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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
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Thursday, February 1, 2007
10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILWOMAN CAROL ANN CAMPBELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE

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COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILMAN DANIEL SAVAGE

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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

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

To give our invocation this morning, the Chair welcomes Reverend Arnold T. Evans of the Campbell African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is here today as the guest of Councilman Savage. I would ask all members and guests to please rise.

(Everyone rises.)

REVEREND EVANS: Let us pray.

Gracious and Heavenly Father, we are so grateful and thankful to be able to approach your throne this morning as we pray on this magnificent day. We are thankful that we can invoke and ask for your presence in this session of the Philadelphia City Council.

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2 We pray, Lord, that you will
3 bless the Council, the President of the
4 Council, the Mayor and all of those who
5 assist this great legislative body in
6 their work, the City of Philadelphia and
7 the entire region that is affected by
8 what takes place in this great
9 legislative body.

10 We especially pray that you
11 will help us to solve the problems of
12 violence and major crimes that has
13 overtaken this City. Help us as we seek
14 to develop solutions and implement
15 programs that will give people a new
16 lease on life, hope for the future, and
17 new skills that will enable them to have
18 a better quality of life.

19 Lord, we seek your divine
20 presence and intervention in the life of
21 this body and in the life of the City of
22 Philadelphia. May we be more loving,
23 more caring, more concerned about our
24 brothers and sisters, and may we be
25 generous in our spirit to reach out and

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2 help those who are not able to help
3 themselves.

4 Finally, Lord, we love you and
5 we magnify you. We lift up your spirit
6 and we pray that you will be with this
7 Council, this City and this country
8 forever.

9 In the precious name of the one
10 who keeps us from day to day, amen.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Amen.

12 The Chair thanks Reverend Evans
13 for his very inspiring invocation.

14 Council will be at ease.

15 (Council at ease.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 next order of business is the approval of
18 the Journal of the meeting of Tuesday,
19 January 23, 2007, and the Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President. I move that the
23 Journal of the meeting of Tuesday,
24 January 23, 2007 stand approved.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
3 has been moved and properly seconded that
4 the Journal of the meeting of Tuesday,
5 January 23, 2007 stand approved.

6 All in favor will please
7 indicate by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 ayes have it and the Journal of the
14 meeting of Tuesday, January 23, 2007 is
15 approved.

16 The next order of business is
17 requests for leave of absence, and the
18 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
21 you, Madam President. Today there are no
22 requests for leaves of absence on the
23 part of the majority.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
5 President, there are no requests for
6 leave of absence from the republicans.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you very much.

9 The Chair will dispense with
10 its regular order of business to
11 recognize the guests and visitors joining
12 us in Chambers this morning. On behalf
13 of all members of City Council, I welcome
14 you to our Council session. We
15 appreciate your taking the time to join
16 us as we attend to the legislative
17 affairs of our City. We certainly invite
18 you to come again.

19 At this time, the Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski, who
21 will present a resolution honoring Bianca
22 Taylor Ryan on winning the \$1 million
23 grand prize on the reality television
24 show "America's Got Talent."

25 Will Ms. Bianca and those with

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2 her please join the Councilwoman at the
3 podium.

4 I see that Councilwoman
5 Krajewski is being joined by
6 Councilmembers Brown, Kelly and Rizzo.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
8 you, Madam Chair.

9 A resolution honoring Northeast
10 Philadelphia's Bianca Taylor Ryan on
11 winning the \$1 million grand prize on the
12 reality television show "America's Got
13 Talent."

14 Whereas, Bianca Taylor Ryan,
15 the 12-year-old resident of Northeast
16 Philadelphia, Sixth District, won the
17 debut season of the television reality
18 show "America's Got Talent" on August 17,
19 2006;

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Whereas, the
21 child prodigy repeatedly performed to
22 standing ovations from the live studio
23 audiences and choosing the song "I Am
24 Changing" from the Broadway musical
25 Dreamgirls as her grand finale selection;

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2 and

3 Whereas, Bianca competed and
4 showcased her powerful pipes on shows
5 such as "Star Search," earning 12 of 13
6 stars from the judges, and has appeared
7 on "Showtime at the Apollo" and "The Tom
8 Joyner Show"; and

9 COUNCILMAN KELLY: And whereas,
10 she has performed at several venues such
11 as Madison Square Garden and Lincoln
12 Financial Field and since the age of
13 eight, she has been a regular soloist for
14 the Philadelphia Growl inline hockey
15 team; and

16 Whereas, she has sung the
17 National Anthem for the New Jersey Nets,
18 the New York Knicks and Rangers, as well
19 as our own Philadelphia 76ers and Eagles
20 and has appeared in commercials for the
21 Chuck E. Cheese restaurant chain and the
22 Philadelphia Zoo.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
24 the "America's Got Talent" judges Piers
25 Morgan, David Hasselhoff and Brandy

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2 Morgan all agreed that Bianca was the
3 "best of the best" when television
4 viewers voted and awarded Bianca the \$1
5 million grand prize; and

6 Whereas, Bianca, daughter of
7 Shawn and Janette Ryan and sister of
8 Shawn, Isabella and Jagger, is a sixth
9 grader at the School Lane Charter School
10 and has officially signed a 5 CD
11 recording contract with Syco-Columbia
12 Records; and

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

15 Resolved by the Council of the City of
16 Philadelphia, we raise a ceremonial toast
17 to the exceptional talent and artistic
18 expression of Bianca Taylor Ryan and hope
19 she rises to stardom and always remember
20 her Philadelphia roots.

21 This is a true and exact copy
22 signed by the President of City Council
23 and sponsored by all members of City
24 Council.

