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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 25, 2010, 10:05 a.m.

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COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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Anna C. Verna, President
Jannie L. Blackwell
Blondell Reynolds Brown
Darrell L. Clarke
Frank DiCicco
W. Wilson Goode, Jr.
Bill Green
William K. Greenlee
Curtis Jones, Jr.
Jack Kelly
James F. Kenney
Joan L. Krajewski
Donna Reed Miller
Brian J. O'Neill
Frank Rizzo
Maria D. Quiñones-Sanchez
Marian B. Tasco

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Also Present: Michael A. Decker, Chief Clerk

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

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

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair recognizes Reverend
12 Adan Mairena of the West Kensington
13 Ministry at Norris Square. He is here
14 today as the guest of Councilwoman
15 Sanchez.

16 I would ask all members of
17 Council to please rise.

18 REVEREND MAIRENA: Let us pray.
19 God of unconditional love, You
20 have given us Philadelphia as our
21 heritage, and we are grateful.

22 Bless our great city with
23 honest industry, sound learning, and an
24 honorable way of life. Save us from
25 violence, discord, and confusion; from

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2 pride and arrogance; and from every evil
3 way.

4 Make us, who come from many
5 nations, many neighborhoods, many
6 languages and different classes and
7 different lifestyles, make us a united
8 people.

9 Defend our liberties and give
10 those with whom we have entrusted with
11 the authority of government the spirit of
12 justice so that there is peace and
13 prosperity in our city.

14 Bless this Council, its staff,
15 and all of those who ensure that
16 Philadelphia not only survives but
17 thrives.

18 Bless these leaders, that they
19 may do their work in the spirit of
20 wisdom, kindness, and justice. Help them
21 use their authority to serve faithfully
22 and to promote the general welfare
23 through Your son, Jesus Cristo, who comes
24 to in many ways.

25 Amen.

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2 ALL: Amen.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair thanks Revenue Mairena for his
5 invocation.

6 Council will be at ease.

7 (Council stands at ease.)

8 (Proceedings resume.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 next order of business is the approval of
11 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
12 March 18, 2010.

13 And the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Tasco.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
16 Madam Chair.

17 I move that the Journal of the
18 meeting of Thursday, March 18, 2010,
19 stand approved.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
21 there a second?

22 (Motion duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
24 has been moved and properly seconded that
25 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,

1 3.25.10 STATED - LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE REQUESTS

2 March 18, 2010, stand approved.

3 All those in favor, please
4 indicate by saying aye.

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it, and the
7 Journal is approved.

8 The next order of business is
9 requests for leave of absence, and the
10 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
11 Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
13 Madam Chair.

14 On behalf of the Majority,
15 there are no requests for leaves of
16 absence today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
22 President, on behalf of the Republicans,
23 there are no requests for leaves of
24 absence.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair thanks the Councilman.

3 The Chair will dispense with
4 the regular order of business to
5 recognize the guests and visitors joining
6 us in chambers this morning.

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

13 At this time, the Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
16 Madam President.

17 Madam President and colleagues,
18 I am pleased this morning to introduce
19 two visitors with us in City Council.

20 First, I'd like to recognize
21 Theodore Blunt, former President of City
22 Council in Wilmington, Delaware. He has
23 been on Council for many, many years and
24 is very active in the Wilmington,
25 Delaware community. And he is the

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2 brother of news anchor of NBC, John
3 Blunt.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If
5 you would stand. Welcome, welcome.

6 (Guests stand for recognition.)

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOT: And
9 joining him today, Madam President, is
10 his daughter, Marla Blunt Carter, who's
11 his daughter. And she's a former
12 director for U.S. Senator and now Vice
13 President Joe Biden.

14 She was a state director of the
15 Delaware for Obama campaign, and she is
16 the director for the Center for Community
17 Partnership at the University of
18 Pennsylvania, and she's working with
19 young people at the University of Penn.

20 That's his daughter, Marla
21 Blunt Carter.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
23 Welcome, Marla.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Miller,
3 who will present a resolution honoring
4 Laura Siena, Executive Director of the
5 West Mt. Airy Neighbors.

