COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 14, 2013
10:40 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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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning, everyone.

(Good morning.)

(Audience member yelling, "Good Morning, Darrell Clarke.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, sir.

I note that the hour has come. It appears we have established a quorum. I'd ask all guests and visitors to please take their seat and the members to also take their seat and anyone else on the floor to please retire behind the rail. Thank you so much.

To give our invocation this morning, the Chair is happy to recognize the Reverend Dr. Alyn E. Waller, Senior Pastor of Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church. He is here today as the guest of Councilman Oh.

I would ask all members and guests to please rise.

(Members and guests rise.)

REVEREND WALLER: Let's bow our

heads.

God, I thank you for this moment as the leaders of our city come together to deliberate and consider what is best for your people and what is your will.

As those we have elected begin to discuss, I pray for Dennis O'Brien, Wilson Goode, Jr., Blondell Reynolds Brown, Curtis Jones, Jr., Brian O'Neill, Mark Squilla, Cindy Bass, David Oh, Bill Green, Maria Sanchez, Kenyatta Johnson, Marian Tasco, Bobby Henon, William Greenlee, Jannie Blackwell, James Kenney, our President Darrell Clarke, our Mayor Michael Nutter. I pray for all those who gather in this moment.

Lord, your word says that the heart of the king is in the hand of the Lord, and I pray, oh God, that you would hold the hearts of these, your leaders; that ultimately that workers would be paid their worth; that children would be prioritized; that the poor would be

considered; and that the welfare of we, the people, would rise above all other agenda and all other political considerations. And I pray, God, that justice would roll down so that ultimately we will live out the name of our city: Philadelphia, a place of love; Philadelphia, a place of peace; Philadelphia, the cradle of liberty.

I thank you for this moment, oh God, and I thank you that your will will be done in this place. Frustrate anything that is not of your will so that ultimately your will would be done.

I ask this in the name that is above every name, a name that at one day every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess, in the name of Jesus, the Christ, my Lord. Let every heart say amen.

(Amen.)

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Pastor, thank you so much for those

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inspiring words.

Council will be at ease.

(Council at ease.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you so much, Pastor. Thank you so much.

The next order of business is the approval of the Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March 7th, 2013.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March 7th, 2013 be approved.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It has been moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March 7th, 2013 stand approved.

All those in favor please say so by saying aye.

(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The ayes have it. The Journal is approved.

The next order of business is request for leave of absence.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you, Mr. President. On behalf of the democrats, there are no requests for leaves of absence today.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you, Mr. President. On behalf of the republicans, there are no requests for leave of absence.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you so much.

At this time, I would like to dispense with the regular order of

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business to welcome all our guests here today. Give yourselves a hand.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: In some corners, that is called playing to the crowd.

But, again, folks, thank you so much for being here. I was glad to see our municipal unions here. I want to thank you guys for the great work that you all do.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And all of our other labor leaders, thank you for coming down today. We hope that your day is a pleasurable one.

And I recognize that we have a number of elected officials here today. I don't have a script to determine who, but you know where you are and you know who you are. I want to thank you all so much for being here and other important guests and visitors. Thank you again for coming to Council session today.

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(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The next order of business is communications. The Chair requests that the Sergeant-of-Arms deliver the messages from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

(Audience members booing.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Mr. Decker, please read the messages.

CHIEF CLERK: To the President and members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that on March 12, 2013, I signed all of the bills that were passed by Council at its session on February 28, 2013; and

I am transmitting herewith for the introduction and consideration of your honorable body eight resolutions appointing new members to the Board of Directors of the Old City Special Services District; namely, Jafar Maleki, Reginald Cummings, Robert Dingman, Nick Gregory, Avram Hornik, Joseph Ritchie, Luca Sena, and Sonia Silverstein; and

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Also a resolution approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the West Oak Lane Redevelopment Area, identified by house number and street address as 6556 North Woodstock Street; and

A resolution providing for the approval of the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year Financial Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018; and

An ordinance authorizing the Fire Department, as the Sponsoring Agency of Pennsylvania Task Force One, of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, to enter into multi-year agreements with Participating Agencies for the purposes of developing resources for emergency preparedness; and

An ordinance authorizing the Office of the City Treasurer to enter

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into an agreement with Wells Fargo Bank for provision of payroll banking services to the City; and

An ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property of the City of Philadelphia, in cooperation with the Philadelphia Municipal Authority, to undertake a project to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Philadelphia; and

An ordinance amending Chapter 19-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds - Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by amending Section 19-201, entitled "City Depositories," by authorizing the City Treasurer to deposit funds in Bank of New York Mellon; and

An ordinance constituting the sixteenth supplemental ordinance to the Restated General Water and Wastewater Revenue Board Ordinance of 1989; and

An ordinance amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code,

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entitled "School Tax Authorization," by amending Section 19-1806, entitled "Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax," to further authorize the tax and to set the rate for such tax; and

An ordinance amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax," by revising certain tax rates; and

An ordinance amending Chapter 19-1300 and 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled, respectively, "Real Estate Taxes" and "School Tax Authorization," by establishing a tax rate for City real estate tax and authorizing and establishing a tax rate for School District real estate tax; and

An ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2014 through 2019 inclusive; and

An ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2014 Capital Budget; and

An ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014,

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all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Mr. Decker. Those messages will be printed in the Journal. Do you have any other communications?

CHIEF CLERK: I have none, Mr. President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, sir.

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

The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, sir.

The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no bills or resolutions today.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilman.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you, Mr. President. I have one resolution to be referred to committee co-introduced by you, Council President, and myself.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilman.

Mr. Decker, please read the resolution.

CHIEF CLERK: A privileged resolution calling for the City Council Committee on Public Property to hold hearings exploring the economic benefits of the City selling or more fully

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capitalizing certain municipal assets including selling surplus property and aggressively capitalizing revenue-generating facilities.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you. That resolution will be placed on today's Final Passage Calendar.

The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilwoman.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Mr. President, I have no bills or resolutions today.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilman.

The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: No bills

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or resolutions today. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

Thank you, Councilwoman.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you, Mr. President. No bills or resolutions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

Thank you, Councilman.

The Chair now recognizes Councilman O'Brien.

COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: I have no bills or resolutions, Mr. President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

Thank you.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Mr. President. No bills or resolutions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

Thank you, Councilman.

The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good

morning, Mr. President. I offer one bill and one resolution and I wish to speak on the resolution, Mr. President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter 17-500, entitled "Goals For The Participation of Minority, Female And Disabled Owned Businesses In City Contracts," by requiring contractors seeking to do business with the City to disclose the number of women serving in executive positions and serving on their executive and full boards.

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

CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged resolution Recognizing and Congratulating the 2013 Next Generation of Leaders: Rising Stars.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Councilwoman, would you like to speak now or before the vote?

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COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: The vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The Chair recognizes Councilwoman.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for the adoption.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: No, no. Did you want to speak on that now?

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, on that particular resolution.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: At this time?

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I want to speak on when we call for a vote on the bill -- on the resolution I wish to have voted on today.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Okay. You want to speak later, all right. Thank you.

That resolution will be placed on today's Final Passage Calendar.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you, Mr. President. I have seven bills and

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two resolutions, one co-sponsored by Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2014 through 2019 inclusive.

