

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, February 21, 2013
10:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILMAN DENNIS O'BRIEN
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning, everyone. It appears we have
4 established a quorum. Council shall come
5 to order. I'll ask all guests and
6 visitors to please retire behind the
7 rail. Thank you so much.

8 To give our invocation this
9 morning, the Chair recognizes Pastor Bill
10 Golderer of the Arch Street Presbyterian
11 Church. He is here today as the guest of
12 Councilwoman Brown.

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

15 (Members and guests rise.)

16 PASTOR GOLDERER: Good morning.

17 (Good morning.)

18 PASTOR GOLDERER: I bring you
19 greetings from two communities, the Arch
20 Street Presbyterian Church located at the
21 corner of 18th and Arch and the Broad
22 Street Ministry where I also am
23 privileged to serve, where over 500
24 Philadelphians will gather for lunch
25 today, and I hope you'll all come down

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2 some time and eat with us.

3 I'm joined today by Ms. Valerie
4 Gay, the Executive Director of the Art
5 Sanctuary, because as I was preparing for
6 this, we knew that today you needed a
7 jolt of inspiration, and so we're going
8 to hopefully, with God's help, provide
9 that for you.

10 So will you join me in prayer.
11 Let us pray.

12 God of steadfast promises and
13 divine issuer of challenges, we give you
14 thanks for waking us up this morning. We
15 give you thanks for the opportunity that
16 you have given us this day to be a
17 blessing to other people. We give you
18 thanks for the countless people in our
19 lives who made real sacrifices so that we
20 may enter this Chamber.

21 Faced with daunting challenges
22 but also with unfathomable opportunities
23 to do something of real significance,
24 God, we ask that you guide us today.
25 Guide us so that we do not squander what

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2 we've been given. Open us now to new
3 possibilities. Strengthen us to
4 persevere through the problems, and
5 soften us to our adversaries, but always
6 harden our resolve to advocate for those
7 who are vulnerable and innocent, the
8 children, the aging, and those who need
9 us to embody hope because they are
10 consumed by despair.

11 Ignite in us a new passion to
12 be of service. Inspire us when we are
13 tired or weak or worn. Implant within us
14 a bold new idea this day. Gift us with a
15 breakthrough, a way forward that carries
16 us past pettiness and selfishness and
17 small-mindedness. Help us always to
18 return to you for pardon when we stray,
19 knowing that as we go through this world,
20 you go with us, providing us everything
21 we need to be the people this beautiful
22 and troubled city needs us to be.

23 Amen.

24 (Amen.)

25 PASTOR GOLDERER: Amen.

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2 (Amen.)

3 (Ms. Gay singing "My Living

4 Shall not be in Vain.")

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Council will be at ease.

8 (Council at ease.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you. Ms. Gay, if you have some
11 time this evening, if you'd like to stop
12 by "Council Has Talent," I'm sure we can
13 use you. It will be a pleasant
14 distraction from some of our skits that
15 we're going to be putting on.

16 Thank you so much today.

17 The next order of business is
18 the approval of the Journal of the
19 meeting of Thursday, February 14th, 2013.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Greenlee for a motion.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
23 you, Mr. President. I move that the
24 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
25 February 14th, 2013 be approved.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
4 has been moved and properly seconded.

5 All those in favor?

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it. The Journal is approved.
12 Thank you.

13 The next order of business is
14 the request for leaves of absence.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Jones.

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. On behalf of the
19 majority, there are no requests for
20 leaves of absence today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you.

23 The Chair now recognizes
24 Councilman O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. On behalf of the
3 republicans, there are no requests for
4 leave of absence.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you, sir.

7 I will now dispense with the
8 regular order of business and I would
9 like to welcome and thank all of our
10 visitors today. We hope that your
11 experience today is a pleasurable one.
12 We actually hope we can actually follow
13 up on that wonderful rendition, probably
14 not, but we'll give it our best shot. So
15 I want to again thank you all so much for
16 coming to see your government in action.

17 At this time, I would like to
18 recognize Councilwoman Tasco, who will
19 present a resolution honoring Delta Sigma
20 Theta Sorority on its 100th Anniversary.
21 Would Maxine Harvey and those
22 accompanying her please join the
23 Councilwoman at the podium.

24 And we also have Councilwoman
25 Brown joining the Councilwoman.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Honoring
3 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on its 100th
4 Anniversary.

5 Whereas, on January 13th, 1913,
6 on the campus of Howard University in
7 Washington, DC, Winona Cargile Alexander

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madree
9 Penn White, Wertie Blackwell Weaver,
10 Vashti Turley Murphy

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Ethel Cuff
12 Black, Frederica Chase Dodd, Osceola
13 Macarthy Adams

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Pauline
15 Oberdorfer Minor, Edna Brown Coleman,
16 Edith Mott Young

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Marguerite
18 Young Alexander, Naomi Sewell Richardson,
19 Eliza P. Shippen

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Zephyr
21 Chisom Carter, Myra Davis Hemmings, Mamie
22 Reddy Rose

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Bertha
24 Pitts Campbell, Florence Letcher Toms,
25 Olive Jones, Jessie McGuire Dent

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Jimmie
3 Bugg Middleton, and Ethel Cart Watson
4 founded Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
5 Incorporated; and

6 Whereas, in just weeks after
7 its inception, the founders of this
8 illustrious organization participated in
9 their first collective act of public
10 service, marching in the Women's Suffrage
11 March in Washington, DC and, through this
12 early act, Delta Sigma Theta established
13 its legacy as a sisterhood called to
14 serve; and

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
16 the twenty-two founders envisioned an
17 organization that would use their
18 collective strength to promote academic
19 excellence, provide scholarships, provide
20 assistance to persons in need, educate
21 and stimulate participation in the
22 establishment of positive public policy,
23 and to highlight issues and provide
24 solutions for problems in their
25 communities; and

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,
3 Delta Sigma Theta has been incorporated
4 since 1930 and now boasts more than
5 200,000 members with over 900 chapters
6 located in the United States, England,
7 Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, the
8 Bahamas, and the Republic of Korea; and

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
10 the major programs of our sorority are
11 based upon the organization's Five Point
12 Thrust of: Economic Development,
13 Educational Development, International
14 Awareness and Involvement, Physical and
15 Mental Health, and Political Awareness
16 and Involvement; and

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Whereas,
18 Delta Sigma Theta is highly recognized
19 for its commitment to sisterhood,
20 community service, and the creation and
21 implementation of programs that support
22 the mission of Delta; and

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
24 some of our nation's most exceptional
25 women who helped mold a legacy to make

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2 Delta Sigma Theta a powerful force
3 include Sadie T.M. Alexander, Ph.D.,
4 civil rights activist Dr. Dorothy Height
5 and Myrlie Evers-Williams, founder of HUD
6 and Health and Human Secretary Patricia
7 Roberts Harris and former Labor Secretary
8 Alexis Herman, Congresswomen Shirley
9 Chisholm, Barbara Jordan, Stephanie
10 Tubbs-Jones, and Carrie Meek; now,
11 therefore

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Now,
13 therefore, be it resolved, by the Council
14 of the City of Philadelphia, that we
15 recognize and honor Delta Sigma Theta
16 Sorority on the occasion of its 100th
17 Anniversary.

18 Further resolved, that an
19 engrossed copy of this resolution be
20 presented to members of Delta Sigma Theta
21 as an expression of the sincere sentiment
22 of this legislative body.

23 This resolution was introduced
24 by Councilwomen Tasco and Brown and
25 supported by all members of City Council.

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2 Thank you all very much, and welcome this
3 august group, who are just outstanding
4 women doing wonderful things in this city
5 and throughout this country.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 Chair recognizes Ms. Harvey for remarks.

9 MS. HARVEY: Good morning,
10 everyone.

11 (Good morning.)

12 MS. HARVEY: I am Maxine C.
13 Harvey, President of the Philadelphia
14 Alumnae Chapter. Delta Sigma Theta
15 Sorority celebrates 100 years of service,
16 scholarship, and sisterhood, founded in
17 1913 by 22 young Howard University
18 college students. Delta Sigma Theta
19 Sorority has more than 250,000 members
20 and 1,000 chapters worldwide.

