

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, September 15, 2011
10:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN DARRELL CLARKE
COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO
MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I

note that the hour has come and that a
quorum of this Council is present.

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

To give our invocation this
morning, the Chair recognizes Pastor
Elonzie Knight of Common Ground
Ministries. He is here as the guest of
Councilman Greenlee.

I would ask all members and
guests to please rise.

(Members and guests rise.)

PASTOR KNIGHT: Father God,
firstly, we come this morning with
thanksgiving in our hearts for who you
are in our lives.

Secondly, Father, I thank you
for this Council, oh God, of men and
women who you have called to do a mighty
work.

Thank you for this opening

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2 session, Lord. And I pray, Father, that
3 you will grant wisdom to these
4 Councilmembers, Father, that they will
5 have the courage to do what's right for
6 this city and for the people.

7 I pray, Father, that you would
8 cause them to have witty enriched to
9 galvanize this city that would put
10 Philadelphia back on the map the way that
11 it used to be. Stop all petty
12 indifferences, oh Lord. I pray that they
13 will be unified in their endeavors,
14 Father, to govern this city.

15 I thank you for how you brought
16 them back now. Now give them the courage
17 to do what's right, and we'll be careful
18 to give you the glory, to give you the
19 honor.

20 In Jesus' name, amen.

21 (Amen.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair thanks Pastor Knight for his
24 invocation.

25 Council will be at ease.

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2 (Council at ease.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
4 next order of business is the approval of
5 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
6 September 8th, 2011.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I move that the Journal
11 of the meeting of Thursday, September the
12 8th, 2011 be approved.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
15 has been moved and properly seconded that
16 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
17 September 8th, 2011 stand approved.

18 All in favor will indicate by
19 saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 ayes have it, and the Journal is

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2 approved.

3 The next order of business is
4 requests for leave of absence, and,
5 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
8 Madam President. On behalf of the
9 majority, there are no requests for leave
10 of absence today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
12 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
16 President, on behalf of the republicans,
17 there are no requests for leave of
18 absence.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chair will dispense with
22 the regular order of business to
23 recognize the visitors and guests joining
24 us in Chambers this morning. On behalf
25 of all members of City Council, I welcome

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2 you to our Council session. We
3 appreciate your taking the time to join
4 us as we attend to the legislative
5 affairs of our city. We certainly invite
6 you to come again.

7 At this time, the Chair
8 recognizes Councilwoman Miller, who will
9 present a citation honoring Karen White.

10 Would Ms. White and those
11 accompanying her please join the
12 Councilwoman at the podium.

13 I see that Councilwoman Miller
14 is being accompanied by Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Miller.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
19 you, Madam President. You know, it's so
20 great when you turn on TV and you see
21 someone that's homegrown.

22 We love you.

23 Honoring and recognizing Karen
24 Malina White.

25 The Council of the City of

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2 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to
3 honor and recognize Karen Malina White as
4 a member of the Soka Gakkai
5 International, SGI, a global Nichiren
6 Buddhist organization, and for using her
7 celebrity status to promote public
8 education with a focus on peace,
9 disarmament, nuclear abolition, human
10 rights and sustainable development.

11 Whereas, Karen Malina White was
12 born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and
13 raised in South Philadelphia. She
14 attended the High School for Creative and
15 Performing Arts. Karen furthered her
16 acting studies at Howard University,
17 where she became Miss Howard University,
18 and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree
19 in drama and cum laude honors; and

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas,
21 Karen is most known for her work in the
22 film "Lean On Me" with Morgan Freeman and
23 for her television roles on "The Cosby
24 Show," "A Different World," "Fresh Prince
25 of Bel-Air," "The Shield," "Strong

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2 Medicine," "Boston Public," "Bernie
3 Mac" -- that's my man -- "Living Single"
4 and "Malcolm and Eddie." Her voice can
5 be heard as the character "DiJonay" on
6 the Disney Channel's "The Proud Family."
7 Her theatre credits include "Permanent
8 Collection," "Salt Fish N' Bakes,"
9 "Chain," "Brown Silk and Magenta
10 Sunsets," "The Talented Tenth," "In
11 Search of Snow," "Fallen Angel" -- wow,
12 how do you have time to do this today --
13 South Coast Representative's West Coast
14 Premier of "Crumbs from the Table of Joy"
15 in which she originated the role of
16 "Ernestine" and received her first NAACP
17 Image Award. Her second Image Award was
18 for her role as "Tanya" in "The Talented
19 Tenth" by playwright and fellow Howard
20 alum Richard Wesley; and

21 Whereas, in August 2011, Karen
22 was nominated for her third Image Award
23 for her portrayal of five characters in
24 Ifa Bayeza's "The Ballad of Emmett Till"
25 for which she had already won The LA

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2 Drama Critics Circle Award and the LA
3 Ovation Award. Karen continues to excel
4 in her first love, theatre. She just
5 finished a run of "The Old Settler" at
6 ICT in Long Beach, California. Karen has
7 been traveling the country performing
8 with Brian McKnight in the play
9 "Cheaters," Vivica Fox in "It's Cheaper
10 to Keep Her," Robin Givens in
11 "Golddiggers" and R&B singer Avant in
12 "Love Overboard." Karen has also
13 performed in the independent film world
14 on the award-winning short films "The
15 Ties That Bind" starring opposite Marla
16 Gibbs, "In Good Hands" with Art Evans and
17 "Kissed by The Devil" with filmmaker M.
18 Legend Brown; and

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Whereas,
20 when Karen is not acting, she spends her
21 time coaching and mentoring young actors
22 and artists. She is a lifetime volunteer
23 with the SGI, an organization that
24 believes that the development of peace,
25 culture and education are essential to

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2 building a better world.

3 Therefore, by virtue of this
4 citation, the Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia does hereby honor and
6 recognize Karen Malina White as a member
7 of the Soka Gakkai International, a
8 global Nichiren Buddhist organization,
9 and for using her celebrity status to
10 promote public education with a focus on
11 peace, disarmament, nuclear abolition,
12 human rights and sustainable development.
13 With appreciation for all she does, we
14 extend the sincere respect and admiration
15 of this legislative body.

16 Congratulations.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 Chair recognizes Ms. White for remarks.

20 MS. WHITE: Thank you so much
21 for this honor. Thank you, Councilperson
22 Miller, her staff, Michael Moore. I want
23 to also thank my mentor, Daisaku Ikeda.

24 I am an artist, proud to be
25 from this city. I hope to always

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2 represent the best of Philadelphia. I'm
3 an artist who believes that art must not
4 only be entertaining, but it also must be
5 functional. It must create value.

6 Again, thank you so much for
7 this honor.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

10 Council will be at ease.

11 (Council at ease.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

13 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
14 Blackwell, who will present a citation
15 recognizing National Make Mine a Million
16 \$ Business Day.

17 Would Ms. Bey and those
18 accompanying her please join the
19 Councilwoman at the podium.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
21 you, Madam President. We would like to
22 note that the Vice-President of Programs
23 and Education, Isisara, is here, as well
24 as Stacy Straughter. And we would be
25 remiss if we didn't note that Stacy

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2 Straughter is the daughter of the
3 Chairman of the Mayor's Commission on
4 African and Caribbean Immigrant Affairs,
5 Stan Straughter, who stands to my left
6 against the wall.

7 Thank you, Stan.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: City
10 Council, City of Philadelphia citation,
11 recognizing National Make Mine a Million
12 \$ Business Day.

13 The Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia is pleased and proud -- are
15 all of our folks here? Are we good?
16 They're welcome to come forward with you.

17 Anyone part of this group,
18 please come forward and join us.

19 Thank you, Madam President.

20 City Council, City of
21 Philadelphia citation, recognizing
22 National Make Mine a Million \$ Business
23 Day.

24 The Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join

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2 Nell Merlino, founder of Count Me In for
3 Women's Economic Independence, and
4 co-sponsor, American Express Open, in
5 introducing its program, "Make Mine a
6 Million \$ Business Day."

7 Whereas, Nell Merlino, a
8 Trenton native who initiated Take Our
9 Daughters to Work nationally is the
10 creative force behind yet another
11 national initiative, Make Mine a Million
12 \$ Business, or M3 1000 for short. Since
13 its launch in 2005, there have been 20
14 competitions throughout the United
15 States; and

16 Whereas, the goal of Make Mine
17 a Million \$ Business is to inspire one
18 million women, entrepreneurs, to reach
19 national revenues of \$1 million in the
20 next decade. It provides coaching,
21 financing and marketing tools essential
22 to women entrepreneurs to help grow their
23 business from micro to millions; and

24 Whereas, Count Me In offers a
25 variety of national, local and online

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2 events for community members to create
3 relationships, share wisdom, inspire each
4 other. M3 1000 competitions are large,
5 live events where nearly 300 women and
6 entrepreneurs compete in a day-long
7 business growth event; and

8 Whereas, the next M3 1000 event
9 and pitch competition is being held in
10 Philadelphia on September 25th and 26th,
11 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel. To
12 qualify, a business must have an annual
13 revenue of 85,000 to 700,000, be at least
14 50 percent owned by a woman and have been
15 in business for at least a year; and

16 Whereas, M3 1000 competition
17 consists of each participant making a
18 two-minute pitch about her business to a
19 panel of judges, who will select 75,
20 quote/unquote "pitch winners" at the end
21 of the competition on September 26th.
22 The winners will get a \$1,000 gift card
23 from co-sponsor, American Express Open,
24 plus professional business coaching and a
25 chance to compete in a second round,

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2 which ends October 31st.

