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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 5, 2009
10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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

MICHAEL DECKER, THE CLERK

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

6 I would ask all members to
7 please take their seats, and visitors
8 will retire to the seats outside the
9 rails.

10 To give our invocation this
11 morning, the Chair welcomes Reverend
12 Warren Marshall of the North Penn Baptist
13 Church. He is here today as the guest of
14 Councilman Clarke.

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

17 (Members and guests rise.)

18 REVEREND MARSHALL: Let us bow
19 our heads in prayer.

20 Eternal God, our Father, once
21 more you have allowed us to gather
22 together to face the myriad problems, oh,
23 God, with which this city is confronted.
24 But, Lord, you have called a special
25 people represented by this body for such

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2 a time as this. Enable us not to focus
3 on the problems, but to focus on the
4 solution to the problems, to the end that
5 we recognize that although we have been
6 called by a constituency, there is also a
7 higher hand and a higher mind that is a
8 part of all that is to take place.

9 Help us to humble ourselves
10 this morning as we continue, Lord, to
11 work out that which needs to be worked
12 out and to attempt to fix that which
13 needs to be fixed. All good and perfect
14 gifts come from thee, and we recognize,
15 oh, Lord, that this body is a part of
16 that gift that comes from thee. Enable
17 each to be utilized, Father, to be guided
18 by thy mind. Help us not to lean not to
19 our own understanding, but in all our
20 ways to acknowledge thee and recognize
21 that thou shall direct our paths. And we
22 will be careful to give thy name the
23 glory, honor and praise as evidenced, oh,
24 Lord, by the policies that are an
25 extension of this body that will bring

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2 glory to thy name, solution to the
3 problems and comfort to the people of the
4 City of Philadelphia.

5 For we ask this all in that
6 name that is above every name, Jesus the
7 Christ, we pray.

8 Amen.

9 (Amen.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
11 Chair thanks Reverend Marshall for his
12 invocation.

13 Council will be at ease.

14 (Council at ease.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
16 next order of business is the approval of
17 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
18 January 29, 2009, and the Chair
19 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I move that the Journal
22 of the meeting of Thursday, January 29,
23 2009 stand approved.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

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2 has been moved and properly seconded that
3 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
4 January 29, 2009 stand approved.

5 All in favor will indicate 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 the Journal is approved.

13 The next order of business is
14 requests for leave of absence, and,
15 again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. On behalf of the
19 majority, there are no requests for leave
20 of absence today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 Chair thanks the Councilwoman.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Rizzo.

25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam

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2 President, I have not heard if there's
3 any request for leave of absence at this
4 point.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
6 you.

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

17 At this time, the Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco, who will
19 present a citation on behalf of City
20 Council honoring Karen Malina White.

21 Will Mrs. White and those
22 accompanying her please join the
23 Councilwoman at the podium.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Good
25 morning. I am pleased on behalf of the

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2 President and City Council to present
3 this City Council, City of Philadelphia
4 citation honoring and congratulating
5 Karen Malina White.

6 The Council of the City of
7 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to
8 honor and congratulate Karen Malina White
9 on her return to her hometown of
10 Philadelphia in the starring role of
11 "Tina" in the hit stage play Je' Caryous
12 Johnson's Love Overboard, now playing at
13 Philadelphia's Merriam Theatre on
14 February 3rd to the 8th, 2009.

15 Whereas, Karen Malina White, an
16 alum of the Philadelphia High School of
17 the Creative and Performing Arts and
18 graduate of Howard University, was born
19 and raised in Philadelphia at 21st and
20 Tasker, has become a successful Hollywood
21 actress and one of the City's
22 distinguished daughters; and

23 Whereas, Karen brings her
24 stable comedic energy and undeniable
25 presence and personality to Philadelphia

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2 in the production "Love Overboard" and
3 continues to provide the finest that the
4 world of comedy, drama and acting offers
5 to thousands in the City of Philadelphia
6 and thousands more across the country
7 through her varied roles; and

8 Whereas, fans across the
9 country initially fell in love with Karen
10 as the impressionable, yet charming
11 teenager on the hit movie "Lean On Me"
12 with Academy-award winner Morgan Freeman.
13 The Philadelphia native would continue to
14 make an impact in homes across America
15 for the next 20 years; and

16 Whereas, Karen's achievements
17 as an actress has put her center stage in
18 some of TV's most beloved and critically
19 acclaimed series, including the
20 long-running hit sitcom "The Cosby Show"
21 with Bill Cosby, the "Fresh Prince of
22 Bel-Air," opposite fellow Philly native
23 son Will Smith, "A Different World,"
24 "Malcolm and Eddie" and the animated
25 series "The Proud Family," just to name a

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2 few; and

3 Whereas, Karen's critically
4 acclaimed roles as Charmaine, Kaneesha
5 and Dijonay Jones has made her a
6 household name in millions of homes
7 across the country. The people and the
8 City of Philadelphia continue to be at
9 the center of her success and mission as
10 an actress; and

11 Whereas, Karen continues to
12 strive for excellence in acting through
13 her NAACP theatre awards, honors and
14 philanthropic work across various mediums
15 in the entertainment industry and through
16 her participation in numerous civic and
17 social organizations across the globe.

18 Therefore, by virtue of this
19 citation, the Council of the City of
20 Philadelphia hereby honors and
21 congratulates Karen Malina White as a
22 distinguished, critically acclaimed
23 actress. We wish her continued success
24 and hope that her accomplishments and
25 accolades as an actress continues to sing

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2 the praises of the City of Philadelphia
3 as she continues to represent her
4 hometown with grace and dignity through
5 her roles. We extend the sincere respect
6 and admiration of this legislative body.

