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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

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5 Room 400, City Hall
6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
7 Thursday, December 4, 2008
8 10:20 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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

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

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

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair welcomes Father
12 Yacobi, Pastor of Saint Johns the
13 Evangelist. He is here today as my
14 guest.

15 I would ask all members and
16 guests to please rise.

17 (Members and guests rise.)

18 FATHER YACOBI: God of all
19 times and every season, we ask your
20 blessing on this gathering of your
21 servants.

22 In a time of growing darkness,
23 we seek your light. And we ask you in
24 this time of transition, to give us
25 hearts for steadfast service. In this

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2 time of uncertainty about the future, to
3 be people with a vision of hope. In a
4 time of diminished economy, give us a
5 spirit of generous service.

6 Help us to uphold the sacred
7 trust that your people have placed in us,
8 with your gifts of wisdom, knowledge,
9 right judgment, courage, understanding,
10 reverence and wonder, that we may all
11 know your gentle but constant presence
12 and divine providence, especially for
13 those most in need of our care.

14 Amen.

15 (Amen.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 Chair thanks Father Yacobi for his
18 invocation.

19 Thank you so much, Father.

20 Council will be at ease.

21 (Council at ease.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 next order of business is the approval of
24 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
25 November 20, 2008, and the Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I move that the Journal
5 of the meeting of Thursday, November 20,
6 2008 stand approved.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
9 has been moved and properly seconded that
10 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
11 November 20, 2008 stand approved.

12 All in favor will indicate by
13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
19 ayes have it, and the Journal is
20 approved.

21 The next order of business is
22 requests for leaves of absence, and the
23 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
25 Madam President. There are no requests

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2 for leaves of absence on the part of the
3 majority.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
9 President, on behalf of the republicans,
10 there are no requests for leave of
11 absence.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

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

24 At this time, the Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco, who will

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2 present a resolution honoring the career
3 of Burt Siegel.

4 Will Mr. Siegel and those
5 accompanying him please join the
6 Councilwoman at the podium.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Good
8 morning. This resolution is bittersweet.
9 This gentleman and I go back many, many
10 years.

11 MR. SIEGEL: Longer than we
12 would like to remember.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Longer
14 than we would like to remember.

15 But he has really served the
16 Philadelphia community very well in his
17 leadership in the City, and I am honored
18 to present this citation honoring the
19 career of Burt Siegel.

20 Whereas, the Council of the
21 City of Philadelphia is pleased and proud
22 to honor Mr. Burt Siegel for his several
23 years of civic and community service to
24 the citizens and institutions of the City
25 of Philadelphia through his outstanding

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2 career in the field of community and
3 human relations; and

4 Whereas, Burt Siegel was born
5 in Bayonne, New Jersey in 1943 -- I don't
6 know why they put that in there -- and
7 attended Rutgers University, where he
8 majored in History and received a
9 Master's in Sociology and Education, and
10 he came to Philadelphia in 1970 to work
11 for the Southeast Regional Office of the
12 American Jewish Committee, and since
13 1973, Mr. Siegel has been working for the
14 Jewish Community Relations Council of the
15 Jewish Federation of Greater
16 Philadelphia; and

17 Whereas, in his career with the
18 Jewish Community Relations Council,
19 Mr. Siegel has served as its first
20 Director of Urban Affairs, then Associate
21 Executive Director, and for the past 13
22 years, Executive Director, and in this
23 capacity, he has been one of the region's
24 most recognized and honored advocates for
25 the promotion of better relations between

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2 various religious communities; and

3 Whereas, Mr. Siegel was

4 appointed by three mayors to serve on the

5 City's Commission on Human Relations and

6 has served with distinction on this body

7 for 16 years, of which the last eight he

8 has served as Vice-Chairman, and he has

9 served on numerous committees, advisory

10 boards and task forces of the City of

11 Philadelphia and the School District of

12 Philadelphia dealing with issues ranging

13 from the quality of public education,

14 curricula development, school safety and

15 intergroup tension; and

16 Whereas, Mr. Siegel has taught

17 at both the college and secondary school

18 levels and has completed ten years of

19 teaching at a congregational Hebrew high

20 school. He has also been an instructor

21 at the Philadelphia Police Academy and

22 has been a guest lecturer and scholar in

23 residence in the United States, Canada,

24 Israel and Germany on a wide range of

25 issues, including Christian-Jewish

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2 relations, Black-Jewish relations, race
3 relations, the American Jewish political
4 agenda, Anti-Semitism, Israel in the Mind
5 of America, Jews in Film and Jews in
6 Baseball; and

7 Whereas, Mr. Siegel has been
8 published in the Philadelphia Inquirer,
9 Philadelphia Daily News, the Catholic
10 Standard and Times, the Philadelphia
11 Tribune, the Reconstructionist Magazine,
12 the Jewish Exponent and Sing Out
13 Magazine. He has appeared on numerous
14 radio and television programs in
15 Philadelphia, New York and Israel and has
16 been on the BBC several times to discuss
17 the concerns of American Jews; and

18 Whereas, Burt Siegel has also
19 served on various policy and community
20 boards, councils, coalitions, committees
21 and commissions, including the
22 Philadelphia Bar Association's Commission
23 on Judicial Selection and Retention,
24 Fellowship Farm, Darfur Alert Coalition,
25 CeaseFire Pennsylvania, Jewish Council on

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2 Public Affairs, Jewish Social Action

3 Policy Network and the Administrative

4 Committee of Religious Leaders Council;

5 and

6 Whereas, Mr. Siegel is a

7 founding member and the second President

8 of Reconstructionist Congregation or

9 Hadash in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania

10 and has received several awards and

11 accommodations from numerous agencies and

12 organizations, including, but not limited

13 to, the Southeast Pennsylvania Chapter of

14 the NAACP, the B'nai B'rith Educators,

15 the Philadelphia Commission on Human

16 Relations, the Japanese American Citizens

17 League, the Black Clergy of Philadelphia

18 and Vicinity, the Association of Jewish

19 Holocaust Survivors and Shomrim, the

20 Jewish law enforcement professionals'

21 association.

22 Now therefore be it resolved,

23 by the Council of the City of

24 Philadelphia, that we hereby recognize

25 and congratulate Mr. Burt Siegel for his

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2 several years of civic and community
3 service to the citizens and institutions
4 of the City of Philadelphia through his
5 outstanding career in the field of
6 community and human relations.

7 Further resolved, that an
8 engrossed copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Mr. Burt Siegel as evidence
10 of the sincere sentiment of this
11 legislative body.

12 Certification that this is a
13 true and correct copy of the original
14 resolution, adopted by the Council of the
15 City of Philadelphia on the 18th day of
16 September 2008.

17 Signed by President Verna,
18 introduced by Marian Tasco and supported
19 by all members of City Council.

20 We congratulate you, Burt. We
21 thank you for your hard work, and we're
22 going to miss you very much.

23 Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair recognizes Mr. Siegel for remarks.