21 Notable Philadelphians are,
22 just to name a few, Dr. Sadie T.M.
23 Alexander, economist and lawyer, who
24 served as the first national President of
25 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Judge Juanita

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2 Kidd Stout, activist for whom the
3 Criminal Justice Center was renamed in
4 her honor; Dr. Constance E. Clayton,
5 former Superintendent of Philadelphia
6 schools, has in her honor an endowed
7 professorship at the University of
8 Pennsylvania Graduate School of
9 Education; and Lila B. Green, founder of
10 Ivy League School and philanthropist.

11 Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter
12 chartered in 1927 follows the mission and
13 programs of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to
14 educate and participate in the
15 establishment of public policy and to
16 highlight issues and provide solutions
17 for problems in our community.

18 On behalf of the Philadelphia
19 Alumnae Chapter, we thank City Council
20 sorors Councilwomen Marian Tasco and
21 Blondell Reynolds Brown for this
22 prestigious honor.

23 I now introduce to you Sandra
24 Brockington Gould, President of the
25 Quaker City Alumnae Chapter.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MS. GOULD: Good morning.

4 (Good morning.)

5 MS. GOULD: Council President
6 Darrell Clarke, District Councilmembers,
7 and Councilmembers at-large, greetings to
8 soror Marian B. Tasco and soror Blondell
9 Reynolds Brown, other special guests in
10 attendance, and to my sorors. The
11 members of Quaker City Alumnae Chapter
12 are among this prestigious group here.

13 On behalf of the 200 members of
14 Quaker City Alumnae Chapter, I humbly
15 accept this proclamation that recognizes
16 the centennial of Delta Sigma Theta
17 Sorority, Incorporated - 100 years of
18 fighting for voters rights, 100 years of
19 fighting for women's and civil rights,
20 100 years of fighting for advancement in
21 education for all peoples, 100 years of
22 transforming lives and impacting
23 communities. The members of Quaker City
24 Alumnae Chapter are proud to use their
25 collective strength to promote excellent

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2 programs that provide assistance to our
3 citizens in the City of Brotherly Love
4 and Sisterly Affection.

5 Thank you again for this
6 wonderful honor.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. GOULD: I would now like to
9 introduce you to my soror Sherry Wilson
10 Butler, President of Valley Forge Alumnae
11 Chapter.

12 (Applause.)

13 MS. BUTLER: Good morning.

14 (Good morning.)

15 MS. BUTLER: On behalf of the
16 Valley Forge Alumnae Chapter of Delta
17 Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the
18 home of the patriots of African decent, a
19 monument erected in the Valley Forge
20 National Historical Park, the only known
21 monument on federal property, the Valley
22 Forge Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma
23 Theta wishes to thank the City Council
24 for this proclamation.

25 To the President, Mr. Darrell

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2 Clarke, to my soror, Blondell Reynolds
3 Brown and soror Marian Tasco, I stand in
4 the midst of all of my sorors here today
5 thanking you with honor and deep
6 gratitude for this prestigious occasion.
7 We thank you so very much. And we
8 continue to serve Montgomery and Chester
9 County communities.

10 Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you.

14 MS. CLAYTON: Good morning.

15 I'm Carolyn Clayton. I'm the President
16 of Chester Alumnae Chapter. I'd like to
17 welcome everyone that's here this
18 morning, and it's just a great honor to
19 represent the 152 members of Chester
20 Alumnae Chapter. We serve Delaware
21 County and the surrounding communities.

22 We thank you very much for this
23 honor. We're very appreciative, and we
24 look forward to the next 100 years.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 I'd like to recognize
5 Councilman Johnson briefly. Councilman.

6 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes. Is
7 that the last individual to give remarks?

8 First and foremost, I just
9 wanted to say all of you look great and
10 definitely brought a smile to my face
11 when I walked in watching all of you
12 looking so beautiful in your red attire.

13 I wanted to personally just
14 congratulate you on this acknowledgment
15 from Councilwoman Tasco as well as
16 Councilwoman Brown. I have a special
17 place in my heart for Deltas just based
18 upon me being an undergraduate student at
19 Mansfield University away from my
20 neighborhood of Point Breeze,
21 specifically 18th and Dickinson. I
22 attended Mansfield University, which is
23 worlds away from the inner cities of
24 Philadelphia, and Delta took me under her
25 wing, encouraged me to go on to

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2 University of Pennsylvania for grad
3 school, and after I became an elected
4 official in Harrisburg, I always
5 participated in the Delta Day with State
6 Representative Cherelle Parker.

7 So I want to commend you for
8 your service not only to the City of
9 Philadelphia, not only to the United
10 States of America, but to humanity, and
11 also for your role in shaping the issues
12 of public policy that affect us
13 politically.

14 So I just wanted to take time
15 out and congratulate you and tell you to
16 keep up the good work.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you.

20 Council will be at ease.

21 (Council at ease.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Excuse me. We have a couple of more
24 presentations, so if we can -- it's
25 pretty exciting. We got a little bit

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2 more business to do. Thank you. Thank
3 you so much for your cooperation.

4 At this time, the Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Johnson, who will
6 present a resolution honoring Queen
7 Memorial Branch of the Free Library of
8 Philadelphia. Would Ms. Betty Beauford
9 and those accompanying her please join
10 the Councilman at the podium.

11 We have Councilman Greenlee,
12 Councilwoman Bass, Councilman Oh and
13 Councilman Green and Councilwoman Brown
14 joining the Councilman.

15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. Today I am privileged and
17 honored to recognize an institution that
18 has served as the educational bedrock of
19 the Point Breeze community.

20 When I received the notice
21 regarding the honoring of the Queen
22 Memorial Branch of the Free Library in
23 the Point Breeze neighborhood of South
24 Philadelphia and how it was celebrating
25 100 years of service, it made me think

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2 about my life as a young man growing up
3 in Point Breeze and how I often would
4 spend hours in the library in elementary
5 school, in junior high school, and even
6 when I was in high school. This library
7 served as a laboratory of creative ideas
8 that shaped my character, that enabled me
9 to become the young man that I am today.

10 So today I am privileged and
11 honored in recognizing and commending the
12 Queen Memorial Branch of the Free Library
13 of Philadelphia on the occasion of its
14 100th Anniversary for its extraordinary
15 service and dedication to the citizens of
16 Philadelphia.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Whereas,
18 with a name dating back to 1895, Point
19 Breeze was designated as one of the
20 original Green Countrie Towns sponsored
21 by Philadelphia Green, a program
22 dedicated to increasing planted urban
23 spaces; and

24 COUNCILMAN OH: Whereas,
25 important neighborhood institutions

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2 include the YMCA at 17th and Christian
3 Streets, which has served African
4 Americans since 1989, and the Point
5 Breeze Performing Arts Center founded in
6 1984; and

7 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Whereas,
8 named in honor of a Philadelphia
9 optician, pioneer microscope maker, and
10 philanthropist, the James W. Queen
11 Memorial Library was founded in 1907. It
12 was originally housed in the Hope
13 Presbyterian Church at 33rd and Wharton
14 Streets; and

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
16 the library became the Queen Memorial
17 Branch of the Free Library of
18 Philadelphia on December 13th, 1912, and
19 in 1945, Queen Memorial relocated to the
20 1313 Point Breeze Avenue; and

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Whereas, the
22 Queen Memorial Branch opened on Tuesday,
23 January 17th, 1995 in the Landreth
24 Apartments. Mamie Nichols, Executive
25 Director of the Point Breeze Foundation,

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2 was a prime leader involved in the 1995
3 renovation of the historic former
4 Landreth Elementary School into a
5 multi-purpose achievement center to house
6 the Queen Memorial Branch of the Free
7 Library, where it provides valuable
8 services to the residents of South
9 Philadelphia; now therefore

10 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Resolved,
11 by the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia, that we hereby honor,
13 recognize and commend the Queen Memorial
14 Branch of the Free Library of
15 Philadelphia on the occasion of its 100th
16 Anniversary for its extraordinary service
17 and dedication to the citizens of
18 Philadelphia.

