

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 21, 2016
10:55 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. We're going to start now. If the visitors will retire behind the rail, the members take their seat, we'll get started.

Before we start, I'd like to ask if anyone has a cell phone or any type of electronic device that makes noise, I'd please ask you to turn it off or turn it on silent. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

To give our invocation this morning, the Chair recognizes the Reverend Dr. Jose Carrera, Jr., Pastor of Urban Worship Center and President of the Hispanic Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity. He is here today as the guest of Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez.

I'd ask all guests, visitors, and members to please rise.

(Councilmembers and guests rise.)

REVEREND CARRERA: Good morning.

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2 (Good morning.)

3 REVEREND CARRERA: Thank you,
4 Council President Clarke, and thank you,
5 Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez, for
6 the invitation.

7 Before praying this morning,
8 I'd like to read a short scripture from
9 the Book of Nehemiah when he asked
10 regarding the state of affairs in his
11 hometown, and he got a report that things
12 were not going well and that there was
13 great trouble. And after hearing this,
14 the Book of Nehemiah declares that he sat
15 down and wept and mourned and fasted and
16 prayed to the God of heaven.

17 And so everything begins with
18 prayer when we're looking for solutions,
19 when we're looking for answers, when
20 we're looking for restoration. And so I
21 thank you for this opportunity as a
22 lifelong resident of Philadelphia, born
23 and raised in Philly. I love
24 Philadelphia, and it is such an honor to
25 be able to have this privilege today in

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2 this incredible meeting.

3 So let us pray.

4 Heavenly Father, we love
5 Philadelphia, and we invoke your presence
6 in this gathering today.

7 Lord, we pray for courage to
8 make right decisions. We pray for
9 strength, for wisdom. As your word says,
10 if any man lacks wisdom, let him ask of
11 God, who gives unto men liberally and
12 upbraideth not.

13 Lord, there's not a shortage of
14 wisdom. There's only a shortage of
15 asking. And we ask for the wisdom today
16 to make right decisions.

17 Lord, we lift up these Council
18 men and women, that you bless them, that
19 you give them personal peace in their
20 lives and joy in their task at hand.
21 Lord, that as they have the privilege to
22 serve this great city, that you give them
23 grace to face and to overcome the serious
24 challenges that we face.

25 Lord, I feel so led to just

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2 pray for the prosperity of our city.

3 Lord, not just the neighborhood, not just

4 a zip code but, Lord, that you will turn

5 the tide on the poverty and the hunger

6 that our city faces.

7 (Reverend speaking in Spanish.)

8 REVEREND CARRERA: Your word

9 says that when good men are in authority,

10 the people celebrate, but when wicked men

11 are in authority, the people are unhappy.

12 I pray that you will keep good men and

13 women in authority in our city, and I ask

14 that you promote and raise up a

15 generation of able politicians who are

16 men and women of truth, full of wisdom

17 and respectful towards you.

18 So, Lord, as we close this

19 invocation today, we thank you for wisdom

20 to govern amid the conflicting interests

21 and issues of our times. And we pray for

22 the ability to work together in harmony,

23 even when there is honest disagreement.

24 Lord, we give you honor, and we

25 cling to mercy and truth and allow them

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2 not to forsake us. We receive your
3 blessing, we receive your presence, and
4 let this meeting be the greatest ever.

5 And we pray in your precious
6 name.

7 Amen.

8 (Amen.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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

12 Council will be at ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you very much.

16 The next order of business is
17 the approval of the Journal, and the
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee to
19 approve the Journal of Thursday, April
20 14th, 2016.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
22 you, Mr. President. I move that the
23 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, April
24 14th, 2016 be approved.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
4 seconded that the Journal of the meeting
5 of Thursday, April 14th, 2016 stand
6 approved.

7 All those in favor say aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

14 The next order of business is
15 requests for leaves of absence, and the
16 Chair recognizes Councilman Henon.

17 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
18 Council President. On behalf of the
19 majority, there are no leaves of absence
20 today.

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,

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

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

7 At this time, I would like to
8 dispense with the regular order of
9 business and I would like to welcome
10 everyone who has taken time out of their
11 busy day to come down to witness their
12 government in action. We truly
13 appreciate it. We hope that today is an
14 enjoyable one, so much so that you come
15 back again. So, again, thank you. We
16 look forward to seeing you again.

17 At this time, the Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell, who
19 will present a resolution recognizing
20 Veronica Joyner. Would Ms. Joyner and
21 those accompanying her please join the
22 Councilwoman at the podium.

23 (Applause.)

24 (Councilmembers and guests
25 approached podium.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
3 joining Councilwoman Blackwell, we have
4 Councilman Domb, Councilwoman Reynolds
5 Brown, Councilwoman Gym, Councilman
6 Jones, and Councilman Oh and Councilwoman
7 Quinones-Sanchez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:
9 Councilman Jones is up here threatening
10 folks.

11 Good morning. This is a great
12 honor for us. It takes me back to the
13 days of the late and great Lucien
14 Blackwell, who knew Veronica Joyner when
15 she first started PUBS, and it's
16 wonderful to be able to make this
17 presentation.

18 Resolution recognizing and
19 honoring Veronica J. Joyner, for her
20 commitment and dedication to educating
21 all children in matters of intellect and
22 civic duty in the City of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
24 Veronica Joyner began her career in
25 education as a teacher in the

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2 Philadelphia Public School System in
3 1974. During the next ten years,
4 Ms. Joyner strived for excellence and
5 equity for all students she taught. She
6 began to realize the importance of
7 parental involvement in the system as a
8 change agent in order to make excellence
9 in the classroom a standard for all
10 students; and

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Whereas,
12 it was with that that prompted her to
13 found and serve as President of Parents
14 United for Better Schools Incorporated
15 (PUBS), a non-profit, multi-racial,
16 parent advocacy corporation in 1984.
17 Parents United for Better Schools, Inc.
18 now has a membership of over twenty
19 thousand parents in Philadelphia and
20 continues to evolve; and

21 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Whereas,
22 PUBS Tutoring Program provides tutoring
23 to thousands of public and private
24 Philadelphia school students in grades
25 one through twelve throughout the

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2 Delaware Valley, an adult tutoring
3 program to aid adults attending college
4 or trade school, and GED classes to high
5 school drop-outs and adults; and

6 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Whereas,
7 as an outgrowth of PUBS, Ms. Joyner
8 received state approval to open The
9 Mathematics, Civics and Sciences Charter
10 School of Philadelphia in September of
11 1999 where she now serves as its Founder
12 and Chief Administrative Officer; and

13 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Whereas,
14 MCSCS has been recognized by the
15 Pennsylvania Department of Education as
16 one of the City's top ten schools out of
17 more than 300 public and charter schools
18 in Philadelphia and has received praise
19 for the most prestigious educators on
20 both a local and national level since its
21 inception; and

22 COUNCILMAN OH: Whereas,
23 Veronica Joyner received her Bachelor's
24 in Social Work/Education from Temple
25 University and her Master's in Education

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2 Leadership from Arcadia University. She
3 is also a candidate for the Ph.D. program
4 at Temple University. She is the
5 recipient of an overwhelming number of
6 awards and recognitions for her in and
7 education and in the Philadelphia
8 community; and

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Ms. Joyner
10 had me crying at a tour in her hallways
11 when I saw those young people.