3 MR. SIEGEL: Madam President,
4 honorable members of City Council and
5 friends -- although, I must say there is
6 a good bit of overlap between those
7 categories, as I'm proud to call so many
8 Councilmembers my friends -- I've had the
9 distinct honor of working with many of
10 you over the years. As I look out at the
11 Councilpeople in this Chambers today, I
12 can't help but notice that I've also had
13 the honor of working with the father of
14 several Councilmembers. You do know a
15 lot of people over 35 years.

16 Let me thank you from the
17 bottom of my heart for this resolution
18 recognizing my career with the Jewish
19 Community Relations Council of the Jewish
20 Federation. As many of you know,
21 throughout the almost 70 years of JCRC's
22 existence, it's been the voice of the
23 organized community on public policy,
24 human rights and human relations issues.
25 It has also been the hand that has

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2 reached out across religious, racial and
3 ethnic lines to help make sure that our
4 beloved city remains the City of
5 Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection.

6 I'm proud of the role I've been
7 able to play in this regard. I'm also
8 proud of the opportunities that I've had
9 to appear before this body to testify on
10 a wide range of issues so important to
11 Philadelphians, ranging from adequate
12 funding for our public schools, our
13 efforts to reduce gun violence, improve
14 services for our elderly, and domestic
15 partnership legislation.

16 I've also sat in these Chambers
17 when history was being made, such as the
18 election in 1980 of Councilman Joseph
19 Coleman as the first African-American
20 President of this body and of the current
21 Council President, President Verna, when
22 she was elected as the first woman to
23 that post in the year 2000.

24 I've been here to introduce the
25 Ambassador of the State of Israel to the

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2 United States to you. I've watched on as
3 pride as you passed important resolutions
4 opposing apartheid in South Africa, the
5 genocide in Darfur and terrorism directed
6 against the people of Israel.

7 I also had the distinct honor
8 of participating as a speaker in the
9 memorial service for Councilman David
10 Cohen held in this Chamber in which he
11 had sat for so many years.

12 This body is composed of
13 hard-working men and women who are united
14 by one goal; that is, to make sure that
15 all the people of our city are both heard
16 and served. Certainly the current
17 financial crisis makes your job all the
18 more difficult, but I'm confident that
19 our city government, working hand in hand
20 in partnership with many of the
21 not-for-profit organizations such as my
22 own that serve the City, will continue to
23 meet our people's needs with dedication,
24 skill and compassion.

25 While I will no longer be at

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2 the helm of the JCRC, I say with full
3 confidence that Adam Kessler, my able
4 successor, and Robin Schatz, our Director
5 of Government Affairs, are, as I always
6 was for so many of you, just a phone call
7 away.

8 Thank you so much.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

11 Council will be at ease.

12 (Council at ease.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Madam President. Today I would like
17 to introduce some special guests who are
18 in our Chambers. They are from the
19 Montessori Genesis II School. Their
20 teacher and director is Ms. Eleanor
21 Childs.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If
23 they would stand, we would like to
24 recognize you. Please stand. Welcome.

25 (Applause.)

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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 to
6 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 December 3, 2008, I signed the
13 following bills that were passed by
14 Council at its session on November 13,
15 2008: Bill No. 080376 and Bill No.
16 080622-A.

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

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 read any other communications in her
22 possession.

23 CHIEF CLERK: That's all I
24 have, Madam President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 The next order of business is
4 the introduction of bills and
5 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
6 Councilman Kenney.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Could you
8 skip me for a minute, Madam President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
14 you, Madam President. Today I introduce
15 one resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
22 Property to execute and deliver to the
23 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
24 the 24th Ward of the City of
25 Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell
4 for a motion on the resolution.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
6 you, Madam President. I move for the
7 adoption of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All in favor will say aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

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

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I have no bills or
24 resolutions today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman

4 Greenlee.

5 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank

6 you, Madam President. I offer one bill

7 today.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

9 you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please

11 read the title of the bill.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

13 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia

14 Code, entitled "Public Employees

15 Retirement Code," by amending Section

16 22-202, entitled "Membership After

17 Transfer of Employment," by allowing any

18 police or fire employee, appointed to the

19 position of Commissioner or Deputy

20 Commissioner of the Police or Fire

21 Departments, to retain membership in the

22 retirement plan covering such member's

23 prior employment.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

25 bill will be referred to the appropriate

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2 committee.

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilwoman Krajewski.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank

6 you, Madam President. I have no bills or

7 resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

9 you.

10 The Chair recognizes

11 Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

13 President, I have no bills or resolutions

14 today.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes

18 Councilwoman Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

20 you, Madam President. Today I have two

21 resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please

25 read the title of the first resolution.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 recognizing, honoring and celebrating
4 Thomas "Tommy" Hilfiger for his many
5 contributions and philanthropic
6 endeavors, such as his role as a member
7 of the Executive Leadership Cabinet for
8 the Washington, D.C. Martin Luther King,
9 Jr. National Memorial.

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

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

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will 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 resolution is

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2 adopted.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
5 Property to execute and deliver to the
6 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in
7 the 11th and 13th Wards of the City of
8 Philadelphia.

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

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All in favor will indicate by
18 saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Sanchez.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
5 you, Madam President. I offer one
6 resolution co-sponsored by my colleagues
7 Jones, Green, Reynolds Brown, Krajewski,
8 Goode, Rizzo, Blackwell, Clarke, Miller
9 and Kelly, and I'd like to speak to it
10 before we vote.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
12 you.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 urging Mayor Nutter to delay closing any
17 City libraries to allow time for further
18 analysis of the issue, to secure
19 alternative funding sources, and to
20 explore operational and administrative
21 alternatives that would allow the Free
22 Library of Philadelphia to maintain a
23 physical presence at all of its current
24 locations, and authorizing the Committee
25 on Education to hold hearings regarding

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2 the proposed library branch closures and
3 alternatives thereto.

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

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
7 you, Madam President. I want to go on
8 the record that although I am not losing
9 a library today, I may in the next budget
10 discussions. We all know that we are
11 facing deep financial situations, and I
12 am encouraged by the fact that the Mayor
13 is working with District Council folk to
14 figure out what the alternatives are in
15 their districts.

16 That said, I really believe
17 that any public closure warrants more
18 discussion, more deliberation, and,
19 therefore, I am doing this in support of
20 trying to help the Mayor reach his end
21 goal through more dialogue.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
5 Madam President. I want to go on the
6 record saying that I love pools, I love
7 libraries, I love firefighters, I love
8 engine companies and I love ladder
9 companies, and I wish that the Mayor was
10 not forced to do some of the things he
11 has to do in this time of world economic
12 crisis. And I'll say it again, because
13 apparently as many times as I say it, it
14 doesn't seem to sink in. I made a
15 commitment to try to help this
16 Administration get through this crisis.

17 We elected the Mayor. He is in
18 charge. He has, with analysis from his
19 Administration, made these suggestions.
20 Sometimes in a crisis you need to be in
21 the foxhole together and trying to work
22 our way through it. And while I'll be
23 voting no on this resolution, I think we
24 all need to commit ourselves to not
25 misleading people into thinking that this

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2 resolution is going to change anything
3 and stop trying to trip up the
4 Administration in the very difficult
5 choices that they need to make to get us
6 where we want to be. So I will be voting
7 no.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
13 you, Madam President.