19 Further resolved, that an
20 engrossed copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the Queen Memorial Branch of
22 the Free Library of Philadelphia as
23 evidence of the sincere sentiments of
24 this legislative body. And I want to
25 officially present this citation on

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2 behalf of the members of City Council
3 officially to the Queen Memorial Branch
4 Library of Point Breeze, South
5 Philadelphia.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 Chair recognizes Ms. Beauford for
9 remarks.

10 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
11 Mr. President. I would be remiss if I
12 didn't recognize the hard work and
13 dedication of Ms. Betty Beauford, who was
14 a lifelong resident and community
15 advocate in the Point Breeze community,
16 who played a major role in making sure
17 that when this library was on the
18 chopping block based upon some decisions
19 that were proposed by the Administration,
20 she advocated to members of City Council.
21 And I could not stand here without
22 acknowledging the work of my colleague
23 Councilman Green in making sure that this
24 particular library stayed open.

25 So I just want to personally

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2 say thank you, Ms. Beauford.

3 MS. BEAUFORD: You're welcome.

4 Thank you.

5 President Clarke, City Council,

6 good morning, and the gallery, good

7 morning. Honorable Councilman Kenyatta

8 Johnson, thank you.

9 We, the Queen Memorial Library,

10 accept this resolution in the honor and

11 spirit it was given. Thank you,

12 Councilman Johnson.

13 The Queen Memorial Library

14 started December the 13th, 1912 to

15 December the 13th, 2012. The Queen

16 Memorial Library has been 100 years old

17 as a free library. We had a centennial

18 celebration December the 13th, 2012. It

19 was from noon to 3:00 p.m. The

20 celebration was very, very nice. I just

21 wish you all could have been there. We

22 had a very, very good time.

23 Queen Memorial Library has

24 served in two communities, Grays Ferry

25 for 33 years, Point Breeze for 67, and

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2 still remains in Point Breeze this day.

3 The library is the fabric of our

4 community.

5 We all know what libraries are

6 about, but I always still love it for

7 children, because children can go and

8 read books and dream dreams and can take

9 their selves out of whatever problems

10 there are without leaving the building.

11 Good source, good source, good source.

12 We can also -- they can also

13 explore their horizons, just to be. They

14 can do homework. It's also a safe haven

15 for our children. But we just love it.

16 We just love it. And they can do

17 homework. And the library has many other

18 projects that we do in our community.

19 The library serves our community in so

20 many ways. You go and read the morning

21 newspaper or the magazine O.

22 Hello?

23 There's just so many things

24 that we can do, and I don't have all the

25 time this morning to just say what we

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2 really, really want to say. I'm trying
3 to capitalize everything in a few
4 moments, because I know everybody has
5 other obligations and has other life to
6 attend. But I just want to say thank
7 you.

8 You can also do job resumes.
9 You can do community meetings in the
10 library and so much other stuff. And I
11 just want to say thank you, thank you,
12 thank you.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you.

17 Council will be at ease.

18 (Council at ease.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you so much. At this time, the
21 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones, who
22 will present a resolution honoring
23 Philadelphia's living legends. Would
24 Ms. Emma Chappell and those accompanying
25 her please join the Councilman at the

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2 podium.

3 (Appause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
5 also joining the Councilman is Councilman
6 Goode, Councilwoman Blackwell,
7 Councilwoman Tasco, Councilwoman Bass,
8 and Councilman Johnson and Councilwoman
9 Brown.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
11 Mr. President.

12 Carter G. Woodson in 1926
13 founded Negro History Week. It evolved
14 into Black History Month, and here in
15 Philadelphia, right here locally, we
16 could name names that range from Lucien
17 Blackwell to unknown, some unsung people
18 like Charlie "Boo" Burrus, people we know
19 like David P. Richardson, Roxanne Jones,
20 Kentu and others who have passed along
21 this way. But with living legends,
22 they're here and can understand what they
23 mean to us here in Philadelphia and a
24 part of our rich history.

25 Before there was a President

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2 Barack Obama, there was a Delta named
3 Shirley Chisholm. Before there was a
4 Mayor Wilson Goode, there was a Charlie
5 Bowser, who paved the way.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: And a Hardy
8 Williams before him. Before there was a
9 Marian Tasco, there was a John White, Jr.
10 Before Evelyn Smalls, there was Dr. Emma
11 Chappell, and before -- there you go.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: And before
14 there was Councilman Curtis Jones, there
15 was my Madeline Dunn.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCILMAN JONES: You see, in
18 black history, sometimes history is made
19 one page at a time, and as we turn those
20 pages, we should never forget the
21 previous chapter. Someone will some day
22 certainly write Philadelphia's history,
23 particularly in the African American
24 community, and we can never forget the
25 chapters we see here today.

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2 I am very grateful to count
3 these heroes and sheroes as my personal
4 mentors and even friends. One of them
5 will even say they babysat me. I won't
6 point out which one it was. But we're
7 grateful for them, and as many
8 Councilpeople you see here, they've
9 mentored and befriended them as well.

10 So we're here to honor living
11 legends today.

12 Honoring and celebrating
13 Philadelphia's living legends Henry
14 Nicholas, Nellie Reynolds, Madeline Dunn,
15 John F. White, Jr., Reverend Albert F.
16 Campbell, Acel Moore, Audrey
17 Johnson-Thornton, Will Daniels,
18 Dr. Bernard Anderson and Dr. Emma
19 Chappell in the areas of government,
20 business, labor, journalism, religion,
21 academia, athletics, activism, as a part
22 of commemorating Black History Month; and

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

24 Whereas, Nellie Reynolds, Commissioner
25 for the Philadelphia Housing Authority,

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2 served as a leader for nearly 40 years in
3 advocacy for public housing residents'
4 rights and responsibilities. In 1969,
5 Ms. Reynolds created the nation's first
6 resident advisory board, made up of
7 elected tenant leaders from sites across
8 the City. She had been a member of the
9 PHA board since 1984 and worked closely
10 with former Mayor John F. Street on
11 low-income housing issues; and

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas,
13 Madeline Dunn, a resident of West
14 Philadelphia all her life, as well as an
15 outspoken community activist for over 50
16 years, Ms. Dunn also served as Chair of
17 the Legislative Committee for the
18 Philadelphia Congress of National
19 Congress of Black Women in 1988.
20 Ms. Dunn led a protest against the
21 closing of the 54th Street Firehouse and
22 recently spoke out against the former
23 republican President nominee Mitt
24 Romney -- I know he heard -- visiting to
25 the West Philadelphia area in May of

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2 2012. Ms. Dunn has devoted her entire
3 life to organizing members of her
4 community and fighting for justice and
5 equality opportunities for people of
6 color in Philadelphia; and

7 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas, the
8 Reverend Dr. Albert Franklin Campbell has
9 been pastor of the Mt. Carmel Baptist
10 Church in West Philadelphia for 46 years.
11 He has led the congregation under his
12 two-pronged vision to bring souls to
13 Christ by preaching the Word and to
14 provide the leadership to further advance
15 Mt. Carmel as a guiding force for the
16 people of the congregation and the
17 community. From the beginning of his
18 tenure, Reverend Campbell established the
19 important process of analyses and
20 planning that has been a hallmark of the
21 Campbell Pastorate, and he remains a
22 strong advocate for education,
23 particularly of pastors attending college
24 and seminary; and

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,

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2 this lady, Audrey Johnson-Thornton, is
3 the founder and President of the American
4 Women's Heritage Society founded in 1986,
5 and leads efforts to restore and maintain
6 Belmont Mansion, one of our city's most
7 historic buildings in the Philadelphia
8 Fairmount Park. Ms. Johnson-Thornton
9 also led major renovations for the
10 Underground Railroad Museum, which was
11 opened to the public in 2007 right there
12 at the Belmont Mansion. The American
13 Women's Heritage Society is the only
14 African American women's organization to
15 administer a historic mansion in
16 Fairmount Park; and

17 (Appause.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
19 whereas, this lady's father, Will
20 Daniels, founder of Wilco Cable Systems,
21 is the President and founder of one of
22 the nation's few remaining African
23 American-owned cable and
24 telecommunication companies. In 1990,
25 Wilco Electronic Systems, Incorporated

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2 was granted a franchise by Home Box
3 Office, the first franchise awarded to a
4 minority-owned firm in the United States,
5 in the Eastern United States. Mr. Daniel
6 negotiated an affiliation agreement with
7 Rollins Cablevision of Philadelphia. He
8 then became a 5 percent owner of the
9 Rollins system and was appointed
10 Vice-President in charge of installation
11 and service. Wilco Electronic Systems
12 has been the primary cable and Internet
13 provider for Philadelphia Housing
14 Authority projects, and continues to
15 offer mainstream offerings at a more
16 affordable cost for low-income
17 Philadelphians in other ways; and

18 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Whereas,
19 Emma Carolyn Chappell founded United Bank
20 of Philadelphia in 1992 --

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: -- by 3
23 million in start-up capital through
24 shares sold to the black community.
25 Ms. Chappell is the first African

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2 American woman in the United States to
3 start a commercial bank from scratch.

