

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 6, 2014
10:50 a.m.

PRESENT:

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

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning, everyone.

4 (Good morning.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
6 appears we have established a quorum.
7 I'd ask all guests and visitors to please
8 retire behind the rail and members take
9 their seat. We will start.

10 To give our invocation, the
11 Chair recognizes Reverend Robert Shipman,
12 Sr., Pastor of Prince of Peace Baptist
13 Church and also a very good friend of
14 mine and the President of the Baptist
15 Pastors and Ministers Conference of
16 Philadelphia and Vicinity. He is here
17 today as the guest of Councilwoman
18 Blondell Reynolds Brown.

19 Pastor.

20 I'd ask everyone to please
21 rise.

22 (Members and guests rise.)

23 PASTOR SHIPMAN: God, we're
24 thankful for the privilege that we have
25 to be in this place today to occupy this

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2 moment in time and in space. We're
3 grateful for the privilege that you have
4 given to this country to be, in many of
5 our hearts and minds, the world leader.
6 We're grateful that you have given to the
7 City of Philadelphia the privilege of
8 being a city that is known for its
9 innovation, its creativity, and its
10 daring to move to new horizons.

11 We're grateful for the leaders
12 who have committed themselves to the
13 passing of legislation that will secure
14 the future of all the citizens hereof and
15 all those who are even less fortunate
16 than we.

17 We pray for wisdom for each one
18 today and that you would cause us not to
19 move by simple expediency, but by the
20 social good, the general good for all of
21 the masses of people, for all of the
22 races that unite in this city, for all of
23 the economic conditions that exist here.
24 Give these wisdom to do those things, to
25 pass those ordinances and legislation

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2 that will affect positively the lifestyle
3 and the quality of life for the thousands
4 and millions perhaps that will be
5 impacted by their decisions.

6 We ask you now, oh gracious
7 father, for special mercy, for special
8 grace in this time that is so challenging
9 in so many ways. We pray for boldness,
10 for leaders who are faced with challenges
11 to make decisions that may affect either
12 their career or the good of those less
13 fortunate. Give them strength to make
14 the right decisions.

15 We pray now for this great
16 city, that you would prosper her, that
17 you would lift her, and that she would
18 truly live up to the name -- to that
19 nomenclature that represents her across
20 the world, the City of Brotherly Love.

21 Move us, we pray. Guide us, we
22 pray. Increase our level of intelligence
23 and comprehension of the things that are
24 going on around us so that all the things
25 may be considered as we develop this

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2 great society.

3 Keep us now and guide us, we
4 pray. I pray for this people, for these
5 who are gathered, especially the
6 legislators and including those who are
7 extensions of their offices, those who
8 are here to listen to the things that
9 will be discussed and be impacted by
10 them. I pray for each one for a spirit
11 of respect and camaraderie, for a spirit
12 of wholeness to envelop this place that
13 together we may not think simply from our
14 angst or anxiety, but again from that
15 which will benefit us most as a people.

16 Bless now. Do your will within
17 us, because we cannot often see ourselves
18 walking in it. Guide us as we tread this
19 dark path.

20 We ask you now for all these
21 things in the name of Christ, our Lord,
22 and we give you praise.

23 Amen.

24 (Amen.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you so much, Pastor.

3 Council will be at ease.

4 (Council at ease.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you very much.

7 The next order of business is

8 the approval of the Journal of the

9 meeting of Thursday, February 27th, 2014.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman

11 Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank

13 you, Mr. President. I move that the

14 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,

15 February, 27th, 2014 be approved.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you. It has been moved and

19 properly seconded that the Journal of

20 Thursday, February 27th, 2014 stand

21 approved.

22 All those in favor say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 eyes have it, and the Journal is
5 approved.

6 The next order of business is
7 requests for leaves of absence, and the
8 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

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

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 Chair thanks the gentleman.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 O'Neill.

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

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you, sir.

23 Folks, I'd ask that you please
24 keep your voices down a little bit, and
25 if you have any devices, cell phones,

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2 whatever, iPads, that make any noise
3 whatsoever, please turn them to vibrate
4 or, better yet, turn them off. Thank you
5 very much for your cooperation.

6 At this time, I will dispense
7 with the regular order of business and
8 thank everyone for coming here today. I
9 welcome you. I know a lot of you are
10 government employees, so I don't have to
11 give the usual spiel about you
12 experiencing your government in action,
13 but for those of you who are not
14 government employees, I want to thank you
15 and welcome you for coming here today and
16 hope that you enjoy this so much that you
17 come back again. So, again, thank you
18 very much.

19 Today we have many
20 distinguished visitors with us, including
21 elected officials, heads of departments,
22 boards, commissions, and many
23 representatives from the Administration.
24 Please know that we appreciate you being
25 with us today. We want to extend a warm

1 3/6/14 - STATED - COMMUNICATIONS
2 welcome and to offer our thanks for all
3 the good work that you do, and we all say
4 thank you. Thank you very much.

5 Guys, you can kind of like take
6 pride in the wonderful work that you do.
7 Thank you all. And I'll be calling some
8 of you tomorrow, because one of the
9 lights in my recreation center is out.
10 Thank you. I'm just saying, with this
11 Council, business is business.

12 The next order of business is
13 communications. The Chair requests that
14 the Sergeant-of-Arms delivers the
15 messages from the Mayor to the Chief
16 Clerk.

