

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, September 19, 2013
10:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

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

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning. Good morning, everyone. I'd
4 ask all guests and visitors to please
5 retire behind the rail and would our
6 members please take their seats. Thank
7 you.

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 Before our session starts
9 today, I'd ask all guests and visitors to
10 please turn off all cell phones or any
11 device that makes noise. Please put it
12 on silent, vibrate or, better yet, if you
13 can turn it off, that would be helpful.
14 Thank you very much.

15

 To give our invocation this
16 morning, the Chair recognizes Pastor
17 Keith McClain of the Rhawnhurst
18 Presbyterian Church. He is here today as
19 the guest of Councilman Brian O'Neill.

20

 I would ask all members and
21 guests to please stand.

22

(Members and guests stand.)

23

 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
24 morning, Pastor.

25

PASTOR McCLAIN: Good morning.

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2 Let us pray.

3 Oh God, we thank you for the
4 gift of prayer that we can come into your
5 presence wherever we are and entrust
6 ourselves and our work into your hands.

7 Lord, as we gather in this
8 place, we give thanks for all these men
9 and women who have been given a place of
10 authority in this great city. As they
11 meet today, give them energy, wisdom, and
12 vision. Give them humility enough to put
13 the needs of our city first and boldness
14 enough to believe that they can make a
15 difference.

16 I ask you to bless all those
17 who hold office in the government of this
18 city, that they may do all their work in
19 the spirit of wisdom, kindness, and
20 justice. Help them to use their
21 authority to serve the common good
22 faithfully.

23 Lord, we pray for this city,
24 the city which faces many troubles and
25 challenges, crime and violence, the

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2 economy, struggles of our schools, and we
3 ask you, oh God, that you would grant
4 your holy and life-giving spirit that you
5 may so move every human heart and the
6 barriers which divide us may crumble,
7 suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease,
8 and that with our divisions healed, we
9 might live in justice and peace.

10 Renew the ties of mutual regard
11 that form our civic life. Send us honest
12 and able leaders at every level and every
13 part of the City. Help us to eliminate
14 poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that
15 peace may prevail with righteousness and
16 justice with order, and that men and
17 women from every culture and with
18 differing talents may find with one
19 another the fulfillment of their
20 humanity.

21 Lord, let us go out into the
22 world with peace. Let us have courage.
23 Let us hold on to what is good. Let us
24 return no one evil for evil. Let us
25 strengthen the fainthearted, support the

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2 weak, and help the suffering.

3 In everything we do, may we
4 honor all people, love and serve you, and
5 rejoice in the power of your spirit.

6 It is in Jesus' name we pray.

7 Amen.

8 (Amen.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you so much, Pastor, for those
11 inspiring words.

12 (Council at ease.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you so much.

15 The next order of business is
16 the approval of the Journal of the
17 meeting of Thursday, September 12th,
18 2013.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Greenlee.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
22 you, Mr. President. I move that the
23 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
24 September 12th, 2013 be approved.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
3 has been moved and properly seconded that
4 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
5 September 12th, 2013 be approved.

6 All those in favor?

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 ayes have it, and the Journal is
13 approved.

14 The next order of business is
15 requests for leaves of absence.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Jones.

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

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 Chair thanks the gentleman.

24 The Chair now recognizes
25 Councilman O'Neill.

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

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you, Councilman.

8 At this time, I would like to
9 dispense with the regular order of
10 business. I would like to welcome and
11 thank all of our visitors here today. We
12 really appreciate the fact that you have
13 come down here to see your government in
14 action. We hope your experience here
15 today is a pleasurable one and that you
16 come back again. And, again, thank you
17 for coming down today.

18 At this time, the Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Kenney, who will
20 present a resolution honoring long-time
21 WPVI cameraman Robert Pruitt on his
22 retirement. Would Mr. Pruitt and those
23 accompanying him please join the
24 Councilman at the podium.

25 And joining Councilman Kenney

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2 we have Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
4 Mr. President.

5 This is a resolution honoring
6 the career of long-time WPVI cameraman
7 Robert Pruitt on his retirement after 44
8 years of service to the Philadelphia
9 community and also thanking him for
10 always taking our best sides when he's
11 filming us.