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

CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2014 Capital Budget.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That bill will also be referred to committee.

CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That bill will be referred to committee.

CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance amending Chapters 19-1300 and 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled, respectively, "Real Estate Taxes" and "School Tax Authorization," by

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establishing a tax rate for City real estate tax and authorizing and establishing a tax rate for School District real estate tax.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That bill will also be referred to the appropriate committee.

CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax Authorization," by amending Section 19-1806, entitled "Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax," to further authorize the tax and to set the rate for such tax.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That bill will be referred to committee.

CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net Profits Tax," by revising certain tax rates.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That bill will be referred to committee.

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CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance authorizing the Fire Department, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, as the Sponsoring Agency of Pennsylvania Task Force One of the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System, to enter into multi-year agreements with Participating Agencies for the purposes of developing resources for emergency preparedness.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That bill will be referred to committee.

CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged resolution honoring and recognizing Philadelphia's self-made Light Heavyweight Boxing Champion Bernard Hopkins, also known as "The Executioner."

(Applause.)

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

CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged resolution honoring and celebrating Malik Bishop, Faith Fenton, Aderinsola Solebo,

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Maisie Brolly, Jenna Cox, and Stephanie Pleasant of Greenwoods Charter School for winning Honorable Mention in the Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision contest for their entries entitled "Injection of Carbon Nanotubes to Heal Bone Fractures" and "The Peechy Toothbrush."

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

CHIEF CLERK: And a non-privileged resolution providing for the approval of the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year Financial Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2014 through 2018.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That resolution will be referred to committee.

The Chair now recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

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

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilman.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you, Mr. President. I have eight non-privileged resolutions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, sir.

CHIEF CLERK: A resolution appointing Reginald Cummings to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District; and

A resolution appointing Jafar Maleki to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District; and

A resolution appointing Robert Dingman to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District; and

A resolution appointing Nick Gregory to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District; and

A resolution appointing Avram Hornik to the Board of Directors for the

Old City Special Services District; and

A resolution appointing Sonia Silverstein to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District; and

A resolution appointing Joseph Ritchie to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District; and

A resolution appointing Luca Sena to the Board of Directors for the Old City Special Services District.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The eight resolutions just read shall be referred to committee.

The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you, Mr. President. I have one non-privileged resolution.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilwoman.

CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged resolution approving the redevelopment contract of the Philadelphia

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Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the West Oak Lane Redevelopment Area, identified by house number and street address as 6556 North Woodstock Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you. That resolution will be placed on next week's Final Passage Calendar.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you, Mr. President. I have one bill.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilman.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance authorizing and directing the use of Fiscal Year 2013 General Fund positive fund balance to increase an appropriation for the Fire Department for the undisputed $66,000,000 of the Fire Fighters' contract.

(Applause.)

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

Thank you very much, sir.

Before we move on to our next order of business, I would like to take a moment to recognize my friend and former mentor, former Mayor Street.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you for being here today, sir.

The next order of business is reports from committees.

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

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee on Rules reports three bills with a favorable recommendation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

Mr. Decker, please read the report.

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CHIEF CLERK: To the President and members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules, to which was referred Bill No. 120821, entitled "An ordinance continuing the Roxborough district, a neighborhood improvement district, beyond its termination date in an area that generally includes both sides of Ridge Avenue from Main Street to 7220 Ridge Avenue and certain blocks of streets that intersect that portion of Ridge Avenue; continuing the designation of the Roxborough Development Corporation, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation, as the Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association for the District"; and

Bill No. 130060, entitled "An ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Belmont Avenue, Monument Avenue, Ford Road, and

Edgley Avenue (extended)"; and

Bill No. 130080, entitled "An ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Mifflin Street, Broad Street, McKean Street and 15th Street," respectfully reports it has considered the same and returns the attached bills to Council with a favorable recommendation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

The Chair again recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the rules of Council be suspended so as to permit first reading this day of Bill Nos. 120821, 130060, and 130080.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you very much. It has been moved and properly seconded that the rules of

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Council be suspended so as to permit first reading this day of Bills No. 120821, 130060, and 130080.

All those in favor please say aye.

(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The ayes have it, and these bills will be placed on our First Reading Calendar today.

The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman Bass for a report from the Committee of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs reports three bills with a favorable recommendation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

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Mr. Decker, would you please read the report.

CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, to which was referred Bill No. 120827, entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter 15-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Parks and Playgrounds,' by providing for an annual report containing details of any and all reported violations of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and violations of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Unconsolidated Statutes, Section 780-113, which take place on the grounds of any Park or Playground"; and

Bill No. 120828, entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter 15-700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Recreation Centers,' by providing for an annual report containing details of any and all reported violations of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and violations of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Unconsolidated Statutes,

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Section 780-113, which take place on the ground of any Recreation Center"; and

Bill No. 130065, entitled "An ordinance amending Title 16 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Public Property,' by providing for a prohibition on firearms and deadly weapons in or around City-owned or City-occupied facilities," respectfully reports it has considered the same and returns the attached bills to Council with a favorable recommendation.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

The Chair again recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the rules of Council be suspended so as to permit first reading this day of Bills No. 120827, 120828, and 130065.

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It has been moved and properly seconded that

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the rules of Council be suspended so as to permit first reading this day of Bills No. 120827, 120828, and 130065.

All those in favor say aye.

(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The ayes have it. Those bills will be placed on our First Reading Calendar today.

The next order of business is consideration of the Calendar. I note that the bills just reported from committee will be deemed to have had a first reading and will be placed on our First Reading today for the next session of Council.

As there are no additional bills on the First Reading Calendar, the Chair recognizes Councilman Jones for the purpose of calling up resolutions and bills on today's Final Passage.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

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Mr. President. The following resolutions and bills are being called up for Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars today: Nos. 120187, 130168, 130169, 130170, 130172, 130340-AAA, 120823-A, 120917-AA, 130011, 120961, 130003, 130017, 130018, 130019, 130020, 130021, 130022, and 130004. All other resolutions and bills are being held.

All right. We are holding 120823-A and 120340-AAA.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilman.

The next order of business is public comment. Before considering these bills and resolutions, I would like to at this time explain the rules relating to public comment.

There will be a device in the middle of the room very shortly at the podium. That device when it turns green, you will be given three minutes to speak. We hold it to three minutes because we want to ensure that everyone has an

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opportunity to speak on these very important measures.

When the light turns yellow, it means that there are 30 seconds before you must conclude your remarks, and when it turns red, we ask that you please adhere to the rules and conclude your remarks. And we thank you for your cooperation.

At this time, I'd ask Mr. Decker to please call the name of the first individual who will testify on bills and resolutions that are only on the Final Passage today.

CHIEF CLERK: Myles Gordon, commenting on 130004.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Myles Gordon.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Rob Wonderling, commenting on 130004.

(Witness approached podium.)

MR. WONDERLING: Thank you. My name is Rob Wonderling. Again, thank

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you, Council President Clarke. We appreciate the opportunity to address you today.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning, sir.

MR. WONDERLING: Again, thank you, Council President Clarke and members of Council. We appreciate the opportunity to address this bill before you today. First, we want to thank you, Council President, for the strong working relationship we have with you and individual members of this legislative body.