7 It is signed by President of
8 City Council, Anna Verna, and supported
9 by all members of City Council.

10 We congratulate you and thank
11 you so much. Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair recognizes Mrs. White for remarks.

15 MS. WHITE: Thank you very
16 much. I just want to say it is such a
17 pleasure to be a Philadelphia native, and
18 I'm very honored to receive this citation
19 this morning. Thank you so very, very
20 much.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
23 Council will be at ease.

24 (Council at ease.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Brown,
3 who will present a resolution honoring
4 the African American Children's Book
5 Project.

6 Will Mrs. Vanesse
7 Lloyd-Sgambati and those accompanying her
8 please join the Councilwoman at the
9 podium.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
11 Madam President.

12 To my colleagues, you should
13 know that I have enormous admiration and
14 respect for those among us who have both
15 the discipline and the stick-to-itiveness
16 to take word and pros and then reduce it
17 to writing that may inspire, motivate or
18 inform us. And so today again, a year
19 later, we lift up and celebrate another
20 Philadelphia native who indeed has the
21 gift of writing books, and in particular
22 children's books.

23 So I have the enormous pleasure
24 of honoring again the African American
25 Children's Book Project on the occasion

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2 of the Annual African American Children's
3 Book Fair.

4 Whereas, the African American
5 Children's Book Fair is one of the
6 largest and oldest in the nation and has
7 enhanced multiculturalism in our city
8 utilizing the joy of reading as a tool;
9 and

10 Whereas, the importance of book
11 fairs cannot be underestimated for many
12 of our young people who use reading to
13 better know the world around them and use
14 books to help develop into well-educated,
15 informed adults; and

16 Whereas, one of the most
17 important reasons to encourage reading in
18 our children is that studies show that
19 the more our young people read, the more
20 likely they are to make positive
21 life-style decisions as they grow older;
22 and

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas,
24 strictly judging by attendance, the event
25 is a tremendous success, as well over

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2 4,500 attended the fair in 2008; and

3 Whereas, rich or poor, no one
4 leaves empty-handed, as posters, book
5 markers and raffle books are distributed
6 free of charge to attendees; and

7 Whereas, the books themselves
8 are priced at a level where they are more
9 affordable than in many bookstores in the
10 region; and

11 Whereas, many of the authors
12 and illustrators will be in attendance,
13 as well as local celebrities to further
14 enhance the excitement and vibrance that
15 the book fair exudes; and

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

17 Whereas, one of the esteemed individuals
18 in attendance will be the New York Times
19 best selling author Omar Tyree, a
20 Philadelphia native, tireless creator of
21 various creations who has become one of
22 the world's most recognized authors,
23 promoters and entrepreneurs. He was the
24 recipient in 2001 of the NAACP Image
25 Award for Outstanding Literature in

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2 Fiction, and in 2006, he earned the
3 Phyllis Wheatley Literary Award for Body
4 of Work in Urban Fiction; and

5 Whereas, Tyree's work extends
6 now as a passionate speaker on various
7 community-related and intellectual topics
8 that can be realized through his
9 non-profit organization, The Urban
10 Literacy Project, an agency to promote to
11 literacy skills among disadvantaged youth
12 and adults and through his first book for
13 children and his young readers, "12 Brown
14 Boys"; and

15 Whereas, the 17th Annual
16 African American Book Fair will be held
17 free of charge Saturday, February 7th
18 from 1:00 until 3:00 at the gymnasium of
19 the Community College of Philadelphia
20 located at 17th and Spring Garden
21 Streets.

22 Now, therefore, be it

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Resolved,
24 by the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, that we hereby honor the

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2 African American Children's Book Project
3 conceived and founded by Vanesse
4 Lloyd-Sgambati -- it is a wonderful,
5 wonderful event -- on the occasion of the
6 Annual African American Children's Book
7 Fair.

8 Further resolved, that an
9 engrossed copy of this resolution be
10 presented to our guest, the founder of
11 the African American Children's Book
12 Project, Vanesse J. Lloyd-Sgambati, and
13 Omar Tyree for his hard work and effort
14 in the promotion of children's literacy,
15 as evidence of the sincere sentiments of
16 this legislative body.

17 Introduced by Blondell Reynolds
18 Brown and proudly sponsored and supported
19 by all members of the Philadelphia City
20 Council.

21 (Appause.)

22 MS. LLOYD-SGAMBATI: Thank you.
23 I call Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds
24 Brown the literary Councilperson,
25 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, who has

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2 definitely been involved in a lot of
3 educational activities here in the City,
4 and my Councilperson, Curtis Jones.

5 This past week I got a number
6 of calls from people around -- my
7 colleagues around the nation asking me
8 what is going on in Philadelphia. You
9 see, the illiteracy rate in this city is
10 22 percent. That's almost a quarter of
11 the population of the City. My response
12 to them was, Come to Philadelphia first
13 Saturday in February. There's a line
14 wrapped around the corner of parents,
15 caregivers, educators who are responding
16 to my call, Preserve a legacy, read a
17 book.

18 So with that thought in mind, I
19 hope that you will avail yourself this
20 weekend to come out, meet your
21 constituents, because people come from
22 all over the City, all over the nation,
23 and meet 20 of the most gifted authors
24 and illustrators and find out for
25 yourself what we can do in this community

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2 to remedy the problem of the illiteracy.

3 Twenty-two percent, a quarter of the

4 population.