12 Whereas, Robert Pruitt was
13 hired full-time by WFIL/WPVI in 1969 as a
14 film editor. Mr. Pruitt was known as an
15 artist in his craft, cutting and pasting
16 film together to create a news broadcast;

17 Whereas, Robert Pruitt later
18 became a photographer and cameraman for
19 WPVI because of his love for being in the
20 field. In this job Mr. Pruitt traveled
21 to London in 1981 for the wedding of
22 Prince Charles and Princess Diana and the
23 Soviet Union in 1986. Mr. Pruitt also
24 covered the Three Mile Island accident in
25 1979;

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2 Whereas, Robert Pruitt raised
3 two children as a single father.

4 Mr. Pruitt's daughter Rachael and son
5 Seth are both married with children of
6 their own who Bob adores;

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

8 Whereas, Robert Pruitt was quoted as
9 saying that the reason he stayed at WPVI
10 for so long was because as a child he
11 moved around a lot, and if he found a
12 good place, he would stay for a while.
13 Philadelphia must have been that good
14 place, and Mr. Pruitt's work and
15 dedication to his craft has made
16 Philadelphia an even better place.

17 Resolved, by the Council of the
18 City of Philadelphia, that Robert Pruitt
19 is recognized and honored for his service
20 and dedication to WPVI and the entire
21 Philadelphia community over the past 44
22 years.

23 Further resolved, that an
24 engrossed copy of this resolution be
25 presented to Robert Pruitt as evidence of

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2 the sincere sentiments of this
3 legislative body. And certainly this was
4 signed by all members of Council and
5 we're pleased to make this presentation.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 Chair recognizes Mr. Pruitt for remarks.

9 MR. PRUITT: Well, I wrote a
10 couple things down, but unfortunately
11 most of them have been said. However,
12 like they were saying, when I started at
13 Channel 6, it was FIL TV. And I'm
14 actually humbled by your recognition.
15 I've been at City Council for a long
16 time. We were trying to figure out how
17 many hours I've spent here.

18 But in my journey, James Tate
19 was Mayor. Richard Nixon was inaugurated
20 as President. But it's been a privilege
21 to work for a great company and a great
22 city, and thank you very much.

23 Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Council will be at ease.

3 (Council at ease.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you so much.

6 The next order of business is
7 communications. The Chair requests that
8 the Sergeant-of-Arms delivers the
9 messages from the Mayor to the Chief
10 Clerk. Thank you.

11 Mr. Decker, would you please
12 read those messages.

13 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
14 and members of the Council of the City of
15 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
16 that on September 16, 2013, I signed Bill
17 No. 130485 which was passed by Council at
18 its session on September 12, 2013; and I
19 am transmitting herewith for the
20 introduction and consideration of your
21 honorable body an ordinance approving a
22 Lease Agreement between Philadelphia Gas
23 Works by Philadelphia Facilities
24 Management Corporation, solely in its
25 capacity as operator and manager of the

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2 City-owned Philadelphia Gas Works, and
3 Elliott-Lewis Corporation for use of a
4 certain 2.86 acre parcel located near
5 Delaware Avenue and Tioga Street, all
6 under certain terms and conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you, Mr. Decker. Do you have any
9 other communications?

10 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
11 Mr. President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you very much.

14 The next order of business is
15 introductions of bills and resolutions.

16 At this time, the Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

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

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you, Councilman.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

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2 you, Mr. President. I have two
3 resolutions, one privileged and one
4 non-privileged.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
6 Thank you, Councilwoman.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
8 resolution recognizing the tireless,
9 dedicated efforts of The Workshop School
10 and celebrating its official opening as a
11 full four-year School District of
12 Philadelphia public high school.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
17 resolution calling on the Philadelphia
18 City Council Committee on Education to
19 hold hearings concerning the Commonwealth
20 of Pennsylvania's approach to education
21 funding.

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Greenlee.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
4 you, Mr. President. On your behalf, I
5 offer one resolution.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you, Councilman.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged
9 resolution also naming 20th Street from
10 Berks Street to Montgomery Avenue as
11 "Jackie Jones Way."

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

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Henon.

17 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I have three bills and
19 two resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you, Councilman.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
23 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
24 changing the zoning designations of
25 certain areas of land located within an

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2 area bounded by Aramingo Avenue,
3 Wheatsheaf Lane, Belgrade Street and
4 Butler Street.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
8 amending Chapter 10-1200 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Posting of
10 Signs," by revising enforcement and
11 penalty provisions relating to posting
12 and advertising upon signs on utility
13 poles, street lights, and other
14 structures.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
18 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
19 Property to lease to the Southeastern
20 Pennsylvania Transportation Authority
21 certain land and improvements known as
22 City Owned Transit Properties, and
23 further authorizing acceptance of title
24 to certain real estate and improvements
25 from SEPTA.