12 Now, therefore, be it resolved,
13 that the City of Philadelphia, hereby
14 recognize Veronica J. Joyner for her
15 commitment and dedication to educating
16 all children in matters of intellect and
17 civic duty in the City of Philadelphia.

18 Further resolved, that an
19 engrossed copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Ms. Veronica J. Joyner as a
21 sincere expression of Philadelphia City
22 Council's gratitude and recognition.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 Chair recognizes Ms. Joyner for remarks.

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2 MS. JOYNER: Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 You're welcome. Thank you.

5 MS. JOYNER: And I am so happy
6 to have all my supporters here, and these
7 are the people that I have turned to many
8 times when there were issues, advice
9 needed. And so you're going to still be
10 a part of my team, I'm sure. I have my
11 basketball team there.

12 I am very humbled and I am just
13 so honored to be honored by a city that I
14 grew up in. I was born in Philadelphia,
15 raised in North Philadelphia, and
16 attended Philadelphia public schools from
17 1st through 12th grade, so I am a
18 Philadelphian.

19 I would like to -- my mother
20 and father, I just wanted to tell you,
21 were both City employees. My mother had
22 cleaned schools and my father picked up
23 the trash in the City, and I ended up in
24 the school as a teacher. That's
25 progress.

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2 I would like to say that MCSCS
3 has 100 percent graduation rate, a zero
4 drop-out rate, and 97 to 98 --

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. JOYNER: -- percent of our
7 graduates attend college. And I've given
8 you information to outline some of the
9 graduates, the teachers that are teaching
10 at our school, eight of them, that
11 graduated from our school, graduated
12 college, and came back to teach.

13 The homeless program that
14 Jannie has had to stand with me on many
15 times. We feed homeless citizens in Love
16 Park every Thursday since 2005. Our
17 students fund the program. We also
18 donate to the American Cancer Society,
19 the American Red Cross. We recently were
20 able to collect over 600 cases of water
21 to go to the Flint residents.

22 So our school does civic
23 duties. And we have a law academy and
24 our students practice law. But there's
25 one thing I'm here I really, really need

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2 your help. Our basketball team came in
3 as runner-ups, and we had no gym, started
4 two months behind the other teams, and
5 maybe had three hours of practice a week.
6 And I am just so honored that my
7 basketball team was able to reach the
8 heights that they reached, and I would
9 like for you to join me in giving them an
10 applause.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. JOYNER: These young men
13 are what it means to be a Philadelphian.
14 They fought their way to the top, two
15 months behind, three hours a week of
16 practice and they came in as runner-ups.
17 We have won the PIAA in 2011.

18 I have a very, very big
19 challenge ahead of me, and I'm going to
20 need everybody. We have to build a gym
21 and we need to have a gym for our
22 students to practice. And I don't think
23 it's something that's out of reach for
24 any of us in this city. It's a great
25 City of Philadelphia.

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2 We had a national -- and thank
3 you for your visit too, Councilman
4 Kenyatta.

5 We had a national story, and
6 it's in your packet, if you could take
7 four minutes today to look at it. They
8 did a national story on our basketball
9 team and their success and achievements
10 without a permanent gym. They wanted to
11 know how are you guys doing this?

12 So now we're left with no gym.
13 Berean was sold last year. We found out
14 in August. And we were unable to find a
15 practice site. I was able to write the
16 Commissioner of Recreation and we were
17 able to find some space at the Martin
18 Luther King Recreation Center. We are
19 now left with no gym to practice.

20 I have things underway, the
21 planning, the zoning, everything for the
22 gym, and what we're asking is that
23 everyone contribute. You know, tell your
24 donors that you know that are looking for
25 a non-profit to donate that this would be

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2 the venture to donate to to help us build
3 a gym. Our goal is to get started in
4 July and have it built by the end of
5 August. And I know I could count on
6 Philadelphia.

7 We have someone running for
8 President of the United States with \$27
9 donations on an average, was able to
10 raise millions. I'm sure we can do it
11 here.

12 I would like for my students to
13 stand, because these students are
14 excellent students. They're outstanding.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. JOYNER: And I am asking
17 you guys here to help me, City Council,
18 everyone here to help me. Many of you
19 have come to the school. You see the
20 level of education that's going on at the
21 school. We're asking you to help us.
22 We're trying to put books and basketballs
23 in the hands of our youth so that they
24 are -- and not guns. We want basketballs
25 and books and not guns, and we want them

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2 to shoot hoops and not each other. I
3 need your help.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Council will be at ease.

8 (Council at ease.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you very much.

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

16 Mr. Decker, please read those
17 messages.

18 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
19 and members of the Council of the City of
20 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
21 that on April 19, 2016, I signed all of
22 the bills which were passed by Council at
23 its session on April 7, 2016.

24 And I am submitting herewith
25 for the consideration of your honorable

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2 body a resolution appointing Christopher
3 P. McGill to the Board of Directors for
4 the Old City Special Services District;
5 and

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

9 A resolution appointing Lynn
10 Martin Haskin to the Board of Directors
11 for the Old City Special Services
12 District; and

13 A resolution authorizing the
14 Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of
15 certain properties located in the Fifth
16 Councilmanic District in accordance with
17 the terms of Chapter 16-707 of The
18 Philadelphia Code; and

19 A resolution authorizing the
20 Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of
21 certain properties located in the Seventh
22 Councilmanic District in accordance with
23 the terms of Chapter 16-707 of The
24 Philadelphia Code; and

25 A resolution authorizing the

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2 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to
3 dispose of certain properties located in
4 the Fifth Councilmanic District that will
5 be transferred by the City to the
6 Authority, by conveyance of such
7 properties to the Philadelphia
8 Redevelopment Authority, with further
9 transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank;
10 and

11 A resolution approving the
12 Assignment, Assumption and Consent
13 Agreement of the Philadelphia
14 Redevelopment Authority for the
15 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
16 portion of the Center City Redevelopment
17 Area, designated as Parcel 1A (Electrical
18 Room), Parcel 1B (Mechanical and Trash
19 Rooms), Parcel 1C (SRO Storage Room),
20 Parcel 1D (Lobby and Offices), Parcel 1E
21 (Storage and Trash Rooms), and Parcel 1F
22 (Floors four through seven) and
23 identified as certain air rights of
24 portions within 2025 through 2029
25 Chestnut Street; and

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2 An ordinance authorizing the
3 Commissioner of Public Property to convey
4 to the Philadelphia Authority for
5 Industrial Development all or part of a
6 parcel of land located within an area
7 bounded by Buttonwood Street, North 10th
8 Street, Hamilton Street, Ridge Avenue,
9 and North 11th Street, for further
10 conveyance; and

11 An ordinance authorizing
12 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
13 Year 2016 from the Grants Revenue Fund,
14 the Director of Finance - Provision for
15 Other Grants to the General Fund, the
16 Department of Streets, the Fire
17 Department, the Department of Public
18 Property, the Director of Finance, the
19 Procurement Department, the Law
20 Department, and the District Attorney,
21 all under certain terms and conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker. Do you
24 have any additional communications?

