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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 17, 2016
10:40 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILMAN DEREK S. GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN GYM
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN CHERELLE L. PARKER
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN AL TAUBENBERGER

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning, everyone.

(Good morning.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
We're going to get started now. If the guests and visitors will retire behind the rail as the members take their seats, we'll get started.

To give our invocation this morning, we're going to have one of my favorite spiritual advisors, the good Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell. Amen.

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. This is an honor and a privilege.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'd ask everyone to please stand.

(Councilmembers and guests rise.)

COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:
Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day, as this is a day we had never seen. We thank you for the privilege of public service. We realize as City Council

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2 persons that it is the Heavenly Father
3 who has put us all together, we, many of
4 whom, never knew one another, to serve
5 people, our families, our communities,
6 our neighborhood, and our city.

7 We thank you for the privilege
8 of all that it takes to improve the
9 quality of life for all. We especially
10 thank you today for the visitation of a
11 humanitarian and health guru, Glenn
12 Ellis, and Sarah Collins Rudolph, who is
13 a survivor of the Birmingham bombing.

14 We thank you, Lord, for all
15 those things that we try to do in thy
16 name. We ask, Lord, that you bless the
17 homeless and the hungry. We ask that you
18 bless those who are ill in hospitals and
19 nursing homes. We ask that those who are
20 lonely be comforted, that someone says a
21 kind word or does a kind gesture that
22 makes them know that they are cared about
23 and that they are loved.

24 And, Heavenly Father, we thank
25 you for all those privileges that you

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2 give us in public service. We hope that
3 we might be examples to all who realize
4 that we understand the importance of our
5 focusing on what it takes to make a
6 better city.

7 We also want to say thank you
8 for our wonderful President, our Mayor,
9 and we ask, Heavenly Father, that you
10 guide their feet that they may walk on
11 the right path as they are trying to help
12 all in our city.

13 And now, Heavenly Father, we
14 ask that you bless us all, keep us all.
15 Let this day be a special one in the
16 lives of all. And we thank you again for
17 all that we do in thy name.

18 Amen.

19 (Amen.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
21 right, Councilwoman. Thank you.

22 We're going to keep moving,
23 folks. Folks, we're going to keep
24 moving. We have a long day. We have a
25 number of presentations.

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2 The next order of business is
3 the approval of the Journal of the
4 meeting of Thursday, March 10, 2016, and
5 the Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
7 you, Mr. President. I move that the
8 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March
9 10th, 2016 be approved.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
12 been moved and properly seconded that the
13 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March
14 10th, 2016 stand approved.

15 All those in favor say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it, and the Journal is
22 approved.

23 The next order of business is
24 requests for leaves of absence, and the
25 Chair recognizes Councilman Henon.

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2 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. On behalf of the
4 majority, there are no requests for
5 leaves of absence today.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 Chair thanks the gentleman.

8 The Chair now recognizes
9 Councilman O'Neill.

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

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

16 Councilman Johnson, you want to
17 be recognized?

18 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
19 Council President. I would like to -- I
20 have guests that are here with me today,
21 students from the Montessori Charter
22 School.

23 Can I ask them to please stand.
24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: They will

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2 be watching one of the finest bodies of
3 government here, not only in the City of
4 Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania but
5 also in these United States. I just want
6 to offer them the opportunity to enjoy a
7 very informative session.

8 Thank you very much, Council
9 President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Thank you, Councilman. I'd like to say
12 in the free world, sir.

13 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: In the
14 free world.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
16 right.

17 At this time, I would like to
18 take a moment out of our day and to
19 welcome and thank everyone who has come
20 down to witness their government in
21 action. We understand that you have busy
22 days, but it's really important for you
23 to come down and watch democracy in
24 action, and we really appreciate it. We
25 hope that you enjoy yourself so much

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2 today that you come back again. Again,
3 thank you very much for attending today.

4 At this time, the Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell, who
6 will present a citation recognizing Sarah
7 Collins. Would Sarah Collins and those
8 accompanying her please join the
9 Councilwoman at the podium.

10 (Councilmembers and guests
11 approached podium.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
13 joining Councilwoman Blackwell, we have
14 Councilwoman Gym, Councilwoman Parker --
15 pretty much everybody, huh? Councilman
16 Domb -- you know what, we have everybody,
17 Greenlee, Bass -- we have the entire
18 Council.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you, Mr. President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 You're welcome.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: As we
24 said in our prayer this morning, we are
25 so honored, and this is such a historic

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2 day and historic opportunity. We knew
3 that everyone would want to be included,
4 and we are grateful to be able to do so.

5 City Council, City of
6 Philadelphia citation welcoming,
7 honoring, and recognizing Ms. Sarah
8 Collins Rudolph.

9 The Council of the City of
10 Philadelphia is pleased and proud to
11 welcome, honor, and recognize Ms. Sarah
12 Collins Rudolph, the lone basement
13 survivor in the 1963 bombing of the 16th
14 Street Baptist Church, which was part of
15 a pivotal moment in American Civil Rights
16 history.

17 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Whereas,
18 Sarah Collins Rudolph was born in
19 Birmingham, Alabama, one of eight
20 children, to Oscar and Alice Collins.
21 She attended Brunetta C. Hill Elementary
22 School where she was a student at the
23 time of the bomb explosion which changed
24 history and her life;

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Whereas, at

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2 approximately 10:22 a.m. on September
3 15th, 1963, an anonymous man phoned 16th
4 Street Baptist Church. The call was
5 answered by acting Sunday school
6 secretary, 14-year-old Carolyn Maull. To
7 Carolyn, the anonymous caller simply said
8 "three minutes," before terminating the
9 call. Less than one minute later, the
10 bomb exploded as five children were
11 present in preparation for a sermon
12 entitled "A Love That Forgives"; and

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Whereas,
14 the explosion at the church killed four
15 girls: 14-year-olds Addie Mae Collins,
16 Sarah's sister, Carole Robertson, and
17 Cynthia Wesley, and 11-year-old Denise
18 McNair. Sarah, the lone survivor in the
19 basement, was 12 years old at the time;

20 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: On that day,
21 according to news reports, Sarah and two
22 of her sisters, Janie and Addie Mae,
23 walked to church. When the sisters
24 arrived at 16th Street Baptist Church,
25 Janie went up to her classroom and Addie

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2 and Sarah went to the basement to sit in
3 the lounge and wait until Sunday school
4 was over;

5 COUNCILMAN OH: Sarah and Addie
6 saw three of their friends, Cynthia,
7 Denise, and Carole, enter the lounge, and
8 they acknowledged them before retreating
9 to the ladies room. Upon exiting the
10 ladies room, Denise asked Addie to tie
11 her sash and all of the sudden, "Boom."
12 Sarah was suddenly blinded in both eyes.
13 The last thing Sarah ever saw through her
14 right eye...

15 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: The last
16 thing Sarah ever saw through her right
17 eye was her older sister crossing the end
18 of Denise's purple sash between her hands
19 while the girls talked and smiled;

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: The bomb
21 blew a big crater through the building
22 and Sarah was standing right in front of
23 it. Disoriented and not knowing which
24 way to go, someone came in, put Sarah in
25 their arms and took her through the hole;

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2 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: That
3 same afternoon in the hospital Sarah, who
4 had 21 pieces of glass embedded in her
5 face and blinded in one eye, received
6 news of her sister Addie's death. She
7 spent two and a half months in the
8 hospital, including her 13th birthday;
9 and

10 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Whereas, the
11 16th Street Baptist Church was a large
12 and prominent church located downtown
13 just walks from Birmingham's commercial
14 district and City Hall. Since its
15 construction in 1911, the church had
16 served as the centerpiece of the city's
17 African American community, functioning
18 as a meeting place, social center, and
19 lecture hall;

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Because of
21 its size, location, and importance of the
22 community, the church served as
23 headquarters for Civil Rights mass
24 meetings and rallies in the early 1960s.
25 Birmingham was the most segregated city

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2 in the United States, and in April 1963,

3 after an invitation by Reverend Fred

4 Shuttlesworth to come help desegregate

5 Birmingham, the city became the focus of

6 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the

7 Southern Christian Leadership Conference;

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: The church

9 became the departure point for many

10 demonstrations that took place in the

11 city. On May 2nd, 1963, students ranging

12 from 8 to 18 gathered at the church to

13 march downtown and talk to the new mayor

14 about segregation;

15 COUNCILMAN HENON: After

16 leaving the church, they were met by

17 police, and many were jailed. By the

18 time Children's Crusade and the ensuing

19 demonstrations ended on May 10th,

20 thousands of children and adults had been

21 injured by firehoses and attack dogs and

22 were incarcerated;

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: The 16th

24 Street Baptist Church bombing, as it has

25 come to be called, occurred 18 days after

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2 the march on Washington and was a turning
3 point in the American Civil Rights
4 Movement, as even hardened
5 segregationists were appalled at the
6 scale of violence directed at innocent
7 people. In his eulogy for the victims of
8 the bombing, Dr. King said, "These
9 children, unoffending, innocent and
10 beautiful, were the victims of one of the
11 most vicious and tragic crimes ever
12 perpetrated against humanity"; and

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Whereas, on
14 May 24th, 2013, President Barack Obama
15 posthumously awarded a Congressional Gold
16 Medal to the four girls killed in the
17 1963 Birmingham church bombing. The
18 medal was awarded through public signing
19 law No. 113-11, a bill which awarded one
20 Congressional Gold Medal in recognition
21 of the fact that the girls' death served
22 as the major catalyst for the Civil
23 Rights Movement and invigorated momentum,
24 ensuring the signing into passage of the
25 Civil Rights Act of 1964. The

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2 Congressional Medal was presented to the
3 Birmingham Civil Institute; and

4 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Whereas,
5 despite losing her sister and also one of
6 her eyes as a result of the blast, Ms.
7 Collins Rudolph states that she no longer
8 feels bitter about the incident. "Being
9 bitter won't bring the girls or my sight
10 back, so I have to forgive, because that
11 is what God wants me to do." Ms. Collins
12 Rudolph currently travels throughout the
13 country sharing her story and teaching
14 youth that even though -- even through
15 tragedy there is hope.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Therefore,
17 by virtue of this citation, the Council
18 of the City of Philadelphia does hereby
19 welcome, honor, and recognize Sarah
20 Collins Rudolph, the lone basement
21 survivor of the 1963 bombing of the 16th
22 Street Baptist Church, which was part of
23 a pivotal moment in American Civil Rights
24 history.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: We

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2 welcome Ms. Collins Rudolph and also her
3 husband, George C. Rudolph, and their
4 friend, Mr. Anthony Richardson, to our
5 city and commend her for many years of
6 courage, tenacity, and perseverance, and
7 extend to her the sincere respect and
8 admiration of our legislative body.