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

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
5 resolution recognizing Saturday,
6 September 28th, 2013 as Philly Play! Day
7 in the City of Philadelphia.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
12 resolution recognizing National
13 Manufacturing Day on Friday, October 4th,
14 2013.

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Johnson.

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:
21 Mr. President, I have no bills and no
22 resolutions today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you, Councilman.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Sanchez.

3 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
4 you, Mr. President. I have one
5 resolution, non-privileged resolution,
6 and a bill on behalf of Councilwoman
7 Tasco.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Thank you, Councilwoman.

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: And then
11 I have two non-privileged resolutions on
12 my behalf, one co-sponsored by Councilman
13 Jones and Councilman Oh.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you, Councilwoman.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 approving a Lease Agreement between
18 Philadelphia Gas Works by Philadelphia
19 Facilities Management Corporation, solely
20 in its capacity as operator and manager
21 of the City-owned Philadelphia Gas Works,
22 and Elliott-Lewis Corporation for use of
23 a certain 2.86 parcel located near
24 Delaware Avenue and Tioga Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That

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2 bill will be referred to committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
4 resolution recognizing and honoring the
5 tremendous bravery, contributions, and
6 sacrifices of The Puerto Rican 65th
7 Infantry Regiment and calling on the
8 United States Congress to award the
9 Regiment the Congressional Gold Medal.

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

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

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
3 resolution will be on next week's Final
4 Passage Calendar.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
6 resolution authorizing the Council
7 Committee on Public Health and Human
8 Services to hold hearings regarding the
9 "Healthy PA" plan to provide health
10 insurance.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
12 will be on today's Final Passage
13 Calendar.

14 The Chair now recognizes
15 Councilman Green.

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

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you, Councilman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 O'Brien.

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

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you, Councilman.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman

5 Goode.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,

7 Mr. President. I offer no bills or

8 resolutions today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you, Councilman.

11 The Chair recognizes

12 Councilwoman Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good

14 morning, Mr. President. I offer two

15 resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Thank you, Councilwoman.

18 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged

19 resolution recognizing and congratulating

20 Joan Myers Brown and Laurie Olin for

21 being awarded the 2012 National Medal of

22 Arts and Humanities by President Barack

23 Obama.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That

25 resolution will be on today's Final

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2 Passage Calendar.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN:

4 Mr. President?

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes,

6 Councilwoman.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I failed

8 to put on the record that Philadanco sits

9 in the district of Councilwoman Jannie

10 Blackwell forever and she will be

11 co-sponsoring that resolution with me.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you, Councilwoman. The record

15 shall reflect that.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a

17 non-privileged resolution supporting

18 Senate Bill 1080 which seeks to reduce

19 plastic bags in the trash.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That

21 will be on today's Final Passage

22 Calendar. Oh, that will actually be on

23 next week's Final Passage Calendar.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman

25 Jones.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. I have one bill and two
4 resolutions, one resolution privileged
5 sponsored by all members of Council.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you, Councilman.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
9 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
10 changing the zoning designations of
11 certain areas of land located within an
12 area bounded by Hermitage Street, Henry
13 Avenue, Dupont Street, Ridge Avenue,
14 Monastery Avenue, Dexter Street, Lyceum
15 Avenue, Manayunk Avenue, Leverington
16 Avenue, and Ridge Avenue.

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
20 resolution supporting the National
21 Minority Business Development Agency and
22 recognizing September 30th through
23 October 4th, 2013 as Philadelphia
24 Minority Enterprise Development Week
25 which provides critical information to

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2 foster the growth and competitiveness of
3 the minority business community.

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

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

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
19 resolution will be on next week's Final
20 Passage Calendar.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 O'Neill.

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:
24 Mr. President, I offer three bills.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilman.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
4 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
5 changing the zoning designations of
6 certain areas of land located within an
7 area bounded generally by Station Road,
8 Edison Avenue, Trevoise Road, and Maple
9 Avenue and including the south side of
10 Maple Avenue.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
15 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
16 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
17 revising use regulations, pertaining to
18 vehicle and vehicular equipment sales and
19 services in certain areas of the City.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
23 amending Chapter 10-700 of The
24 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Refuse and
25 Littering," by further providing with

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2 respect to the annual fee for
3 neighborhood sanitation and cleaning
4 services provided to owner-occupied
5 duplexes.

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Squilla.

10 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
11 Mr. President. I offer one bill and one
12 privileged resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you, Councilman.