14 Madam President, nobody in
15 Council wants to see any library closed.
16 I firmly believe the Mayor does not want
17 to see any library closed. But we all
18 have to acknowledge the serious budget
19 problems that we face that Councilman
20 Kenney alluded to.

21 Certainly on a personal note,
22 it particularly pains me to see the
23 Cohen-Ogontz branch as one of the
24 proposed closures. Besides working for
25 Councilman Cohen, the first bill I

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2 introduced, along with Councilwoman

3 Miller, named that library.

4 I certainly understand the

5 feelings behind the resolution, that we

6 have to do something, but I really feel

7 it gives the wrong impression to people,

8 and I want to emphasize, as Councilman

9 Kenney did, to everybody that's listening

10 here -- and I guess those of us who are

11 not supportive of this resolution will

12 take a hit, but we don't want to give the

13 wrong impression -- and I think this

14 resolution unfortunately does -- that

15 something is going to change because we

16 do it, and I really honestly don't feel

17 it will.

18 I think the Mayor has made his

19 feelings pretty clear. He did say he's

20 going to try to keep the buildings

21 functional in some sort, but I think to

22 pass this resolution I think sends the

23 message that we're doing something when I

24 honestly, even though the intentions may

25 be good, that we're really not. And

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2 unless we can show tangible, real proof
3 that we have something to keep these
4 libraries open, I really don't think the
5 resolution serves the purpose that it
6 needs to do, with all due respect to the
7 sponsors of it.

8 So, again, I want to emphasize,
9 I am certainly, as is nobody in here,
10 against -- or for closing any libraries,
11 but I think we have to send the proper
12 message, and with all due respect, I
13 don't think this resolution does that,
14 and I also will be reluctantly but I will
15 be voting no on the resolution.

16 Thank you.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Sanchez.

21 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
22 you. I move for the resolution to be
23 adopted.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I
25 believe there are other Councilmembers

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2 that wanted to be recognized.

3 Councilman Green.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

5 Madam President.

6 This resolution does something
7 very simple. It asks for time for more
8 deliberation, for more information so
9 that, as Councilwoman Sanchez said, we
10 can work with the Administration through
11 hearings to understand the situation and
12 to propose alternatives. We're asking
13 for time and we're asking for hearings.

14 This body's job is to provide
15 oversight over the Administration in good
16 times and bad, to look at the choices
17 people are making and see if there are
18 alternatives to those choices that
19 represent the will of this body.

20 It is very important for us to
21 deliberate, to work to have these
22 hearings, to get the information that we
23 have requested of the Administration so
24 that we can propose viable alternatives
25 to the library closures. There are

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2 viable alternatives, and we will be
3 discussing them at the hearings.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

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

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you, Madam President.

10 Today I rise to say thank you
11 to the Mayor. It is obviously not too
12 late. No books have been removed from
13 libraries, and no libraries have yet been
14 closed. In fact, we have a town meeting
15 at the 51st and Kingsessing, which is one
16 of the libraries on the list to be
17 closed, on December 16th. It's not too
18 late. And as long as there is hope, then
19 we need to do our jobs to try to do what
20 we can in this situation.

21 I started my remarks by saying
22 I wanted to say thank you to the
23 Administration, because we are blessed.
24 I do represent a district that has a lot
25 of institutions and universities and

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2 hospitals, and Drexel is represented here
3 today. We are trying to do what we can
4 to help support the Charles L. Durham
5 Library, and we have these youngsters who
6 I introduced. These little tiny tots who
7 are back here today rose and they were
8 introduced from the Montessori Genesis II
9 School with their director, Ms. Childs.
10 They're here with their little library
11 signs, because they represent that
12 library.

13 And as I've said in the past,
14 we've worked hard to turn Mantua around.
15 We're blessed that we believe we have.
16 It doesn't break all the rules for
17 poverty and infant mortality and death
18 and murder and the Lex Street murders and
19 such, but this library, for us this
20 center has a gem. It has a library. It
21 has public meeting rooms. We just
22 muralized it. United Way just fixed up a
23 whole room.

24 And so I said again the third
25 time thank you to the Administration,

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2 because we are meeting about it to see
3 what we can do. There is hope for some
4 libraries at least, if not all. And so I
5 think that maybe hopefully we can get
6 some of this done and we won't have to
7 have public hearings, but should we need
8 them to discuss the matter further, what
9 harm can there be in people saying they
10 love their libraries and they want to
11 keep them open? That's not
12 mean-spirited. That's not a wrong
13 signal. That's a positive signal. That
14 is a signal of hope and a signal that we
15 care about our districts and that we're
16 willing to do anything that we can to
17 keep our libraries open.

18 Thank you, Madam President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 (Applause.)

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

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 I too rise to say first that I
3 have absolute respect for my colleagues
4 who today choose not to vote for this
5 resolution. They are men and women of
6 conviction. They are men and women that
7 have thought very hard about this issue
8 and have taken a principle stance in the
9 direction that they feel comfortable
10 with. But I do take exception to the
11 idea that we are being misleading or that
12 we are being against the Administration.

13 I support the Mayor. I support
14 his tough choices ahead, but I do
15 disagree as to how we arrive at the
16 decisions. I do believe that hope is not
17 misleading and that discussion should
18 always be encouraged. At the end of the
19 day, he will be the quarterback. At the
20 end of the day, he will make the
21 decision. And at the end of the day, we
22 will continue to support this
23 Administration. But while we're in the
24 huddle, we reserve the right to disagree
25 with the play. Once the play is called,

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2 we will execute the play. But we want to
3 keep our libraries open.

4 Yesterday we had a painstaking
5 hearing dealing with a corporation called
6 Verizon and questioning what their
7 contribution would be to the City of
8 Philadelphia.

9 There are always options.
10 There are always choices that we as a
11 body and as an Administration can make,
12 and the only thing that this resolution
13 does is not try to trip the Mayor up, but
14 try to give him more options to think
15 about as he finally makes his decision.

16 Thank you, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

18 You're welcome.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez for
22 a motion.

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I move
24 the adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

3 has been moved and seconded that the

4 resolution be adopted.

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

8 opposed?

9 (No.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Roll

11 call.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 DiCicco.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: No.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

24 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Greenlee.
3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: No.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 Kenney.
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Krajewski.
13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Miller.
16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 O'Neill.
19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Reynolds Brown.
22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
24 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Sanchez.

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Verna.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: No.