5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. TYREE: Wherever you find

8 people who cannot read, you find

9 impoverished people, and so for the last

10 17 years of my life, I've been trying to

11 instill the intellectual welfare and

12 cultural welfare of people who are

13 impoverished who cannot read. So that's

14 a very important skill that we want to

15 push continually. And so I started The

16 Urban Literacy Project to do that amongst

17 the 50 states and countless cities of

18 America, particularly with this first

19 children's book dealing with urban brown

20 boys. They may not be Harry Potter, but

21 they are a part of this literate world,

22 and so we must create more vehicles for

23 these individuals to learn how to read.

24 I don't care how much

25 technology we have or how many computers

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2 we have. If you don't have the
3 fundamental skills of being able to read
4 those computers and read what you put on
5 them, then you will become an
6 impoverished people.

7 Philadelphia right now is in
8 trouble economically. The entire nation
9 is in trouble economically, and if you
10 continue to have individuals who cannot
11 read and cannot advance themselves
12 intellectually, then you will stay
13 impoverished.

14 So Omar Tyree is here as a
15 Central graduate and as an individual who
16 has always been a strong community member
17 out of a strong, fighting city to
18 continue to fight for literacy amongst
19 all the individuals who need it.

20 Thank you very much for this
21 award. Vanesse Sgambati has been a
22 hard-working individual with the public
23 school system and with the Philadelphia
24 region and a lot of literary events, and
25 I thank her for inviting me here and I

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2 thank the City for giving me this
3 citation as a reward. Remember the name
4 Omar Tyree. I need as much help as I can
5 get.

6 Thank you very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

9 Council will be at ease.

10 (Council at ease.)

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
14 you, Madam President. I would like to
15 welcome all of the folks from PHA, Asia
16 Coney, and Tenant Support Services, Inc.,
17 TSSI, all of those who are tenants, those
18 who work there, leaders of community
19 groups and just all of our friends at
20 PHA. As you know, I serve as the
21 Commissioner on that Board. It's the
22 proudest Board where I serve and I love
23 it very, very much, and it's an exciting
24 place. So representing the 80,000 people
25 there, we say welcome to them this

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2 morning.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If
4 they would stand, we would like to say
5 welcome.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 next order of business is communications.
9 The Chair requests that the
10 Sergeant-At-Arms deliver the messages to
11 the Clerk.

12 The Clerk will please read the
13 messages from the Mayor.

14 THE CLERK: To the President
15 and members of the Council of the City of
16 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
17 that on February 4, 2009, I signed all of
18 the bills that were passed by Council at
19 its session on January 22, 2009, except
20 Bill No. 080881; and

21 I am transmitting herewith for
22 the consideration of your honorable body
23 a resolution approving the Commerce
24 Director's application for a grant from
25 the Pennsylvania Department of

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2 Conservation and Natural Resources for
3 the Delaware and Allegheny Greenway
4 Project; and

5 An ordinance authorizing
6 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
7 Year 2009 within the General Fund; and

8 An ordinance authorizing
9 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
10 Year 2009 within the Water Fund; and

11 An ordinance authorizing
12 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
13 Year 2009 within the Grants Revenue Fund;
14 and

15 An ordinance authorizing
16 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
17 Year 2009 within the Aviation Fund; and

18 An ordinance authorizing the
19 revision of lines and grades on a portion
20 of City Plan No. 63 by relocating the
21 northerly house line and curb line of
22 Harmer Street; and

23 An ordinance authorizing the
24 paving of Keely Street from Henry Avenue
25 southwestwardly to a cul-de-sac

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2 turnaround, all under certain terms and
3 conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you. The messages will be printed in the
6 Journal.

7 I would ask the Clerk to please
8 read any other communications in his
9 possession.

10 THE CLERK: I have none, Madam
11 President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The next order of business is
15 the introduction of bills and
16 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
17 Councilman Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
19 Madam President. I'd offer one bill, and
20 in the interest of Commonwealth
21 collegiality and good sportsmanship, I
22 offer one resolution.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you.

25 The Clerk will please read the

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2 title of the bill.

3 THE CLERK: An ordinance

4 enacting a new Chapter 9-3100 of The

5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Food Service

6 Waste Reduction Ordinance," to prohibit

7 the use of disposable food service ware

8 that contains polystyrene foam and to

9 require the use of

10 biodegradable/compostable or recyclable

11 disposable food service ware.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

13 bill will be referred to the appropriate

14 committee.

15 THE CLERK: And a resolution

16 congratulating the Pittsburgh Steelers

17 for winning the Super Bowl XLIII.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

19 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Madam

21 President, in hopes of receiving one

22 returning from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia

23 next year, I move the adoption of the

24 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 indicate 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 the resolution is
13 adopted.

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
17 you, Madam President. I have no bills or
18 resolutions today.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Greenlee.

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

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Black -- Councilwoman
6 Krajewski.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: That's
8 all right. It took me six months to
9 pronounce it.

10 Madam President, I have five
11 bills and one resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

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

16 THE CLERK: An ordinance
17 authorizing transfers in appropriations
18 for Fiscal Year 2009 within the General
19 Fund.

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

23 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
24 authorizing transfers in appropriations
25 for Fiscal Year 2009 within the Grants

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2 Revenue Fund.

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

6 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
7 authorizing transfers in appropriations
8 for Fiscal Year 2009 within the Water
9 Fund.

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

13 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
14 authorizing transfers in appropriations
15 for Fiscal Year 2009 within the Aviation
16 Fund.

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

20 THE CLERK: And an ordinance to
21 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
22 changing the zoning designations of
23 certain areas of land located within an
24 area bounded by Roosevelt Boulevard,
25 Grant Avenue, Blue Grass Road and a

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2 Railroad Right-of-Way.

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

6 THE CLERK: And a resolution
7 approving the Commerce Director's
8 application for a grant from the
9 Pennsylvania Department of Conservation
10 and Natural Resources for the Delaware
11 and Allegheny Greenway Project.