3 Therefore, by virtue of this
4 citation, the Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to join
6 Nell Merlino, founder of Count Me In for
7 Women's Economic Independence, and
8 co-sponsor, American Express Open, in
9 introducing its program, quote, "Make
10 Mine a Million \$ Business Day," end of
11 quote. We thank them for their
12 tremendous efforts in sponsoring programs
13 to help female-owned businesses grow to
14 reach annual revenues of \$1 million in
15 the next decade.

16 And we are happy to present
17 this on behalf of all members of City
18 Council and certainly feel that we can do
19 it, ladies.

20 Thank you very much.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chair recognizes Ms. Bey
25 for remarks.

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2 MS. BEY: Thank you. On behalf
3 of Nell Merlino and the women and men of
4 Make Mine a Million \$ Business and all of
5 the women that are here with me who are
6 part of our steering committee for the
7 event we're holding next week in your
8 fair city, thank you for not only
9 recognizing our organization, but for
10 recognizing the courage and the fortitude
11 and the independence and the initiative
12 of the women in Philadelphia and
13 Pennsylvania, surrounding states and
14 other parts of the country who will be
15 coming here next week to pitch their
16 businesses and to pledge their dedication
17 toward making million-dollar enterprises
18 to the benefit of this city and our
19 country.

20 Thank you so much.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 Council will be at ease.

25 (Council at ease.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
3 next order of business is communications.

4 The Chair requests that the
5 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages
6 from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 read the messages from the Mayor.

9 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
10 and members of the Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
12 that on September 14, 2011, I signed the
13 following bill that was passed by Council
14 at its session on September 8, 2011:
15 Bill No. 110480; and

16 I am transmitting herewith for
17 the consideration of your honorable body
18 an ordinance authorizing Bourse Mall
19 Associates and Bourse Tower Associates,
20 owners of the Bourse Building, 111 South
21 Independence Mall East, to legalize
22 various encroachments within the city
23 right of way; and

24 An ordinance authorizing Milk &
25 Honey Limited Liability Company to

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2 construct, own and maintain an open-air
3 sidewalk cafe at 4435 Baltimore Avenue;
4 and

5 An ordinance authorizing 4511
6 M&T Incorporated to construct, own and
7 maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe at
8 4511 through 4513 Baltimore Avenue; and

9 An ordinance authorizing the
10 revision of lines and grades on a portion
11 of City Plan No. 18-S by striking from
12 the City Plan and vacating the legally
13 open portions of Shedwick Street from
14 Reed Street to Wharton Street; and

15 An ordinance authorizing the
16 revision of lines and grades on a portion
17 of City Plan Nos. 292 and 321 by striking
18 from the City Plan Delaware Avenue from
19 Pennypack Street to its terminus
20 approximately five-thousand five-hundred
21 feet southwestwardly therefrom; and

22 An ordinance authorizing the
23 revision of lines and grades on a portion
24 of City Plan No. 118 by striking from the
25 City Plan and vacating Clifton Street

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2 from Montgomery Avenue to Berks Street;

3 and

4 An ordinance amending Bill No.

5 110135 (approved June 24, 2011), entitled

6 "An ordinance to adopt a Capital Program

7 for the six Fiscal Years 2012 through

8 2017 inclusive," by adding and revising

9 certain projects, amounts and sources;

10 and

11 Also an ordinance amending Bill

12 No. 110136 (approved June 24, 2011),

13 entitled "An ordinance to adopt a Fiscal

14 2012 Capital Budget," by adding and

15 revising certain projects, amounts and

16 sources, all under certain terms and

17 conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

19 you. The messages will be printed in the

20 Journal.

21 The Chief Clerk will please

22 read any other communications in his

23 possession.

24 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,

25 Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
3 you.

4 The next order of business is
5 the introduction of bills and
6 resolutions.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Kenney.

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
10 President, I have no bills or
11 resolutions.

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

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
17 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
18 two bills.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
20 you.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 authorizing Milk & Honey Limited
25 Liability Company to construct, own and

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2 maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe at
3 4535 Baltimore Avenue.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 authorizing 4511 M&T Incorporated to
9 construct, own and maintain an open-air
10 sidewalk cafe at 4511 through 4513
11 Baltimore Avenue.

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Greenlee.

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
18 you, Madam President. I offer one bill.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 read the title.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 enacting a new Chapter 9-3600 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Bouncers,"

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2 to require that bouncers employed at
3 covered establishments be registered and
4 receive proper training, to prohibit
5 employers from employing unregistered or
6 untrained bouncers and to permit
7 employers to refuse to hire bouncers with
8 certain past criminal convictions.

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

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Krajewski.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
15 you, Madam President. I offer one bill.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

18 The Chief Clerk will please
19 read the title.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 authorizing the revision of lines and
22 grades on a portion of City Plan Nos. 292
23 and 321 by striking from the City Plan
24 Delaware Avenue from Pennypack Street to
25 its terminus approximately five-thousand

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2 five-hundred feet southwestwardly

3 therefrom.

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

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
10 President, I offer two bills from the
11 Administration and one bill on your
12 behalf.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
14 you.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 amending Bill No. 110136 (approved June
19 24, 2011), entitled "An ordinance to
20 adopt a Fiscal 2012 Capital Budget," by
21 adding and revising certain projects,
22 amounts and sources.

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 amending Bill No. 110135 (approved June
4 24, 2011), entitled "An ordinance to
5 adopt a Capital Program for the six
6 Fiscal Years 2012 through 2017
7 inclusive," by adding and revising
8 certain projects, amounts and sources.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
10 bill will also be referred to the
11 appropriate committee.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 authorizing the revision of lines and
14 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 18-S
15 by striking from the City Plan and
16 vacating the legally open portions of
17 Shedwick Street from Reed Street to
18 Wharton Street.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 bill will be referred to the appropriate
21 committee.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Miller.

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

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2 resolutions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chief Clerk will please
6 read the title.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
9 Property to execute and deliver to the
10 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
11 Philadelphia, without consideration,
12 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
13 title to certain City-owned lots or
14 pieces of ground with the buildings and
15 improvements thereon, situate in the
16 Eleventh and Twelfth Wards of the City of
17 Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
19 resolution will be placed on the Final
20 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
21 next Council session.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 recognizing September 2011 as Childhood
24 Cancer Awareness Month in honor of
25 childhood cancer patients, care givers,

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2 survivors and those children who have
3 succumbed to the disease.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
5 resolution will be placed on the Final
6 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
7 next Council session.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Sanchez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
11 you, Madam President. I have one
12 resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you.

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 read the title.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
19 Property to execute and deliver to the
20 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
21 Philadelphia, without consideration,
22 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
23 title to certain City-owned lots or
24 pieces of ground with the buildings and
25 improvements thereon, situate in the

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2 Seventh and Nineteenth Wards of the City
3 of Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
5 resolution will be placed on the Final
6 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
7 next session of Council.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Green.

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: 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 Jones.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes, Madam
18 President. Good morning. I have one
19 resolution co-sponsored by Councilman
20 Goode and Sanchez.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you.

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 read the title.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 supporting President Obama's urgent
3 American Jobs Act and calling on Mayor
4 Nutter to establish complementary job
5 creation programs at the local level.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
7 resolution will be placed on the Final
8 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
9 next session of Council.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Goode.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I offer no bills or
14 resolutions today.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Brown.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
20 Madam President. I offer one resolution
21 this morning.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the title.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN:

3 Co-sponsored by Councilman Jones and
4 Greenlee.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

6 Please read the title.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 recognizing Smith Playground and
9 Playhouse.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
11 resolution will be placed on the Final
12 Passage Calendar for consideration at our
13 next session of Council.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 DiCicco.

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

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
19 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
20 the bill.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
22 authorizing Bourse Mall Associates and
23 Bourse Tower Associates, owners of the
24 Bourse Building, 111 South Independence
25 Mall East, to legalize various

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2 encroachments within the city right of
3 way.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
10 President, I offer no bills or
11 resolutions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I have one bill.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
19 you. Do you have a resolution also?

20 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No, Madam
21 President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
23 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
24 the bill.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 authorizing the revision of lines and
3 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 118
4 by striking from the City Plan and
5 vacating Clifton Street from Montgomery
6 Avenue to Berks Street.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
8 bill will be referred to the appropriate
9 committee.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Kelly.

12 COUNCILMAN KELLY: No
13 resolutions or bills today, Madam
14 President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
20 President, no bills or resolutions today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
22 you.

23 We have no reports from
24 committees. We will now go into special
25 business. We will now proceed under a

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2 special order of business, a motion that
3 Council reconsider the vote by which Bill
4 No. 110443 was passed. This bill was
5 passed by the Council at its June 16th,
6 2011 session and was returned disapproved
7 by the Mayor at the session on September
8 8th, 2011.

9 At this time, the Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
12 President, I move that Council reconsider
13 Bill No. 110443, which was approved by
14 City Council on June 16th, 2011.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Point of
16 information.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Yes.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
19 President, are you going to read the
20 title of the bill so we know which one it
21 is?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: We
23 will.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: I second

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2 that.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
4 in favor let it be known by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
10 ayes have it, the motion carries, and
11 Bill No. 110443 will be reconsidered at
12 the end of today's Calendar.