4 Under her leadership, the United Bank of
5 Philadelphia grew in eight years to
6 assets more than 140 million with eight
7 branches, 24 automated teller machines
8 and 100 employees. Prior to starting
9 United Bank, Ms. Chappell was tapped by
10 Reverend Jesse Jackson to become
11 treasurer of his presidential campaign in
12 1984. She was also instrumental in
13 helping to found Operation PUSH, a
14 non-profit organization dedicated to
15 achieving financial equality for
16 minorities; and

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Be it
18 resolved, by the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia, that it hereby honors and
20 celebrates Philadelphia's living legends,
21 Henry Nicholas, Nellie Reynolds, Madeline
22 Dunn, John F. White, Jr., the Reverend
23 Albert F. Campbell, Acel Moore, Audrey
24 Johnson-Thornton, Will Daniels,
25 Dr. Bernard E. Anderson and Emma Chappell

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2 in the areas of government, business,
3 labor, journalism, religion, academia,
4 athletics, and activism, as part of the
5 commemoration of Black History Month; and

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Further
7 resolved, that an engrossed copy of this
8 resolution be presented to Philadelphia's
9 living legends as evidence of our sincere
10 admiration of this entire legislative
11 body.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 Chair recognizes Ms. Chappell for
16 remarks.

17 MS. CHAPPELL: Thank you,
18 President Clarke, and certainly I want to
19 recognize all of the Councilpeople that
20 made this occasion what it is today.

21 I have to tell you, on behalf
22 of all of my fellow honorees, we deeply
23 appreciate being recognized as living
24 legends in the City of Philadelphia. I
25 think all of you know that wasn't easy

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2 and that we didn't set out to do it. We
3 set out to help other people, and in
4 helping other people, we were able to
5 accomplish a lot, with a lot of support
6 from our family and friends who are with
7 us today.

8 I want to especially thank
9 Councilman Jones for his, I would almost
10 say, dogmatic approach to making sure
11 that we have these living legends
12 recognized every month. I think
13 sometimes it takes one or two people to
14 stand up and say that's what we want to
15 have.

16 In 1992, we opened United Bank
17 of Philadelphia and I raised \$6 million,
18 not 3 million, 6 million, Councilman
19 Kenyatta Johnson, and --

20 (Appause.)

21 MS. CHAPPELL: Thank you.
22 Don't get it twisted.

23 And the nice part about it was,
24 we raised it by help from many of you who
25 are here today, and I did it by selling

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2 stock at \$10 a share. And it goes to
3 show when you really want to do
4 something -- and in this case I saw a
5 need in Philadelphia. I really did. I
6 saw a need that wasn't being addressed,
7 where people of color would have control
8 of their own economic destiny. So I came
9 to many of the people who are on Council
10 today, Tasco and all and Blackwell and
11 all of you who helped me get the people
12 to the table.

13 My good friend, Ethel Barnett,
14 my daughter, Tracy Carter, is here, and
15 Betty Pryor and all of the people who
16 helped me, because none of us up here
17 could do it without all of you. So we
18 really owe you an applause for being
19 here.

20 Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. CHAPPELL: And the last
23 thing I want to say, that our goal was to
24 enhance the quality of life for our
25 fellow citizens, and when I heard the

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2 song that was being sung earlier today,
3 that is my motto. If I could help
4 somebody, then my living would not be in
5 vain.

6 Thank you so much.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. JOHNSON-THORNTON: Good
11 morning. What a pleasure this is to be
12 considered a living legend. As she said,
13 it was not the beginning purpose, but
14 here we are 27 years later with Belmont
15 Mansion. So it is such a pleasure that I
16 join you to receive the most special
17 honor for which I will treasure always.

18 I would like to offer my fellow
19 honorees a benefit heartfelt
20 congratulations on their success and
21 their recognition.

22 I'd like to start out by
23 sharing with you a little bit about our
24 organization, as I have the privilege of
25 serving as President emeritus/CEO of the

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2 American Women's Heritage Society and
3 founded in 1986, 27 years ago. In this
4 role, the rich African diaspora has been
5 the foundation and interwoven tapestry of
6 our mission. The American Women's
7 Heritage Society is considered the crown
8 jewel of Fairmount Park. We offer
9 student training and self-guided tours to
10 our Underground Railroad Museum founded,
11 as I said, in 2007, the first of its kind
12 in Philadelphia.

13 We are a fabulous event venue
14 and host many joyous weddings and
15 personal celebrations throughout the
16 year.

17 I want to say thanks to our
18 generous sponsors, the former Governor Ed
19 Rendell, Mayor Nutter, and Councilman
20 Jones. We are well onto the way of
21 opening a newly built, state-of-the-art
22 facility to host events all year long.
23 The building has been affectionately
24 named --

25 (Applause.)

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2 MS. JOHNSON-THORNTON: -- the
3 Cornelia Wells Conference Center and
4 Banquet Hall for the slave girl who lived
5 and worked at the Mansion. She purchased
6 her freedom for her and her daughter and
7 was able to establish herself as an
8 entrepreneur to maintain her life.

9 So the history there is
10 magnificent. Remember, we only
11 discovered that was a connection to the
12 Underground Railroad 12 years ago, 12
13 years ago and we've been there 27. So
14 this was meant to be, believe me.

15 We adopt schools to teach our
16 children how to become docents. Global
17 Leadership Academy is one of them. And
18 look at my sign for me in the back. And
19 the kids are here. Some of the kids
20 here. Where are they? They came. Okay.
21 So I'd like you guys to take some
22 pictures of my kids.

23 And the President and CEO,
24 where is she, Dr. Naomi Booker, is here,
25 and I want her to say a couple of words.

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2 Just let her say a couple of words. Come
3 on, Dr. Booker.

4 DR. BOOKER: First of all, for
5 me to be standing on this podium with
6 these living legends is a memory and
7 something I will never forget.
8 Congratulations to all of you, all of
9 you.

10 (Applause.)

11 DR. BOOKER: And also I want to
12 thank City Council for giving my flowers
13 to my mother now at this time. It's an
14 awesome thing for you to do this,
15 Councilman Jones, for all -- and the
16 President, for all of the living legends
17 here.

18 I just want to say that we have
19 a partnership with the Belmont Mansion,
20 and she just wanted me to let you know
21 that our students go there, they learn
22 how to be museum educators. When they
23 graduate, they can do that. And we also
24 use the Underground Railroad as our start
25 place for our travel to Canada as they

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2 study the Underground Railroad and travel
3 there in May for five days and follow the
4 Harriet Tubman route.

5 So thank you very much for
6 allowing us to have that opportunity,
7 City Council.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. DUNN: I'm Madeline G.
10 Dunn, the daughter of --

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. DUNN: I love it. I love
13 it.

14 This is my baby boy, Rodney Lee
15 Dunn. I wish his dad was here. I never
16 imagined such a day.

17 I got started -- I always
18 talked a lot. My mother said I started
19 walking at eight months, talking at ten
20 months and just never stopped. I'm going
21 and I'm talking. And I heard they were
22 building a project in Mantua. The
23 school, McMichael, was already
24 overcrowded.