17 Mr. Decker, would you please
18 read those messages.

19 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
20 and members of the Council of the City of
21 Philadelphia, pursuant to Sections 4-604
22 and 2-307 of the Home Rule Charter, I am
23 today transmitting to the Council the
24 recommendation of the City Planning
25 Commission on the following bills: Bill

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2 Nos. 140003, 140004, 140005, 140007,
3 140008, 140009, 140053, 140075, 140076,
4 and 140097; and I am pleased to advise
5 you that on March 4, 2014, I signed the
6 following bills that were passed by
7 Council at its session on February 20,
8 2014: Bill Nos. 120387 and 130744-A, and
9 that I am returning without my signature
10 Bill Nos. 130851 and 130852; and

11 I am transmitting for the
12 consideration of your honorable body a
13 resolution approving the redevelopment
14 contract of the Philadelphia
15 Redevelopment Authority for the
16 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
17 portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal
18 Area, identified by house number and
19 street address as 1627 through 31 West
20 Montgomery Avenue; and

21 A resolution approving the
22 redevelopment contract of the
23 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
24 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
25 portion of the West Philadelphia

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2 Redevelopment Area, identified by house
3 number and street address as 5436 Malcolm
4 Street; and

5 A resolution approving the
6 redevelopment contract of the
7 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
8 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
9 portion of the New Kensington-Fishtown
10 Urban Renewal Area, identified by house
11 number and street address as 2103 Abigail
12 Street; and

13 A resolution providing for the
14 approval by the Council of the City of
15 Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year
16 Financial Plan for the City of
17 Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2015
18 through 2019, and incorporating proposed
19 changes with respect to Fiscal Year 2014,
20 which is to be submitted by the Mayor to
21 the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental
22 Cooperation Authority; and

23 An ordinance to adopt a Capital
24 Program for the six Fiscal Years
25 2015-2020 inclusive; and

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2 An ordinance to adopt a Fiscal
3 Year 2015 Capital Budget; and

4 An ordinance adopting the
5 Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2015;
6 and

7 An ordinance amending Section
8 19-1806 of The Philadelphia Code,
9 entitled "Authorization of Realty Use and
10 Occupancy Tax," to further authorize the
11 Board of Education of the School District
12 of Philadelphia to impose a tax on the
13 use or occupancy of real estate within
14 the School District of Philadelphia; and

15 An ordinance amending Section
16 19-1801 of The Philadelphia Code,
17 entitled "Authorization of Tax," to
18 further authorize the Board of Education
19 of the School District of Philadelphia to
20 impose a tax on real estate within the
21 City of Philadelphia; and

22 An ordinance authorizing the
23 Procurement Commissioner to enter into
24 purchase obligations for the delivery of
25 electric, natural gas and motor fuel

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2 energy supplies for use by facilities
3 owned and leased by the City, including
4 agreements that obligate payments for
5 delivery of such energy supplies in
6 future fiscal years, all under certain
7 terms and conditions.

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

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

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you so much.

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

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

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
3 you, Mr. President. Today I introduce
4 four resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
6 Thank you, Councilwoman.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
8 resolution honoring and recognizing
9 Pastor Brian Jenkins, Founder and
10 Executive Director of Chosen 300
11 Ministries, for his courage, drive, and
12 commitment to fighting homelessness and
13 poverty in the City of Philadelphia.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a
18 non-privileged resolution calling on the
19 Council of the City of Philadelphia to
20 recognize and support President Barack
21 Obama's execution of a Presidential
22 Memorandum creating and expanding ladders
23 of opportunity for boys and young men of
24 color which established the My Brother's
25 Keeper initiative.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
3 that resolution will also be placed on
4 today's Final Passage Calendar.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a
6 non-privileged resolution approving the
7 redevelopment contract of the
8 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
9 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
10 portion of the West Philadelphia
11 Redevelopment Area, identified by house
12 number and street address as 5436 Malcolm
13 Street.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
15 that resolution will be on next week's
16 Final Passage Calendar.

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

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2 situate in the Sixtieth Ward of the City
3 of Philadelphia.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Greenlee.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
10 you, Mr. President. Together with you
11 and Councilman Goode, I offer one bill,
12 and on your behalf I offer two
13 resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you, Councilman.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 amending Chapter 19-1500 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Wage and Net
19 Profits Tax," by decreasing the rate or
20 rates of the tax imposed upon certain low
21 income persons, providing for refunds of
22 excess taxes paid, directing the Revenue
23 Department to develop procedures and
24 forms whereby eligible taxpayers can
25 obtain such refunds, and requiring

1 3/6/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 employers to provide refund forms to
3 employees.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
5 that bill will be referred to the
6 appropriate committee.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a
8 non-privileged resolution approving the
9 redevelopment contract of the
10 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
11 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
12 portion of the Cecil B. Moore Avenue
13 Urban Renewal Area, identified by house
14 numbers and street addresses as 1725
15 through 27 Cecil B. Moore Avenue and 1735
16 Cecil B. Moore Avenue.

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a
21 non-privileged resolution approving the
22 redevelopment contract of the
23 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
24 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
25 portion of the Model Cities Urban Renewal

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2 Area, identified by house number and
3 street address as 1627 through 31 West
4 Montgomery Avenue.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
6 resolution will also be on next week's
7 Final Passage Calendar.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Henon.

10 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
11 Council President. I offer one
12 privileged resolution.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you, Councilman.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
16 resolution honoring The Saint Patrick's
17 Day Observance Association for their
18 efforts in organizing the 244th Annual
19 Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

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

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I have no

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2 bills or resolutions today,

3 Mr. President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilwoman.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman

7 Johnson.

8 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,

9 Mr. President. I have one bill.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you, Councilman.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

13 authorizing the Procurement Commissioner

14 to enter into purchase obligations for

15 the delivery of electric, natural gas and

16 motor fuel energy supplies for use by

17 facilities owned and leased by the City.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That

19 bill will be placed in the appropriate

20 committee.

21 The Chair recognizes

22 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

24 you, Mr. President. I have one

25 privileged resolution co-sponsored by

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2 yourself.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilwoman.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
6 resolution recognizing and honoring the
7 partnership between the Salvation Army
8 and Walmart to support a peer mentoring
9 program in North Philadelphia.

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

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 O'Brien.