We also want to applaud the prime sponsor of this bill for his well-intentioned and productive dialogue with us. In fact, we are pleased to support the prime sponsor on a bill recently signed by the Mayor to improve the fiscal health of this city. But we stand here today on behalf of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and countless small businesses in this city

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and ask for a no vote on this legislation. We ask for this no vote for one simple reason: This bill, as proposed, will not create one new job for a citizen of this city.

Thank you, Council President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you for your testimony.

CHIEF CLERK: Michael Harris.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Michael Harris.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Joe Jowett.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Joe Jowett.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Steve Bradley.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Steve Bradley.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Vincent Fragle.

(Applause.)

CHIEF CLERK: Commenting on 130004.

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(Witness approached podium.)

MR. FRAGLE: Good morning.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning, sir.

MR. FRAGLE: City Council, my name is Vince Fragle. I'm Business Agent for District Council 33, Local 1927, and I'm here today to tell you that every City worker and any worker that works in the City deserves to have sick days.

But I'm a little mixed up. You're here to pass a bill to give private-sector sick days and you're not fighting for us. The Mayor right now is trying to push through a contract that says that when one of my members is out with a stomach virus on Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Friday night when it snows 12 inches of snow, they got to come in as essential workers on Saturday and Sunday and not get paid overtime because they were out sick during the week.

(Applause.)

MR. FRAGLE: Now, I want to

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know -- you know what's going on. The 17 people in City Council know what's going on. Now, I'm asking you to pass this bill today because the private sector needs it, but I'm asking you to get your head out of the sand and take care of District Council 33's people.

(Applause.)

MR. FRAGLE: That's what needs to be done today. I'm telling you, City Council, don't do anything else. Get this Mayor to get to the table and give us a contract.

(Applause.)

MR. FRAGLE: You know the story. My friend Pete Matthews has been here telling it 500 times to this city. You know the story. We save the City money. I look out this damn window, I see where the Mayor wasted $2 billion --

(Applause.)

MR. FRAGLE: -- on capital funding projects that we didn't need. He closed five ice skating rinks and built

one for $60 million. Did any of you guys buy a pair of ice skates yet? I know you're going to be skating on it.

What are you's going to do? Are you going to get your head out of the sand and help us or are you just going to smile and shake our hand and give us the bullshit you've been doing?

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you for your testimony, sir.

Mr. Decker, please call the next name.

CHIEF CLERK: Chloe Bruten.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Chloe Bruten, commenting on 130004.

(Applause.)

MS. BRUTEN: Good morning.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning.

MS. BRUTEN: My name is Chloe Bruten. I am 21 years old and have worked in the restaurant industry for

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four years. I'm here today with the Restaurant Opportunities Center to speak in favor of earned sick days.

My mother, a single parent of two children, has worked in the restaurant industry for 23 years and has never had a paid sick day. As a child of a career worker, when my mother was sick and could not take a day off to take care of me because she did not have a sick day. One time I was so sick, my friend had to come and check on me and make sure I was okay, because we could not afford to have my mother stay home.

My mother loved me and wanted to be able to take care of me when I was sick, but did not have that option. I wish she did.

All workers deserve to stay home when they are sick or have to take care of a sick child. I know what it is like to have a mother without having earned sick days, and I know many people in this room, including Councilwoman

Bass, know what it is like as well. That is why I'm so glad she is a co-sponsor and a supporter of this bill.

I am not only speaking in favor of my mother, but for all mothers, especially single mothers.

Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHIEF CLERK: Darren McKoy, commenting on 130004.

(Witness approached podium.)

MR. McKOY: Good morning.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning, sir.

MR. McKOY: My name is Darren McKoy and I live in the West Philadelphia area. I am a member of 32BJ SEIU. For the last six years, I have been a cleaner for the School District. Thankfully I have earned sick days through my job and my union. I am here today speaking out for the 41 percent of Philadelphia

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workers who currently don't have earned sick days.

As a maintenance worker at Ben Franklin High School, I come into contact with a lot of kids. I know how important it is to stay healthy and take a sick day when they need to. Without sick days, I would still have to go to work. If I did not have sick days, instead of being out for a couple of days for a minor cold, I would have to let it get worse and eventually be out for a couple weeks more.

When I get sick, I take a day off, get to the doctor, get the medicine I need, and move on. That's the way it should be for everyone.

I am speaking out today not only as a 32BJ member but as a parent. I have a four-year-old daughter and a 16-year-old son who are both in school.

Passing the earned sick days bill would not only help workers but would help parents whose children come in

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contact with countless workers every day, whether it's in school, on the train or at fast food restaurants. This is a public health issue that should be a priority for every parent in the City.

I urge City Council to support the earned sick days bill, and I'd like to thank my Councilman, Curtis Jones, Jr., as well as Council Bill Greenlee for their leadership on this bill.

Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHIEF CLERK: Michael Cockrell.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Michael Cockrell.

(No response.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's here. I'll get him. He's not in here.

CHIEF CLERK: Cheryl Jackson.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Cheryl Jackson.

(No response.)

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CHIEF CLERK: Tracy Gibson.

(No response.)

CHIEF CLERK: Brother Tracy Gibson, commenting on 130004.

(Witness approached podium.)

MR. GIBSON: Yes. Good morning.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning.

MR. GIBSON: Hello, Council President. My name is Brother Tracy Gibson. I represent Brother Tracy Gibson and Associates Incorporated, which is a public relations and marketing firm, which is a new breed of company in the City and in this country that is for union rights, and we want to make sure that everybody gets paid, not just the rich. And I'm also a representative of the Black Millionaires Network.

I want to tell you that I am for sick leave, but I did not -- because of the haphazard way in which our government is run, I was not able to read

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the bill, so I could not tell you if I'm for or against the bill at this point. But I will tell you this, that we need to be more supportive of our unions. We need to make sure they get decent living wages, because people -- when families are paid properly, they are able to pay their taxes. They are able to pay for their houses. They are able to pay for their children to get through school properly. This is what we need to be doing to support our families and our -- not only black families but all families in the City.

So I am for the bill, but I don't -- I haven't read it properly because of the haphazard way in which our government is run.

That's all I have to say. Brother Tracy Gibson and Associates.

(Applause.)

CHIEF CLERK: Michael Cockrell, commenting on 130004.

(Witness approached podium.)

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MR. COCKRELL: Good morning, everybody.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning.

MR. COCKRELL: My name is Michael Cockrell. I've been a cook in the restaurant industry for 13 years. I'm here with the Restaurant Opportunities Center to speak in favor of earned sick days.

Sick days are a benefit that will have helped me many times during my career by allowing me to take care of myself and my 17-year-old son without risking my job. I took -- I'm sorry. I took -- at my last job I was slicing tomatoes and I cut myself. I was bleeding badly. I left the station, washed it out, and wrapped it up and waited about 20 minutes for the bleeding to stop. I took the wrap off and I was scared to find out that it had not stopped. It was still bleeding so bad, I couldn't even put a Band-Aid on it.

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I showed the kitchen manager, and he told me that it was too busy to let me go. If I would have left, I could have been fired. I had to keep cooking and washing dishes for three hours in that condition. Finally, after work, I went to the emergency room and got some stitches.