25 Are some of the McMichael

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2 people here?

3 (Audience members yelling.)

4 MS. DUNN: All right. See,
5 this is for you.

6 The only reason I'm up here is
7 because I like to fight. If something is
8 wrong with my people and as I see it, as
9 I see it -- and I don't know how God gave
10 it to me. When I look at it like I'm
11 telling y'all today, don't let them close
12 these schools. You know what it do to
13 our neighborhoods. There'll be abandoned
14 buildings. They need to put a piece in
15 that they got a contract with somebody to
16 buy it.

17 But we really need small
18 classrooms. If we can have smaller
19 classrooms, more teachers and put back
20 music, science, et cetera, et cetera --

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. DUNN: -- we're going
23 somewhere. Our children are going
24 somewhere. And they won't be building
25 penitentiaries. Come on, Council, you

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2 can do it. You can do it.

3 I know y'all didn't expect all
4 that, but that's what you get when you
5 get Madeline Dunn.

6 I thank you all so very much.
7 This award is, whatever it is, it's not
8 for me. It is for Homer Lane, Darrell,
9 it is for the people who help when we
10 call meetings for Long's Bar (ph). Who
11 helped me with Long's Bar? Somebody out
12 there got to be. I saw Reverend Blaylock
13 out there. There he is right there.

14 These are things that have gone
15 on since I was 19, and I'm now 79 years
16 old. And as long as I got breath in my
17 body, I'm telling y'all what I think and
18 you can accept it or reject it. But come
19 on, y'all. You got to fight. If you
20 don't fight, our community is going down
21 the drain. We shouldn't let it happen.

22 Thank you so very much to this
23 Council.

24 (Applause.)

25 MS. DUNN: This is my other

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2 son. And I got about five sons out there
3 that are just valuable, valuable because
4 they can think and they can listen. And
5 I'm just so pleased.

6 Can I just close with a prayer?

7 Father, just put your grace and
8 mercy over this whole Council, everybody
9 here. Bless them. Bless their family.
10 Give them the thought to just think about
11 it a little more before you do it and
12 then move on to higher ground.

13 Amen.

14 (Amen.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you.

17 Council will be at ease.

18 (Council at ease.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you. The next order of business is
21 communications. The Chair requests that
22 the Sergeant-of-Arms deliver the messages
23 from the Mayor to Mr. Decker.

24 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
25 messages from the Mayor, Mr. President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you so much. Any other messages?

4 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,

5 Mr. President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you.

8 At this time, the next order of
9 business on our calendar is the
10 introduction of bills and resolutions.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Kenney.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. I offer two privileged
15 resolutions that I'd like to be
16 considered today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you, sir.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
20 resolution honoring the rich life and
21 loving memory of Philip E. "Knutte"
22 Bonner.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you. That resolution will be
25 placed on today's Final Passage Calendar.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
3 resolution honoring the proud history and
4 one hundred year anniversary of the 1913
5 founding of the freedom fighting civilian
6 militia, known as the "Irish Volunteers."

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
8 resolution will also be placed on today's
9 Final Passage Calendar.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you, Councilwoman.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Greenlee.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
20 you, Mr. President. I offer one bill and
21 one resolution on your behalf.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia

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2 Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses,
3 Trades and Professions," by adding a new
4 Chapter, protecting social networking
5 privacy, by prohibiting an employer from
6 requesting or requiring access, in any
7 manner, to an employee's or prospective
8 employee's account or profile on a social
9 networking site.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Thank you. That bill will be referred to
12 the appropriate committee.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a
14 non-privileged resolution authorizing the
15 Commissioner of Public Property to
16 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
17 Redevelopment Authority, without
18 consideration, deeds conveying
19 conditional fee simple title to certain
20 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
21 the buildings and improvements thereon,
22 situate in the Thirty-Second and
23 Thirty-Seventh Wards of the City of
24 Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That

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2 resolution will be placed on next week's
3 Final Passage Calendar.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Henon.

6 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
7 Council President. I offer one
8 privileged resolution co-introduced with
9 Councilman Squilla.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Thank you, Councilman.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
13 resolution honoring the 10th Anniversary
14 of The Irish Memorial.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
16 resolution will be placed on today's
17 Final Passage Calendar.

18 The Chair recognizes
19 Councilwoman Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO:
21 Mr. President, I have no bills or
22 resolutions today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you, Councilwoman.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Johnson.

3 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
4 Mr. President. I have one bill and one
5 non-privileged resolution and would like
6 to be acknowledged for comments on my
7 bill.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Thank you.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate
13 Taxes," by providing for hardship
14 deferrals for taxpayers experiencing
15 extraordinary increases in their real
16 estate taxes.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you. That bill will be referred to
19 the appropriate committee.

20 Councilman, we'll read the
21 other resolution, then I'll recognize
22 you.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a
24 non-privileged resolution authorizing the
25 Commissioner of Public Property to

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2 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
3 Redevelopment Authority, without
4 consideration, deeds conveying
5 conditional fee simple title to certain
6 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
7 the buildings and improvements thereon,
8 situate in the Second and Thirty-Sixth
9 Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
11 resolution will be on next week's Final
12 Passage Calendar.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Johnson.

15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
16 Mr. President.

17 Mr. President, the bill that I
18 just introduced addresses the issue of
19 AVI as we go to full actual value as we
20 do the new property assessments, which
21 recently the process has just started,
22 and in certain parts of my district which
23 are facing extraordinary increases in
24 their real estate taxes, specifically
25 Graduate Hospital, parts of Point Breeze,

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2 residents will see their assessments jump
3 by 500, 600, 700 and well over 1,000
4 percent. They will likely see their tax
5 bills that are two, three, four, five, in
6 some cases ten times more than what their
7 last bill was.

8 Should under-assessed
9 properties pay their fair share?
10 Absolutely. But we have to be realistic.
11 These residents didn't create this
12 system. We should recognize that some
13 folks simply cannot afford such a drastic
14 increase all at once.

15 The bill I introduced today
16 establishes a hardship deferment, which
17 will allow those most affected taxpayers
18 to enter into an arrangement with the
19 City so that they can stay in their homes
20 and avoid becoming tax delinquent.

21 Taxpayers who see their bills
22 increase two and a half times will have
23 the option to defer any amount over two
24 and a half times their previous bill
25 until they can afford the payments or

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2 until their property changes hands.

3 I am open to discussion about

4 tweaking some of the specific variables

5 in the bill, but I remain committed to

6 protect residents who cannot afford

7 drastic increases in their tax bills.

8 Without protective measures, AVI could

9 force honest tax-paying residents out of

10 their homes.

11 It is also crucial that we

12 confirm the accuracy of the new

13 assessments so that we know we have a

14 fair process. I have received dozens of

15 calls, I have received dozens of calls

16 from alarmed residents who believe their

17 assessments are drastically off.

18 Before committing to AVI, we

19 need to fully vent these new assessments.

20 In the meantime, it is necessary to start

21 the conversation regarding how we protect

22 vulnerable residents who will not qualify

23 for gentrification relief and who will

24 not meaningfully benefit from the

25 homestead exemption.

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2 Thank you, Mr. President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilman.

5 The Chair recognizes

6 Councilwoman Sanchez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
8 you, Mr. President. I have one
9 non-privileged resolution.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you, Councilwoman.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged
13 resolution authorizing the Commissioner
14 of Public Property to execute and deliver
15 to the Philadelphia Redevelopment
16 Authority, without consideration, deeds
17 conveying conditional fee simple title to
18 certain City-owned lots or pieces of
19 ground with the buildings and
20 improvements thereon, situate in the
21 Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards of the
22 City of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
24 resolution will be placed on next week's
25 Final Passage Calendar.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Green.

4 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
5 Mr. President. I introduce one bill with
6 Councilmember Goode.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you, Councilman.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 amending Section 2-305 of The
11 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Office of
12 Property Assessment; Chief Assessment
13 Officer; Powers and Duties," by providing
14 for standards for tax exemptions and for
15 documenting requirements, all under
16 certain terms and conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
18 bill will be referred to the appropriate
19 committee.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 O'Brien.