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2 CHIEF CLERK: I have none, Mr.
3 President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
5 Thank you so much.

6 The next order of business will
7 be the introduction of bills and
8 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
9 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
11 morning, Mr. President. This morning I
12 offer one bill on your behalf.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you, Councilwoman.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I proudly
16 offer that bill on your behalf.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you, Councilwoman.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
20 amending Chapter 17-1600 of The
21 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Economic
22 Opportunity Plans," by modifying the
23 monetary threshold triggering the
24 requirement of an economic opportunity
25 plan on City funded projects or contracts

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2 and by modifying the required contents of
3 economic opportunity plans.

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

7 And the Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Mr. President. I proudly say that I
11 have no bills or resolutions today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you, Councilwoman.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Greenlee.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
17 you, Mr. President. On your behalf, I
18 offer three resolutions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you, Councilman.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged
22 resolution authorizing the Philadelphia
23 Land Bank to dispose of certain
24 properties located in the Fifth
25 Councilmanic District in accordance with

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2 terms of Chapter 16-707 of The
3 Philadelphia Code.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a
8 non-privileged resolution authorizing the
9 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to
10 dispose of certain properties located in
11 the Fifth Councilmanic District.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a
16 non-privileged resolution approving the
17 Assignment, Assumption and Consent
18 Agreement of the Philadelphia
19 Redevelopment Authority for the
20 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
21 portion the Center City Redevelopment
22 Area, designated as Parcel 1A, Parcel 1B,
23 Parcel 1C, Parcel 1D, Parcel 1E and
24 Parcel 1F and identified as certain air
25 rights of portions within 2025 through

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2 2029 Chestnut Street.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
4 that will also be on next week's Final
5 Passage Calendar.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Henon.

8 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
9 Council President. I have two bills, one
10 on your behalf and one resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you, Councilman.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 amending Section 19-1701 of The
15 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Tax Review
16 Board," by providing a limited exception
17 to the requirement that all hearings be
18 public.

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

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

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2 area bounded by Roosevelt Boulevard,
3 Holme Avenue, Fairfield Street, Solly
4 Avenue, Farnsworth Street, Fuller Street,
5 Revere Street, Rhawn Street, Farnsworth
6 Street, Loney Street, Lister Street,
7 Carnwath Street, Revere Street, Ryan
8 Avenue, and Roosevelt Boulevard.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
12 resolution Honoring the Reverend Joseph
13 Campellone on His Induction Into the
14 Father Judge High School Hall of Fame.

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Jones.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES:
21 Mr. President, today I humbly submit
22 three bills.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you. Thank you so much,
25 Councilman.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
3 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
4 changing the zoning designations of
5 certain areas of land located within an
6 area bounded by Roosevelt Boulevard,
7 North Ferry Road, Kelly Drive, Lincoln
8 Drive, Gypsy Lane, School House Lane,
9 Cresson Street, Indian Queen Lane, and
10 Conrad Street; and

11 An ordinance renaming and
12 designating Daisy Field as "David
13 Montgomery Field" in the City of
14 Philadelphia; and

15 An ordinance amending Section
16 14-503 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 "/NCA, Neighborhood Commercial Overlay
18 District," by amending the subsection
19 entitled "East Falls Neighborhood" and
20 making related changes, all under certain
21 terms and conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Those three bills will be referred to the
24 appropriate committee.

25 And the Chair recognizes

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2 Councilman Johnson.

3 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Council
4 President, I too also am proud to
5 introduce this legislation on your behalf
6 regarding keeping our young people safe
7 as it relates to gun violence.

8 Thank you, Council President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you, Councilman. Thank you for
11 your support.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Chapter 10-834 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled
15 "Responsibility to Avoid Possession and
16 Discharge of Firearms by Children," by
17 requiring safe storage of firearms and
18 ammunition.

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

21 And the Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
24 you, Mr. President. I have two
25 non-privileged resolutions and one bill

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2 on behalf of the Administration.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilwoman.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

6 authorizing transfers in appropriations

7 for Fiscal Year 2016 from the Grants

8 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -

9 Provision for Other Grants to the General

10 Fund, the Department of Streets, the Fire

11 Department, the Department of Public

12 Property, the Director of Finance, the

13 Procurement Department, the Law

14 Department, and the District Attorney.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Referred to committee.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a

18 non-privileged resolution authorizing the

19 Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose of

20 certain properties located in the Seventh

21 Councilmanic District in accordance with

22 terms of Chapter 16-707 of The

23 Philadelphia Code.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And

25 that will be on next week's Final Passage

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2 Calendar.

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

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
15 week's Final Passage Calendar.

16 And the Chair recognizes
17 Councilman Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
19 Council President. I do not have any
20 bills or resolutions today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you, Councilman.

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Parker.

25 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank

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2 you, Mr. President. Today I offer one
3 non-privileged resolution supported by
4 prime co-sponsors Councilmembers Gym,
5 Bass, Green, Blackwell, Reynolds Brown,
6 and Domb and supported by all members of
7 Council, and I wish to be recognized
8 after the title of the resolution is read
9 for a motion on the resolution.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you, Councilwoman.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 urging the United States Senate to
14 perform its constitutional duty to advise
15 and consent on the President's nomination
16 of Judge Merrick Garland to the Supreme
17 Court of the United States.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Councilwoman, that motion will be next
20 week. So do you want to do the speech
21 now or at the time of the motion?

22 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Well,
23 Mr. President, I wanted to move that the
24 rules of Council be suspended so as to
25 permit immediate consideration of the

1 4/21/16 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 resolution on today's Final Passage
3 Calendar.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
6 been moved and properly seconded that
7 this resolution be heard on today's Final
8 Passage Calendar.

9 All in favor?

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 ayes have it, and that resolution will be
16 on this week's Final Passage Calendar.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Domb.