25 Congratulations.

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2 my love of the City everywhere I go.

3 God has truly blessed me and my
4 family greatly. My prayer is that I can
5 continue to learn and help others during
6 this wonderful experience and to make
7 everyone here in Philadelphia proud.

8 I'd really like to thank again
9 Joan Krajewski, and I am so glad that she
10 is running for City Council again.

11 I was asked by Joan to sing a
12 song. I know she really loves Elvis, but
13 I don't think I can sing like him, so I'm
14 going to sing a song that I sang for the
15 finale of "America's Got Talent," which
16 is called "I Am Changing" and it's from
17 the Broadway musical Dreamgirls, which
18 just came out on movie, which I really
19 love. It's called "I Am changing" and I
20 hope you guys like it.

21 (Bianca Taylor Ryan sang "I Am
22 Changing.")

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That
25 was absolutely wonderful, Bianca.

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2 Council will now be at ease.

3 (Council at ease.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
6 Blackwell, who will present a resolution
7 recognizing Ruby Lorraine Dowd in her
8 retirement from the City of Philadelphia
9 Police Department.

10 Will Ms. Dowd and those
11 accompanying her please join the
12 Councilwoman at the podium.

13 I see that Councilman Greenlee
14 and Councilman Ramos are joining
15 Councilwoman Blackwell for the
16 presentation.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you, Madam President. And as you know,
19 former Commissioner Angela Dowd Burton is
20 part of this wonderful family and is
21 likewise the head of the Home and School
22 Association at the Penn Alexander School.

23 Thank you very much.
24 Resolution recognizing Ruby Lorraine Dowd
25 in her retirement from the City of

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2 Philadelphia Police Department after 35
3 years of dedicated service to her
4 citizens and the community.

5 Whereas, Ruby L. Dowd graduated
6 from St. Agnes School of Medical
7 Technology in June 1970 with a
8 certification in Laboratory Practices;
9 and

10 Whereas, Ruby L. Dowd came to
11 work for the Philadelphia General
12 Hospital on February 1, 1971 in the
13 Clinical Chemistry Lab; and

14 Whereas, upon the closing of
15 the Hospital, she came to work for the
16 Police Department Crime Lab on August 22,
17 1977; and

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Whereas,
19 she received certifications from the
20 Philadelphia County Board of Clinical
21 Pathologists, the Pennsylvania Department
22 of Laboratories and the United States
23 Department of Health, Education and
24 Welfare, and has taken various courses
25 throughout the years to sustain her

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2 recognizes Ruby Lorraine Dowd in her
3 retirement from the City of Philadelphia
4 Police Department after 35 years of
5 dedicated service to her City and
6 community; and

7 Further resolved, that an
8 engrossed copy of this resolution shall
9 be prepared as an expression of this
10 body's sincere appreciation for the years
11 of services rendered to the City and its
12 citizens by Ruby Lorraine Dowd.

13 Congratulations.

14 MS. DOWD: Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair recognizes Ms. Dowd for remarks.

18 MS. DOWD: President Ann
19 Verna --

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
21 morning. Congratulations.

22 MS. DOWD: -- Honorable
23 Councilwoman Blackwell and honorable,
24 distinguished Councilmembers, family,
25 friends and colleagues, good morning. I

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2 thank you very much for the tremendous
3 honor and recognition.

4 I have enjoyed working for City
5 government for the past 35 years. My
6 daughter has worked for City government.
7 My son has worked for City government for
8 12 years, and one of my grandsons has
9 just joined City government.

10 Our family will continue to
11 serve with distinction the citizens of
12 Philadelphia, and I want to thank each
13 one of you, and many blessings to you.

14 Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

17 Council will be at ease.

18 (Council at ease.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Brown,
21 who will present a resolution honoring
22 the African-American Children's Book
23 Project.

24 Will Ms. Tonya Bolden and
25 Ms. Eloise Prescott and those

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2 accompanying them please join the
3 Councilwoman at the podium.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
5 morning, colleagues and guests. I'd like
6 to call to the attention of my colleagues
7 two books on your desk that come to us as
8 a result of the generosity of the lady
9 we're honoring this morning, and I'd like
10 to call to your attention that on Page 12
11 of today's Daily News there is a more
12 in-depth article of the history of this
13 wonderful idea that she's put forth that
14 really allows black youth to flourish,
15 and I'd just like to salute you for your
16 ideals, Vanesse, that books can make a
17 difference for all children.

18 Honoring the African-American
19 Children's Book Project on the occasion
20 of the 15th Annual African-American
21 Children's Book Fair.

22 Whereas, for 15 years the
23 African-American Children's Book Fair has
24 enhanced multi-culturalism in our City,
25 utilizing the joy of reading as a tool;

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2 and

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

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

15 Whereas, strictly judging by
16 the attendance, the Fair is a tremendous
17 success and has grown over the past 15
18 years. Now well over 4,500 people
19 attended the Fair in 2006; and

20 Whereas, rich or poor, no one
21 leaves empty-handed as the posters,
22 bookmarkers and raffle books are
23 distributed free of charge to every child
24 that attends that affair at Community
25 College;

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2 Whereas, the books themselves
3 are priced at a level where they are more
4 affordable than in many of the bookstores
5 in the region;

6 Whereas, many of the authors
7 and illustrators, some in attendance
8 today, will be in attendance at the book
9 fair and local celebrities to further
10 enhance the excitement and vibrancy that
11 the book fair allows;

12 Whereas, one of the esteemed
13 authors in attendance will be Tonya
14 Bolden, who is with us today, and
15 authored the book on your desk, "MLK -
16 Journey of a King" and "Maritcha: A 19th
17 Century American Girl," which was
18 recognized as a Coretta Scott King Honor
19 Book and winner of the 2006 James Madison
20 Book Award that is given annually to the
21 children's book that best represents
22 excellence and bringing knowledge and
23 understanding of American history to the
24 next generation;