22 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. I have no bills or
24 resolutions today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Goode.

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
6 Mr. President. I offer no bills or
7 resolutions today.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Thank you, Councilman.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. I offer one resolution
14 this morning.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged
18 resolution supporting House Bill 548,
19 known as the Voter Freedom and Integrity
20 Act, which would allow early voting in
21 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Councilwoman, do you want that on today's
24 Calendar?

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes,

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2 Mr. President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
4 right. Ask for a suspension of the
5 rules.

6 COUNCILWOMAN Brown: I,
7 therefore, ask for a suspension of the
8 rules.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
11 been moved and properly seconded.

12 All those in favor?

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 ayes have it. That resolution will be
19 placed on today's Final Passage Calendar.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. Two privileged
24 resolutions, one co-sponsored by
25 Councilwoman Bass, the other co-sponsored

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2 by Bass, Johnson, and Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilman.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
6 resolution honoring and celebrating the
7 Police Athletic League for their tireless
8 efforts to provide athletic, educational,
9 and special events and activities to all
10 Philadelphia Youth, with a special
11 emphasis on youth residing in
12 disadvantaged areas of the City, on the
13 occasion of their 40th Anniversary.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
15 resolution will be placed on today's
16 Final Passage Calendar.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
18 resolution honoring and celebrating
19 Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen
20 Kane on the occasion of being elected as
21 Pennsylvania's first female Attorney
22 General and for her tireless efforts and
23 contributions toward protecting and
24 defending Pennsylvania's most vulnerable
25 citizens by closing the Florida loophole

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2 regarding its Concealed Weapon or Firearm
3 License.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
5 resolution will also be placed on today's
6 Final Passage Calendar.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. I have no bills or
11 resolutions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you, Councilman.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Squilla.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
17 Mr. President. I have no bills or
18 resolutions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you, Councilman.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Bass.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
24 Mr. President. I have one bill.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Chapter 12-3000 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use Of An
6 Automated Red Light Enforcement System To
7 Prevent Red Light Violations," by
8 authorizing the installation of a red
9 light enforcement system at the
10 intersection of Stenton Avenue and Ogontz
11 Avenue.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you. That bill will be referred to
14 the appropriate committee.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Oh.

17 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I offer one privileged
19 resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
23 resolution recognizing and honoring
24 School Police Sergeant Tyisha Godwin for
25 her devotion to duty by keeping students

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2 safe and school grounds secure while
3 assigned to South Philadelphia High
4 School.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
6 resolution will be placed on today's
7 Final Passage Calendar.

8 That concludes our introduction
9 of bills and resolutions. The next order
10 of business is reports from committee.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Greenlee for a report from the Committee
13 on Rules.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
15 you, Mr. President. The Committee on
16 Rules reports one bill with a favorable
17 recommendation.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you.

20 Mr. Decker, please read the
21 report.

22 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
23 and members of the Council of the City of
24 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to
25 which was referred Bill No. 130007,

1 2/20/13 - STATED - REPORTS
2 entitled "An ordinance to amend the
3 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
4 zoning designations of certain areas of
5 land located within an area bounded by
6 the Philadelphia County Border, the
7 Delaware Expressway, 86th Street, Bartram
8 Avenue, 84th Street, Mario Lanza
9 Boulevard, Island Avenue, Penrose Avenue,
10 the Delaware Expressway, the Schuylkill
11 River and the Delaware River,"
12 respectfully reports it has considered
13 the same and returns the attached bill to
14 Council with a favorable recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you.

17 The Chair again recognizes
18 Councilman Greenlee.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
20 you, Mr. President. I move that the
21 rules of Council be suspended so as to
22 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
23 130007.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It

1 2/20/13 - STATED - REPORTS

2 has been moved and properly seconded that
3 the rules of Council be suspended this
4 day as to permit first reading of Bill
5 No. 130007.

6 All those in favor say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 ayes have it. This will be placed on our
13 First Reading Calendar today.

14 The Chair now recognizes
15 Councilman Goode for a report from the
16 Committee on Commerce and Economic
17 Development.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
19 Mr. President. The Committee on Commerce
20 and Economic Development reports two
21 bills with a favorable recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you, sir.

24 Thank you, Mr. Decker. Will
25 you please read the report.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
3 Commerce and Economic Development, to
4 which was referred Bill No. 121040,
5 entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter
6 17-1300 of The Philadelphia Code,
7 entitled 'Philadelphia 21st Century
8 Minimum Wage and Benefits Standard,' by
9 revising the definition of the employers
10 required to comply with the minimum
11 compensation standards established by
12 this Chapter"; and

13 Bill No. 130012, entitled "An
14 ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Business
16 Income and Receipts Taxes,' by revising
17 the number of businesses that may obtain
18 a credit against business income and
19 receipts taxes upon contributing to
20 certain community development
21 corporations or non-profit intermediaries
22 engaged in neighborhood economic
23 development activities within the City of
24 Philadelphia," respectfully reports it
25 has considered the same and returns the

1 2/20/13 - STATED - REPORTS

2 attached bills to Council with a
3 favorable recommendation.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Mr. Decker.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Goode.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. I move the rules of
10 Council be suspended so as to permit
11 first reading this day of Bills No.
12 121040 and 130012.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
15 has been moved and properly seconded that
16 the rules of Council be suspended this
17 day as to permit first reading of Bills
18 No. 121040 and 130012.

19 All those in favor say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 ayes have it. These bills will be placed

1 2/20/13 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING

2 on our First Reading Calendar today.

3 That concludes our reports from
4 committee.

5 At this time, we have the
6 consideration of the Calendar. I note
7 that the bills just reported from
8 committee will have been deemed to have
9 had a first reading. These bills will be
10 placed on our Second and Final Reading
11 Calendar next week.

12 At this time, the Chair would
13 like to -- I'm sorry. The bill will be
14 placed on the Second Reading and Final
15 Passage Calendar for our next session of
16 Council.

17 At this time, we would now
18 recognize Councilman Jones for the
19 purpose of calling up resolutions and
20 bills on the Second Reading and Final
21 Passage Calendar.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. The following resolutions
24 and bills are being called up for Second
25 Reading and Final Passage Calendar today:

1 2/20/13 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 Nos. 130110, 130114, 120960, and 121002.

3 All other resolutions and bills are being
4 held.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you.

7 Before considering these bills,
8 we will have public comment -- before
9 considering these bills and resolutions,
10 we will have public comment. Public
11 comment will read as follows:

12 There will be a podium in the
13 middle of the floor. You will be given
14 three minutes to speak. We have given
15 you three minutes because we want to
16 ensure that people have ample opportunity
17 to speak on the bills and resolutions.

18 The bills and resolutions that
19 you speak must be on the Final Passage
20 Calendar for today's agenda.

21 Mr. Decker, please read the
22 name of the first individual who wishes
23 to testify.

24 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
25 speakers on the public comment list,

1 2/20/13 - STATED - ADDT'L BILL ON 1ST READING

2 Mr. President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Quite interesting. Thank you, sir.

5 Thank you. Before we proceed
6 with the Calendar, we have a little bit
7 of housing. Mr. Decker, I understand we
8 had an additional bill on the First
9 Reading Calendar today.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 120143,
11 entitled "An ordinance amending Title 21
12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
13 'Miscellaneous,' by requiring the Finance
14 Director to submit to Council, with the
15 Mayor's proposed annual operating budget,
16 an information technology strategic plan,
17 following procedures to be adopted by the
18 Managing Director."

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you. Let the record reflect that
21 is on the First Reading Calendar for
22 today.

23 At this time, we will now call
24 up bills and resolutions on the Final
25 Passage Calendar. Mr. Decker, would you

1 2/20/13 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 please read the title of 130110.

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

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Mr. President. I move for the
17 adoption.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
20 has been moved and properly seconded.

21 All those in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 2/20/13 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it. 130110 has been adopted.

4 Mr. Decker, please read the
5 title of 130114.

6 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 amending Resolution 120538, approving the
8 annual Program Statement and Budget for
9 the expenditure of the Neighborhood
10 Transformation Initiative Bond Proceeds
11 for Fiscal Year 2013.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Johnson.