10 CHIEF CLERK: The nays are

11 five; the ayes are 12. The resolution is

12 adopted.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

15 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

17 Madam President. I have one resolution

18 today.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

20 Chief Clerk will please read the title of

21 the resolution.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

23 urging Congress and President of the

24 United States of America to support a

25 loan to the American automotive industry

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2 to prevent them from going bankrupt,
3 which will result in the loss of millions
4 of American jobs.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

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

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will indicate by
14 saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: No bills or
25 resolutions, Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Goode.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I offer one resolution
8 today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 authorizing the Committee on
15 Transportation and Public Utilities to
16 hold hearings regarding the Philadelphia
17 Transit System Lease between the City of
18 Philadelphia and the Southeastern
19 Pennsylvania Transportation Authority,
20 and authorizing the Committee to issue
21 subpoenas to compel the attendance of
22 witnesses and the production of documents
23 and other evidence.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move for the
4 adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
10 opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Brown.

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

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 authorizing City Council's Committee on
25 the Environment and the Committee on

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2 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to
3 hold joint public hearings to investigate
4 the steps the Barnes Foundation is
5 currently taking regarding the use of
6 Green Building technologies and
7 practices.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Madam
11 President, I move for the adoption.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All in favor will say 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 will be
23 referred to the appropriate committees.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I offer one bill that
4 was co-sponsored by my colleagues
5 Councilmen Kenney and Clarke.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of an
13 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
14 Prevent Red Light Violations," by
15 authorizing the installation of red light
16 enforcement systems at certain additional
17 locations and conforming the Code to
18 state law standards with respect to the
19 recording of violations, all under
20 certain terms and conditions.

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

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

3 President, I offer one resolution.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

5 you.

6 The Chief Clerk will please

7 read the title of the resolution.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

9 honoring George Washington High School

10 Football Team on winning the City

11 Championship.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

13 Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I move the

15 adoption.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

18 has been moved and properly seconded that

19 the resolution be adopted.

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 ayes have it and the resolution is

3 adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman

5 Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,

7 Madam President.

8 Madam President, I have four

9 bills, two of the bills co-sponsored by

10 Councilman DiCicco and myself.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

12 you.

13 The Chief Clerk will please

14 read the title of the bills.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

16 amending Chapter 19-1400 of The

17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Realty

18 Transfer Tax," by providing for a rebate

19 of a portion of the tax paid on

20 transactions during calendar year 2009.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

22 bill will be referred to the appropriate

23 committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

25 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate
3 Taxes," by providing that a portion of
4 realty transfer tax paid may be taken as
5 a credit against real estate taxes, all
6 under certain terms and conditions.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate
13 Taxes," by reducing the amount of real
14 estate taxes to be exempted from certain
15 improvements to, or construction of,
16 certain residential, commercial,
17 industrial or other business properties,
18 under certain terms and conditions.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
23 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code
24 by amending Section 9-203 relating to
25 Street Vendors and Section 9-205 relating

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2 to Sidewalk Sales, by prohibiting street
3 and sidewalk vending on certain portions
4 of Spring Garden Street.

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Kelly.

10 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam
11 President, no bills or resolutions today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Rizzo.

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
17 President, no bills or resolutions today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The next order of business is
21 reports from committees.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Tasco for a report from the
24 Committee of the Whole.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam

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2 President, the Committee of the Whole
3 reports two bills and two resolutions
4 with a favorable recommendation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 read the report.

9 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
10 and members of the Council of the City of
11 Philadelphia, the Committee of the Whole,
12 to which was referred Bill No. 080857,
13 entitled "An ordinance amending Title 12
14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
15 'Traffic Code,' to revise the fees for
16 the use of parking meters in certain
17 locations"; and

18 Bill No. 080875, entitled "An
19 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
20 Public Property, on behalf of the City,
21 to convey to the Philadelphia Authority
22 for Industrial Development the parcels of
23 land owned by the City in Pike and Monroe
24 Counties, Pennsylvania that were formerly
25 used by the City to operate Camp William

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2 Penn"; and

3 Resolution No. 080911, entitled

4 "A resolution appointing Gary S. Brandeis

5 to the Board of Directors of the City

6 Avenue Special Services District of

7 Philadelphia and Lower Merion"; and

8 Resolution No. 080912,

9 "Reappointing Michael Woodward to the

10 Board of Directors of the City Avenue

11 Special Services District of Philadelphia

12 and Lower Merion," respectfully reports

13 it has considered the same and returns

14 the attached bills and resolutions to

15 Council with a favorable recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

17 you.

18 The Chair recognizes

19 Councilwoman Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move

21 that the rules of Council be suspended so

22 as to permit first reading of these bills

23 today, 080857 and 080875.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

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2 has been moved and properly seconded.

3 All those in favor will

4 indicate by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

10 bills just read will be placed on our

11 First Reading Calendar for today.

12 Resolution Nos. 080911 and 080912 will be

13 considered at the end of today's

14 Calendar.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman

16 Kenney for a report from the Rules

17 Committee.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

19 Madam President. The Committee on Rules

20 reports four bills with favorable

21 recommendations.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please

25 read the report.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
3 and members of the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
5 which was referred Bill No. 080588,
6 entitled "An ordinance to amend the
7 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
8 zoning designations of certain areas of
9 land located within an area bounded by
10 Arch Street, 18th Street, Cuthbert Street
11 and 19th Street"; and

12 Bill 080837, entitled "An
13 ordinance amending Section 14-304 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'C-3
15 Commercial District,' by amending the
16 floor area requirements for hotels"; and

17 Bill No. 080874, entitled "An
18 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
19 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
20 designations of certain areas of land
21 located within an area bounded by Tacony
22 Street, Homestead Street, Milnor Street
23 extended and Dark Run Lane"; and

24 Bill No. 080877, entitled "An
25 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia

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2 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
3 designations of certain areas of land
4 located within an area bounded by Girard
5 Avenue, Front Street, Spring Garden
6 Street and 6th Street," respectfully
7 reports it has considered and amended the
8 same and returns the attached bills to
9 Council with a favorable recommendation.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam
13 President, I move that the rules of
14 Council be suspended so as to permit
15 first reading this day of Bill Nos.
16 080588 and 080837.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
19 has been moved and properly seconded.

20 All in favor will indicate by
21 saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
3 bills just read will be placed on our
4 First Reading Calendar for today. Bill
5 Nos. 080874 and 080877 will be placed on
6 our First Reading Calendar for our next
7 session of Council.

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

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

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chief Clerk will please
18 read the report.

19 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
20 and members of the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia, the Committee on Finance,
22 to which was referred Bill No. 080851,
23 entitled "An ordinance amending Section
24 19-203 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
25 'Payroll Deductions,' to add the

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2 Philadelphia Police and Fire Association
3 for Handicapped Children and the
4 Philadelphia Fire Department Historic
5 Corporation"; and

6 Bill No. 080882, entitled "An
7 ordinance amending Chapter 19-3200,
8 entitled 'Keystone Opportunity Zone and
9 Economic Development District,' by
10 providing for additional properties to be
11 added to certain subzones," respectfully
12 reports it has considered and amended the
13 same and returns the attached bills to
14 Council with a favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move
20 that the rules of Council be suspended so
21 as to permit first reading this day of
22 Bill Nos. 080851 and 080882.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will indicate by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

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

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

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

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chief Clerk will please
21 read the report.

