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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

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5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Thursday, October 23, 2008
8 10:05 a.m.

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PRESENT:

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
11 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
12 COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
13 COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
14 COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
15 COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
16 COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE
17 COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
18 COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
19 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
20 COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
21 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
22 COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES-SANCHEZ
23 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
24 COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
25 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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

6 Council will please come to
7 order. 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 Councilman
12 W. Wilson Goode.

13 I would ask all members and
14 guests to please rise.

15 (Members and guests rise.)

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Good
17 morning. May we please bow our heads.
18 Let us pray.

19 God of our weary years and God
20 of our silent tears, thou who has brought
21 us thus far on our way, thou who has by
22 thy might led us into the light, keep us
23 forever in the path, we pray.

24 Heavenly Father, we come to you
25 this time with a simple prayer. First to

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2 simply say thank you, to thank you for
3 the special gifts that you have given us
4 to be used for your holy purpose. Let us
5 say thank you by avoiding self-interest
6 and rededicating our lives to your holy
7 purpose for our lives.

8 Second, to simply say forgive
9 us. Forgive us for sometimes losing our
10 way. You know our hearts and our minds.
11 We are not perfect. Forgive us as we
12 forgive one another.

13 Third, to simply say bless us.
14 Bless us with your holy spirit so that we
15 will realize that you are in full control
16 of our lives. There is no global
17 economic crisis or personal crisis that
18 we cannot overcome. Through your holy
19 spirit, we can overcome every worldly and
20 spiritual crisis. Continue to bless us.

21 Lastly, to once again say thank
22 you for loving us more than we could ever
23 love ourselves and one another and
24 teaching us how to love and how to live.
25 Again, thank you.

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2 In Jesus' name and for his
3 sake, amen.

4 (Amen.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
6 Chair thanks the Councilman.

7 The next order of business is
8 the approval of the meeting of Thursday,
9 October 16, 2008, and the Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I move that the Journal
13 of the meeting of Thursday, October 16th
14 stand approved.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is
16 there a second?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I
19 hear a second?

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
22 has been moved and properly seconded that
23 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
24 October 16, 2008 stand approved.

25 All in favor will indicate by

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2 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 motion carries.

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

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
13 Madam President. On behalf of the
14 majority, there are no requests for leave
15 of absence.

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 O'Neill.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
21 President, on behalf of the republicans,
22 there are no requests for leave of
23 absence.

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

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2 The Chair will dispense with
3 the regular order of business to
4 recognize the guests and visitors joining
5 us in Chambers this morning. On behalf
6 of all members of City Council, I welcome
7 you to our Council session. We
8 appreciate your taking the time to join
9 us as we attend to the legislative
10 affairs of our city. We certainly invite
11 you to come again.

12 At this time, the Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Green. I
14 understand you have guests that you
15 wanted to introduce.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: No, Madam
17 President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You
19 don't?

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: You
21 confused us again.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I was
23 told it was Councilman Green.

24 Councilman Greenlee.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: That's

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2 really scary, if Ms. Ortiz doesn't know
3 the difference, since I'm the ward leader
4 of her ward, I'm really in trouble.

5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 Together with Councilman DiCicco I wanted
7 to recognize some second grade students
8 from St. Peter's School at 3rd and
9 Lombard, which is in the First
10 Councilmanic District, and they're
11 accompanied by a number of people,
12 including, I must add, speaking of
13 committee person, my committee person in
14 the 15th Ward, Beverly Leonard. So
15 they're sitting right over there.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If
17 they would stand, we would like to
18 recognize you. Please stand, and
19 welcome.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco, who
23 will present a resolution recognizing the
24 18th anniversary of Memory Walks in
25 October and observing National

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2 Alzheimer's Awareness Month in November
3 of 2008.

4 Will Mrs. Wendy Campbell and
5 those accompanying her please join the
6 Councilwoman at the podium.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: It gives
8 me great pleasure to present this
9 resolution recognizing the 18th
10 anniversary of Memory Walks in October
11 and observing National Alzheimer's
12 Awareness of month in November 2008 in
13 the City of Philadelphia.

14 Whereas, National Alzheimer's
15 Awareness Month is observed nationally in
16 November, as officially acclaimed by then
17 President Ronald Reagan in 1982; and

18 Whereas, the purpose of
19 National Alzheimer's Disease Month is to
20 raise awareness of this disease and to
21 emphasize the importance of finding
22 treatments, prevention and ultimately a
23 cure; and

24 Whereas, this disease is
25 mysterious, elusive and frustrating. It

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2 is degenerative and advances gradually,
3 causing forgetfulness, confusion,
4 impaired judgment and ultimately total
5 dependence; and

6 Whereas, although the federal
7 government estimates spending over half a
8 billion dollars for Alzheimer's disease
9 research this year alone, there is still
10 no vaccine, no cure and no treatments for
11 this terrible disease; and

12 Whereas, the Alzheimer's
13 Association is the major source of
14 information and support for the four
15 million Americans with this disease and
16 their families. It is a national network
17 whose members represent the interests of
18 those affected by Alzheimer's disease on
19 every level of government and with health
20 and long-term care providers. The
21 Association is a strong and effective
22 advocacy group whose members we thank for
23 their continuing efforts.

24 Now therefore resolved, by the
25 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that

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2 we hereby recognize November 2008 as
3 National Alzheimer's Disease Month.

