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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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9:50 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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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 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 MICHAEL A. NUTTER

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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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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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BILLS 060001, 060002, 060003, 060004, 060006,
060007, 060008 060014, 060089 and 060090

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RESOLUTIONS 060019, 060099, 060100 and 060172

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This is a continued public hearing of the Committee of the Whole, and I would ask Mr. McPherson to please read the bills and/or resolutions before us. Thank you.

MR. MCPHERSON: Bill No. 060001, an ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2007-2012 inclusive.

Bill No. 060002, an ordinance to adopt the Fiscal 2007 Capital Budget.

Bill No. 060003, an ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2007.

Bill No. 060004, an ordinance amending Section 19-1801 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Authorization of Tax," to further authorize the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax on real estate within the City.

Bill No. 060006, an ordinance amending Section 19-2604 of The Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates,

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2 credits and alternative tax computations
3 for the business privilege tax, by
4 reducing certain tax rates, under certain
5 terms and conditions.

6 Bill No. 060007, an ordinance
7 amending Chapter 19-1500 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net
9 Profits Tax," by deleting certain special
10 tax provisions and related definitions
11 and rates, all under certain terms and
12 conditions.

13 Bill No. 060008, an ordinance
14 amending Chapter 19-1800 of The
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax
16 Authorization," by amending Section
17 19-1806, entitled "Authorization of
18 Realty Use and Occupancy Tax," to further
19 authorize the Board of Education of the
20 School District of Philadelphia to impose
21 a tax on the use or occupancy of real
22 estate within the School District of
23 Philadelphia.

24 Bill No. 060014, an ordinance
25 amending Chapter 19-2600 of The

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business
3 Privilege Taxes," by adding a new
4 exception from the definition of
5 "Receipts," under certain terms and
6 conditions.

7 Bill No. 060089, an ordinance
8 amending Section 19-2604 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates,
10 credits and alternative tax computations
11 for the business privilege tax, by
12 reducing certain tax rates, under certain
13 terms and conditions.

14 Bill No. 060090, an ordinance
15 amending Section 19-2604 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates,
17 credits and alternative tax computations
18 for the business privilege tax, by
19 reducing certain tax rates, under certain
20 terms and conditions.

21 Resolution 060019, providing
22 for the approval of the Council of the
23 City of Philadelphia of a revised
24 Five-Year Financial Plan for the City of
25 Philadelphia, covering Fiscal Years 2007

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2 through 2011.

3 Resolution 060099, proposing an
4 amendment to Bill No. 060003, which
5 provides for the Operating Budget for
6 Fiscal Year 2007, and corresponding
7 amendments to Resolution 060019, which
8 provides for the Five-Year Financial
9 Plan, to increase the City's contribution
10 to Community College of Philadelphia in
11 order to achieve 33 percent City funding
12 in five years.

13 Resolution 060100, proposing an
14 amendment to Bill No. 060003, which
15 provides for the Operating Budget for
16 Fiscal Year 2007, and corresponding
17 amendment to Resolution No. 060019, which
18 provides for the Five-Year Financial
19 Plan, to increase the budget for the
20 Police Department to allow for the hiring
21 of an additional 250 police officers over
22 a three-year period.

23 Resolution 060119, proposing an
24 amendment to Bill No. 060003, which
25 provides for the Operating Budget for

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2 Fiscal Year 2007, and a corresponding
3 amendment to Resolution 060019, which
4 provides for the Five-Year Financial
5 Plan, to establish a two and a half
6 million dollar fund to provide a Witness
7 Protection and Relocation Program.

8 Resolution 060172, proposing an
9 amendment to Bill No. 060003, which
10 provides for the Operating Budget for
11 Fiscal Year 2007, and a corresponding
12 amendment to Resolution No. 060019, which
13 provides for the Five-Year Financial
14 Plan, to increase the budget for
15 Fairmount Park by \$3 million a year for
16 each of the next five years for a total
17 increase by 15 million by Fiscal Year
18 2011.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do we
20 have anyone to testify on any of the
21 bills or resolutions just read?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Do we
24 have anyone who would like to testify on
25 any of the bills or resolutions just

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2 read?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

5 Seeing no one, we will now go into our
6 public meeting. That concludes the
7 hearing on the bills and resolutions just
8 read. We will now go into our public
9 meeting, and the Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Blackwell regarding Bill No.
11 060001.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
13 you, Madam President. I move that Bill
14 No. 060001 be amended.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And
17 everyone I believe has a copy of the
18 amendment. I believe copies of the
19 amendments were placed on everyone's
20 desks.