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

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2 Bill No. 080897, entitled "An ordinance
3 authorizing transfers in appropriations
4 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the Aviation
5 Fund from certain or all City offices,
6 departments, boards and commissions to
7 certain or all City offices, departments,
8 boards and commissions"; and

9 Bill No. 080898, an ordinance
10 authorizing transfers in appropriations
11 for Fiscal Year 2008 within the General
12 Fund to certain or all City offices,
13 departments, boards and commissions"; and

14 Bill No. 080899, entitled "An
15 ordinance authorizing transfers in
16 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008
17 within the Water Fund from certain or all
18 City offices, departments, boards and
19 commissions to certain or all City
20 offices, departments, boards and
21 commissions," respectfully reports it has
22 considered the same and returns the
23 attached bills to Council with a
24 favorable recommendation.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank
4 you. I move that the rules of Council be
5 suspended so as to permit first reading
6 this day of Bill Nos. 080897, 080898 and
7 080899.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
10 has been moved and properly seconded.

11 All in favor will indicate by
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 bills just read will be placed on our
19 First Reading Calendar for today.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Clarke for a report from the Committee on
22 Public Property and Public Works.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
24 Madam President. The Committee on Public
25 Property and Public Works reports five

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2 bills with a favorable recommendation.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chief Clerk will please read the report.

5 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
6 and members of the Council of the City of
7 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public
8 Property and Public Works, to which was
9 referred Bill No. 080319, entitled "An
10 ordinance naming and designating Public
11 Health Center 9 located 131 East Cheltenham
12 Avenue as the 'Mattie L. Humphrey Health
13 Center'; and

14 Bill No. 080835, entitled "An
15 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
16 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
17 Philadelphia, for the City's use of
18 certain office space located 1101 Market
19 Street"; and

20 Bill No. 080838, entitled "An
21 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
22 Public Property, on behalf of the City of
23 Philadelphia, to transfer to the
24 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
25 Development a certain parcel of land

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2 known as 1433-35 Poplar Street"; and

3 Bill No. 080876, entitled "An
4 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
5 Public Property, on behalf of the City,
6 to enter into a second amendment to an
7 existing lease for the City's use of
8 certain space located 4000 North American
9 Street"; and

10 Bill No. 080896, entitled "An
11 ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia
12 Authority for Industrial Development to
13 purchase a certain tract of land, with
14 the improvements thereon, in an area
15 bounded by 46th Street, Market Street,
16 Haverford Avenue and 48th Street, under
17 certain terms and conditions,"
18 respectfully reports it has considered
19 the same and returns the attached bills
20 to Council with a favorable
21 recommendation.

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

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move that
25 the rules of Council be suspended so as

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2 to permit first reading this day of Bill
3 Nos. 080319, 080835, 080838, 080876 and
4 080896.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
7 has been moved and properly seconded.

8 All in favor will indicate by
9 saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 bills just read will be placed on our
16 First Reading Calendar for today.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 DiCicco for a report from the Committee
19 on Streets and Services.

20 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
21 Madam President. The Committee on
22 Streets and Services reports 20 bills out
23 with a favorable recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 Chief Clerk will please read the report.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
3 and members of the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia, the Committee on Streets
5 and Services, to which was referred Bill
6 No. 080623, entitled "An ordinance
7 amending Section 11-611 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Sidewalk and
9 Roadway Lane Closures,' by amending the
10 provisions regulating the application for
11 and issuance of permits for the temporary
12 closure of sidewalk or roadway lanes";
13 and

14 Bill No. 080624, entitled "An
15 ordinance amending Title 4 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, including provisions
17 relating to the protection of
18 pedestrians, all under certain terms and
19 conditions"; and

20 Bill No. 080757, entitled "An
21 ordinance amending Section 2 of an
22 ordinance, Bill No. 060317, approved
23 September 28, 2006, by extending the
24 period for compliance with the terms and
25 conditions stated therein"; and

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2 Bill No. 080760, entitled "An
3 ordinance authorizing and directing the
4 revision of lines and grades on a portion
5 of City Plan No. 307 by relocating the
6 westerly curb line and house line of 15th
7 Street between Arch Street and Cherry
8 Street"; and

9 Bill No. 080761, entitled "An
10 ordinance granting permission to Howard
11 Foreman, owner of the Island Caribbean
12 Restaurant, 1138 to 44 Rising Sun
13 Avenue"; and

14 Bill No. 080794, entitled "An
15 ordinance amending Section 2 of an
16 ordinance, Bill No. 030681, approved
17 December 18, 2003, by deleting the
18 requirement that the terms and conditions
19 stated therein be complied with within a
20 certain time period"; and

21 Bill No. 080796, entitled "An
22 ordinance amending Bill No. 070443,
23 approved by Council on June 14, 2007 and
24 signed by the Mayor on July 3, 2007, by
25 authorizing an extension in the time in

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2 which the Archdiocese must perform its
3 obligation under the ordinance"; and

4 Bill No. 080803, entitled "An
5 ordinance establishing a no truck parking
6 regulation on both sides of Whitten
7 Street"; and

8 Bill No. 080804, an ordinance
9 authorizing Edward and Veronica Leonard
10 to maintain a one-story garage extension
11 and entranceway steps on the east
12 sidewalk of North Pennock Street adjacent
13 to their property located 2718 Brown
14 Street"; and

15 Bill No. 080833, entitled "An
16 ordinance authorizing the construction of
17 storm water sewers and appurtenant work
18 in Delaware Avenue from Lewis Street to
19 Orthodox Street"; and

20 Bill No. 080834, entitled "An
21 ordinance amending Section 9-205 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, relating to Sidewalk
23 Sales, by prohibiting sidewalk sales on
24 Cheltenham Avenue within the Ninth
25 District"; and

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2 Bill No. 080836, entitled "An
3 ordinance authorizing the Archdiocese of
4 Philadelphia to construct, own and
5 maintain a marquee canopy at the Saint
6 John Evangelist House, 1211 to 1213
7 Clover Street"; and

8 Bill No. 080852, entitled "An
9 ordinance authorizing Kevin Goodchild to
10 construct, own and maintain an open-air
11 sidewalk cafe and planters at 9236-9244
12 North Delaware Avenue"; and

13 Bill No. 080880, entitled "An
14 ordinance authorizing the installation of
15 all-way stop signs at the intersection of
16 22nd Street and Cherry Street"; and

17 Bill No. 080883, entitled "An
18 ordinance amending Sections of an
19 ordinance, Bill No. 080383, approved June
20 5, 2008, by extending the period of
21 compliance and revising the extent of the
22 encroachment"; and

23 Bill No. 080900, entitled "An
24 ordinance authorizing the revision of
25 lines and grades on a portion of City

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2 Plan Nos. 314 and 356 by placing on the
3 Plan an extension of Tinicum Boulevard
4 from its existing terminus at 86th Street
5 to Bartram Avenue"; and

6 Bill No. 080902, entitled "An
7 ordinance authorizing the revision of
8 lines and grades on a portion of City
9 Plan No. 231 by striking from the City
10 Plan certain unopened portions of Umbria
11 Street from Leverington Avenue to Wright
12 Street"; and