9 Thank you and congratulations.
10 (Standing ovation.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair recognizes Ms. Collins for remarks.

13 MS. COLLINS: I would like to
14 thank everyone that participated in this
15 program, and I just feel so very honored.

16 As I was going through the
17 trauma for many years, you know, the
18 bombing took my sister, Denise and Carole
19 and Cynthia. It not only took their
20 lives, but it took my life too. I was
21 never the same. But just being here
22 today, I just want to thank everyone that
23 signed the resolution for me being here.
24 Thank you so much, and I love you all and
25 I love Philadelphia because --

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2 (Applause.)

3 MS. COLLINS: And also my
4 husband love Philadelphia. And I just
5 want to thank Glenn Ellis for inviting me
6 here. He was one of my schoolmates, my
7 husband schoolmates too, because we was
8 all raised in Birmingham and we knew him
9 from Hill School and Parker High School.
10 So he was the one responsible for me
11 being here.

12 Thank you, Ellis.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. COLLINS: Thank you. Thank
15 you so much. Thank you, Jannie. I thank
16 you all. Thank you all that made this
17 day so special to us, and God bless you.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
19 you. We have a Liberty Bell as well.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Council will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you very much.

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2 At this time, the Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Parker, who will
4 present a resolution recognizing the
5 Pennsylvania Chapter of the National
6 Coalition of 100 Black Women on the 30th
7 Anniversary of the Madam CJ Walker
8 Luncheon. Would Robyn E. Younger and
9 those accompanying her please join the
10 Councilwoman at the podium.

11 (Councilmembers and guests
12 approached podium.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
14 joining the Councilwoman, we also have
15 Councilwoman Gym, Councilwoman Blackwell,
16 and Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

17 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
18 you, Mr. President. Mr. President, it is
19 extremely fitting that after honoring the
20 courageous acts of Ms. Sarah Collins
21 Rudolph and her ability to survive and
22 simply make it, that today we pay honor
23 and tribute to an organization whose
24 progressive advocacy stands on the
25 shoulders of those four little girls and

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2 Ms. Sarah Collins Rudolph in the honoring
3 of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the
4 National Coalition of 100 Black Women on
5 the occasion of its 30th Anniversary of
6 the Madam CJ Walker Awards Luncheon.

7 I do need to state for the
8 record that this organization has a very
9 close history with the City of
10 Philadelphia and Council in particular,
11 as Councilwoman Cindy Bass for many years
12 served as the Public Relations
13 Coordinator; Councilwoman Reynolds Brown,
14 a sponsor of several activities, a
15 panelist; our very own Wilhelmina Moore,
16 who was a longtime staffer here in the
17 City Council of Philadelphia is
18 everything National Coalition of 100
19 Black Women. I think she's done every
20 job. And I've had the distinct honor of
21 serving as the Ticket Chair for the Madam
22 CJ Walker Awards Luncheon, and you all
23 know that's an interesting job to have,
24 for three years. And Councilwoman Maria
25 Quinones-Sanchez and Councilwoman Gym who

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2 have also been longtime supporters and
3 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell who has
4 been a supporter since the very
5 beginning.

6 So we first want to just thank
7 all of the women of City Council for
8 joining in this presentation.

9 City Council of Philadelphia
10 resolution congratulating and honoring
11 the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National
12 Coalition of 100 Black Women on the 30th
13 Anniversary of the Madam CJ Walker Awards
14 Luncheon.

15 Recognizing and honoring the
16 members of the Pennsylvania Chapter of
17 the National Coalition of 100 Black Women
18 on the 30th Anniversary of the Madam CJ
19 Walker Awards Luncheon and for the
20 organization's commitment to the
21 educational, political and economic
22 empowerment of African American women
23 throughout the City of Philadelphia.

24 Whereas, the Pennsylvania
25 Chapter of the National Coalition of 100

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2 Black Women was founded in 1981 by Sylvia
3 Webster, who was a past President and
4 obviously Charter member, purposed to
5 serve as a collective voice for
6 progressive women of African descent
7 committed to advocating for meaningful
8 sociopolitical change; and

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

10 Whereas, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the
11 National Coalition of 100 Black Women in
12 1982 swore in forty-two trailblazing
13 leaders, of varying professional
14 affiliations, including the Honorable
15 Marian B. Tasco, Charisse Lillie-McGill,
16 Audrey R. Johnson-Thornton, the Honorable
17 Augusta Clark, Joann Bell, Velma Goode,
18 Leslie Kernodle and Dr. Marschal-Neil E.
19 Young; and

20 Whereas, the organization's
21 leaders quickly sprung into action,
22 implementing an aggressive campaign to
23 address the educational, economic,
24 political and physical needs of women
25 throughout the Commonwealth of

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2 Pennsylvania, with a keen focus on urban
3 cities and an array of programmatic and
4 legislative remedies; and

5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Whereas,
6 the organization boasts several signature
7 programs that exhibit an unwavering --
8 that exhibit its unwavering mission, most
9 notably the Educational Mentorship &
10 Scholarship Awards Program, designed to
11 support women and girls pursuing a
12 post-secondary education, and the Madam
13 CJ Walker Awards Luncheon; and

14 Whereas, named in honor of the
15 nation's first woman to become a
16 self-made millionaire, the Madam CJ
17 Walker Awards Luncheon celebrates local
18 female entrepreneurs who successfully
19 operate their own companies and
20 demonstrate sound business practices; and

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
22 the Awards Luncheon also provides the
23 Coalition's leaders with the opportunity
24 to publicly acknowledge girls and women
25 deeply invested in their academic, social

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2 and political advancement as recipients
3 of its annual Scholarship contest.

4 Parenthetically, I would add
5 the luncheon is sold out with over 800
6 women coming together this coming
7 Saturday.

8 Whereas, the Madam CJ Walker
9 Awards Luncheon, in its 30th year, is a
10 Coalition staple which continues to be a
11 shining example of the organization's
12 commitment to female economic empowerment
13 by generating over 700 attendees
14 annually, providing a platform for
15 networking and strengthening an
16 unbreakable bond of female camaraderie;
17 and

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Whereas,
19 in addition to commemorating this
20 auspicious luncheon, the Pennsylvania
21 Chapter of the National Coalition of 100
22 Black Women revel in the several
23 noteworthy accomplishments including
24 receiving the Susan G. Komen "Women's
25 Champion Award," the "Chapter of the Year

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2 Award" from the National Coalition of
3 Black Women, the rededication of the Iris
4 V. Henderson Cancer Center at Mercy
5 Hospital, in memoriam of a Coalition
6 sister and the leveraging of local
7 resources alongside National Leadership
8 to successfully influence the
9 confirmation of the first African
10 American female U.S. Attorney General,
11 Ms. Loretta Lynch; and

12 Whereas, in honor of Women's
13 History Month and in the closing of Black
14 History Month, the women of the
15 Pennsylvania Chapter of the National
16 Coalition of 100 Black Women continue to
17 be lauded and deservedly so, as local
18 leaders invested in the educational,
19 economic and political advancement of our
20 local communities; now, therefore

21 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Resolved, by
22 the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
23 that it hereby honors and recognizes the
24 Pennsylvania Chapter of the National
25 Coalition of 100 Black Women on the 30th

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2 Anniversary of the Madam CJ Walker
3 Luncheon and for the organization's
4 commitment to empowering African American
5 women throughout the City of
6 Philadelphia.

7 Further resolved, that an
8 engrossed copy of this resolution will be
9 presented to the National Coalition of
10 100 Black Women, Pennsylvania Chapter as
11 evidence of the sincere sentiments of
12 this legislative body.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

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

17 MS. YOUNGER: Good morning.

18 (Good morning.)

19 MS. YOUNGER: Recognizing City
20 Council, it is a great honor to stand
21 here as the President of the Pennsylvania
22 Chapter. My name is Robyn Younger and I
23 am joined with our founding President,
24 Sylvia Webster, who but for her and those
25 42 trailblazing women that Jannie

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2 Blackwell spoke of just a bit ago, we
3 would not be here.

4 Our theme this year for our
5 30th Annual Madam CJ Walker Awards
6 Luncheon is so fitting today and at this
7 time, Honoring Our Past and Investing in
8 Our Future. I do believe that nothing
9 happens by happenstance and that it is
10 divine design that we are here receiving
11 this resolution today and joining the
12 young ambassadors from the school here,
13 investing in our future as well as
14 recognizing those who have come before us
15 who have paved a way for us to do the
16 work that we do.

17 It is bittersweet in that 34
18 years later, our organization and the
19 advocacy work that we do is still needed
20 in this century, but the fact that it is
21 and that there are women that are
22 standing beside me, behind me, and who
23 stood in front of me recognize that and
24 are willing to do that work give me great
25 honor to stand here today and accept this

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2 resolution.