6 Will Miss Siena and those
7 accompanying her please join the
8 Councilwoman at the podium.

9 I see that Councilwoman Miller
10 is being joined by Councilman Greenlee.

11 (Councilmembers, Honoree, and
12 others come forward.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I see
14 that Councilwoman Tasco is also going to
15 be present.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good
17 morning.

18 You know, it's very important
19 for neighborhoods to have residents that
20 are committed to preserving the quality
21 of life, improving the quality of life,
22 and doing all of the right things. And
23 I'm honored this morning and pleased to
24 be able to recognize Laura Siena.

25 Recognizing, honoring, and

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2 celebrating Laura Morris Siena on her
3 retirement as Executive Director of West
4 Mt. Airy Neighbors and her twenty years
5 of dedication and commitment.

6 Whereas, Laura Siena served as
7 Executive Director of West Mt. Airy
8 Neighbors (WMAN); and

9 Whereas, West Mt. Airy
10 Neighbors is a community-based volunteer
11 organization committed to preserving and
12 enhancing the quality of life in its
13 richly diverse urban neighborhood; and...

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,
15 during Laura Siena's tenure as Executive
16 Director, WMAN has doubled its budget and
17 staff, establishing the Zoning Quality of
18 Life and Streetscapes Committees and
19 completed a long-range strategy plan; and

20 Whereas, Laura Siena served on
21 West Mount Airy Neighbors Board for most
22 of the period from 1989 to 2005; and...

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Whereas,
24 Laura Siena has dedicated many years to
25 public service. Before coming to Fund

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2 for an OPEN Society, she had a 25-year
3 career in fundraising management at
4 hospitals, universities, medical schools,
5 and other not-for-profit organizations;
6 and

7 Whereas, Laura Siena served on
8 many local nonprofit boards and is
9 currently the Treasurer of the Mt. Airy
10 Community Services Corporation; and

11 Whereas, Laura Siena is
12 married, with two children, and a
13 resident of West Mt. Airy...

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: ... be
15 it, therefore, resolved by the Council of
16 the City of Philadelphia that City
17 Council hereby recognizes, honors, and
18 celebrates Laura Morris Siena on her
19 retirement as Executive Director of West
20 Mt. Airy Neighbors and her twenty years
21 of dedication and commitment.

22 Be it further resolved that an
23 engrossed copy of this resolution be
24 presented to Laura Morris Siena as
25 further evidencing the sincere admiration

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2 and gratitude of this legislative body.

3 This is a true and correct copy
4 of the original resolution adopted by the
5 Council of the City of Philadelphia on
6 the 17th day of December 2009, signed by
7 Anna C. Verna, President of City Council,
8 introduced by Donna Reed Miller and Bill
9 Green, and sponsored by all of the
10 Councilmembers.

11 Thank you.

12 MS. SIENA: Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Miss Siena for remarks.

16 MS. SIENA: Thank you.

17 Council President Verna and
18 Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller and Marian
19 Tasco and Councilman Greenlee and all of
20 the other Council people and some of my
21 wonderful friends, who probably didn't
22 know I was going to be here today, thank
23 you so much. I'm so grateful for this
24 honor.

25 I love my community and I love

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2 this city. It's an extraordinary place
3 to live, it's a wonderful place to bring
4 up a family. And I feel so grateful for
5 having had an opportunity to serve and
6 also just to be a part of this great
7 community and great city. And I'm just
8 very grateful to you today.

9 Thank you so much.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

12 Council will be at ease.

13 MS. SIENA: And this is my
14 former boss.

15 (Council stands at ease.)

16 (Proceedings resume.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 next order of business is communications.

19 The Chair requests that the
20 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages to
21 the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk will
22 please read the messages from the Mayor.

23 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
24 and members of the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you

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2 that on March 24, 2010, I signed the
3 following bill that was passed by Council
4 at its session on March 18th, 2010: Bill
5 No. 100095.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Is
7 that it, Michael?

8 CHIEF CLERK: Yes.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The messages will be printed in
12 the Journal.

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read any other communications in his
15 possession.

16 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
17 Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The next order of business is
21 the introduction of bills and
22 resolutions.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

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2 Madam President.