19 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Good morning,
20 Council President. I have no bills or
21 resolutions today.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 The Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Gym.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Good

3 morning, Mr. President. No bills or
4 resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you, Councilwoman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Taubenberger.

9 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Good

10 morning, Council President and

11 colleagues. I offer one bill

12 co-sponsored by Councilman Jones,

13 Councilman Domb, Councilman O'Neill, and

14 Councilwoman Gym. Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you, Councilman.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

18 amending Chapter 10-800 of The

19 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety," by

20 amending Section 10-820, entitled

21 "Cutting Weapons in Public Places," by

22 excluding certain emergency personnel

23 from the prohibition on the use and

24 possession of cutting tools.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That

1 4/21/16 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 bill will be referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 O'Neill.

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

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you, Councilman.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Squilla.

13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. I have three bills and
15 three resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Thank you, Councilman.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
20 Property, on behalf of the City of
21 Philadelphia, to convey to the
22 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
23 Development, all or part of a parcel of
24 land located in the area bounded by
25 Buttonwood Street, North 10th Street,

1 4/21/16 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 Hamilton Street, Ridge Avenue, and North
3 11th Street; and

4 An ordinance amending Title 14
5 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
6 "Zoning and Planning," by revising
7 Chapter 14-500, entitled "Overlay Zoning
8 Districts," with respect to the North
9 Delaware Avenue Neighborhood Commercial
10 Overlay District; and

11 An ordinance to amend the
12 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the
13 zoning designations of certain areas of
14 land located within an area bounded by
15 Lehigh Avenue, Trenton Avenue, Norris
16 Street, Front Street, Coral Street,
17 Boston Street, Emerald Street, Hagert
18 Street, and Kensington Avenue.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Those bills just read by the Chief Clerk
21 will be referred to the appropriate
22 committees.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a
24 non-privileged resolution appointing
25 Christopher P. McGill to the Board of

1 4/21/16 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Directors for the Old City Special
3 Services District; and

4 A resolution appointing Lynn
5 Martin Haskin to the Board of Directors
6 for the Old City Special Services
7 District; and

8 A non-privileged resolution
9 appointing Jafar Maleki to the Board of
10 Directors for the Old City Special
11 Services District.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you. Those resolutions will be
14 referred to committee.

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Bass.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I offer two privileged
19 resolutions co-sponsored by Councilman
20 Henon, Squilla, Green, Gym, Jones, Oh,
21 and Domb and also, on the other,
22 co-sponsored by Councilwoman Blondell
23 Reynolds Brown, Domb, and Oh. Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you, Councilwoman.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
3 resolution recognizing and honoring Opera
4 Philadelphia on their prestigious
5 nomination as the Best Opera Company at
6 the 2016 International Opera Awards.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
8 that will be on this week's Final Passage
9 Calendar.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
11 resolution honoring and recognizing the
12 Central High School Robotics Team, the
13 RoboLancers, on qualifying for the FIRST
14 World Championship by virtue of their
15 second consecutive and fourth ever
16 Chairman's Award, the highest honor in
17 FIRST robotics.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
19 that will also be on this week's Final
20 Passage Calendar.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Oh.

23 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
24 Council President. I offer three
25 privileged resolutions co-sponsored by

1 4/21/16 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 Councilmembers Domb, Taubenberger, Henon,
3 Squilla, Gym, Bass, Johnson, and Green.
4 Thank you.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
6 Thank you, Councilman.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
8 resolution proclaiming the week of April
9 29, 2016 to May 7, 2016 as the Sixth
10 Annual Philly Tech Week Presented by
11 Comcast, and Honoring the Broad and
12 Vibrant Philadelphia Technology
13 Community.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
15 week's Final Passage Calendar.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
17 resolution Honoring and Recognizing
18 Freedom Theatre on the Occasion of its
19 50th Anniversary.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
21 that will be on this week's Final Passage
22 Calendar.

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
24 resolution recognizing April 30th as
25 Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag Day

1 4/21/16 - STATED - REPORTS
2 as a Symbol of the Contributions of the
3 Vietnamese-American Community in the City
4 of Philadelphia.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
6 that will be on this week's Final Passage
7 Calendar.

8 That concludes the introduction
9 of bills and resolutions. The next order
10 of business will be reports from
11 committee, and the Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez for a
13 report from the Committee of License and
14 Inspection.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
16 you, Council President. The Committee on
17 License and Inspection reports two bills
18 with a favorable recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you.

21 Mr. Decker, please read that
22 report.

23 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
24 and members of the Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, the Committee on Licenses

1 4/21/16 - STATED - REPORTS

2 and Inspections, to which was referred
3 Bill No. 160075, entitled "An ordinance
4 amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code
5 by amending Subcode 'A' (The Philadelphia
6 Administrative Code), providing for the
7 posting and public notice of the
8 demolition of structures, and making
9 related changes"; and

10 Bill No. 160130, entitled "An
11 ordinance amending Title 4 of The
12 Philadelphia Code by amending Subcode 'B'
13 (The Philadelphia Building Code), and
14 thus amending the PA Uniform Construction
15 Code for Philadelphia, to add sections
16 requiring contractors, design
17 professionals and developers to add
18 additional fire-resistant material to
19 structures containing truss construction
20 and other light frame construction, all
21 under certain terms and conditions,"
22 respectfully reports it has considered
23 the same and returns the attached bills
24 to Council with a favorable
25 recommendation.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 The Chair again recognizes
5 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
7 you, Mr. President. I move that the
8 rules of Council be suspended as to
9 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
10 160075 and 160130.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you. It has been moved and
14 properly seconded that the rules of
15 Council be suspended so as to permit
16 first reading this day of Bills No.
17 160075 and 160130.

18 All those in favor say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 ayes have it. These bills will be placed
25 on our First Reading Calendar today.

1 4/21/16 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING

2 The next order of business is
3 the consideration of the Calendar. I
4 note that the bills just reported from
5 committee with suspension of the rules
6 have been deemed to have had a first
7 reading. They will be on the Second
8 Reading and Final Passage Calendar at our
9 next session.

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

16 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
17 Mr. President. The following bills and
18 resolutions are being called up for the
19 Second Reading and Final Passage on
20 today's Calendar: Bill Nos. 160306,
21 160307, 160308, 160309, 160310, 160314,
22 160315, 160320. All other bills and
23 resolutions are being held.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you, Councilman.

1 4/21/16 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 Before hearing these bills and
3 resolutions on the Final Passage
4 Calendar, we will have our public comment
5 session. It will go as follows:

6 If you are interested in
7 testifying on a bill or resolution that
8 is on the Final Passage Calendar today,
9 if you have not already done so, I'd ask
10 that you sign up at the table to my left.