15 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
17 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
18 amending Section 14-503 to change the
19 geographic boundaries of the North
20 Delaware Avenue Neighborhood Commercial
21 Area Overlay District and by amending
22 Section 14-802 to repeal the special
23 parking controls for the Delaware River
24 Waterfront.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That

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2 bill will be referred to committee.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
4 resolution designating the week of
5 Monday, October 7 through Monday, October
6 14, 2013 as "Christopher Columbus/Italian
7 American Heritage Week" in the City of
8 Philadelphia. This is done in
9 celebration of the festivities
10 commemorating Columbus' historic voyage
11 to the New World and honoring Bob Rydell
12 as Grand Marshall of the 2013
13 Philadelphia Columbus Day Parade.

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

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Bass.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I have two non-privileged
21 resolutions, one co-sponsored by
22 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you, Councilwoman.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged

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2 resolution also naming Emlen Street
3 between West Upsal Street and West
4 Johnson Street as "Reverend Dr. G. Daniel
5 Jones Way."

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

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

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
21 will be on next week's Final Passage
22 Calendar.

23 Councilwoman, because that's a
24 name change of a street, can we put it on
25 next week?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: That's
3 fine. Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
5 Mr. Decker, thank you. Thank you,
6 Mr. Decker.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Oh.

9 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very
10 much, Mr. President. I have one
11 privileged resolution co-sponsored by
12 Councilman Mark Squilla.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you, sir.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged
16 resolution supporting the Philadelphia
17 Chinatown Development Corporation and
18 their planned development of the Eastern
19 Tower Community Center.

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

23 This concludes our
24 introductions of bills and resolutions.
25 We will have our reports from committee,

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2 and the Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Greenlee for a report from the Committee
4 of Law and Government.

5 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
6 you, Mr. President. The Committee on Law
7 and Government reports one bill and one
8 resolution with a favorable
9 recommendation.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Thank you, Councilman.

12 Mr. Decker, would you please
13 read that report.

14 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
15 and members of the Council of the City of
16 Philadelphia, the Committee on Law and
17 Government, to which was referred Bill
18 No. 130532, entitled "An ordinance
19 providing for the submission to the
20 qualified electors of the City of
21 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
22 a Resolution approved by Council
23 proposing an amendment to The
24 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter confirming
25 Council's power to enact provisions

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2 Council considers necessary or
3 appropriate to accomplish the purposes of
4 a Minimum Wage and Benefits Ordinance";
5 and

6 Resolution No. 130544, entitled
7 "A resolution proposing an amendment to
8 The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
9 confirming Council's power to enact
10 provisions Council considers necessary or
11 appropriate to accomplish the purposes of
12 a Minimum Wage and Benefits Ordinance,"
13 respectfully reports it has considered
14 and amended the same and returns the
15 attached bill and resolution to Council
16 with a favorable recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you, Mr. Decker.

19 The Chair again recognizes
20 Councilman Greenlee.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
22 you, Mr. President. I move that the
23 rules of Council be suspended so as to
24 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
25 130532.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
4 has been moved and properly seconded that
5 the rules of Council be suspended so as
6 to permit first reading this day of Bill
7 No. 130532.

8 All those in favor please say
9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 ayes have it, and Resolution 130544 will
16 be placed on the Final Passage Calendar
17 at our next session of Council.

18 That concludes our committee
19 reports. The next order of business is
20 consideration of the Calendar. As there
21 are no bills on the First Reading
22 Calendar, the Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Jones for purposes of calling up
24 resolutions and bills on the Final
25 Passage Calendar.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. The following resolutions
4 and bills are being called up for Second
5 Reading and Final Passage Calendar today:
6 Nos. 130541, 130597, 130600, 130601,
7 130602, 130609, 130615, 120651-A, and all
8 other resolutions and bills are being
9 held.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Thank you, Councilman.

12 Before considering these bills
13 and resolutions, we will consider public
14 comment as follows: Public comment -- if
15 anyone here is interested in testifying
16 today, you must sign up to the table to
17 my left. You will be given three minutes
18 to testify. We do this to ensure that
19 everybody has an opportunity. Sometimes
20 we have relatively lengthy public comment
21 sessions.

22 In the middle of the Council
23 you will see a podium. That podium has a
24 device on it. That device will have a
25 light. When it is your time to speak, it

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2 will turn green. When it turns yellow,
3 you will have 30 seconds to conclude your
4 remarks, and when it turns red, we ask
5 that you please conclude your remarks and
6 adhere to the guidelines that we have
7 established.