3 I offer one resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read the title of the resolution.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 authorizing City Council's Committee on
10 Legislative Oversight to hold public
11 hearings to investigate the processes
12 within the Capital Program, to execute
13 funding for capital projects and
14 improvements, and to identify and address
15 regulatory and statutory obstacles in
16 order to streamline the system.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney for a
19 motion.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move the
21 adoption of the resolution.

22 (Motion duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it, and the
5 resolution will be referred to the
6 appropriate committee.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
11 Councilwoman Blackwell?

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I have
13 no bills or resolutions today, Madam
14 President. Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Greenlee Greenlee.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
20 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
21 resolution today.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
3 you, Madam President. I offer one
4 resolution.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
7 the resolution.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 declaring April 2010 as "Autism Awareness
10 Month."

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
13 Krajewski.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Move
15 for the adoption of the resolution.

16 (Motion duly seconded.)

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

20 All those in favor will say
21 aye.

22 Those opposed?

23 The ayes have it, and the
24 resolution is adopted.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

4 President, I have no bills or resolutions
5 today.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Miller.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
11 you, Madam President. Today, I have one
12 resolution and three bills.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 read the title of the first bill.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
18 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
19 changing the zoning designations of
20 certain areas of land located within an
21 area bounded by Logan Street, 20th
22 Street, Rockland Street, 18th Street,
23 Windram Avenue, Germantown Avenue,
24 Roberts Avenue, Wayne Avenue, Windram
25 Avenue, Roosevelt Boulevard, Roberts

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2 Avenue, Pulaski Avenue, Apsley Street,
3 Stenton Avenue, Avisford Avenue, and
4 Germantown Avenue.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
6 bill will be referred to the appropriate
7 committee.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
9 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
10 changing the zoning designations of
11 certain areas of land located within an
12 area bounded by Germantown Avenue,
13 Chelton Avenue, Kenyan Street,
14 Schoolhouse Lane, Wissahickon Avenue, and
15 Rittenhouse Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
17 bill will be referred to the appropriate
18 committee.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
20 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
21 changing the zoning designations of
22 certain areas of land located within an
23 area bounded by Knox Street, Wyneva
24 Street, Wayne Avenue, Logan Street,
25 Pulaski Avenue, and Manheim Street.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 bill will be referred to the appropriate
4 committee.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to execute and deliver to the
8 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
9 Philadelphia without consideration deeds
10 conveying conditional fee simple title to
11 certain City-owned lots or pieces of
12 ground with the buildings and
13 improvements thereon situated in the 12th
14 Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
18 you, Madam President. I move for the
19 adoption of the resolution.

20 (Motion duly seconded.)

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

24 All those in favor will say
25 aye.

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2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it, and the
4 resolution be adopted.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Sanchez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
8 you, Madam President. I offer one
9 resolution.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
15 Property to execute and deliver to the
16 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
17 Philadelphia without consideration deeds
18 conveying conditional fee simple title to
19 certain City-owned lots or pieces of
20 ground situated in the 23rd, 37th and
21 43rd Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

24 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
25 you, Madam President. I move for the

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2 adoption.

3 (Motion duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

5 has been moved and properly seconded that

6 the resolution be adopted.

7 All those in favor will signify

8 by saying aye.

9 Those opposed?

10 The ayes have it, and the

11 resolution is adopted.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman

13 Green.

14 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

15 Madam President. I have no bills or

16 resolutions today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman

20 Jones.

21 (No response; Councilman Jones

22 not present in chambers at this time.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

24 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I have two resolutions
3 on behalf of Councilman Jones.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read the title of the first resolution.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 recognizing, honoring, and celebrating
10 Dr. Craig B. Thompson and Dr. Joseph
11 Stratten for their admirable medical
12 research.

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

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Move for the
16 adoption.

17 (Motion duly seconded.)

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

21 All those in favor will say
22 aye.

23 Those opposed?

24 The ayes have it, and
25 resolution is adopted.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 recognizing, honoring, and celebrating
4 the African-American Museum of
5 Philadelphia and recognizing Senegal in
6 this year's annual Celebrate Africa
7 event.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I move for the
12 adoption.

13 (Motion duly seconded.)

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

17 All those in favor will say
18 aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it, and the
21 resolution is adopted.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Brown.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I offer two

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2 resolutions, one cosponsored by my

3 colleagues Councilwoman Tasco and

4 Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

6 you.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

8 calling on the Delaware River Basin

9 Commission to halt hydraulic fracturing

10 operations until a full environmental

11 impact assessment has been conducted.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

13 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for

15 the adoption.