3 And so I do thank the Council
4 again and also those of you who were not
5 familiar with our organization prior to
6 this moment, that you listened deeply and
7 you provide some time for the words that
8 were presented to you and embrace this
9 organization, support this organization
10 in the work that it does and invest in
11 our future.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Council will be at ease.

16 (Council at ease.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you.

19 For our last presentation, I'd
20 like to call on Councilwoman Blackwell,
21 who will present a resolution recognizing
22 Father Thomas W.S. Logan and
23 Mrs. Hermione Logan. Would Dr. Trotman
24 and those accompanying him please join
25 the Councilwoman at the podium.

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2 (Councilmembers and guests
3 approached podium.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: We are
5 grateful in this Council that we had the
6 opportunity to honor Father Logan and his
7 lovely wife while they were alive a few
8 times.

9 Resolution naming the unit
10 block of 41st Street between Parish and
11 Brown Streets to have, quote/unquote,
12 "Logan Dignity Way," end of quote, added
13 to the street signs in recognition of
14 Father Thomas W.S. Logan -- now that we
15 said it two ways -- and Mrs. Hermione
16 Logan's servant-like leadership devoted
17 to the Episcopal Church and our
18 Philadelphia Community.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Whereas,
20 the phenomenal historic contributions of
21 service by Father and Mrs. Logan are well
22 documented. In 1945, Father and
23 Mrs. Logan helped merge Calvary
24 Monumental Church with St. Michael's
25 Church, creating one of Philadelphia's

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2 first interracial congregations; and

3 Whereas, they served as

4 delegates to the Anglican conference in

5 Cape Town, South Africa; and

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas,

7 Father Logan was a member of the

8 Restitution Commission, past president of

9 the Homeless Fund, past president of the

10 Tribune and Rafter's Charities, and one

11 of the founders of the African American

12 Museum, a lifetime member of the NAACP,

13 and past Master of Worshipful Grandmaster

14 of the Prince Hall Masons of Pennsylvania

15 and the longest serving, oldest living

16 member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Councilman

18 Goode's fraternity.

19 Whereas, in the early 1960s,

20 Father and Mrs. Logan collaborated with

21 Dr. Martin Luther King in organizational

22 and fundraising efforts right here in

23 Philadelphia to support Civil Rights

24 strategies; and

25 Whereas, Father and

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2 Mrs. Logan's spiritual servant leadership
3 to humanity, church, education and
4 community should be commemorated and
5 memorialized, because they served with
6 conviction, valor, dignity, unwavering
7 faith and unparalleled commitment; and

8 COUNCILMAN OH: Whereas, the
9 Logan's personified dignity as a way of
10 being, conduct and expression. It is the
11 hope that this street sign will serve as
12 an eternal reminder that dignity is an
13 aspiration of love that we can extend to
14 each other in our community; and

15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Now,
16 therefore, be it resolved, that the
17 Philadelphia City Council, hereby name
18 the unit block of 41st Street between
19 Parish and Brown Streets to have "Logan
20 Dignity Way" added to the street signs in
21 recognition of Father Thomas W.S. Logan
22 and Mrs. Hermione Logan's servant-like
23 leadership devoted to the Episcopal
24 Church and our Philadelphia Community.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

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2 Further resolved, that an engrossed copy
3 of this resolution be presented to Father
4 W.S. Logan and Mrs. Hermione Logan as a
5 sincere expression of the Philadelphia
6 City Council's gratitude and recognition.
7 And we note that this was signed by our
8 President and all members of City
9 Council.

10 Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 Chair recognizes Dr. Trotman for remarks.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank
15 you, Mr. President.

16 Mr. President, Councilwoman
17 Blackwell, and Councilmembers and fellow
18 citizens, the Logan family -- this is
19 father Logan's sister, Phyllis -- on
20 behalf of our supply priests, the
21 Reverend Father Harry White, the vestry,
22 and members of Calvary-St. Augustine's
23 Anglican Episcopal Church, a living
24 monument to the first bishop of the
25 United States of America, Bishop White,

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2 we thank you for the opportunity to serve
3 the Belmont community at 41st and Parish
4 with the memorial sign and symbol of
5 decency and order as expressed in 1
6 Corinthians, Chapter 14, Verse 40
7 honoring the 44 years of servant
8 leadership of the Reverend Father Thomas
9 W.S. Logan and Mrs. Hermione Hill-Logan
10 with "Logan Dignity Way."

11 May the glory of God bless the
12 City Council and the City of Philadelphia
13 with peace profound.

14 Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

17 Mr. Trotman -- Dr. Trotman. Oh, no. Go
18 ahead, please.

19 MS. LOGAN-SIMMS: I would just
20 like to thank all of you for your support
21 for my brother and sister-in-law for
22 their legacy. Thanks also to my family
23 and the church family for coming out
24 today. Eternally thanks to God for this
25 blessings and favor.

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2 Thank you very much.

3 (Applause.)

4 MR. TROTMAN: Good morning. I
5 am Jim Trotman, Father Logan's nephew,
6 and I am Professor Emeritus at West
7 Chester University and the founding
8 Director of the Frederick Douglass
9 Institute. All of that is for the young
10 people to the left.

11 My thanks, of course, to
12 Council and especially to Councilwoman
13 Blackwell for her dedication and her love
14 of the Logans. He spoke often of your
15 relationship to him and of course to the
16 Blackwell family.

17 Just a couple of very brief
18 comments. The first is that the
19 dictionary has a lot of words for
20 dignity: courage, strength, moral words
21 having to do with character and so forth,
22 but for Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan and
23 Hermione Clark Hill-Logan, dignity is to
24 be found in the word of God. They would
25 ask you, among other places, to turn to

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2 Matthew 5 where the Sermon on the Mount
3 speaks to all of the homeless in our time
4 and in theirs about those who mourn,
5 those who seek righteousness and who are
6 thirsty for justice. So their definition
7 of dignity is to be found in the word of
8 God, but there is another aspect to all
9 of this that we can all share in. Thomas
10 and Hermione Logan were part of a long,
11 distinguished Philadelphia clergy and
12 partnership that goes back to Bishop
13 Richard Allen and his wife Sarah, to the
14 Reverend Absalom Jones and his wife Mary,
15 to the very Reverend Father Paul
16 Washington and his wife Christine, and
17 then to the Reverend Leon Sullivan and
18 his wife Grace. These were all pastors,
19 partners, and public servants who worked
20 their entire lives to make Philadelphia,
21 our nation, our state, and our world a
22 better place. They would all end by
23 saying "the glory is to God."

24 Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you. Council will be at ease.

4 (Council at ease.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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

11 Mr. Decker, please read those
12 messages.

13 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
14 and members of the Council of the City of
15 Philadelphia, I am submitting herewith
16 for the consideration of your honorable
17 body a resolution authorizing the
18 redevelopment contract of the
19 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
20 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
21 portion of the West Fairhill/East
22 Tioga/Hunting Park Urban Renewal Area,
23 identified by house number and street
24 address as 3156 North Sixth Street; and
25 A resolution approving the

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2 redevelopment contract of the
3 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
4 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
5 portion of the New Kensington-Fishtown
6 Urban Renewal Area, identified by house
7 number and street address as 2208 East
8 Norris Street; and

9 A resolution approving the
10 amended and assignment agreement of the
11 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
12 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
13 portion of the Franklin Urban Renewal
14 Area, identified by house numbers and
15 street addresses as 1001 through 5 Vine
16 Street, 1007 through 11 Vine Street and
17 314 North Tenth Street; and

18 An ordinance authorizing the
19 Philadelphia Housing Authority to acquire
20 by condemnation fee simple title to
21 certain properties located in the
22 vicinity of 19th Street to the east, 28th
23 Street to the west, Cecil B. Moore Avenue
24 to the north, and College Avenue to the
25 south, all under certain terms and

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2 conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Mr. Decker. Do you have any
5 additional communications?

6 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
7 Mr. President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you very much.

10 At this time, we will move to
11 the introduction of bills and
12 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
13 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
15 morning, Mr. President. Good morning. I
16 offer one resolution this morning.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you, Councilwoman.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
20 resolution honoring Philadelphia's
21 Non-Profit Women Leaders in Recognition
22 of Women's History Month.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

5 you, Mr. President. Today I introduce

6 one privileged and one non-privileged

7 resolution.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you, Councilwoman.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged

11 resolution declaring the week of March

12 21st, 2016 to be Give Kids a Smile Week

13 in Philadelphia and call to have children

14 in need to get a dental exam as they take

15 advantage of the services offered at Give

16 Kids a Smile Day.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That

18 will be on this week's Final Passage

19 Calendar.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a

21 non-privileged resolution authorizing the

22 Commissioner of Public Property to

23 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia

24 Redevelopment Authority, without

25 consideration, deeds conveying

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2 conditional fee simple title to certain
3 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
4 the buildings and improvements thereon,
5 situate in the Sixth and Twenty-Fourth
6 Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
8 week's Final Passage Calendar.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Greenlee.

11 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
12 you, Mr. President. On your behalf, I
13 offer two bills and three resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you, Councilman.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 authorizing the Philadelphia Housing
18 Authority to acquire by condemnation fee
19 simple title to certain properties
20 located in the vicinity of 19th Street to
21 the east, 28th Street to the west, Cecil
22 B. Moore Avenue to the north, and College
23 Avenue to the south.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Referred to committee.

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1 3/17/16 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
4 changing the zoning designations of
5 certain areas of land located within an
6 area bounded by Girard Avenue, 6th
7 Street, Poplar Street, and 7th Street.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Referred to committee.