13 Bill No. 080903, entitled "An
14 ordinance authorizing the revision of
15 lines and grades on a portion of City
16 Plan No. 297 by relocating, widening and
17 extending Keely Street from Henry Avenue
18 northwesterly and placing on the City
19 Plan a cul-de-sac turnaround"; and

20 Bill No. 080904, entitled "An
21 ordinance amending Section 12-901 of The
22 Philadelphia Code by permitting the
23 overnight parking of commercial vehicles
24 on the 600 block of Cheswick Road"; and

25 Bill No. 080905, entitled "An

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2 ordinance authorizing the Philadelphia
3 Regional Port Authority, the owner and
4 developer of 1901 South Christopher
5 Columbus Boulevard, and its successors
6 and assigns to construct, own and
7 maintain various encroachments to be
8 installed in conjunction with a warehouse
9 development, all under certain terms and
10 conditions," respectfully reports it has
11 considered the same and returns the
12 attached bills to Council with a
13 favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
15 you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I move that the rules
20 of Council be suspended so that the bills
21 that have just been read and reported
22 from committee be deemed to have had a
23 first reading and that such bills be
24 placed on the Second Reading and Final
25 Passage Calendar for the next session of

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2 City Council, with the exception of the
3 following bills: 080883, 080900, 080902
4 and 080903.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
7 has been moved and properly seconded.

8 All those in favor will
9 indicate by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 ayes have it and the bills just read will
16 be placed on our Second Reading and Final
17 Passage Calendar for our next session of
18 Council, with the exception of Bill Nos.
19 080833, 080900, 080902 and 080903. These
20 bills will be placed on our First Reading
21 Calendar for our next session of Council.

22 The next order of business is
23 the consideration of the Calendar. The
24 Chief Clerk will please read the bills on
25 the First Reading Calendar.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080758,
3 an ordinance amending Title 9 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation
5 of Businesses, Trades and Professions,"
6 by creating a new Chapter relating to
7 energy conservation, all under certain
8 terms and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair agrees.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
12 080857, an ordinance amending Title 12 of
13 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic
14 Code," to revise the fees for the use of
15 parking meters in certain locations, all
16 under certain terms and conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair agrees.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
20 080875, entitled "An ordinance
21 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
22 Property, on behalf of the City, to
23 convey to the Philadelphia Authority for
24 Industrial Development the parcels of
25 land owned by the City in Pike and Monroe

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 Counties."

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

4 Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

6 080588, an ordinance to amend the

7 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the

8 zoning designations of certain areas of

9 land located within an area bounded by

10 Arch Street, 18th Street, Cuthbert Street

11 and 19th Street.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

13 Chair agrees.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

15 080837, an ordinance amending Section

16 14-304 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled

17 "C-3 Commercial District," by amending

18 the floor area requirements for hotels.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

20 Chair agrees.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

22 080851, an ordinance amending Section

23 19-203 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled

24 "Payroll Deductions," to add the

25 Philadelphia Police and Fire Association

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 for Handicapped Children and the
3 Philadelphia Fire Department Historic
4 Corporation.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair agrees.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
8 080882, an ordinance amending Chapter
9 19-3200, entitled "Keystone Opportunity
10 Zone and Economic Development District,"
11 by providing for additional properties to
12 be added to certain subzones.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair agrees.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
16 080897, an ordinance authorizing
17 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
18 Year 2008 within the Aviation Fund to
19 certain or all City offices, departments,
20 boards and commissions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair agrees.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
24 080898, an ordinance authorizing
25 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 1ST READING

2 Year 2008 within the General Fund to
3 certain or all City offices, departments,
4 boards and commissions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair agrees.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
8 080899, an ordinance authorizing
9 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
10 Year 2008 within the Water Fund to
11 certain or all City offices, departments,
12 boards and commissions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair agrees.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
16 080319, an ordinance naming and
17 designation Public Health Center 9
18 located 131 East Chelton Avenue as the
19 "Mattie Humphrey Health Center."

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
23 you, Madam President. I move that the
24 rules of Council be suspended so as to
25 permit an amendment to be offered to Bill

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2 No. 080319.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Has
5 the amendment been circulated?

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yes, it
7 has.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 I believe that has been
11 seconded. All in favor of the motion
12 signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 ayes have it.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Miller.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
22 you. I would like to offer an amendment
23 to Bill No. 080319. A copy of the
24 amendment has been circulated to all
25 members of Council, and I move for the

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2 adoption of the amendment.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All

5 in favor of the motion will signify by

6 saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

12 ayes have it, and Bill No. 080319 is

13 amended. Bill No. 080319 and all other

14 bills read by the Chief Clerk on the

15 First Reading Calendar will be placed on

16 our Second Reading and Final Passage

17 Calendar.

18 I would ask the Chief Clerk to

19 please read the title now of Bill No.

20 080835.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

22 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

23 Property, on behalf of the City of

24 Philadelphia, to enter into a second

25 amendment to an existing lease for space

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2 located 1101 Market Street, under certain
3 terms and conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
5 Chair agrees.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
7 080838, an ordinance authorizing the
8 Commissioner of Public Property, on
9 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
10 transfer to the Philadelphia Authority
11 for Industrial Development land known as
12 1433-35 Poplar Street.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair agrees.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
16 080876, an ordinance authorizing the
17 Commissioner of Public Property, on
18 behalf of the City, to enter into a
19 second amendment to an existing lease for
20 use of space located 4000 North American
21 Street.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
23 Chair agrees.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
25 080896, an ordinance authorizing the

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2 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
3 Development to purchase a certain tract
4 of land, with the improvements thereon,
5 in an area bounded by 46th Street, Market
6 Street, Haverford Avenue and 48th Street.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 Chair agrees.

9 That concludes our First
10 Reading Calendar. At this time, the
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for
12 the purpose of calling up bills on the
13 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
14 to be considered today.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
16 Madam President. Bill Nos. 080853,
17 080854, 080855, 080856, 080858, 080859,
18 080751, 080754, 080756, 080789 and 080790
19 are being called up for second reading
20 and final passage today. 080724 will be
21 amended. All other bills are being held.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
23 you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 read the title of Bill 080853.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending certain Sections of Titles of
4 The Philadelphia Code related to license
5 and permit fees and other charges by
6 modifying the amount of such fees, under
7 certain terms and conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
9 bill having been read on two different
10 days, the question now is shall the bill
11 pass finally.

12 The Chief Clerk will please
13 call the roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Clarke.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 DiCicco.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

24 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Sanchez.

5 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

10 Verna.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

16 We will now consider Bill No.
17 080854.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Section 19-2604 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, relating to tax rates,
21 credits and alternative tax computation
22 for the business privilege tax, by
23 revising certain tax rates, all under
24 certain terms and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 bill having been read on two different
3 days, the question now is shall the bill
4 pass finally.

5 The Chief Clerk will please
6 call the roll.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

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.

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
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.