25 Whereas, the National Council

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2 of Negro Women, North Bronx Section, has
3 inducted author Tonya Bolden into its
4 honor roll of legends, declaring her a
5 visionary and history-maker for highly
6 acclaimed body of literature for young
7 people; and

8 Whereas, the Fair is also lucky
9 to host a terrific local author --
10 parenthetically, a Girl's High girl,
11 former classmate -- in Eloise Prescott
12 who wrote "Aisha's Crowning Glory," a
13 book containing pictures and stories
14 about African-Americans that carry
15 messages and enjoyment for young and old
16 alike; and

17 Whereas, the 15th Annual
18 African-American Book Fair will be held
19 this Saturday, free of charge, on
20 February 3rd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at
21 the gymnasium of the Community College of
22 Philadelphia there at 17th and Spring
23 Garden Street.

24 Resolved, by the City Council
25 of Philadelphia, that we hereby honor the

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2 African-American Children's Book Project,
3 its founder, Vanesse Lloyd-Sgambati, and
4 authors Tonya Bolden and Eloise Prescott
5 on the occasion of the Annual
6 African-American Children's Book Fair.

7 Further resolved, that an
8 engrossed copy of this be presented to
9 the representatives of the
10 African-American Book Project, Tonya
11 Bolden and Eloise Prescott, for your
12 hard, devoted work and good effort in the
13 promotion of children's literacy, as
14 evidenced by the sincere sentiments of
15 this body. Signed by the President of
16 Philadelphia City Council, President Anna
17 C. Verna, and supported and sponsored by
18 all of the members of the Philadelphia
19 City Council.

20 Congratulations.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair recognizes Ms. Bolden for remarks.

24 MS. LLOYD-SGAMBATI: It's Mrs.
25 Sgambati. I just want to make some very

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2 quick remarks. I wanted to thank you,
3 Madam President, Council and especially
4 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown, who
5 is also going to continue that tradition,
6 literary tradition, in Philadelphia by
7 penning her own book. I don't know if I
8 let the cat out of the bag yet.

9 But for the past 15 years, as a
10 child growing up in Elmwood -- they used
11 to call it swampland -- we did not have a
12 library. We had a book mobile that would
13 come around each week, and I looked
14 forward to that each and every week. And
15 people like you here in City Council and
16 as well as Blondell Reynolds Brown help
17 us to continue our mission of enriching
18 and enlightening our children's lives
19 through books.

20 The two women who are presented
21 here, I wanted to just briefly say to you
22 that Tonya Bolden won the James Madison
23 Award. Lynne Cheney, Vice-President's
24 wife Lynne Cheney, is the person who
25 oversees that award, and to get that

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2 acknowledgment was an incredible
3 recognition of her work.

4 Eloise Prescott for the past 15
5 years has been a volunteer at the
6 Children's Book Fair. And what she did
7 was, she wanted to write a children's
8 book, so every year she came, she did
9 some networking, hence she has a book
10 today.

11 So I thank both of them for
12 coming to Philadelphia or living here in
13 Philadelphia and continuing that
14 tradition and supporting the
15 African-American Children's Book Project.

16 Thank you.

17 MS. BOLDEN: Thank you. First
18 I just want to thank God, from whom all
19 my blessings flow, and certainly this
20 day, this moment is a great blessing, and
21 I want to thank the City Council. And I
22 want you to know that in affirming me and
23 my work, you're also affirming the work
24 of all the writers and all the visual
25 artists who are devoting the lion's share

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2 of their energies and their talent for
3 those who will be our future.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. PRESCOTT: First, I'd also
7 like to thank God, from whom all
8 blessings flow. I also have to thank my
9 family, who has always given me a lot of
10 encouragement and support. And to the
11 distinguished members of City Council,
12 thank you from the bottom of my heart,
13 and also especially to the Honorable
14 Blondell Reynolds Brown for introducing
15 this resolution. And last, but by far
16 not least, Vanesse Lloyd-Sgambati for
17 having the energy to keep this going
18 every year for the past 15 years.

19 Thank you so much, Vanesse.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

22 Council will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 next order of business is communications.

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2 The Chair requests that the
3 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages
4 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk. At
5 this time, I would ask the Chief Clerk to
6 please read the messages from the Mayor.

7 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
8 and members of the Council of the City of
9 Philadelphia, I am transmitting for the
10 consideration of your honorable body an
11 ordinance authorizing and directing the
12 revision of lines and grades on a portion
13 of City Plan No. 323 by striking from the
14 City Plan and vacating the southwesterly
15 most 10 feet of Hegerman Street; and

16 An ordinance amending Bill No.
17 051138, approved December 22, 2005,
18 entitled "Authorizing, generally, the
19 continued issuance and sale by the City
20 of Philadelphia of Gas Works Revenue
21 Notes of the City"; and

22 An ordinance constituting the
23 Nineteenth Supplemental Ordinance to the
24 General Gas Works Revenue Bond Ordinance
25 of 1975, the General Ordinance, to the

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2 extent not modified, amended or
3 superseded by this ordinance, are
4 applicable.

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

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

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

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The next order of business is
16 introduction of bills and resolutions,
17 and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Blackwell for a motion.

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

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will please
8 indicate by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 ayes have it and the motion carries.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Kenney.