13 We will now consider a motion
14 that Council reconsider the vote by which
15 Bill No. 080474-AA was passed. This bill
16 was passed by the Council at its June
17 16th, 2011 session and was returned
18 disapproved by the Mayor at our session
19 on September 8th, 2011.

20 At this time, the Chair
21 recognizes --

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
23 President?

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You
25 want to know the bill?

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No, no. I
3 know. I'm good.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Okay.
5 Councilman Greenlee.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
7 you, Madam President. I move that
8 Council reconsider the vote on Bill No.
9 080474-AA.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is
11 there a second?

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: All
14 in favor let it be known by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 motion carries. Bill No. 080474-AA will
21 be reconsidered at the end of today's
22 Calendar.

23 The next order of business is
24 the consideration of the Calendar. As
25 there are no bills on the First Reading

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2 Calendar for today, the Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of

4 calling the bills and resolutions to be

5 considered on the Final Passage Calendar.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,

7 Madam President. I move that the rules

8 of Council be suspended to permit the use

9 of a Consent Agenda to consider the

10 following resolutions on the Final

11 Passage Calendar: Resolution Nos.

12 110540, 110567, 110568, 110569, 110570,

13 110573, 110574, 110575, 110577, 110578,

14 110579, 110580, 110581, 110582, 110583,

15 110584, 110585, 110586, 110587 and

16 110590.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

18 you. Is there a second?

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is

21 there a second?

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good.

24 Thank you, Wilson.

25 It has been moved and seconded

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2 that the rules of Council be suspended so
3 as to permit the use of a Consent Agenda
4 to consider the resolutions just read by
5 Councilwoman Tasco.

6 All in favor will indicate by
7 saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
13 ayes have it, the motion carries, and we
14 will consider the Resolution Consent
15 Agenda shortly.

16 The Chair again recognizes
17 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of
18 calling up bills and resolutions on the
19 regular Second Reading and Final Passage
20 Calendar.

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
22 Madam President. In addition to the
23 resolutions being considered on the
24 Resolution Consent Agenda, the following
25 resolutions and bills are being called up

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2 from the Second Reading and Final Passage
3 Calendar: Bill 110571, 110588,
4 110181-AA, 100012 and 110441. 100200 is
5 being amended. All other bills and
6 resolutions are being held.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
8 you.

9 Before considering these bills
10 and resolutions, we will consider public
11 comment as follows: Your public comment
12 must concern matters on the Second
13 Reading and Final Passage Calendars for
14 possible action at today's Council
15 session.

16 All speakers must sign up in
17 order to testify. If you have not
18 already done so, you may sign up at the
19 desk with the Sergeant-of-Arms, which is
20 to my left. You will be called in the
21 order in which your name appears on the
22 sign-up sheet. You will have up to three
23 minutes to speak.

24 I would ask the Chief Clerk at
25 this time to please call our first

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2 witness.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Consul General
4 Daniel Kutner of the Consulate General of
5 Israel in Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
7 you. Please come to the microphone and
8 give your comments.

9 (Witness approached witness
10 stand.)

11 CONSUL GENERAL KUTNER: Madam
12 President, City Council members, thank
13 you for having me here today. I would
14 also like to thank Councilman Brian
15 O'Neill for introducing this important
16 Council resolution, which is based on
17 U.S. congressional legislation that has
18 received overwhelming bipartisan support
19 that state official is grateful for our
20 unbreakable friendship.

21 A Palestinian unilateral
22 declaration of an independent state will
23 be a premature act, and I would like to
24 briefly explain why. First of all,
25 Israelis want peace. Speaking as a

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2 father of two daughters living in Israel,
3 I would like to know -- I would like them
4 to know of war only as a distant memory.

5 Israelis are peace-loving
6 people. We share the same values of
7 democracy and freedom. Israelis are not
8 against a Palestinian state. They are
9 only against it being declared
10 unilaterally. A Palestinian state can
11 only be born through negotiations.
12 Unfortunately, this is not -- there are
13 no shortcuts. Negotiations are the only
14 way to resolve the core issues of
15 borders, Jerusalem, refugees, water,
16 security and recognition. None of these
17 issues can be resolved by a UN
18 declaration. None.

19 Israel has proven that it can
20 make painful sacrifices for the sake of a
21 lasting peace. We have proven our
22 willingness to negotiate land transfers
23 by giving up the Sinai Peninsula for
24 peace in Egypt and leaving the Gaza Strip
25 in South Lebanon when we hoped it would

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2 bring peace too.

3 A unilateral declaration
4 violates existing Palestinian-Israeli
5 bilateral peace agreements; most notably,
6 the Palestinian-Israeli interim agreement
7 from 1995, which expressly prohibits
8 unilateral actions by either side.

9 Recently, the Palestinian
10 Authority agreed to negotiate a
11 power-sharing agreement with Hamas, a
12 dangerous terrorist organization that
13 controls the Gaza Strip and whose
14 expressed purpose is the destruction of
15 Israel. Hamas kills and oppresses its
16 own people and rejects the most basic
17 conditions of the international
18 community.

19 Supporting the unilateral
20 declaration while Hamas is a partner of
21 the Palestinian Authority would be
22 construed as a de facto international
23 recognition of its legitimacy. The
24 international community should not allow
25 that to happen.

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2 Palestinians will only attain
3 statehood by reaching a negotiated
4 agreement with Israel. Trying to avoid
5 negotiations through a UN resolution will
6 probably raise expectations, generate
7 violent clashes in the ground and harm
8 the chances of reaching a real peace.

9 Thank you very much.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
11 you, sir.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Reverend Bill
13 Borrer, commenting on Resolution 110588.

14 (Witness approached witness
15 stand.)

16 REVEREND BORROR: Madam
17 Council, Councilman, thank you very much
18 for letting me be here. I'm a member of
19 the Philadelphia Presbyterian. I also
20 currently serve on a national Middle
21 Eastern monitoring group for our
22 denomination.

23 If I really felt that this
24 resolution would bring about peace
25 between Palestine and Israelis, if I

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2 really felt this resolution would make
3 the world safer for Muslim, Christian and
4 Jewish children, then I would be 100
5 percent behind this. But it's not.

6 I understand the frustration of
7 the Palestinian people. We all should be
8 frustrated with where the peace process
9 is right now, and everybody is
10 responsible for that. But this is a
11 shortcut that will only put the United
12 States in a difficult position, and we
13 are an essential partner both for the
14 Palestinians and the Israelis in this
15 process. It also gives a cynical
16 opportunity for powers in the region who
17 are trying to take advantage of the
18 current transitional stage that's going
19 on in the Arab world. It gives also an
20 opportunity for the international
21 community to once again take a shortcut
22 and not really take responsibility for
23 the hard work that can only happen
24 between negotiations between Israelis and
25 the Palestinians.

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2 Some may question why the
3 Council of Philadelphia would speak to
4 this. Some may question why a
5 Presbyterian minister is talking about
6 it. But I think in a time where we have
7 a lot of trivia and public debate, I
8 would like to applaud the City Council
9 affirming the Senate's reasonable and I
10 think positive affirmation of the only
11 way this issue is going to be solved.

12 Thank you very much.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
14 you.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Reverend Cindy
16 Jarvis.

17 (Witness approached witness
18 stand.)

19 REVEREND JARVIS: My name is
20 Cindy Jarvis. I'm the minister of the
21 Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill.

22 I am absolutely for Palestinian
23 independence and I am for an independent
24 state that recognizes Israel as an
25 independent state. Knowing that the

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2 United States will veto this bid in the
3 Security Council by the Palestinians, my
4 question today is what to do that would
5 make a difference.

6 Supporting the current bid of
7 Palestinians for statehood would be a
8 pyrrhic victory right now, I believe,
9 without a mutual recognition of the right
10 to exist. Because I am less interested
11 in my own righteousness and more inclined
12 to seek what is politically possible,
13 because I am a Calvinist and with our
14 President and a reader of Reinhold
15 Niebuhr, I'm deeply aware that even
16 especially in our highest deeds, we are
17 filled with self-deceit and full of
18 folly. Therefore, I believe the most
19 important and realistic action to take at
20 this point in history is to redouble our
21 efforts as a nation to bring both sides
22 to the negotiating table for their sake,
23 for the sake of the world. And I,
24 therefore, urge you to add the voice of
25 the City of Brotherly Love to the many

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2 other voices seeking to make human life
3 human in the Middle East by putting
4 pressure on our government to bring
5 Israelis and Palestinians back to the
6 negotiating table.

7 Thank you.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Marc Zucker.

9 (Witness approached witness
10 stand.)

11 MR. ZUCKER: Madam President,
12 distinguished members of City Council,
13 good morning. My name is Marc Zucker and
14 I appreciate the opportunity to speak on
15 behalf of the Jewish Community Relations
16 Council of the Jewish Federation of
17 Greater Philadelphia, which serves the
18 needs of the Jewish community both
19 locally and overseas with ten constituent
20 organizations and thousands of volunteers
21 over the course of its 72-year history
22 engaging in community relations,
23 government affairs, social action and
24 advocacy.

25 Once again, called upon to

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2 serve as the voice of the local Jewish
3 community, we urge you to endorse City
4 Council Resolution 110588 introduced by
5 Councilman O'Neill reaffirming the U.S.
6 commitment to support direct negotiations
7 between Israel and the Palestinians. We
8 believe that if allowed to proceed, the
9 Palestinian Authority's so-called
10 Unilateral Declaration of Independence
11 would deal a significant blow to that
12 peace process.

