mass
13 arrests showing us videos of people
14 being beaten on the streets by armed
15 soldiers that are still allowed to
16 cross train with the PPD.

17 Investments shouldn't be
18 made in companies that knowingly and
19 directly facilitate and enable state
20 violence, war, and occupation. We
21 have groups in Philly, like American
22 Friends Service Committee who have
23 specialists creating ethnic
24 investment policy -- ethical

1 investment policy guidelines. I
2 encourage you to employ -- appoint
3 investors and advisors with this
4 kind of experience.

5 Occupation and apartheid
6 can only survive as long as they
7 have the money. We have to make
8 sure that our money doesn't help
9 this occupation last for even a
10 second longer. And more
11 importantly, we have to stop weapons
12 from leaving our ports knowing that
13 they're going to be used against
14 unarmed civilians. Free Palestine.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
16 Thank You.

17 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: You have
18 two minutes. State your name for
19 the record, please.

20 MR. BLATSTEIN: Hello, my
21 name's Jeremy Blatstein. First, I'd
22 like to acknowledge and congratulate
23 my uncle, world renowned urologist,
24 Lee Blatstein for his retirement

1 after 35 years of caring for the
2 people of the Philadelphia region.

3 I am here today to speak
4 against Bill Number 251050,
5 authorizing Councilmember Cindy
6 Bass's appeal on behalf of this body
7 of the decision of the Department of
8 License and Inspections with respect
9 to 6930 Ardleigh Street.

10 What is this? Is this
11 another ZBA ruling that city council
12 is going to waste taxpayer dollars
13 to try and stop after it's been
14 approved? Nope. This is a buy
15 right project that would bring 13
16 homes to the neighborhood that is
17 located 0.2 miles from a SEPTA stop.
18 We can all agree that enforcement of
19 the rules is very important.

20 In this case, the developer
21 was following the rules that were in
22 place. He spent real dollars to
23 develop plans and get permits only
24 for this body now to try to use

1 taxpayer dollars to try and stop it
2 because they believed the lie in
3 question was improperly zoned.

4 Even if this was true, I do
5 not believe that it is appropriate
6 to use taxpayer dollars to sue to
7 stop 13 homes from being built that
8 was allowed by right when the
9 property was purchased by the
10 developer. Putting ending resign to
11 run on the ballot is not a bad
12 thing. It lets the voters decide.
13 City Councilmember Gilmore-
14 Richardson has voiced support in the
15 past for something else. Term
16 limits. Term limits should be put
17 on the ballot as well.

18 And last but not least,
19 we're talking about SEPTA. Governor
20 Shapiro provided \$220 million in
21 capital funding to address urgent
22 safety and infrastructure issues.
23 This is great, but still does not
24 address the long-term SEPTA funding

1 issue that needs to be on the
2 forefront of everyone's mind. Ride
3 the Ride. Fund SEPTA. Thank you.

4 CHIEF CLERK: We have
5 Sydney Polinchock, Melanie Harris.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
7 Chair Recognizes Councilmember Cindy
8 Bass.

9 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Thank
10 you, Mr. President. I just wanted
11 to respond to the previous
12 commentor. And I just wanted to
13 make clear that there's a difference
14 between following rules and
15 exploiting loopholes. And that the
16 speaker should certainly have an
17 understanding of the differences and
18 understand the distinction between
19 the two.

20 We had a conversation
21 earlier, but there is a very strong
22 difference between understanding
23 what the rules are and taking
24 advantage of those rules through a

1 loophole. Thank you, Mr. President.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

3 Thank you very much.

4 CHIEF CLERK: All right.

5 We have Sydney Polinchock, Melanie
6 Harris, John Bynum. May Paul Brown,
7 Jeff Jones, David Alexander Jenkins,
8 and Ogbonna Hagins make their way to
9 the podium.

10 MS. PALANCHUK: Good
11 morning, Council. My name is Sydney
12 Polinchock, and I'm an educator and
13 an activist here in the city. I'm
14 also a member of the Save the Cecil
15 B. Moore Library Coalition, which is
16 advocating for the library's right
17 to remain in its current location
18 and be renovated using rebuild
19 money. I'm in favor of Bill 250887
20 to install and maintain
21 encroachments, particularly along
22 the Ridge Avenue corridor in the 5th
23 District.

24 The area does need support

1 to be maintained to the level that
2 the community deserves. It has many
3 historic buildings in the area,
4 including the Cecil B. Moore
5 Library. The library is a well-
6 loved institution and it too
7 deserves to be maintained and
8 preserved in its current location as
9 a staple on Ridge Avenue in the
10 community.

11 As someone who grew up
12 going to my local library, worked at
13 a library for three years and is now
14 researching the collapse and
15 destruction of third places across
16 the country, I feel strongly about
17 the protection of this space.

18 We've raised the funds and
19 we are ready to act on the plans
20 that have been made through rebuild
21 for this library. It was supposed
22 to be put into action over a year
23 ago, 429 days to be exact, but there
24 has still been no movement to sign

1 the one piece of paper that we need
2 to begin renovations of a historic
3 and incredibly important building.

4 The longer we wait, the
5 harder it will be to renovate the
6 library to the standards that we
7 hold for ourselves. With the
8 current inflation rate, we will not
9 have the buying power that we had a
10 year ago or two years ago when we
11 first started campaigning to get
12 this done.

13 The answer is not to move
14 the library or create something new,
15 putting us into a longer holding
16 period while we wait for more
17 funding to appear. The answer is to
18 preserve the roots of this community
19 through this historic building and
20 leave the library where it is for a
21 new generation of children to
22 flourish. There is room for both
23 historic preservation and
24 modernization with the current

1 building as the rebuild plan

2 describes.

3 No matter how you look at
4 it from a community perspective and
5 environmental perspective or an
6 economic perspective in terms of the
7 cost, building a new library is not
8 what we need. I hope that with Bill
9 250887's push to improve the area
10 along Ridge Avenue, the community's
11 desire to improve and renovate the
12 Cecil B. Moore library will also be
13 honored with an immediate signing of
14 the notice to proceed. Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

16 Thank you.

17 MS. HARRIS: Good morning,
18 honorable City COUNCILMEMBERS. My
19 name is Melanie Harris and I'm the
20 Chief Information Officer for the
21 School District of Philadelphia.
22 I'm honored to be here before you,
23 representing the work that the
24 school district of Philadelphia and

1 our partners have done to increase
2 digital literacy and computer
3 science opportunities for the
4 students of Philadelphia. I would
5 like to thank the Honorable
6 Councilmember Rue Landau for
7 introducing a resolution to
8 recognize December 8th through 14th
9 2025 as Computer Science Education
10 Week in the city of Philadelphia.

11 I would be remiss if I did
12 not recognize Councilmember Landau's
13 work as The Chair, and Councilmember
14 Squilla's role as the vice chair on
15 the Council's Technology and
16 Information Services Committee,
17 helping everyone recognize the
18 importance of empowering our
19 students with the necessary skills
20 to compete in this digital age.

21 As superintendent of the
22 School District of Philadelphia,
23 Dr. Watlington will kick off
24 Computer Science week at John H.

1 Taggart Elementary School on Monday,
2 December 8th, to observe and
3 celebrate our students as they share
4 their digital literacy skills by
5 programming robots and engaging in
6 block coding and working as a team
7 to solve the pattern and sequencing
8 problems presented to them.

9 Digital literacy is not
10 just about teaching our students the
11 fundamentals of computer science and
12 coding. It is to be a good -- to be
13 a good citizen of the city of
14 Philadelphia, you must also
15 understand what it means to practice
16 good digital citizenship and
17 internet safety. We teach our
18 students to be critical thinkers,
19 collaborators, problem solvers, and
20 truth seekers. This is more
21 important than ever in the world of
22 social media and artificial
23 intelligence.

24 Thank you for your

1 recognition on the importance of
2 computer science education and its
3 role in preparing our children of
4 Philadelphia for the future. And I
5 would also just like to say seeing
6 the young men of Cassidy School here
7 is why we do our work and I'll be
8 reaching out to the school and
9 looking forward to them possibly
10 joining our nationally recognized
11 student apprenticeship program in
12 technology. So thank you so much.

13 MR. BYNUM: Good morning,
14 Council. My name is John Bynum. I
15 am the assistant district leader for
16 32BJ SEIU. 32BJ is the largest
17 property service union workers in
18 the country. We represent 185,000
19 members along the east coast,
20 including around 3,000 security
21 offices in Philadelphia. They play
22 a critical role in safeguarding
23 Philadelphia's hospitals,
24 universities, and commercial office

1 building and more.

2 Our office want improve
3 high quality training necessary to
4 better protect both public safety
5 and their own wellbeing while on the
6 job. 32BJ strongly supports this
7 bill, which would provide training
8 resources to Philadelphia security
9 officers. The bill would require
10 any training program developed to
11 reflect real world skills that
12 security officers need to perform
13 their duties, not just site-specific
14 customer service. Skills like life-
15 saving first aid techniques, such as
16 CPR defibrillator use and conflict
17 de-escalation and threat
18 identification.

19 A majority of U.S. states
20 now mandate training for unarmed
21 security officers. Pennsylvania is
22 one of the few that has failed to
23 establish such a standard. Without
24 that standards, officers report that

1 the training they are provided is
2 inconsistent or absent. For
3 example, more than one in three
4 security officers say they have
5 either never received training from
6 their employers on how to deescalate
7 a hostile confrontation safely or
8 have not received a refresher within
9 the last year.

10 Even more concerning, less
11 than half of security officers
12 report that they have been taught
13 how to administer -- haven't been
14 taught -- have taught how to
15 administer CPR training. By passing
16 this legislation requiring
17 comprehensive interactive training
18 and annual refreshers, Philadelphia
19 can empower security officers to
20 protect themselves and the public
21 better. The low standards in this
22 industry fuel high turnover rates
23 which undermine public safety.

24 This means fewer

1 experienced workers on site to
2 handle emergencies and identify
3 risks, putting public -- putting the
4 public at risk. Private security is
5 growing as a growing field that
6 employ many people from our
7 Philadelphia communities. Security
8 is one of the largest occupations in
9 the city, which over 14,000 people
10 in Philadelphia are employed in this
11 sector. As demand for security
12 raises, we must ensure our officers
13 compensate -- be compensated
14 properly, trained, and willing to
15 stay on the job.

16 So on behalf of the union,
17 we want to thank council person
18 Isaiah Thomas for seeing the
19 importance of this moment and
20 introducing this bill. Thank you.

21 MR. BROWN: Hello. My name
22 is Paul Brown. First off, thank
23 you, Councilmembers. Thank you for
24 giving the same respect you showed

1 the gentleman by giving me your full
2 attention by not being on your
3 phones and being present at this
4 moment. So thank you. By not
5 looking at your phones.

6 Anyways, good morning. My
7 name is Paul Brown. I'm a community
8 member of the 5th District. I'm
9 also a concerned community member of
10 the Cecil B. Moore Library campaign
11 that's trying to get our library
12 renovated.

13 I'm here to speak to Bill
14 Number 250887-A. I'm glad there --
15 that at the intersection of 23rd and
16 Ridge, there's consideration for
17 improvements. However, I want to
18 draw special attention to ensuring
19 improvements to space along this
20 corridor. In my day to day, I work
21 as a school psychologist for the
22 School District of Philadelphia, so
23 I recognize the importance of third
24 spaces on mental health and overall

1 social wellbeing.

2 While I support these
3 improvements, the sustainability of
4 these improvements is dependent on
5 the spaces surrounding the area.