15 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. I have one bill.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you, Councilman.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia
21 Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses,
22 Trades and Professions," by adding
23 definitions, duties, penalties,
24 exceptions, prohibited acts, licensing
25 requirements and other related items

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2 regarding provision of immigration
3 assistance services.

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

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Goode.

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

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you, Councilman.

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
17 morning, Mr. President. I offer one bill
18 and one resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you, Councilwoman.

21 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
22 amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia
23 Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Building
24 Construction and Occupancy Code," by
25 amending Subcode 'PM', entitled The

1 3/6/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code,
3 by requiring the registration of
4 placement of solar panels on roofs.

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
9 resolution recognizing and supporting
10 women and girls throughout the world on
11 the occasion of International Women's Day
12 on Saturday, March 8, 2014.

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

16 And the Chair recognizes
17 Councilman Jones.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES:
19 Mr. President, today I offer six bills on
20 behalf of you and the Administration.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you, Councilman.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
24 adopt a Capital Program for the six
25 Fiscal Years 2015-2020 inclusive.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
6 to adopt a Fiscal 2015 Capital Budget.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
10 adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal
11 Year 2015.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
15 amending Section 19-1806 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 "Authorization of Realty Use and
18 Occupancy Tax," to further authorize the
19 Board of Education of the School District
20 of Philadelphia to impose a tax on the
21 use or occupancy of real estate within
22 the School District of Philadelphia.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

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2 amending Section 19-1801 of The
3 Philadelphia Code, entitled
4 "Authorization of Tax," to further
5 authorize the Board of Education of the
6 School District of Philadelphia to impose
7 a tax on real estate within the City of
8 Philadelphia.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 providing for the approval by the Council
13 of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised
14 Five Year Financial Plan for the City of
15 Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2015
16 through 2019.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
18 that resolution will be referred to the
19 committee.

20 And the Chair recognizes
21 Councilman O'Neill.

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

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Squilla.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
6 Mr. President. Before I introduce the
7 legislation, I just want to announce a
8 special guest. Normally we have from
9 PECO Ed and Melanie are here, but today
10 we have Chris Ritter from PECO, who is an
11 underground foreman for almost 28 years
12 and someone who led PECO's crew for eight
13 days restoring power to 715,000 customers
14 during the recent ice storm. Chris won a
15 contest at PECO to visit City Council
16 today. I guess he's a real lucky guy.

17 So, Chris, you want to stand
18 up. Congratulations. Thank you for
19 attending.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I'd like to offer one
23 bill and three resolutions, one
24 co-sponsored by Councilwoman
25 Quinones-Sanchez and Councilman Kenney

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2 and the other co-sponsored by President
3 Clarke and Councilman Kenney.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
5 Thank you, Councilman.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
7 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
8 changing the zoning designations of
9 certain areas of land located within an
10 area bounded by Girard Avenue, Front
11 Street, the Delaware Expressway, Spring
12 Garden Street, 3rd Street, Brown Street,
13 and 2nd Street.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
17 resolution proclaiming March 16, 2014 as
18 "Quiara Alegia Hughes Day" in
19 Philadelphia for her award winning
20 contributions to the world of arts,
21 literature and theatre.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a

1 3/6/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 non-privileged resolution also naming 3rd
3 Street between Market Street and Poplar
4 Streets to "N3RD Street."

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

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a
9 non-privileged resolution approving the
10 redevelopment contract of the
11 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
12 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
13 portion of the New Kensington-Fishtown
14 Urban Renewal Area, identified by house
15 number and street address as 2103 Abigail
16 Street.

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

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Bass.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. I have no bills or
24 resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilwoman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman

4 Oh.

5 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,

6 Mr. President. I offer no bills or

7 resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you very much, Councilman.

10 And that concludes our

11 introduction of bills and resolutions.

12 The next order of business is reports

13 from committee, and the Chair recognizes

14 Councilman Goode for a report from the

15 Committee on Appropriations.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,

17 Mr. President. The Committee on

18 Appropriations reports two bills with a

19 favorable recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you.

22 Mr. Decker, please read the

23 report.

24 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

25 and members of the Council of the City of

1 3/6/14 - STATED - REPORTS
2 Philadelphia, the Committee on
3 Appropriations, to which was referred
4 Bill No. 140017, entitled "An ordinance
5 amending Chapter 20-304 of The
6 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Compensation
7 for Members of Boards, Commissions,
8 Committees and Councils,' by repealing
9 Bill No. 100212, thereby returning the
10 compensation for members of the Board of
11 Revision of Taxes to the level existing
12 prior to the passage of that bill"; and
13 Bill No. 140079, entitled "An
14 ordinance authorizing transfers in
15 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014 from
16 the General Fund, certain or all City
17 offices, departments, boards and
18 commissions, the Water Fund, the
19 Department of Revenue and the Grants
20 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
21 Provision for Other Grants to the General
22 Fund, certain or all City offices,
23 departments, boards and commissions, the
24 Water Fund, the Department of Revenue and
25 the Grants Revenue Fund, the Department

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2 of Parks and Recreation," respectfully
3 reports it has considered and amended the
4 same and returns the attached bills to
5 Council with a favorable recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
7 the Chair again recognizes Councilman
8 Goode.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. I move that the rules of
11 Council be suspended so as to permit
12 first reading this day of Bills No.
13 140017 and 140079.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you. It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that the rules of
18 Council be suspended this day so as to
19 permit first reading of Bills No. 140017
20 and 140079.

21 All those in favor say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Wow.

24 All those in favor say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 ayes have it, and those bills will be
7 placed on our First Reading Calendar for
8 today.

9 The Chair again recognizes
10 Councilman Goode for a report from the
11 Committee of Commerce and Economic
12 Development.

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. The Committee on Commerce
15 and Economic Development reports two
16 bills with a favorable recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you, Councilman.