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

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
22 week's Final Passage Calendar.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a
24 non-privileged resolution approving the
25 redevelopment contract of the

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2 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
3 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
4 portion of the West Fairhill/East
5 Tioga/Hunting Park Urban Renewal Area,
6 identified by house number and street
7 address as 3156 North Sixth Street.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
9 week's Final Passage Calendar.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a
11 non-privileged resolution approving the
12 redevelopment contract of the
13 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
14 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
15 portion of the New Kensington-Fishtown
16 Urban Renewal Area, identified by house
17 number and street address as 2208 East
18 Norris Street.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Also
20 next week's Final Passage Calendar.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Henon.

23 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
24 Council 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 Jones.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES:

7 Mr. President, today I offer two bills.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you, Councilman.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to

11 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by

12 changing the zoning designations of

13 certain areas of land located within an

14 area bounded by Ford Road, Chamounix

15 Drive, Belmont Avenue, and Monument Road.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Referred to committee.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

19 authorizing the installation of all-way

20 stop signs at the intersection of Boone

21 Street and Dupont Street.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Referred to committee.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman

25 Johnson.

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2 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I have no
3 bills, Council President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
5 Thank you, Councilman.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
9 you, Mr. President. I have two bills.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Thank you, Councilwoman.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Section 9-605 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Towing," by
15 providing further requirements for towing
16 companies regarding towing vehicles from
17 private lots, private property and
18 driveways.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Referred to committee.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
22 amending Section 12-2405.1 of The
23 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Removal of
24 Vehicles Blocking Driveways," by
25 authorizing the Department of Streets or

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1 3/17/16 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 other departments designated by the Mayor
3 to create and maintain an inventory and
4 database of certain driveways and parking
5 spaces and to publish such information on
6 the City's official website.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Also
8 referred to committee.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Green.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
12 Council President. I have no bills or
13 resolutions today.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you, Councilman.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Parker.

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

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you, Councilwoman.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Domb.

25 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,

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1 3/17/16 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 Council President. Today I have one
3 privileged resolution co-sponsored by
4 Councilwoman Blackwell, Councilwoman Gym,
5 Councilwoman Bass, Councilman
6 Taubenberger, Councilwoman Parker, and
7 Councilman Green, and I have one
8 non-privileged resolution co-sponsored by
9 Councilmembers Parker, Taubenberger, and
10 Bass, and I wish to be recognized after
11 the title of the resolution that urges
12 the General Assembly to consider enacting
13 a state EITC is read for a motion on the
14 resolution.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you, Councilman.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged

18 resolution authorizing the Joint
19 Committees on Children and Youth and
20 Housing, Neighborhood Development and the
21 Homeless to hold hearings to discuss the
22 issue of Youth Homelessness in
23 Philadelphia in order to work towards a
24 strategic plan to address this issue.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This

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2 week's Final Passage Calendar.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a

4 non-privileged resolution acknowledging

5 and recognizing March 29, 2016 as the

6 41st anniversary of the enactment of the

7 Earned Income Tax Credit and urging the

8 Pennsylvania General Assembly to join the

9 26 states plus the District of Columbia

10 by enacting a state version of the Earned

11 Income Tax Credit to help working

12 families earning low wages meet basic

13 needs.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman

17 Domb.

18 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,

19 Mr. President. I move that the rules of

20 Council be suspended to permit

21 consideration of this resolution on

22 today's Final Passage Calendar.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you. It's been moved and properly

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2 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, and that will be on this
10 week's Final Passage Calendar.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Gym.

13 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: I have one
14 privileged resolution, sir.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you, Councilwoman.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
18 resolution recognizing, honoring and
19 celebrating Unite for HER for its
20 invaluable contributions to building
21 bridges between the medical and wellness
22 communities by funding and delivering
23 therapies that support the physical and
24 emotional needs of those with breast
25 cancer during treatment and beyond.

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

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Taubenberger.

7 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Good
8 morning, Council President and
9 colleagues. I have no bills or
10 resolutions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you, Councilman.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 O'Neill.

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

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you, Councilman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Squilla.

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. I have two bills and two
24 non-privileged resolutions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilman.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Section 14-600 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use
6 Regulations," by modifying the household
7 living uses allowed in CMX-3 district and
8 making related changes; and

9 An ordinance to amend the
10 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
11 zoning designations of certain areas of
12 land located within an area bounded by
13 Green Street, Second Street, Spring
14 Garden Street, and Third Street.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Referred to committee.

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 Thirty-First Ward of the
3 City of Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
5 week's Final Passage Calendar.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a
7 non-privileged resolution approving the
8 amendment and assignment agreement of the
9 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
10 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
11 portion of the Franklin Urban Renewal
12 Area, identified by house numbers and
13 street addresses as 1001 through 1005
14 Vine Street, 1007 through 1011 Vine
15 Street and 314 North Tenth Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
17 that will also be on next week's Final
18 Passage Calendar.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I offer no bills or
23 resolutions this week.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you, Councilwoman.

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2 And the Chair recognizes
3 Councilman Oh.

4 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very
5 much, Council President. I offer one
6 privileged resolution co-sponsored by
7 Councilman Mark Squilla and Councilwoman
8 Cindy Bass.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you, Councilman.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
12 resolution commemorating the inaugural
13 Philly Loves Poetry Festival as a
14 celebration of Philadelphia's vibrant
15 poetry scene.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
17 that will be on this week's Final Passage
18 Calendar. Thank you.

19 COUNCILMAN HENON: The next
20 order of business is reports from
21 committees.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Parker for a report from the
24 Committee on Labor and Civil Service.

25 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank

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1 3/17/16 - STATED - REPORTS
2 you, Mr. President. The Committee on
3 Labor and Civil Service reports one bill
4 with a favorable recommendation.

5 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you.
6 Chief Clerk, would you please
7 read the report.

8 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
9 and members of the Council of the City of
10 Philadelphia, the Committee on Labor and
11 Civil Service, to which was referred Bill
12 No. 160074, entitled "An ordinance
13 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia
14 Code, entitled 'Public Employees
15 Retirement Code,' by amending Section
16 22-301, entitled 'Service Retirement
17 Benefits,' and Section 22-401, entitled
18 'Service-Connected Disability Retirement
19 Benefits,' to add new subsections
20 requiring a specified minimum monthly
21 benefit amount for certain retired Police
22 employee members, all under certain terms
23 and conditions," respectfully reports it
24 has considered the same and returns the
25 attached bill to Council with a favorable

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2 recommendation.

3 COUNCILMAN HENON: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Parker.

5 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
6 you. I move that the rules of Council be
7 suspended so as to permit first reading
8 this day of Bill No. 160074.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCILMAN HENON: It has been
11 moved and properly seconded that the
12 rules of Council be suspended as to
13 permit the first reading of this day Bill
14 No. 160074.

15 All those in favor will say
16 aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCILMAN HENON: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCILMAN HENON: The ayes
21 have it, and this bill will be placed on
22 our First Reading Calendar for today.

23 The Chair now recognizes
24 Councilman Jones for a report from the
25 Committee on Commerce and Economic

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1 3/17/16 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Development.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
4 Mr. Chair. The Committee on Commerce and
5 Economic Development reports one bill
6 with a favorable recommendation.

7 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you.
8 Chief Clerk, would you please
9 read the report.

10 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
11 Commerce and Economic Development, to
12 which was referred Bill No. 160003,
13 entitled "An ordinance amending Section
14 17-107 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
15 'Contractors: Labor-Management
16 Relationships,' by requiring the City's
17 Labor Standards Unit to enforce the
18 City's contract requirements for
19 Workforce Diversity and by providing
20 penalties for contractor failure to make
21 good faith efforts to meet Workforce
22 Diversity goals, all under certain terms
23 and conditions," respectfully reports it
24 has considered and amended the same and
25 returns the attached bill to Council with

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1 3/17/16 - STATED - REPORTS

2 a favorable recommendation.

3 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Jones.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Mr. Chair, I
7 move that the rules of Council be
8 suspended so to permit first reading this
9 day of Bill No. 160003.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCILMAN HENON: It's been
12 moved and properly seconded that the
13 rules of Council be suspended as to
14 permit first reading of this day Bill No.
15 160003.

16 All those in favor will say
17 aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCILMAN HENON: Those
20 opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCILMAN HENON: The ayes
23 have it. This will be placed on our
24 First Reading Calendar for today.

25 The next order of business will

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1 3/17/16 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING
2 be the consideration of the Calendar. I
3 note that the bills just reported from
4 committee with a suspension of the rules
5 have been deemed to have been read on
6 today's first reading. These bills will
7 be placed on the Second and Final Reading
8 Passage Calendar at the next City Council
9 session.

10 As there are no additional
11 bills on the First Reading Calendar, the
12 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee for
13 the purpose of calling up all bills and
14 resolutions for Second Reading and Final
15 Passage Calendars today.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
17 you, Mr. Chair. The following
18 resolutions and bills are being called up
19 from the Second Reading and Final Passage
20 Calendars today: Nos. 160204, 160205,
21 160207, 160208, 160214, 160004, 160012,
22 160134, 160136, 160137, and 160150. All
23 other resolutions and bills are being
24 held.

25 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you.

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1 3/17/16 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 Before we consider these
3 resolutions and bills, we will now
4 consider our public comment, and the
5 public comment is as follows:

6 Your public comment must
7 concern matters on the Second Reading and
8 Final Passage for today's calendars
9 before possible action of this Council
10 session. All speakers must sign in in
11 order to testify and to have -- if you
12 have not, please sign in over to my left,
13 your right, by giving your name to the
14 Sergeant-At-Arms at the table.