6 Between Councilmember Jeffrey
7 Young's plan to move the library,
8 Bill 251030 to upend historic
9 preservation and the school
10 district's facilities planning
11 process, I'm calling on all City
12 Councilmembers to make an effort to
13 preserve our places as we preserve
14 these corridors, these streets.

15 Adults in Philadelphia get
16 mad at the youth for occupying
17 certain spaces, being disrespectful,
18 not knowing their history, but then
19 they never want to do the self-
20 reflection that the adults in charge
21 are responsible for the conditions
22 that they're living in.

23 It may be just a movement
24 down the block, but that has a long-

1 term impact on the education of not
2 just the children, but the adults in
3 the area. We already saw that with
4 the school closures in 2013.

5 Libraries are just second schools.

6 So thank you so much for
7 this needed improvements. But I'm
8 also urging City Council to appeal
9 to Councilmember Jeffrey Young to
10 sign the notice to proceed to
11 renovate the Cecil B. Moore Library
12 with the already raised \$10 million.
13 We need to invest in this area
14 holistically and not in half
15 measures. Signing this document is
16 the first step to getting the
17 library renovated. We want the
18 rebuild funds a transparent
19 renovation process and engagement
20 with the Councilmember throughout.
21 Because right now we are looking at
22 systematic disinvestment in the
23 Brewerytown Sharswood neighborhood.
24 Thank you.

1 MR. JONES: Hello. My
2 name's Jeff Jones. And thank you
3 for having me given the opportunity
4 to speak this morning, Council
5 President, Councilmembers.

6 And I want to speak on
7 behalf of 251030, the historic
8 preservation task force. And I do
9 respect and appreciate the work that
10 Councilman Squilla put into this
11 task force work that he did
12 regarding the bill. But I do
13 understand that there's a little bit
14 more language that needs to be
15 robustly put into this bill so that
16 it can protect historical properties
17 in the -- particularly the district
18 that I'm in, Germantown, Chestnut
19 Hill, but then all throughout the
20 city.

21 We know that the city of
22 Philadelphia is a historic city in
23 and of itself, but we don't want to
24 jeopardize our future and take away

1 our past. So we want to make sure
2 that this bill has a proper language
3 in it to make sure that we can
4 preserve the historical landmarks
5 and historical buildings and
6 properties that are nature and
7 essence to what Philadelphia is and
8 all about.

9 So I just believe that this
10 bill 251030 should be tabled so
11 further discussion can be had and
12 robust information can be put into
13 it so it can sustain a true
14 historical context of the properties
15 and the landmarks that are in the
16 city of Philadelphia. Because we
17 want to make sure that we can
18 sustain this without losing any
19 impact as a tourist environment that
20 we have and economic input that
21 these historical properties can lend
22 to our city as a whole.

23 So again, with respect to
24 what Councilmember Squilla has put

1 together, I do believe that he's
2 heading in the right direction with
3 this and I always respect his work,
4 but I just definitely believe that
5 there should be more consideration
6 towards how this bill could have the
7 proper language in it that doesn't
8 jeopardize losing any property
9 within unknown consequences that
10 could lead for some of the language
11 that's already currently in this
12 bill.

13 So I just wanted to add
14 that for the record and I know
15 there's going to be a planning
16 meeting tomorrow, which I will be
17 able to attend and explain in
18 further detail my concerns. But
19 thank you all for your time.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

21 Thank you.

22 MR. JENKINS:

23 Mr. President, Members and guest,
24 Dave Alexander Jenkins, and I rise

1 to address 241070 and 241056.
2 Beyond a procedural amendment, the
3 proposal before you to eliminate the
4 longstanding resign to run
5 requirement in the Philadelphia Home
6 Rule Charter asked us to reconsider
7 one of the city's most deliberate
8 guardrails against the misuse of
9 public office for electoral
10 advantage.

11 My remarks are offered in
12 good faith and with respect for
13 Councilmember Thomas's introduction
14 of the measure and with equal
15 respect for the institutional memory
16 of this body. Philadelphia,
17 however, did not adopt the resigned
18 to run rule haphazardly in haste or
19 without measure. It emerged in a
20 time when political machines,
21 mechanisms, patronage, networks, and
22 the immense power of incumbency
23 threatened the integrity of the
24 competitive election. The rule was

1 designed to address three specific
2 fears, the abuse of public resources
3 for campaigns, the unfairness of
4 incumbency, advantage and divided
5 loyalty.

6 The founders of the modern
7 charter understood how easily office
8 holders could leverage city staff
9 visibility, constituent services and
10 departmental relationships as a
11 defacto campaign infrastructure.
12 Our Home Rule Charter ensured that
13 those seeking higher office did so
14 on equal footing with private
15 citizens. Now, I know, I know, you
16 can do it at the state level and you
17 can do it at the federal level.
18 Okay. But to wit, I rebut.

19 We see the nepotistic
20 corruption rampant in politics of
21 the day. There was a concern
22 legitimate then now that the public
23 office campaigning for another job
24 may no longer be fully present for

1 the work taxpayers fund. Abuse of
2 authority, distortion of democratic
3 competition, and erosion of public
4 confidence is something we in
5 America today fear far too much.
6 And we see similarly in the federal
7 and state levels at what we might
8 now see come home very soon.

9 With respect and great joy,
10 Councilman Curtis Jones' seat is due
11 to the vacancy created by Michael
12 Nutter who resigned from city
13 council in 2006 to run for Mayor.
14 Four seats became available in the
15 -- in the last moral campaign,
16 making way for remarkable
17 contributions to the city of
18 Philadelphia, that many of you who
19 sit in these chairs add to the
20 voices of this very important
21 council.

22 My friends, good governance
23 is not only about legacy and
24 legitimacy and law, it's about

1 public trust. It's about making
2 sure that public attention and
3 public money is not used to advance
4 personal ambition. If the original
5 fears justified by the rule, today's
6 political dynamics makes those fears
7 sharper, not obsolete. I'm ever
8 proud that we have the guardrails
9 that stop some of the foolishness we
10 see in other bodies of governance
11 today.

12 So I respectfully requested
13 the council preserve this charter
14 protection or at minimum submit it
15 to the public with a full and
16 transparent accounting of why this
17 rule existed, who it interest
18 historically and protects and whose
19 interest it removes now and
20 advances. I yield back.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
22 Thank you.

23 MR. HAGINS: Good morning.
24 My name is Ogbonna Hagins, 4th

1 generation chattel slavery survivor,
2 and the president of the
3 Philadelphia Reparations Coalition
4 for American Freedmen.
5 Philadelphia's Procurement and
6 Public Safety Programs are
7 constitutionally suspect because
8 they perpetuate the badges and
9 incidents of slavery by collapsing
10 -- by collapsing generalized terms
11 that don't apply to the descendants
12 of slavery.

13 The city's own roadmap to
14 safer communities amid structural
15 racism against descendants of the
16 emancipated. The independent study
17 that the Brookings Institute, which
18 analyzed that the values of American
19 Freedman homes have been devalued
20 \$48,000 per home. Here in
21 Philadelphia's acknowledgement of
22 structural racism combined with the
23 deliberate choice to substitute
24 diversity, equity, and inclusion

1 proxies for constitutional
2 beneficiaries, satisfies the intent
3 required.

4 Moreover, in City of
5 Richmond v. J.A. Croson Company,
6 decided in 1989, the court held that
7 remedial programs must be narrowly
8 tailored to proven discrimination.
9 Collapsing Freedmen into minority-
10 owned is both over inclusive and
11 under inclusive.

12 Failing strict scrutiny
13 under Adarand Constructors,
14 Incorporated v. Pena decided in
15 1995. As Jones v. Alfred H. Mayer
16 Company, decided in 1968, affirmed
17 Congress has the authority to
18 eradicate practices that perpetuate
19 slavery's legacy. This applies to
20 the city council of Philadelphia as
21 well.

22 Bill 250607 introduced by
23 Councilmember Jim Harrity seeks to
24 tighten prequalification standards

1 for contractors on city funded
2 public works projects ensuring that
3 contractors meet verified workforce
4 training requirements. When applied
5 correctly, it can serve as a tool to
6 directly address the systematic
7 exclusion I have outlined.

8 By explicitly incorporated
9 Freedmen -- incorporating Freedmen
10 as the constitutional beneficiaries
11 in prequalification programs, we can
12 ensure that the city's procurement
13 dollars support the very descendants
14 the 13th Amendment intended to
15 protect.

16 Finally, resolution 250781
17 is therefore warranted to establish
18 the Freedmen-led Advisory Committee,
19 ensuring that Philadelphia's
20 remedies constitutional violations
21 by directly recognizing the
22 descendant class of the rightful
23 beneficiaries of reconstruction's
24 promises. Over and out.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 Thank you.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Council
4 president, there are no further
5 names for public comment.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
7 That concludes public comment for
8 today. We will now consider the
9 bills and resolutions on the second
10 reading of final passage calendars.
11 Would the clerk please read the
12 title of Resolution Number 250612?

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 appointing Nicole Conrad to the
15 board of directors of the City
16 Avenue Special Services District of
17 Philadelphia and Lower Marion.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
19 The Chair recognizes Majority Leader
20 Councilmember, Majority Leader
21 Katherine Gilmore-Richardson for a
22 motion regarding Resolution Number
23 250612.

24 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE -

1 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
2 Mr. President. On behalf of
3 Councilmember Jones, I move for the
4 adoption of the resolution.

5 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
7 It has been moved and properly
8 seconded. The Resolution Number
9 250612 will be adopted. All those
10 in favor of the motion will signify
11 by saying aye.

12 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
14 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
15 The motion carries. The resolution
16 is adopted. Would the clerk please
17 read the title of Resolution Number
18 250613.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
20 reappointing Nathan Muchnick to the
21 board of directors of the City
22 Avenue Special Services District of
23 Philadelphia and Lower Marion.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

1 Chair recognizes Councilmember
2 Curtis -- Chair recognizes
3 Councilmember, Majority Leader
4 Katherine Gilmore-Richardson for a
5 motion regarding Resolution Number
6 250613.

7 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-
8 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. On behalf of
10 Councilmember Jones, I move for the
11 adoption of the resolution.

12 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
14 It has been moved and properly
15 seconded that the Resolution Number
16 250613 be adopted. All those in
17 favor of the motion will signify by
18 saying aye.

19 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
21 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
22 The motion carries. The resolution
23 is adopted. Would the clerk please
24 read the title of Resolution Number

1 250820?

2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 appointing Mark Graefe to the board
4 of directors for the Old City
5 Special Services District.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
7 Chair recognizes Councilmember Mark
8 Squilla for a motion regarding
9 Resolution Number 250820. Chair
10 acknowledges Councilmember Majority
11 Leader Gilmore-Richardson to make a
12 motion on behalf of Councilmember
13 Mark Squilla.

14 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-
15 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. On behalf of
17 Councilmember Squilla, I move for
18 the adoption of the resolution.

19 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
21 It has been moved and properly
22 seconded that the Resolution Number
23 250820 to be adopted. All those in
24 favor of the motion will signify by

1 saying aye.

2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

4 Those opposed? The ayes have it.

5 The motion carries. The resolution

6 is adopted. Will the clerk please

7 read the title of Resolution Number

8 250970?

9 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

10 proposing an amendment to the

11 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter

12 providing for the creation of the

13 Philadelphia Retirement Savings

14 Board and providing for the

15 submission of the proposed amendment

16 to the electors of Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

18 Chair recognizes Councilmember Mike

19 Driscoll for a motion.

20 COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL:

21 Thank you, Mr. President. On your

22 behalf, I would like to offer an

23 amendment to Resolution Number

24 250970. Copy of the amendment has

1 been circulated to all members of
2 council. I move for the adoption of
3 the amendment.