16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I move for
17 the adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
20 been moved and properly seconded.

21 All those in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 2/20/13 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it. Resolution 130114 has been
4 adopted.

5 We now call up Bill No. 120960,
6 Mr. Decker.

7 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
8 amending Chapter 21-1700 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Publication
10 of Notices by City," by revising
11 provisions concerning how and when
12 certain required notices shall be
13 published and advertised.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you.

16 This bill having been read on
17 two separate days, the question is shall
18 the bill pass finally.

19 Mr. Decker, please call the
20 roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Bass.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: 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 Henon.

11 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 Johnson.

14 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 O'Brien.

22 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

3 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Quinones-Sanchez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Reynolds Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Squilla.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Tasco.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

17 Clarke.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

19 The ayes are 17; the nays are

20 zero. The bill passes.

21 Mr. Decker, 121002.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

23 amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia

24 Code, entitled "Regulation of Individual

25 Conduct and Activity," to provide for the

1 2/20/13 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 licensing of certain horses, to provide
3 for requirements with respect to keeping
4 certain horses, and to further provide
5 for penalties and enforcement.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
7 bill having been read on two separate
8 days, the question is shall the bill pass
9 finally.

10 Mr. Decker, please call the
11 roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Bass.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: 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 Henon.

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2 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 Johnson.

5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

9 Kenney.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

12 O'Brien.

13 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 O'Neill.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

18 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Quinones-Sanchez.

21 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Reynolds Brown.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Squilla.

3 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Tasco.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Clarke.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

10 The ayes are 17; the nays are
11 zero.

12 Mr. Decker, do you have any
13 additional resolutions?

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 honoring the rich life and loving memory
16 of Philip E. "Knut" Bonner, introduced
17 by Councilman Kenney.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
21 adoption of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
24 been moved and properly seconded.

25 All those in favor?

1 2/20/13 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 eyes have it. The resolution is adopted.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 honoring the proud history and one
10 hundred year anniversary of the 1913
11 founding of the freedom fighting civilian
12 militia, known as the "Irish Volunteers,"
13 introduced by Councilman Kenney.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 Chair again recognizes Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
17 adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
20 been moved and properly seconded.

21 All those in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
5 honoring the 10th Anniversary of The
6 Irish Memorial, introduced by Councilman
7 Henon.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman Henon.

10 COUNCILMAN HENON: I move for
11 the adoption of the resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
14 been moved and properly seconded.

15 All those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it. That resolution is also
22 adopted.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 supporting House Bill 548, known as the
25 Voter Freedom and Integrity Act, which

1 2/20/13 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 would allow early voting in the
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, introduced
4 by Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
13 has been moved and properly seconded.

14 All those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 eyes have it. That resolution is
21 adopted.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 honoring and celebrating the Police
24 Athletic League for their tireless
25 efforts to provide athletic, educational,

1 2/20/13 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 and special events and activities to all
3 Philadelphia Youth, with a special
4 emphasis on youth residing in
5 disadvantaged areas of the City, on the
6 occasion of their 40th Anniversary,
7 introduced by Councilman Jones.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
11 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
14 has been moved and properly seconded.

15 All those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 eyes have it. That resolution is
22 adopted.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 honoring and celebrating Pennsylvania
25 Attorney General Kathleen Kane on the

1 2/20/13 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 occasion of being elected as
3 Pennsylvania's first female Attorney
4 General and for her tireless efforts and
5 contributions toward protecting and
6 defending Pennsylvania's most vulnerable
7 citizens by closing the Florida loophole
8 regarding its Concealed Weapon or Firearm
9 License, introduced by Councilman Jones.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for
13 the adoption.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
16 been moved and properly seconded.

17 All those in favor?

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 eyes have it. That resolution is
24 adopted.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

1 2/20/13 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 recognizing and honoring School Police
3 Sergeant Tyisha Godwin for her devotion
4 to duty by keeping students safe and
5 school grounds secure while assigned to
6 South Philadelphia High School,
7 introduced by Councilman Oh.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

10 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
11 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
12 of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
15 has been moved and properly seconded.

16 All those in favor?

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Oh,
19 wow. All those in favor?

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 ayes have it. That resolution is

1 2/20/13 - STATED - SPEECHES

2 adopted.

3 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
4 other resolutions on the Final Passage
5 Calendar, Mr. President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you so much. That concludes our
8 Calendar.

9 Are there any speeches on the
10 part of the minority?

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Oh.

13 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very
14 much, Mr. President. I just wanted to
15 invite the public to attend the committee
16 hearing for workforce development for the
17 21st century. That will be this coming
18 Monday, February 25th at M.A.S.T. Charter
19 School, 1800 Byberry Road, from 10
20 o'clock a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

21 We do, as we would like the
22 public to know, try to get out into
23 various sections of Philadelphia to bring
24 government to our local communities.
25 This issue is important to everyone, of

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2 course, here in City Council, as this
3 Council has made extensive efforts to
4 create new jobs and new opportunities and
5 address the need for our economy to be
6 competitive on a global basis. So
7 certainly anyone interested, please come.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you so much, Councilman.

10 Any -- I'm sorry. The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman O'Brien.

12 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. Yesterday Philadelphia
14 lost Assistant District Attorney Rachel
15 Steamer from the Public Nuisance Task
16 Force Unit. Rachel was a true warrior
17 who fought a valiant battle with grace
18 and dignity against a terrible illness.

19 Rachel graduated from the
20 University of Miami with a degree in
21 English and attended Cardozo School of
22 Law, where she graduated in the top third
23 of her class. While there, she was the
24 editor of the Cardozo Women's Law
25 Journal.

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2 Prior to coming to the District
3 Attorney's Office, she worked for a civil
4 firm in Margate, New Jersey where she
5 represented more than 160 victims of
6 clergy sexual abuse in jurisdictions
7 throughout the country. Rachel joined
8 the District Attorney's Office in 2008.
9 While in PNTF, Rachel handled numerous
10 forfeiture cases, primarily in the 2nd,
11 22nd, and 39th Districts. She handled
12 all of her cases, whether they resulted
13 in a forfeiture or a settlement
14 agreement, with an eye to improving
15 things for law-abiding citizens whose
16 neighborhoods were being ravaged and
17 ruined by the narcotics trade. She truly
18 demonstrated the best qualities of a
19 public servant.

20 Rachel is survived by her
21 parents, her sister, her husband, her
22 beloved Boston Terrier, Lola.

23 Please keep her family and the
24 entire DA's Office family in your
25 thoughts and prayers.

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2 Thank you, Mr. President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilman.

5 Any speeches on the part of the
6 majority?

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Mr. President. I rise on two
11 issues. Today at 2 o'clock in the Caucus
12 Room, there will be a briefing with
13 Ms. Kelly B. Hodge, the Safe Schools
14 Advocate of the Commonwealth of
15 Pennsylvania's Commission on Crime and
16 Delinquency for the School District of
17 Philadelphia. Ms. Hodge will present
18 recently leased data concerning school
19 incidents and school safety.

20 In addition, in light of recent
21 events, she will also discuss the
22 District's policies and protocols for
23 student early dismissals and student
24 visitors. So I hope all who can will be
25 present.

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2 The second thing I wanted to
3 mention was an article that appeared in
4 the paper with regard to a state
5 representative being snubbed for
6 violating a dress code. As you know,
7 Mr. President, we formed the Mayor's
8 Commission on African and Caribbean
9 Immigrant Affairs in '05, and as you
10 know, for at least 15 to 17 years ago, we
11 formed Echoes of Africa that we deal
12 with, and many of us have large
13 constituents of Africans and Caribbeans
14 in our district, and many of us wear
15 African garb on occasion as we so choose.

16 It is so offensive for -- it
17 offends all right-thinking people
18 everywhere to have a state representative
19 not being allowed to speak, especially
20 during Black History Month, because he
21 did not have on a jacket and tie. He was
22 not allowed to speak. How dare anyone
23 offend people who live here, who choose
24 to dress any way they choose?