21 All of those in favor of the
22 adoption of the amendment will please say
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
5 ayes have it and the amendment is
6 adopted.

7 The Chair again recognizes
8 Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Madam President. I move that Bill
11 No. 060002 be amended.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: No,
14 no, no, no. Can we have a motion on Bill
15 No. 060001.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Sorry,
17 Madam President. I'm doing too many
18 things at one time.

19 I move that Bill No. 060001 as
20 amended be reported out of Committee with
21 a favorable recommendation and,
22 furthermore, I move for a suspension of
23 the rules so that it may be considered at
24 our Council session today.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
3 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
4 060001 be reported out of Committee with
5 a favorable recommendation as amended and
6 also that the rules of Council be
7 suspended so as to permit consideration
8 of the bill at our next session of
9 Council.

10 All in favor will please say
11 aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 ayes have it and the motion carries.

18 Again, the Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Blackwell regarding Bill No.
20 060002.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President. I move that Bill
23 No. 060002 be amended.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

1 5/4/06 - WHOLE - BILL 060001, ETC.

2 has been moved and seconded that the
3 amendment to Bill No. 060002 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 motion carries.

12 The Chair again recognizes
13 Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you, Madam President. I move that Bill
16 No. 060002 as amended be reported out of
17 Committee with a favorable recommendation
18 and, furthermore, that the rules of
19 Council be suspended so as to permit
20 first reading at our next session of
21 Council.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
24 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
25 060002 be reported out of Committee with

1 5/4/06 - WHOLE - BILL 060001, ETC.

2 a favorable recommendation as amended
3 and, further, that the rules of Council
4 be suspended so as to permit first
5 reading at our next session of Council.

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 motion carries.

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Blackwell regarding Bill No.
16 060003.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you, Madam President. I move that Bill
19 No. 060003 be amended.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Nutter.

25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,

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2 Madam Chair. I'll be brief. Madam
3 Chair, I'd at least like to put on the
4 record, I believe during the course of
5 the budget process, a number of questions
6 were raised with regard to any number of
7 budgetary issues, but also there were at
8 least two letters that have been sent
9 either to the Administration or copies
10 received by your office and sent to us
11 from PICA.

12 To the best of my knowledge, I
13 have not seen a response to those
14 letters, and I know I personally asked
15 the Budget Director to address at least
16 five issues that were raised by PICA.
17 I'd at least like to make it clear on
18 this particular record that to date and
19 to my knowledge, there's been no response
20 to those particular issues as raised. We
21 now find ourselves in the late stages of
22 the budget process with no answers to
23 those particular questions, but we need
24 to try to pass a budget by the end of
25 this month.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you.

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

8 All in favor will please say
9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
16 sorry.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 record will reflect that everyone voted
20 aye for the exception of Councilman
21 Goode, so the amendment is adopted. And
22 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
25 you, Madam President. I guess we're up

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2 to 03.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.
4 We're still up to 03. We're still on
5 that.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move
7 that Bill No. 060003 be amended.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And
10 suspension.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: We
12 already went through the adoption? We
13 already adopted the amendment?

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No.
15 We amended --

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
17 you. I move that Bill No. 060003 as
18 amended be reported out of Committee with
19 a favorable recommendation and,
20 furthermore, that the rules of Council be
21 suspended so as to permit first reading
22 at our next session of Council.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 Bill No. 060003 be reported out of
3 Committee with a favorable recommendation
4 as amended and, further, that the rules
5 of Council be suspended so as to permit
6 first reading at our next session of
7 Council.

8 All in favor will please say
9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 ayes have it -- the record will reflect
17 that Councilman Goode voted no, all other
18 members voted aye, and the motion
19 carries.

20 We will now consider Bill No.
21 060004, and the Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
24 you, Madam President. I move that Bill
25 No. 060004 be reported out of Committee

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2 with a favorable recommendation and also
3 that the rules of Council be suspended so
4 as to permit first reading at our next
5 session of Council.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
8 has been moved and seconded that Bill
9 No. -- I'm sorry. Councilman Nutter.