19 Mr. Decker, please read that
20 report.

21 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
22 Commerce and Economic Development, to
23 which was referred Bill No. 140002,
24 entitled "An ordinance authorizing the
25 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial

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2 Development to purchase approximately Two
3 and Seven-Tenths acres of land situate at
4 5210 Lindbergh Boulevard"; and

5 Bill No. 140100, entitled "An
6 ordinance amending Chapter 17-1300 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Philadelphia
8 21st Century Minimum Wage and Benefits
9 Standard,' by further providing with
10 respect to the membership of the Living
11 Wage and Benefits Review Committee; all
12 under certain terms and conditions,"
13 respectfully reports it has considered
14 the same and returns the attached bills
15 to Council with a favorable
16 recommendation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you, Mr. Decker.

19 The Chair again recognizes
20 Councilman Goode.

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I move that the rules of
23 Council be suspended so as to permit
24 first reading this day of Bills No.
25 140002 and 140100.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you. It has been moved and
5 properly seconded that the rules of
6 Council be suspended this day so as to
7 permit first reading of Bills No. 140002
8 and 140100.

9 All those in favor say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 ayes have it, and those bills will be
16 placed on our First Reading Calendar for
17 today.

18 The next order of business is
19 the consideration of the Calendar. I
20 note that the bills just reported from
21 committee with suspension of the rules
22 have been deemed to have had a first
23 reading. These bills will be placed on
24 our Second Reading and Final Passage
25 Calendar for our next session of Council.

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2 As there are no additional
3 bills on our First Reading Calendar, the
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones for the
5 purpose of calling up bills and
6 resolutions on our Final Passage Calendar
7 today.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. All resolutions and bills
10 that are listed on the Final Passage and
11 Second Reading and Final Passage
12 Calendars are being held. In addition,
13 all resolutions that were added to this
14 day's Final Passage Calendar are also
15 being held.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Thank you, sir.

18 The next order of business
19 would traditionally be public comment. I
20 will make the following message:

21 Due to the constraints given
22 the Mayor's budget address, we will
23 shortly consider the public comment
24 period which will be deferred to the next
25 session of Council.

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2 Therefore, as provided by the
3 rules of Council, Council will take no
4 action on any bill or resolution today.
5 Bottom line, if we did that, you would
6 have to have public comment to comply
7 with the state Supreme Court's ruling.
8 So in order to enable us to move forward
9 with the Mayor's budget message, we will
10 not have public comment. We will not
11 take any action on any bills or
12 resolutions, so we stay in full
13 compliance with the rules of not only the
14 Council but the rules of the state
15 Supreme Court.

16 At this time, time has come for
17 us to consider the Mayor's presentation
18 of the annual budget message. The
19 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter states
20 that the Mayor shall submit to Council,
21 no later than 90 days before the end of
22 the fiscal year, his operating budget,
23 his message, and proposed operating
24 budget ordinance for the ensuing fiscal
25 year. At the same time, the Mayor shall

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2 submit to Council the recommendation of
3 the capital program and capital budget as
4 received from the City Planning
5 Commission, to the extent approved by the
6 Mayor.

7 I now appoint the following
8 committee to escort the Mayor into the
9 Council Chamber: Councilman Jones,
10 Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Greenlee,
11 Councilman O'Neill, and Councilman Oh.

12 Prior to the Mayor's arrival, I
13 would like to say one thing. We would
14 ask that you restrain from any comments
15 during the Mayor's budget message. We
16 believe that to honor the decorum of this
17 Council, we're going to ask people
18 basically to comply with the rules. I
19 don't anticipate any problems, but I feel
20 I must say that. If in any way, shape or
21 form people do not allow us to conduct
22 our business, you will be asked to either
23 stay quiet or you will be asked to leave.

24 Thank you very much.

25 (Brief pause.)

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

3 Mr. President, the Mayor has arrived.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to

6 introduce the Mayor of the City of

7 Philadelphia, Michael A. Nutter.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Mr. Mayor, please proceed.

11 MAYOR NUTTER: Thank you,

12 Mr. President.

13 Good morning, Mr. President and

14 the City Council leadership, all the

15 members of City Council, I understand at

16 least from my notes, District Attorney

17 Seth Williams, Sheriff Jewell Williams,

18 Controller Alan Butkovitz. There may be

19 at least one or more City Commissioners,

20 possibly members of the judiciary, but

21 I'll try to cover that with all of my

22 fellow elected officials from all

23 branches of government, the members of

24 our Administration and any special guests

25 that may be here and our fellow

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2 Philadelphians. Reverend Shipman I know
3 gave the invocation and I want to thank
4 him not only for that invocation this
5 morning, but also his leadership and for
6 his church, risen from the ashes and
7 strong. I appreciate his leadership.

8 Mr. President, let me also give
9 a special thanks to you and all of your
10 staff working together with our staff for
11 the arrangements for today, and I want to
12 say thank you very, very much.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 You're welcome.

15 MAYOR NUTTER: Before we get
16 started today, I also want to recognize
17 the 2014 recipient of the Richardson
18 Dilworth Award for Distinguished Public
19 Service, Ms. Barbara Ash, a Law
20 Department attorney in the Child Welfare
21 Unit who works with an unparalleled sense
22 of purpose and professionalism. She has
23 been a tremendous advocate for our city's
24 social workers and the children and
25 families that they serve. Let us please

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2 give Barbara Ash a big round of applause.

3 (Applause.)

4 MAYOR NUTTER: I am quite sure
5 that Barbara, members of the City
6 Council, all elected officials, and all
7 public servants and thousands of our City
8 employees would agree, public service is
9 truly a calling, a vocation. Each of us
10 answered that call and steadfastly serve
11 our communities working together to shape
12 the future of our city and the lives of
13 every Philadelphian.

14 For nearly 15 years, I served
15 as a member of City Council, and for the
16 last six years, I've proudly worked
17 together with all of you as Mayor of this
18 great city.