15 You will be called in the order
16 in which your name will appear on the
17 sign-up sheet. You will have three
18 minutes to speak. In order to be fair,
19 all those who are wishing to speak -- and
20 I intend to hold this faithfully -- there
21 will be a minute limit. You will begin
22 speaking if you see the green light.
23 There will be 30 seconds remaining of
24 your time and the light will turn yellow,
25 which will remind you to conclude your

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1 3/17/16 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT
2 remarks. Once three minutes have passed,
3 the light will turn red and the
4 Sergeant-of-Arms will disconnect the
5 microphone at the point at the podium if
6 the speaker must not have already been
7 done so concluding their testimony.

8 I also reserve the right as
9 pursuant to the rules of Council to limit
10 the repetitiveness comments of the same
11 matter.

12 I would ask the Chief Clerk
13 please read the name of the first
14 speaker.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Jeffrey Braff,
16 commenting on 160157.

17 (Witness approached podium.)

18 MR. BRAFF: Good morning.
19 Jeffrey Braff for the Center City
20 Residents Association. We are a civic
21 association of approximately 1,000
22 households. We cover the area between
23 Broad Street and the Schuylkill River and
24 between South and JFK.

25 In a logical world,

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2 Philadelphia would not need the approval
3 of Harrisburg to utilize different real
4 estate tax rates for commercial and
5 residential properties. However, we live
6 in a world where to implement such a
7 differential, we need an amendment to the
8 state Constitution, and such an amendment
9 must pass two sessions of the
10 Pennsylvania General Assembly and win the
11 approval of the electorate in a general
12 election.

13 Press accounts suggest that a
14 substantial majority in the Legislature
15 have an anti-Philadelphia bias -- big
16 surprise -- and are against raising
17 taxes. Putting the two together; in
18 other words, giving Philadelphia the
19 right to raise taxes, is a toxic mixture,
20 generally doomed to failure. Indeed, as
21 recognized in the 5th and 6th "whereas"
22 clauses of Resolution 160157, the General
23 Assembly rejected such an effort in the
24 fall of 2012, and Councilmember Parker
25 has intimate familiarity with those

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2 difficulties in connection with
3 remediation efforts involving AVI.

4 As a philosophical matter, CCRA
5 does not disagree that it would be
6 better, as the resolution states, to have
7 a constitutional amendment that does not
8 restrict the City's flexibility.

9 However, as a matter of public policy,
10 CCRA agrees with the constitutional
11 amendment being advanced by the Jobs
12 Growth Coalition.

13 More specifically, CCRA
14 believes that the implementation of such
15 an amendment would stimulate City
16 employment in a thoughtful way that would
17 not reduce City tax revenues.

18 Furthermore, given the political
19 realities, CCRA believes that a
20 constitutional amendment that simply gave
21 the City the right to have a residential
22 and commercial real estate tax
23 differential, without requiring a
24 commensurate decrease in wages and
25 business taxes, would not get past even a

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2 single session of the General Assembly.
3 And just as importantly, passage of
4 Resolution 160157 would be used as
5 ammunition by anti-Philadelphia tax
6 forces to thwart the proposed amendment.
7 I urge you to reject the resolution.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you for your testimony.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Walter Spencer,
12 commenting on 160012.

13 (Witness approached podium.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
15 morning.

16 MR. SPENCER: Good morning,
17 Councilmembers. My name is Walter
18 Spencer. I live in the Rittenhouse
19 neighborhood. Although I am not a
20 beneficiary of LOOP, I speak today in
21 support of Bill 160012, as amended, which
22 extends the time that current
23 participants can remain in the program
24 beyond its current end date of 2023.

25 This bill has no fiscal impact

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2 on the City budget until Fiscal Year
3 2024. At that time, I estimate the
4 foregone revenue to be less than \$10
5 million.

6 People may ask, Why is it
7 necessary to extend LOOP now? Why can't
8 we wait until the program is closer to
9 its end date? The answer is simple.
10 Extension will now give peace of mind to
11 current program beneficiaries.

12 I've spoken with current
13 program participants who have done the
14 arithmetic and have already determined
15 that they will not be able to remain in
16 their homes unless the program is
17 extended. Many of these people are
18 currently retired or plan to retire by
19 2023, although they do not qualify for
20 the Senior Citizen Tax Freeze. They are
21 unable to absorb a tax increase of \$3,000
22 or more, which many of them will
23 experience without passage of the bill.

24 While I support passage of this
25 bill today, I want to speak briefly about

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2 the income limit in the bill. The
3 current income limit is \$95,050 for a
4 family of two. Under this bill, the
5 income limit for Fiscal Year 2024 would
6 drop to \$64,000, even allowing for eight
7 years of inflation. I personally believe
8 that this limit is too low. If this
9 limit is implemented, my analysis shows
10 that over 2,000 property owners would pay
11 more than 10 percent of their income in
12 property taxes.

13 I urge the Council to review
14 this limit as more analysis becomes
15 available, and I am able to assist in
16 completing this analysis.

17 Thank you.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you for your testimony.

20 CHIEF CLERK: The following
21 individuals are also commenting on
22 160012, if you'll come to the podium, in
23 this order: Kelvin Carrington, Jody
24 Della Barba, Laverne Johnson, and Albert
25 Hicks.

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2 (Witness approached podium.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
4 morning.

5 MR. CARRINGTON: Good morning,
6 members of Council, Council President,
7 concerned citizens, taxpayers. My
8 comment on this bill is that I appreciate
9 the passage of this bill in its current
10 form, but I also believe that more work
11 needs to be done on it. And the problem
12 I have with it is that when I read the
13 bill and it gives me a number, then it
14 says under the guidelines of CFR
15 Subsection 5, or whatever it says, and I
16 don't know where to go to find it, I'm
17 like scared because it says low income.
18 When I think of low income, I think of
19 the poverty level. So I was really
20 frightened that it had already excluded
21 me.

22 That's all. That's my comment
23 for today. Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you for your testimony.

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2 (Witness approached podium.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
4 morning.

5 MS. DELLA BARBA: Good morning,
6 Council President and distinguished
7 Councilmembers. My name is Jody Della
8 Barba. I'm the President of GEAR, a
9 civic group in South Philadelphia, the
10 Girard Estate Area. We're an RCO and
11 have been a community group since 1982.
12 It's an area with many seniors and
13 longtime residents. We were killed by
14 AVI and the ridiculous process of
15 reassessing properties. There are
16 properties assessed at 300,000 while the
17 property next -- the exact property next
18 door is assessed at 230,000, with more
19 work done on it than the higher taxed
20 one. Also being killed by the practice
21 of L&I handing out licenses for unwanted
22 businesses and other atrocities like they
23 were free movies tickets.
24 Our seniors and longtime
25 residents deserve more than this. We try

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2 to keep our community clean and safe. We
3 try to maintain our homes and their
4 value. However, the lure of the ten-year
5 tax abatement to the south of our
6 community has taken many of our residents
7 instead of bringing in first-time
8 homeowners and those moving back from
9 outside the City. These loyal people and
10 loyal homeowners in our area need
11 something to make them feel that their
12 loyalty to this city and the longevity
13 they've been here meant something. They
14 need to know that as unwanted businesses
15 pop up and their property values plunge,
16 they won't be hit with yet another tax
17 increase while their income remains
18 stagnant.

19 I ask you to vote to not only
20 keep the LOOP exemption, but make it
21 permanent for those who qualify. I would
22 even like to see the income level for
23 LOOP be raised as prices for food,
24 clothing and other necessities rise.

25 Thank you so much, and I want

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2 to thank Councilman Kenyatta Johnson and
3 Mark Squilla for sponsoring the bill.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
5 Thank you for your testimony.

6 MR. CARRINGTON: Pardon me.
7 When I gave my testimony, it's going to
8 come up with no name on it. My name is
9 Kelvin Carrington. Thank you.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Okay. Thank you. The record shall
12 reflect that.

13 (Witness approached podium.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
15 morning.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Good
17 morning. My name is Laverne Johnson and
18 I'm here to represent the North of
19 Washington Avenue --

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Speak up a little louder, please.

22 MS. JOHNSON: My name is
23 Laverne Johnson and I'm here on behalf of
24 NOWAC, North of Washington Avenue
25 Coalition in South Philadelphia area.

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2 We're north of Washington Avenue.

3 To the members of Council, I am
4 here to speak on behalf of North of
5 Washington Avenue Coalition, NOWAC, in
6 regards to Bill 160012, the extension of
7 the LOOP. We urge you to pass this bill.
8 Most of the people benefiting from this
9 program are senior citizens. The
10 extension of LOOP will enable us to
11 remain in our homes beyond 2024.

12 We are concerned about the
13 income provision in the bill. However,
14 we have been assured that it will be
15 reviewed in the near future.

16 We extend our warmest thanks
17 and appreciation to the support of this
18 bill. Councilperson Kenyatta Johnson and
19 Mark Squilla as well as committee chair
20 people -- Councilperson Jannie Blackwell,
21 all of them have worked tirelessly to
22 pass this bill.

23 Again, we urge you to support
24 the passage of the Bill 160012.

25 Thank you so very much.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you for your testimony.

4 And Mr. Hicks.

5 (Witness approached podium.)

6 MR. HICKS: Good morning.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
8 morning.

9 MR. HICKS: To this
10 distinguished chamber and to each
11 honorable member of it, my name is Albert
12 Hicks, Jr. I am here as a representative
13 of the Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition, a
14 neighborhood civic association
15 established since 1999. Our borders are
16 between the east of 4th Street to the
17 west of South Street -- 11th Street and
18 from north of Washington Avenue to the
19 south of South Street. As of March 11th,
20 we have added a new vice president,
21 Mr. Haneef Nelson, here to my right, and
22 a new vice president, Maria Curtis.
23 Vivian Ng as corresponding secretary and
24 Raed Nasser as treasurer, myself as
25 recording secretary remain in our

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2 previous positions.

3 In our community of Hawthorne,
4 we have many homeowners that are
5 long-term generational families in the
6 area. My family has five generations in
7 Hawthorne. There are a large number of
8 other families that can make the same
9 claim, maybe longer, in our neighborhood.