4 Further resolved, that an
5 engrossed copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Wendy L. Campbell, President
7 of the Alzheimer's Association, as
8 evidence of our respect for her, the
9 Association's work, and our sincere hope
10 that the dream of prevention and cure
11 will become a reality.

12 Certification that this is a
13 true and correct copy of the original
14 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
15 City of Philadelphia on the 16th day of
16 October 2008. Signed by President Verna
17 and introduced by Marian Tasco on behalf
18 of President Verna and supported by all
19 members of City Council.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair recognizes Mrs. Campbell for
23 remarks.

24 MS. CAMPBELL: Thank you.
25 Thank you very much for honoring us

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2 today. This proclamation is very
3 important to us because it's another step
4 in raising awareness about Alzheimer's
5 disease. And Alzheimer's disease, it's
6 appropriate that I be here, because at
7 this point, Alzheimer's disease is now
8 the sixth leading cause of death in the
9 United States. I started with the
10 chapter in 2000 and it was ninth. So
11 this is the only one of the top ten
12 causes of death that is growing every
13 single year. So now we're to sixth.
14 We've had four Memory Walks
15 during the month of October and we will
16 have our final large Memory Walk in
17 Philadelphia at Citizens Bank Park, home
18 of the World Series champions, I'm sure,
19 and I invite all of you to join us there,
20 because it's a way to pay tribute to
21 those people in our community that have
22 passed from this disease, but even more
23 so, it's to be there to support those
24 that are carrying someone with
25 Alzheimer's right now. It's so important

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2 that we do this.

3 Time Magazine has called this
4 the "disease of the century," and it is.
5 We must all bring our community together
6 to find a plan of how we're going to help
7 our families deal with this, because it's
8 not just that we're losing grandparents,
9 we're losing people.

10 Last week our Help Line
11 received a call from a 34-year-old man
12 who had just received his diagnosis. He
13 has two children that have not even
14 entered grade school. There's no
15 resources to help him. He's not going to
16 be earning a living. And the average
17 time he will have the disease is nine
18 years, but we've heard of cases where
19 it's gone on for 27.

20 So we've got to rally as a
21 community to help these families, because
22 although the federal government is
23 funding Alzheimer's research, there's not
24 been a single dollar increase in the last
25 five years. So the work on a cure is not

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2 going at the speed I know all of us would
3 want. So we're going to have to work a
4 lot on care.

5 So this is an important first
6 step for us, and I thank the City Council
7 so much for recognizing it, and thank you
8 for always being there when I come to you
9 needing help taking care of families in
10 your district.

11 So thank you very, very much.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

14 Council will be at ease.

15 (Council at ease.)

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

18 The Chair requests that the
19 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
20 the Chief Clerk.

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 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 transmitting herewith

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2 for the introduction and consideration of
3 your honorable body six proposed
4 resolutions, entitled "A resolution also
5 naming the 4000 block of Mitchell Street
6 and the streets at the intersection of
7 5th Street and 66th Avenue in honor of
8 Police Officer Walter Barclay, Badge No.
9 1410"; and

10 "A resolution also naming the
11 2700 block of Willits Road and the
12 streets at the intersection of 66th
13 Avenue and North Broad Street in honor of
14 Police Officer Charles Cassidy, Badge No.
15 2342"; and

16 "A resolution also naming the
17 7400 block of Claridge Street and the
18 streets at the intersection of Almond and
19 Schiller Streets in honor of Sergeant
20 Stephen Liczbinski, Badge No. 486"; and

21 "A resolution also naming the
22 3600 block of Whitehall Lane and the
23 streets at the intersection of North 17th
24 and Dauphin Streets in honor of Sergeant
25 Patrick McDonald, Badge No. 2831"; and

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2 "A resolution also naming the
3 3300 block of Welsh Road and the streets
4 at the intersection of 39th and Wallace
5 Streets in honor of Police Officer Isabel
6 Nazario, Badge No. 6341"; and

7 "A resolution also naming the
8 3300 block of Almond Street and the
9 streets at the intersection of Castor
10 Avenue and Arrott Street in honor of
11 Police Officer Gary Skerski, Badge No.
12 7379"; and

13 "A resolution also naming the
14 1600 block of Widener Place and the
15 streets at the intersection of Rising Sun
16 Avenue and Wyoming Avenue in honor of
17 Police Officer Lauretha Vaird, Badge No.
18 5897."

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you. The messages will be printed in the
21 Journal.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
23 authorizing the construction of storm
24 water sewers and appurtenant work on
25 Delaware Avenue from Lewis Street to

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2 Orthodox Street; and

3 An ordinance amending Section 2

4 of an ordinance, Bill No. 030681,

5 approved December 18, 2003, entitled "An

6 ordinance authorizing the revision of

7 lines and grades on a portion of City

8 Plan No. 24-S by placing on the City Plan

9 a certain right-of-way"; and

10 An ordinance amending Chapter

11 19-3100 of The Philadelphia Code,

12 entitled "Attorney Fees in Collection

13 Matters," all under certain terms and

14 conditions; and

15 An ordinance amending Section

16 10-819 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled

17 "State of Emergency," to expand the

18 measures that the Mayor may take in an

19 emergency, all under certain terms and

20 conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

22 you. These messages will also be printed

23 in the Journal.

24 I would ask the Chief Clerk to

25 please read any other communications in

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2 her possession.