11 When your name is called, you
12 will go to the podium in the middle of
13 the Council Chambers. There's a device
14 on that podium. When the light turns
15 green, it will be your time to speak.
16 When the light turns yellow, you will
17 have 30 seconds to conclude your remarks,
18 and when the light turns red, we would
19 ask that you adhere to the guidelines and
20 please conclude your remarks.

21 Mr. Decker, please call the
22 first name of the witness testifying
23 today.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Faruq Robinson.

25 (No response.)

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Faruq Robinson.

3 (No response.)

4 CHIEF CLERK: Rahema Beyan.

5 (No response.)

6 CHIEF CLERK: Rahema Beyan.

7 (No response.)

8 CHIEF CLERK: Sheila Lloyd.

9 (No response.)

10 CHIEF CLERK: Sheila Lloyd.

11 (No response.)

12 CHIEF CLERK: Johnny Young.

13 (No response.)

14 CHIEF CLERK: There are no

15 other speakers on the public comment

16 list, Mr. President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

19 We will now move to our

20 Calendar.

21 Mr. Decker, would you please

22 read the title of 160306.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution

24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public

25 Property to execute and deliver to the

1 4/21/16 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority,
3 without consideration, deeds conveying
4 conditional fee simple title to certain
5 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
6 the buildings and improvements thereon,
7 situate in the Twenty-Eighth Ward of the
8 City of Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

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

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All those in favor?

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 ayes have it, and Resolution 160306 has
24 been adopted.

25 Mr. Decker, 160307.

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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 New
7 Kensington-Fishtown Urban Renewal Area,
8 identified by house number and street
9 address as 1507 Frankford Avenue.

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

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

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All those in favor?

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 ayes have it, and Resolution 160307 is

1 4/21/16 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 adopted.

3 Mr. Decker, 160308.

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

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: I move for
15 the adoption.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All those in favor?

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 ayes have it, and Resolution 160308 is

1 4/21/16 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 adopted.

3 Mr. Decker, 160309.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 approving the redevelopment contract of
6 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
7 for the redevelopment and urban renewal
8 of a portion of the West Fairhill/East
9 Tioga/Hunting Park Urban Renewal Area,
10 identified by house number and street
11 address as 809 West Tioga Street.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Quinones-Sanchez.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
16 you. 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

1 4/21/16 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 ayes have it. 160309 is adopted.

3 Mr. Decker, 160310.

4 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
5 authorizing the Committee on Commerce and
6 Economic Development to conduct hearings
7 to examine the inclusiveness,
8 transparency and efficiency of the City
9 of Philadelphia's processes for the
10 procurement of professional services,
11 capital programs and commodities.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
14 Quinones-Sanchez.

15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I move
16 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

1 4/21/16 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 ayes have it, and Resolution 160310 is
3 adopted.

4 Mr. Decker, 160314.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property, on behalf of the City of
8 Philadelphia, to convey to the
9 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
10 Development, all or part of a parcel of
11 land located in the area bounded by
12 Buttonwood Street, North 10th Street,
13 Hamilton Street, Ridge Avenue, and North
14 11th Street, for further conveyance.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I move that Resolution
19 No. 160314 be withdrawn.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
23 seconded that Resolution 160314 be
24 withdrawn.

25 All those in favor?

1 4/21/16 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 ayes have it, and Resolution 160314 is
8 withdrawn.

9 Mr. Decker, 160315.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 calling for the installation of a City
12 Historic Marker in front of the Quaker
13 Meetinghouse at 4th and Arch Streets and
14 for dedication of this marker to occur
15 during the Democratic National
16 Convention, July 25 to 28, 2016, when
17 over 400 LGBT activists from every state
18 will be in Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you.

21 The Chair again recognizes
22 Councilman Squilla.

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

1 4/21/16 - STATED - 2ND READING

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 Resolution 160315 is
12 adopted.

13 Mr. Decker, 160320.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution also
15 naming the 3600 block of Hamilton Street
16 "In-Ho Oh Memorial Way" to honor the
17 memory of In-Ho Oh and to recognize his
18 life and memorialize his lasting legacy.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

21 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you. I
22 move for the adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

1 4/21/16 - STATED - 2ND READING

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, and Resolution 160320 is
9 adopted.

10 Mr. Decker, do you have any
11 additional resolutions?

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 Honoring Reverend Joseph Campellone on
14 His Induction Into the Father Judge High
15 School Hall of Fame, introduced by
16 Councilman Henon.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Henon.

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

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All those in favor?

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 ayes have it, and that resolution is
7 adopted.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 urging the United States Senate to
10 perform its constitutional duties to
11 advise and consent on the President's
12 nomination of Judge Merrick Garland to
13 the Supreme Court of the United States,
14 introduced by Councilwoman Parker.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Parker.

17 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
18 you, Mr. President. I move for the
19 adoption of the resolution and wish to be
20 recognized to make some remarks.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Go
23 ahead now.

24 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
25 you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 We'll call for the vote after you make
4 your --

5 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
6 you, Mr. President. Mr. President, with
7 the prospective passage of this
8 resolution before us, I am proud to note
9 that in conjunction with the national
10 leadership role that our Mayor Jim Kenney
11 has taken regarding this matter, our
12 legislative body, the City Council of
13 Philadelphia, will be officially joining
14 mayors and local legislative bodies
15 across the U.S. in calling on the United
16 States Senate to perform its
17 constitutional duty and advise and
18 consent on the President's nomination of
19 Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court and
20 just wanted to note for the record,
21 Mr. President, that the Senate has
22 confirmed more than a dozen Supreme Court
23 Justices in presidential election years,
24 including five in the last 100 years.
25 The Senate Judiciary Committee has never

1 4/21/16 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 denied a Supreme Court nominee a hearing
3 since it began holding public
4 confirmation hearings.

5 In addition, they have refused
6 to consider -- the Senate refuses to
7 consider a Supreme Court nominee until
8 after the next President is sworn into
9 office. This will result in the longest
10 Supreme Court vacancy caused by Senate
11 inaction since the Civil War. And if
12 they do not act on making sure that they
13 advise and consent on the President's
14 recommendation and nomination of Merrick
15 Garland, who, Mr. President, is a
16 well-qualified judge and has more
17 judicial experience than any Supreme
18 Court nominee in history, the Supreme
19 Court nominee was not withdrawn by the
20 President and has received an up or down
21 vote within 125 days of the President's
22 nomination of this announcement. It has
23 never occurred in the history of our
24 country. So this action requires and
25 requests that the Senate promptly

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2 schedule a hearing in the Senate
3 Judiciary Committee, that they hold a
4 confirmation vote on the Senate floor,
5 and that they ensure that the vacancy on
6 the Supreme Court is filled without undue
7 and unnecessary delay. And I ask all of
8 my colleagues for an affirmative vote.