10 So ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of
11 these families, we, the members of HEC,
12 would like to say that the majority of
13 the residents of Hawthorne are in favor
14 of Bill No. 160012 for the purpose of
15 extending the Longtime Owner-Occupied
16 Program for residential properties.

17 We would also like to extend
18 other heartfelt thank you to the
19 Honorable Councilman Kenyatta Johnson and
20 Mark Squilla for introducing this bill,
21 and thanks to all those that are
22 distinguished members of this body for
23 voting to do the right thing here today.

24 Good day to you all. Thank you
25 so much.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you for your testimony.

4 CHIEF CLERK: James Abram,
5 commenting on 160134.

6 (Witness approached podium.)

7 MR. ABRAM: Good morning,
8 Council.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
10 morning.

11 MR. ABRAM: My name is James
12 Abram. I am the President and founder of
13 a veterans group called Pointman Soldiers
14 Heart Ministry. I'm a combat 100 percent
15 disabled veteran of the Vietnam War.

16 I see here Sister Sanchez
17 introduced Bill 160134, an ordinance
18 authorizing transfer in appropriations
19 for Fiscal Year 2016 from the General
20 Fund and then the names of all the
21 departments, but I don't see
22 appropriations for the veterans
23 community. These are the men and women
24 who serve this country proudly. And as
25 you know, Councilman Clarke, we came to

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2 your office and we told you that the City
3 was not prepared for the influx of
4 veterans -- or soldiers coming in from
5 Iraq and Afghanistan, and we told you
6 that the City need a director of veterans
7 affairs, and you rebuked us. You said
8 that the City do not need a director,
9 because you hastily installed --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir,
11 I'm going to let you speak, but are you
12 referencing anything in this particular
13 legislation?

14 MR. ABRAM: Yes, sir. Yes,
15 sir. It's no --

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You
17 can't reference what's not in the
18 legislation. You have to reference
19 what's in the legislation.

20 MR. ABRAM: Okay. It's no
21 money for veterans in this appropriation.
22 Why --

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: But
24 that's not -- the rules are you're
25 supposed to reference what's in the

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2 legislation, not what's not in the
3 legislation, because if you talk about
4 what's not in the legislation, you could
5 talk about anything.

6 MR. ABRAM: Well, I'm talking
7 about veterans.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
9 understand that, but I'm just saying the
10 guidelines for the bill are you speak on
11 something that's referenced in the
12 legislation. And I know your issue.
13 We've talked several times.

14 MR. ABRAM: All right.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You
16 will have -- let me finish. You will
17 have an opportunity very shortly, next
18 week, we start our budget process, and
19 what I would recommend that if you want
20 some support, additional revenue to go
21 into the veterans issue, either be it in
22 the City Council budget for the veterans
23 office or for housing for veterans, that
24 is the time when you'll be given an
25 opportunity to make a presentation on

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2 what you would like to see in the budget.

3 MR. ABRAM: Okay.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That

5 will be the best way to do it, and I

6 guarantee you'll get a receptive

7 audience.

8 MR. ABRAM: All right.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All

10 right, sir. Thank you.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Ari Merretazore.

12 MR. MERRETAZON: Merretazon.

13 Ari Merretazon.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Commenting on

15 160134.

16 (Witness approached podium.)

17 MR. MERRETAZON: I'm the First

18 Vice President of Pointman Soldier Heart

19 Ministry, and my task is to make our

20 presentation relative to Ordinance 160134

21 with the guidance that was given by the

22 President of Council.

23 In respect to this ordinance,

24 the Office of Community Empowerment and

25 Opportunity have a whole lot to do with

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2 veterans affairs, veterans in the City.

3 So we want to make sure that that office

4 also include veterans in its deliberation

5 and its appropriation.

6 In terms of the Office of

7 Supportive Housing, obviously you know

8 there's a major issue with veterans

9 housing. So likewise those are who are

10 involved with that, to include veterans

11 in that appropriation as well and --

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

13 a very creative way of getting around the

14 guidelines.

15 MR. MERRETAZON: Well --

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir,

17 sir, sir, look --

18 MR. MERRETAZON: I'm in

19 accordance with the guidelines.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir.

21 MR. MERRETAZON: You know I'm

22 in accordance with it.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Calm

24 down. Sir, if you want to testify, you

25 have to talk about what's in the

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2 legislation, not what's not in the
3 legislation. I am prepared -- and I told
4 you before -- to make sure that you will
5 have ample opportunity to talk about what
6 we should do as it relates to veterans at
7 the appropriate time, when you can
8 actually have an opportunity to get money
9 in for veterans.

10 MR. MERRETAZON: But what's
11 available to me here is just --

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: But,
13 sir, the bill does not have anything to
14 do with veterans. And I understand your
15 concern, but the guidelines --

16 MR. MERRETAZON: Well, it does.
17 It does. Legal Services. Veterans --

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: No.

19 MR. MERRETAZON: -- have a lot
20 to do with Legal Services, have to do
21 with housing, right? It does. Now, if
22 you want to argue with me over that
23 little small point --

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir,
25 there's no --

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2 MR. MERRETAZON: You going to
3 turn me down over that small point, go
4 right ahead. It's --

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
6 not going to turn you down, sir. I'm
7 giving you --

8 MR. MERRETAZON: It's good
9 enough with your behavior.

10 (Microphone turned off.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir,
12 we're not going to go back and forth.
13 All right? At the appropriate time, I
14 will make sure I send you a notice
15 directly so you can come down and testify
16 on behalf of veterans support. Okay?

17 MR. MERRETAZON: I would hope
18 that when you have the opportunity to
19 speak as a citizen of Philadelphia, that
20 you do not give guidance to what they
21 shouldn't say or what they should say.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir,
23 I'm just following the rules as
24 established and I'm asking that you do
25 the same.

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2 (Microphone turned off.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir,
4 we're not going to do this today. Thank
5 you. I'll make sure you get notice.
6 Thank you.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Ronald Armour,
8 commenting on 160204.

9 (Witness approached podium.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
11 morning.

12 MR. ARMOUR: I'm here for Bill
13 160007, and I want to talk about that
14 because as a retired City worker and a
15 concerned neighbor of this city and this
16 country, I think anything that the City
17 Council can do here today to support
18 anything with veterans. Because if it
19 had not been for the veterans, we would
20 not have a City Council and then the
21 Civil Rights Movement and the rights in
22 this country to be able to participate --

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Let
24 me make sure I understand. What bill
25 number? You said 160007?

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2 MR. ARMOUR: 160007, and I'm
3 saying for the funding of that bill.
4 This is why I'm saying it's so important
5 that we know there's a lot of things that
6 we must fund, but the veterans is so
7 significant, because this is
8 infrastructure --

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Mr. Armour, what does that have to do
11 this bill? This is a street strike bill,
12 right?

13 MR. ARMOUR: That's the bill
14 number you gave me. Isn't that the bill
15 y'all gave me? And that's what I'm here
16 to testify.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
18 is a street strike bill.

19 MR. ARMOUR: Oh, you put a 7
20 down there. But anyway, let me go on
21 while I'm here.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: No,
23 no, no. This is a street strike bill.
24 Do you want to testify -- that's about a
25 street that lies at the William Penn

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2 site. If you want to talk about that,
3 you can talk about that.

4 MR. ARMOUR: Why did you give
5 me that number?

6 But anyhow, let me just say to
7 the Council real quick. I have time --

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Not
9 anyhow, Mr. Armour. Ron, Ron, come on.

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

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you very much.

15 And, again, for the record, we
16 will be starting our budget process on
17 March 29th, and everybody will have ample
18 opportunity to talk about pretty much
19 whatever they want to talk about related
20 to the City's budget. Thank you.

21 We will now consider the bills
22 and resolutions on the Second Reading and
23 Final Passage Calendar.

24 Mr. Decker, please read the
25 title of 160204.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 approving the redevelopment contract of
4 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
5 for the redevelopment and urban renewal
6 of a portion of the Haddington Urban
7 Renewal Area, Unit Nos. 2 and 3,
8 identified by house number and street
9 address as 5146 Wyalusing Avenue.

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

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
13 you, Mr. President. I move for the
14 adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All those in favor?

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 ayes have it, and Resolution 160204 is
25 adopted.

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2 Mr. Decker, 160205.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

4 authorizing the Philadelphia

5 Redevelopment Authority to dispose of

6 certain properties located in the Fifth

7 Councilmanic District that will be

8 transferred by the City to the Authority,

9 by conveyance of such properties to the

10 Philadelphia Land Bank in accordance with

11 terms of Chapter 16-700 of The

12 Philadelphia Code.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

14 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank

16 you, Mr. President. I move the adoption

17 of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

20 been moved and properly seconded.

21 All those in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it. 160205 is adopted.

4 Mr. Decker, 160207.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 approving the redevelopment contract of
7 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
8 for the redevelopment and urban renewal
9 of a portion of the Haddington Urban
10 Renewal Area, Unit Nos. 2 and 3,
11 identified by house number and street
12 address as 5852 Race Street.

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

15 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. I move for its adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All those in favor?

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 ayes have it. Resolution 160207 is
3 adopted.

4 Mr. Decker, 160208.

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

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Quinones-Sanchez.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I move
19 for its adoption.

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: The
5 ayes have it. 160208 is adopted.

6 Mr. Decker, 160214.

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-Fifth, Twenty-First
16 and Thirty-Ninth Wards of the City of
17 Philadelphia.

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

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All those in favor?

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

8 ayes have it. Resolution 160214 is

9 adopted.