Another instance, last year I had to take my son to the emergency room because he had severe -- had a severe asthma attack. I called the restaurant 24 hours before my shift and told them that I couldn't make it until he got out of the hospital. When I returned, the kitchen manager gave me a hard time and threatened to write me up, which could have resulted in my termination.

Everyone gets sick. The earned sick leave bill will prevent workers from being disciplined for being sick. Restaurant workers work hard. This bill would allow us to earn sick time so that we can take care of ourselves and our

families.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

CHIEF CLERK: Marvin Robinson, commenting on 130004.

(Witness approached podium.)

MR. ROBINSON: Hi. Thank you. First of all, I want to say good morning, President --

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning.

MR. ROBINSON: -- the rest of the Council. Most of y'all knows me. Y'all know me very well. And we've been fighting about this bill for about two, three years. President Clarke, Darrell Clarke, is the one that sponsored the bill to City Council. Greenlee took it up.

Now, if y'all really want to do something right for us, the people, pass the bill. Y'all did it once. The Mayor

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vetoed it. Show the Mayor that we are the people. Stand with us.

(Applause.)

MR. ROBINSON: Stand with us. Y'all did it before. Do it again. Because this is important. I ain't even got a job, but when my daughter goes to the next job or when my grand-kids, whenever she have some, they can get earned sick pay without being sick. I mean, we talking about future, future. We're not talking about us no more. We talking about our generation to come.

And this is an outstanding bill. It's a win situation for all. And one thing I want to say before I leave this mic, if the Mayor have a problem with corporates having a problem with earned paid sick day, tell the damn corporates to get out of our city, because this is our city, we run it, and what we want is what we expect to get.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

CHIEF CLERK: Tyrone Ferguson, commenting on 130004.

(Witness approached podium.)

MR. FERGUSON: Hello. Good morning, everyone, and thank you for allowing me to be here. My name is Tyrone Ferguson and I'm a former homeless individual. I'm a former alcoholic. I'm a former dropout. I stand here today to ask for your permission to speak and be the voice of the voiceless.

My mother passed two years ago as I stood here before and gave testimony. I have an 81-year-old father who's disabled. As you can see, myself, I am disabled. Most of you can look towards your left and look towards your right. I have osteoarthritis. I have diabetes. And I still stand here as an individual for the voice of the voiceless.

Many people today, seven out of

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ten people today who are workers, they are mothers who have children. They need their sick pay. Even the CDC says that when you are sick, stay home. When you are sick, keep your children home.

Seven out of ten workers today, 68 percent report that they have gone to work with the stomach virus, with the flu. This is an epidemic. Even today there's a disease called septic where they have no known cure. As you as a worker, if you as a worker, would you allow your children, would you go to work sick knowing that you may contaminate other individuals?

We need to speak out here for the women, the mothers who have children, who wants to take a day off and cannot take a day off.

You know that person who was a former alcoholic? Today I have a Master's degree in business education.

(Applause.)

MR. FERGUSON: I am free from

drugs and I'm able to get back out there to go to work, even though that I am disabled, even though that I cannot see to my left and to my right due to osteoarthritis.

Those of you who are in the power, you have the power to pass this bill, and I ask each and every one of you, be careful of the people that you take advantage of going up because these are the same individuals that you will see coming down.

(Applause.)

MR. FERGUSON: I speak on behalf of the disabled veterans. I speak on behalf of the women, even the men. Forty-three percent of men are working today without sick pay. They deserve it.

Sick pay reduces turnover. It increases the productivity, and it reduces the spread of contamination. Fifty-three percent of working mothers and 40 percent of working fathers don't have paid sick day to care for their

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children. That is a catastrophe in itself.

I thank you for allowing me to be here. Two years ago I spoke, and after I finished, I almost passed out. Who is going to here revive me if I was to pass out here today?

I thank you for allowing me to be here. Have a great day. May God bless you all.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, sir.

CHIEF CLERK: Garth Weldon, commenting on 130004.

(Witness approached podium.)

MR. WELDON: Good morning. Thank you for having me. I want to speak a little bit from the standpoint of operating a business in the City.

I opened a business in Philadelphia 15 years ago. It's not a chain restaurant, which might be able to afford this benefit, but I do keep 55

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people employed and have kept them employed. In the beginning of the recession, I asked all of my managers, myself included, to take a reduction to get through the recession. They did. They all stayed with me, and we were able to restore that recently. But the economy has not turned around yet.

My customers ask me, How is business? And I tell them the same thing: The volume is up a little bit, but the margins are gone. And they all say, That's true with me too. I'm a jeweler. I'm a banker. I'm a lawyer. They say, That's true in my business as well. The margins have disappeared.

In fine dining, the margin traditionally was 4 percent or four cents on the dollar. That's gone. In the summertime, I ask my vendors to just hang in there with me. And so what happens traditionally, you pay your vendors on the 15th of the following month, your suppliers. You can't pay them in the

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summer in Philadelphia. So they wait 60 days, in some cases 90 days, and then you hope to catch up in the fall and get people current again. This is the reality of business right now. There may be a time to provide this benefit, but not in this economy.

In this economy, business is about survival. So as far as costs, this is what's eating up the margins. Anything relating to energy, produce, seafood, my main product -- and then I can't stop serving it, because it's called The Prime Rib -- is a piece of 18-pound prime rib that cost me $75 for years.

(Audience members booing.)

MR. WELDON: In the last 18 months --

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Hold it, sir.

Folks, folks, folks, hold on. Time out. Folks --

MR. WELDON: I just want to

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point out the reality of business.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Everybody has their opinion. Please respect the speaker. We'll vote today on the bill and we'll do what we have to do. Respect the speaker, please.

MR. WELDON: I just want to tell you the facts of business.

So this same product today, I'm paying $162. So my product cost has doubled, but I can't double my menu prices, so we take the hit on the margins. This is white-knuckle time in business, not paid-sick-leave time.

Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Audience members booing.)

CHIEF CLERK: Allie Cicoski, commenting on 130004.

(Witness approached podium.)

MS. CICOSKI: Hi. My name is Allie Cicoski and I'm here on behalf of Serafina Restaurant. I'd like to say

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thank you to all the Councilmembers that are in opposition of this bill.

I'd like to clarify that I have been in this industry for a little under ten years. I started as a bus girl. I've worked as a server. I've pulled the long hours. I've done banquets and assistant managing. I've also been in different areas of management, and I do not oppose the idea of full-time employees having paid sick days. However, in the way that this bill is being constructed, I believe that each employer has the right to write their own handbook on how that should go about.

(Audience member yelling "You got sick days?")

MR. CICOSKI: No, I do not. I am a full-time employee and I am doing my dues. In the business that I am in and the business that we're all in, I believe that you have to put your time in. And I understand about single parents, and I feel for you. However, you know, I've

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worked when I had more pressing personal matters, and this is the industry that I want to be in. And the people that are in this industry as part-timers and going to school and to supplement your income --

(Audience members yelling.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Wait a minute.

MS. CICOSKI: I just believe that this is trying to control the way that businesses are trying to run their own individual business.