13 We join the Obama
14 Administration and Congress in opposing
15 these tactics, which repudiate the
16 central principle of the peace process,
17 that the solution to the conflict can
18 only be the result of direct and
19 bilateral negotiations between the
20 Israelis and Palestinians.

21 Indeed, Jewish organizations
22 from all ends of the spectrum share the
23 belief that the anticipated UN action is
24 ill conceived, counterproductive and
25 dangerous.

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2 Let there be no mistake, the
3 Jewish community both here and abroad and
4 the Israeli government itself is on
5 record as deeply committed to a permanent
6 settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian
7 conflict, one that establishes two
8 prosperous and secure states. A
9 Unilateral Declaration of Independence,
10 however, would undermine this goal,
11 bypassing the need to resolve such core
12 issues as the status of Jerusalem, the
13 designation of secure borders and the
14 need for Hamas to renounce its stated
15 goal of destroying Israel.

16 Peace between Israelis and
17 Palestinians is not just an issue on the
18 national and international stage. Many
19 residents of Philadelphia, Christians,
20 Muslims and Jews, have relatives and
21 friends who live and study in the region.
22 Philadelphia-based businesses and
23 organizations with ties to Israel will
24 thrive if peace comes to the region. The
25 residents of Tel Aviv, our sister city,

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2 should know that the Philadelphians
3 support Israel's desire to live in peace
4 with all her neighbors.

5 As reflected in the unrest that
6 is sweeping across the Arab world and in
7 particular last week's Egyptian mob
8 attack on the Israeli Embassy in Cairo,
9 it does not take much to set off violence
10 in the region. Israel will be forced to
11 respond and will rightly claim that she
12 has no true partner for peace, thus
13 making it even harder for the parties to
14 get back to the negotiating table.

15 We urge you to support
16 Councilman O'Neill's resolution, which
17 rejects these destabilizing actions and
18 reasserts America's longstanding
19 commitment toward achieving a peaceful
20 solution that meets the needs of
21 Palestinians and Israelis alike.

22 Thank you.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Adam Kessler.

24 (No response.)

25 CHIEF CLERK: Tom Tropp,

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2 commenting on 110588.

3 (Witness approached witness
4 stand.)

5 MR. TROPP: Madam President,
6 Councilmembers, my name is Tom Tropp and
7 I'm the President of the Regional Office
8 of the American Jewish Committee. First
9 of all, thank you for this opportunity to
10 address you.

11 The American Jewish Committee
12 supports Resolution 110588. The
13 resolution reaffirms the U.S. commitment
14 to a negotiated settlement of the
15 Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The
16 American Jewish Committee supports the
17 creation of a Palestinian state as a
18 homeland for the Palestinian people. It
19 is not the end result of Palestinian
20 state, but rather the method of achieving
21 it by unilateral declaration that we
22 oppose. We want to see a Palestinian
23 state living in peace next to its
24 neighbor, the Jewish state of Israel.
25 When that happens, one of the enduring

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2 conflicts in the Middle East will have
3 been resolved.

4 A true Palestinian state and a
5 true peace will only be achieved by
6 direct negotiations between Israelis and
7 Palestinians. To quote the Secretary of
8 State, the only way of getting a lasting
9 solution is through direct negotiations
10 between the parties, and the root to that
11 lies in Jerusalem and Ramallah, not New
12 York.

13 A unilateral declaration is
14 sure to produce problems that will make
15 the conflict more difficult to resolve,
16 thereby postponing the creation of a
17 Palestinian state and the realization of
18 peace.

19 For these reasons, the American
20 Jewish Committee and my person is here to
21 urge you to adopt Resolution 110588.

22 Thank you.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Marwan Kriedie.

24 (Witness approached witness
25 stand.)

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2 MR. KRIEDIE: Good morning. My
3 name is Marwan Kriedie. I'm with the
4 Philadelphia Arab American Community. I
5 have leadership in various different
6 organizations in the City. And I'm going
7 to urge every City Council person here to
8 vote against it, and I'll tell you why.
9 Simply just a few reasons.

10 One, we shouldn't be bringing
11 up divisive resolutions in City Council.
12 Your Arab American, Muslim American
13 constituents are in favor, at least if
14 they're not -- they're mostly in favor of
15 the Unilateral Declaration of
16 Independence.

17 If you read this resolution,
18 it's one-sided. Everything is against
19 the Palestinians. Everything is against
20 your constituents who are Arab Americans
21 and Muslim Americans.

22 Second, how many people here
23 realize or understand and see the irony
24 of the birth place of American
25 independence? This is what we are in

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2 Philadelphia. One mile from here is the
3 Independence Hall, where we as Americans
4 over 200 years ago voted for our own
5 unilateral independence. Let's not take
6 away that from the Palestinians. Let
7 them organize and vote for independence.
8 We are the City of independence. We
9 should not be arguing against someone
10 else's independence.

11 Thirdly, I think it's very
12 important that -- I'm someone who has had
13 a very strong relationship with the peace
14 process my whole adult life. I was in
15 spring -- September 1993 in the White
16 House lawn where the Israelis and
17 Palestinians started the peace process.
18 Nothing has happened since then. It's
19 been a series of failures for the
20 Palestinians.

21 So I'm very much committed, as
22 is my community, very much committed to
23 the peace process. But how do we do
24 that? We don't do that by arguing
25 against unilateral moves by one party.

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2 We also have a very strong
3 relationship with the Jewish community in
4 Philadelphia, and I'm very proud of that,
5 and the relationship with the Jewish
6 community is going to continue and it's
7 going to progress well in Philadelphia.

8 So I urge that we either vote
9 against it or add some kind of
10 language -- and I met with Councilman
11 O'Neill -- some kind of language to
12 instead of just condemning one side's
13 unilateral actions, which is the
14 Unilateral Declaration of Independence,
15 my suggestion was why don't we condemn
16 all sides' independent unilateral
17 declarations. My suggestion was, let's
18 add language that says the Council also
19 condemns the settlement building on
20 Palestinian lands. The creation of
21 settlements and the population of
22 settlements contrary to American foreign
23 policy and contrary to the Obama
24 Administration is the single worst aspect
25 that is destroying the peace in the

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2 Middle East.

3 So I would urge you either to
4 vote against it or to compromise it and
5 add some language to make this resolution
6 non-divisive and that will represent both
7 sides, not just your -- and will not get
8 your Arab and -- not represent your Arab
9 and Muslim American constituents.

10 Thank you very much.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
12 you.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Myles Gordon,
14 commenting on 110588.

15 (Witness approached witness
16 stand.)

17 MR. GORDON: Thank you, Madam
18 Council President and Councilmembers.
19 I'm in support of Resolution 110588. I
20 am a Philadelphia resident.

21 I recall 1978 when Jimmy Carter
22 attained his greatest achievement in
23 office. That was peace between enemies
24 for life, peace between Israel and peace
25 between Egypt. Anwar Sadat literally

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2 lost his life because he forged this
3 peace agreement, because he was
4 unfortunately assassinated three years
5 later, and that was probably the reason
6 for it. But he had fought wars with
7 Israel from 1956 on, and finally after
8 war after war, Israeli and Egyptian dying
9 and being slain, raped and robbed,
10 beaten, slaughtered, bombed and
11 everything else, he decided there was a
12 better way, and that way was peace.

13 Jimmy Carter didn't think it
14 was going to happen at Camp David, but he
15 kept at it, and eventually President
16 Sadat and Prime Minister Begin got the
17 peace that we looked for for 33 years.
18 We hope it continues, although Egypt is
19 now under some change.

20 I support this, because any
21 kind of peace is better than war. Any
22 kind of peace is better than violence,
23 killing, murder, bombing or anything
24 else.

25 It may not be a perfect peace

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2 at first, but they can continue to work
3 on it. Sitting at the peace table,
4 breaking bread, drinking a glass of
5 Manischewitz, which admittedly I've had a
6 few too many of in my lifetime, having
7 hummus and bread, any way it takes to get
8 peace here will be better than war, and
9 let's try to get that peace as quick as
10 possible.

11 Thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
13 you.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Susan Landau,
15 commenting on 110588.

16 (Witness approached witness
17 stand.)

18 MS. LANDAU: Good afternoon.
19 I'd like to speak against Councilman
20 Brian O'Neill's resolution.

21 Philadelphia City Council
22 should focus on issues that concern
23 Philadelphia, not divisive conflicts in
24 the Middle East.

25 My name is Susan Landau. I

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2 live in East Falls, Councilman Curtis
3 Jones's district. I am a longtime member
4 of Congregation Mishkan Shalom, which is
5 the largest congregation in the 4th
6 District. I too am here as an affiliated
7 and active member of the Philadelphia
8 Jewish community. I speak for myself,
9 though I know that my position on this
10 matter is shared by fellow congregants
11 and many others in the Philadelphia
12 Jewish community.

13 I appreciate the work of City
14 Council toward the betterment of
15 Philadelphia, but I ask you, why is City
16 Council reaching out to get involved in
17 supporting legislation that is divisive
18 within the Muslim, Jewish and Christian
19 communities and has nothing to do with
20 the City of Philadelphia? Matters
21 related to Israel and Palestine go well
22 beyond the purview of this body.

23 This resolution does not
24 represent me as a Jew or as a
25 Philadelphian. There is no decision that

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2 City Council can make that will garner
3 favor among the Philadelphia Jewish
4 community, because we are not monolithic,
5 we do not speak in one voice, and there
6 is no consensus within the Jewish
7 community on the subject of what will
8 bring peace and justice to Israel and
9 Palestine.