10 Mr. Decker, 160004.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

12 amending Subsection 19-2604(8) of The

13 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Green Roofs'

14 Tax Credit," to amend definitions and

15 make other technical changes, all under

16 certain terms and conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This

18 bill has been heard on two separate days.

19 The question is shall the bill pass

20 finally.

21 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

23 Bass.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

5 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

7 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

9 Greenlee.

10 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

12 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

14 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 Johnson.

17 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

24 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Parker.

3 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Quinones-Sanchez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Reynolds Brown.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Squilla.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Taubenberger.

15 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

17 Clarke.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

19 The ayes are 17; the nays are

20 zero. A majority of members present

21 voting in the affirmative, the bill

22 passes.

23 Mr. Decker, 160012.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

25 amending Chapter 19-3900 of The

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Tax
3 Exemptions for Longtime Owner-Occupants
4 of Residential Properties," by extending
5 the time for which such exemptions are
6 available.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
8 bill has been heard on two separate days.
9 The question is shall the bill pass
10 finally.

11 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Bass.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

19 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

21 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Greenlee.

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

4 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Johnson.

7 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

14 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

16 Parker.

17 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Quinones-Sanchez.

20 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

22 Reynolds Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

25 Squilla.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 Taubenberger.

5 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

7 Clarke.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

9 The ayes are 17; the nays are

10 zero. A majority of members present

11 voting in the affirmative, the bill

12 passes.

13 Mr. Decker, 160134.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

15 authorizing transfers in appropriations

16 for Fiscal Year 2016 from the General

17 Fund, the Department of Revenue, the

18 Board of Trustees of the Free Library of

19 Philadelphia, the Commission on Human

20 Relations, the Auditing Department and

21 the Grants Revenue Fund, the Director of

22 Finance - Provision for Other Grants to

23 the General Fund, the Mayor - Office of

24 Community Empowerment and Opportunity,

25 the Managing Director, the Managing

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2 Director - Legal Services, the Department
3 of Streets, the Fire Department, the
4 Department of Public Health, the
5 Department of Public Property, the
6 Department of Human Services - Office of
7 Supportive Housing, the Director of
8 Finance, the Department of Revenue, the
9 City Representative, the Director of
10 Commerce, the Law Department, the Board
11 of Trustees of the Free Library of
12 Philadelphia, the Commission on Human
13 Relations, the Auditing Department, the
14 Register of Wills and the City
15 Commissioners.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
17 bill has been heard on two separate days.
18 The question is shall the bill pass
19 finally.

20 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Bass.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

4 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

6 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Greenlee.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

13 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Johnson.

16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

23 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Parker.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Quinones-Sanchez.

5 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Reynolds Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

10 Squilla.

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 Taubenberger.

14 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

16 Clarke.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

18 The ayes are 17; the nays are

19 zero. A majority of members present

20 voting in the affirmative, the bill

21 passes.

22 Mr. Decker, 160136.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

24 amending Bill No. 150163 (approved June

25 18, 2015), entitled "An ordinance to

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2 adopt a Fiscal 2016 Capital Budget," by
3 adding and revising certain projects,
4 amounts and sources.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
6 bill has been heard on two separate days.
7 The question is shall the bill pass
8 finally.

9 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Bass.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

17 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

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2 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 Johnson.

5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

9 O'Neill.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

12 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

14 Parker.

15 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

17 Quinones-Sanchez.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

20 Reynolds Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Squilla.

24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Taubenberger.

3 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

5 Clarke.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

7 The ayes are 17; the nays are

8 zero. A majority of members present

9 voting in the affirmative, the bill

10 passes.

11 Mr. Decker, 160137.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

13 amending Bill No. 150162 (approved June

14 18, 2015), entitled "An ordinance to

15 adopt a Capital Program for the six

16 Fiscal Years 2016 through 2021

17 inclusive," as amended by Bill No. 150611

18 (approved October 20, 2015), as amended

19 by Bill No. 150790 (approved December 1,

20 2015), by adding and revising certain

21 projects, amounts and sources.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This

23 bill has been heard on two separate days.

24 The question is shall the bill pass

25 finally.

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2 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Bass.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

10 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Greenlee.

15 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

19 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 Johnson.

22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

5 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

7 Parker.

8 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Quinones-Sanchez.

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Reynolds Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 Squilla.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Taubenberger.

20 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

22 Clarke.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

24 The ayes are 17; the nays are

25 zero. A majority of members present

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2 voting in the affirmative, the bill
3 passes.

4 Mr. Decker, 160150.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 authorizing transfers in appropriations
7 for Fiscal Year 2016 within the General
8 Fund relating to the Council.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
10 bill has been heard on two separate days.
11 The question is shall the bill pass
12 finally.

13 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Bass.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

21 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Greenlee.

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2 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

4 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

6 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

8 Johnson.

9 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 O'Neill.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

16 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Parker.

19 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

21 Quinones-Sanchez.

22 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

24 Reynolds Brown.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 Squilla.

4 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 Taubenberger.

7 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

9 Clarke.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

11 The ayes are 17; the nays are
12 zero. A majority of members present
13 voting in the affirmative, the bill
14 passes.

15 Mr. Decker, do you have any
16 additional resolutions?

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 honoring Philadelphia's Non-Profit Women
19 Leaders in Recognition of Women's History
20 Month, introduced by Councilwoman
21 Reynolds Brown.

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

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

3 (Duly seconded.)

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

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. That resolution is
13 adopted.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 declaring the week of March 21st, 2016 to
16 be Give Kids a Smile Week in Philadelphia
17 and call to have children in need to get
18 a dental exam and to take advantage of
19 the services offered at Give Kids a Smile
20 Day, introduced by Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

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

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
25 you, Mr. President. I move for the

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2 adoption.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

5 been moved and properly seconded.

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 that resolution is

13 adopted.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

15 authorizing the Joint Committees on

16 Children and Youth and Housing,

17 Neighborhood Development and the Homeless

18 to hold hearings to discuss the issue of

19 Youth Homelessness in Philadelphia in

20 order to work towards a strategic plan to

21 address this issue, introduced by

22 Councilman Domb.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

24 Chair recognizes Councilman Domb.

25 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. Before I move for the
3 adoption of this resolution, I'd like to
4 request that Councilwoman Gym have an
5 opportunity to briefly comment on this
6 resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
8 sorry. Say the last part.

9 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Councilwoman
10 Gym briefly comment on this resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you.

13 Please do so.

14 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Thank you
15 very much, colleagues. Today with the
16 leadership of Councilman Domb and our
17 colleagues on Council, we're introducing
18 legislation to hold hearings on the issue
19 of youth homelessness in Philadelphia.

20 Youth homelessness is a major
21 crisis in the City that goes largely
22 under the radar. Many of us on Council
23 and one of the first acts of the Children
24 and Youth and the Housing and
25 Homelessness Committee took part in the

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2 homeless count and focused particularly
3 on the needs of our youth.

4 Here in Philadelphia, our state
5 has seen an increase of 18 percent in the
6 rise in youth homelessness since the
7 beginning of the recession, more than
8 double the national average. And from
9 2009 to 2013, the percentage of
10 Philadelphia public school students who
11 experience homelessness has risen by over
12 70 percent. But while these numbers are
13 growing, the services have failed to keep
14 pace. The Philadelphia Office of
15 Supportive Housing has only 4,000
16 emergency shelter beds, only 70 of which
17 are devoted specifically for youth.

18 In meeting with a number of
19 service providers, the impact of
20 homelessness on our children has had
21 devastating impacts on their development
22 and success, and like most social ills,
23 it disproportionately impacts low-income,
24 minority, LGBTQ youth, and at-risk
25 children.

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2 More than 40 percent of youth
3 who age out of the child welfare system
4 end up homeless by age 18, and more than
5 half of homeless youth self-identify as
6 LGBTQ. There is only one crisis shelter
7 in the entire City of Philadelphia,
8 Covenant House, that exclusively serves
9 young adults, and they spoke of an
10 18-year-old young woman who was eight
11 months pregnant that came to their door
12 for help but had to be turned away. And
13 as a body, we know that we have an
14 obligation to make sure that not one more
15 young person is turned away from the
16 basic right to housing in this city. We
17 look forward to these hearings and in
18 partnership with you.

19 Thank you very much.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you, Councilwoman.

22 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
23 Councilwoman Gym.

24 With that, I move for the
25 adoption of the resolution.

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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: The
11 ayes have it, and that resolution is
12 adopted.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 acknowledging and recognizing March 29,
15 2016 as the 41st anniversary of the
16 enactment of the Earned Income Tax Credit
17 and urging the Pennsylvania General
18 Assembly to join the 26 states plus the
19 District of Columbia by enacting a state
20 version of the Earned Income Tax Credit
21 to help working families earning low
22 wages meet basic needs, introduced by
23 Councilman Domb.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 Chair again recognizes Councilman Domb.

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2 COUNCILMAN DOMB: With that
3 said, Mr. President, I move for the
4 adoption of this 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: And a resolution
17 recognizing, honoring and celebrating
18 Unite for HER for its invaluable
19 contributions to building bridges between
20 the medical and wellness communities by
21 funding and delivering therapies that
22 support the physical and emotional needs
23 of those with breast cancer during
24 treatment and beyond, introduced by
25 Councilwoman Gym.

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

4 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Thank you
5 very much, Mr. President. I move for the
6 adoption 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, and that resolution is
17 adopted.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 commemorating the inaugural Philly Loves
20 Poetry Festival as a celebration of
21 Philadelphia's vibrant poetry scene,
22 introduced by Councilman Oh.

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

25 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,

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

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, and that resolution is
14 adopted.

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

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

20 Any speeches on the part of the
21 minority?

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman

23 Oh.

24 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very
25 much, Council President. And let me

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2 first start by saying Happy Saint
3 Patrick's Day.