9 Thank you for your patience,
10 Mr. President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 You're welcome.

13 There's a motion on the floor.
14 Is there a second?

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 O'Neill before we take the vote.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
21 Mr. President. I had a heads-up that
22 this was going to be introduced today,
23 but I thought it was going to be heard
24 next week, so because of that, I will be
25 unusually brief. I was going to do a lot

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2 of reading, making sure all my facts were
3 perfect.

4 Some people see this as a
5 partisan issue and I as a republican am
6 going to take a different position than
7 most people in this Chamber. But one of
8 my political heroes is former Senator,
9 now Vice President Joe Biden. I just
10 think he brings it all to the table and
11 he's balanced. He has some of the best
12 relationships ever forged in the Senate,
13 with a tough partisan Senate, much
14 tougher than we had seen for many, many
15 years. And when this story first broke
16 that the nomination would not get a
17 hearing, the first thing I saw was that
18 when Vice President Biden was in the
19 Senate, I believe it was first President
20 Bush -- I'm not positive. It might have
21 been second President Bush, 43 versus 41,
22 but I'm almost certain it was a President
23 Bush, and the then-Senator Biden made
24 some compelling arguments for holding a
25 nomination, in fact demanding that it be

1 4/21/16 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 held, until after the presidential
3 election. And this is one that can go
4 either way, and it's one that whether
5 it's republicans galvanizing their base
6 or democrats, I understand, but I do want
7 you to know as far as I'm concerned, I'm
8 on the side of the angels on this one and
9 I'm going to be voting no.

10 Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you, Councilman.

13 There's a motion and a second
14 for the resolution. All those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Those opposed?

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 ayes have it, and the resolution is
21 adopted.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Could I be
23 recorded as voting no?

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You
25 want me to? All right.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you. Let the record reflect --

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Since we
6 didn't do a roll call vote.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
8 understand.

9 Let the record reflect that
10 Councilman O'Neill voted no on that
11 resolution.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
13 recognizing and honoring Opera
14 Philadelphia on their prestigious
15 nomination as the Best Opera Company at
16 the 2016 International Opera Awards,
17 introduced by Councilwoman Bass.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: 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, and that resolution is
9 adopted.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 honoring and recognizing the Central High
12 School Robotics Team, the RoboLancers, on
13 qualifying for the FIRST World
14 Championship by virtue of their second
15 consecutive and fourth ever Chairman's
16 Award, the highest honor in FIRST
17 robotics, introduced by Councilwoman
18 Bass.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
23 of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

1 4/21/16 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 been moved and properly seconded.

3 All those in favor?

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

9 ayes have it.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 proclaiming the week of April 29, 2016 to
12 May 7, 2016 as the Sixth Annual Philly
13 Tech Week Presented by Comcast and
14 Honoring the Broad and Vibrant
15 Philadelphia Technology Community,
16 introduced by Councilman Oh.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

19 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you. I
20 move for the adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All those in favor?

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 ayes have it, and that resolution is
7 adopted.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 Honoring and Recognizing Freedom Theatre
10 on the Occasion of its 50th Anniversary,
11 introduced by Councilman Oh.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 Chair again recognizes Councilman Oh.

14 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you. I
15 move for the adoption of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All those in favor?

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 ayes have it, and that resolution is

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2 adopted.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 recognizing April 30th as Vietnamese
5 Heritage and Freedom Flag Day as a Symbol
6 of the Contributions of the
7 Vietnamese-American Community in the City
8 of Philadelphia, introduced by Councilman
9 Oh.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

12 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you. I
13 move for the adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All those in favor?

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 ayes have it, and that resolution is
24 adopted.

25 CHIEF CLERK: There are no

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2 other resolutions on the Final Passage
3 Calendar, Mr. President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you very much.

6 Are there any speeches on the
7 part of the minority?

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Oh.

10 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very
11 much, Council President. I wanted to
12 thank all my colleagues and particularly
13 Councilwoman Blackwell for passing
14 today's resolution naming the 3600 block
15 of Hamilton Street "In-Ho Oh Memorial
16 Way," and I'm sure there's people who are
17 like, Well, who is that guy? And I just
18 wanted to say that In-Ho Oh died in 1958.
19 That is before I was born, but he is my
20 cousin, and I grew up kind of in the
21 shadow of his death. And his death was
22 reported in Time Magazine, Life Magazine,
23 and there was actually a movie
24 reenactment made by the Presbyterian
25 church that I've placed on everyone's

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2 desk that reenacted his death.

3 The reason was not because of
4 his death but because of the letter that
5 was sent by his parents. And I think as
6 we look at the history of Philadelphia,
7 there are many people from many
8 backgrounds who have contributed to the
9 growth of our city and to its well-being
10 and sometimes to its problems, but I
11 think this will be the first time that an
12 Asian American has had a marker in our
13 city, and I would like to see more of
14 that in the future of all different type
15 of ethnicities.

16 But let me say that the
17 critical thing for me that applies to us
18 today is this: forgiveness. As we look
19 to many of the issues, particularly
20 violence and murders and unhappiness in
21 our city, there are many things that we
22 try to do as government, but one of the
23 things that I think is important is just
24 something that people have to personally
25 do. It's a challenge for me. It's a

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2 struggle for me. It's not easy to do, I
3 understand, but I think that forgiveness
4 is a very important part of healing our
5 city.

6 In-Ho Oh was murdered
7 unfortunately by 11 African American
8 youth. He was from Korea. He was 26
9 years old, very promising. In his letter
10 he said he wanted to return to Korea to
11 be a Christian statesman. His parents
12 were very devout Christians. And while
13 the City looked for the death penalty of
14 these boys, tried them as adults and
15 there was a lot of outrage, the parents
16 returned with a letter, which I would
17 like to read in part.

18 We, the parents of In-Ho Oh, on
19 behalf of our whole family, deeply
20 appreciate the expressions of sympathy
21 you have extended to us at this time.
22 In-Ho almost finished the preparation
23 needed for the achievement of his
24 ambition, which was to serve his people
25 and nation as a Christian statesman. His

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2 death by an unexpected accident leaves
3 that ambition unachieved.

4 When we heard of his death, we
5 could not believe the news was true, for
6 the shock was so unexpected and sad, but
7 now we find that it is an undeniable fact
8 that In-Ho has been killed by a gang of
9 Negro boys whose souls were not saved and
10 in whom human nature is paralyzed. We
11 are sad now not only because of In-Ho's
12 unachieved future but also because of the
13 unsaved souls and paralyzed human nature
14 of the murderers. We thank God that he
15 is given us a plan whereby our sorrow is
16 being turned into Christian purpose. It
17 is our hope that we may somehow be
18 instrumental in the salvation of the
19 souls and in giving life to the human
20 nature of the murderers.