3 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I

4 have, Madam President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

6 you.

7 The next order of business is

8 the introduction of bills and

9 resolutions, and at this time, the Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

12 Madam President. I have no bills or

13 resolutions today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

15 Chair thanks the gentleman.

16 The Chair recognizes

17 Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

19 you, Madam President. I'll have one

20 resolution, but would you come back to

21 me?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

23 you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman

25 Greenlee.

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

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Krajewski.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
10 you, Madam President. I offer two bills
11 and two resolutions, one sponsored by
12 myself, Councilwoman Tasco and Councilman
13 O'Neill and one resolution sponsored by
14 myself, Councilwoman Blackwell and
15 Councilman O'Neill.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
21 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
22 changing the zoning designations of
23 certain areas of land located within an
24 area bounded by Ditman Street, Levick
25 Street, Hegerman Street, Robbins Avenue,

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2 Keystone Street, Devereaux Street,
3 Hegerman Street, Tulip Street and
4 Harbison Avenue.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
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 the
12 area bounded by Ditman Street, Cottman
13 Avenue, Keystone Street and Hellerman
14 Street.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
16 bill will be referred to the appropriate
17 committee.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 also naming the 3300 block of Welsh Road
20 and the streets at the intersection of
21 39th and Wallace Streets in honor of
22 Police Officer Isabel Nazario, Badge No.
23 6341.

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move
3 for 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 indicate 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
18 resolution --

19 (Applause.)

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 also naming the 2700 block of Willits
22 Road and the streets at the intersection
23 of 66th Avenue and North Broad Street in
24 honor of Police Officer Charles Cassidy,
25 Badge No. 2342.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

3 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Krajewski.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move
6 for the adoption of the resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
17 ayes have it and the resolution is
18 adopted.

19 (Applause.)

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
23 President, I offer two privileged
24 resolutions, three bills and one bill on
25 your behalf.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 amending Chapter 19-3100 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Attorney
9 Fees in Collection Matters; Retention of
10 Private Attorneys," by providing for a
11 schedule of contingency fees to be
12 assessed, all under certain terms and
13 conditions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 bill will be referred to the appropriate
16 committee.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 establishing a no truck parking
19 regulation on the 5200 block of Marshall
20 Street, from Fisher Avenue to Duncannon
21 Avenue.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 amending Section 9-205 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, relating to Sidewalk
4 Sales by prohibiting sidewalk sales
5 within 25 feet of 2510 Cheltenham Avenue.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
10 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill
11 No. 030681, approved December 1, 2003,
12 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the
13 revision of lines and grades on a portion
14 of City Plan No. 24-S."

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 bill will be referred to the appropriate
17 committee.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 urging the United States Congress and the
20 Department of Housing and Urban
21 Development to amend the use of
22 requirements of the Community Development
23 Block Grant Neighborhood Stabilization
24 Program funds.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

4 President, I'd like to speak on this

5 resolution, please.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

7 Please do so.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: The

9 Congress has taken action concerning the

10 foreclosure crisis in the United States

11 by passing the Landmark Housing and

12 Economic Recovery Act, which provided

13 emergency funding for cities and states

14 that have vacant and abandoned properties

15 in neighborhoods that have high rates of

16 foreclosure, and through this

17 legislation, the Department of Housing

18 and Urban Development, known as HUD,

19 announced a \$3.9 billion increase in the

20 Community Development Block Grant

21 Stabilization Program funds, and

22 Philadelphia is scheduled to get \$16

23 million.

24 These stabilization funds can

25 only be used to acquire land and property

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2 demolished or rehabilitated abandoned
3 properties or offer down payment for
4 closing assistance to low- and
5 moderate-income home buyers, and we
6 support that, but if you look at
7 Philadelphia, the foreclosures that we're
8 experiencing in this city are basically
9 due to subprime lending associated with
10 home improvement loans. And so in some
11 neighborhoods, such as my district, we do
12 not have a large vacancy rate and the
13 money cannot be used for programs such as
14 providing prevention money to homeowners
15 so they won't go to predatory lenders and
16 borrow money to do a roof or do a heater
17 or do some improvement, make some
18 improvement to their home. And so a lot
19 of cities are experiencing just
20 abandonment, and the cities are left to
21 take care of the properties, cut the
22 grass, board the houses up. And that is
23 for some of the more urban neighborhoods
24 across the -- in the western part of the
25 country, but in Philadelphia and some

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2 other large cities, we have a different
3 kind of property.

4 So we're calling on the federal
5 government to amend the legislation so
6 that some of the funds can be used to
7 help residents, such as those people who
8 live in the Ninth Councilmanic District
9 and the Sixth and the Fourth and yours,
10 to stay in their homes and/or improve
11 their homes through low-income loans or
12 grants.

13 So I ask my colleagues to
14 support this resolution and I move for
15 the 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 indicate by
21 saying 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 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 urging the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 to provide supplemental state funds to
8 the federally funded Low Income Home
9 Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), adopt
10 the recommendations of the LIHEAP
11 Advisory Committee, and spend all of
12 available LIHEAP funds during the program
13 year in which it was appropriated.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
15 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
18 the adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say 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 resolution is

6 adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes

8 Councilwoman Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good

10 morning, Madam President, and thank you.

11 Today I have one resolution -- two

12 resolutions and one bill.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

14 you.