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: I
11 apologize, Madam Chair. I know that the
12 amendments are flying around. I did not
13 necessarily see or maybe I didn't keep
14 track of all the rest of the bills. 04
15 is which?

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's
17 the School District reauthorization, and
18 there are no amendments being offered.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Right.
20 Thanks. Sorry.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.
22 I believe Councilwoman Blackwell made a
23 motion to report the bill out of
24 Committee, with a suspension of the
25 rules. Did I hear a second?

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
4 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
5 060004 be reported out of Committee with
6 a favorable recommendation; further, that
7 the rules of Council be suspended so as
8 to permit first reading at our next
9 session of Council.

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

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 ayes have it and the motion carries.

18 The Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion on
20 Bill No. 060089.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President. I move that Bill
23 No. 060089 be reported out of Committee
24 with a favorable recommendation and,
25 furthermore, that the rules of Council be

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2 suspended so as to permit first reading
3 at our next session of Council.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
6 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
7 060089 be reported out of Committee with
8 a favorable recommendation. Also, that
9 the rules of Council be suspended so as
10 to permit first reading at our next
11 session of Council.

12 All in favor will please say
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Roll
21 call.

22 Mr. McPherson.

23 MR. McPHERSON: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

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2 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
3 Clarke.
4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No.
5 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
6 DiCicco.
7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
8 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
9 Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
12 Kelly.
13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
14 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
15 Kenney.
16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
17 MR. McPHERSON: Councilwoman
18 Krajewski.
19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
20 MR. McPHERSON: Councilwoman
21 Miller.
22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: No.
23 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
24 Nutter.
25 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

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2 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman

3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

5 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman

6 Ramos.

7 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: No.

8 MR. McPHERSON: Councilwoman

9 Reynolds Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: No.

11 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman

12 Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

14 MR. McPHERSON: Councilwoman

15 Tasco.

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

17 MR. McPHERSON: Council

18 President Verna.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

20 MR. McPHERSON: It passes ten

21 to five.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

23 you.

24 The Chair now recognizes

25 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion

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2 regarding Bill No. 060090.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
4 you, Madam President. I move that Bill
5 No. 060090 be reported out of Committee
6 with a favorable recommendation and,
7 furthermore, that the rules of Council be
8 suspended so as to permit first reading
9 at our next session of Council.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
12 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
13 060090 be reported out of Committee with
14 a favorable recommendation. Also, a
15 recommendation that the rules of Council
16 be suspended so as to permit first
17 reading.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Point of
19 information.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes,
21 sir.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Can I ask
23 the sponsor of the bill what the cost of
24 this bill is over the Five-Year Plan?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm

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2 sorry. I can't hear you.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Can I ask
4 the sponsor of the bill what the cost of
5 this bill is over the Five-Year Plan?

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
7 Certainly.

8 Councilman Nutter.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
10 Madam Chair.

11 Can I get you that information
12 in a couple minutes?

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Before we
14 vote on it, I hope.

15 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Oh, no. I
16 was going to get it to you a couple
17 minutes after you voted. No. I was only
18 kidding. Yes, before we vote it.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Okay. Thank
20 you.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thanks.

22 (Pause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
24 Councilman Nutter, are you ready to
25 respond to the question?

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER:

3 Miraculously, yes, Madam President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

5 Wonderful.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: It was
7 quicker than I thought.

8 Councilman Goode asked a
9 question with regard to the cost of Bill
10 060090 on the Five-Year Plan. The answer
11 is \$12,507,000.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Okay.
13 Can we move on, Councilman?

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Yes.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
16 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
17 060090 be reported out of Committee with
18 a favorable recommendation. Also, a
19 recommendation that the rules of Council
20 be suspended so as to permit first
21 reading at our next session of Council.