From the ground up from small businesses, the way that it is with the way that money comes in -- and I understand where people were saying to change a menu, but the way that money comes in, it doesn't always go out. And so when people call out, the amount of extra time and the extra expense that would have to be undertaken to correct things lays on other people, and then that increases their hours and then

there's overtime. We encounter problems every day, and with this bill with being able to call out in certain ways, I just believe that each business should be able to do it in their own way. That's it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Audience members yelling.)

CHIEF CLERK: There are no other speakers on the public comment list, Mr. President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm sorry, Mr. Decker. That concludes the speakers?

CHIEF CLERK: There are no other speakers, Mr. President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you. Thank you so much.

That concludes our public comment. We will now consider the bills and resolutions on the Second and Final Reading Passage.

At this time, Mr. Decker, can you please read the title of 120187.

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CHIEF CLERK: A resolution authorizing Council's Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to hold hearings examining the level of female participation on executive boards in companies that do business in the City of Philadelphia.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Councilwoman Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Mr. President. This is the resolution I wish to speak on.

One year ago --

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Councilwoman, hold on a second.

Folks, could you please keep your voices down so we can make sure we can hear the Councilwoman.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President.

One year ago, March 7th, 2012, I introduced a resolution calling for hearings on the level of female participation or the lack thereof on

executive boards in the City. Today, we come full circle as I introduce the official report, Women on Corporate Boards: We Can Do Better. The report is a result of a year-long process.

The notion that women should be treated equal to our male counterparts remains a dream deferred, equal pay for equal opportunity for advancement. As our kids might say, Hello, it's 2013, what is the problem?

This report details the problems. The findings include, but are not limited to, in 2013, 11 percent of board seats in the top 100 public companies in the region are occupied by women. Women of color, women who look like me, less than 1 percent board seats in the region. I repeat, women of color occupy less than 1 percent of board seats in the region.

Forty-one percent of the boards in Philadelphia have no women, zero women, sitting on the boards. In 1976,

women occupied 5 percent of Fortune 500 board seats. Thirty-five years later in 2011, the number has grown to 16 percent. If we continue to grow at the same pace, we will reach gender equality when my 16-year-old daughter is 75 years old.

We recognize still that if you're not at the table, you're on the menu.

Mr. President, I can assure you that as we put together this report, we did not have to ask for binders of women. I've had the privilege to collaborate in person with a number of women, intelligent, confident, driven, diverse women, who care about this issue. We came together to ask tough questions and develop strategies, many of whom are in this room, who gave their talent, their intellect, and their work ethic, and on behalf of my office, I thank every single one of you.

Throughout the process, we worked together. We held private

meetings to gather feedback and brainstorm. Together, we followed through with a call for a public hearing in City Council last fall. Together, we heard from a full range of panelists representing corporate Philadelphia, business community, labor community, the Nutter Administration, the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the African American Chamber of Commerce. And we were delighted that our hearing was also occupied by what I call enlightened men.

We analyzed the data, looked at best practices in other municipalities, and now have a set of recommendations that we will be presenting today.

So with that, Mr. President, I ask for the adoption of the resolution.

(Duly seconded.)

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

All those in favor?

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(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The ayes have it. Resolution 120187 is adopted.

Mr. Decker, please read the title of 130168.

CHIEF CLERK: A resolution amending Resolution No. 120001, as amended, which provides Rules for the Government of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, by providing for the period between the time that Councilmanic district boundaries are redrawn and the time that Councilmembers elected to represent the revised districts first take office.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,

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Mr. President. I move the adoption of the resolution.

(Duly seconded.)

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

All those in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The ayes have it. Resolution 130168 is adopted.

Mr. Decker, please read the title of 130169.

CHIEF CLERK: A resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Thirty-First Ward of the

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City of Philadelphia.

(Audience member yelling, "What he say?")

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's okay. We understood what he said.

130169, the Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you, Mr. President. I move for the adoption of the resolution.

(Duly seconded.)

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

All those in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The ayes have it. Resolution 130169 is adopted.

Mr. Decker, 130170.

CHIEF CLERK: A resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public

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Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Thirty-First Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

The Chair again recognizes Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you, Mr. President. I move for the adoption of the resolution.

(Duly seconded.)

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

All those in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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ayes have it. 130170 is adopted.

Mr. Decker, 130172.

CHIEF CLERK: A resolution calling on Mayor Michael Nutter and his administration to pay the non-disputed amount of the Philadelphia Fire Fighters' contract immediately and --

(Applause.)

CHIEF CLERK: -- set aside 50 percent of the disputed amount within a specific designated category of the General Fund portion of the Annual Budget equally prorated over four years beginning in FY 2014 so that funds are available for payment in the case that an agreement is reached between the City and IAFF Local 22.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you, Mr. President. May I be heard on this resolution?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Most

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certainly, sir.

COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

Mr. President, today I introduced an ordinance to immediately pay out of the General Fund surplus, which is a surplus of 114,156 -- $114,156,000. The surplus then provides enough funds for the $66 million to be immediately paid. This resolution is to immediately pay $66 million that is past due and then to set aside the disputed amount.

In fact, we have an odd situation where the employee says, You owe me $66 million, and the employer says, No, I owe you $200 million; therefore, I cannot pay any of the money to you. What this resolution does, Mr. President, is ask the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Philadelphia that ultimately will have to pay this bill, we should not be spending money on other things, but we should take care of

the wages that we owe.

(Applause.)

COUNCILMAN OH: So with that, I would move for the adoption of the resolution.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Can I get a second?

(Duly seconded.)

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

All those in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those opposed?

(No response.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The ayes have it.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Resolution 130172 is adopted.

Mr. Decker, can you please read the title of 120917-AA.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia

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Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by revising certain provisions relating to allowed uses and dimensional standards in commercial districts.

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

Mr. Decker, please call the roll.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

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COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Brien.

COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

The ayes are 17; the nays are zero. This bill having been voted on by a majority of the members present, the bill passes.

Mr. Decker, please read the title of Bill No. 130011.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending Chapter 19-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds - Deposits, Investments, Disbursements," by requiring that contracts with proposed recipients of City Payroll Deposits, as well as any renewals of such contracts, include an annual statement of community reinvestment goals in addition to existing requirements.

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

Mr. Decker, please call the roll.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

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CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Brien.

COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

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COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

Mr. Decker, please read the title of 120961.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 195 by striking from the City Plan Webb Street from Albert Street to Huntingdon Street.

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

Mr. Decker, please call the roll.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass.

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COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Brien.

COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

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CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

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Mr. Decker, 130003.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance authorizing Ruby D doing business as Lemon Hill Food and Drink to construct, own and maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe at 747 North 25th Street.

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

Mr. Decker, please call the roll.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Greenlee.

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COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Brien.

COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

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COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

Mr. Decker, please read the title of 130017.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance establishing a parking regulation on Sartain Street, east side, Shunk Street to Porter Street.

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

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Mr. Decker, please call the roll.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

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COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Brien.

COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

Mr. Decker, 130018.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance establishing a parking regulation on Fitzwater Street, south side, Juniper Street to Broad Street.

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

Mr. Decker, please call the roll.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

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COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Brien.

COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

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COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

Mr. Decker, 130019.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance establishing a parking regulation on 13th Street, both sides, Bainbridge Street to South Street.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This bill having been read on two separate

days, the question is shall the bill pass finally.