4 Thank you, Councilman Henon,
5 for the lovely plants that you gave us.
6 I didn't get to say that, but mine is in
7 my office.

8 I just wanted to remind the
9 public and Councilmembers that tomorrow
10 evening we're going to have a fundraiser
11 for the Special Forces Association at
12 Cannstatter, 9130 Academy Road, 6:30 p.m.
13 to 9 o'clock p.m. It's a beef and beer,
14 live music. It will be very
15 entertaining, but there will be also some
16 very serious issues dealt with. And so
17 I'm honored to have Captain Dan Quinn,
18 Nick Freitas, a Virginia House delegate,
19 and Captain Nick Panarella attending.
20 And this body has been so supportive of
21 the Special Forces Association and the
22 issues involved.

23 So certainly everyone please
24 come by. It's \$45. You could get your
25 ticket at the door, checks made out to

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2 Special Forces Association.

3 Thank you very much.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilman.

6 And speeches on the part of the
7 majority?

8 And the Chair recognizes
9 Councilman Johnson.

10 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
11 Council President. I want to thank my
12 colleagues today and say honorable
13 mention to my co-sponsor of Bill 160012,
14 Councilman Mark Squilla, and thanking all
15 of my colleagues for voting favorably for
16 this bill known as the Longtime
17 Owner-Occupants Program, or LOOP. For as
18 long as a constituent or enrollee
19 participates in the program, they have an
20 opportunity to receive a tax relief.

21 I want to also thank
22 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, who is the
23 Chair of Finance and who is a strong
24 advocate of making sure those who need a
25 voice has a seat at the table.

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2 And so as we look at passing
3 this bill today, I want to publicly also
4 acknowledge that there is still much work
5 to do, but we wanted to start this
6 process early and revisit it as we
7 approach the year of 2024 for our
8 longtime residents.

9 I also want to thank the
10 Administration for opening up the
11 dialogue with us and working in
12 partnership with us, we could protect our
13 long-term residents.

14 And so I just want to thank
15 everyone for voting favorably upon this
16 bill, because we know as we look at the
17 issue of gentrification and gentrifying
18 neighborhoods, it's very important that
19 we engage in smart development without
20 displacement. And so -- and we will
21 continue advocating for long-term
22 residents who make low to moderate income
23 levels. And so we want to protect them
24 as this great City of Philadelphia moves
25 forward.

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2 So I just want to thank
3 everybody publicly for their support.
4 Thank you very much. And if I don't see
5 everyone, what is it, this week or next
6 week, we prepare for Easter. Is that
7 correct, Council President?

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes,
9 sir.

10 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: That's
11 next week, okay. Maybe jumping the gun a
12 little bit, but we won't be here next
13 Thursday, correct?

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: We
15 will not be in this room.

16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Okay.
17 Well, everyone have a happy resurrection
18 next Sunday if I don't see everyone.
19 Take care.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you, Councilman.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Gym.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Thank you
25 very much, Mr. President. This week we

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2 concluded a series of education town
3 halls across the City that drew out
4 hundreds of people talking about what it
5 means to focus in on our young people and
6 services that they need desperately in
7 schools. Among the most serious issues
8 that we have been highlighting in City
9 Council has been the issue of teacher
10 vacancies, which is a stunning situation
11 in which hundreds of classrooms and
12 thousands of children are left without a
13 teacher. At one of the town halls, we
14 heard of a 12th grader who has had two
15 English teachers since September, lost
16 their second English teacher in November
17 and has not had an English teacher since.
18 In fact, the principal sometimes
19 substitutes and comes in to lead a 12th
20 grade English class. These are essential
21 services.

22 It is also encouraging at the
23 same time that last night the District
24 announced that they will hire 800 new
25 jobs for teachers. These are great jobs

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2 in this city, and they have to be upheld.
3 And we congratulate the District for
4 taking a proactive role. Councilwoman
5 Blackwell, myself, my colleagues on
6 Council who have hosted these folks who
7 have come to the town halls know how
8 essential this issue to push and push the
9 District towards the essential things
10 that young people need.

11 But I do want to add that in
12 order for those 800 jobs to come to
13 Philadelphia, I believe that the School
14 District of Philadelphia needs to have a
15 teachers contract, a teachers contract
16 that actually invites and lures teachers
17 to our city. The Philadelphia teachers
18 have been without a contract for three
19 years, and four years if you don't
20 include an extension that included no pay
21 raises. If we're going to get 800 new
22 jobs into this city, 800 jobs serving our
23 youth and the best jobs in the City, we
24 need to see a teachers contract go
25 through, and I encourage my colleagues to

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2 communicate that to the District and to
3 make sure that these are -- this is a
4 good contract.

5 One quick addition as well, 75
6 minutes away from our city, refugee
7 families who fled violence and unrest in
8 their home communities are being
9 imprisoned, including children, at the
10 Berks County Residential Center. We have
11 nearly 100 immigrants and children living
12 in dangerous conditions that have been
13 identified by human rights organizations
14 that are shocking to the census.

15 Last January a federal
16 detention center worker was arrested for
17 repeated sexual molestation of young
18 people, including witnesses by children.
19 A human rights attorney filed a complaint
20 where a two-year-old girl vomiting blood
21 was told to drink water and then sent
22 back to her cell.

23 Substandard conditions in the
24 shelter have led to widespread medical
25 outbreaks, and children are being forced

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2 to share sleeping quarters with adults
3 they do not know and of the opposite sex.

4 It is not in our -- I want to
5 thank Council and especially Councilwoman
6 Maria Quinones-Sanchez, which sent a
7 letter in November demanding the
8 immediate shutdown of the Berks
9 Correctional Facility. But I think that
10 the ramping up of this message needs to
11 be sent more broadly. The Governor has
12 ordered Berks closed. The county
13 commissioners are currently fighting to
14 keep it open. If there is anything that
15 our Council colleagues can do to
16 communicate to the Berks County officials
17 that this detention center that
18 incarcerates children of a young age and
19 has seen inordinate human rights abuses,
20 unconscionable human rights abuses needs
21 to be shut down. We need to let them
22 know that immigrant families and young
23 people are suffering under their watch.
24 We want them to withdraw the appeal to
25 keep the Berks County Center open and

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2 release those families immediately.

3 Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilwoman.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Squilla.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,

9 Mr. President. I just have a short

10 announcement. First I'd like to

11 congratulate Councilman Johnson on the

12 LOOP bill passage and also the

13 Administration willing to work with

14 Council on that and also an ongoing --

15 willing to work ongoing with the average

16 income to see how that would work moving

17 into the future. So it's an opener to

18 start, and it's a great way to understand

19 how Council and the Administration can

20 work together to get something done.

21 But my main announcement is

22 that on Wednesday, the 23rd, next week,

23 we're going to celebrate the 121st

24 Anniversary of the Philly flag raising.

25 It's going to be right outside at the

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2 Municipal Services Building, and
3 hopefully all Councilmembers will try to
4 make that time to go over there. The
5 first city flag in the country for its
6 121st Anniversary will be raised on
7 Wednesday, the 23rd at noon.

8 So thank you very much.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you, Councilman.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Jones.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. With all the serious
15 issues that were discussed and dealt with
16 today, I wanted to kind of lighten it up
17 a little bit and say that spring has
18 sprung and March has come and March
19 Madness has ensued. And I want to salute
20 all of the Philadelphia-based and
21 regional universities that made it to the
22 Dance. I want to salute Villanova. I
23 want to salute you and Cindy's Temple
24 University but, most importantly, I want
25 to salute those Saint Joe's Hawks. And

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2 we wish you luck up until the time you
3 meet them, and then at that point, we'd
4 like to be victorious in the 4th with
5 Saint Joe's University. But it's a good
6 time. It highlights our city, gives us
7 three chances to make it through those
8 treacherous brackets. And I think I
9 agree with President Obama on a great
10 many things, but not on his selection for
11 the final four.

12 Thank you, Mr. President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you. Thank you, Councilman. We
15 look forward to bragging rights, and for
16 once, Councilman Squilla does not have a
17 team in the championship. For once,
18 right? Thank you.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Domb.

21 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
22 Council President. I just want to
23 quickly reiterate the importance of the
24 Earned Income Tax Credit. The deadline
25 for filing is April 18th. We're one

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2 month away. I also want to just
3 reiterate the non-privileged resolution
4 we introduced today, which was to urge
5 the State of Pennsylvania, the General
6 Assembly to enact a state Earned Income
7 Tax Credit. Twenty-six states have this.
8 And the poverty level in the state is
9 13.7; Philadelphia is 26 percent. And I
10 also want to challenge the media, all of
11 our major TV stations, all of our news
12 outlets, to publicize -- this is four
13 weeks and counting -- for the Earned
14 Income Tax Credit, of which last year we
15 left \$100 million that could have gone to
16 40,000 families. We need the media to
17 publicize this. It's very important.
18 We're down to the last four weeks. So
19 anything that the media can do, we'd be
20 most appreciative.

21 Thank you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 That concludes the speeches,
25 and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Reynolds Brown for a motion to adjourn.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes,

4 Mr. President. I will do that. I just

5 want to go on the record to express my

6 personal appreciation to Councilwoman

7 Jannie Blackwell. As a former educator

8 and someone who has a deep appreciation

9 for history, the salute today and

10 recognizing Sarah Collins Rudolph was

11 deeply profound, and if we were paying

12 attention, you could not hear a pin drop

13 during the salute of her story.

14 So I want to thank Councilwoman

15 Blackwell for making that happen and for

16 reminding us that the struggle continues.

17 With that said, thank you,

18 Mr. President. I move that Council stand

19 adjourned until Thursday, March 31st,

20 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

23 been moved and properly seconded that

24 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,

25 March 31st, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

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2 All those in favor say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you very much.

9 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
10 12:35 p.m.)

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