10 I urge you to forego further
11 consideration of this resolution and get
12 back to your work around issues that
13 concern Philadelphia, such as funding for
14 public education and the rampant
15 unemployment of Philadelphia residents.

16 Thank you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank
18 you.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Howard Katzoff.

20 (Witness approached witness
21 stand.)

22 MR. KATZOFF: Thank you. My
23 name is Howard Katzoff and I am Executive
24 Vice-President of Congregation Shaare
25 Shamayim within Councilman O'Neill's

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2 district.

3 In 1967, the UN established a
4 Resolution 242, which said security must
5 be accomplished through negotiations so
6 that all states can live in peace within
7 secure borders. Israel in 1967 accepted
8 that resolution and the Palestinians
9 rejected it. To this day, the
10 Palestinian Authority does not recognize
11 the Jewish state of Israel, has not
12 stopped teaching hate and inciting their
13 population, and certainly has not
14 renounced terror.

15 Israel is willing to sit down
16 anywhere, any time to negotiate without
17 pre-conditions, and the Palestinian
18 Authority wants to avoid a negotiated
19 settlement of all the issues and refuses
20 to accept the formula of two states for
21 two peoples. And to make matters worse,
22 PA President Abbas has declared that no
23 Jews will be allowed to live in this
24 unilaterally established state of
25 Palestine. Think about that.

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2 The UN General Assembly vote is
3 merely a license for the Palestinian
4 Authority and for Hamas to continue its
5 terror and to kill Israelis, which they
6 do with very, very effective terror
7 almost each and every month.

8 On a personal note, my wife and
9 I have been under rocket attack in the
10 southern city of Sderot, where you have
11 15 seconds to seek shelter, and we were
12 40 yards away from a bomb attack just
13 this past March at a bus station in
14 Jerusalem, and we've been in the town of
15 Itamar in March, days after the massacre
16 of the Fogel family, including three
17 children. And I would like the
18 Council -- that this be displayed for
19 Council's benefit of the bicycles of the
20 children up against their home just three
21 days after that massacre.

22 Imagine Philadelphia surrounded
23 by a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on
24 three sides with the Delaware at its
25 back, much like Israel is surrounded by

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2 enemies with the Mediterranean at its
3 back, and that Commonwealth says no
4 one -- we will independently establish a
5 state independent of Philadelphia, but by
6 the way, in that independent
7 Commonwealth, there will be no one living
8 there of African American descent,
9 Hispanic descent or Jewish descent. Can
10 you imagine? That is what this state
11 will be. No Jews will be allowed to live
12 in that unilaterally established state.

13 We thank Councilman O'Neill for
14 Resolution 110588, and we urge passage
15 supporting the congressional act as well.

16 Thank you very much.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Brett Goldman,
18 commenting on 110588.

19 (Witness approached witness
20 stand.)

21 MR. GOLDMAN: Good morning. My
22 name is Brett Goldman and I am from Fox
23 Chase in Northeast Philadelphia. I was
24 asked by my fellow members of the
25 American Jewish Committee to join them

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2 here this morning because of my
3 experiences living in Israel over the
4 past few years and having just returned
5 from Israel last week on a month-long
6 business development trip in Tel Aviv and
7 Jerusalem.

8 Having been in Israel during
9 the height of the recent social protests
10 and also having worked on several
11 second-track diplomacy initiatives, I've
12 had the opportunity to develop
13 friendships with both Israelis and
14 Palestinians. During the last month it's
15 been very apparent through conversations
16 with my Israeli and Palestinian friends
17 that there is a sense of understanding
18 and even urgency in the matter of a
19 Palestinian state, and a Palestinian
20 state will be a reality. However, this
21 reality is based on the creation of a
22 Palestinian state based off of bilateral
23 and multi-lateral negotiations and not a
24 Unilateral Declaration of Independence.

25 It should be clear from the

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2 comments prior to mine that a Unilateral
3 Declaration of Independence is a
4 detriment to the safety, security and
5 stability of the region and a detriment
6 to the long-term peace process, and I
7 urge you to support Resolution 110588.

8 Thank you very much.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Robert Zuritsky,
12 commenting on Bill No. 110181-AA.

13 (Witness approached witness
14 stand.)

15 MR. ZURITSKY: Good morning.
16 I'm here to comment on the parking tax
17 bill legislation. I am here representing
18 the Philadelphia Parking Association, our
19 2,500 employees and as well as the tens
20 of thousands of commuters and shoppers
21 who come to our great city every day and
22 depend on our services. I am also here
23 representing my company, Parkway
24 Corporation, a business that's -- a
25 company that's been in business in

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2 Philadelphia for over 80 years. I'm
3 third generation in this family business,
4 and I'm here again to ask for the tax
5 relief so we can take some of the
6 pressure off of our industry.

7 Our business has suffered with
8 four years of a recession, but on top of
9 that, all of -- we had to deal with four
10 tax increases at the same time.

11 My company employs 500 people.
12 For a privately held company, that's one
13 of the larger companies in the City, and
14 we do a lot of good business and good
15 things for the City, but -- and this bill
16 gradually softly rolls the tax back. It
17 doesn't start until Fiscal Year 2014, and
18 it doesn't even roll it back to where it
19 originally was, where we were the highest
20 taxed industry at that point.

21 The City needs to encourage
22 healthy tax policy. They have to go
23 after, which they already are doing,
24 going after the bad operators, not punish
25 the honest companies who pay all of their

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2 taxes. Philadelphia has a chance, the
3 opportunity to show the rest of the
4 country one of the first -- the first
5 city in the country to roll back this
6 onerous tax, and this should show
7 progressive tax policy in the City.

8 I am sure, I am absolutely sure
9 that working with private industry and
10 the City going after with L&I and with
11 the Revenue Department, I am sure that
12 the taxes would be replaced and enhanced,
13 and the proof of that is in the PICA
14 report. Two months in a row for this
15 year, the PICA report has shown that the
16 parking tax is the only tax that is ahead
17 of budget. It's the only tax that is
18 showing more collections. We attribute
19 that to the work we have done to draw
20 attention to the 35 percent of the
21 parking facilities that are not licensed
22 in this city. The City is doing
23 something, they are going after them, and
24 the press has helped to do this.

25 I am absolutely sure -- we're

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2 already collecting more than it's
3 projected, and I am absolutely sure if
4 the City continues to work for us, the
5 City will collect more revenue than they
6 are even if they roll back this tax that
7 starts in 2014.

8 Thank you. Thank you for the
9 opportunity.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
11 you.

12 Our next witness?

13 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
14 other names on the public comment list.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is
16 there anyone else who has signed up to
17 provide public comment on today's agenda?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
20 Seeing none, that concludes our public
21 comment period.

22 We will now consider today's
23 Resolution Consent Agenda.

24 After each title is read, any
25 member may object to the inclusion of the

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2 resolution on the Consent Agenda. Upon
3 such objection and without debate, the
4 resolution will be immediately removed
5 from the Resolution Consent Agenda and
6 placed on today's regular Final Passage
7 Calendar.

8 The Clerk will now read the
9 titles of the resolutions on the Consent
10 Agenda.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution No.
12 110540, entitled "A resolution
13 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
14 Property to execute and deliver to the
15 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
16 Philadelphia, without consideration,
17 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
18 title to certain City-owned lots or
19 pieces of ground with the buildings and
20 improvements thereon, situate in the
21 Thirty-Second Ward of the City of
22 Philadelphia"; and
23 Resolution No. 110567, entitled
24 "A resolution authorizing City Council's
25 Joint Committees on Legislative Oversight

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2 and Education to hold public hearings on
3 establishing a Philadelphia School
4 Construction Commission to conduct a
5 needs assessment and use and capacity
6 study of the Philadelphia Public School
7 buildings"; and

8 Resolution No. 110568, entitled

9 "A resolution recognizing, honoring and
10 thanking Reverend Ed Hallinan for his
11 dedication and contributions to St.
12 Martin de Porres Catholic Church, its
13 parishioners, and the City of
14 Philadelphia"; and

15 Resolution No. 110569, entitled

16 "A resolution honoring and congratulating
17 Peter S. Longstreth on the occasion of
18 his retirement from the Philadelphia
19 Industrial Development Corporation after
20 ten years of service as President"; and

21 Resolution No. 110570, entitled

22 "A resolution also naming Chestnut Street
23 from Thirty-First Street to Thirty-Third
24 Street as 'Papadakis Place'"; and

25 Resolution No. 110573, entitled

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2 "A resolution authorizing the
3 Commissioner of Public Property to
4 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment
5 Authority of the City of Philadelphia,
6 without consideration, deeds conveying
7 conditional fee simple title to certain
8 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
9 the buildings and improvements thereon,
10 situate in the Thirty-Sixth Ward of the
11 City of Philadelphia"; and

12 Resolution No. 110574, entitled

13 "A resolution amending Resolution No.
14 110453, approving the annual Program
15 Statement and Budget for the expenditure
16 of the Neighborhood Transformation
17 Initiative Bond Proceeds for Fiscal Year
18 2012"; and

19 Resolution No. 110575, entitled

20 "A resolution declaring October as
21 'Domestic Violence Awareness Month'"; and

22 Resolution No. 110577, entitled

23 "A resolution recognizing, honoring, and
24 celebrating Zarifa Roberson - for her
25 innovative and urban style creation of