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

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move
15 for the adoption of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will indicate by
21 saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Tasco.

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
8 President, I offer three resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

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

13 THE CLERK: A resolution
14 recognizing February 15th through the
15 21st as the 10th Anniversary of the Black
16 Family Technology Awareness Week.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
20 President, I move for the adoption of the
21 resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
8 ayes have it and the resolution is
9 adopted.

10 THE CLERK: And a resolution
11 urging President Obama to develop an
12 advisory group for the proposed White
13 House Office of Urban Policy.

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
17 President, I move for the adoption and
18 I'd like to speak on the motion.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I'd just
21 like to say that this is a national
22 movement by some of the members of the
23 National League of Cities, and this
24 resolution has been passed in other
25 cities throughout the country to engage

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2 the White House in using representatives
3 from cities who know what's going on in
4 the cities, what the issues are in
5 cities. It would be an urban advisory
6 group, and we certainly hope that he
7 would take this into consideration as he
8 moves forward.

9 Thank you very much.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

11 You're welcome.

12 It has been moved and seconded
13 that the resolution be adopted.

14 All in favor will say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 THE CLERK: And a resolution
23 recognizing and honoring the 2008
24 Northwest Philadelphia Wildcats on
25 winning the Pop Warner Football 160-pound

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2 Midget Team National Championship.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

4 Again, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman

5 Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for

7 the adoption of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It

10 has been moved and seconded that the

11 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

21 Councilwoman Miller.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good

23 morning and thank you, Madam President.

24 Today I have two resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Clerk will please read the
4 title of the first resolution.

5 THE CLERK: A resolution
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to execute and deliver to the
8 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
9 Philadelphia, without consideration,
10 deeds conveying conditional fee simple
11 title to certain buildings and tracts of
12 ground and pieces of ground in the 13th
13 Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move
17 for the adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 ayes have it and the resolution is
5 adopted.

6 THE CLERK: And a resolution
7 proclaiming February 2009 as "American
8 Heart Month" and proclaiming February 5,
9 2009 as "Wear Red Day in the City of
10 Philadelphia."

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

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

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
18 has been moved and seconded that the
19 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

5 Councilwoman Sanchez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

7 you, Madam President. I have no bills or

8 resolutions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

10 you.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman

12 Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,

14 Madam President. No bills or

15 resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

17 Chair thanks the gentleman.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman

19 Jones.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes, Madam

21 President. I have three bills today.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

23 you.

24 The Clerk will please read the

25 title of the first bill.

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2 THE CLERK: An ordinance
3 authorizing the paving of Keely Street
4 from Henry Avenue southwestwardly to a
5 cul-de-sac turnaround.

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

9 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
10 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
11 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
12 amending Chapter 14-1600, entitled
13 "Miscellaneous," by adopting a new
14 Section, entitled "Overbrook Farms
15 Transit-Oriented Center Special District
16 Controls."

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

20 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
21 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
22 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
23 amending Chapter 14-1600, entitled
24 "Miscellaneous," by adopting a new
25 Section, entitled "City Avenue Regional

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2 Center and City Avenue Village Center

3 Special District Controls."

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Goode.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
10 Madam President. I offer no bills or
11 resolutions today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Brown.

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

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Clerk will please read the
22 title.

23 THE CLERK: A resolution urging
24 the members of the United States Congress
25 and the Obama Administration to implement

1 2/5/09 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 the Fostering Connections to Success and
3 Increasing Adoptions Act in support of
4 kinship care.

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

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

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will say 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 DiCicco.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
25 Madam President. I offer three bills

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2 that are co-sponsored by my colleague
3 Councilman Kenney.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

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

8 THE CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Section 19-2100 of The
10 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Petroleum
11 Processing Tax," by making the tax on the
12 privilege of processing petroleum
13 effective again, beginning July 1, 2009,
14 and increasing the rate of the tax.

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

18 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
19 amending Chapter 9-600 of The
20 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Service and
21 Other Businesses," by adding a new
22 Section 9-614, entitled "Mandatory Use of
23 Recyclable and Compostable Checkout
24 Bags."

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 THE CLERK: And an ordinance
5 amending Chapter 9-600 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Service and
7 Other Businesses," by adding a new
8 Section 9-614, entitled "Advanced
9 Recovery Fee (Green Fee) for disposable
10 shopping bags."

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

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 O'Neill.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
17 President, I have no bills or
18 resolutions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
20 you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam
24 President, I have one bill.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 The Clerk will please read the
4 title of the bill.

5 THE CLERK: An ordinance
6 authorizing the revision of lines and
7 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 63
8 by relocating the northerly house line
9 and curb line of Harmer Street.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Kelly.

15 COUNCILMAN KELLY: No bills or
16 resolutions today, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
18 you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Rizzo.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam
22 President, no bills or resolutions today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
24 you very much.

25 Council will now proceed under

1 2/5/09 - STATED - SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
2 a special order of business, a resolution
3 re-calling Bill No. 080881.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I offer one resolution,
8 and because this resolution was not
9 circulated yesterday, I move that the
10 rules of Council be suspended so as to
11 permit consideration of the resolution at
12 this time.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
15 has been moved and properly seconded that
16 the rules of Council be suspended so as
17 to permit consideration of Councilman
18 Clarke's resolution at this time.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
25 ayes have it and the motion is approved.

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2 The Clerk will please read the
3 title of the resolution.