15 The Chief Clerk will please

16 read the title of the bill.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

18 amending Section 10-819 of The

19 Philadelphia Code, entitled "State of

20 Emergency," to expand upon the measures

21 that the Mayor may take in an emergency,

22 prohibit the violation of orders issued

23 in connection with the declaration of an

24 emergency, all under certain terms and

25 conditions.

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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 proclaiming October 2008 as National
7 Breast Cancer Awareness Month and
8 supporting the numerous activities
9 recognizing this effort around the
10 country.

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

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

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

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

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2 adopted.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 also naming the 1600 block of Widener
5 Place and the streets at the intersection
6 of Rising Sun Avenue and Wyoming Avenue
7 in honor of Police Officer Lauretha
8 Vaird, Badge No. 5897.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will indicate by
18 saying 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 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

5 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
6 you, Madam President. I have two
7 corresponding bills co-sponsored by my
8 colleagues Councilman Jones and
9 Councilman Green.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 amending Section 19-2604, relating to tax
16 rates, credits and alternative tax
17 computation for the business privilege
18 tax, by providing that a portion of the
19 tax based upon gross receipts may be
20 taken as a credit against the tax based
21 upon net income, and making technical
22 amendments to Section 19-1506 of The
23 Philadelphia Code.

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

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2 committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
4 amending Section 19-2604 relating to tax
5 rates, credits and alternative tax
6 computation for the business privilege
7 tax, by providing that a portion of the
8 tax based upon gross receipts may be
9 taken as a credit against the tax based
10 upon net income, and making technical
11 amendments to Section 19-1506.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
13 bill will be referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 amending Bill No. 070443, approved by
17 Council on June 14, 2007 and signed by
18 the Mayor on July 3, 2007, entitled
19 "Authorizing the Archdiocese of
20 Philadelphia, Office for Community
21 Development, 222 North 17th Street,
22 Philadelphia, to construct, own and
23 maintain raised planter clusters atop the
24 sidewalks of the 2400, 2500 and 2600
25 blocks of Kensington Avenue, under

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2 certain terms and conditions."

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Green.

8 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
9 Madam President. I have two bills and
10 one resolution co-introduced with
11 Councilman O'Neill and co-sponsored by
12 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez and
13 Councilman Jones.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

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

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 establishing the form of fiscal impact
20 statements regarding City Council
21 legislation required pursuant to the
22 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter.

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

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 providing for the submission to the
4 qualified electors of the City of
5 Philadelphia of an amendment to the
6 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to require
7 that the Finance Director or the City
8 Controller provide to City Council fiscal
9 impact statements in connection with the
10 pending Council legislation; fixing the
11 date of a special election for such
12 purpose.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
14 bill will be referred to the appropriate
15 committee.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 proposing amendments to the Philadelphia
18 Home Rule Charter to require the
19 preparation of fiscal impact statements
20 by the Finance Director or City
21 Controller in connection with pending
22 Council legislation.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Jones.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I have two bills, three
6 resolutions this morning.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 read the title of the first bill.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia
13 Code, entitled "Finance, Taxes and
14 Collections," by providing for standards
15 for actions to collect bail forfeitures,
16 under certain terms and conditions.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 amending Chapter 19-200 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds -
23 Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by
24 adding a provision requiring the City to
25 receive all payments in electronic form

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2 whenever electronic payment is an option.

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
8 Property to execute and deliver to the
9 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
10 the 4th Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for
14 the adoption of the resolution, Madam
15 President.

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 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

5 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

6 Property to execute and deliver to the

7 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in

8 the 4th, 34th and 38th Wards of the City

9 of Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

11 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

13 Madam President. I move for the adoption

14 of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

17 has been moved and properly seconded that

18 the resolution be adopted.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

25 ayes have it and the resolution is

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2 adopted.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 also naming the 4000 block of Mitchell
5 Street and the streets at the
6 intersection of 5th Street and 66th
7 Avenue in honor of Police Officer Walter
8 Barclay, Badge No. 1410.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: I
12 enthusiastically move for the adoption of
13 the resolution, Madam President.

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 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
6 Madam President. I offer one resolution.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 authorizing the Committee on Commerce and
12 Economic Development to hold hearings to
13 review the effectiveness of the City's
14 Job Creation Tax Credit Program.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
16 sorry. Did you make a motion?

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move for the
19 adoption.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

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: The
6 ayes have it and the resolution will be
7 referred to the appropriate committee.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I have no bills or
12 resolutions today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. With the Chair's
19 permission, if I may, I arrived in
20 Council a bit late this morning and I
21 would like this opportunity to introduce
22 some folks that are here this morning.
23 It is the City Year team that is serving
24 at the Jones Middle School. We all know
25 the fine work that City Year does. They

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2 are to my left, and I would ask them to
3 stand up, please.

4 In addition, they are tutors,
5 mentors and role models throughout the
6 City, and in addition to the Jones
7 School, they are also very active in
8 neighborhoods surrounding communities
9 like Port Richmond and Kensington. The
10 Jones team works during the academic day
11 with 35 students identified by principals
12 as scoring below basic and/or both their
13 reading and math competencies.