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

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, this bill
8 passes.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 read the title of Bill No. 080855.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 amending Chapter 19-1500 of The
13 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net
14 Profits Tax," by revising certain tax
15 rates and making technical changes, all
16 under certain terms and conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
18 bill having been read on two different
19 days, the question now is shall the bill
20 pass finally.

21 The Chief Clerk will please
22 call the roll.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
3 Clarke.
4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 DiCicco.
7 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Greenlee.
14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Kenney.
21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Krajewski.
24 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Reynolds Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

11 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Sanchez.

14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

19 Verna.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

21 The ayes are 17; the nays are

22 zero. A majority of all members having

23 voted in the affirmative, the bill

24 passes.

25 We will now consider Bill No.

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2 080856.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Section 9-305 of The
5 Philadelphia Code by revising the amount
6 of certain fees and penalties and the
7 number of permissible false alarms, all
8 under certain terms and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
10 bill having been read on two different
11 days, the question now is shall the bill
12 pass finally.

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 call the roll.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I'm
19 sorry. Was that a no?

20 CHIEF CLERK: Yes.

21 Councilman Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

3 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

5 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

7 Greenlee.

8 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

12 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Kenney.

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Krajewski.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Miller.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Reynolds Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Sanchez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

13 Verna.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

15 The ayes are 16; the nays are

16 one. A majority of all members having

17 voted in the affirmative, the bill

18 passes.

19 The Chief Clerk will please

20 read the next bill.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080858,

22 an ordinance amending Title 6 of The

23 Philadelphia Code by revising permitting

24 provisions and license and permit fees

25 related to asbestos work, all under

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 certain terms and conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
4 bill having been read on two different
5 days, the question now is shall the bill
6 pass finally.

7 The Chief Clerk will please
8 call the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Greenlee.

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Kenney.
7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
9 Krajewski.
10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Miller.
13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 O'Neill.
16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Reynolds Brown.
19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Sanchez.
24 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

5 Verna.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

7 The ayes are 17; the nays are
8 zero (sic). A majority of all members
9 having voted in the affirmative, the bill
10 passes.

11 We will now consider Bill No.

12 080859.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 amending certain Sections of Titles 3 and
15 Title 6 related to license and permit
16 fees and other charges by modifying the
17 amount of such fees, all under certain
18 terms and conditions.

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

23 The Chief Clerk will please
24 call the roll.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Blackwell.
3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: No.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 Clarke.
6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 DiCicco.
9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Greenlee.
16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
20 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Kenney.
23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Krajewski.

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Miller.
5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 O'Neill.
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Reynolds Brown.
11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Sanchez.
16 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Tasco.
19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
21 Verna.
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
23
24 The ayes are 17; the nays are
25 zero (sic). A majority of all members

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 having voted in the affirmative, this
3 bill passes.

4 The Chief Clerk will please
5 read the title of Bill No. 080724.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Excuse me.

7 (Off-the-record discussion
8 between Council President Verna and the
9 Chief Clerk.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
11 Councilwoman Blackwell, neither I nor the
12 Chief Clerk heard your vote regarding
13 080859 or 080858.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: It was
15 "no" on both.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
17 record will reflect that the vote was 16
18 to one on both bills and that a majority
19 of all members having voted in the
20 affirmative, both bills were passed.

21 I would ask the Chief Clerk to
22 please read the title of Bill No. 080724.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 amending Section 14-305 of The
25 Philadelphia Code by negating any setback

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 over 65 feet in height for lots
3 designated C-5 in the area bounded by
4 15th Street, Arch Street, Cherry Street
5 and 16th Street.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Clarke.

10 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 Madam President, I have an
13 amendment of a technical nature for Bill
14 080724. I would like to move for the
15 adoption of that amendment.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will indicate by
21 saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

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

5 Chief Clerk.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 080751,
7 an ordinance amending Title 14 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and
9 Planning," by amending Section 14-1619,
10 entitled "Frankford Avenue Special
11 District Controls."

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

16 The Chief Clerk will please
17 call the roll.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 DiCicco.

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2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

6 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Greenlee.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Miller.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Reynolds Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Sanchez.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

14 Verna.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

16 The ayes are 17; the nays are

17 zero. A majority of all members having

18 voted in the affirmative, the bill

19 passes.

20 We will now consider Bill No.

21 080754.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to

23 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by

24 changing the zoning designations of

25 certain areas of land located within an

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2 area bounded by "B" Street, Erie Street,
3 "G" Street and Tioga Street.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
5 bill having been read on two different
6 days, the question now is shall the bill
7 pass finally.

8 The Chief Clerk will please
9 call the roll.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 DiCicco.

18 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

22 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Greenlee.

25 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
5 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Kenney.
8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Krajewski.
11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Miller.
14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 O'Neill.
17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Reynolds Brown.
20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
22 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Sanchez.
25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

6 Verna.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

12 The Chief Clerk will please
13 read the title of Bill No. 080756.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
15 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
16 changing the zoning designations of
17 certain areas of land located within an
18 area bounded by Roberts Avenue and Fox
19 Street.

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

24 The Chief Clerk will please
25 call the roll.

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.
4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
6 Clarke.
7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 DiCicco.
10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
14 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Greenlee.
17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Kenney.
24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Krajewski.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Miller.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Reynolds Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Sanchez.

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

22 Verna.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

24 The ayes are 17; the nays are

25 zero. A majority of all members having

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 voted in the affirmative, the bill
3 passes.

4 We will now consider Bill No.
5 080789.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
7 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
8 changing the zoning designations of
9 certain areas of land located within an
10 area bounded by Ditman Street and
11 Harbison Avenue.

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

16 The Chief Clerk will please
17 call the roll.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 DiCicco.

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
6 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Greenlee.
9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
13 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Kenney.
16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Krajewski.
19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Miller.
22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 O'Neill.
25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Reynolds Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Sanchez.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

14 Verna.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

16 The ayes are 17; the nays are

17 zero. A majority of all members having

18 voted in the affirmative, this bill

19 passes.

20 The final bill to be considered

21 is Bill No. 080790.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to

23 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by

24 changing the zoning designations of

25 certain areas of land located within an

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 area bounded by Ditman Street, Cottman
3 Avenue, Keystone Street and Hellerman
4 Street.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
6 bill having been read on two different
7 days, the question now is shall the bill
8 pass finally.

9 The Chief Clerk will please
10 call the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Greenlee.

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Kenney.
9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Krajewski.
12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Miller.
15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 O'Neill.
18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Reynolds Brown.
21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Sanchez.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

7 Verna.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

13 The Chief Clerk will please
14 read the title of Resolution 080911.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 appointing Gary Brandeis to the Board of
17 Directors of the City Avenue Special
18 Services District of Philadelphia and
19 Lower Merion.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a
22 motion on the resolution.

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

1 12/4/08 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will 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 and the resolution is
14 adopted.

15 The Chief Clerk will please
16 read the title of Resolution No. 080912.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 reappointing Michael Woodward to the
19 Board of Directors of the City Avenue
20 Special Services District of Philadelphia
21 and Lower Merion.

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

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for
25 the adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will 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 and the resolution is
14 adopted.