16 (Motion duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

18 has been moved and properly seconded that

19 the resolution be adopted.

20 All those in favor will say

21 aye.

22 Those opposed?

23 The ayes have it, and the

24 resolution is adopted.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

1 3.25.10 STATED - BILLS, RESOLUTIONS INTRO.
2 recognizing and celebrating forty years
3 of the Philadelphia dance company
4 Philadanco.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
7 Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I move for the adoption
10 of the resolution.

11 (Motion duly seconded.)

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

15 All those in favor will say
16 aye.

17 Those opposed?

18 The ayes have it, and the
19 resolution is adopted.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I offer two bills; one
24 is cosponsored by Councilwoman Tasco and
25 Councilmember Kenney.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 amending Section 19-1301 of the
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate
9 Taxes," by revising the real estate tax,
10 under certain terms and conditions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 bill will be referred to the appropriate
13 committee.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
15 amending Section 14-908 of the
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Queen
17 Village Neighborhood Conservation
18 District," by deleting the provision
19 which provided for the expiration of
20 Section 14-908 one year after it became
21 law.

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

4 President, I have no bills or

5 resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman

9 Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Give me one

11 second, please.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

13 Chair recognizes Councilman Kelly.

14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam

15 President, I have no bills or

16 resolutions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman

20 Rizzo.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Nothing

22 today, Madam President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

24 you.

25 Councilman Clarke? The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

4 Madam President.

5 Madam President, I have three

6 bills cosponsored by various members.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

8 you.

9 CHIEF CLERK: You're welcome.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

11 Chief Clerk will please read the titles

12 of the bills.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

14 amending Title 14 of the Philadelphia

15 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by

16 amending Section 14-231, entitled

17 "Residential District Rules and

18 Exceptions," by providing for

19 restrictions on placement, installation,

20 and maintenance of certain satellite

21 dishes and antenna.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

23 bill will be referred to the appropriate

24 committee.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 establishing standards for approvals of
3 certain transactions involving the
4 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
5 Development, including commitments to
6 economic opportunity plans.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 amending Chapter 19-2600 of the
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business
13 Privilege Taxes," by providing for the
14 anti-obesity tax credit under which
15 qualifying businesses can receive a
16 credit against the business privilege tax
17 for engaging in certain practices to curb
18 obesity among consumers.

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

22 The next order of business is
23 reports from committees.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Clarke for a report from the Committee on

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2 Public Property and Public Works.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
4 Madam President.

5 Madam President, the Committee
6 on Public Property and Public Works
7 reports out four bills with a favorable
8 recommendation.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 read the report.

13 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
14 and members of the Council of the City of
15 Philadelphia: The Committee on Public
16 Property and Public Works, to which was
17 referred Bill No. 100094, entitled "An
18 ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia
19 Authority for Industrial Development to
20 purchase approximately twenty acres on
21 Summerdale Avenue between Foulkrod Street
22 and Godfrey Avenue"; and

23 Bill No. 100101, entitled "An
24 ordinance amending Title 16 of the
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Public

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2 Property,' by setting forth certain
3 requirements for Council's approval of
4 redevelopment proposals and redevelopment
5 contracts submitted to Council for
6 approval under the provisions of the
7 Urban Redevelopment Law"; and

8 Bill No. 100130, entitled "An
9 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
10 Public Property to execute and deliver to
11 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
12 Development a deed conveying for nominal
13 consideration fee simple title to 5326
14 Pulaski Avenue"; and

15 Bill No. 100132, entitled "An
16 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
17 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
18 Philadelphia, to extend the term of a
19 sublease agreement between the
20 Philadelphia Municipal Authority as
21 landlord and the City of Philadelphia as
22 tenant for mailroom operations space at
23 1628 JFK Boulevard, under certain terms
24 and conditions," respectfully reports
25 that it has considered the same and

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2 returns the attached bills to Council
3 with a favorable recommendation.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
9 President, I move that the rules of
10 Council be suspended so as to permit
11 first reading this day of Bill No.'s
12 100094, 100101, 100130, and 100132.