17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I offer one bill and
19 two resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 read the title of the bill.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 amending Chapter 20-1000 of The

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Political
3 Contributions and Expenditures," by
4 providing that if a candidate for Mayor
5 makes contributions of his or her own
6 resources in excess of a specified amount
7 to his or her own campaign, then no
8 contribution limits will apply to
9 candidates for Mayor, provided that
10 contributions that otherwise would have
11 been prohibited must be immediately
12 reported to the City Commissioners and
13 the Board of Ethics, all under certain
14 terms and conditions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I beg your indulgence
21 and move the rules of Council be
22 suspended to allow me to make some brief
23 comments regarding this bill. I know
24 it's not in order, but I'd ask for a
25 suspension.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
3 there a second?

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
7 in favor will please indicate by saying
8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 ayes have it, and the Chair recognizes
15 Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I voted for campaign
18 finance reform to achieve two goals.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
20 Councilman Kenney, just a minute, please.

21 The noise level is much too
22 high. Anybody having private
23 conversations, I'd suggest you do it in
24 the corridor. Thank you very much.

25 Councilman Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I voted for campaign
4 finance reform to achieve two goals: end
5 pay-to-play and level the playing field
6 for candidates. However, the events of
7 the past 48 hours have shown that the
8 campaign contribution limits have opened
9 the door for a candidate to, in some
10 ways, buy City Hall or buy the Mayor's
11 office.

12 As reported yesterday in the
13 Daily News, a millionaire candidate for
14 Mayor is willing to put \$15 million of
15 his own money into his own campaign, \$15
16 million when other candidates are
17 reporting around \$1.5 million in the
18 bank.

19 Clearly, we have
20 unintentionally created opportunity for
21 an unlevel playing field and have opened
22 the door for a candidate to take
23 advantage of the system. As we have
24 moved to rid the influence of those doing
25 business with the City by setting

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2 contribution limits, we have unwittingly
3 done away with the influence of those
4 living in our City's row homes, those who
5 go to \$20 beef and beers, those who put
6 in for the 50/50 raffle, those who work
7 for the union that builds the high-rise
8 that the wealthy people live in, those
9 newcomers who have ideas to make this
10 City great.

11 These remarks are not leveled
12 towards any one candidate. I encourage
13 wealthy individuals to come to
14 Philadelphia, do business here and get
15 involved in our government, but when it
16 comes to running for office, the
17 advantages of virtually limitless
18 spending allow for unfair domination of
19 the field. My bill seeks to level the
20 playing field by doing two things. It
21 removes the contribution caps when a
22 candidate contributes more than \$2
23 million of their own money. This is not
24 forever. This is only when in an
25 election cycle a candidate for Mayor

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2 spends \$2 million of their own money. If
3 that money is not spent, the caps would
4 remain.

5 Second, requires a candidate to
6 report contributions exceeding the cap,
7 the current cap, to the City
8 Commissioners and the Board of Ethics
9 within 24 hours of receipt.

10 We must act now or our efforts
11 at campaign finance reform will consign
12 the voters to this system to an election
13 in May where the voice of one person is
14 louder than the voice of our diverse
15 neighborhoods.

16 This is not the passage of the
17 bill today. This is the beginning of a
18 discussion to have a discussion about an
19 unintended consequence that a good
20 intended bill created, and we will
21 hopefully have that discussion soon.

22 I thank you for your indulgence
23 and for your consideration.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 Councilwoman Campbell, your
3 light is on. Did you want to be
4 recognized?

5 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Yes, I
6 do. I have some remarks.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
8 Please.

9 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: I am
10 not one to speak publicly nor do I relish
11 the position of speaking publicly, but
12 this issue of election reform is a bitter
13 pill to swallow. It is unfair and
14 unjust. And while it would be easier for
15 me to turn my head and close my eyes to
16 such an unpopular issue, I cannot do
17 that. I have a responsibility to all of
18 the many people who voted for me and
19 placed in my care their hopes, dreams,
20 trusts and aspiration for a better
21 Philadelphia. So even though I don't
22 like speaking publicly, I am compelled to
23 speak for the proposed legislative change
24 which calls for an amendment to the
25 current election reform law.

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2 The purpose of campaign reform
3 law was to empower the powerless to gain
4 access to the election process which was
5 being denied by rich and powerful
6 corporate interests who literally bought
7 elections. We wanted to stop this and
8 open up the election process to a broad
9 range of citizens from different races,
10 sexes, cultures and economic backgrounds.
11 We wanted to make the election process
12 more democratic.

13 We also wanted to minimize the
14 influence of big money on candidates. We
15 sought to do this by limiting the amount
16 of money that could be contributed to a
17 candidate from an individual and/or
18 organization. But, however, we left a
19 gaping loophole in the law. We have
20 allowed a single individual with his own
21 money, by whatever means acquired, to
22 propel himself without restrictions on
23 the amount of money he can spend. This
24 loophole allows for the same results we
25 sought to avoid with the reform of the

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2 laws.

3 The rich and powerful
4 individual now is able to run with an
5 unlimited war chest resulting in, again,
6 lopsided control of the government by the
7 rich and powerful. This is
8 anti-democratic and it deprives the
9 people without the big pockets, the very
10 people that we all represent,
11 participation in the electoral process.

12 It is not fair to allow a
13 situation to exist where one candidate
14 has an unlimited amount of money to spend
15 because he happens to have been blessed
16 with personal wealth, no matter how that
17 wealth was accumulated. It is not fair
18 that he can get around the campaign laws
19 because he is spending his money and, on
20 the other hand, this law ties the hands
21 of other candidates who are not blessed
22 with their own personal wealth. This
23 loophole penalizes the candidates who are
24 not blessed with their own personal
25 wealth, because we say that if you have

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2 your own money, you can spend as much as
3 you want, you can buy as many television
4 commercials as you want, you can tell
5 your story as many times as you want,
6 because you have the unlimited money to
7 buy that and more and we, the Council,
8 will not say anything to you because that
9 is your money. But the candidate without
10 personal wealth, we say, Wait a minute,
11 you can only receive a specified amount
12 of money from any one person and you can
13 only receive a specified amount of money
14 from any organization. Now spend it as
15 you will, but we are limiting your access
16 to the public. We are limiting you in
17 your ability to tell your story and get
18 it out there because you cannot raise an
19 unlimited amount of money.