4 THE CLERK: A resolution
5 requesting the Mayor to return to Council
6 Bill No. 080881, entitled "An ordinance
7 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
8 changing the zoning designations of
9 certain areas of land located within an
10 area bounded by Spring Garden Street,
11 Broad Street, Buttonwood Street and 15th
12 Street," for the purpose of
13 reconsideration by the Council.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for
17 the adoption.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
20 in favor will indicate by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

1 2/5/09 - STATED - SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

2 ayes have it and the resolution has
3 passed.

4 The Clerk will please read the
5 letter from the Mayor.

6 THE CLERK: To the President
7 and members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith, as
9 requested by your resolution adopted
10 February 5, 2009, Bill No. 080881,
11 entitled "An ordinance to amend the
12 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
13 zoning designations of certain areas of
14 land located within an area bounded by
15 Spring Garden Street, Broad Street,
16 Buttonwood and 15th Street," for the
17 purpose of reconsideration by the
18 Council.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke for a
21 motion that Council reconsider the vote
22 by which Bill No. 080881 was passed.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: So moved,
24 Madam President.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 ayes have it. A majority of all members
10 having voted in the affirmative, the
11 motion carries and the vote by which Bill
12 No. 080881 was passed has been
13 reconsidered. Bill No. 080881 will be
14 placed on the Second Reading and Final
15 Passage Calendar for our next session of
16 Council.

17 The next order of business is
18 the consideration of the Calendar. The
19 Clerk will please read the bills on the
20 First Reading Calendar.

21 THE CLERK: Bill No. 080945,
22 entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter
23 12-2400 of The Philadelphia Code,
24 entitled 'Towing and Immobilizing of
25 Parked or Abandoned Vehicles,' by

1 2/5/09 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 changing the fees for damage to vehicle
3 booting devices, all under certain terms
4 and conditions."

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
6 Chair agrees.

7 That completes our First
8 Reading Calendar for today.

9 The Chair now recognizes
10 Councilwoman Tasco for the purpose of
11 calling up bills on the Second Reading
12 and Final Passage Calendar.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you
14 Madam President. Bill Nos. 080879,
15 080931, 080946, 080948 and 080950 are
16 being called up for the Second Reading
17 and Final Passage Calendar today. Bill
18 No. 080209 is being called up for the
19 purpose of withdrawal. All other bills
20 are being held.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
22 you.

23 The Clerk will please read the
24 title of Bill No. 080209.

25 THE CLERK: An ordinance

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2 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
3 Property, on behalf of the City of
4 Philadelphia, to transfer to the
5 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
6 Development, for nominal consideration,
7 some or all of the City's interest in
8 certain parcels of land, with the
9 buildings and improvements thereon,
10 located in an area bounded by North Front
11 Street, Wildey Street, Leopard Street and
12 Richmond Street.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move that this bill
17 be withdrawn.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All
20 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 Bill No. 080209 has been
3 withdrawn.

4 I would ask the Clerk to please
5 read the title of Bill No. 080879.

6 THE CLERK: An ordinance
7 authorizing the Department of Public
8 Property to enter into a franchise
9 agreement with Verizon Pennsylvania,
10 Inc., pursuant to which Verizon shall
11 have the right to operate and maintain a
12 cable television service within the City
13 of Philadelphia.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
17 Madam President.

18 Madam President, first I'd like
19 to say -- I want to thank all of the
20 members of the Committee on Public
21 Property and Public Works and all of the
22 members of Council, including yourself
23 obviously, for bringing up significant
24 issues relating to this franchise
25 agreement. And I would like to say that

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2 this is not a perfect bill. There still
3 needs to be some work to be done, but I
4 would like to say as a result of the
5 involvement of this body, it is a much
6 better bill.

7 I understand that there are
8 some outstanding issues, and I do know
9 and believe that the Mayor is committed
10 to working with our friends from Public
11 Access to ensure that that facility gets
12 up and running and operational in a
13 meaningful way. I know that there are
14 some issues with respect to -- I don't
15 want to specify the contractor, but a
16 contractor that is interested in
17 participating and has participated so far
18 quite admirably in cable installation in
19 the City of Philadelphia, and we look
20 forward to making sure that that
21 opportunity is expanded, assuming that
22 this particular franchise agreement is
23 adopted, and we provide additional
24 opportunities.

25 For the record, I wanted to

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2 make sure that every member of the
3 Council got a copy of a letter that was
4 from Verizon. This letter references the
5 summary of the EOP plan. It was as a
6 result of a meeting yesterday where
7 several participants from all of the
8 interested entities, particularly the
9 chambers, both the African American, the
10 Hispanic and the Asian community, who
11 played an integral role in finalizing
12 this understanding. And I would like to
13 say that I would like to thank the
14 Mayor's Office, particularly the Mayor's
15 Office and OEO, formerly known as MBEC,
16 and Mike Bell and Michelle Flamer, who
17 played an integral role in crafting this
18 document.

19 So while I understand that
20 there still needs to be work done, I just
21 would like to commend everybody for
22 participating in making sure that we have
23 a much stronger opportunity for all
24 individuals in the City of Philadelphia
25 to take advantage of this extremely

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2 lucrative opportunity. So thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Green.

7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I want to echo the
9 comments of Councilman Clarke and thank
10 him for his leadership on this issue.
11 This bill is much better in large part
12 due to his efforts and many hours of
13 negotiating on behalf of the interests of
14 the people in City Council.

15 We all want cable competition
16 in Philadelphia. The Charter requires
17 the approval of Council of any contract
18 over one year. That is why we were able
19 to have a say in this issue. The Charter
20 does not expect us to be rubber stamps.
21 Our job is to review the agreements that
22 are proposed by the Administration and
23 make them better, if we can. I believe
24 this body has made this agreement better.