Mr. Decker, please call the roll.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

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CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Brien.

COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President

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Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

Mr. Decker, please read the title of 130020.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance establishing a parking regulation on Moore Street, north side, 11th Street to 12th Street.

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

Mr. Decker, please call the roll.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Brien.

COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

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COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

Mr. Decker, please read the title of 130021.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance establishing a parking regulation on 12th

Street, both sides, McKean Street to Snyder Avenue.

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

Mr. Decker, please call the roll.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Brien.

COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

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CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

Mr. Decker, please read the title of 130022.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance authorizing Farmtable to construct, own and maintain an open-air sidewalk cafe at 824 South 8th Street.

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

Mr. Decker, please call the roll.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass.

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COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Brien.

COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

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CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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

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Mr. Decker, please read the title of 130004.

CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance enacting a new Chapter 9-3300, entitled "Promoting Healthy Families and Workplaces," to provide that certain employees are entitled to paid leave.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank you, Mr. President. I know there's a lot of people here that are waiting for the next act in this room, but I ask them to bear with me for just a couple minutes.

In just a few minutes we'll be voting yes or no on earned paid sick leave, but I believe we'll be saying a lot more than simply yes or no. Will we say yes that a key aspect of this bill is about health, the health of the workers, the health of their families, the health of their co-workers and the health of the general public?

Or will we say no, like the

Nutter Administration has said no? And they're getting pretty good at saying no. They even refused to allow the Health Commissioner to testify before the Health Committee of this Council. So much for transparency and open government.

So apparently the Administration does not think health is an issue, which is ironic given in other settings they talk a whole lot about health. I guess health is only an issue when they want it to be. Something like binding arbitration is only an issue when they want it to be.

(Applause.)

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Will we say yes that it's only fair that lower-wage workers, many of whom lack proper healthcare, should be shown the same respect as those in higher-paying jobs, that when it comes to one's health, it shouldn't matter if you come to work in a suit or a server's uniform?

Or do we say no, that basically

people should just be happy to have a job no matter what kind it is?

Will we say yes that, as Councilman Goode has said, earned sick leave is not an either/or, it can be good and has proven to be good for workers and businesses, that a healthy workforce will be more productive and beneficial for everyone, including financially for everyone, as it has been proven and as other cities have shown? When an employee is respected -- and I think a lot of people want to talk about respect in here -- when an employee is respected, they give respect back.

(Applause.)

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Or will we say no, that despite evidence to the contrary, workers will abuse the law and take time off frivolously, even though that hasn't happened in other cities and studies show the average worker takes much less time than is allotted? Is somebody trying to say that workers in

Philadelphia are less honest than other cities?

Do we say yes, that we recognize that these are difficult times for businesses and that we have offered after many, many, many meetings with business groups and individuals, we've added 23 changes to this bill? Councilwoman Sanchez said it well at the end of the last hearing. Council has and will continue to work with the business community to reasonably address their needs.

Or do we say no, no matter what we do to accommodate businesses, we will listen to those who dismiss all dialogue and offer amendments -- and/or offer amendments that make this bill meaningless? We haven't come this long to do that. Some of those opponents provide way more sick time than we ask for in this bill, like Comcast, and yet they use the argument that earned sick leave gives the wrong perception about

the City to businesses and prospective businesses.

So I must comment on this perception issue. First, as was said at the hearing, people don't perceive to be sick. They're sick. And if I'm someone, Mr. President, who is thinking about opening a business in this city, I don't believe sick leave would be my major concern, especially since it's worked elsewhere with little or no negative impact. What would concern me is what I saw and heard at the hearing we had last week. The Commerce Director of the City, the Chamber of Commerce, and other business leaders talking about how bad this city is, and that if they were in the suburbs, they would use this bill as a reason for business to move to the suburbs. They are the people supposed to be cheerleading for us and they're talking about what's bad about this city.

And in many cases, the business owners that testified badmouthed workers.

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I think the ultimate -- you came in, Mr. President, and asked a question from a restaurant owner about why he thinks lower-wage workers will more abuse sick leave than higher-income people, and that gentleman said he knows his workers will call in sick to go to the Phillies game or call in with a hangover after getting drunk. A great business leader there, right?

And they say we're giving a bad perception, the supporters of this bill are giving a bad perception? I think they need to look in the mirror.

Finally, do we say yes, that earned sick leave is simply the right thing to do, and in the end, that really should be the deciding factor? Or do we say no, that while it may be the right thing, it's not the right time, which then I must ask this question, and I think a lot of City workers are asking the question about how long. Well, my question is, how many of the 180,000

workers in this city who do not get paid sick time will force themselves to work or not get paid before somebody decides the time is right?

Well, I believe the obvious answer to this Council and the City is an overwhelming yes. Yes, health is of paramount issue. Yes, earned sick leave is fair. Yes, business and workers can benefit. Yes, it can work here as it has in other cities. And, yes, earned sick leave is the right thing to do.

(Applause.)

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: And, Mr. President, yes, as Dr. King so famously said, it is always the right time to do the right thing.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilman.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very

much, Mr. President. I would like to thank the leadership of Bill Greenlee and all the other Councilmembers, Councilman Jones, for their leadership in really trying to improve the City and help people. I will disagree, and I'm going to state why.

Our city, more than anything, needs jobs. Yes, good-paying jobs. We need family-sustaining jobs, but right now we just need jobs. A lot of people don't have jobs, and we are losing jobs, even low-skill jobs.

Our population right now is challenged, as our city is, to grow, and if we look at the 350,000 manufacturing jobs that our city had in 1960 and look over the 30-year period that we lost 300,000 of those jobs, in 1970 our city had 766,000 jobs. By 2010, we had lost a lot of jobs and only had 542.

According to Econsult and other economic forecasters, if we don't do something to turn around the City,

including ensure that our workers are paid and we have great services in the City, we're going to lose 75,000 jobs by 2021.

What I believe we have to do at this time -- and timing is important -- is to ensure that people choose Philadelphia to stay and start their businesses, to come to start their businesses. The issue is not that businesses are going to close over the sick day bill. The issue, in my mind, is that we are going to over time lose a certain number of businesses that fail or move out. We have to have more businesses that open and succeed than fail. If people decide not to make Philadelphia a place to start their businesses, we will lose jobs.

The 75,000 jobs that we're going to lose, I am going to guess, are not for people with Ph.D.'s, Master's degrees, and high skills. It's going to be for people who have low wages, who

have low literacy, who have no prior job experience, and may have a criminal record. More than anything, I believe we need to create and establish good jobs for people in our neighborhoods. And so I will be voting no.

Thank you very much.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Audience members booing.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Mr. President. As many of you know, I'm a founding Board member of Local Progress, the national municipal policy network. Last spring, about a dozen City Councilmembers and allies, including those from SEIU and AFSCME from around the country, met in DC to discuss progressive issues. Several months later, in November, several dozen of us, City Councilmembers and allies from across the country, convened a founding

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conference to discuss economic justice issues like paid sick leave. In fact, I moderated that discussion.

We then formed Local Progress. The Chair of Local Progress is Nick Licata, the City Councilman who was the primary sponsor of paid sick leave in Seattle. The Program Chair of Local Progress is Brad Lander, a co-sponsor of paid sick leave in New York, where a majority of City Councilmembers support it. One of our newest Board members is John Avalos, a City Councilmember from San Francisco, where paid sick leave has been successfully implemented.