14 So I'd like to take this
15 opportunity to introduce them, along with
16 their project manager, Jim Schroeder.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
18 Welcome.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
21 Madam President, for that opportunity,
22 and I am presenting one bill and one
23 resolution.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please
3 read the title of the bill.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of an
7 Automatic Red Light Enforcement System to
8 Prevent Red Light Violations," by
9 authorizing the installation of red light
10 enforcement systems at the intersection
11 of South Penn Square at Broad Street.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
13 bill will be referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
16 also naming the 3300 block of Almond
17 Street and the streets at the
18 intersection of Castor Avenue and Arrott
19 Street in honor of Police Officer Gary
20 Skerski, Badge No. 7379.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

23 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
24 Madam President. I move for the adoption
25 of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

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

14 (Applause.)

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
18 Chair, I'll have my resolutions ready in
19 a minute. I pass on to Councilman
20 Clarke.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam

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2 President, I have one bill and one
3 resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 authorizing Edward and Veronica Leonard,
10 their successors and assigns, to own,
11 operate and maintain a one-story garage
12 extension and entranceway steps on the
13 east sidewalk of North Pennock Street.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 bill will be referred to the appropriate
16 committee.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
19 Property to execute and deliver to the
20 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
21 the 5th, 16th, 20th, 28th and 32nd Wards
22 of the City of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for

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2 the adoption.

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 is
14 adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Kelly.

17 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
18 President, I have no bills or
19 resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Rizzo.

24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
25 President, no bills or resolutions today.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 Councilwoman Blackwell, are you
5 prepared for introduction?

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes,
7 ma'am. Madam President, I introduce one
8 resolution today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 read the title.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
15 Property to execute and deliver to the
16 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
17 the 3rd, 6th, 24th, 44th and 60th Wards
18 of the City of Philadelphia.

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

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you, Madam President. I move for the
23 adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

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2 has been moved and properly seconded that
3 the resolution be adopted.

4 All 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 is
11 adopted.

12 Councilman O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes, Madam
14 Chair. I just want to let the Chief
15 Clerk know if she has any trouble reading
16 this, I've changed and modified -- I
17 talked to the Mayor -- made the areas
18 larger for both Officers Liczbinski and
19 McDonald, and we didn't have time to do
20 the reprint, so I've kind of written over
21 it. I hope Pat can handle it.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the title.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution also
3 naming Morrell Avenue from Academy Road
4 to Frankford Avenue and the streets at
5 the intersection of North 17th and
6 Dauphin Streets in honor of Sergeant
7 Patrick McDonald, Badge No. 2831.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
11 Chair, I move the adoption of the
12 resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 ayes have it and the resolution is
24 adopted.

25 (Applause.)

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 also naming Claridge Street from Cottman
4 Avenue to Faunce Street and the streets
5 at the intersection of Almond and
6 Schiller Streets in honor of Sergeant
7 Stephen Liczbinski, Badge No. 486.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair again recognizes Councilman
10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
12 President, I move for the adoption of the
13 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 (Applause.)

3 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
4 establishing a no truck parking
5 regulation on both sides of Whitten
6 Street between President Street,
7 Roosevelt Boulevard, both sides of
8 President Street between Whitten Street
9 and Conwell Avenue.

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

13 I see that we have in our
14 presence Commissioner Ramsey and all of
15 the wonderful policemen that have joined
16 us today for, I guess, what is a sad day
17 and a happy day, that at least some of
18 our officers are getting some
19 recognition.

20 I would like all of my
21 colleagues to please stand, thank them,
22 welcome you and thank you for all the
23 wonderful, wonderful work you do.

24 (Applause.)

25 (All Councilmembers standing.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you for the wonderful, wonderful work you
4 do, as I said earlier.

5 We will now continue with our
6 normal business, and the next order of
7 business is reports from committees.

8 The Chair now recognizes
9 Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the
10 Committee of the Whole.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
12 President, the Committee of the Whole
13 reports two bills with a favorable
14 recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 read the report.

19 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
20 and members of the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia, the Committee of the Whole,
22 to which was referred Bill No. 080744,
23 entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter
24 19-2400 of The Philadelphia Code,
25 entitled 'Hotel Room Rental Tax,' by

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2 providing for an additional excise tax on
3 hotel room rentals and designating the
4 expenditures for which such tax will be
5 used"; and

6 Bill No. 080745, entitled "An
7 ordinance amending Bill No. 070994-A,
8 approved December 21, 2007, entitled
9 'Authorizing the Director of Finance,
10 Commissioner of Public Property and other
11 officials of the City to execute either
12 directly or through the Philadelphia
13 Authority for Industrial Development
14 various agreements, instruments of
15 conveyance and other transactional
16 documents by and among the City, the
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the
18 Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority,
19 all under certain terms and conditions,"
20 respectfully reports it has considered
21 and amended the same and returns the
22 attached bills to Council with a
23 favorable recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

5 President, I move that the rules of

6 Council be suspended so as to permit

7 first reading this day of Bill Nos.

8 080744 and 080745.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

11 has been moved and properly seconded that

12 all bills -- all in favor will indicate

13 by saying aye to Councilwoman Tasco's

14 motion. All in favor will say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

20 bills just read will be placed on our

21 First Reading Calendar for today, and the

22 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney for a

23 report from the Committee on Rules.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

25 Madam President. The Committee on Rules

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2 reports three bills with favorable
3 recommendations.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chief Clerk will please
7 read the report.