13 (Motion duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
15 has been moved and properly seconded that
16 the rules of Council be suspended so as
17 to permit first reading this day of the
18 bills just reported from committee.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it, and the bills
22 just read will be placed on our
23 first-reading calendar for today.

24 The next order of business is
25 the consideration of the Calendar. I

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2 note that the bills just reported from
3 committee with a suspension of the rules
4 have been deemed to have had a first
5 reading. The bills will be placed on our
6 second-reading and final-passage calendar
7 for the next session of Council.

8 There are no additional bills
9 on the first-reading calendar; therefore,
10 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
11 for the purpose of calling up the bills
12 on the second-reading and final-passage
13 calendar.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
15 Madam President.

16 Bills: 100136, 080029, 090925,
17 090926, and 100102 are being called up
18 for the second-reading and final-passage
19 calendar today. All other bills will be
20 held.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the title of Bill No. 100136.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance

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2 amending Chapter 19-3500 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled "General
4 Acute-Care Hospital Assessment," by
5 clarifying its applicability to
6 High-Volume Medicaid Hospitals."

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
8 bill having been read on two different
9 days, the question now is: Shall the
10 bill pass finally?

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 call the roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell?

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Clarke?

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 DiCicco?

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

1 3.25.10 STATED - SECOND-READING CALENDAR
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Greenlee?
4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones?
6 (No response. Councilman Jones
7 not present in chambers at this time, but
8 ultimately voted yes on this bill. See
9 page 45, line 4.)
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?
11 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Kenney?
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Krajewski?
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Miller?
20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 O'Neill?
23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Reynolds-Brown?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:
3 Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Sanchez?
8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Tasco?
11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
13 Verna?
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
15 The ayes are 16 the nays are
16 zero. A majority of all members having
17 voted in the affirmative, the bill
18 passes.
19 We will now consider Bill No.
20 080029.
21 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
22 authorizing the vacating of Byberry and
23 Bensalem Road from Southampton-Byberry
24 Road to the Philadelphia and Bucks County
25 Line and the vacating of Burling Avenue

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2 from the Roosevelt Boulevard to a

3 dead-end.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

5 bill having been read on two different

6 days, the question now is: Shall the

7 bill pass finally?

8 The Chief Clerk will please

9 call the roll.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Blackwell?

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Clarke?

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

17 DiCicco?

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 Greenlee?

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

1 3.25.10 STATED - SECOND-READING CALENDAR

2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones?

3 (No response. Councilman Jones
4 not present in chambers at this time, but
5 ultimately voted yes on this bill. See
6 page 45, line 4.)

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?

8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Kenney?

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Krajewski?

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Miller?

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 O'Neill?

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Reynolds-Brown?

23 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:

24 Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Sanchez?

5 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Tasco?

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

10 Verna?

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

12 The ayes are 16 and the nays
13 are zero. A majority of all members
14 having voted in the affirmative, the bill
15 passes.

16 The next bill to be considered
17 is Bill No. 090925.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
19 authorizing the revision of lines and
20 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 248
21 by placing on the City Plan Saybrook
22 Avenue from Lloyd Street to 72nd Street.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
24 bill having been read on two different
25 days the question now is: Shall the bill

1 3.25.10 STATED - SECOND-READING CALENDAR
2 pass finally?
3 The Chief Clerk will now call
4 the roll.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell?
7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: 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 Green.
17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Greenlee?
20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones?
22 (No response; Councilman Jones
23 not present in chambers at this time.)
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?
25 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

1 3.25.10 STATED - SECOND-READING CALENDAR
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Kenney?
4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Krajewski?
7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Miller?
10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 O'Neill?
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Reynolds-Brown?
16 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:
17 Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Sanchez?
22 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Tasco?
25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

1 3.25.10 STATED - SECOND-READING CALENDAR

2 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Verna?

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

5 The ayes are 16, the nays are
6 zero. A majority of all members having
7 voted in the affirmative, this bill
8 passes.

9 We will now consider Bill No.
10 090926.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
12 authorizing the paving of Saybrook Avenue
13 from Lloyd Street to 72nd Street.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
15 bill having been read on two different
16 days the question is: Shall the bill
17 pass finally?

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 call the roll.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell?