19 And so, again, I'd like to
20 thank Council President Clarke and all
21 members of City Council for their
22 partnership and leadership over the last
23 six-plus years. Working together, this
24 City Council and our Administration have
25 achieved a great deal. We're attracting

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2 new business, creating jobs. We're
3 safer, greener, and growing in population
4 and our economy.

5 In just the last two years,
6 working together, we transformed the
7 City's skyline with more than seven and a
8 half billion dollars worth of recently
9 announced, under construction or
10 completed projects, including Comcast's
11 Innovation and Technology Center, a new
12 \$1.2 billion development project that was
13 just announced last month.

14 Working together, we reformed
15 Philadelphia's inaccurate and unfair
16 property tax system into an accurate,
17 understandable, and fair system that used
18 industry best practices to complete the
19 first citywide property reassessment
20 under the Actual Value Initiative.

21 Working together, Council
22 President Clarke, Councilwoman
23 Quinones-Sanchez, and our Administration
24 created a better system for the
25 disposition of vacant land and

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2 properties, making Philadelphia the
3 largest city in the nation to have a Land
4 Bank.

5 Working together, we rewrote
6 the City's Zoning Code and created the
7 City's first comprehensive plan,
8 Philadelphia 2035.

9 Working together, we've lowered
10 wage and business taxes, bringing the
11 resident wage tax rate below 4 percent
12 for the first time since the 1970s, and
13 we will continue to work together to
14 lower the wage and business taxes while
15 providing a range of exemptions and
16 incentives authored by City Council to
17 make Philadelphia a more attractive place
18 for businesses to start, stay here, and
19 grow here.

20 Working together, we've
21 transformed thousands of acres of long
22 neglected waterfront on the Central
23 Delaware and the Lower Schuylkill with
24 dynamic plans that reclaim former
25 industrial land.

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2 Working together, City Council
3 President Clark again and the Fairmount
4 Park Conservancy and our Administration
5 have agreed to move forward with the sale
6 of the Love Park garage and construction
7 of a new JFK Plaza/Love Park, and the
8 renovation of Dilworth Plaza, the
9 People's Plaza, will be completed this
10 fall.

11 Working together, our
12 Administration, with Council's active
13 support, has increased diversity in the
14 City business participation. We have
15 consistently surpassed our goal with
16 regard to the percentage of City
17 contracts going to minority, women, and
18 disabled-owned businesses. In 2013, we
19 reached 28 percent participation,
20 encouraging us to raise our participation
21 target to 30 percent for FY15.

22 A year before we began our
23 partnership, in 2007, homicides in
24 Philadelphia claimed the lives of 391
25 citizens. In 2013, we had 247 homicides,

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2 the lowest homicide count since 1967.
3 It's a decrease of 38 percent since 2007
4 and 26 percent lower than 2012. Overall,
5 violent crime is down 15 percent compared
6 to 2012.

7 But we all agree, one life lost
8 or damaged because of violence is one too
9 many, and that's why we will remain
10 focused on reducing violence among young
11 people through the Youth Violence
12 Reduction Collaborative and the federal
13 Department of Justice's National Forum on
14 Youth Violence Prevention.

15 And we must maintain our
16 commitment and determination regarding
17 homicides and shootings involving black
18 men and boys through our work around
19 Black Male Engagement, the Mayor's
20 Commission on African American Males, and
21 the national organization called Cities
22 United, which was recently recognized by
23 President Barack Obama during the launch
24 of his "My Brother's Keeper" initiative
25 just last week.

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2 In 2013, for the second year in
3 a row, civilian fire fatalities were at
4 an all-time low. Unfortunately, we did
5 suffer the loss of one of Philadelphia's
6 finest firefighters, Battalion Chief
7 Michael Goodwin, last year. We pray for
8 his family and all the families that have
9 suffered the loss of loved ones from fire
10 or violence.

11 In 2007, our high school
12 graduation rate was 53 percent and the
13 number of Philadelphians with a four-year
14 college degree was 18 percent. In 2008,
15 we all committed ourselves to turning the
16 tide on poor educational outcomes, and
17 today our high school graduation rate is
18 64 percent, an improvement of 11
19 percentage points. And our college
20 degree attainment rate is nearly 25
21 percent. Progress? Yes, but we know
22 that we have much more to do.

23 And our population has grown
24 every year since 2007, as affirmed by the
25 2010 Census, and we'll show growth again

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2 in 2013 for the seventh straight year in
3 a row. Attracting a diverse group of new
4 residents, empty-nesters, immigrants, and
5 Millennials. In fact, no major city in
6 America has experienced a larger
7 percentage growth in population of young
8 people than Philadelphia.

9 I also want to point out that
10 our strong fiscal management, our careful
11 financial stewardship, our ability to
12 work together and make tough budget
13 decisions is the reason that Standard and
14 Poor's gave Philadelphia the highest
15 rating ever in our history with an "A+"
16 municipal credit rating. And for the
17 first time since the '70s, all three
18 major rating agencies have Philadelphia
19 in the "A" category.

20 That's just a small portion of
21 what our Administration and City Council
22 have achieved working together. And I
23 know that we'll add more to those
24 accomplishments through our continued
25 partnership.

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2 Today, my proposed FY15 budget
3 builds on our collective track record of
4 fiscal responsibility and strategic
5 investment. It includes investments that
6 support our City of Philadelphia as we
7 continue on a path to prosperity. It
8 makes targeted investments for our
9 children and our adult citizens, in our
10 neighborhoods and in public safety. This
11 budget continues the incremental wage tax
12 reductions that we restarted last year to
13 bolster economic growth.

14 This budget proposes no tax
15 increases for the City's General Fund.
16 Let me repeat that. There are no tax
17 increases for the General Fund of our
18 City budget proposed today.

19 (Applause.)

20 MAYOR NUTTER: But there are
21 tax revenue issues related to funding
22 public education that must be addressed,
23 and I'll discuss those shortly.