21 Our family has met together,
22 and we have decided to petition that the
23 most generous treatment possible within
24 the laws of your government be given to
25 those who have committed this criminal

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2 action, without knowing what it would
3 mean to him who has been sacrificed to
4 his family, to his friends, and to his
5 country.

6 In order to give evidence of
7 our sincere hope contained in this
8 petition, our whole family has decided to
9 save money to start a fund to be used for
10 the religious, educational, vocational,
11 and social guidance of the boys when they
12 are released. In addition, we are daring
13 to hope that we can do something to
14 minimize such juvenile criminal actions
15 which are to be found not only in your
16 country but also in Korea and we are sure
17 everywhere in the world.

18 I think in some small way, it
19 is important not to forget that many
20 people contribute to what our city is,
21 and at the time, the Mayor, Dilworth, was
22 involved. Penn started a scholarship,
23 and, in fact, In-Ho Oh was buried at the
24 historic Old Pine Church. It is all but
25 forgotten now, but I think as in many

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2 things, it is important to remember. And
3 there are many such acts throughout our
4 city today, but I think you can be --
5 there are many things to have a legacy
6 about, but a legacy of forgiveness I
7 think is very important for us at this
8 time.

9 Thank you very much.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you, Councilman.

12 Speeches on behalf of the
13 majority?

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Jones.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
17 Mr. President. Tuesday we go to the
18 polls and we'll pick out of some fine
19 candidates for one office or another,
20 from the President down to State Reps.
21 But today I rise about the ballot
22 question, in particular ballot question
23 No. 2 where we will consider making
24 permanent the African American Males
25 Commission to study and to look at

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2 peculiar statistics germane to African
3 American youth.

4 You were kind enough yesterday
5 during the budget process, there were
6 five young men that came in between the
7 ages of 18 and 24. You greeted them.
8 They felt welcomed. And it came to my
9 attention that many of them had been
10 downtown to make a purchase or two, but
11 had no idea what was inside the buildings
12 that were in Center City or what people
13 did and how government functioned. So I
14 thank you for taking that time to go and
15 say hello to them.

16 What was distinctive about that
17 group was, there were five of them, but
18 there once was six. The sixth one was
19 murdered about two months ago in that
20 spree of about 12 homicides that happened
21 in 48 hours.

22 The African American Male
23 Commission is to study why
24 disproportionately we are in jail; why
25 disproportionately, as Councilwoman

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2 Reynolds Brown found out, that African
3 Americans suffer from hypertension and
4 organ disease such as kidney failure; why
5 our graduates rates our lower, our
6 drop-out rates are higher; why gun shots
7 happen more often to them; why African
8 American males suffer in so many
9 different categories. This Commission
10 will dedicate its time and its energy to
11 find out not only why, but how we can
12 divert some of those young men from that
13 path. We do that business every day in
14 our own individual ways, but we need to
15 synchronize and codify some of the causes
16 and some of the cures to their particular
17 problems.

18 I often say if 300 wales washed
19 up on the shore of the Delaware, we'd
20 have every marine biologist in the world
21 trying to figure out why.

22 So I urge those who are
23 listening to vote for ballot question No.
24 2 and approve the permanency of the
25 Commission on African American Males.

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2 Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilman.

5 The Chair recognizes

6 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

8 you, Mr. President. Tomorrow and

9 Saturday I will be traveling to New York

10 City to join a historic convening of

11 Puerto Rican elected officials and

12 leaders from across the country. The

13 reason why, there is a humanitarian

14 crisis in Puerto Rico.

15 Puerto Rico faces a \$73 billion

16 deficit, a deficit created by United

17 States tax policy, a deficit created by

18 rules of financial mismanagement on

19 policies by the United States of America.

20 I know many of my colleagues

21 have seen commercials about don't bail

22 Puerto Rico out and its bankruptcy. I

23 must remind everyone that in this Council

24 Chamber, we debated the issue of hedge

25 funds and swaps at the School District.

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2 As a city, we divested from some of these
3 bad investment policies. These hedge
4 fund predators, who bought debt at 20
5 cents and want to collect a dollar, need
6 to be held off. They're the ones funding
7 and in many cases buying Congress's
8 inactions, and we've seen that time and
9 time again in this Chamber.

10 How does that impact
11 Philadelphia? How does it impact
12 Pennsylvania? How does it impact the
13 rest of the country? There are 10,000
14 Puerto Ricans leaving the island every
15 month, and they will end up in our
16 schools and they will end up in our
17 communities. As we said to Congress
18 several months ago when I joined a
19 thousand Puerto Ricans in lobbying
20 Congress and many of our own folks --
21 local delegation, Senator Casey and
22 others, as we lobbied around, we said
23 you're either going to help Puerto Rico
24 deal with their issues in Puerto Rico or
25 you're going to deal with it in your own

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2 backyards.

3 We need to stop this, and we
4 need bankruptcy protection. Puerto Rico
5 had bankruptcy protection until 1985. In
6 one of those late-night, cumbersome
7 financial deals, someone took out our
8 ability to do that. It's one of those
9 things that we don't watch because it's a
10 thousand page document.

11 We're not asking for what we
12 didn't have and we're not asking for a
13 bailout, but we're asking for the ability
14 to restructure our debt like every single
15 city and every single state across the
16 country has the ability to do.

17 Part of the discussion this
18 weekend will be about what happens at the
19 Democratic Convention here and the
20 Republican Convention in Ohio, both
21 states that have over 400,000 Puerto
22 Ricans who will be watching and making a
23 difference, both states who will be
24 critical for who becomes President.

25 I thank my Council colleagues

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2 for always supporting my cause and when
3 I've asked for their support in sending a
4 united message that Puerto Ricans,
5 American citizens, deserve the ability to
6 manage themselves. This is proof, as
7 it's debated at the Supreme Court, that
8 Puerto Rico is a colony, and this illegal
9 relationship with the United States has
10 to be dealt with, but it will not be
11 dealt with until we can deal with this
12 financial crisis.

13 Ironically, we passed a bill in
14 Puerto Rico or the Legislature in Puerto
15 Rico that in 2022 -- it's called the Law
16 of 2022 -- if you live in Puerto Rico for
17 185 days, you will pay no federal taxes.
18 So we have a deliberate divestment and
19 then new people coming in and buying.
20 For who? It feels like our neighborhood
21 gentrification. My poor island nation
22 struggles. It's a colony and it
23 struggles to survive.

24 We've asked all of the
25 presidential candidates to take a

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2 position of this. Trump said he hated
3 Puerto Ricans because they were the worst
4 Mexicans. Tells you where he's at.
5 Bernie Sanders has been more progressive,
6 and yesterday in my 45 seconds with
7 Hillary Clinton, I pleaded for Puerto
8 Rico. I will do that this weekend. I
9 will do it in Ground Zero in Philadelphia
10 in July where we hope that Puerto Rican
11 leaders from across the country come here
12 and remind folks that Puerto Rico is part
13 of the United States and we will help it
14 on the island or we will help it in our
15 backyards.