4 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

6 It has been moved and properly
7 seconded that the amendment to
8 Resolution Number 250970 be adopted.
9 All those in favor will signify by
10 saying aye.

11 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

13 Those opposed? The ayes have it,
14 and the resolution has been amended.
15 This resolution will be placed on
16 the final passage calendar at our
17 next session of council. Would the
18 clerk please read the title of
19 Resolution Number 251035?

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 recognizing and determining that
22 Bill Number 250804 remains under
23 active consideration by this
24 council.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
3 Jamie Gauthier for a motion
4 regarding Resolution Number 251035.

5 COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER:

6 Thank you, Council President. I
7 move for the adoption of the
8 resolution.

9 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

11 It has been moved and properly
12 seconded that the Resolution Number
13 251035 be adopted. All those in
14 favor of the motion will signify by
15 saying aye.

16 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

18 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
19 The motion carries. The resolution
20 is adopted. Will the clerk please
21 read the title of Resolution Number
22 251040?

23 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution
24 authorizing the Philadelphia Land

1 Bank to dispose of 2230 North 3rd
2 Street located in the 7th
3 Councilmanic District in accordance
4 with the terms of chapter 16-700 of
5 the Philadelphia Code.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
7 Chair recognizes Councilmember
8 Quetcy Lozada for a motion regarding
9 Resolution Number 251040.

10 COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA:
11 Thank you, Council President. I
12 move for the adoption of the
13 resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
15 It has been moved and properly
16 seconded. The Resolution Number
17 251040 be adopted. All those in
18 favor the motion will signify by
19 saying aye.

20 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
22 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
23 The motion carries. The resolution
24 is adopted. Will the clerk please

1 read the title of Resolution Number
2 251046?

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
4 reappointing Adam Shapiro to the
5 board of directors for the South
6 Street Head House District.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
8 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
9 Mark Squilla for a motion regarding
10 Resolution Number 251046.

11 COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA:
12 Thank you, Mr. President. I move
13 for the adoption of the resolution.

14 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
16 It has been moved and properly
17 seconded that the Resolution Number
18 251046 be adopted. All those in
19 favor of the motion will signify by
20 saying aye.

21 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
23 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
24 The motion carries and the

1 resolution is adopted. Will the
2 clerk please read the title of
3 Resolution Number 251047?

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 appointing Raphael Licht, the board
6 of directors of the South Street
7 Head House District.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mark
10 Squilla for motion regarding
11 Resolution Number 251047.

12 COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA:
13 Thank you, Mr. President. I move
14 for adoption of the resolution.

15 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
17 It has been moved and properly
18 seconded. The Resolution Number
19 251047 be adopted. All those in
20 favor of the motion will signify by
21 saying aye.

22 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
24 Those opposed? The ayes have it.

1 The motion carries. The resolution
2 is adopted. Will the clerk please
3 read the title of Resolution Number
4 251048?

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 reappointing Allison Hindman-Harvey
7 to the board of directors for the
8 South Street Headhouse District.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
10 Chair recognizes Councilman Mark
11 Squilla for a motion regarding
12 Resolution Number 251048.

13 COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA:
14 Thank you, Mr. President. I move
15 for adoption of the resolution.

16 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
18 It has been moved and properly
19 seconded that the Resolution Number
20 251048 be adopted. All those in
21 favor of the motion will signify by
22 saying aye.

23 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

1 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
2 The motion carries. The resolution
3 is adopted. Will the clerk please
4 read the title of Resolution Number
5 251049?

6 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 appointing Marlene Clark to the
8 board of directors for the South
9 Street Head House district.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
11 Chair recognizes Councilmember Mark
12 Squilla for motion regarding
13 Resolution Number 251049.

14 COUNCILMEMBER SQUILLA:
15 Thank you, Mr. President. I move
16 for adoption of the resolution. And
17 I ask to be voted, Aye, on all
18 resolutions and bills as I request
19 leave to attend to council business.
20 Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
22 Duly noted. Leave is granted. And
23 is there a second?

24 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 It has been moved and properly
3 seconded that the Resolution Number
4 251049 be adopted. All those in
5 favor of the motion will signify by
6 saying aye.

7 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

9 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
10 The motion carries. The resolution
11 is adopted. Will the clerk please
12 read the title of Resolution Number
13 251050?

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 authorizing Councilmember Cindy
16 Bass's appeal on behalf of and as
17 representative of city Council of
18 the decision of the Department of
19 Licenses and Inspections with
20 respect to 6930 Ardleigh Street.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

22 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
23 Cindy Bass for a motion regarding
24 Resolution Number 251050.

1 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Thank
2 you, Mr. President. I move for the
3 adoption of this resolution.

4 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
6 It has been moved and properly
7 seconded that the Resolution Number
8 251050 be adopted. All those in
9 favor of the motion will signify by
10 saying aye.

11 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
13 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
14 The motion carries. The resolution
15 is adopted. Will the Chief Clerk
16 please read the title of Resolution
17 Number 240340-A?

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Subcode A, the Philadelphia
20 Administrative Code of Title IV of
21 the Philadelphia Code, the Building
22 Construction and Occupancy Code to
23 require proof of certain insurance
24 certificates, all under certain

1 terms and conditions.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

3 This bill has been read on two
4 different days. The question now
5 is, should the bill pass finally.
6 Chief clerk please call the roll?

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
8 Phillips.

9 COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIPS:
10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
12 Gilmore-Richardson.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
14 Council will be at ease. 6-7. 6-7.
15 Will the clerk please reread the
16 title of Bill Number 240340-A.
17 Majority Leader are you okay? Okay.
18 Please reread the title, Chief
19 Clerk, of Bill Number 240304-A?

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Subcode A the Philadelphia
22 Administrative Code of Title IV, the
23 Philadelphia Code, the Building
24 construction and Occupancy Code to

1 require proof of certain insurance
2 certificates, all under certain
3 terms and conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

5 This bill has been read on two
6 different days. The question now
7 is, shall the bill pass finally?
8 Will the Chief Clerk please call the
9 roll?

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
11 Phillips.

12 COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIPS:
13 Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
15 Gilmore-Richardson?

16 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE -
17 RICHARDSON: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
19 Gauthier?

20 COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER:
21 Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
23 Jones?

24 COUNCILMEMBER JONES: Aye.

1 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

2 Landau?

3 COUNCILMEMBER JONES: And

4 may I be recorded as voting Aye on

5 the resolutions that I missed when I

6 was away?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

8 Duly noted.

9 COUNCILMEMBER JONES: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

11 Landau?

12 COUNCILMEMBER LANDAU: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

14 Lozada?

15 COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

17 Young?

18 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

20 Brooks was aye. Councilmember

21 Harrity?

22 COUNCILMEMBER HARRITY:

23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

1 O'Rourke?
2 COUNCILMEMBER O'ROURKE:
3 Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
5 Driscoll?
6 COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL:
7 Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
9 O'Neill?
10 COUNCILMEMBER O'NEILL:
11 Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
13 Squilla was aye. Councilmember
14 Bass?
15 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
17 Ahmad?
18 COUNCILMEMBER AHMAD: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: And Council
20 President Johnson?
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
22 Aye. The ayes are 16. The nays are
23 zero. Majority of all members
24 having voted in the affirmative, the

1 bill passes. Will the Chief Clerk
2 please read the title of Bill Number
3 250607?

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending chapter 17-100 of the
6 Philadelphia Code entitled
7 Procurement Contracts by revising
8 Section 17-101 entitled
9 Prequalification of Prospective
10 Vitters for Contracts for
11 Construction of Public Works to
12 establish minimum workforce training
13 requirements and documentation
14 standards for contractors and
15 subcontractors on Public Works
16 projects, all under certain terms
17 and conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
19 This bill had me read on two
20 different days. The question now
21 is, shall the bill pass finally?
22 Chief Clerk please call the roll?

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
24 Phillips?

1 COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIPS:
2 Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
4 Gilmore-Richardson?
5 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE -
6 RICHARDSON: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
8 Gauthier?
9 COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER:
10 Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
12 Jones?
13 COUNCILMEMBER JONES: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
15 Landau?
16 COUNCILMEMBER LANDAU: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
18 Lozada?
19 COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
21 Young?
22 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
24 Brooks was aye. Councilmember

1 Harrity?
2 COUNCILMEMBER HARRITY:
3 Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
5 O'Rourke?
6 COUNCILMEMBER O'ROURKE:
7 Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
9 Driscoll?
10 Councilmember DRISCOLL:
11 Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
13 O'Neill?
14 COUNCILMEMBER O'NEILL:
15 Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
17 Squilla was aye. Councilmember
18 Bass?
19 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
21 Ahmad?
22 COUNCILMEMBER AHMAD: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: And Council
24 President Johnson?

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
2 Aye. The ayes are 16. The nays are
3 zero. Majority of all members
4 having voted in the affirmative, the
5 Bill passes. Chief clerk, please
6 read the title of Bill Number
7 250646?

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Title IX of the
10 Philadelphia Code entitled
11 Regulation of Businesses, Trades and
12 Professions by adding a new chapter
13 entitled Minimum Training for
14 Security Officers.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
16 Chair recognizes Councilmember Mike
17 Driscoll for a motion.

18 COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL:
19 Thank you, Mr. President. On behalf
20 of Councilmember Thomas, I'd like to
21 offer an amendment to Bill Number
22 250646. Copy of the amendment has
23 been circulated to all members of
24 council. I move for the adoption of

1 the amendment.

2 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

4 It has been moved and properly
5 seconded that the amendment to Bill
6 Number 250646 be adopted. All those
7 in favor of the motion will signify
8 by saying aye.

9 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

11 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
12 And the bill has been amended. This
13 bill will be -- will be placed on
14 the final passage calendar at our
15 next session of council. Will the
16 clerk please read the title of Bill
17 Number 250651?

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Title IX -- XIX, Finance,
20 Taxes and Collections of the
21 Philadelphia Code to add a new
22 chapter creating the Philadelphia
23 Retirement Savings Program as an
24 automated savings program for

1 certain employees in the City of
2 Philadelphia to establish the
3 Philadelphia Retirement Savings
4 Board and to establish the
5 Retirement Savings Administrative
6 Fund, all under certain terms and
7 conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

9 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
10 Mike Driscoll for a motion.

11 COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL:

12 Thank you, Mr. President. On your
13 behalf, I'd like to offer an
14 amendment to Bill Number 250651. A
15 copy of the amendment has been
16 circulated to all members of
17 council. And I move for the
18 adoption of the amendment.

19 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

21 It has been moved and properly
22 seconded that the amendment to Bill
23 Number 250651 be adopted. All those
24 in favor of the motion will signify

1 by saying aye.

2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

4 Those opposed? The ayes have it.

5 And the bill has been amended. This

6 bill will be placed on our final

7 passage's calendar for our next

8 session of council. Would the clerk

9 please read the title of Bill Number

10 250708?

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

12 amending Subcode A, the Philadelphia

13 Administrative Code of Title IV of

14 the Philadelphia Code, the Building

15 Construction and Occupancy Code, to

16 provide penalties associated with

17 stock, work, and cease operations

18 orders, under certain terms and

19 conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

21 This bill had been read on two

22 different days. The question now

23 is, should the bill pass finally?