24 And we still have a variety of
25 other challenges in front of us. Our

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2 total tax revenue in FY15 as compared to
3 FY14 is down about \$41 million, which
4 translates to 1.5 percent below FY14's
5 projections. This projected decrease in
6 FY15 is due to the expiration of the 1
7 percent Philadelphia Sales Tax and
8 reforms in the Business Income and
9 Receipts Tax.

10 This budget, which balances
11 lower tax revenue projections with rising
12 employee costs, takes a prudent approach
13 to addressing both the long-term
14 challenges we face and the immediate
15 needs of our citizens and our City
16 departments.

17 Just last night, District
18 Council 47 overwhelmingly ratified an
19 eight-year contract agreement that adds
20 \$122 million in costs to our Five Year
21 Plan. Our hard-working City employees
22 deserve the wage increases in this
23 contract just as taxpayers who foot the
24 bill deserve the cost-saving labor
25 reforms in this agreement as well.

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2 This contract includes vital
3 reforms in the areas of pension,
4 healthcare, and overtime, while members
5 of DC47 receive multiple wage increases
6 over three years that they need for
7 themselves and their families, starting
8 30 days from today.

9 As I've said many times, I want
10 contracts for all of our municipal
11 unions, and I certainly know that City
12 Council feels the same way, but those
13 agreements, in my view, also have to be
14 fair to the financial interests of our
15 citizens and our public servants.

16 This remains my goal as we
17 continue our negotiations with District
18 Council Union 33, which unfortunately is
19 now the only group of public employees
20 that doesn't have a contract that
21 provides raises for our workers.

22 I want to give DC33 raises, and
23 I need reforms as well. Let's get a
24 contract for our DC33 workers soon.

25 We're also concluding the

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2 arbitration process with our Firefighters
3 Union, whose members received raises last
4 year, and entering the arbitration
5 process with members of the FOP, who
6 received multiple raises in their
7 five-year contract.

8 Therefore, in our FY15 budget,
9 we're setting aside some of our fund
10 balance for future labor contract
11 agreements, just as we did in the FY14
12 budget.

13 We are committing more than
14 \$44.3 million for potential obligations
15 with District Council 33, Local 22, Lodge
16 5 of the Police, and non-represented
17 employees and for the new DC47 contract
18 in our FY15 budget. Over the span of the
19 Five Year Plan, we are reserving more
20 than \$375 million for contract costs,
21 including the full cost of the contract
22 with District Council 47.

23 I am hopeful that all of our
24 union leaders understand that my
25 Administration wants fair multi-year

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2 contracts with all of our union
3 employees. But, again, fair contracts
4 must include work rule changes,
5 healthcare cost savings and, most
6 importantly, pension reform.

7 We must control our costs of
8 operating the City government while
9 providing high-quality services and while
10 also seeking opportunities to strengthen
11 our financial picture and reduce
12 financial risk. We must also explore new
13 economic and job growth opportunities for
14 our city, and that is why we have spent
15 the last few years exploring the possible
16 sale of PGW and the incredible business
17 growth and job generation that this
18 proposal could create.

19 I know that members of City
20 Council and all Philadelphians
21 appropriately have questions regarding
22 the proposed sale of PGW to UIL Holdings,
23 but let me restate my analysis, because I
24 believe this is the right decision for
25 us, for PGW customers, and for PGW

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2 employees.

3 The proposed agreement will
4 freeze rates, gas rates, for three years.
5 That means no rate hike for three years,
6 and any new owner cannot raise rates
7 after that time without the approval of
8 the Pennsylvania Public Utility
9 Commission, just as PGW operates right
10 now.

11 The agreement will maintain
12 PGW's discount programs for low-income
13 families and seniors and will position
14 PGW to take full advantage of the
15 abundant supply of natural gas in
16 Pennsylvania, offering our city and
17 region the opportunity to become a prime
18 energy hub and job creator in America.

19 In addition, UIL's commitment
20 to accelerating investment in pipe
21 replacement, LNG facilities, and the
22 expanding shale gas operations means more
23 jobs for Local 686 and our building
24 construction trades. This is about jobs
25 and economic growth for our city.

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2 The proposed agreement also
3 protects the interests of PGW workers,
4 which is very important to me. All PGW
5 workers will be offered employment at
6 UIL. There will be no layoffs. All
7 pension benefits earned through the sale
8 date are assured in the future. That
9 means that PGW workers will receive their
10 PGW pension whenever they retire.
11 Whether it's two years or two decades
12 from now, you will get your PGW pension.

13 In addition, each year, our own
14 City pension costs grow, straining our
15 resources, resources that could be spent
16 improving service delivery or reducing
17 taxes. And now the City is doing all
18 that we can to ensure the long-term
19 financial security of our own City
20 pension fund, but we must be honest, it
21 is still less than half funded.

22 Sale of the Philadelphia Gas
23 Works could go a long way to rejuvenate
24 our severely underfunded pension fund.
25 The \$1.86 billion agreement with UIL

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2 Holdings could infuse between \$420
3 million and \$630 million into our pension
4 fund.

5 In the coming months, I know
6 that City Council will do its own due
7 diligence and carefully weigh all of the
8 elements of a potential sale of PGW. My
9 Administration is looking forward to
10 working with Council, answering your
11 questions, and hopefully ultimately
12 completing this sale.

13 Let me take a few moments to
14 discuss the paramount issue that I know
15 every member of Council is concerned
16 about - public education for our kids.

17 Our children deserve a
18 high-quality education, period. But
19 prolonged fiscal challenges at the School
20 District have truly impeded our ability
21 to provide a rich learning experience for
22 our young people. Our Administration and
23 City Council have time and time again
24 shown leadership, increasing annual,
25 recurring education funding by \$155

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2 million over the last three years.