8 Mr. Decker, could you please
9 read the name of the first individual who
10 is interested in testifying today.

11 CHIEF CLERK: James Jenkins,
12 commenting on 120651-A.

13 (Witness approached podium.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
15 morning, sir.

16 MR. JENKINS: Good morning,
17 Council President and City Council. My
18 name is James Jenkins and I'm concerned
19 about this real estate bill that they
20 want to rescind.

21 In Philadelphia I've watched it
22 being revived for the last 15 years
23 because of this bill. I'm not involved
24 in the real estate business, although I'd
25 like to buy a home in South Southwest

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2 Philadelphia and that abatement, ten
3 years, makes it affordable for me as well
4 as many others, and I just don't
5 understand why something that's working
6 so well in so many areas of the City,
7 that people are trying to stop it now.

8 I've watched my city go from
9 plight to just beautiful now. There's so
10 many people walking the streets. The
11 neighborhoods are being revived, and in
12 ten years, those people would pay real
13 estate taxes as well as paying city wage
14 taxes the whole time they're here. And I
15 just wanted to voice my opinion today.

16 Thank you for your time.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Clarc King,
18 commenting on 120118.

19 (Witness approached podium.)

20 MR. KING: Thank you, President
21 of the Council, and thank you,
22 Councilmembers. I would like to ask the
23 City Council to stop the proposal 120118
24 that studies the feasibility of
25 transferring operations and/or selling

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2 Philadelphia Gas Works to a private
3 entity.

4 As the economy may be heading
5 into a hyperinflationary phase, the fed's
6 recent decision is ominous. It is
7 stating that the fed cannot get out of
8 the unlimited bailout system. The fed is
9 supporting the \$60 trillion shadow
10 banking sector. At this moment we still
11 do not know the consequences of the 2005
12 Bankruptcy Act or the Dodd-Frank Act that
13 gives superpriority status to derivative
14 holders. The population is left with
15 sequester. The population is told that
16 the administration and the Congress is
17 not finished with Social Security,
18 Medicare or Medicaid. What will
19 Philadelphia do in the case of an
20 insolvency crisis?

21 City Council must create the
22 Philadelphia public bank. A wartime
23 urgency is needed to direct the City's
24 energies to economy formation. A public
25 bank, Philadelphia Gas Works, and the

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2 Philadelphia Navy Yard will serve as the
3 basis of a science-driven economy. The
4 City can start redeveloping the necessary
5 infrastructure projects that is in
6 sewers, waters, roads and, most of all,
7 education facilities. Our budgetary
8 crisis is located in the unlimited
9 bailout system and the private sector's
10 finance of government with the fed's
11 collaboration.

12 Thank you, City Council. Thank
13 you, Mr. President.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you, sir.

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

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: If
20 there are no other speakers, that
21 concludes our public comment. We will
22 now consider resolutions and bills on the
23 Second Reading and Final Passage.

24 Mr. Decker, would you please
25 read the title of 130541.

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

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Johnson.

16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I want to
17 hold that bill, Mr. President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Okay, Councilman. Resolution 130541 is
20 being held at the request of the sponsor.

21 Mr. Decker, 130597.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
24 Property to execute and deliver to the
25 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority,

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2 without consideration, deeds conveying
3 conditional fee simple title to certain
4 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
5 the buildings and improvements thereon,
6 situate in the Third Ward of the City of
7 Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you, Mr. President. I move for the
12 adoption.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All those in favor?

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
22 ayes have it. Resolution 130597 is
23 adopted.

24 Mr. Decker, 130600.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

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2 approving the redevelopment contract of
3 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
4 for the redevelopment and urban renewal
5 of a portion of the Models Cities Urban
6 Renewal Area, identified by house numbers
7 and street addresses as 2108 through 44
8 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, 2105 through 47
9 Nicholas Street and 1631 through 37 North
10 Twenty-Second Street.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
14 you, Mr. President. I move the adoption
15 of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All those in favor?

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 ayes have it. 130600 is adopted.

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2 Mr. Decker, 130601.

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

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

17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
18 you, Mr. President. I move the adoption
19 of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All those in favor?

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Resolution 130601 is adopted.

6 Mr. Decker, 130602.

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

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Greenlee.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
22 you, Mr. President. I move the adoption
23 of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

1 9/19/13 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 been moved and properly seconded.

3 All those in favor?

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 ayes have it. Resolution 130602 is
10 adopted.