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Clarke?

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

1 3.25.10 STATED - SECOND-READING CALENDAR
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 DiCicco?
4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?
6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 Greenlee?
11 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones?
13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?
15 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Kenney?
18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Krajewski?
21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Miller?
24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

1 3.25.10 STATED - SECOND-READING CALENDAR
2 O'Neill?
3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Reynolds-Brown?
6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:
7 Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Sanchez?
12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Tasco?
15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
17 Verna?
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
19 The ayes are 17, the nays are
20 zero. A majority of all members having
21 voted in the affirmative, the bill
22 passes.
23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Jones.
25 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes, Madam

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2 President. I'd like to be recorded as
3 voting aye an all votes, previous votes.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 record will so reflect that. Thank you.

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read the title of Bill No. 100102.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
9 amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill
10 No. 080725) approved November 19, 2008,
11 entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the
12 revision of lines and grades on a portion
13 of City Plan No. 120 by striking from the
14 City Plan and vacating Cleveland Street
15 from Girard Avenue to Stiles Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
17 bill having been read on to days the
18 question now is: Shall the bill pass
19 finally?

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 call the roll.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Blackwell?

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

1 3.25.10 STATED - SECOND-READING CALENDAR
2 Clarke?
3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 DiCicco?
6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode?
8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Greenlee?
13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones?
15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly?
17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Kenney?
20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski?
23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Miller?

1 3.25.10 STATED - SECOND-READING CALENDAR
2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 O'Neill?
5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Reynolds-Brown?
8 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS-BROWN:
9 Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?
11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Sanchez?
14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Tasco?
17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
19 Verna?
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
21 The ayes are 17, the nays are
22 zero. A majority of all members having
23 voted in the affirmative, the bill
24 passes.
25 That completes our calendar for

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2 today.

3 Are there speeches on the part
4 of the Minority?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
7 there speeches on the part the Majority?

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you, Madam President.

12 I rise today for two reasons.
13 First is a reminder that our Partnership
14 for Prescription Assistance table is in
15 the hallway for those needing help with
16 prescriptions.

17 And the second reason is to
18 deal with another issue, Liberia.

19 On February 12, 2010, City
20 Council adopted Resolution 100086
21 introduced by Councilmembers Kenney,
22 Jones, Sanchez, and myself, calling on
23 President Obama to extend for 18 months
24 the deferred enforcement departure, or
25 DED, status of Liberians who fled this

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2 country to escape civil war at home.

3 DED for these Liberian

4 immigrants was set to expire on March 31,

5 2010. On Friday, March 19, 2010,

6 President Obama issued a presidential

7 memorandum granting the extension,

8 allowing them to remain in our country

9 for another year-and-a-half, which should

10 permit many of them to seek permanent

11 residency here under comprehensive

12 immigration reform legislation.

13 Many Liberians have

14 painstakingly rebuilt their lives here,

15 establishing families and businesses;

16 and, at the expiration of their DED

17 status, threatened to tear apart families

18 and, in some cases, entire communities.

19 Therefore, I would like to

20 acknowledge and thank the cosponsors and

21 all my colleagues here for their support

22 of this resolution. I believe that City

23 Council resolutions represent an

24 important vehicle for expressing our

25 sentiments that issues like this are on

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2 the minds of all of us and that we all
3 realize that we're ultimately one large
4 community and that we are certainly all
5 brothers and sisters.

6 Again, thank you all for your
7 support.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 Are there any further speeches
11 on the part of Majority?

12 (No response.)

13 Seeing none, the Chair
14 recognizes Councilman Clarke for a motion
15 to adjourn.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 I move that Council stand
19 adjourned until Thursday, April 8, 2010,
20 10 a.m.

21 (Motion duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
23 has been moved and seconded that Council
24 stand adjourned until Thursday, April
25 8th, 10 a.m.

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it, and the

5 motion carries.

6 Thank you.

7 (Proceedings end at 10:38 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings of the City of Philadelphia
Council Committee of Thursday, March 25, 2010,
are contained fully and accurately in the
stenographic notes taken by me on Thursday,
March 25, 2010, and that this is a true and
correct statement of same.

JOSEPHINE CARDILLO
Registered Professional Reporter

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