3 Despite increased funding from
4 the City and making tough decisions to
5 reduce costs and implement savings, the
6 School District is operating under a
7 significantly constrained budget because
8 it did not receive the full funding it
9 needed for its current budget.

10 Recently, the District
11 requested an additional \$320 million in
12 recurring funding. That number is in
13 addition to the \$120 million that would
14 be generated by the extension of the 1
15 percent Philadelphia sales tax currently
16 a topic of conversation in City Council.

17 Now, because we're required to
18 budget revenues consistent with existing
19 law for measures that have already been
20 enacted, our budget assumes that the
21 District will receive that \$120 million.
22 But let me be very clear, and I have been
23 consistent in publicly stating on this
24 issue, we are in agreement that a 50/50
25 split of the 1 percent sales tax

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2 extension, coupled with the
3 implementation of the cigarette tax, is
4 vitally important for the financial
5 stability of the School District and the
6 fiscal health of our City pension fund.
7 And I will continue to be an aggressive
8 and strong advocate for change in the
9 sales tax extension legislation in
10 Harrisburg.

11 Two weeks ago, Dr. Hite
12 announced that the District would need an
13 additional \$320 million for Action Plan
14 2.0. I said that I support his broad
15 request for additional funds and that I
16 would certainly do whatever I could
17 within our own budget constraints to
18 ensure that the District had additional
19 funding that they needed from us.

20 Specifically, the District has
21 now made a direct request for \$75 million
22 in recurring annual funding from the City
23 to support District-managed and charter
24 schools. To meet the funding request, I
25 am again calling on the General Assembly

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2 to authorize the \$2 per pack cigarette
3 tax, as already approved by this City
4 Council.

5 In its first year, the
6 cigarette tax would generate \$83 million
7 in education funding, assuming a July 1,
8 2014 start date. And even in the out
9 years of the tax -- and smoking rates
10 more than likely will decrease, which
11 quite frankly is a good thing for the
12 health and wellness of our citizens -- it
13 will still provide more than \$70 million
14 of dependable, annual education funding.
15 All it requires is the General Assembly
16 to simply pass authorizing legislation,
17 which, again, I will continue to actively
18 and aggressively push for in Harrisburg.

19 Once again, let me thank the
20 members of City Council for passing the
21 cigarette tax 16 to nothing, trying to
22 provide local funding support for
23 educating our children. But there is
24 still so much work to do to support
25 high-quality education and the children

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2 of this city. The School District of
3 Philadelphia has a structural funding
4 deficit that is caused by a consistent
5 underfunding problem. It's not getting
6 the funding that it needs or deserves.

7 Most importantly, we need
8 substantial and sustainable long-term
9 funding. The School District of
10 Philadelphia needs a statewide,
11 student-weighted funding formula, a
12 formula that takes into account the
13 number of students in the District and
14 the needs of those students.
15 Pennsylvania is one of only three states
16 in the United States of America that does
17 not utilize a student-weighted formula.
18 The time for one is now. Our children
19 need it.

20 (Applause.)

21 MAYOR NUTTER: We must stand
22 together and urge the Commonwealth to
23 step up, create a new funding formula and
24 support Philadelphia students and
25 children all across this state.

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2 Last month I asked members of
3 the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of
4 Commerce to partner with all of us in the
5 fight for the future of our city, the
6 fight for education funding. It is my
7 sincere hope that Philadelphians will
8 actively join in this fight for fair and
9 full education funding as well.

10 I want to recognize and thank
11 Dr. William Hite and his team at the
12 School District. He is in fact doing an
13 incredible job under tremendously
14 difficult circumstances and has my
15 complete support, including his efforts
16 to gain sensible work rule changes that
17 support positive outcomes for our kids in
18 new teacher and principal contracts.

19 I know Dr. Hite, the School
20 Reform Commission, and every
21 Councilmember shares my belief that our
22 children should be our first priority.
23 Investing in their education is our
24 investment in Philadelphia's future.

25 Earlier I talked about fiscal

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2 responsibility and strategic investments.
3 Our proposed FY15 budget continues to
4 allocate funding for the support of our
5 citizens and the improvement of our
6 communities and neighborhoods. Let me
7 take a few moments to highlight some of
8 the new FY15 investments from the
9 operating and capital budgets.

10 Today, I'm pleased to announce
11 that we will invest an additional \$2.3
12 million in FY15 to bring all neighborhood
13 branch libraries up to six-days-a-week
14 service. We have not had this level of
15 service in our branch libraries since the
16 recession in 2008. We will be back to
17 six full days of service very soon.

18 This Council was right on this
19 issue back in 2009, and I've been
20 determined to correct my mistake ever
21 since. And I apologize to the children
22 and library users of this city for the
23 impact of my decision back at that time.
24 This new investment will total more than
25 \$11 million over the Five Year Plan to

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2 benefit our children, our parents,
3 jobseekers, senior citizens, and many
4 other library users.

5 Additionally, we will spend
6 \$200,000 to build the collections at our
7 neighborhood branches to ensure that our
8 neighborhood libraries have the resources
9 that Philadelphians need and want. The
10 collections at our neighborhood library
11 branches support literacy initiatives,
12 educational plans for students of all
13 ages, and the lifelong love of learning
14 for every Philadelphian.

15 And so I'd also like to
16 challenge the Library Foundation, the
17 Friends groups, the non-profit sector,
18 and our private donor community to match
19 the City's proposed \$200,000 for
20 collections at our neighborhood branches.

21 Our educational interests don't
22 end when a student graduates from high
23 school. To ensure that the Community
24 College of Philadelphia, the City college
25 of Philadelphia, is a viable and

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2 attractive post-secondary learning option
3 for every Philadelphian, we will spend an
4 additional \$500,000 in FY15 to help
5 offset rising tuition costs.

6 And because learning outside
7 the classroom is also important to the
8 development of our young people, we will
9 invest an additional \$500,000 in the
10 Department of Parks and Recreation to
11 provide more programming options and
12 expand recreation center hours across the
13 City in Fiscal '15.