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2 I.D.E.A.L. Magazine which is geared for
3 young people with disabilities"; and

4 Resolution No. 110578, entitled
5 "A resolution proclaiming September 23rd
6 thru October 1st of 2011 as 'Praise is
7 the Cure Week' in Philadelphia"; and

8 Resolution No. 110579, entitled
9 "A resolution proclaiming the weeks of
10 October 3, 2011 and October 10, 2011 as
11 'State of Young Philly Weeks,' and
12 honoring Young Involved Philadelphia";
13 and

14 Resolution No. 110580, entitled
15 "A resolution authorizing the
16 Commissioner of Public Property to
17 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment
18 Authority of the City of Philadelphia,
19 without consideration, deeds conveying
20 conditional fee simple title to certain
21 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
22 the buildings and improvements thereon,
23 situate in the Fifty-Second Ward of the
24 City of Philadelphia"; and

25 Resolution No. 110581, entitled

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2 "A resolution acknowledging and honoring
3 the Philadelphia Anti-Drug/Anti-Violence
4 Network for their ongoing work and
5 commitment to promote community safety
6 through services that reduce drug abuse
7 and violence as well as to help at-risk
8 youth develop positive alternatives that
9 will return them to the mainstream of
10 society"; and

11 Resolution No. 110582, entitled

12 "A resolution acknowledging and
13 commending the City's Managing Director's
14 Office of Emergency Management and all
15 the City departments for their exemplary
16 performance in response to Hurricane
17 Irene, in the aftermath of an earthquake
18 and followed by a tropical storm"; and

19 Resolution No. 110583, entitled

20 "A resolution authorizing the Committee
21 on Education to hold hearings to
22 investigate the care of school property
23 policy for the School District of
24 Philadelphia as it relates to the
25 distribution, collection and return of

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2 textbooks and to evaluate and determine
3 best practices for further efficiencies";
4 and

5 Resolution No. 110584, entitled
6 "A resolution authorizing Council's
7 Committee on Public Health and Human
8 Services to hold public hearings for the
9 purpose of examining existing programs
10 and services available to at-risk
11 adolescent girls; examining methods of
12 continuing and strengthening such
13 programs and developing new programs; and
14 exploring potential sources of funding,
15 in order to encourage young women to
16 follow pathways that lead to the
17 completion of their educations, economic
18 independence and good citizenship"; and

19 Resolution No. 110585, entitled
20 "A resolution recognizing Temple
21 University's Temple 20/20 Scholarship
22 Program"; and

23 Resolution No. 110586, entitled
24 "A resolution designating the week of
25 Monday, October 3 through Monday, October

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2 10, 2011 as 'Christopher Columbus/Italian
3 American Heritage Week' in the City of
4 Philadelphia. This is done in
5 celebration of the festivities
6 commemorating Columbus' historic voyage
7 to the New World and honoring Joe Piscopo
8 as the Grand Marshall of the 2011
9 Philadelphia Columbus Day Parade"; and

10 Resolution No. 110587, entitled
11 "A resolution authorizing the
12 Commissioner of Public Property to
13 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment
14 Authority of the City of Philadelphia,
15 without consideration, deeds conveying
16 conditional fee simple title to certain
17 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
18 the buildings and improvements thereon,
19 situate in the Thirty-First and
20 Thirty-Ninth Wards of the City of
21 Philadelphia"; and

22 Resolution No. 110590, entitled
23 "A resolution recognizing, honoring, and
24 thanking CISV, formerly Children's
25 International Summer Village, through its

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2 local chapter, CISV Philadelphia - on the
3 occasion of its 60th Anniversary - in
4 furtherance of the CISV mission that
5 'peace is possible through friendship -
6 and that the real difference can be made
7 by starting with children,' and
8 celebrating September 21st as 'Peace One
9 Day' and 'International Day of Peace.'"

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
12 motion to adopt each of the
13 resolutions --

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
15 President?

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: -- on
17 the Resolution Consent Agenda.

18 I'm sorry. Councilman Clarke.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
20 President, we'd just like to note for the
21 record that Resolution 110540 is being
22 held at the request of the sponsor.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
24 record will so indicate that. Thank you.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move the

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2 adoption of each of the resolutions on
3 the Resolution Consent Agenda.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
6 has been moved and seconded that each of
7 the resolutions on the Resolution Consent
8 Agenda be adopted.

9 All in favor will indicate by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 ayes have it, and each of the resolutions
17 of the Resolution Consent Agenda has been
18 adopted.

19 We will now consider the bills
20 and resolutions on the regular Second
21 Reading and Final Passage Calendar.

22 The Clerk at this time will
23 please read Resolution No. 110571.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
25 approving the Drexel University Proposed

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2 Revision to its Institutional Development
3 District Master Plan pursuant to Chapter
4 14-1107(c) of The Philadelphia Code
5 relating to, "Zoning and Planning."

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will indicate by
16 saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the title of Resolution 110588.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 supporting United States Senate
4 Resolution 185 and United States House
5 Resolution 268 - reaffirming the
6 commitment of the United States to a
7 negotiated settlement of the Israeli and
8 Palestinian conflict.

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

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

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will indicate by
19 saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: No.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
25 record will indicate that Councilwoman

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2 Sanchez -- anyone else?

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: No.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I

5 abstain.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

7 Councilwoman Sanchez is voting no.

8 Councilwoman Miller is abstaining. All

9 others are -- oh, Councilman Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: No.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm

12 surprised you're so quiet. Okay.

13 Councilman Jones is also voting

14 no. I believe all other Councilmembers

15 have voted in the affirmative.

16 Therefore, the resolution is adopted.

17 The Clerk will please read the

18 title of Bill No. 100200-A.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

20 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia

21 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by

22 amending Section 14-231, entitled

23 "Residential District Rules and

24 Exceptions," by providing for

25 restrictions on placement, installation

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2 and maintenance of certain satellite
3 dishes and antenna.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
5 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I move for the
8 adoption.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
11 has been moved --

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'm sorry.
13 We're at that point. Sorry, Madam
14 President. I had my Legislative
15 Assistant in my ear about another matter.

16 Madam President, what I would
17 like to do at this time is call for an
18 amendment to Bill No. 100200, also known
19 as the satellite bill.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
21 You're moving for the adoption?

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes. We
23 have circulated those amendments.
24 Essentially what the amendments do, Madam
25 President, during the course of the

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2 conversation, this bill, which
3 essentially requires that the
4 installation of satellite dish, if at all
5 possible, be placed somewhere else other
6 than the facade of those buildings. As
7 you know as you drive down some of the
8 streets, you see these things sticking
9 out all over the place, and they're quite
10 ugly, if I have to say so myself.

11 During the course of the
12 negotiations, we've attempted to get them
13 to agree to a process that will allow the
14 installation in the rear or on the roof,
15 somewhere else other than the facade.
16 There is some tentative agreement on that
17 part.

18 The second part is trying to
19 come up with a camouflage approach as
20 opposed to simply a silver dish across
21 the City of Philadelphia. This
22 particular amendment will essentially --
23 if the satellite dish cannot be placed in
24 the rear or on the roof, somewhere else
25 other than the facade, it will require

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2 that a camouflage approach be used on the
3 dish that are placed on the facade.

4 So with all of that, I'd ask
5 for adoption of the amendment to Bill No.
6 100200.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
9 has been moved and seconded that the
10 amendment 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 motion carries.

18 The Clerk will please read the
19 title of Bill No. 110181-AA.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Chapter 19-1200 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parking
23 Tax," by providing for scheduled
24 reductions in the rate of the tax
25 beginning in Fiscal Year 2012.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
3 bill -- the Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Green.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
6 Madam Chair. I want to speak on this
7 bill briefly before the vote and in hopes
8 to avoid a vote.

9 I oppose the parking tax. I
10 opposed the parking tax in 2008. I think
11 it's a bad tax. It singles out a single
12 industry and puts a portion of the burden
13 on them that is disproportionate and
14 unfair.

15 Unfortunately, the City of
16 Philadelphia has many bad business taxes.
17 This will take significant -- I can't
18 remember the exact number. I'm sure
19 Councilman Kenney will correct me -- \$14
20 million, \$16 million out of the Five Year
21 Plan. I recognize that that does not
22 begin until 2014.

23 There are many changes that
24 need to be made to the business tax code.
25 We want a broad-based low rate tax.

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2 Councilman Kenney has an excellent idea
3 for exempting the first two years of new
4 businesses coming to the City of
5 Philadelphia. That will cost millions of
6 dollars.

7 Of all of the bad business
8 taxes, this one is not the worst, and I
9 think that what we need to do is take a
10 look at all of the business taxes and
11 lower them at the same time.

12 And also I have talked to the
13 industry about this bill and I have
14 suggested that it would be -- they have
15 proposed a way to pay for this. The way
16 to pay for it is through L&I enforcement.
17 They think that through L&I enforcement
18 we can gather the money to pay for this.
19 My proposal was to, after we actually get
20 the money in, lower the tax the next
21 year. I'm still willing to do that. I'd
22 like to continue those discussions, and
23 so I would ask the sponsor to hold this
24 bill, and if it's not held, I will be
25 voting no today.