20 This is wrong, and we are
21 charting a dangerous course with the
22 current legislation. The current
23 legislation allows the millionaires the
24 opportunity to usurp the prerogatives of
25 the election process to themselves, break

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2 the back of the reform by slipping in
3 through the back door and conspiring to
4 steal the election. It is not fair to
5 limit candidates in what monies they can
6 raise when you have candidates vowing to
7 spend millions of dollars of their own.

8 Don't get me wrong. I think
9 that is commendable that a wealthy
10 candidate is willing to spend his money
11 for public service, but not at the
12 expense of our democratic process. We
13 can't have it both ways. We can't want
14 to open up the electoral process making
15 it more democratic and at the same time
16 create a situation where only the
17 candidates without personal wealth are
18 bridled by the election reform
19 legislation.

20 I want and support an amendment
21 to the current legislation that would
22 allow the candidate of lesser means to be
23 able to balance the excessive amount of
24 cash spent by the millionaire candidate
25 by allowing the candidate of lesser means

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2 to raise as much money as is spent by the
3 millionaire candidate.

4 We have to create a mechanism
5 to balance and protect the democratic
6 rights of the people to have their voice
7 and representatives heard and be present
8 in the government. This must be
9 corrected. Otherwise, once again, it
10 will be big money, this time concealed
11 behind wealthy individuals with unlimited
12 spending power. The way this is set up,
13 Forbes Magazine will select our
14 officials. We have to amend the present
15 law, eliminate this loophole and make
16 sure the political office is accessible
17 to any political candidate of whatever
18 means, and to the extent it fails to do
19 that, it is at odds with the intent of
20 the legislation. Otherwise, it is
21 business as usual and we might as well do
22 away with any notions of democracy,
23 justice and fairness.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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

4 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
5 please read the first resolution.

6 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 authorizing the Committee on Streets and
8 Services to hold public hearings
9 investigating the long-term benefits of
10 replacing cement sidewalks with rubber
11 sidewalks in select areas.

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

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

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution will be
3 referred to the Committee on Streets and
4 Services.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 honoring the 30th Annual Philadelphia
7 Flyers Wives Flight for Lives Carnival, a
8 continued beacon of support and
9 fundraising for numerous charity
10 organizations and the good-will of
11 Philadelphia.

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

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

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution is
3 adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
8 two bills on your behalf.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 granting permission to Marilyn T. Stroud,
15 1543 Dickinson Street, to operate and
16 maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 authorizing and directing the revision of
22 lines and grades on a portion of City
23 Plan Nos. 11-S, 42, 43, 97, 269 and 308
24 by placing on the City Plan South Street
25 from its current terminus northwest of

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2 the northwesterly Pierhead and Bulkhead
3 Line of the Schuylkill River.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Greenlee.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
10 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
11 resolutions today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair thanks the gentleman.

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Krajewski.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
17 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
18 resolutions today.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
24 President, I offer two bills and three
25 resolutions.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 constituting the Nineteenth Supplemental
7 Ordinance to the General Gas Works
8 Revenue Bond Ordinance of 1975.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 amending Bill No. 051138, approved
14 December 22, 2005, entitled "Authorizing,
15 generally, the continued issuance and
16 sale by the City of Philadelphia of Gas
17 Works Revenue Notes of the City."

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
22 honoring the service and career of Oliver
23 St. Clair Franklin.

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for
3 the adoption of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will signify by
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 ayes have it and the resolution is
16 adopted.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 recognizing February 11th to 17th as
19 Black Family Technology Awareness Week.

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for
23 the adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

1 2/1/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 has been moved and properly seconded that
3 the resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor will please
5 indicate by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 honoring and commending the NAACP -
15 Philadelphia Branch and the North Central
16 Philadelphia Health Coalition on the
17 occasion of the National Black HIV/AIDS
18 Awareness Day.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
20 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
23 the adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

1 2/1/07 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 has been moved and properly seconded that
3 the resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor will please say
5 aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

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

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
16 you, Madam President. Today I have two
17 resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 read the title of the first resolution.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 urging the Mayor's office, the Police
24 Department, City Council, the Police
25 Advisory Board and Community Leaders to

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2 convene immediately and collectively
3 consider every possible remedy to the
4 unfortunate rise in the use of deadly
5 force in Philadelphia and to subsequently
6 make a public statement announcing all
7 necessary steps to address this tragic
8 issue and pledging a commitment to act
9 without delay.

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

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
13 for the adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 ayes have it and the resolution is
25 adopted.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 recognizing and commending the Bullying
4 Prevention Program in the Philadelphia
5 School District's Office of School
6 Climate and Safety, and offering full
7 support to the work of its associates who
8 implement measures that prevent and
9 reduce childhood bullying as well as
10 address the damaging, detrimental results
11 of this behavior.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
13 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
16 for the adoption of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will please say
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 ayes have it and the resolution is
5 adopted.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Savage.

8 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I offer one resolution
10 for today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 authorizing the Committee on Public
17 Health and Human Services to hold
18 hearings on the need for the mandatory
19 installation of carbon monoxide detectors
20 in all dwellings in the City of
21 Philadelphia.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilman Savage.