14 I'm proud to announce that in
15 order to counteract federal sequestration
16 cuts that would hurt vulnerable
17 Philadelphians, we will continue to
18 invest an additional \$1 million in the
19 Office of Supportive Housing to help our
20 homeless citizens.

21 We will spend \$5 million in
22 FY15 on neighborhood commercial corridors
23 to make improvements to curbs and
24 sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, and
25 parking to complement public and private

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2 investments.

3 And we will provide \$16 million
4 to the Streets Department to pave roads
5 across the City. I'd like to take a
6 moment to acknowledge the exceptional
7 efforts of our many snow-fighting City
8 employees, starting with Streets
9 Commissioner Dave Perri and all those who
10 are out fighting these incredible storms
11 during the course of this winter for
12 months, battling bitterly cold
13 temperatures and intense snowfalls during
14 the third worst winter in the recorded
15 history of the City of Philadelphia,
16 including one storm just earlier this
17 week. Let's recognize all of these great
18 public servants.

19 (Applause.)

20 MAYOR NUTTER: We will also
21 make important investments in public
22 safety to continue our progress.

23 We will hire 400 new police
24 officers in FY15 to maintain a sworn
25 strength of 6,525 police officers in

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2 Philadelphia. We will welcome new
3 classes of firefighters, paramedics, and
4 EMTs to the Philadelphia Fire Department.
5 And we will continue to make renovations
6 to Police and Fire stations across the
7 City, including breaking ground on the
8 new Police Headquarters at 4601 Market
9 Street.

10 During the Great Recession, we
11 weren't able to replace our City vehicles
12 in a way that served our departments and
13 our citizens well. But in our proposed
14 FY15 budget, we will begin to invest
15 again: \$2 million from the operating
16 budget for police vehicles and other City
17 vehicles and \$10 million in capital money
18 for large specialty vehicles like fire
19 trucks, EMS trucks, trash compactors, and
20 new plowing equipment. In fact, the FY15
21 capital budget is \$131 million, the
22 largest capital budget since FY02.

23 To strengthen safety and
24 demolition oversight, we will fund 31 new
25 positions in the Department of Licenses

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2 and Inspections. These new employees
3 will supplement L&I's current emergency
4 services inspectional staff to ensure
5 safe public and private demolitions in
6 accordance with the recent package of
7 City Council legislation that I signed in
8 response to the building tragedy at 22nd
9 and Market.

10 I want to thank Councilman
11 Curtis Jones, Jr. and all the members of
12 City Council's Special Investigating
13 Committee on Demolition Practices for
14 their leadership on this issue.

15 Our Administration, with the
16 support and recommendations of City
17 Council, is doing everything we can to
18 ensure that this heartbreaking situation
19 never happens again. The safety and
20 well-being of our citizens is of the
21 utmost importance to all of us.

22 In the coming months, with
23 Council's partnership and the expected
24 recommendations from the Special
25 Independent Advisory Commission to review

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2 and evaluate the Department of Licenses
3 and Inspections, a commission created by
4 my Executive Order, we will continue to
5 make improvements to the construction and
6 demolition process in our city.

7 When I presented my first
8 budget in 2008, I talked about my vision
9 for a new day in Philadelphia and a new
10 way to make it safer, cleaner, greener,
11 smarter, a better Philadelphia.

12 I don't think that any of us
13 knew that we would face such a
14 devastating recession and slow recovery.
15 But I knew that our citizens were
16 resilient and that Philadelphia was ready
17 for change.

18 Over the last six years, we
19 have worked together to transform our
20 city the way it works for and with our
21 citizens. And we elevated our own
22 expectations for what is possible in
23 Philadelphia.

24 When you talk about
25 expectations, some have thought that we

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2 could not regain our stature in
3 manufacturing in the country and around
4 the world. Well, I just disagree.

5 Working together with
6 Councilman Bobby Henon and the Mayor's
7 Manufacturing Task Force, I'm pleased to
8 announce the creation of the Office of
9 Manufacturing and Industry in the
10 Commerce Department to coordinate and
11 review the implementation of many of the
12 Task Force recommendations.

13 This office will be the focal
14 point of the City's efforts and the
15 coordinator for external activities and
16 engagement with many of our partners,
17 like PIDC and UII, CCP, and Philly Works
18 and Select Greater Philadelphia and many
19 others in advancing this critical sector.

20 We can do big things in
21 Philadelphia, and we will, working
22 together.

23 Our proposed budget focuses on
24 our immediate needs and the long-term
25 challenges of our city. It's a fiscal

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2 pledge of investment in our children, in
3 our citizens, and in our neighborhoods.

4 It's an investment in public
5 education and public safety, the
6 financial stability of the City's pension
7 fund and the City as a whole.

8 Today, we are on a different
9 path, a path to a more prosperous
10 Philadelphia. Let's keep working,
11 together.

12 Thank you, and God bless
13 Philadelphia.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Folks, excuse me. Excuse me, everyone.
17 We still have to conclude our Council, so
18 if you're going to leave, I'd ask that
19 you please leave quietly so we can
20 continue and have an adjournment of
21 Council. Thank you.

22 Folks, thank you very much.
23 Thank you very much. For those of you
24 who have left, you may have actually
25 missed the best part of the Council

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2 session.

3 Speeches on the part of the
4 minority?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 There being none, are there any speeches
8 on the part of the majority?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. I move, therefore, that
14 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
15 March 13th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

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, and Council shall stand

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2 adjourned until Thursday, March 13th,
3 2014, 10:00 a.m.

4 Thank you all very much.
5 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
6 11:55 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the proceedings, evidence and objections are contained fully and accurately in the stenographic notes taken by me upon the foregoing matter, and that this is a true and correct transcript of same.

MICHELE L. MURPHY
RPR-Notary Public

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