25 I also understand -- there's a

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2 lesson that can be learned from this
3 unnecessarily drawn-out process, and I
4 also understand that the Mayor's word to
5 the business community needs to be good.
6 When he makes an agreement, when he says
7 this is what we'll do, the business
8 community needs to know that the Mayor is
9 speaking with some authority and has the
10 ability to deliver on that. It's
11 important for the City of Philadelphia.
12 However, I do think that that means that
13 City Council should be consulted in
14 advance where our vote of approval is
15 required by the Charter.

16 As I said, I think this bill is
17 better. It is not as strong as we would
18 like it to be, but it's better than where
19 we started with respect to minority
20 inclusion and other matters. And as I
21 said on the Council floor two weeks ago,
22 we must work together to solve the City's
23 problems rather than work at separate
24 purposes.

25 I'm very pleased that the Mayor

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2 and the Public Access Corporation were
3 able to work out an agreement of
4 assistance to the Public Access
5 Corporation from the Mayor and
6 potentially Verizon without the need to
7 amend the bill.

8 As I have said, I'm willing to
9 work with the Administration and anyone
10 else to improve life for citizens of the
11 City of Philadelphia. I want to thank
12 the Administration in advance for their
13 work to assure Public Access has the
14 resources that it needs on this basis;
15 that is, that an EO plan is in existence
16 and Public Access will have the resources
17 it needs. I support this bill and thank
18 the Mayor for providing us with cable
19 competition.

20 Thank you, Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

22 You're welcome.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes, Madam

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2 President. I'd be remiss if I didn't
3 mention that this bill is much better for
4 the people in Northeast Philadelphia.
5 Councilwoman Joan Krajewski and myself,
6 working early on with Councilman Clarke,
7 that map has changed dramatically towards
8 a balance that reflects fairness
9 throughout the City, and we know we have
10 Councilman Clarke directly to thank for
11 that leadership.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

14 You're welcome.

15 The Chair recognizes

16 Councilwoman Sanchez.

17 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
18 you, Madam President. I too want to
19 thank Councilman Clarke for his
20 leadership in this bill. I want to
21 acknowledge Verizon's willingness to sit
22 down with folks and talk around some of
23 these issues. And while this is not a
24 perfect bill and we all understand that
25 this sets a framework for the next

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2 discussions in the future, I do hope that
3 what we learned is that the importance of
4 a process and for people and stakeholders
5 to have an input when we're engaging in
6 public contracts that potentially can
7 impact consumers.

8 I want to thank the Public
9 Access Board and Louie Massiah and
10 members of the Board for their
11 willingness to work with the Mayor on
12 this important matter and to ensure that,
13 as Councilman Green alluded to, that when
14 the Mayor contracts and enters into
15 negotiations with the private corporate
16 sector, that his word is meaningful and
17 that we respect the will of the Mayor.

18 At the same time, I want to
19 acknowledge that when we have more input,
20 I think we make more informed resolutions
21 where there is conflict. I think debate
22 is healthy. I think it should continue.
23 I think it's part of our democratic
24 process, and I think that this Council
25 has demonstrated its willingness to work

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2 with the Mayor on issues that have been
3 important to him.

4 So I want to thank Councilman
5 Green and Councilman Clarke, the chambers
6 and all of the folks who have
7 participated in this process and have
8 made us a better Council and have made
9 this contract better. It is not perfect,
10 but it is better and I think it is
11 respectful of the consumers and the
12 citizens of the City of Philadelphia.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

15 You're welcome.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
19 Madam President. Just very quickly, I
20 think we may be losing sight of one of
21 the major factors in this historic vote
22 once we complete it today. We are
23 actually bringing cable competition and
24 Broadband competition to all the citizens
25 of this city, who have been clamoring for

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2 it now for quite some time. So while we
3 talk about the bill not being perfect and
4 some work to do and all those other
5 things, which is very fine, people in the
6 City will have a competitor now to go to
7 relative to their cable service. And
8 that's what I've been hearing from the
9 vast majority of people throughout this
10 city, is they want competition, and we're
11 finally going to give it to them.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

14 You're welcome.

15 The Chair recognizes

16 Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I just have to kind of
19 give a little history here. It seems
20 like that it appears that we were given a
21 piece of legislation and told to rubber
22 stamp it. The process for the City
23 Council is to have a public hearing on a
24 piece of legislation that comes before
25 us. It is our responsibility to take the

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2 time to review that legislation or the
3 contract. It is also an opportunity for
4 the public to come before the Council to
5 make their concerns known about the
6 legislation.

7 We in the past have had
8 legislation that we've taken months to do
9 based on issues that we have raised with
10 prior administrations over what they have
11 sent us and have made major changes. I
12 know we sat here until 2 o'clock in the
13 morning to approve the contract with the
14 Marriott over the Convention Center. It
15 was not a rubber stamp. We went through
16 the contract with a fine-tooth comb. I
17 was part -- I was new here, and it was a
18 real rewarding experience for that
19 process.

20 It seems that -- I just want to
21 reiterate to our new members that there
22 is a process. The process is the public
23 process here in City Council. Those
24 individuals who are interested in the
25 legislation can come in and talk. You

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2 let them talk as long as they like. All
3 at the end of the day what you need are
4 nine votes to get your issue passed.
5 That's the bottom line.

6 Now, the other thing, when we
7 first did cable back in the '80s, I mean,
8 it took months, months, months before we
9 awarded the contract. So I don't want
10 the public to leave here thinking that
11 the Administration will send us
12 something. The contracts are given to
13 the Clerk's Office. You have every
14 right -- everybody can go in and read the
15 contract, see what's in the contract. If
16 you don't like something in the contract,
17 you can make a recommendation to change
18 it, and then that's where the bargaining
19 begins.