24 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: I move for
25 the adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
4 in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 ayes have it and the resolution will be
11 referred to the Committee on Human
12 Services and Public Health.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I offer one bill.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 read the title of the bill.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
22 amending Section 19-1204 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Books and
24 Records," and Section 19-1205 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Claim Checks

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2 and Parking Stickers," by no longer
3 requiring the retention of claim check
4 stubs, all under certain terms and
5 conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
7 bill will be referred to the appropriate
8 committee.

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I offer one resolution
13 today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 urging the candidates seeking the office
20 of Mayor to adopt the recommendations of
21 the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children's
22 Behavioral Health as a part of their 2007
23 campaign agenda.

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move for the
4 adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
15 ayes have it and the resolution is
16 adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I have no bills or
21 resolutions.

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Ramos.

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2 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I offer no bills or
4 resolutions today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Campbell.

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

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 authorizing City Council's Committee on
18 Public Safety to hold public hearings to
19 investigate methods used by school
20 security officers and non-teaching
21 assistants in their encounters with
22 students in the City's public schools.

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

25 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: I move

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2 for the adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All in favor will say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 ayes have it and the resolution will be
14 referred to the Committee on Public
15 Safety.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
19 President, I offer one bill.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
22 the bill.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 authorizing and directing the revision of
25 lines and grades on a portion of City

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2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 for the Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join
6 with the family, friends and colleagues
7 of George J. Hollingsworth, Building
8 Service Manager for the City of
9 Philadelphia, Department of Public
10 Property, in celebrating and honoring him
11 on the 29 years of outstanding service to
12 the citizens of the City of Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
16 the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All in favor will say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 ayes have it and the resolution is
4 adopted.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Kelly.

7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
8 President, I have no bills or resolutions
9 today.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Rizzo.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Thank you,
15 Madam President. Madam President, I have
16 two resolutions today, one co-sponsored
17 by Councilman Juan Ramos and the other
18 co-sponsored by Councilwoman Blondell
19 Reynolds Brown.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
25 recognizing, honoring and memorializing

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2 WHAT as the "Voice in the
3 African-American Community" in
4 Philadelphia on the occasion of its
5 unfortunate demise.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for
9 the adoption of this resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
12 has been moved and properly seconded that
13 the resolution be adopted.

14 All in favor will say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 ayes have it and the resolution is
21 adopted.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 memorializing, honoring and celebrating
24 Barbaro, our heroic racehorse, and its
25 owners, Roy and Gretchen Jackson, for

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2 their exemplary display of perseverance,
3 compassion and courage that captured the
4 hearts of a nation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair again recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for
8 the adoption of this resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
11 has been moved and properly seconded that
12 the resolution be adopted.

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 ayes have it and the resolution is
20 adopted.

21 The next order of business is
22 reports from committees, and the Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for a
24 report from the Committee on Finance.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

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2 Depository authorized to accept City
3 deposits under Section 19-201 of The
4 Philadelphia Code to notify the City of
5 proposed branch closings"; and

6 Bill No. 060961, entitled "An
7 ordinance to amend an ordinance approved
8 June 8, 2006, Bill No. 060001, relating
9 to the Fiscal Year 2007-2012 Capital
10 Program, by decreasing project amounts in
11 certain departments and increasing
12 project amounts in other departments";
13 and

14 Bill No. 060966, entitled "An
15 ordinance to amend an ordinance approved
16 June 8, 2006, relating to Fiscal Year
17 2007 Capital Budget, by decreasing
18 project amounts in certain departments
19 and increasing project amounts in other
20 departments"; and

21 Bill No. 070018, entitled "An
22 ordinance approving the reallocation of a
23 portion of capital loan funds borrowed
24 pursuant to Bill No. 040328-A, approved
25 September 30, 2004"; and

1 2/1/07 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Bill No. 070021, entitled "An
3 ordinance authorizing the creation of a
4 loan or loans to provide funds for and
5 toward various capital municipal
6 purposes," respectfully reports it has
7 considered and amended the same and
8 returns the attached bills to Council
9 with a favorable recommendation.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 The Chair again recognizes
13 Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you, Madam President. I move that the
16 rules of Council be suspended so as to
17 permit first reading of those bills just
18 mentioned.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
21 has been moved and properly seconded that
22 the rules of Council be suspended so as
23 to permit first reading this day of the
24 bills just reported from committee.

25 All in favor will please

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2 indicate by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

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

11 The Chair now recognizes
12 Councilwoman Krajewski for a report from
13 the Committee on Appropriations.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
15 you. The Committee on Appropriations
16 reports one bill out with a favorable
17 recommendation.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
21 please read the report.

22 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
23 and members of the Council of the City of
24 Philadelphia, the Committee on
25 Appropriations, to which was referred

1 2/1/07 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Bill No. 070019, entitled "An ordinance
3 authorizing transfers in appropriations
4 for Fiscal Year 2007 within the General
5 Fund from certain or all City offices,
6 departments, boards and commissions to
7 certain or all City offices, departments,
8 boards and commissions, to enable the
9 purchase, installation and maintenance of
10 additional public safety video
11 surveillance cameras," respectfully
12 reports it has considered and amended the
13 same and returns the attached bill to
14 Council with a favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move
20 that the rules of Council be suspended so
21 as to permit first reading of Bill
22 070019.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 2/1/07 - STATED - REPORTS

2 the rules of Council be suspended so as
3 to permit first reading this day of the
4 bill just read from the report of the
5 Committee on Appropriations.

6 All in favor will please say
7 aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 ayes have it and the bill just read will
14 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
15 for today.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the
18 Committee on Public Health and Human
19 Services.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
21 Chair, the Committee on Public Health and
22 Human Services reports one bill with a
23 favorable recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read the report.