Needless to say, the Local Progress Board supports paid sick leave. More importantly, Local Progress now boasts a membership of over 200 local elected officials from across the country, and we continue to grow.

But some want you to believe that paid sick leave is an issue limited to Philadelphia and a few other cities.

They're wrong. Some want you to believe that we should wait for the state and/or federal legislatures to pass paid sick leave. They must be kidding.

That's why we call our group Local Progress, because we know that too many state and federal officials around this country are the enemies of working-class men and women. In many places, progressives are simply outnumbered. Here in Philadelphia we should not be. So we fight our battles on every level of government as we start close to home, where we hope to build multiple local victories together. We start locally in places where elected representatives are supposed to understand working-class values and working-class issues. This is where we start to build national movements, locally.

So today is when we allow other cities to see where Philadelphia stands in terms of working-class people. It's

time to stand tall, and it's not time to come up short. Progressives from around the country are watching this vote. Don't talk the talk unless you're willing to walk the walk.

(Applause.)

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Don't say that you're for working-class people, but you're afraid to offend the business community. This vote counts for the people who need it the most. Most importantly, they're watching you right now.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilman.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you, Mr. President. The City of Philadelphia has an unemployment rate of 10.6 percent, higher than any city just mentioned. It has one of the highest unemployment rates of any major city in the country. It has

one of the highest business tax rates of any city in the country, and one of only five cities that has a net income tax on businesses.

Philadelphia is doing everything it possibly can to prevent, when you combine all our policies, to prevent businesses from moving into the City and creating jobs. I am concerned about the health of the job market in creating jobs for those who most need it in this city, and so I will be voting no.

Thank you, Mr. President, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

(Audience members booing.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilman.

The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you, Mr. President. I believe that to everything, there is a season and a time for every purpose. Today this body faces a difficult decision. If the lobby from

each side is to be believed, today's vote on the paid sick leave bill pits the health of our citizens against the economic viability of their employment. This is a false choice.

When Councilman Greenlee approached me last year about sponsoring the paid sick leave bill, I agreed because I strongly believe in the principles behind the bill. To my frustration and disappointment, the bill went nowhere at that time.

Then came last year's budget. As we grappled with many issues facing our city, including the funding of our schools, the need for additional revenue was critical. Suggestions that were not even open for consideration in March were certainly options in late June, and as a result, increases in property taxes and the use and occupancy tax, or U&O tax, was implemented.

When the conversation with the sponsor was revisited this year, I

immediately told the sponsor that I thought this could be problematic for several reasons. Number one, less than six months before, we increased the U&O tax on businesses. Number two, now as a result of AVI, we are discussing new property assessments and the resulting tax bills. Many of the small businesses on my commercial corridors are seeing increases, some of which are quite significant. And, number three, along with those new assessments and bills, businesses in special service districts pay even more.

We must consider legislation and examine all of its moving parts within the legislative and political context in which it fits. We must consider the global impact of all factors, and such consideration is particularly important now on the eve of another budget season.

As I mentioned, I strongly believe in the goals of this bill. Our

citizens should be able to take sick leave without fear of not being able to pay their rent or buy their groceries or being terminated from their employment. But I also believe, and I have to say, that I think that this bill is poorly timed.

I believe we can have paid sick leave. I believe that this bill can happen, but as I started out saying, I believe that to everything, there is a season and a time to every purpose, and this bill's poor timing is of great concern.

Thank you, Mr. President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Audience members yelling.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Hold on, guys.

The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Just like AVI, this

is about fairness. Fairness happens in many different ways. Just in a couple of minutes, the Mayor will come before us and present a budget and a five-year plan. In that budget, there is $90 million in business tax cuts that my colleague Councilman Green and I instituted, business cuts to make the City more friendly to business. The Mayor will also talk about his reductions on wage, which is something else that the business community has asked for.

This should not be about short-term losers. In fact, the AVI debate will demonstrate how businesses, particularly large businesses, will get millions in reductions while we ask our residents to pay millions more, all to get fairness.

So this is not about short-term losers. This is about the long game, and the long game for Philadelphia means that the 180,000 low-wage workers deserve their sick leave, and that's why I'm

voting for it.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilwoman.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be brief. The economic arguments against this bill presented by Councilman Green and Councilman Oh are simply false. They're false because even as they cite reports and studies and economists, they talk about the job loss that is projected to happen. Nowhere in any of those studies and analysis does it talk about earned sick leave. What it talks about in those studies and analysis is the business tax structure as a reason for why people are leaving. There are other reasons why businesses and people left the City. None of it had to do with earned sick leave. So those economic arguments are false.

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Furthermore, as disclosed in the hearing, the Commerce Department and members of the Chamber of Commerce who served on the Jobs Commission never brought this issue to the Jobs Commission. When they raised it even slightly, the question is, how do you know? The answer was, we don't really know what's going to lose jobs. We're just saying that we are afraid that we might lose jobs.

So how do you examine whether you might lose jobs or not? You look at San Francisco, you look at Washington, DC, you look at the state of Connecticut, you look at places where it's been implemented and see what has happened there. Otherwise, you're talking about economic philosophy, which if you want to be a conservative, be a conservative, but if you say you're progressive, if you say you're for working-class people, then vote for working-class people.

(Applause.)

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilman.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't want to go back and forth on this, but I have to respond to a couple things, and Councilman Goode I think touched on a couple of them, so I'll try to be real brief.

I think Councilwoman Bass is right. It shouldn't have to be a choice. And it doesn't have to be a choice. It doesn't -- we shouldn't have to choose between jobs and giving fair benefits. What we're saying, and we think the other cities have shown, that you can do both, and in the end, it actually is good for businesses, if they would just take the time to look at the research and come in with some kind of open eye.

And I also will say one thing also about timing, and I think somebody

else -- another member might want to talk about it too, that it said that this isn't the right time. Well, I would tend to agree. We should have done it a heck of a long time ago.

(Applause.)

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: And, frankly, I held this bill up out of respect for the six new members, because there was a whole lot going on last year. I wanted to get the information out. I didn't want to push too much on them, and now I'm hearing we should have done it earlier. Well, you know, you can't please everybody.

But, again, I think if you look at the facts, if you look at other cities -- and I refuse to say what other people seem to want to say, that we can't do what other cities can do. We're as good as these other cities.

(Applause.)

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: We don't have anything to apologize for. Why do

we have to keep apologizing? Why does the Commerce Director have to keep apologizing and the Chamber have to apologize? I'm not apologizing to anybody. I'm proud of this city.

(Applause.)

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: And I'm proud of the workers in this city, whether they're unionized or not, because they're good people and they work hard and they deserve the right benefits. And it's time --

(Applause.)

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: And it's time to do the right thing.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be brief. I really didn't want to speak on this bill, but I

will. You got to know that I have Henry Nicholas sitting right behind me, President of 1199C.

(Applause.)