24 Chief Clerk please call the roll?

1 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
2 Phillips?
3 COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIPS:
4 Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
6 Gilmore-Richardson?
7 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE -
8 RICHARDSON: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
10 Gauthier?
11 COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER:
12 Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
14 Jones?
15 COUNCILMEMBER JONES: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
17 Landau?
18 COUNCILMEMBER LANDAU: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
20 Lozada?
21 COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
23 Young?
24 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Aye.

1 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
2 Brooks was aye. Councilmember
3 Harrity?
4 COUNCILMEMBER HARRITY:
5 Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
7 O'Rourke?
8 COUNCILMEMBER O'ROURKE:
9 Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
11 Driscoll?
12 Councilmember DRISCOLL:
13 Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
15 O'Neill?
16 COUNCILMEMBER O'NEILL:
17 Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
19 Squilla was aye. Councilmember
20 Bass?
21 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
23 Ahmad?
24 COUNCILMEMBER AHMAD: Aye.

1 CHIEF CLERK: And Council

2 President Johnson?

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

4 Aye. The ayes are 16. The nays are

5 zero. Majority of all members

6 having voted in the affirmative.

7 The bill passes. Will the clerk

8 please read the title of Bill Number

9 250709?

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

11 amending Section 9-4403 of the

12 Philadelphia Code entitled

13 Enforcement to Provide for the

14 Continuation of Nuisance Businesses

15 Enforcements following a Change in

16 Business Under Certain Terms and

17 Conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

19 This bill had been read on two

20 different days. The question now is

21 shall the bill pass finally? Chief

22 Clerk please call the roll?

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

24 Phillips?

1 COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIPS:
2 Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
4 Gilmore-Richardson?
5 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE -
6 RICHARDSON: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
8 Gauthier?
9 COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER:
10 Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
12 Jones?
13 COUNCILMEMBER JONES: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
15 Landau?
16 COUNCILMEMBER LANDAU: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
18 Lozada?
19 COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
21 Young?
22 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
24 Brooks was aye. Councilmember

1 Harrity?
2 COUNCILMEMBER HARRITY:
3 Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
5 O'Rourke?
6 COUNCILMEMBER O'ROURKE:
7 Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
9 Driscoll?
10 Councilmember DRISCOLL:
11 Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
13 O'Neill?
14 COUNCILMEMBER O'NEILL:
15 Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
17 Squilla was aye. Councilmember
18 Bass?
19 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
21 Ahmad?
22 COUNCILMEMBER AHMAD: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: And Council
24 President Johnson?

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 Aye. The ayes are 16. The nays
3 zero. Majority of all members
4 having voted in the affirmative.
5 The bill passes. Will the Chief
6 Clerk please be the title of Bill
7 Number 250721?

8 CHIEF CLERK: Excuse me.

9 An ordinance amending Section 14-500
10 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
11 Overlay Zoning Districts by Amending
12 Section 14-515 entitled Northeast
13 Overlay District and making related
14 changes, all under certain terms and
15 conditions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

17 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
18 Brian O'Neill for a motion regarding
19 Bill Number 250721?

20 COUNCILMEMBER O'NEILL:

21 Thank you, Mr. President. I move
22 that Bill Number 250721 be
23 withdrawn.

24 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 It has been moved and properly
3 seconded that Bill Number 250721 be
4 withdrawn. All those in favor of
5 the motion will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

9 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
10 The motion carries and Bill Number
11 250721 has been withdrawn. Will the
12 clerk please be the title of Bill
13 Number 250771?

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 authorizing 3419 Kensington Partners
16 or a subsequent owner to install own
17 and maintain an encroachment at 3423
18 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
19 19134, under certain terms and
20 conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

22 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
23 Mike Driscoll for a motion.

24 COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL:

1 Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like
2 to offer an amendment to Bill Number
3 250771. Copy of the amendment has
4 been circulated to all members of
5 council. I move for the adoption of
6 the amendment.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
8 Second.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
10 It has been moved and properly
11 seconded that the amendment to Bill
12 Number 250771 be adopted. All those
13 in favor of the motion will signify
14 by saying aye.

15 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
17 Those opposed? The ayes have it.
18 And the bill has been amended. This
19 bill will be placed on our final
20 passages calendar for our next
21 session of council. Will the clerk
22 please read the title of Bill Number
23 250804?

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

1 amending Title XIV of the
2 Philadelphia Code entitled Zoning
3 and Planning by amending certain
4 provisions of Chapter 14-500
5 entitled Overlay Zoning Districts by
6 creating the University Community
7 Overlay District and by making
8 related changes, all under certain
9 terms and conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

11 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
12 Jamie Gauthier for a motion.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Thank you,
14 Council President. I would like to
15 offer an amendment to Bill Number
16 250804. A copy of the amendment has
17 been circulated to all members of
18 council. I move for the adoption of
19 the amendment.

20 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

22 It has been moved and properly
23 seconded that the amendment to Bill
24 Number 250804 be adopted. All those

1 in favor signify by saying Aye.

2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

4 Those opposed? The ayes have it.

5 And the bill has been amended. This

6 bill will be placed on our final

7 passage calendar for our next

8 session of council. Would the clerk

9 please read the title of Bill Number

10 250834?

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

12 amending Title 14 of the

13 Philadelphia Code entitled Zoning

14 and Planning to establish 7th

15 District Overlay District, restrict

16 certain commercial uses and make

17 other related changes, all under

18 certain terms and conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

20 This bill has been read on two

21 different days. The question now

22 is, shall the bill pass finally?

23 Chief Clerk, please call the roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK: CHIEF CLERK:

1 Councilmember Phillips?

2 COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIPS:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

5 Gilmore-Richardson?

6 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE -

7 RICHARDSON: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

9 Gauthier?

10 COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER:

11 Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

13 Jones?

14 COUNCILMEMBER JONES: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

16 Landau?

17 COUNCILMEMBER LANDAU: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

19 Lozada?

20 COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

22 Young?

23 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

1 Brooks was aye. Councilmember
2 Harrity?
3 COUNCILMEMBER HARRITY:
4 Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
6 O'Rourke?
7 COUNCILMEMBER O'ROURKE:
8 Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
10 Driscoll?
11 COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL:
12 Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
14 O'Neill?
15 COUNCILMEMBER O'NEILL:
16 Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
18 Squilla was aye. Councilmember
19 Bass?
20 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
22 Ahmad?
23 COUNCILMEMBER AHMAD: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: And Council

1 President Johnson?

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

3 Aye. The ayes are 16 and the nays
4 are zero. Majority of all members
5 having voted in the affirmative.

6 The bill passes. Will the Chief
7 Clerk please read the title of Bill
8 Number 25887-A?

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 authorizing the City of Philadelphia
11 to construct, own, and maintain
12 right of way encroachments in
13 various parts of the city under
14 certain terms and conditions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
16 This bill had been read on two
17 different days. The question now
18 is, shall the bill pass finally?

19 Chief Clerk, please call
20 the roll?

21 CHIEF CLERK: CHIEF CLERK:
22 Councilmember Phillips?

23 COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIPS:

24 Aye.

1 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
2 Gilmore-Richardson?
3 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-
4 RICHARDSON: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
6 Gauthier?
7 COUNCILMEMBER GAUTHIER:
8 Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
10 Jones?
11 COUNCILMEMBER JONES: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
13 Landau?
14 COUNCILMEMBER LANDAU: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
16 Lozada?
17 COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
19 Young?
20 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember
22 Brooks was aye. Councilmember
23 Harrity?
24 COUNCILMEMBER HARRITY:

1 Aye.

2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

3 O'Rourke?

4 COUNCILMEMBER O'ROURKE:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

7 Driscoll?

8 Councilmember DRISCOLL:

9 Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

11 O'Neill?

12 COUNCILMEMBER O'NEILL:

13 Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

15 Squilla was aye. Councilmember

16 Bass?

17 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilmember

19 Ahmad?

20 COUNCILMEMBER AHMAD: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Council

22 President Johnson?

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

24 Aye. The ayes are 16. The nays are

1 zero. Majority of all members
2 having voted in the affirmative.
3 The bill passes. Would the clerk
4 please read any additional
5 resolutions on today's calendar?

6 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
7 resolution, honoring and recognizing
8 distinguished young gentlemen for
9 its mentorship and youth development
10 work, empowering Philadelphia's
11 Elementary School aged boys through
12 etiquette, character building and
13 leadership development as part of
14 the children and youth spotlight
15 which celebrates community centered
16 organizations, uplifting young
17 people across the city. Introduced
18 by Councilmember Phillips.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
20 Chair recognizes Councilmember
21 Phillips for motion on the
22 resolution.

23 COUNCILMEMBER PHILLIPS:
24 Thank you, Council President. And

1 partnership with Councilmember

2 Jones, I move for the adoption of
3 resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
5 Second.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
7 It has been moved and properly
8 seconded that the resolution will be
9 adopted. All those in favor will
10 signify by saying aye.

11 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
13 Those opposed? The ayes have it,
14 and the resolution is adopted. The
15 Chair recognizes Councilmember Jim
16 Harrity.

17 COUNCILMEMBER HARRITY: No,
18 I'm sorry. I hit the button early.
19 It's for speeches.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
21 Will the Chief Clerk -- see what you
22 started, Member Jones? It's old
23 school tactic. Will the Chief Clerk
24 please read the title of the next

1 resolution.

2 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
3 resolution authorizing the Committee
4 on Commerce and Economic Development
5 to hold hearings on the economic
6 impact of cruising in the city of
7 Philadelphia. Introduced by
8 Councilmember Gilmore-Richardson.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
10 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
11 Gilmore-Richardson for a motion on
12 the resolution.

13 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-
14 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
15 Mr. President. I enthusiastically
16 move the adoption of the resolution.

17 MALE VOICE: Second.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
19 It has been moved and properly
20 seconded that the resolution be
21 adopted. All those in favor will
22 signify by saying aye.

23 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

1 Those opposed? The ayes have it and
2 the resolution is adopted. Will the
3 Chief Clerk please read the title of
4 the next resolution?

5 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
6 resolution declaring each Friday in
7 December, 2025, as Shop Black
8 Business Friday in the city of
9 Philadelphia. Introduced by
10 Councilmember Gilmore-Richardson.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
12 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
13 Gilmore-Richardson for a motion on
14 the resolution.

15 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-
16 RICHARDSON: I move for the adoption
17 of the resolution on behalf all the
18 Black businesses across the city of
19 Philadelphia.

20 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
22 It has been moved and properly
23 seconded that the resolution be
24 adopted. All those in favor signify

1 by saying aye.

2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

4 Those opposed? The ayes have it,
5 and the resolution is adopted. Will
6 the Chief Clerk please read the
7 title of the next resolution?

8 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
9 resolution honoring Mo'ne Davis,
10 Philadelphia native and 10th overall
11 pick in the inaugural women's
12 professional Baseball League draft,
13 introduced by Councilmember Gilmore-
14 Richardson on behalf of Council
15 President Johnson.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
17 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
18 Captain Gilmore-Richardson for a
19 motion on the resolution.

20 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-
21 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. On your behalf, I
23 move for the adoption of the
24 resolution.

1 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

3 It has been moved and properly
4 seconded that the resolution be
5 adopted. All those in favor will
6 signify by saying aye.

7 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

9 Those opposed? The ayes have it,
10 and the resolution is adopted. Will
11 the Chief Clerk please read the
12 title of the next resolution?

13 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
14 resolution congratulating the
15 Avenging the Ancestors Coalition,
16 and its founder Michael Coard, Esq.,
17 on the 15th anniversary of the grand
18 opening of the slavery memorial at
19 the President's House at 6th and
20 Market Streets. Introduced by
21 Councilmember Gilmore-Richardson on
22 behalf of Council President Johnson.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

24 The Chair recognizes Councilmember

1 Katherine Gilmore-Richardson for a
2 motion on the resolution.

3 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-
4 RICHARDSON: On your behalf, Council
5 President, I move the adoption of
6 the resolution.