11 Mr. Decker, 130609.

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

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 Chair recognizes Councilman Johnson.

25 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you.

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2 I move for the adoption of the
3 resolution, Mr. President.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All those in favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 ayes have it. 130609 is adopted.

14 Mr. Decker, 130605 [sic].

15 CHIEF CLERK: Resolution
16 130615, a resolution authorizing the
17 Commissioner of Public Property to
18 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
19 Redevelopment Authority, without
20 consideration, deeds conveying
21 conditional fee simple title to certain
22 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
23 the buildings and improvements thereon,
24 situate in the Thirty-Ninth Ward of the
25 City of Philadelphia.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

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

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All those in favor?

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 ayes have it. Resolution 130615 is
17 adopted.

18 Mr. Decker, please read the
19 title of 120651-A.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Chapter 19-1300 of The
22 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate
23 Taxes," by reducing the amount of real
24 estate taxes to be exempted for certain
25 improvements to, or construction of,

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2 certain residential, commercial,
3 industrial or other business properties;
4 and by reducing the duration of such
5 exemptions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. Let me be clear. My goal
10 is not to end the tax abatement program.
11 My goal is to modify it. But the
12 opponents of this bill don't want it
13 changed at all. I understand why.

14 The tax abatement is not based
15 on individual need. It is by right. And
16 there has been no project-by-project
17 analysis that proves that each tax
18 abatement project required a ten-year,
19 100 percent abatement. Therefore, the
20 modification of this program would fit
21 most development needs. If the project
22 requires even more subsidy, there are
23 other options to fill that gap, but the
24 additional subsidy should be based on
25 need.

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2 The opponents of this bill
3 suggest that we should go find funding
4 for schools elsewhere. I suggest we go
5 find funding for development projects
6 elsewhere other than school tax revenue.
7 Every project does not need the current
8 tax abatement, but every school
9 absolutely needs more money. So why take
10 money from needy schools for the tax
11 abatement. In the end, who has the
12 greater needs? The kids.

13 For this reason, I am
14 withdrawing this bill in favor of Bill
15 No. 130586 introduced last week. My
16 priority is now funding for schools as
17 soon as possible, not 2016.

18 I also call on the Mayor and
19 the School Reform Commission to reject
20 the current tax abatement policy that
21 gives away tax dollars that could be used
22 in needy schools and to immediately back
23 my new bill.

24 The campaign for Bill No.
25 130586 starts now. Stop taking money

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2 from schools, plain and simple. So I
3 move to withdraw Bill No. 120651-A.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All those in favor of a
8 withdraw.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 ayes have it. The record shall reflect
15 120651-A is withdrawn.

16 Mr. Decker, 120 -- that
17 concludes our Calendar as it relates to
18 bills. Mr. Decker, do you have any
19 additional resolutions.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
21 recognizing the tireless, dedicated
22 efforts of The Workshop School and
23 celebrating its official opening as a
24 full four-year School District of
25 Philadelphia public high school,

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2 introduced by Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

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

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
20 resolution calling on the Philadelphia
21 City Council Committee on Education to
22 hold hearings concerning the Commonwealth
23 of Pennsylvania's approach to education
24 funding, introduced by Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.

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

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 ayes have it.

18 Councilman Jones, did you want
19 to be recognized, or you knew you were
20 teed up next. Okay. Pretty good.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: I'm getting
22 in line.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You
24 have a mirror up here, sir?

25 Mr. Decker.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
3 resolution recognizing Saturday,
4 September 28th, 2013 as Philly Play! Day
5 in the City of Philadelphia, introduced
6 by Councilman Henon.

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

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
24 resolution recognizing National
25 Manufacturing Day on Friday, October 4th,

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2 2013, introduced by Councilman Henon.

3 COUNCILMAN HENON:

4 Mr. President, I move for the adoption of
5 the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All those in favor?

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 ayes have it. That resolution is also
16 adopted.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
18 resolution recognizing and honoring the
19 tremendous bravery, contributions, and
20 sacrifices of The Puerto Rican 65th
21 Infantry Regiment and calling on the
22 United States Congress to award the
23 Regiment the Congressional Gold Medal,
24 introduced by Councilwoman
25 Quinones-Sanchez.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
5 you. I move for the adoption.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All those in favor?

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 ayes have it.