20 So we're not here to rubber
21 stamp. We are here to have an inclusive
22 discussion about legislation that comes
23 before this body. I encourage people,
24 when you find out that something is
25 coming down -- because we are not going

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2 to negotiate a contract with the
3 Administration. That doesn't -- that is
4 not how it works. They do the contract,
5 and then we decide that we may want to be
6 with them or we don't want to be with
7 them. That's the process, and I hope
8 that we all understand how it works.

9 Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
11 you.

12 (Appause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
14 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
16 Madam President. In an effort not to
17 create separation, anxiety from my
18 freshmen colleagues, I'd like to applaud
19 the veteran leadership of Councilman
20 Clarke in this matter. Whether your
21 interest was public access, whether your
22 interest was how the infrastructure was
23 going to be built out in the respective
24 districts, whether your interest was
25 minority participation both in the

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2 workforce or in the contracting aspect of
3 this one-billion-dollar investment,
4 Councilman Clarke showed a great deal of
5 leadership and veteran leadership in
6 keeping us on a course that in a
7 recession, in a recession, that we were
8 going to retain jobs, that we were going
9 to have a choice and that we were going
10 to have Verizon as a good citizen in the
11 City of Philadelphia.

12 So I concur that this was
13 veteran leadership. He didn't lose his
14 head. He made sure everyone's interest
15 was heard, and I'd like to applaud him
16 publicly and put on the record to
17 memorialize his leadership.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
20 Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
22 You're welcome.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Miller.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank

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2 you, Madam President. I'd like to also
3 go on record as to thank Councilman
4 Clarke for his leadership. This was not
5 easy. I mean, there were lots of
6 interests. We have people here
7 supporting one of the minority companies.
8 I've seen minority companies show up at
9 every hearing. And so working on the
10 EOP, it may not be the best, but it's
11 very good compared to what it was, the
12 issues such as build-out.

13 Everywhere I go, I see people
14 that say to me, Please vote for Verizon,
15 because they want competition. And I let
16 them know, Council is interested in
17 voting for Verizon. However, there are
18 other issues such as build-out, equal
19 opportunity, public access, employment
20 opportunities that we have to consider
21 before we do final votes.

22 So it's finally come to a point
23 where we're going to do a vote today. I
24 did have issues around build-out. I
25 thought I was going to introduce an

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2 amendment today, but I did meet with
3 Verizon this morning for a short period
4 right before Council and talked to
5 Councilman Clarke last night. So we've
6 been working on this a lot, and I'm ready
7 to vote for the bill now, and look
8 forward to working with the Department of
9 Public Property and Verizon in the future
10 and our new office with Mike Bell. I
11 think it's Opportunity -- whatever it's
12 called, OEO, so we can just get on and
13 help the people here in Philly fulfill
14 their dream of being able to have
15 competition here in Philadelphia for
16 cable.

17 Thank you.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I'm sorry.
23 Another one of my veteran colleagues was
24 giving some advice.

25 Madam President, I just want to

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2 say one thing, something I don't normally
3 do. I would just like to thank my staff
4 person, William Carter, my staff
5 attorney. He was really behind the
6 scenes cajoling me, elevating both his
7 and my conversation to the point where we
8 were quite stressful. I just want to
9 personally thank him for doing the great
10 work on this job.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: As you can
13 see, Madam President, he's blushing.

14 But thank you all again.

15 Thank you, Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you.

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

21 The Clerk will please call the
22 roll.

23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

1 2/5/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Green.

9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilman

11 Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Jones.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Krajewski.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

1 2/5/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Sanchez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 THE 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 080931.

22 (Appause.)

23 THE CLERK: An ordinance

24 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The

25 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use of an

1 2/5/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Automated Red Light Enforcement System to
3 Prevent Red Light Violations," by
4 authorizing the installation of red light
5 enforcement systems at certain additional
6 locations.

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

11 The Clerk will please call the
12 roll.

13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman

25 Greenlee.

1 2/5/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman Jones.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Krajewski.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

12 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Reynolds Brown.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Sanchez.

24 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Council President
4 Verna.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

10 We will now consider Bill No.
11 080946.

12 THE CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia
14 Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to
15 establish towing zone locations and hours
16 in the University City area.

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 Clerk will please call the
22 roll.

23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

1 2/5/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

5 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman Green.

9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilman

11 Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Jones.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

16 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Krajewski.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

1 2/5/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Sanchez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 THE 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 The Clerk will please read the

21 title of Bill No. 080948.

22 THE CLERK: An ordinance

23 authorizing and directing the revision of

24 lines and grades on a portion of City

25 Plan No. 231 by changing the grades of

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2 Cross Street from Gates Street to

3 Hermitage Street and Gates Street from

4 Silverwood Street to Cross 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 Clerk will please call the

10 roll.

11 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilman Green.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Councilman

23 Greenlee.

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Jones.

1 2/5/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

4 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Krajewski.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

10 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Reynolds Brown.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

18 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

19 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Sanchez.

22 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Council President

1 2/5/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Verna.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

8 The last bill to be called for
9 consideration is Bill No. 080950.

10 THE CLERK: An ordinance
11 authorizing the paving of Cross Street
12 from Gates Street to Hermitage Street and
13 Gates Street from Silverwood Street to
14 Cross Street.

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

19 The Clerk will please call the
20 roll.

21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Blackwell.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

24 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

25 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

1 2/5/09 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilman Green.

7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

8 THE CLERK: Councilman

9 Greenlee.

10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly.

14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Miller.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Reynolds Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

4 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Sanchez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Council President

12 Verna.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

14 The ayes are 17; the nays are

15 zero. A majority of all members having

16 voted in the affirmative, the bill

17 passes.