7 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
9 It has been moved and properly
10 seconded that the resolution be
11 adopted. All those in favor will
12 signify by saying aye.

13 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
15 Those opposed? The ayes have it and
16 the resolution is adopted. Will the
17 Chief Clerk please read the title of
18 the next resolution?

19 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
20 resolution, honoring and
21 congratulating former Philadelphia
22 Eagle Safety, Malcolm Jenkins, a
23 Super Bowl 52 champion, defensive
24 leader and distinguished advocate

1 for social justice on his induction
2 into the Eagles Hall of Fame on
3 November 28th, 2025, the first
4 member of the Super Bowl 52 roster
5 to earn this recognition.

6 Introduced by Councilmember Gilmore-
7 Richardson on behalf of Council
8 President Johnson.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

10 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
11 Katherine Gilmore-Richardson for a
12 motion on the resolution.

13 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-

14 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
15 Mr. President. On your behalf, I
16 move for the adoption of the
17 resolution. Go Birds.

18 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

20 It has been moved and properly
21 seconded that the resolution be
22 adopted. All those in favor will
23 signify by saying aye.

24 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

1 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

2 Those opposed? The ayes have it,
3 and the resolution is adopted. Will
4 the Chief Clerk please read the
5 title of the next resolution?

6 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
7 resolution recognizing December 8th
8 through December 14th, 2025, as
9 Computer Science Education Week in
10 the city of Philadelphia.
11 Introduced by Councilmember Landau.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
13 The chair Councilmember Rue Landau
14 for a motion on the resolution.

15 COUNCILMEMBER LANDAU:
16 Thank you, Council President. I
17 move for the adoption of the
18 resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
20 Second.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
22 It has been moved and properly
23 seconded that the resolution be
24 adopted. All those in favor of

1 signify by saying Aye.

2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

4 Those opposed? The ayes have it,

5 and the resolution is adopted.

6 Would the Chief Clerk please read

7 the title of the next resolution?

8 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged

9 resolution authorizing the Council

10 Committees on Legislative Oversight

11 and Parks, Recreation. and Cultural

12 Affairs to hold hearings to

13 investigate the current conditions

14 in future of Philadelphia's public

15 libraries. Introduced by

16 Councilmember Young.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

18 Chief Recognizes Councilmember Young

19 for a motion on the resolution.

20 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Thank

21 you, Mr. President. I move for its

22 adoption.

23 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

1 It has been moved and properly
2 seconded that the resolution be
3 adopted. All those in favor will
4 signify by saying Aye.

5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
7 Those opposed? The ayes have it and
8 the resolution is adopted. Would
9 the Chief Clerk please read the
10 title of the next resolution?

11 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
12 resolution honoring the life and
13 legacy of architect Robert A. M.
14 Stern. Introduced by Councilmember
15 Young.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
17 Chair recognizes Councilmember
18 Jeffrey J. Young Jr. for a motion on
19 the resolution.

20 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Thank
21 you, Mr. President. I move for its
22 adoption.

23 COUNCILMEMBER: Second.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

1 It has been moved and properly
2 seconded that the resolution be
3 adopted. All those will in favor of
4 signify by saying aye.

5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

7 Those opposed? The ayes have it,
8 and the resolution is adopted.
9 Would the Chief Clerk please read
10 the title of the next resolution?

11 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
12 further resolutions in my
13 possession, Council President.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

15 That completes our calendar for
16 today. Are there any speeches on
17 behalf of the minority? Are there
18 any speeches -- how about I say this
19 differently. Any songs on behalf of
20 them? I'm just joking. Are there
21 -- thank you, sir. Are there any
22 speeches on behalf of the majority?
23 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
24 Jim Harrity?

1 COUNCILMEMBER HARRITY:

2 Thank you, Council President. Today
3 I passed a big win for the kids of
4 Philadelphia in our apprentice bill.
5 But that's actually not what I want
6 to speak about today. Sunday in
7 Philadelphia, South Philadelphia to
8 be exact, Philadelphia lost one of
9 their true gentlemen.

10 And I apologize I will try
11 to get through this without showing
12 my emotions, but, you know, I'm an
13 emotional guy. Words cannot
14 describe the heartbreak I am feeling
15 right now. Not only for the loss of
16 my friend, but for the loss of this
17 city. Paul Staico took over Big
18 Charlie's Saloon in 1983, at the
19 ripe age of 16 after his father
20 died.

21 He had to man up and take
22 over the business because his mother
23 was mourning the loss of her husband
24 and his sister was too young to

1 help. So at 16, he took over
2 responsibility of running the bar
3 that he really wasn't even allowed
4 into. And he took that bar and made
5 it into something. That little
6 neighborhood bar on 11th and McKean
7 is known worldwide. Not just all
8 over America, but worldwide.

9 You know, anybody that knew
10 Paul will tell you, he really was
11 that guy. That guy that would give
12 you the shirt off his back.

13 See, mental illness is not
14 always seen. Some people we know
15 when they're going through it. Some
16 people we don't. I happened to be
17 with him on Saturday talking to him,
18 and I knew he wasn't right, but I
19 didn't think it was that deep. And
20 I thought like so many other things
21 that he had overcome over the years,
22 that this was just a bopping -- it
23 wasn't nothing, it wasn't just --
24 the only one I was worried was him.

1 But I say that because I
2 didn't know, because, of course, if
3 I knew I wouldn't have left. But I
4 thought when I left, he was in a
5 good place. And I think he was, I
6 imagine for a little bit of time. I
7 don't know what was going through
8 his head. That's part of my
9 sadness. I don't get it.

10 He had a business that did
11 well. He had family and friends
12 that loved him like family. And
13 this Saturday at his funeral, we
14 will honor him. And I don't need a
15 crystal ball to know that that
16 church will be standing room only
17 because that's who he was.

18 I posted a Podcast that was
19 done in memory of him. Now, this
20 Podcast guy actually never met Paul.
21 Except on his show interviewing him
22 from miles away.

23 And when he was explaining
24 what Paul meant to him, and this guy

1 never met him in person, but that's
2 who Paul was. I take a lot of heat
3 in here for being a Chiefs fan,
4 right?

5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Yes.

6 COUNCILMEMBER HARRITY: And
7 I've told the reporters that when
8 they asked when the Super Bowl, when
9 the Chiefs were playing the Eagles.

10 And I was dead serious with
11 them when I told them, for me it had
12 nothing to do about the Chiefs.
13 That was just something to watch. I
14 was a Paul Staico fan. I was a big
15 Charlie's fan. Because he took care
16 of me at my lowest moments. He's
17 the only person that I truly know
18 never lost faith in me. Even when I
19 was at my lowest 10 years deep in my
20 addiction, at my lowest point. If
21 somebody even tried to say something
22 bad about me, he would say, hey,
23 don't get it, Jimmy's going to turn
24 it around. And then when I finally

1 did, he was there to say, see
2 brother, I'm proud of you. I love
3 you. And I'll never get to tell him
4 that.

5 Although I know he knew I
6 loved him. He knew we all loved
7 him. He was the second father to my
8 son. I worry you think about him
9 and the pain he's going through, but
10 I know God never gives us more than
11 we can handle. And before Paul
12 passed, we had a granddaughter. So
13 I take faith and I told my son that
14 no matter how much pain you're
15 feeling right now, you have to be
16 strong because that's what Paul
17 would've wanted. So I'm sorry for
18 showing my emotions.

19 But there is a point to
20 this. This is the holiday season.
21 Again, sometimes we never know what
22 somebody is going through. Those
23 that are obvious are obvious, but
24 most are not obvious at all. That's

1 why it always comes as a shock. And
2 this season, this is that season.
3 So I pray for everyone in the city
4 of Philadelphia, everyone suffering
5 from mental illness or addiction or
6 anything and say that that's why I'm
7 a big supporter of 988.

8 988 isn't just about the
9 person going through the troubles,
10 but there's also is a lifeline for
11 families to know what resources are
12 available to their families. So I
13 asked everybody to please be a
14 little extra nice, especially this
15 holiday season. Because you never
16 know when that time is going to be
17 the last time. I love you, Paul,
18 and I'll never forget. Thank you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
20 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
21 Dr. Nina Ahmad.

22 COUNCILMEMBER AHMAD: Thank
23 you, Mr. President. And once again,
24 condolences to my colleague Jimmy

1 Harrity. Thank you for showing your
2 emotions because it reminds us we
3 are all human. So thank you so much
4 for that. And my condolences again.

5 Today I wanted to speak
6 about a resolution that was
7 introduced and speaks directly to
8 the stability of Philadelphia's
9 Healthcare and Human Services
10 workforce. The Trump administration
11 has altered federal definitions of
12 professional graduate programs
13 determining which degrees qualify
14 for higher federal loan limits.

15 You know, this decision to
16 reclassify might sound technical,
17 but the impact is very real. By
18 lowering loan limits for degrees in
19 nursing, physician assistant
20 studies, physical therapy,
21 education, social work, and other
22 allied health fields, we are
23 effectively telling the next
24 generation of caregivers and

1 frontline professionals that their
2 work is less valued and harder to
3 access. This is opposite of what
4 the city needs.

5 We are in the process of
6 wealth building. We want to give
7 our folks the best advantage to
8 create a job with a living wage.
9 Our hospitals, clinics, schools, and
10 community-based programs depend on a
11 strong pipeline of highly trained
12 professionals. If we make these
13 degrees more expensive and less
14 attainable, we shrink that pipeline
15 and deepen existing shortages, right
16 when our communities are asking for
17 more mental healthcare, more school-
18 based health services, and more
19 support for older adults and people
20 with disabilities.

21 This resolutions make --
22 this resolution makes clear that
23 Philadelphia rejects these federal
24 policies and undermine -- that

1 undermines the people who keep our
2 residents healthy and safe. And I
3 respectfully ask for my colleague
4 support at the next stated meeting.

5 Before I yield, I wanted to
6 make a few brief announcements for
7 the record. Next Monday at
8 10:00 a.m., the Economic Opportunity
9 Review Committee will hold a hearing
10 with the two newly added seats that
11 broaden the committee's
12 representation and ensure more
13 voices at the table as we evaluate
14 economic opportunity in the city
15 contracting.

16 Second, the same day at
17 2:00 p.m., the Committee on Public
18 Health and Human Services will
19 convene a hearing on my bill to
20 protect human trafficking victims,
21 strengthening their rights,
22 advancing survivor-centered
23 protections, and ensuring
24 Philadelphians -- Philadelphia acts

1 to support those who have endured
2 trafficking.

3 And finally, I wanted to
4 thank my -- I want to thank all my
5 colleagues and Council for
6 supporting my legislation,
7 supporting workers experiencing
8 severe symptoms of menstruation,
9 perimenopause, and menopause in the
10 workforce across our city. I want
11 to thank the mayor for signing my
12 bill into law. Her signature sends
13 a powerful message that Philadelphia
14 takes our health, women's health
15 seriously. This is a proud moment
16 for our city.

17 We are now one of the first
18 cities in the nation to prohibit
19 discrimination based on menopause,
20 perimenopause, and menstruation, and
21 require real workplace
22 accommodations for these conditions.
23 This law says that dignity and
24 health are not negotiable. Let that

1 sink in. And let there be many more
2 firsts. Thank you, Council
3 President. I yield back.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
5 Thank you. Chair recognizes
6 Councilmember Katherine Gilmore-
7 Richardson.