16 Mr. Decker.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 authorizing the Council Committee on
19 Public Health and Human Services to hold
20 hearings regarding the "Healthy PA" plan
21 to provide health insurance, introduced
22 by Councilwoman Sanchez for Councilwoman
23 Tasco.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I move
3 for the adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All those in favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 ayes have it. That resolution is also
14 adopted.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
16 recognizing and congratulating Joan Myers
17 Brown and Laurie Olin for being awarded
18 the 2012 National Medal of Arts and
19 Humanities by President Barack Obama,
20 introduced by Councilwoman Reynolds
21 Brown.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you.
25 I move for the adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All those in favor?

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
11 that resolution is also adopted.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 supporting the National Minority Business
14 Development Agency and recognizing
15 September 30th through October 4th, 2013
16 as Philadelphia Minority Enterprise
17 Development Week which provides critical
18 information to foster the growth and
19 competitiveness of the minority business
20 community, introduced by Councilman
21 Jones.

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

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
25 Mr. President. I move for its adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All those in favor?

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
11 resolution is adopted.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 designating the week of Monday, October 7
14 through Monday, October 14, 2013 as
15 "Christopher Columbus/Italian American
16 Heritage Week" in the City of
17 Philadelphia. This is done in
18 celebration of the festivities
19 commemorating Columbus' historic voyage
20 to the New World and honoring Bob Rydell
21 as Grand Marshall of the 2013
22 Philadelphia Columbus Day Parade,
23 introduced by Councilman Squilla.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. I ask for the adoption of
4 the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All those in favor?

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 ayes have it and that resolution is
15 adopted.

16 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
17 other resolutions for consideration on
18 the Final Passage Calendar,
19 Mr. President.

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

22 There are no other bills or
23 resolutions on the Calendar today. Are
24 there any speeches on the part of the
25 minority?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 There being none, are there any speeches
5 on the part of the majority?

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Jones.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. I have two pieces of work
10 today. One -- both give me pause and
11 make me sad a bit, but the first one, I
12 have to congratulate Jan Ransom from the
13 press corps for her leaving, I guess, to
14 go to a smaller market, New York, in the
15 Daily News there. Over the time she's
16 been here, she's been a respected
17 journalist and fair -- I'll say it again,
18 fair -- to the issues. Not always
19 agreeing with everything Council did, but
20 always putting in the work to find out
21 the truth of the matter. So she will be
22 missed. I was unsuccessful, I must
23 report, in converting her into an Eagle
24 fan or a Sixers fan, so she has to go.
25 And so we wish her well in her new

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2 endeavors.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Second thing

7 I want to announce, Mr. President, is
8 that the war on poverty turned 50 years
9 old, and I would argue whether or not we
10 are winning that war. Like so many wars,
11 it's hard to measure whether or not there
12 are more casualties than victories.

13 But earlier this week I
14 participated in a discussion with the
15 Mayor and State Representative David
16 Reed, who is the Chairman of the Majority
17 Policy Committee at Harrisburg. One of
18 the things that you've been encouraging
19 is better relationships with this body
20 and bodies at the Harrisburg level, and I
21 think it's paying off in many, many
22 different ways with many different
23 dividends.

24 The subject was "shared
25 prosperity" and dealing with anti-poverty

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2 efforts. You are aware that this body
3 during the budget process asked and
4 questioned what was the City's policy on
5 anti-poverty. We can clearly articulate
6 our greening policy. We can clearly
7 articulate our anti-crime poverty, but we
8 had some difficulty giving a vision for
9 how we deal with the 28 percent of the
10 folk in the City of Philadelphia that
11 suffer from poverty.

12 One of the things that came out
13 of the discussion was the fact that one
14 size does not fit all and that there are
15 different shades of poverty and that you
16 can be the poor person below the poverty
17 line that was due to retirement and
18 becoming on fixed income and not being
19 able to manage to get above that poverty
20 guideline. You could be
21 third-generation, second-generation poor
22 because of circumstances like poor
23 education and lack of economic prospects.
24 You can be new American immigrant poor
25 because of language barriers and other

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2 obstacles that are in your way and can't
3 seem to get a hold of that American
4 dream. Just like there are many shades
5 of poverty, there will be many solutions
6 to bring people out of that impoverished
7 state.

8 We need to make clear also that
9 the House of Representatives at the
10 federal level is now considering a \$4
11 billion food stamp bill, cutting it back
12 and taking food stamps away from poor
13 people, which is an important safety net
14 for those people who find themselves in
15 that circumstance. Also, the Inquirer
16 reported the fact that eight out of ten
17 applications for public assistance are
18 now being turned down by the state
19 because of new regulations and proof that
20 you are out there looking for work. And
21 we all know that even with the recovery,
22 it is a jobless recovery, that the last
23 economic indicator to move the needle in
24 the right direction is new job starts.