8 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
9 and members of the Council of the City of
10 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
11 which was referred Bill No. 080548,
12 entitled "An ordinance amending Section 2
13 of Bill No. 050510, approved December 17,
14 2005, entitled 'An ordinance to amend the
15 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
16 zoning designations of certain areas of
17 land located within an area bounded by
18 Allegheny Avenue, Collins Street,
19 Westmoreland Street and Tulip Street';
20 and

21 Bill No. 080632, entitled "An
22 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
23 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
24 designations of certain areas of land
25 located within an area bounded by

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2 Thompson Street, Salmons Street,
3 Berkshire Street, Richmond Street,
4 Juniata Street and the Betsy Ross Bridge
5 Approach"; and

6 Bill No. 080649, entitled "An
7 ordinance amending Section 14-1621 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Passyunk
9 Avenue Special District Controls,' by
10 adding telemarketing as a prohibited use,
11 all under certain terms and conditions,"
12 respectfully reports it has considered
13 the same and returns the attached bills
14 to Council with a favorable
15 recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move that the rules
22 of Council be suspended so as to permit
23 first reading this day of Bill Nos.
24 080548, 632 and 649.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
3 in favor please say aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you. The bills just read will be placed
10 on our First Reading Calendar for today.

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

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

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 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

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2 Bill No. 080743, entitled "An ordinance
3 authorizing transfers in appropriations
4 for Fiscal Year 2009 from the Grants
5 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
6 Provision for other grants to the General
7 Fund, the Director of Finance -
8 Indemnities," respectfully reports it has
9 considered the same and returns the
10 attached bill to Council with a favorable
11 recommendation.

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

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
15 you, Madam President. I move that the
16 rules of Council be suspended so as to
17 permit first reading this day of Bill
18 080743.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
21 has been moved and properly seconded.

22 All in favor will indicate by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

5 bill just read will be placed on our

6 First Reading Calendar for today.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman

8 Clarke for a report from the Committee on

9 Public Property and Public Works.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

11 Madam President. The Committee on Public

12 Property and Public Works reports two

13 bills with favorable recommendations.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

15 you.

16 The Chief Clerk will please

17 read the report.

18 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

19 and members of the Council of the City of

20 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public

21 Property and Public Works, to which was

22 referred Bill No. 080585, entitled "An

23 ordinance authorizing the Commerce

24 Director and the Commissioner of Public

25 Property to acquire an approximately 17

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2 acre property in the vicinity of Island
3 Avenue, Penrose Avenue and Escort
4 Street"; and

5 Bill No. 080636, entitled "An
6 ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia
7 Authority for Industrial Development to
8 convey fee simple title to a certain
9 property located in the vicinity of 61st
10 Street and Eastwick Avenue," respectfully
11 reports it has considered the same and
12 returns the attached bills to Council
13 with a favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
19 President, I move that the rules of
20 Council be suspended so as to allow first
21 reading this day of Bill Nos. 080585 and
22 080636.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will indicate by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

12 The next order of business is
13 the consideration of the Calendar. The
14 Chief Clerk will please read the bills on
15 the First Reading Calendar.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080744,
17 an ordinance amending Chapter 19-2400 of
18 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Hotel
19 Room Rental Tax," by providing for an
20 additional excise tax on hotel room
21 rentals and designating the expenditures
22 for which such tax will be used.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
24 Chair agrees.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

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2 080745, an ordinance amending Bill No.
3 070994-A, approved December 21, 2007,
4 entitled "Authorizing the Director of
5 Finance, Commissioner of Public Property
6 and other officials of the City to
7 execute either directly or through the
8 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
9 Development various agreements,
10 instruments of conveyance and other
11 transactional documents by and among the
12 City, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
13 and the Pennsylvania Convention Center."

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair agrees.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
17 080548, an ordinance amending Section 2
18 of Bill No. 050510, approved November 17,
19 2005, entitled "An ordinance to amend the
20 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
21 zoning designations of certain areas of
22 land located within an area bounded by
23 Allegheny Avenue, Collins Street,
24 Westmoreland Street and Tulip Street."

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair agrees.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

4 080632, an ordinance to amend the
5 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
6 zoning designations of certain areas of
7 land located within an area bounded by
8 Thompson Street, Juniata Street, Salmons
9 Street, Berkshire Street, Richmond Street
10 and the Betsy Ross Bridge.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair agrees.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
14 080649, an ordinance amending Section
15 14-1621 of The Philadelphia Code,
16 entitled "Passyunk Avenue Special
17 District Controls," by adding
18 telemarketing as a prohibited use.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
22 080743, an ordinance authorizing
23 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
24 Year 2009 from the Grants Revenue Fund,
25 the Director of Finance - Provision for

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2 other grants to the General Fund.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
6 080585, authorizing the Commerce Director
7 and the Commissioner of Public Property
8 to acquire an approximately 17 acre
9 property in the vicinity of Island
10 Avenue, Penrose Avenue and Escort Street.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair agrees.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
14 080636, an ordinance authorizing the
15 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
16 Development to convey fee simple title to
17 a certain property located in the
18 vicinity of 61st Street and Eastwick
19 Avenue to the Philadelphia Regional Port
20 Authority.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair agrees.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
24 080573, an ordinance amending Chapter
25 19-2600 of The Philadelphia Code,

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2 entitled "Business Privilege Taxes," by
3 expanding the program under which a
4 credit against business privilege taxes
5 is given to certain businesses that
6 contribute monies to community
7 development corporations undertaking
8 economic development activities within
9 the City of Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair agrees.