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2 Thank you, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Sanchez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
8 you, Madam President. I also agree and
9 echo the sentiments of Councilman Green.
10 As many of my colleagues know, for three
11 years we have been working aggressively
12 with the Administration to make
13 Philadelphia a better city for
14 businesses, and we are very close to
15 being able to come up with a solution
16 that will provide a business tax cut more
17 fairly; in particular, small businesses,
18 who we count on in this economy to create
19 jobs. And while, again, I also agree
20 that this is a bad tax, I would like the
21 sponsor to hold it and that this be added
22 as part of that conversation about how we
23 offset this and pay this in light of the
24 fact that we may have some solutions
25 around the BPT and small business taxes

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2 on gross and net and some other things
3 that we're working on.

4 So I think this has to be added
5 to that conversation. I'd hate to see
6 this type of revenue be taken from the
7 budget at this time. My colleagues all
8 know that the revenues are down. I hate
9 to see services be impacted, and I'd hate
10 for us to enter into a discussion for
11 next year's budget starting with a bigger
12 deficit.

13 I think that there's a way that
14 there could be a win-win for everyone,
15 and if this is called up, I will also
16 have to vote for it at this time, against
17 it at this time.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Kelly.

22 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Yes. Thank
23 you, Madam President. I agree with my
24 colleagues, Green and Sanchez, and I
25 would like to ask the sponsor to hold

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2 this bill. I would like to have some
3 assurance from L&I that they are going to
4 enforce and force the people that
5 currently are not paying their fair share
6 on this bill. And since it doesn't
7 really come up to 2014, I think we have a
8 lot of time to work on this bill.

9 So I'd ask the sponsor to hold
10 it up for today. Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
16 Madam President. Three years ago we did
17 two things. We raised the parking tax
18 from 15 percent to 20 percent. We also
19 approved a bill that I introduced to
20 lower business taxes. Because of the
21 economic recession, we had to scale that
22 back, and so what we did was actually
23 raise a parking tax to enable more
24 comprehensive business tax reform and
25 then we stalled more comprehensive

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2 business tax reform. I believe because
3 we stalled business tax reform, we did
4 the wrong thing on the parking tax.

5 So I will be voting in favor of
6 this bill. I believe that when we
7 revisit the issue of comprehensive
8 business tax reform, we should also
9 revisit the issue of the parking tax, but
10 we should undo what we did three years
11 ago, because we did it in conjunction
12 with comprehensive business tax reform
13 and then we stalled it.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
20 Madam Chair. My recollection of the
21 parking tax was that the lowering of
22 the -- or the increasing of the parking
23 tax was to pay for a 10 million dedicated
24 funds for street repaving, which we did
25 not actually end up putting in the

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2 budget, to pay for \$4 million increased
3 funding for Fairmount Park, which we
4 ended up taking out of the budget, and
5 other items. I don't remember it being
6 directly tied to business tax relief. In
7 fact, that's not how it was sold to us
8 when it was passed. However --

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Point of
10 information.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: -- my
12 position remains clear. I think we need
13 to hold this bill or I'll be forced to
14 vote no.

15 Thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode for a
18 point of information.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Just a
20 simple point of information. Was that in
21 the parking tax bill three years ago?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
23 Councilman Green.

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: I don't
25 intend to engage in a dialogue on this.

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2 I'm not under oath.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: It was not
4 in the parking tax bill three years ago.

5 Thank you, Madam President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Tax reform
9 goes down with full valuation and all
10 deliberate speed to integrate schools.
11 It's one of those kind of things that
12 we'll get to it when we get to it or we
13 can begin the process now. So I'm going
14 to be voting for this legislation to try
15 to bring it, right size it now.

16 Thank you, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
20 Madam President. Given the healthy
21 perspective and healthy debate that's
22 happened so far on this bill, it's clear
23 to me that there is still a number of
24 points that need to be ironed out, worked
25 through, talked through for all the

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2 reasons given, and my experience here is
3 that when we have had healthy debate on a
4 bill prior to a vote, that most often
5 it's useful. It behooves the sponsor of
6 the bill to consider holding the bill.

7 Given the healthy debate, I
8 will not be supporting this bill because
9 there's still clearly enough more work to
10 be done.

11 Thank you, Madam President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
13 you.

14 Does anyone else want to be
15 recognized?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney. I
19 believe a motion is on the floor.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: It's a
21 bill. A motion to do what?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: To
23 hold the bill today.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Is it a
25 request or a motion?

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
3 believe it's a request and a motion. We
4 could vote on it. It doesn't matter.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: This bill
6 has been debated, has been vetted. We've
7 had numerous hearings. It actually
8 has -- any time you see two A's at the
9 end of the bill, it's been amended twice.

10 You're either for cutting taxes
11 or you're not. I think we should run the
12 bill, get it up or down, and we'll move
13 on. So thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Well,
15 I think we ought to vote on whether we
16 should hold it or let it go forward.

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Point
18 of --

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I'm not
20 going -- I'm sorry.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm
22 sorry. Was that a motion that you made?

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: No.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Oh,
25 I'm sorry. I thought that was a motion

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2 that you made.

3 Okay. The Chief Clerk will
4 please call the roll.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: No.

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 GREEN: No.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Greenlee.

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

24 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Kenney.
3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Krajewski.
6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Miller.
9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 O'Neill.
12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Reynolds Brown.
15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: No.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Sanchez.
20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: No.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Tasco.
23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
25 Verna.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: The ayes are 12;
4 the nays are five.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
7 Chief Clerk will please read the title of
8 Bill No. 100012 on Page 7.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 amending Title 6 of The Philadelphia
11 Code, entitled "Health Code," by defining
12 "Supermarkets," and excluding
13 Supermarkets from the definition of Chain
14 Restaurants, thereby exempting
15 Supermarkets from menu labeling
16 requirements applicable to Chain
17 Restaurants.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move that this bill
22 be placed on the Suspension Calendar.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
25 has been moved and seconded that Bill No.

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2 100012 be placed on the Suspension
3 Calendar.

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 motion carries.

11 The Chief Clerk will please
12 read the title of Bill No. 110441.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
15 Property, on behalf of the City of
16 Philadelphia, to convey to the
17 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
18 Development, a parcel of land located at
19 1628 Fitzwater Street, for further
20 conveyance.

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: I'm sorry,
16 Madam President. I'm not sure --
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: We're
18 considering Bill No. 110441 on Page 8.
19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Greenlee.
22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

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2 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 Kenney.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Krajewski.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Miller.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Reynolds Brown.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: 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.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Verna.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

5 The ayes are 17; the nays are
6 zero. A majority of all members having
7 voted in the affirmative, the bill
8 passes.

9 We will now have consideration
10 of resolutions introduced with rules
11 suspension.

12 The Clerk will please read any
13 additional resolutions on today's
14 Calendar.

15 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
16 other resolutions for consideration,
17 Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 Council will now reconsider the
21 vote by which Bill No. 110443 was passed.

22 That is the DROP bill,
23 Mr. Kenney. I see you're squinting.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the title of the bill.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 110443,
3 entitled "An ordinance amending Title 22
4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
5 'Public Employees Retirement Code,' by
6 amending the options for retirement
7 benefits; in particular, amending Section
8 22-310, entitled 'Deferred Retirement
9 Option Plan (DROP),' by making various
10 changes to DROP to reduce its cost,
11 including, but not limited to, changing
12 eligibility requirements and the interest
13 credited to DROP accounts; adding a new
14 option for retirees to take a lump sum
15 benefit at retirement, in exchange for an
16 actuarial reduction of their regular
17 monthly pension; and making conforming
18 amendments to other provisions."

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This
20 bill having been read on two different
21 days --

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
23 President?

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes,
25 sir.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Can I ask a
3 question?

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.
6 Just a question on the outcome of this
7 vote. The original bill passed 14 to
8 three; is that true?

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: And I know
11 I was one of the three votes against it.
12 If we vote to sustain the Mayor's veto,
13 then that bill is defeated, correct?
14 That bill that passed by the Council is
15 defeated and we would still have in place
16 the original DROP legislation; is that
17 true?

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
19 That's my understanding.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: And, again,
21 the vote was 14 to three?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: So voting
24 to sustain the Mayor's veto puts us in a
25 worse situation financially than voting

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2 to override it?

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Okay.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
7 bill having been read on two different
8 days was duly approved by City Council on
9 June the 16th, 2011 and returned to
10 Council by the Mayor as disapproved at
11 the session on September 8th, 2011. The
12 question is shall Bill No. 110443 pass
13 notwithstanding the Mayor's disapproval.

14 Please note that a vote of aye
15 is a vote to override the Mayor's veto
16 and a vote of no is to sustain the
17 Mayor's veto.

18 At this time, I would ask the
19 Chief Clerk to please call the roll.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No.
5 That's to sustain the Mayor's veto,
6 right?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
8 Right.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Just
12 a moment. Just a moment, please.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
16 President, can you repeat what you said,
17 what the aye vote and the nay vote was
18 for?

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I
20 will repeat it.

21 An aye vote will be to override
22 the Mayor's veto. A no vote is to
23 sustain the Mayor's veto.

24 So are we to start again?

25 Okay, Councilwoman Blackwell, I

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2 believe you voted aye.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

4 Correct.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

6 Councilman Clarke, I believe you also
7 voted aye.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Yes.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

10 Councilman DiCicco.

11 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

13 Continue, please, with the roll call.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

15 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

17 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Greenlee.

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

24 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Krajewski.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Miller.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Reynolds Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Sanchez.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

25 Verna.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

3 The ayes are 17; the nays are
4 zero. A two-thirds majority of all
5 members having voted in the affirmative,
6 the Mayor's veto is overridden.