25 So as we begin the conversation

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2 about an anti-poverty strategy, we thank
3 the Administration. We thank
4 Representative Reed for having the
5 discussion, because we all know that even
6 at the national level, during the
7 Democratic National Convention, the word
8 "poor" associated with people wasn't
9 used. Saving the middle class was used,
10 protecting the middle class, polite ways
11 to talk about lifting all of our boats,
12 but the words "poor people" were not
13 used.

14 So you can ignore the elephant
15 in the room all you want, but it will
16 raise its head in other rooms such as
17 crime, such as homelessness, such as
18 hunger. Until we open our eyes and open
19 our mouths and begin the dialogue about
20 how to alleviate poverty in the City of
21 Philadelphia, it won't get done without
22 us.

23 So we applaud Chairman Reed for
24 his efforts. And he's not from a big
25 city. He's from a small county, but he

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2 talks about a main street that is
3 devastated by the economy and people who
4 generally suffer in silence there. So we
5 join him in trying to find strategies to
6 alleviate poverty in the Commonwealth of
7 Pennsylvania.

8 Thank you, Mr. President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you, Councilman.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
14 you, Mr. President. As all of you know,
15 we had two briefings this week. One is
16 concerning Walk Safe Philadelphia, and we
17 have a good structure in place. It
18 doesn't mean that everything has worked
19 out. As many of you know, we had
20 problems at one of my schools, in fact
21 where I used to teach, where I met Lucien
22 through his children, at Lea School,
23 because we still have problems with
24 children trying to walk from Woodland
25 Avenue at 46th to 47th and Locust across

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2 Chester, Woodland, Baltimore, Spruce, all
3 of those streets. So even though we have
4 a structure in place, we still have a lot
5 of issues with that, as well as the
6 Philadelphia School Partnership who is
7 advocating universal enrollment. So we
8 don't know whether we agree or disagree,
9 but all that we hear on these subjects we
10 will certainly bring to you so that we
11 have at least the most available
12 information. So I thank everyone for
13 their support.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you, Councilwoman.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Sanchez.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
19 you, Mr. President. I do want to echo
20 what Councilman Jones says. I think it's
21 such an important topic, and remind my
22 colleagues that even our municipal union,
23 District Council 33, put out a report
24 where many of their members have to
25 receive some sort of benefit because of

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2 the salary they make.

3 So this is a conversation that
4 we should have, and we should work on
5 potentially having some hearings to
6 discuss what we're doing, what we could
7 be doing and the facts. It's an issue
8 that, President Clarke, you and I have
9 districts with concentrated poverty and
10 one that we recognize every single day,
11 and that's why we're always a proponent
12 of City services to help and provide that
13 safety net. So I want to echo that and
14 thank him for raising that issue.

15 I want to remind folks it's
16 Hispanic Month. Next week is the
17 beginning of the Puerto Rican Week, and
18 we kick off the week with a flag raising
19 at 12:00 noon here on Dilworth Plaza. I
20 invite all of my colleagues to join me in
21 that celebration.

22 Thank you. And we will have
23 food, lunch afterwards. That's always
24 important.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you so much.

3 Before we go to our
4 adjournment, I would just like to do a
5 little different, to use councilmanic
6 prerogative as opposed to traditional
7 presentations in the beginning of the
8 session. We would like to offer a
9 presentation and just recognize one of
10 our members, a colleague who has worked
11 and actually as many years as I have and
12 some of us in here, City Council. Denise
13 Beckett is retiring after 31 years of
14 service in City Council in the Chief
15 Clerk's Office.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
18 it would be good if she came to the
19 podium right now.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 She's a little bit shy.

23 Just come on over. We just
24 want to thank you so much.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Real
3 quick, can the members come up real quick
4 to take a picture. I know I'm a little
5 off track, but anybody who works in this
6 place for 31 years, they deserve it.

7 (Council at ease.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Ms. Ransom, if you had stayed around a
10 little longer, you may have gotten one of
11 those.

12 Thank you. At this time, the
13 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown for
14 an adjournment.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. I move that City Council
17 stand adjourned until Thursday, September
18 26th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
21 in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it. Council will stand
4 adjourned until Thursday, September 26th,
5 2013, 10:00 a.m.

6 Thank you all very much.

7 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
8 11:20 a.m.)

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