12 The Chair now recognizes
13 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of
14 calling up bills on the Second Reading
15 and Final Passage Calendar to be
16 considered today.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. Today Bill Nos.
19 080468-A, 080490, 080627, 080634, 080784
20 are being called up for second reading
21 and final passage, and Bill 080167 will
22 be amended.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And
24 all other bills will be --

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: All other

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2 bills are being held.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chief Clerk will please
6 read the title of Bill No. 080468-A.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 amending Section 9-1103 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Unlawful
10 Employment Practices," and enacting a new
11 Chapter 9-3200, entitled "Entitlement to
12 Leave Due to Domestic or Sexual
13 Violence."

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
15 bill having been read on two different
16 days, the question now is shall the bill
17 pass finally.

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 call --

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Madam
21 President?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,
23 I'm sorry. Councilman Greenlee.

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
25 you, Madam President. I just want to

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2 speak briefly on this bill, if I may.

3 I believe as elected officials

4 one of our duties is to protect the

5 interests of those most voiceless and

6 powerless in our city, and despite the

7 efforts of so many in the advocate

8 community, including those who were

9 honored last week and many of whom have

10 come back today and sit behind me,

11 victims of domestic abuse too often fall

12 under the category of the powerless.

13 This bill before us today gives at least

14 some help to those people.

15 By providing a period of

16 unpaid -- repeat -- unpaid leave for

17 documented -- repeat again -- documented

18 abuse victims, we are ensuring that these

19 individuals can at least attend to their

20 health, safety and legal needs and not

21 risk losing their jobs.

22 We have been careful to take

23 steps that this law would not be overly

24 burdensome to businesses. And it's

25 noteworthy that since this bill has been

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2 introduced -- we've had hearings, it's
3 been publicized, whatever -- that I've
4 only heard from a couple of people who
5 have a problem with this bill, just a
6 couple, and I understand from other
7 colleagues the same with them. And when
8 I raised that with one person today, one
9 of those few people, when they were
10 trying to get me to hold up this bill one
11 last time and I said, I haven't really
12 heard opposition, she mentioned to me,
13 Well, the people who are opposed to it
14 are afraid to bring up their opposition.
15 They're afraid of the advocate community
16 and speaking out against them. Obviously
17 they're very fearsome people back here
18 with their black shirts, but...

19 And I thought it was extremely
20 ironic, Madam President, that the word
21 "fear" would be used, because they have
22 nothing -- the business community or
23 anybody that might have a problem with
24 this really doesn't have anything to
25 fear. Other cities, other states have

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2 done this. We have found zero evidence
3 of misuse by workers. Zero.

4 But let me tell you what real
5 fear is, in my opinion. Real fear is a
6 woman sitting maybe somewhere in the City
7 of Philadelphia right now cowering in her
8 place of business knowing that she's
9 going to go home tonight and be abused
10 because she can't get out to a court
11 proceeding today, or embarrassed in her
12 place because she can't get to the doctor
13 to take care of medical treatment as a
14 result of being abused. That's real
15 fear, Madam President. That's not
16 manufactured fear. That's not made up
17 fear. That's real, and I think we all
18 know people that have gone through that.
19 And I think this bill is simply the right
20 thing to do, particularly during this
21 month of Domestic Violence Awareness.

22 I thank the members of Council
23 who have already committed to support
24 this legislation. I thank the members of
25 the advocate community, and I have to

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2 make special mention of Carol Tracy,
3 Executive Director of the Women's Law
4 Project, who sent a letter that everybody
5 has received, for all their support, and
6 I respectfully urge all my colleagues to
7 approve this very needed bill.

8 Thank you, Madam President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

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 GREEN: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Greenlee.
4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
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 BROWN: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Sanchez.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

9 Verna.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

11 The ayes are 17; the nays are

12 zero. A majority of all members having

13 voted in the affirmative, the bill

14 passes.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

17 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

18 Bill No. 080167.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

20 amending Title 6 of The Philadelphia

21 Code, entitled "Health Code," by adding a

22 new section requiring that chain

23 restaurants and retail food

24 establishments make available certain

25 nutrition information for food and

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2 beverage items offered for sale.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
6 Madam President. The amendments, along
7 with an explanation/back-up material, has
8 been circulated. I move for the adoption
9 of the amendments.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
12 has been moved and seconded that the
13 amendments as circulated by Councilwoman
14 Brown be adopted.

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 ayes have it and the motion carries.

22 The Chief Clerk will please
23 read the title of Bill No. 080490.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 authorizing the revision of lines and

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2 grades on City Plan No. 44 by striking

3 from the City Plan and vacating Race

4 Street from 33rd Street to 34th Street.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

6 bill having been read on two different

7 days, the question now is shall the bill

8 pass finally.

9 The Chief Clerk will please

10 call the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Greenlee.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Kenney.
9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Krajewski.
12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Miller.
15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 O'Neill.
18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Reynolds Brown.
21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Sanchez.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

7 Verna.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

9 The ayes are 17; the nays are
10 zero. A majority of all members having
11 voted in the affirmative, the bill
12 passes.

13 We will now consider Bill No.
14 080627.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Section 19-203 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Payroll
18 Deductions," to add the Correctional
19 Peace Officers Foundation to the list of
20 designated payees.

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

25 The Chief Clerk will please

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2 call the roll.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.
5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Clarke.
8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 DiCicco.
11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
15 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Greenlee.
18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
22 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Kenney.
25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

1 10/23/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Krajewski.
4 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Miller.
7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 O'Neill.
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Reynolds Brown.
13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Sanchez.
18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: 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 17; the nays are

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2 zero. A majority of all members having
3 voted in the affirmative, this bill
4 passes.