18 That completes our Calendar for

19 today.

20 I have a very important

21 announcement to make. It's my

22 understanding that Councilman Brian

23 O'Neill became a grand-pop for the first

24 time last night.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: His
3 daughter, Megan, gave birth to a little
4 boy at 6 o'clock last night in
5 California.

6 Brian, congratulations.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
9 baby must be adorable.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I'll be
11 seeing him tonight.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
13 there any speeches on the part of the
14 minority?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I see
17 there are speeches on the part of the
18 majority.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
22 Madam President. And I will be brief. I
23 do have an announcement and then brief
24 remarks.

25 I would like to first remind

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2 our colleagues about the invitation
3 offered by Ms. Ramona Riscoe Benson and
4 myself inviting all of us to the African
5 American Museum of Philadelphia on
6 Thursday, February 19th wherein we will
7 have an opportunity to look at the
8 Audacious Freedom: African Americans in
9 Philadelphia, 1776 to 1876 exhibit. So I
10 would ask my colleagues to please put
11 that on your schedule and seek, if you
12 can, to join us on February 19th.

13 Secondly, Madam President, we,
14 the members of this body, live in a world
15 often where people will listen to what we
16 say, but they will always believe what we
17 do. I would like to go on the record to
18 offer my full support to citizen Sandra
19 Dungee Glenn with hopes that she can
20 continue in her role as Chairwoman of the
21 Philadelphia School Reform Commission and
22 retained purely for what she has done.

23 What are the facts? Under her
24 leadership, test scores in our city have
25 gone up, teaching vacancies have

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2 declined, and academic and contractual
3 inclusion is now the norm. Because of
4 her leadership, now all Philadelphia
5 School District students are required to
6 take an African American history course
7 as part of the curriculum.

8 And so my hope is that with
9 these tangible, solid facts and results,
10 our Mayor will look favorably upon the
11 notion to retain Ms. Sandra Dungee Glenn
12 as our School Reform Commissioner.

13 I will close by adding that
14 under her leadership, the members of the
15 School Reform Commission did a vast
16 search and hired Dr. Arlene Ackerman, a
17 no-nonsense, in-the-trench leader who is
18 tackling the multiple challenges facing
19 that \$2.3 billion organization.

20 So given these, it is my hope
21 that our Mayor, as he deliberates on this
22 important appointment, that he will
23 indeed consider retaining Sandra Dungee
24 Glenn specifically as the School Reform
25 Commission Chairwoman.

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2 Thank you, Madam President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
4 you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Jones.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I'd too like to join my
9 colleague Blondell Reynolds Brown in
10 urging our Mayor to swiftly make a
11 decision and support the reappointment of
12 Sandra Dungee Glen.

13 Other than the fact that she is
14 a public school graduate, other than the
15 fact that she's navigated deficits and is
16 moving us towards a green curriculum in
17 high schools and in middle schools, she
18 has the kind of temperament to get along
19 with a diverse group of people and manage
20 through a number of difficult situations.
21 In this time when our young people are at
22 a 50 percent dropout rate and we have
23 made improvements upon that sad statistic
24 under her leadership, we want to keep
25 moving in the right direction.

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2 So I join my colleague Jerry
3 Mondesire of the NAACP in urging our
4 Mayor to keep her and reappoint her.

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 The Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you, Madam President. Everyone will see
12 on their desk flyers that say "Climb
13 Aboard." This is the Montel Williams bus
14 that has been advertised for months, and
15 we've used it many times. The
16 Partnership for Prescription Assistance
17 allows people of low income to get about
18 three months' free prescriptions.

19 Now, we will have between
20 Councilman Jones' office and mine,
21 there's a table there every Thursday from
22 10:00 to 1:00 with literature and
23 information, and we invite -- Councilman
24 Greenlee is already taking advantage of
25 the opportunity. If anyone will call me,

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2 if you would like to have this bus come,
3 all you have to do is give the location
4 and they will come at the prescribed
5 number of hours, and you can invite your
6 constituents who may need help to come
7 out and sign up for free prescription
8 assistance.

9 So I'm happy to offer this,
10 certainly share this information with
11 everyone, and feel free to let me know if
12 we can be of help to you and your
13 constituents.

14 Thank you very much.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
16 you.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank
20 you, Madam President. I'd like to just
21 make an announcement that on this past
22 Saturday in the Pennsylvania State
23 Committee, Councilwoman Marian Tasco was
24 elected to the Democratic National
25 Committee, the DNC, as the Philadelphia

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2 rep, and she's actually filling the
3 vacancy of our former colleague, Carol
4 Campbell.

5 (Appause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
7 Congratulations.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you
12 very much. Thank you to everyone for
13 that recognition.

14 I'd just like to piggyback on
15 the comments made by Councilwoman Brown
16 and Councilman Jones regarding our
17 representative Chair of the SRC, Sandra
18 Dungee Glenn. She is a quiet force, very
19 inclusive person and has done an awful
20 lot. She loves children and she loves
21 education. I think she's done a very
22 good job, and I don't see us changing
23 horses in midstream at this point. I too
24 support her reappointment and also
25 reappointment as Chair. I think that is

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2 very crucial for a community that has a
3 large population of minority students,
4 and she has done very well by that
5 position. So I support her.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 Are there any other speeches?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
11 Seeing no one's light on, the Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Clarke for a motion
13 to adjourn.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I move that Council
16 stand adjourned until Thursday, February
17 the 12th, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
20 has been moved and seconded that Council
21 stand adjourned until Thursday, February
22 12th at 10:00 a.m.

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

5 ayes have it and the motion carries.

6 Thank you.

7 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

8 11:20 a.m.)

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