4 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
5 and members of the Council of the City of
6 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public
7 Health and Human Services, to which was
8 referred Bill No. 060958, entitled "An
9 ordinance amending Title 6 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Health
11 Code,' by prohibiting the use of
12 artificial trans fats in restaurants and
13 other food service establishments, under
14 certain terms and conditions,"
15 respectfully reports it has considered
16 the same and returns the attached bill to
17 Council with a favorable recommendation.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
23 President, I move that the rules of
24 Council be suspended so as to permit
25 first reading this day of Bill No.

1 2/1/07 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 060958.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will please
10 indicate by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 ayes have it and the bill just read will
17 be placed on our First Reading Calendar
18 for today.

19 The next order of business will
20 be consideration of the Calendar. The
21 Chief Clerk will please read the bills on
22 the First Reading Calendar.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 060832,
24 an ordinance amending Bill No. 060001,
25 relating to the Capital Program for

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2 Fiscal Years 2007 through 2012, by adding
3 line items for certain capital projects
4 in Fiscal Year 2007.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair agrees.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
8 060834, an ordinance amending Bill No.
9 060002, relating to the Fiscal 2007
10 Capital Budget, by adding line items for
11 certain capital projects.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 Chair agrees.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
15 060939, an ordinance amending Chapter
16 19-200 of The Philadelphia Code, by
17 requiring any City Depository authorized
18 to accept City deposits under Section
19 19-201 of The Philadelphia Code to notify
20 the City of proposed branch closings.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair agrees.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
24 060961, an ordinance to amend an
25 ordinance approved June 8, 2006, Bill No.

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2 060001, relating to the Fiscal Year
3 2007-2012 Capital Program, by decreasing
4 project amounts in certain departments.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair agrees.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
8 060966, an ordinance to amend an
9 ordinance approved June 8, 2006, relating
10 to the Fiscal 2007 Capital Budget, by
11 decreasing project amounts in certain
12 departments.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair agrees.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
16 070018, an ordinance approving the
17 reallocation of a portion of capital loan
18 funds borrowed pursuant to Bill No.
19 040328-A, under certain terms and
20 conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair agrees.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
24 070021, an ordinance authorizing the
25 creation of a loan or loans to provide

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2 funds for or toward various capital
3 municipal purposes and fixing a date for
4 holding the election for obtaining such
5 consent.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
7 Chair agrees.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
9 070019, an ordinance authorizing
10 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
11 Year 2007 within the General Fund to
12 enable the purchase, installation and
13 maintenance of additional public safety
14 video surveillance cameras.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair agrees.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
18 060958, an ordinance amending Title 6 of
19 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Health
20 Code," by prohibiting the use of
21 artificial trans fat in restaurants and
22 other food service establishments, under
23 certain terms and conditions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair agrees.

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2 That completes our First
3 Reading Calendar. At this time, I
4 recognize Councilwoman Blackwell for the
5 purpose of calling up the bills on the
6 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
7 to be considered today.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you, Madam President. Today our Calendar
10 starts on Page 6. At the bottom of the
11 page, Bill Nos. 060448 and 060433 will be
12 amended. We then go to Page 8. We will
13 hear Bill No. 060889. The other two we
14 will hear will be amended. Bill No.
15 060716 will be amended and 060442 is to
16 be amended. And, finally, on our last
17 page, Page 9, Bill No. 060797 is to be
18 amended. All other bills are being held.

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

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes. Madam
22 President, my bill that I was originally
23 intending to amend today I'm going to
24 hold.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And

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2 that is Bill No. 060448?

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Yes, ma'am.

4 And 060433, Page 6 at the bottom.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 bottom of Page 6. Both are being held.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

9 You're welcome.

10 All right. I believe the first
11 bill to be considered is Bill No. 060889.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 authorizing transfers in appropriations
14 for Fiscal Year 2007 within the Community
15 Development Fund from certain or all City
16 offices, departments, boards and
17 commissions to certain or all City
18 offices, departments, boards and
19 commissions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
21 bill having been read on two different
22 days, the question now is shall the bill
23 pass finally.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 call the roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.
4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Campbell.
7 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Clarke.
10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 DiCicco.
13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Greenlee.
18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
20 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Kenney.
23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Miller.
5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 O'Neill.
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Reynolds Brown.
13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Savage.
18 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Tasco.
21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
23 Verna.
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
25 The ayes are 16; the nays are one. A

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2 majority of all members having voted in
3 the affirmative, the bill passes.

4 We will now consider Bill No.
5 060716.

6 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 proposing an amendment to the
8 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
9 for the creation, appointment, powers and
10 duties of a Zoning Code Commission, and
11 providing for the submission of the
12 amendment to the electors of
13 Philadelphia.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I'd like to speak on
20 this resolution, the amendment to the
21 resolution briefly.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And
23 the amendment has been circulated?

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Yes, it
25 has.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Madam
5 President, you may recall at our last
6 Council session in December before we
7 went on our holiday break, at the request
8 of Councilman O'Neill, Councilman Rizzo
9 and Councilwoman Tasco, I agreed to hold
10 the resolution because those
11 Councilmembers felt that they needed a
12 little bit more time to review it and
13 make comments. Since that time,
14 Councilwoman Tasco has been the only
15 Councilperson who had contacted my office
16 seeking to have some conversation about
17 the amendments. As a result of that, the
18 amendments that are being offered today
19 were written in conjunction with
20 Councilwoman Tasco, and I believe they
21 address all of her issues.

22 But I just want for the record
23 everyone to understand that that
24 opportunity that I allowed, but for
25 Councilwoman Tasco, there were no other

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2 comments, recommendations or amendments
3 offered regarding that resolution. And I
4 move for the passage of the amendment.