8 COUNCILMEMBER GILMORE-
9 RICHARDSON: Thank you. Thank you
10 so much, Mr. President. And again,
11 I'd like to offer my deepest
12 condolences and prayers to my friend
13 and my colleague Jim Harrity, who
14 has a heart of gold. And I always
15 say if I'm stuck in a foxhole, I
16 want to be in there with you, Jimmy.
17 So my heart and prayers are with you
18 and your family and the Neumann
19 Goretti family as well.

20 But I wanted to thank you,
21 Council President and thank all of
22 our colleagues and Council today for
23 your support of the two bills that
24 we passed today that I sponsored

1 aimed at addressing the nuisance
2 businesses that continue to plague
3 the city of Philadelphia. The first
4 bill would apply to businesses that
5 apply for permits as grocery or
6 convenience stores, but are actually
7 selling drug paraphernalia and
8 unregulated substances.

9 We know that they attract
10 crime and drug activity and continue
11 to operate without community
12 approval. This legislation will
13 ensure that nuisance businesses that
14 have owners changing the LLC names,
15 legal ownership, or making other
16 small changes to their operations to
17 seek to avoid enforcement by
18 ensuring that these businesses that
19 are similar in ownership or
20 operations will be responsible for
21 the nuisance violations incurred by
22 a previous business. And this will
23 also improve the city's enforcement
24 by removing specific language in the

1 code, making it easier to issue stop
2 work and cease operation orders.

3 And when we heard these
4 bills in Council's Committee on
5 Licenses and Inspections, and we
6 anticipate that we'll have
7 additional bills, it really
8 underscored the need both of these
9 measures to stop the spread of
10 dangerous and destructive businesses
11 in our communities, but also for
12 further action.

13 So I just want you to know,
14 colleagues, that I did not forget
15 about the testimony that we heard in
16 committee. There are at least five
17 other bills in the pipeline and we
18 were trying to get them ready before
19 the end of the session. But we have
20 to work through all of the legal
21 ramifications on the front end prior
22 to introduction so that they are
23 fully ready for your consideration
24 when they're introduced and

1 subsequently referred to committees.
2 So I look forward to sharing those
3 efforts with you in the coming
4 weeks.

5 And I also wanted to shift
6 focus, Mr. President, to talk about
7 the two resolutions that I
8 introduced today. The first that
9 I've introduced every year since
10 I've been a member of council which
11 designates every Friday in December
12 as Shop Black Business Friday here
13 in the city of Philadelphia.

14 We know that black
15 Philadelphians make up 43 percent of
16 our city's population, but only 5.4
17 percent of businesses, Philadelphia
18 based businesses. And so we rank
19 among the lowest of our peer cities
20 and black business density. So I
21 think the holiday season, the
22 shopping season is a perfect
23 opportunity to uplift black
24 businesses across the city of

1 Philadelphia in the spirit of
2 ensuring that we are supporting
3 their businesses and their work.
4 We'll be visiting with all of the
5 black businesses in the Christmas
6 Village and highlighting them via
7 social media.

8 And finally, Mr. President,
9 in the spirit of boosting our local
10 economy, we all know that I'm
11 incredibly excited by the recent
12 news of the Phila Port securing a
13 site along the Delaware River, and
14 also a seven-year commitment from
15 Norwegian cruise line to reestablish
16 Philadelphia as a port for cruises
17 starting in April of 2026.

18 And that will be the first
19 cruise to sail from Philadelphia in
20 20 years. This announcement
21 certainly represents an important
22 opportunity to grow our local
23 tourism and hospitality industries
24 to showcase Philadelphia to

1 thousands of visitors that we know
2 are coming in 2026 and to expand
3 economic opportunities, particularly
4 jobs and careers for our local
5 residents.

6 This new cruise terminal is
7 projected to generate 2,185 jobs,
8 2,185 jobs, and just under \$300
9 million in economic output. You
10 must imagine, I mean, if you're an
11 avid cruiser like me, you know that
12 you have to come in the night
13 before, you know, you get hotel
14 stays. You're supporting the local
15 restaurants and local businesses in
16 preparation for the cruise journey.
17 So we are incredibly grateful to all
18 of the stakeholders that came
19 together to make this vision a
20 reality, including the entire team
21 and leadership over at the Phila
22 Port.

23 They have been steadfast in
24 their work over the last several

1 years. Norwegian Cruise Line, our
2 first cruising partner again in 20
3 years. The Philadelphia Convention
4 and Visitors Bureau, Visit
5 Philadelphia, our partners at Visit
6 Philly, and also the International
7 Longshoremen's Association, local
8 1291 Boise Butler and the team.

9 It was wonderful to meet
10 with them over the years quietly
11 supporting their efforts and working
12 with them in energy transfer. So we
13 appreciate all the work that they've
14 done. And so I am looking forward
15 to the hearings that we will have
16 relative to the economic output of
17 cruising in Philadelphia, and to
18 explore ways that we as a city can
19 continue to support this endeavor.
20 So I ask colleagues that you help us
21 to advance this work and keep
22 Philadelphia moving towards a
23 greater economic opportunity and
24 higher quality of life for all of

1 our residents. Thank you very much.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

3 Thank you. The Chair recognizes

4 Councilmember Cindy Bass.

5 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Thank

6 you, Mr. President. And I want to

7 start by offering my condolences to

8 my good friend Jimmy. We've known

9 each other for a very long time, and

10 I've never seen you this upset. And

11 you know, I just want to offer my

12 condolences. Jimmy, is like a

13 brother to me. And I love you.

14 There's nothing you could do about

15 it. So, you know, keeping you in

16 prayer and Holly's family in prayer.

17 Mr. President, I just

18 wanted to mention a couple of

19 things. And that one is that today

20 we passed a resolution appealing the

21 building permit related to 6930

22 Ardleigh Street. Now, this was a

23 development that sought to tear down

24 one side of a twin and build a --

1 just a huge multi-unit apartment
2 building on a corner lot.

3 This appeal reaffirms our
4 responsibility to listen to the
5 people that we serve. It reflects
6 how deeply community voices matter
7 when shaping our neighborhoods. I
8 have spoken to the residents and the
9 developer and introduce and pass the
10 bill that will prevent this kind of
11 rogue development from happening in
12 this neighborhood again in the
13 future. We hope this appeal and
14 legal action will allow for more
15 transparency and also closed
16 loopholes that currently exist.

17 And as I had mentioned
18 earlier, there's a difference
19 between being able to follow a rule
20 and exploit a loophole. And that's
21 what we have in this case. We're
22 looking forward to seeing the
23 outcome of that lawsuit and moving
24 forward on behalf of the citizens of

1 the 6,900 block of Ardleigh Street
2 in Northwest Philadelphia.

3 I also just really wanted
4 to mention briefly that I introduced
5 a resolution today to honor a woman
6 whose name already carries so much
7 love and power in our neighborhoods.
8 And I'm proud to stand before you as
9 we move officially to designate the
10 corner of Broad and Pike as Saudia
11 Shuler Way. Saudia Shuler, also
12 known as our Auntie Sad, is the very
13 definition of Philly heart. She has
14 the hustle, the humor, the
15 creativity, and the generosity that
16 makes the city shine from her
17 legendary macaroni and cheese to her
18 famous seafood salad, to those
19 unforgettable freaky candy yams.

20 Saudia has sought national
21 -- has brought national attention to
22 North Philadelphia, not just for the
23 flavor on our plates, but from the
24 flavor in our spirit. But beyond

1 the viral videos and the laughter,
2 Saudia has fed thousands, uplifted
3 families, empowered our youth, and
4 reminded every son, son and
5 daughter, daughter that they matter.
6 Her movement is one of pure love and
7 service, and she has hosted food and
8 toy drives. And North Philly
9 families line up around the block
10 because of her generosity.

11 And that is why today's
12 resolution is so very meaningful.
13 This naming is not just a poll, a
14 sign on a poll. It is a symbol of
15 gratitude for a woman who has poured
16 so much into Philadelphia families,
17 especially those in need. And I
18 want to take a moment to say, Saudia
19 inspires me as well. It's her
20 example that pushes me to show up
21 for our community in every way I
22 can. And that's why I just wrapped
23 up our Thanksgiving giveaway and why
24 we made sure our students were

1 supported with our Back to School
2 Drive. And why we're excited to say
3 that we'll be helping with a holiday
4 giveaway in just a few weeks.

5 Because lifting our community is not
6 something that you do just once.

7 It's something that you commit to
8 over and over, just like Auntie Sad.

9 And so today with pride and
10 love, we honor Saudia Shuler for
11 everything she has given to
12 Philadelphia. May Saudia Shuler Way
13 stand as a grand reminder of the
14 joy, the resilience, and the
15 greatness that lives right here in
16 North Philadelphia from one North
17 Philadelphian to another. Thank
18 you, Mr. President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
20 Thank you. Well, deserved. The
21 Chair recognizes Councilmember Rue
22 Landau.

23 COUNCILMEMBER LANDAU:
24 Thank you, Council President. Just

1 be very brief. First, also my
2 condolences to our colleague Jimmy
3 Harrity. I can't thank you enough
4 for normalizing the conversation
5 about pain and emotion and sharing
6 that with all of us, and also
7 normalizing discussions of mental
8 health. And utilizing 988. It's
9 there for us. It's there for us for
10 a reason. And you're really --
11 you're lifting up the conversation.
12 So while we're there with you in all
13 of your pain, know that even today
14 you're making a difference and are
15 helping somebody else. So mad love
16 to you, my friend. I am so sorry.

17 I just wanted to take a
18 second with my tech hat on to say
19 that we declared next week as
20 Computer Science Education Week in
21 the city of Philadelphia. Thank you
22 to my colleagues who supported my
23 resolution about this.

24 As artificial intelligence

1 rapidly reshapes our world, a deep
2 understanding of computer science
3 fundamentals, especially for our
4 young people, isn't just an
5 advantage. It's essential. I want
6 to thank the School District of
7 Philadelphia for showing up today
8 and for centering this and showing
9 us their importance of this within
10 the school district. And in 2009,
11 Computer Science Education Week was
12 launched to inspire young students
13 to address the importance of having
14 it as a core academic subject. Last
15 year, more than 23,000 students were
16 given training on coding
17 fundamentals. Thanks to their hour
18 of code event. We're seeing the
19 next generation leading as to the
20 future. And as chair of the tech
21 committee, I'm very excited to see
22 that happen. Thank you very much.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

24 Thank you very much. Chair

1 recognizes Councilmember Jeffrey J.
2 Young Jr.

3 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: Thank
4 you, Mr. President. Before I begin
5 with my speech, I want to wish a
6 happy birthday to my wife. Happy
7 birthday, babe. I'll see you later
8 on today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
10 Smart man.

11 COUNCILMEMBER YOUNG: So
12 last week during thanksgiving, we
13 held our annual Thanksgiving dinner.
14 I want to thank Tony Aliba. I want
15 to thank Shadow Trax Media Arts and
16 the Salvation Army. We fed hundreds
17 of families during that day. It was
18 a time where folks got together to
19 just share a meal, have some
20 entertainment. The kids always love
21 the entertainment that's there.

22 So I want to thank our
23 community partners for continually
24 supporting our efforts in the 5th

1 Council district. I want to thank
2 my colleagues today for passing a
3 bill that we sponsored -- sponsored
4 by myself, Councilmember Harrity and
5 Councilmember Squilla. That is a
6 very simple bill, but I think will
7 have a huge impact on our city.