22 All in favor will please say
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.
4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No.
5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 ayes have it and the record will reflect
7 that Councilmembers Blackwell, Ramos,
8 Brown -- I think we'd better do a roll
9 call, because we didn't hear.
10 MR. McPHERSON: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.
12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.
13 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
14 Clarke.
15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No.
16 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
17 DiCicco.
18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
19 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
20 Goode.
21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
22 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
23 Kelly.
24 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
25 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman

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2 Kenney.
3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
4 MR. McPHERSON: Councilwoman
5 Krajewski.
6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
7 MR. McPHERSON: Councilwoman
8 Miller.
9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
10 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
11 Nutter.
12 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
13 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
14 O'Neill.
15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
16 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
17 Ramos.
18 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: No.
19 MR. McPHERSON: Councilwoman
20 Reynolds Brown.
21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: No.
22 MR. McPHERSON: Councilman
23 Rizzo.
24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
25 MR. McPHERSON: Councilwoman

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 MR. McPHERSON: Council

5 President Verna.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 MR. McPHERSON: Eleven to four,
8 the bill passes -- or not passes. It
9 gets out of Committee.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you very much.

12 We will now consider Bill No.
13 060006, and the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Madam President. I move that Bill
17 No. 060006 be reported out of Committee
18 with a favorable recommendation and,
19 furthermore, that the rules of Council be
20 suspended so as to permit first reading
21 at our next session of Council.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
24 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
25 060006 be reported out of Committee with

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2 a favorable recommendation; further, that
3 the rules of Council be suspended so as
4 to permit first reading at our next
5 session of Council.

6 Before we vote, I notice that
7 Councilman Nutter would like to be
8 recognized.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Yeah,
10 unfortunately. Just so we're clear,
11 Madam President, this is the business
12 privilege tax bill which was the subject
13 of all the conversation, whether it's a
14 one-year cut or three-year cut, and that
15 came up from the Administration, correct?

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: This is
18 that bill?

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.
20 It's three years. It's the Mayor's bill
21 and it's three out of the five years.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Okay.
23 Thanks.

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

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2 bill be reported out of Committee with a
3 favorable recommendation.

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, the motion carries, and
12 Bill No. 060006 will be reported out of
13 Committee with a favorable recommendation
14 and the rules will be suspended so as to
15 permit first reading at our next session
16 of Council.

17 I believe we will now consider
18 Bill No. 060008, and I recognize
19 Councilwoman Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
21 you, Madam President. I move that Bill
22 No. 060008 be reported out of Committee
23 with a favorable recommendation and,
24 furthermore, that the rules of Council be
25 suspended so as to permit first reading

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2 at our next session of Council.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
5 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.
6 060008 be reported out of Committee with
7 a favorable recommendation; further, that
8 the rules of Council be suspended so as
9 to permit first reading at our next
10 session of Council.

11 All in favor will please
12 indicate by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 ayes have it and the motion carries.

19 Again, the Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Blackwell regarding Bill No.
21 060014.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
23 you, Madam President. I'm told that Bill
24 No. 060014 is to be amended by the
25 sponsor.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Has
3 the amendment been circulated?

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Madam
5 President, the amendment has been
6 circulated.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
8 don't think I have a copy.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: We'll see
10 that you get another copy, Council
11 President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Does
13 everyone have a copy of the amendment?

14 Do you have a copy of the
15 amendment?

16 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: For?

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: For
18 Bill No. 060014.

19 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Yes.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I would
21 like an explanation of the amendment.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
23 Councilwoman Tasco is asking for an
24 explanation of the amendment.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Surely,

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2 Madam President. This particular
3 amendment is designed for a very specific
4 industry located in Councilman Brian
5 O'Neill's district and it is book
6 binders, persons who bind books, that
7 particular profession.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Okay.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
10 Councilwoman Blackwell, now that we have
11 the amendment.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
13 you, Madam President. I move that Bill
14 No. 060014 be --

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: No,
16 no, no. We have the amendment.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move
18 the adoption of the amendment to Bill No.
19 060014.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
22 has been moved and seconded that the
23 amendment be approved.

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
6 voting no. The record will reflect that
7 I voted no on the amendment.

8 Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Madam President. I move that Bill
11 No. 060014 as amended be reported out of
12 Committee with a favorable recommendation
13 and, furthermore, that the rules of
14 Council be suspended so as to permit
15 first reading at our next session of
16 Council.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
19 in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
25 vote no. The motion has been carried.

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2 I believe this concludes our
3 public hearing and our public meeting,
4 and the record will reflect that Bill No.
5 060007 is being held. Also, Resolution
6 Nos. 060019, 060099, 060100, 060119 and
7 060172 are also being held. That
8 concludes our public meeting.

9 (Committee of the Whole
10 adjourned at 10:20 a.m.)

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