25 A member of my staff this

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2 evening at our program, at our show will
3 be wearing Indian garb because her
4 parents were born there.

5 How dare somebody say that an
6 elected official has to abide by some
7 dress code when it comes to honest dress,
8 when it comes to people being able to
9 wear the clothes, the garb they continue.

10 Because Representative Curtis
11 Thomas had on a kufi and because he had
12 on a dashiki, he was not allowed to
13 speak. It is the most offensive thing
14 that I can think about.

15 So I certainly will be voicing
16 my opinion in writing. I hope that many
17 of you will join me. This is the most
18 offensive thing I've heard of since I can
19 remember. In 2013, people can't wear
20 African garb, especially during Black
21 History Month? How dare they do that.
22 It's so offensive, and I have to rise and
23 think about -- I would have had something
24 prepared, but I missed the article
25 yesterday, but I sure enough caught it

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2 today.

3 Thank you very much.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilwoman.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

9 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. I know everybody has been
11 discussing the AVI, Actual Value
12 Initiative, and how we're going to
13 proceed moving forward. Several
14 Councilmembers have come up with some
15 ideas on some legislation, but the main
16 goal of the AVI was supposed to be
17 fairness and how it is fair across the
18 board, and I think we have to concentrate
19 right now solely on the assessment values
20 that are going out there and making sure
21 that we reach out to the communities and
22 the people throughout the districts to
23 really check into what their assessments
24 are. And even though it doesn't have a
25 tax value what they're going to pay on

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2 there, try to get that information and
3 see what your taxes are, because this is
4 really going to hit some folks really
5 hard, and it's up to us as Council to
6 work together to come up with solutions
7 to try to ease this in as best as
8 possible.

9 But the issues of fairness for
10 the reason of this can only work if these
11 numbers are correct, and that's something
12 I think we have to concentrate on right
13 now. And also for the people whose taxes
14 are going up dramatically, we need to
15 look at ways to doing this, as Councilman
16 Johnson's introduction today and also
17 with -- I think we need to look into a
18 phase-in of this process in order to make
19 this easier, an easier burden on some of
20 our residents.

21 So I'm willing to work with all
22 colleagues here across the board to sit
23 down and meet about this and come up with
24 some ideas that could really help the
25 City as a whole in order to make this

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2 happen, because the way it is right now
3 and some of the numbers that are out
4 there, this is not a fair system, and we
5 need to make sure it is before we move
6 forward.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you, Councilman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 O'Brien.

12 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. I would like to echo
14 Councilwoman Blackwell's sentiments. As
15 a former Speaker of the House, I would
16 have welcomed the recognition of my
17 friend Curtis Thomas on the floor of the
18 House to celebrate his heritage and his
19 culture. I remember fondly, as
20 Councilwoman Blackwell was relating that
21 story, of a former legislator in the
22 personage of David Richardson, who
23 routinely came to the floor in what we
24 would call non-traditional attire. And
25 I'm reminded by my colleague sitting next

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2 to me, Wilson Goode, that when David
3 Richardson was elected to the National
4 Black Caucus -- Organization of National
5 Black Legislators, he wore a tuxedo, and
6 he found that quite remarkable and funny.

7 But I echo in a serious way
8 Councilwoman Blackwell's remarks, and we
9 should all take this as an opportunity to
10 remember that we should all be better.

11 Thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you, Councilman.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Green.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
17 Mr. President. I just every few weeks
18 feel like I need to take the opportunity
19 to remind everyone that AVI is the law.
20 The rate in the law is about 1.38
21 percent, and we have a \$30,000 homestead
22 exemption, and it will take 12 votes to
23 change any of that.

24 Thank you, Mr. President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Squilla.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
6 and thank you, Councilman. And I agree
7 with that, and I think that's why we need
8 to work together as a unit here. And I
9 don't think 12 votes will be a problem
10 for fairness. And that to me is a
11 placeholder for what we're going to
12 introduce here during this session to
13 make sure that this is done right. This
14 homestead could absolutely change. The
15 other introduction by members can be
16 added to this. And also I think that as
17 a whole, Council has been able to work
18 very well together. Not that we agree on
19 every situation, but I think we could
20 really put our heads together to make
21 this work. So I'm willing to work with
22 you and all the members to make that
23 happen.

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Goode.

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
6 Mr. President. I want to concur with
7 Councilman Green.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
9 is clear evidence that we will be working
10 together.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Oh.

13 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very
14 much, Mr. President. I am very
15 encouraged that we will work together and
16 remind the public how well we worked
17 together last year, that when we were
18 faced with great uncertainties, great
19 difficulties, that under your leadership,
20 Mr. President, we came together as a
21 body, came up with an alternative that
22 worked and were able to postpone, thanks
23 to Councilman Squilla's introduction of
24 the bill, the implementation when we
25 didn't know what was going to happen.

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2 And so I'd like to remind the public that
3 at a portion of the public that is very
4 discouraged at this point in time, that
5 overall AVI is what this city needed. It
6 had to be done. It was required. We did
7 do it. We didn't kick the can down the
8 road.

9 There's more work to be done,
10 but certainly this body stepped up last
11 year, didn't avoid the difficult
12 decisions, came forward with what I think
13 most people will say was a very good
14 effort in making sure that there was
15 fairness. There has to be more fairness,
16 but certainly I think we're all up for
17 the task.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you, Councilman.

20 That concludes the conversation
21 with Council. We will now -- Councilman
22 Henon, did you want to give a quick
23 reminder?

24 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
25 Council President. I wasn't going to do

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2 this, because it's out there and a lot of
3 people know, but it's for a very worthy
4 cause. And I'd like to remind this body
5 that under the leadership of Council
6 President, we came together last year to
7 raise some money for a worthy
8 organization, one of the largest in the
9 area, to help provide food and services
10 for not just Philadelphia but the
11 immediate area, Philabundance. So with
12 the new energy and -- well, with the
13 energy and leadership of Council, I think
14 we do a lot of things at once, and talent
15 I'm not sure is one of it, but we have a
16 talent show that is this evening that is
17 going to be taking place this evening at
18 the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts,
19 PAFA better known as, from 6:00 to 9:00,
20 raising dollars to supplement the
21 shortfall of monies that are coming
22 through a lot of the non-profit
23 organizations and the City. So the money
24 raised here tonight will help supplement
25 some well-needed programs or a specific

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2 program that's taken a major hit. So
3 through the efforts of all my colleagues,
4 which I want to thank them and thank them
5 and thank them and thank them for putting
6 themselves out there, as we all are.

7 So tonight Council will either
8 have talent or they will not have talent,
9 but we will raise money for
10 Philabundance, and I appreciate
11 everybody's support.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you so much, Councilman.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown for a
18 motion to adjourn.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I will,
20 Mr. President. I will honor the formal
21 adjournment proceedings, but I did have
22 remarks here as well around AVI, one of
23 the two issues that are facing us this
24 session, and they go clearly to
25 Councilman David Oh's comments.

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2 Last year, yes, the good news
3 is that last year we were very
4 deliberative. We slow-walked this entire
5 debate, discussion, conversation around
6 AVI, and we ended up in a good place.

7 So we're not unprepared for
8 what is before us. It is absolutely sure
9 that we should honor and consider a
10 number of measures that have been
11 introduced by Councilmembers, including
12 those introduced by Councilman Johnson
13 and others. And the operative word is
14 "fairness." The operative word is
15 "fairness." There's greater
16 transparency, so that next year we're not
17 having the same conversation about this
18 new law called AVI.

19 With that said, my announcement
20 is to remind Councilmembers that we're
21 having our first task force hearing on
22 human trafficking, which we know affects
23 mostly women and children. This is Step
24 2 as a followup to a hearing we had some
25 weeks ago. So that will take place

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2 immediately following City Council.

3 And now to my formal duty. I
4 move that Council stand adjourned until
5 Thursday, February 28th, 2013 at 10:00
6 a.m.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
9 has been moved and properly seconded that
10 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
11 February 28th.

12 All those in favor?

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 ayes have it. Council is adjourned.

19 Thank you very much.

20 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
21 12:15 p.m.)

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