7 Council will now consider the
8 vote by which Bill No. 080474-AA was
9 passed.

10 The Chief Clerk will read the
11 title of the bill.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No.
13 080474-AA, entitled "An ordinance
14 enacting a new Chapter 9-3300, entitled
15 'Promoting Healthy Families and
16 Workplaces,' to provide that certain
17 employees are entitled to paid sick
18 leave."

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
20 Councilwoman Brown, your light is on.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I thought
22 we were moving to the Consent Agenda.
23 Disregard, Madam President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
3 you, Madam President. Obviously there's
4 been a lot of discussion, a lot of
5 information. I would add, in my opinion,
6 a lot of misinformation given out on this
7 bill, and I know we got a long day ahead
8 of us still, but I want to make a couple
9 quick points.

10 We've heard all along about the
11 worst-case scenarios of what will happen.
12 This anti-business, all these bad things
13 will happen. As been said before, there
14 is one city where there is some kind of
15 evidence of this, where we're not
16 guessing, where we're not trying to look
17 for the worst case.

18 San Francisco passed this in
19 2006 as a ballot measure. In 2011, five
20 years later -- and I know we're talking
21 about lefty San Francisco here, but
22 PricewaterhouseCoopers, a clear socialist
23 organization, by the way, as everybody
24 knows, named San Francisco the third best
25 city for business and innovation in the

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2 world, not the State of California, not
3 the United States of America, the whole
4 globe. So if sick leave -- paid sick
5 leave is so bad, how is San Francisco
6 doing so well? Either they got magic
7 fairy dust over there or something.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: And just
10 a couple other quick things. Other
11 cities have passed this bill, two by city
12 council legislation. Seattle just
13 recently passed it, District of Columbia
14 passed it. Milwaukee and San Francisco,
15 as I mentioned earlier, by ballot
16 measure. This issue is coming. Denver
17 has a question on the ballot in November,
18 which all polls show it should pass
19 overwhelmingly.

20 As far as passing
21 overwhelmingly, every poll that's been
22 taken, citizens of Philadelphia said this
23 is a good bill, this is sound
24 legislation. The majority of
25 Councilmembers passed this bill.

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2 Now, again, I know there's been
3 a lot of lobbying on both sides of this.
4 One thing I have to point out that I'm
5 disappointed in. This Administration and
6 Mayor Nutter talks a lot about health
7 issues, a whole lot about it. We hear
8 about it all the time, just turned down
9 money from the soda industry. He did not
10 unfortunately, with all due respect to
11 him, see fit to talk to Councilman Clarke
12 or I after this bill was passed. In
13 fact, he called us almost as he was at
14 the press conference at the Chamber of
15 Commerce vetoing the bill. I don't think
16 that's communication. I don't think
17 that's the way we're supposed to be doing
18 things here, and I just think that that
19 is the wrong way to approach legislation
20 here.

21 This is a sound piece of
22 legislation. I think it should become
23 the law of the City of Philadelphia.

24 Now, I'll have a motion to
25 make, but I think Councilman Clarke

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2 wanted to say something. Before I make
3 that motion, I'd like to hold off.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
9 Madam President. Madam President, I
10 would like to say that being very candid
11 early on in the process, while I was a
12 prime sponsor of the bill along with
13 Councilman Green and, you know,
14 sometimes --

15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Greenlee.
16 Greenlee.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Greenlee.
18 I'm sorry. That's in anticipation of a
19 long afternoon.

20 With Councilman Greenlee. And
21 I was supportive, but I got to tell you,
22 over the time as we moved through this
23 process, Councilman Greenlee did not only
24 a great job in working with the
25 advocates, but he did a great job in

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2 convincing me that this was the right
3 thing to do.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: And my
6 ability to get a hold on this and to
7 become aggressively supportive, frankly
8 speaking, got stronger as the opponents
9 of this bill continued to lobby against
10 it. And when I realized -- when I looked
11 at the people day after day, Thursday
12 after Thursday, to the point where people
13 said, Darrell, will you please get that
14 bill off the Calendar so we don't have to
15 hear this, and I looked at those
16 individuals and the question was asked of
17 some of them, but I'm willing to bet
18 every last one of those persons had sick
19 day leave, right, in one way, shape or
20 form. Some of them were bosses, so they
21 didn't even have to call in sick. They
22 just not show up. And I just saw the
23 inequities in this whole process, where
24 you have a group of individuals who are
25 on the lower rungs of the pay scale,

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2 because this is primarily a lot of people
3 who don't make a lot of money. A lot of
4 them working in restaurants that if they
5 don't show up, they don't make any money.
6 I just saw the inequities in this whole
7 thing.

8 So I want to commend Councilman
9 Greenlee for the great work he did on
10 pulling this together, pulling together
11 nine votes. I want to thank the nine
12 members who were supportive, and I want
13 to thank the other members, eight
14 members, who considered it, in hopes that
15 they will be supportive of Councilman
16 Goode's bill as it moves through the
17 process to bring the City into compliance
18 with this particular code. And I, like
19 Councilman Greenlee, agree, it's going to
20 happen. It's just a matter of when, and
21 I would hope during the course of the
22 process of making it happen in the City
23 of Philadelphia that people on the other
24 side of the argument will take a
25 proactive approach and try to figure out

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2 a way that this will work as opposed to
3 simply saying it won't work and this is
4 why it won't work.

5 So, Councilman Greenlee, I just
6 want to congratulate you and thank you
7 for working together on this. You did a
8 really good job.

9 And to the advocates, I want to
10 congratulate you all. I was very happy
11 about what you did, with the exception of
12 putting those flyers on my house, but I'm
13 a public official, I understand all of
14 that.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It won't
16 happen again.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: It won't
18 happen again? Okay.

19 So I just want to thank you.
20 Thank you, Councilman Greenlee,
21 personally so much for the great work
22 that you did on this.

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
24 you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
5 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Very
7 quickly. I certainly agree with
8 Councilman Clarke in his praise of the
9 advocates. They worked very hard. They
10 had the facts behind them. And this is
11 going to happen in the City of
12 Philadelphia. Unfortunately, way back in
13 the 1960's, the good sisters of Holy
14 Child taught me how to count, and I know
15 right now we don't have 12 votes.

16 But, again, I say to the
17 advocates, please hang in there. This is
18 coming back. I promise if I'm reelected,
19 I'm putting this back in. We're going to
20 get this done in the City of
21 Philadelphia.

22 So with that, I reluctantly
23 move that we table this bill.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank

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2 you.

3 I'm sorry. There's a motion to
4 table. All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: There
10 was a second.

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: A reluctant
12 second.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Okay.
14 We will now interrupt our Council session
15 and we will be convening a hearing of the
16 Committee of the Whole. I would say --
17 it is now 12:10. Council will stand in
18 recess until 2 o'clock, at which time we
19 will then be having a public hearing of
20 the Committee of the Whole on
21 redistricting.

22 Thank you very much.

23 (Interruption of Stated Meeting
24 for hearing of Committee of the Whole.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We

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2 will now reconvene our Stated Meeting.

3 The Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
6 President, I move that the rules of
7 Council be suspended to permit the report
8 of an additional committee.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
11 has been moved and properly seconded that
12 the rules of Council be suspended so as
13 to permit receipt of an additional
14 committee report and the first reading of
15 the bills at this time.

16 All those in favor will please
17 say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
20 ayes have it with one aye.

21 All those in favor will please
22 say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are
25 you the only one here?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
3 President, some people -- what are we
4 voting for?

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: On
6 your motion. It's to permit the
7 additional report and ask for a first
8 reading on the bills, two bills.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Okay.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
12 report from the Committee of the Whole.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move
14 that the rules of Council -- the
15 Committee of the Whole reports two bills
16 with a favorable recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chief Clerk will please
20 read the report.

21 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
22 and members of the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia, the Committee of the Whole,
24 to which was referred Bill No. 110546,
25 entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter

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2 20-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
3 'Councilmanic Districts,' by revising the
4 boundaries of councilmanic districts,
5 under certain terms and conditions"; and

6 Bill No. 110547, entitled "An
7 ordinance amending Chapter 20-500 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Councilmanic
9 Districts,' by revising the boundaries of
10 councilmanic districts, under certain
11 terms and conditions," respectfully
12 reports it has considered the same and
13 returns the attached bills to Council
14 with a favorable recommendation.

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

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move
18 that the rules of Council be suspended so
19 as to permit first reading of Bill Nos.
20 110546 and 110547.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
23 has been moved and properly seconded that
24 the rules of Council be suspended so as
25 to permit first reading this day of the

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2 bills just reported from committee.

3 All in favor will indicate by
4 saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

13 I now note that the bills just
14 reported from committee with suspension
15 of the rules have been deemed to have had
16 a first reading. The bills will be
17 placed on the Second Reading and Final
18 Passage Calendar for our next session of
19 Council.

20 That completes our Calendar for
21 today. I know you are all disappointed
22 that we're leaving so early.

23 Are there any speeches on the
24 part of the minority?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Any
3 speeches on the part of the majority?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:

6 Seeing none, the Chair recognizes
7 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
8 adjourn.

9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I move that Council
11 stand adjourned until Thursday, September
12 22nd, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It
15 has been moved and seconded that Council
16 stand adjourned until Thursday, March the
17 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

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 motion carries.

25 Thank you all very much.

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2 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

3 5:00 p.m.)

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2 CERTIFICATE

3 I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
4 proceedings, evidence and objections are
5 contained fully and accurately in the
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