5 The Chief Clerk will please
6 read the title of Bill No. 08064.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 further amending Bill No. 070368,
9 entitled "An ordinance approving the
10 Fiscal Year 2008 Capital Budget providing
11 for expenditures for the capital purposes
12 of the Philadelphia Gas Works."

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
14 bill having been read on two different
15 days, the question now is shall the bill
16 pass finally.

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 call the roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 DiCicco.
3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Greenlee.
10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Kenney.
17 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Krajewski.
20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Miller.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Sanchez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Tasco.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

15 Verna.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

17 The ayes are 17; the nays are

18 zero. A majority of all members having

19 voted in the affirmative, this bill

20 passes.

21 The Chief Clerk will please

22 read the title of Resolution No. 080784.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

24 amending Resolution No. 080001, which

25 provides Rules for the Government of the

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2 Council of the City of Philadelphia, by
3 adding procedures for Council's
4 consideration of bills that authorize the
5 City to acquire, convey or lease to a
6 third party any interest in real estate
7 that includes park or recreation land or
8 facilities.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
12 the adoption.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

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

25 That concludes 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 of the
8 majority?

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
12 you, Madam President.

13 Today I rise to talk about an
14 issue that is very, very important to all
15 of us and especially to me, and that is
16 that of homelessness. Just this week --
17 and I mean no disrespect to my colleagues
18 Councilman DiCicco and Councilman Clarke,
19 because it involves their issue, but the
20 Center City District, led by Paul Levy,
21 decided to create a situation to not
22 allow for panhandling. Madam Chair, many
23 of us have been around long enough to
24 know we tried this before. They're
25 coming up with meters again asking people

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2 not to give money. They'll collect a few
3 thousand, if they're lucky, in a year,
4 which will go to great groups, groups
5 like Sister Mary Scullion for Project
6 HOME; Bethesda Project; Ready, Willing
7 and Able; the Mental Health Association;
8 Center City District for training
9 workers; and Self, Inc.

10 So we agree with all those fine
11 organizations who receive them, maybe a
12 matter of a few hundred dollars each,
13 but, Madam Chair, I submit that if we
14 have a recession in most of the world,
15 what do you call it for the homeless
16 community?

17 I submit that we have laws on
18 the books to deal with aggressive
19 panhandling. We've been through this
20 over the years. So there is all that we
21 need to be.

22 I submit that nobody wants
23 homeless people on the street. Nobody
24 wanted them at Rittenhouse Square.
25 Nobody wants people to defecate in the

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2 public. Nobody wants any of that.

3 Nobody wants people to have to feed or

4 have to eat on the streets. All of us

5 realize that's not the optimum way to

6 treat homeless people, people in need or

7 people who are just having a hard time.

8 But to submit to this again -- and it's

9 only in the Center City District

10 boundaries -- to advocate, there will be

11 signs on buses, on TV, all of this PR.

12 They'll spend more to -- there will be

13 more money spent to advertise this than

14 there would be any to gain to help

15 anybody. I think it's not the way to go.

16 Back in August we had a press

17 conference and we submitted a four-point

18 plan, with two additional plans, and we

19 asked the Administration to consider

20 those things.

21 If we want people not to be on

22 the streets, then we have to modify how

23 we deal with them and what services we

24 offer them. We have to literally bring

25 them in, offer them services. Those who

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2 need it, offer them treatment. Have them
3 in during the day, have cafes at night
4 and the other things that we asked for.

5 So I submit, Madam President,
6 that obviously it wasn't and hasn't been
7 submitted in a bill. It has been a
8 Center City District initiative. And,
9 again, I call on this Administration to
10 deal with this issue in a better, more
11 humane way and to help us absolutely
12 treat people, help get them off the
13 streets and do it in a positive way that
14 would be better for everybody in this
15 city, state and this country.

16 Thank you very much.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 (Applause.)

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

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
23 Madam President. First of all, I want to
24 speak on two issues. First I want to
25 congratulate Councilman Greenlee, who has

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2 worked tirelessly on the domestic abuse
3 issue, and I'm just proud to have been a
4 co-sponsor of that. So I want to thank
5 you for all your work there and
6 congratulate you on getting this done
7 today.

8 Secondly, I co-introduced today
9 with Councilman O'Neill what I consider
10 to be a best practice that is happening
11 around the country. What we propose is a
12 fiscal impact statement for the
13 legislation that we propose out of this
14 body so that we understand the short-term
15 and long-term impact on the Five-Year
16 Plan of legislation we propose. They
17 currently have impact statements in Los
18 Angeles; San Francisco; Bloomington,
19 Indiana; Charlottesville, Virginia and
20 many other cities. Based on my
21 conversations with the Finance Director,
22 I'm very hopeful that we'll have
23 cooperation from the Administration, and
24 I look forward to considering this
25 measure as it comes before Council.

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2 Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 Are there any other speeches on
6 the part of the majority?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
9 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
10 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
11 adjourn.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I move that Council
14 stand adjourned until Thursday, October
15 30, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
18 has been moved and seconded that Council
19 stand adjourned until Thursday, October
20 30th.

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 motion carries.

4 Thank you.

5 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

6 11:05 a.m.)

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