8 And just for the public,
9 what the bill does, it mandates that
10 when there's new construction
11 occurring at your neighboring
12 property, that that developer
13 contractor names the adjacent
14 property owners as someone who is
15 additionally insured on their
16 insurance. So what that means is,
17 now that if there's a -- we had a
18 collapse of a building of a home in
19 my district where 86-year-old Elaine
20 Thomas -- Elaine Thomas, excuse me,
21 was left homeless. She's lived in
22 this property for over 50 years of
23 her life. She's 86 years old. She
24 has -- this is her home. She knew

1 no other home.

2 And now today, that same

3 developer that destroyed her home is

4 building under a -- an altered ego.

5 What this bill does, it allows

6 Ms. Thomas to be named as an

7 additional insured on the

8 developer's insurance so she can put

9 her claim directly in with the

10 insurance company. So she does not

11 get the runaround. She does not

12 have to go through hoops to chase

13 the LLCs down, pierce the corporate

14 veil to try to figure out who's the

15 owner, who's done this, who's done

16 that. She can put her claim

17 directly into that insurance company

18 and then, you know, fight it --

19 fight it out from there. But at

20 least she know, who she has to fight

21 it out with. And I think it's up to

22 us as a city to ensure the public

23 safety and welfare of our residents

24 in this bill is one that does that.

1 So I want to thank my
2 colleagues for just passing this. I
3 think, again, a simple bill that's
4 going to have a huge impact on
5 residents of the city of
6 Philadelphia, just to allow them to
7 be made whole again when their lives
8 are destroyed by unscrupulous
9 developers. So thank you all for
10 that.

11 We had some folks come down
12 here today to mention things about a
13 particular library in my district,
14 the Cecil B. Moore Library. And
15 this is something that we have been
16 in conversations about for the past
17 two years since I've been in office.
18 My position has been clear, remains
19 clear. I think our students, our
20 children deserve their very best.

21 And so I have a couple
22 questions for advocates. Like, why
23 should we support inadequate public
24 facilities in our city? Why should

1 we support that? And most
2 importantly, most important, why
3 should we support the
4 marginalization of black and brown
5 children in North Philadelphia,
6 right? Because that's what --
7 that's what this particularly --
8 that's what the issue comes down to
9 for me. Do we want to create the
10 same or do we want better, right?
11 I'm always going to opt for better
12 and not the same.

13 So, you know, our children
14 deserve a space that embraces the
15 future and not leave them stuck in
16 1961. Public libraries can bridge
17 the digital divide offering equal
18 access to information and learning
19 opportunities for individuals of all
20 -- across all demographics, right?

21 We heard today from the CIO
22 of the Philadelphia School District
23 essentially that, you know, we need
24 to compete in this digital age,

1 right? That current space has no
2 opportunity for that whatsoever,
3 right? Libraries are evolving in
4 nature, you know, and it causes, you
5 know, the evolution of the role of
6 what librarians are to do as well,
7 right? They're not now moving to
8 the future, are not just custodians
9 of books. But, you know, some are
10 tech savvy educators, information
11 architects and community builders.
12 And that's okay to have your role
13 evolve. That's not a bad thing,
14 right?

15 This shift, it does require
16 ongoing training and professional
17 development to equip those workers
18 there with the diverse skill sets
19 needed to and for their expanded
20 roles. But that is our job as a
21 body to make sure that we fund those
22 trainings, to make sure that you are
23 well equipped to handle the things
24 of the future. And navigating this

1 transformation while maintaining the
2 core values of librarianship, it is
3 a significant challenge. But again,
4 I'm up to that challenge to make
5 sure that you are well equipped to
6 handle the future of that role.

7 And so the digital
8 evolution is not just about
9 technological integration, but also
10 reflects a deeper understanding of
11 the need to remain accessible and
12 relevant in an era where information
13 is consumed by diverse formats,
14 right? We have to keep up with the
15 trends, right? Keep up with the
16 trends like gaming.

17 And gaming offers an
18 opportunity to develop emerging and
19 traditional forms of literacy. With
20 minimal instructions, players are
21 motivated to seek out information
22 about how games work, including
23 communicating with experts, watching
24 or creating tutorials, reviewing how

1 to text, right? Like gaming is the
2 -- is now, right? And that library
3 has no space for that whatsoever.
4 We were at a community town hall
5 talking about this particular issue.
6 I showed up to the community, I
7 answered all their questions. And
8 we were at the library. At the same
9 time we're at the library, the
10 library is open for use by the
11 public. We're taking away chairs
12 from the patrons of the library so
13 much so that the security guard had
14 to come over to them and tell them,
15 hey, you can't keep taking these
16 chairs away, like, there's folks
17 using the library, right? There is
18 no space. There's no space to even
19 have a public meeting in the library
20 without a severe interruption to
21 library services.

22 We got to think about the
23 future, right? Libraries are
24 recognized as spaces for interest

1 driven learning and self-directed
2 discovery, right? Equally
3 important, libraries are gathering
4 spaces that can capitalize on the
5 benefits of co-play, helping improve
6 social skills by encouraging playing
7 together. The social setting of a
8 library also encourages users to
9 reflect in their building of
10 awareness, asking questions,
11 processing what is being learned.
12 And again, that current structure,
13 that physical building cannot
14 provide that. Cannot. So a 21st
15 century building allows for
16 connected learning, and that's what
17 we need in North Philadelphia. We
18 need connected learning.

19 The children today are
20 digital natives. Children of 1961,
21 were not, right? So the advent of
22 the new digital technologies have
23 changed young people so, essentially
24 that they think and process

1 information fundamentally
2 differently from the predecessors,
3 therefore making older libraries
4 obsolete. New spaces provide an
5 opportunity for our kids to
6 experience new technologies and
7 resources that will certainly miss
8 in this current library.

9 Connected learning will
10 also support the idea that learners
11 achieve best when learning is
12 reinforced and supported in multiple
13 settings, providing opportunities
14 for libraries to engage other
15 institutions as partners in this
16 connected learning environment.
17 This connected learning takes
18 advantage of the vast amount of
19 digital and social media available
20 on the internet and the
21 connectedness of today's culture.
22 The 1960s, right? It capitalizes on
23 research that has shown that
24 students achieve higher order

1 learning outcomes when their work is
2 focused on topics that are
3 personally interesting and relevant
4 to them. What's interesting and
5 relevant today to our kids?
6 Podcasting, gaming, social media,
7 right? Those types of digitally
8 advanced technology, right? So
9 through this model of learning,
10 students and young people can
11 develop skills and knowledge
12 relevant for their formal education,
13 as we heard today from the CIO of
14 the Philadelphia School District,
15 right? That will be meaningful in
16 the future work in social studies.
17 So in order for connected
18 learning to help level the playing
19 field, you know, between the haves
20 and the have-nots, because that's
21 what this is about, right? We don't
22 want to keep our black and brown
23 kids in North Philly marginalized,
24 right? The students must have

1 access to new and emerging
2 technologies in the internet and
3 libraries that provide access to the
4 technologies will be better able to
5 integrate themselves into connected
6 learning environments. Those
7 libraries interested in becoming
8 more supportive of connected
9 learning will need the support. And
10 again, I'm committed to providing
11 that support to our communities on
12 this body.

13 Our libraries can balance a
14 traditional function with the needs
15 of diverse services. And to do
16 that, we are going to have to equip
17 them. The physical space at many of
18 our libraries, incorporate new
19 technologies into traditional
20 functions. We'll allow libraries to
21 remain relevant while still honoring
22 their role as centers of knowledge.

23 Increasingly becoming
24 centers for cultural, educational

1 and social events, you know, our
2 libraries are going to offer
3 programs such as author talks, film
4 screenings, jobs training, cultural
5 performances, libraries that engage
6 with their communities. The Cecil
7 B. Moore cannot offer that right now
8 in its current footprint. It
9 cannot, right? These events will
10 provide opportunities for patrons to
11 learn and interact with the
12 community, strengthen the libraries
13 role as a cultural hub. This is
14 about making our communities
15 stronger. But again, the current
16 infrastructure and many libraries do
17 not allow for this. These types of
18 engagement opportunities need to be
19 expanded. So while we have some,
20 some is great, but more is always
21 better. So I want the libraries to
22 remain relevant in the lives of our
23 kids throughout Philadelphia. And
24 to do that, libraries must adapt to

1 embracing these new trends. They
2 have to, because I will -- as I go
3 to these libraries, our kid's not
4 there, our teens are not there,
5 right? That's who we need to
6 attract to these spaces.

7 So I'm going to always
8 continue to be an advocate for
9 better for my community, not the
10 same. We deserve better in North
11 Philly. And that current footprint,
12 we can save a building. A building
13 can be historic. A use of a
14 building is not historic. So let's
15 make that clear. We can keep a
16 building a public space, but the
17 uses of that are obsolete.

18 I'm going to continue to
19 say that, we're going to continue to
20 work to make sure that our children,
21 our black and brown children in
22 North Philadelphia have the very
23 best opportunities to succeed in
24 life as we are moving forward in

1 this digital age. So again, I fully
2 support folks coming down to
3 advocate for their positions.

4 That's why today we
5 introduced that resolution to hold a
6 hearing to talk about this. Not
7 just in North Philadelphia, but
8 throughout the city.

9 I have plenty of libraries
10 that have infrastructure issues.
11 Right now, one of my libraries in
12 Fishtown is closed because of HVAC
13 issues, right? Other libraries
14 across the city, I'm sure are closed
15 because of all of this
16 infrastructure issues. We have to
17 do more for our children. And I'm
18 going to continue to keep fighting
19 for that. So, you know, it just
20 frustrates me that folks say that
21 they don't want half measures. A
22 renovation is a half measure.
23 That's a half measure. That's not
24 the best that we can do for our

1 kids.

2 So, Mr. President, again,
3 I'm going to continue to be open
4 about this discussion that I'm
5 having with community members as I
6 go around and advocating for more
7 for North Philadelphia. People are
8 seeing that, you know what, yes, we
9 deserve the very best in North
10 Philly. And again, we can save a
11 building.

12 We can keep a building a
13 public space with the history and
14 everything. But the uses of 1961
15 are not the same uses in 2025. And,
16 you know, we got to do better. I
17 think, Mr. President, we have to do
18 better. But I also want to digress
19 a little bit. I want to give my
20 condolences to my cousin Cherie who
21 lost her brother. And her father
22 lost his entire life in a fire in
23 North Philadelphia a few days ago.
24 And in that same fire, while our

1 firefighters of local 22 were
2 risking their lives to save my
3 cousin -- my family's lives, their
4 stuff was stolen out the vehicles,
5 right? Like, that's crazy. That is
6 crazy that our first responders had
7 their things stolen from them while
8 they were risking their lives for
9 the residents of the city of
10 Philadelphia.

11 So I want to let the
12 members of Local 22 know that I'm
13 always going to be supportive of
14 your efforts as you are saving our
15 lives here in the city of
16 Philadelphia.

17 And last but not least, I
18 know folks have gotten e-mails from
19 our office, but this week is the
20 last week for my legislative
21 director, Jawad Pullin. Jawad has
22 been with us from day one. Jawad is
23 someone who is highly intelligent,
24 highly thoughtful, understands

1 community, understands processes.

2 And by the way, he's a Gates

3 scholar, right?

4 So I want to thank you

5 Jawad, for dealing with me, I'll

6 say, because I know dealing with me

7 is hard. I know it's hard. I want

8 to thank you because you have taught

9 me so much. I had your role as a

10 staffer. I know how intense it can

11 be. I know how all over the place I

12 am, but you keep -- you kept me

13 straight. And I appreciate the

14 things that you have done for our

15 office, for our community, and I'm

16 -- I appreciate the things you're

17 going to continue to do for our

18 community in North Philadelphia.