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

8 All in favor will please say
9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
15 ayes have it and the amendments have been
16 adopted.

17 The next bill to be considered
18 is Bill No. 060442.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
20 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
21 changing the zoning designations of
22 certain areas of land located within an
23 area bounded by 5th Street, Jefferson
24 Street, Orkney Street and Master Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman Savage.

3 COUNCILMAN SAVAGE: I move for
4 an amendment to Bill No. 060442. A copy
5 of the amendment has been circulated to
6 all members.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
11 has been moved and seconded that the
12 amendments be adopted.

13 All in favor will please say
14 aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 ayes have it and the amendments are
21 adopted.

22 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
23 please read the title of Bill No. 060797.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
25 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by

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2 changing the zoning designations of
3 certain areas of land located within an
4 area bounded by Thompson Street,
5 Alresford Street, Salmon Street and
6 Juniata Street.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Krajewski.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move
12 for the adoption.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
14 think you have an amendment.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Sorry.
16 I'm not with it today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
18 That's okay.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Yes,
20 Madam Chairman, I do have an amendment.
21 I move for the adoption of the amendment.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
24 has been moved and seconded the
25 amendments be adopted.

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2 All in favor will please say
3 aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 ayes have it and the amendments are
10 adopted.

11 That completes our Calendar for
12 today.

13 Are there speeches on the part
14 of the minority?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
17 there speeches on the part of the
18 majority?

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Very briefly, I'd like
23 to state again that for the past year,
24 Councilwoman Tasco and I had the
25 opportunity to serve on the Blue Ribbon

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2 Commission on Children's Behavioral
3 Health, and now a formal document has
4 been released, which really reflects a
5 year's worth of work and discussion held
6 by practitioners, service providers, many
7 of us in government, activists and
8 regular citizens who just care about the
9 well-being of our City's children.
10 Though it focused on the needs of at-risk
11 children, it talked about the needs of
12 all children when it comes to behavioral
13 health and well-being issues.

14 This, again, is an opportunity
15 to say to the mayoral candidates that
16 they have a unique opportunity to
17 transform the way we provide services to
18 children across systems. And so, again,
19 we're urging each and every single
20 mayoral candidate to get the report, read
21 the report and then look to see what
22 recommendations they would like to
23 implement once one of them gets to the
24 second floor of City Hall.

25 Thank you, Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

3 You're welcome.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 DiCicco.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I would like to take
8 this opportunity to thank all of my
9 colleagues who had supported bills and
10 resolutions that I introduced last week
11 concerning gaming. There have been a lot
12 of stories that have been written, and I
13 suspect there will be a lot more news
14 over the next several months concerning
15 slot gaming in the City of Philadelphia.

16 There are numerous coalitions
17 and advocacy groups that are out there
18 either promoting casino-free Philadelphia
19 and there are also obviously issues in
20 those neighborhoods that will be directly
21 impacted should those casinos be built.

22 Myself and Councilman Clarke
23 have been having numerous meetings with
24 those neighborhood groups for the last 12
25 to 13 months. I offer my office's time

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2 and I suspect that Councilman Clarke
3 would offer the services of his staff to
4 any Councilperson who would like to be
5 briefed on what those meetings have been
6 about in the communities and what the
7 concerns of the residents who live in
8 those neighborhoods is about concerning
9 these casinos.

10 So I just want to make that a
11 public opportunity for anyone who would
12 like to have some input, especially the
13 At-Large Council folks. This being an
14 election year, I know you're going to be
15 out in those neighborhoods campaigning
16 and you may want to get somewhat of a
17 heads-up on what the real issues are
18 concerning casinos in the river wards.

19 Thank you, Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

21 You're welcome.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
25 President, I'd just like to say to

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2 Councilwoman Brown the candidates
3 probably won't have time to read the
4 report. They're probably raising money,
5 spending their time raising money.

6 I'd just like to say that I'm
7 having a staff turnover in my office
8 quite drastically. Several staff members
9 have left, new staff members are coming
10 on board. But I'd like to say a farewell
11 to Derek Green, who is leaving tomorrow
12 to pursue his own political goals, and
13 want to say that he has been a very
14 valuable member to my staff, and we wish
15 him luck.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President. Today we had
23 hearings scheduled with regard to the
24 Vacant Property Review Committee. That's
25 Resolution 060945. That will be

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2 continued until next Thursday at 1:00.

3 I wanted to speak on that
4 issue, because we have many people here
5 who worked for, because many are laid
6 off, and who represent and formerly
7 represented unions, because as you know,
8 with this new bill changing, it's
9 proposed that 99 percent of the former
10 employees will no longer be in unions
11 when it comes to the housing agencies.
12 And although the bill passed, we want to
13 thank those who have left jobs and left
14 new jobs and those who are laid off who
15 have come out to try to support having
16 some resolution on housing
17 reorganization.

18 So we want to continue to thank
19 them for all that they have done, let
20 them know that the hearing with regard to
21 Vacant Property Review Committee --
22 because that's still inoperable; we don't
23 have John Coates or anybody -- that those
24 hearings will be continued until next
25 Thursday at 1:00. Thank you to all of

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2 them again.

3 Thank you, President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

5 You're welcome.

6 Would anyone else like to be
7 recognized?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

10 Seeing no one, the Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Tasco for a motion, please.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
13 President, I move that Council stand
14 adjourned until Thursday, February the
15 8th, 10:00 a.m., 2007.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
18 in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
24 ayes have it and Council will stand
25 adjourned until Thursday, February 8,

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2 2007 at 10:00 a.m.
3 Thank you all very much.
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5 11:30 a.m.)
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