COUNCILMAN JONES: There is nobody in this room can accuse me of not being friendly to business. I have been -- I've funded more businesses in the City of Philadelphia than most. However, throughout the history of this nation, those that are of a fearful heart would have stopped us from ever passing a minimum wage law, they would have fought against child labor in the workplace, we'd have never had Social Security, we'd have never had job security for the armed forces. Those who go away and come back fighting for our freedoms would have never had their jobs secured.

We cannot be afraid of pushing the needle in the right direction for humanity. We will be judged, we will be judged, we will be judged not by what we do for the strongest of us but what we do

for the weakest of us.

(Applause.)

COUNCILMAN JONES: And I know this labors hard on my colleagues, because they're good people, but at the end of the day, we better do the right thing.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilman.

The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I will be very, very brief. I've been here a long time, and we've passed legislation in this Chamber addressing many, many community issues in this city. I remember when we did the liquor by the drink, everybody was going to Montgomery County, Bucks County, Delaware County to drink. Haven't heard any more about it. They didn't go to drink. They still drinking in Philadelphia.

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When we did the smoking bill, everybody was going to go to Montgomery County, Delaware County so they can smoke in the restaurants. They didn't go. Matter of fact, the restaurants in those counties, most of them passed an anti-smoking bill.

So, you know, every time we have to deal with something that seems to pit one group against the other, it's doom and gloom and the City is going to die. We have a wonderful city. All we have to do is work together, bringing all forces together so that we make this city a great city where people want to come, do business and work, and we do have a lot to offer, including good people who want to work and have a sick leave bill.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you, Councilwoman.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

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COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

(Audience members booing.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Come on, guys. Guys, come on.

Councilman, go ahead.

COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very much. We are all going to vote our conscience. The issue is going to be whether or not we are going to create more jobs, we're going to lose more jobs, and ultimately perhaps we don't know the answer to that.

(Audience members booing.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Hold on. Folks, time out. Everybody deserves the right to have a different opinion. So I just ask you let him respect the statements and then we're going to have a vote up or down. Folks.

Councilman, please.

COUNCILMAN OH: We have had witnesses come forward and those witnesses have testified. The witnesses

who testify as employees talk about the need for sick paid days, and they testify honestly. We have employers who testify and they testify that with the sick pay bill now that it will jeopardize employment and the future of jobs in the City. They are supported by the declining number of jobs in this city for low-wage jobs for people with less capabilities, and we need to have those jobs. So with that, I will be voting no.

Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

(Audience members booing.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Excuse me. The Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you, Mr. President. The City of San Francisco has an unemployment rate three or four points lower than ours. Their median income is $73,000 a year. Our median income is $37,000 a year. We are not

comparable to San Francisco. They are growing their job base every year. We are shrinking our job base by four or five thousand people every year. The same can be said of states like Connecticut in terms of similar comparisons.

The point here, Mr. President, is very simple. If we want to help our unemployed, the 10.6 percent of people who are registered as unemployed, or the over 20 percent of people who are under and unemployed, then we need to create a regulatory environment that is good for business. I will be voting no on this bill and I ask my colleagues to do the same.

Thank you.

(Audience members yelling.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Okay. There are no other speeches at this time.

Mr. Decker, I'm going to start over. Please read the title of the bill.

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CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 130004, entitled "An ordinance enacting a new Chapter 9-3300, entitled 'Promoting Healthy Families and Workplaces,' to provide that certain employees are entitled to paid leave."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

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

Mr. Decker, please call the roll.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Bass.

COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

COUNCILMAN GREEN: No.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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Greenlee.

COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Johnson.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

COUNCILMAN KENNEY: No.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Brien.

COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: No.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

COUNCILMAN OH: No.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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Reynolds Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Squilla.

COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: No.

CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

CHIEF CLERK: Council President Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The ayes are 11; the nays are six. This bill --

(Applause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Folks, hold on. Hold on. Folks, hold on. I have to make it official. Hold on.

A majority of all members having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

(Applause.)

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Mr. Decker -- folks, we have some more business.

Mr. Decker, do you have any additional resolutions?

CHIEF CLERK: A resolution calling for the City Council Committee on Public Property to hold hearings exploring the economic benefits of the City selling or more fully capitalizing certain municipal assets including selling surplus property and aggressively capitalizing revenue-generating facilities, introduced by Councilman Henon and Council President Clarke.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

The Chair recognizes Councilman Henon for a motion.

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

(Duly seconded.)

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

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All those in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those opposed?

(No response.)

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

CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution Recognizing and Congratulating the 2013 Next Generation of Leaders: Rising Stars, introduced by Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President. I move for the --

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The Chair recognizes --

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I thank you. I move for the adoption.

(Duly seconded.)

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

All those in favor?

(Aye.)

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those opposed?

(No response.)

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

CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution honoring and recognizing Philadelphia's self-made Light Heavyweight Boxing Champion Bernard Hopkins, also known as "The Executioner," for establishing a new world record by winning the International Boxing Federation Light Heavyweight Championship title and for being an exemplary role model by overcoming numerous barriers to achieve success and for demonstrating to all Philadelphians the remarkable benefits of physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle, introduced by Councilman Jones.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you, Mr. President. For the record, that's co-sponsored by Councilwoman Blackwell,

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and I move for the adoption.

(Duly seconded.)

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

All those in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those opposed?

(No response.)

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

CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution honoring and celebrating Malik Bishop, Faith Fenton, Aderinsola Solebo, Maisie Brolly, Jenna Cox, and Stephanie Pleasant of Greenwoods Charter School for winning Honorable Mention in the Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision contest for their entries entitled "Injection of Carbon Nanotubes to Heal Bone Fractures" and "The Peechy Toothbrush," introduced by Councilman Jones.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

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

(Duly seconded.)

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

All those in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those opposed?

(No response.)

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

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

I'd ask to have a five-minute recess.

Folks, hold on, don't go anywhere.

(Brief pause.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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We're ready to begin again. I'd ask all the Councilmembers to please take their seats and ask all our visitors and guests to please take your seats.

Folks, we're ready to reconvene. Please take your seats.

Can I please have your attention. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

The time has come for us to consider the Mayor's presentation of his annual budget message. The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter states that the Mayor shall submit to Council, no later than 90 days before the end of the fiscal year, his operating budget message and proposed operating budget ordinance for the ensuing fiscal year.

At this time, the Mayor shall submit to Council the recommended capital program and capital budgets as received from the City Planning Commission, to the extent approved by the Mayor.

I now appoint the following

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committee to escort the Mayor into the Council Chambers: Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Greenlee, Councilman O'Neill, and Councilman Oh.

(Brief pause.)

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

Mr. President, the Mayor has arrived.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

Ladies and gentlemen, I'm pleased to introduce the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, Mayor Michael Nutter.

(Audience members booing and blowing whistles.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I ask that you please be quiet.

(Audience members booing and blowing whistles.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The Chair recognizes Councilman Oh for a motion.

COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that this session of Council stand in recess until the call of the Chair.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Is there a second?

(Duly seconded.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: There's a motion on the floor for a recess. All in favor?

(Aye.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those opposed?

COUNCILMAN GREEN: No.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Council is recessed.

(Short recess.)

CHIEF CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen, today's session of Council has been recessed to the call of the Chair.

Thank you very much.

Today's session of Council has been recessed to the call of the Chair. Thank you very much.

(Stated Meeting recessed at 12:50 p.m.)

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