19 So, again, can we just give Jawad a

20 round of applause, please.

21 So I look forward to

22 working with you in the future. And

23 I also want to give my prayers and

24 condolences to the family of Highway

1 Patrol Officer Andy Chan, who lost
2 his life due to his injuries he
3 suffered in a car accident about six
4 and a half years ago. So my
5 condolences to the family of Andy
6 Chan and the entire FOP. Thank you,
7 Mr. President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
9 Thank you. Chair recognizes
10 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

11 COUNCILMEMBER LOZADA:
12 Thank you, Council President. Very
13 briefly, I just want to take the
14 opportunity to say thank you to all
15 of those individuals who supported
16 the 7th Council District's Operation
17 Thanksgiving, yourself, IBW Caring
18 for Friends, the Philadelphia Police
19 Department, Impact Services, and my
20 staff.

21 Operation Thanksgiving is
22 an event that started many, many
23 years ago before I even became a
24 city employee. It started in the

1 humble hall of St. Hugh of Cluny, a
2 space where my dad serves as deacon
3 and has been there for 40 plus
4 years. And year after year it has
5 grown to be what it is today. And
6 that is not possible connecting
7 residents of the 7th Council
8 District to something as simple as
9 food, right? Many people across the
10 city of Philadelphia think about
11 what they're going to eat. Many in
12 the 7th Council District are
13 thinking about how they're going to
14 eat.

15 And so the support that I
16 have received and that I continue to
17 receive from all of these partners
18 is extremely important and really
19 impacts and makes a change in the
20 day-to-day lives of residents in the
21 7th. And I'm extremely grateful.
22 We are going to continue collecting
23 food from now on as long as we are
24 here.

1 I have several food
2 pantries that are really struggling
3 right now as a result of everything
4 that is happening on the federal
5 level. And so, if there is anyone
6 out there that is moved to connect
7 families with food, we have started
8 several food pantries in some of our
9 schools and some of our churches.
10 Want to publicly thank Councilmember
11 Harrity for his work in opening up
12 the food pantry over at Memphis
13 School. We have a food pantry at
14 Cramp Elementary, one at Elkins, one
15 at Conwell.

16 We will soon have one at
17 Cramp School. And so all of our
18 schools have now become more than
19 just an educational institution.
20 They've become hubs for food. And
21 so anything we can do to help
22 support them, I would greatly
23 appreciate it.

24 Today, I also want to thank

1 my colleagues for supporting Bill
2 Number 250834, which is an overlay
3 in the 7th Council District. I
4 think that it's important to
5 remember that we are stewards of our
6 respective districts. We have a
7 responsibility to respond to what
8 our community residents feel is what
9 they need in their communities.

10 I want to thank
11 Councilmember Majority Leader
12 Gilmore-Richardson, because
13 convenience stores, smoke shops,
14 hookah stores, whatever -- happy
15 stores, whatever it is you all want
16 to call them, and what -- however it
17 is they're referred to in your
18 communities, are a huge nuisance in
19 the 7th Council District.

20 I took the opportunity
21 right before the holiday to tour the
22 district between 12:00 a.m. and
23 3:30 a.m. to see how life is in the
24 7th after dark. And one of the

1 things I noticed is that, you know,
2 what people tell us every day is
3 facts, right? Those businesses that
4 are violating the 11:00 p.m. curfew
5 are those convenience stores that so
6 many people talk about. Those were
7 the businesses that were continuing
8 to operate regardless of what the
9 law says. And so I think that we
10 need to do more as we legislate, as
11 we change policies and procedures
12 across city government when
13 responding to these particular
14 businesses. We need to do more to
15 ensure that as these policies and
16 legislations are passed, that
17 enforcement follows because our
18 community residents deserve
19 peaceful, safe spaces to be able to
20 live in. And so I look forward to
21 continuing to work with my
22 colleagues on how we make different
23 neighborhoods safer, better, and how
24 do we improve quality of life.

1 Thank you.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

3 Thank you. Chair recognizes
4 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips.

5 COUNCILMEMBER PHILIPS:

6 Thank you, Council President. I'm
7 going to be really brief. I just
8 want to begin saying that I'm
9 thankful for all of our colleagues
10 and the guests. We just came back
11 from the Thanksgiving holiday, and
12 as we return, I remain grateful for
13 the opportunity to serve our
14 neighbors and to continue to lifting
15 up people and programs that
16 strengthen the 9th District.

17 I just want to say earlier
18 this week our office is proud and
19 excited to work with the City's
20 Office of Innovation and Technology
21 through the Power Up Tour. The
22 Power Up Tour is distributing 500
23 free laptops across all 10 Council
24 districts, and they're looking to

1 increase the laptop amounts
2 throughout the -- this coming year.

3 In our district, we
4 invested in young people and we also
5 gave seniors free laptops. We're
6 trying to close the digital divide,
7 which is really important.

8 So I really want to thank
9 our Mayor, Cherelle Parker for
10 working with our Chief Information,
11 Officer Melissa Scott, who's doing
12 an incredible job in really
13 organizing this Power Up Tour,
14 getting the Office of Innovation and
15 Technology out into the community
16 which is incredible.

17 I also want to thank the
18 United Neighbors of West Oak Lane,
19 Donna Powell and Kenya Drincs, as
20 well as PASSi's Executive Director
21 and CEO, Ken Yang of East Oak Lane
22 for hosting the event. We're
23 grateful for their commitment to our
24 community. And the highlight of the

1 program for me was meeting
2 Mr. Lawrence, also known as Flash, a
3 beloved neighbor from West Oak Lane.
4 He was 102 years old, and he's
5 getting his first laptop. And so
6 we're teaching tons of seniors how
7 to -- or how to utilize a laptop,
8 which is really important. They
9 need to do their medical bills among
10 some other things.

11 And also, I'm just proud to
12 have partner today with Councilman
13 Jones as The Chair of Committee on
14 Children and Youth. One of the
15 things I'll tell you is that we are
16 trying to spotlight every incredible
17 youth organization in the city of
18 Philadelphia. But this one was in
19 particular. It was in the 4th
20 District. But one of the things
21 that was said, and we're hoping
22 happens very soon, which is really
23 different.

24 We're trying to make this

1 organization citywide because of the
2 news that it's gotten it seems like
3 this is an organization that could
4 have such an incredible impact. So
5 it'd be wonderful to see all of
6 council support, Distinguished Young
7 Gentlemen, because it embodies that,
8 you know, the philosophy of helping
9 our young men become community
10 leaders and they're mentoring them
11 on etiquette and how to be
12 responsible men.

13 So their commitment gives
14 me tremendous hope for the future of
15 Philadelphia. And it was proud to
16 work with our Councilman Jones. And
17 also thank you so much to his
18 founder, he's Mr. Frazier.
19 Incredible man. Thank you, Council
20 President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
22 You are welcome. Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Curtis Jones, Jr.

24 COUNCILMEMBER JONES: Thank

1 you. I had no intention. I was
2 going to cut you a break,
3 Mr. President, not give a speech to
4 the majority, but I've been so
5 motivated by the people in this room
6 that I felt compelled to say
7 something briefly.

8 First of all, I want to
9 shout out Jimmy Harrity for making
10 crying in Council cool. Like nobody
11 does it better, brother. And it's
12 okay to be in touch with your
13 feelings. And you have led the way
14 on that. And I thank you for that
15 to be able to share with us on a
16 great many things. And you -- it's
17 on your sleeve and it's okay, and
18 you're making it cool. The second
19 thing is to thank Member Phillips
20 for recognizing the Distinguished
21 Gentlemen. And he's right. If we
22 could put that in a bottle and
23 spread it all over the world, this
24 -- the city would be a better place.

1 Young -- leaders aren't
2 born, they are groomed. Places that
3 they walk into, learning languages,
4 proper rules of etiquette. Those
5 things go a long way. Some -- you
6 can wear what you want, but people
7 judge you on what you wear, and they
8 know if you know where you're at and
9 whether you belong there. So I want
10 to thank you for supporting that in
11 the 9th week. We want to share from
12 the 4th, thank you, Member Phillips.

13 And I want to end up on --
14 oh, thank you, Kathy Gilmore-
15 Richardson, Majority Leader, for
16 continuing the fight to look at
17 these nuisance businesses. They
18 changed the quality of life in
19 neighborhoods for the negative.

20 And if we don't hold them
21 accountable -- if we don't hold them
22 accountable, they will do what they
23 want. And I remember you taking me
24 up 54th Street, and I was scared to

1 death because we were going in, we
2 were like Eliot Ness going in these
3 doors and -- but unplugging illegal
4 gambling machines and things like
5 that. And you have been truly
6 consistent. And I thank you for
7 that.

8 I'm going to end up with
9 Member Young. I don't know you said
10 it in a long-winded way, but I heard
11 what you said about libraries. And
12 Barack Obama said, education is the
13 great equalizer. Now, a lot of
14 people were advocating for
15 low-income people or other people
16 were advocating for middle income
17 people, but all of them, every one
18 of those sectors need libraries.

19 And I want to point out
20 something you kind of did President
21 that led the way on something that
22 I'd like Member Young to consider.
23 You have a multipurpose building on
24 Broad Street. It was a -- it was a

1 joint venture with the hospital, rec
2 center, and a library. I think the
3 time has come for us to rethink
4 public spaces. And we -- you know,
5 and I have Carnegie Mellon, I was at
6 the other day up East Falls with a
7 beautiful -- talking about a
8 beautiful Carnegie Library that we
9 couldn't sell anyway.

10 And -- but I have to drop a
11 half -- well, we, you have to drop a
12 half a million in that library just
13 to fix the HVAC to keep it open.

14 And so as we move forward,
15 Mr. President, I'd like to look at
16 that example of public private
17 partnerships for better efficient
18 use of space. So if a library is
19 near a rec center, which is next to
20 a municipal health center, that
21 ain't a bad combination and
22 utilization of public space. And we
23 are looking at relocating because
24 property values in the city, you

1 know, the 22nd Street district used
2 to be a place where, you know, now
3 it's worth a lot of money and people
4 and developers want to buy it.

5 And maybe in exchange we
6 create new models of public spaces
7 that are more efficient, that are
8 more collaborative and more useful,
9 more importantly, to the people.

10 And I really like us to
11 take a look at planning and public
12 property to look at what was done
13 there. I, you know -- you know, we
14 all have a district envy at times
15 when I ride by there, I said, man, I
16 want one of those. So maybe we all
17 should get one of those and look at
18 how that can be done for a more
19 cost-effective measure. Trying to
20 retrofit some of these buildings,
21 you come out better doing straight
22 brick and mortar new construction.
23 And I think it's a time has come
24 that we start to evaluate that

1 member Young. Thank you.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

3 Thank you, Member Jones. Also just
4 want to lend our support and
5 condolences to Member Jim Harrity as
6 well as Member Young who lost the
7 family member. And as a body of
8 council, we are here for both of
9 you.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
12 motion to adjourn.

13 COUNCILMEMBER BASS: Thank
14 you, Mr. President. I move that
15 Council stand adjourn until
16 Thursday, December 11th, 2025 at
17 10:00 a.m.

18 COUNCILMEMBERS: Second.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
20 It has been moved and properly
21 seconded that the council stand
22 adjourns until Thursday, December
23 11th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. All in
24 favor will signify by saying aye.

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COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

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Those opposed? The ayes have it,

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and the motion carries. Thank you

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all very much.

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(State meeting concluded at

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