15 That completes our Calendar for
16 today.

17 Are there speeches on the part
18 of the minority?

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Kelly.

21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you,
22 Madam President.

23 Madam President, I had every
24 intention today of making a very lengthy
25 speech in regard to the contract for

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2 animal care that was just taken from
3 PACCA and awarded to the SPCA. However,
4 I had second thoughts about it since I
5 don't think it would be effective, I
6 don't think it would cause any change,
7 and, frankly, I think the Administration
8 would probably ignore it, because I feel
9 that I think they could care less about
10 whatever I said about this contract. But
11 at least they'd be consistent, because
12 they have ignored me over the last few
13 months about this matter. And I just
14 think that right now I would rather not
15 waste your time or my colleagues' time in
16 going over this. Perhaps another day,
17 another time I will, but, in my opinion,
18 they just didn't do the right thing.

19 But I do want to take this
20 opportunity to thank the dedicated Board
21 members, the terrific Director and her
22 hard-working, loyal staff and also the
23 numerous volunteers that put in a lot of
24 time and energy to making PACCA a much
25 better place. It's a shame that we can't

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2 have two great organizations taking care
3 of our animals in this city.

4 I don't think that right now
5 that they did the right thing. I think
6 that PACCA was never recognized or
7 praised for the great improvements
8 they've made for animal care. At this
9 time, I think it was totally unfair of
10 the actions they took on Monday.

11 So with that, I will save my
12 real comments for another day. That's
13 all I have to say about that matter
14 today, and I'll be looking forward to
15 working with the new organization for, I
16 hope, better animal care in the City.

17 Thank you, Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
23 Madam President.

24 As many of you may know, the
25 prestigious Brookings Institute just

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2 released a study on recent immigration to
3 Philadelphia and the region. The study
4 found that our population and labor force
5 has directly benefitted from immigration
6 since the year 2000. According to the
7 study, Philadelphia's immigrant
8 population has grown by over 100,000 in
9 the last six years. These new
10 Philadelphians account for 75 percent of
11 the region's labor growth, evidence that
12 immigration is a key factor to boosting
13 our economy and reversing our city's
14 trend of population decline.

15 Although many of us already
16 understand the benefits of attracting and
17 welcoming immigrants to Philadelphia, I
18 hope that this report helps others
19 realize the importance of being a more
20 open city. The Welcoming Center for New
21 Pennsylvanians in particular has done a
22 remarkable job attracting and assisting
23 newcomers in finding jobs and opening
24 businesses, among the many other services
25 they provide.

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2 The fact that many immigrants
3 are opening new businesses, creating new
4 jobs, renovating buildings and
5 revitalizing areas in our city should be
6 recognized and applauded. In many cases,
7 these businesses are now the anchors that
8 have turned declining business corridors
9 into more vibrant areas.

10 As a descendant of Irish
11 immigrants myself and one who has seen
12 firsthand the tremendous contribution of
13 immigrants throughout the world, I'm
14 encouraged by the findings of this study.
15 I look forward to our city taking further
16 steps to attract immigrants to help us
17 remake and grow our Philadelphia city and
18 the region.

19 Thank you, Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
21 you.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
25 Madam President.

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2 Madam President, the Northwest
3 Philadelphia Wildcats have just won the
4 Eastern Regional Championship and are
5 headed to Disney to play for the national
6 championship, the Pop Warner Little
7 Scholarship National Football
8 Championship. They're the Wildcats and
9 they work out of the Simons Recreation
10 Center in West Oak Lane. And this will
11 be the Little League Super Bowl.

12 The parents on the team have
13 had fundraisers. Their goal was to raise
14 \$25,000. To date, they still need
15 \$13,000, and they leave on Monday. So
16 I'm calling on those who are listening,
17 those in this room, if they can
18 contribute to the Wildcats to help them
19 get to Disneyland, I would certainly
20 appreciate it. And we are using the
21 Ogontz Revitalization Corporation to
22 channel the funds through. They are
23 deserving. They work very hard. We
24 appreciate the parents and all of the
25 coaches who work with this little league.

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2 So we're real proud that they're going
3 down, and we hope that they will win. So
4 we wish them well. But we need financial
5 support, and we're calling on my
6 colleagues and those who are listening to
7 help us raise the \$13,000.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
9 you.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I'm not
11 finished yet.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh,
13 I'm sorry.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I have one
15 other --

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Council
17 President?

18 Thank you. Council President,
19 I just want to add to what Councilwoman
20 Tasco said. One of the parents of one of
21 the players is a staff person in my
22 office, Angelic Wise. She is selling
23 raffle tickets, and anybody that wants to
24 buy one can just go downstairs and buy
25 some tickets off of Angelic. She'll be

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2 coming around. I know she's been around.
3 She's been through City Hall, and she'll
4 go back around, because they really need
5 this money and they need it now.

6 Thank you.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you.

9 Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: One more,
11 Madam President. A few weeks ago, this
12 City Council passed a resolution calling
13 on President-Elect Barack Obama and
14 Vice-President-Elect Joe Biden to come to
15 the Philadelphia region to begin their
16 dialogue about healthcare. Today at
17 12:00 noon in the Caucus Room, there will
18 be a press conference, Healthcare for
19 America Now, which is organizing a team
20 that is organizing nationally and have
21 signed on many elected officials across
22 this country to be supportive of the
23 effort to begin the dialogue now about
24 universal healthcare.

25 So we invite all Councilmembers

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2 to come to the Caucus Room for the press
3 conference, which will be at noontime
4 today.

5 Thank you very much.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you, Madam President. I rise to support
12 statements made by my colleagues,
13 certainly Councilman Kenney with regard
14 to the Brookings Institute report. As
15 you know, we work very hard with the
16 Welcoming Center. We work very closely
17 with the immigrant community, and, in
18 fact, we have a meeting on Wednesday with
19 the Mayor's Commission on African and
20 Caribbean Immigrant Affairs, as we do
21 every second Wednesday, at 6 o'clock in
22 the Caucus Room. But it's very, very
23 important that we understand the role
24 they play in our city.

25 And, finally, I agree with

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2 Councilman Kelly about PACCA and how life
3 for the -- things have changed in our
4 city with regard to animal care when they
5 were in a leadership position. Prior to
6 that, the SPCA really argued with
7 Council, did not support us. We had
8 problems during our budget deliberations.

9 I missed that altogether. I'm
10 very sorry to hear that this group is
11 leaving and that the SPCA is returning.
12 So I hope that the SPCA will realize
13 during budget deliberations that we have
14 a role to play in their budget and we
15 have a role to play in what they do, what
16 their facility is like and how they treat
17 the animals in our city.

18 Thank you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 Are there any other
22 Councilmembers that would like to be
23 recognized?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

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2 Seeing no one, the Chair recognizes
3 Councilman Clarke for a motion to
4 adjourn.

5 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
6 Madam President.

7 Madam President, I move that
8 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
9 December the 11th, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
12 has been moved and seconded that Council
13 stand adjourned until Thursday, December
14 11th.

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

22 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
23 11:40 a.m.)

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