16 Thank you very much.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you, Councilwoman.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Henon.

21 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
22 Council President. I want to thank and
23 congratulate Councilwoman Bass for
24 recognizing Central High School and their
25 Robotic Team, their RoboLancers as

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2 they're so called. They started out 17
3 years ago with five students. Then got
4 involved in our STEM program. Now
5 they're up to 103 students that come from
6 all backgrounds. The talented
7 individuals really do reflect the
8 diversity of our city racially and
9 economically and socially, students that
10 are engaged in their STEM program. The
11 members are boys and girls from all
12 different kinds of cultures and
13 bilingual -- who are bilingual, and these
14 talented, talented individuals have made
15 it to the world championship. I mean,
16 the world, for the third time. That's
17 not just United States. That's
18 international. They come, they're
19 extremely recognized and talented, and
20 these RoboLancers support the STEM
21 programming not just in robotics but in
22 mathematics and education and future
23 careers, including advanced
24 manufacturing.

25 As you well know, we need to

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2 set up a pipeline and educate our kids
3 the direct jobs, and I think this is a
4 major and critical component of ensuring
5 that they have future careers, not just
6 in advanced manufacturing but
7 engineering, in the building trades and
8 in their schools who appear in the larger
9 community.

10 The RoboLancers are not solely
11 focused, like I said, just on robotics.
12 They have a 100 percent graduation rate,
13 the team members, and to continue their
14 studies at higher learning education and
15 institutions such as Temple, Drexel,
16 Carnegie Mellon University, University of
17 Pittsburgh, and many, many more. So
18 they're talented, they're committed,
19 they're successful, 100 percent
20 graduation rate. It reflects the most
21 diverse communities and kids of our city.

22 So since they have made it to
23 the finals in the world competition,
24 there's a commitment for resources to get
25 them there. Again, I think the last

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2 year -- well, I know last year the
3 community, the business community, and
4 folks from this body helped stepped up
5 and raise \$35 million [sic]. I know
6 Councilwoman Bass is pursuing options and
7 opportunities to help ensure that they
8 get where they need. Somebody stepped up
9 and committed \$15,000 to make sure that
10 it defrayed some of the costs. So
11 there's \$20,000 that are remaining in
12 their fundraising goals to ensure that
13 Philadelphia, specifically the Lancer
14 Robotic Team from Central, in its all
15 diversities in every aspect of the fabric
16 of the City of Philadelphia, makes it to
17 the world final.

18 So I just wanted to thank
19 Councilwoman Bass, and I want to thank
20 Central High School and all the kids that
21 are committed to the future of the City
22 of Philadelphia.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you, Councilman. It's part of the

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2 public school debate that we don't hear
3 nearly enough about. Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Gym.

6 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Thank you
7 very much, Mr. President. I wanted to
8 acknowledge all the members on Council
9 who have been so active on the fight for
10 just housing here in our city, and I
11 wanted to update some members of Council
12 on a resolution that we passed earlier
13 this year calling on the Federal Housing
14 Finance Agency and HUD to address the
15 issue of distressed mortgages being
16 auctioned off without sufficiently
17 protecting homeowners and being sold
18 overwhelmingly to private equity groups.

19 Council passed a resolution
20 that asked HUD and Fannie Mae, Freddie
21 Mac to review these processes and
22 procedures and to consider breaking up
23 some of those mortgages and making sure
24 that local non-profits and
25 municipalities, perhaps land banks as

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2 well could take part in the mass auctions
3 of distressed mortgages.

4 And in part, thanks to this
5 advocacy and the work of a national
6 network, a number of reforms were
7 announced last week by the Federal
8 Housing Finance Agency, and they are
9 significant because they, for the first
10 time, acknowledge the fact that the feds
11 do need to do more in terms of protecting
12 distressed mortgages, that they are -- we
13 are continuing to push hard to ensure
14 that people who are behind on their
15 mortgages are protected, especially when
16 they are federally insured, and that some
17 of the protections will have been
18 acknowledged by FHFA as being directly in
19 response to the requests by a number of
20 municipalities, including Philadelphia.

21 We're going to continue our
22 advocacy. We have calls in with Freddie
23 Mac and Fannie Mae. We also will have a
24 call-in with HUD this week and next week.
25 We're asking for those agencies to

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2 consider a pilot program here in
3 Philadelphia, our own city, to break up
4 some of these mortgages and work with
5 City Council and with some of the CDFIs
6 and other local non-profits to consider
7 moving some more properties into a
8 non-profit status -- or into a more
9 protected status.

10 And I just wanted to thank City
11 Council for its work. I want to
12 acknowledge Councilman Wilson Goode, who
13 was the founder of Local Progress, which
14 is the national network that was moving
15 that effort nationally. And many of us
16 on City Council who are new just passed
17 our 100 days, and I think I can speak for
18 all of us in thanking the rest of our
19 colleagues for welcoming us into this
20 Chamber and helping us do the kind of
21 work that we're proud to be part of it.

22 Thank you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you, Councilwoman. I understand
25 there's a story coming out next week in

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2 the press about all of your first 100
3 days.

4 I'm just kidding. I'm sorry.
5 A little humor never hurts. I'm sorry.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Green.

8 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
9 Council President. I just wanted to
10 commend you as well as Councilman Oh for
11 all the work you do in reference to
12 veterans. Your staff did a phenomenal
13 job with the Veterans Fair yesterday.
14 Just in that short time period yesterday
15 of some of the events I attended, I
16 received a number of great comments about
17 the Veterans Fair. It was really great
18 to have that event and to really promote
19 and honor our veterans. When I think
20 about my father, my uncles, who were all
21 veterans, as well as some of the many
22 people that helped mold me, we just
23 recently honored Jackie Robinson, he also
24 being a veteran. And many of the heroes
25 we have in our churches as well as

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2 synagogues, our religious institutions,
3 our schools often were veterans who did
4 the work, and some ultimately paid the
5 ultimate sacrifice.

6 So thank you for your work in
7 honoring the veterans.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 You're welcome. And I want to thank
11 those members that put that together. It
12 was a pretty awesome event.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Johnson.

15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
16 Council President. Just a small brief
17 announcement. On April the 30th at the
18 Dixon House located in Point Breeze, I
19 will be hosting our annual Tangled Title
20 and Property Taxes Workshop from 11:00
21 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and over the last few
22 Sundays, I have been out and about making
23 the announcement out in churches in Point
24 Breeze to help people primarily who are
25 having tough times with their mortgages,

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2 tough time with their taxes and, most
3 importantly, providing them the
4 information on all the tax relief tools
5 that we offer here in the City of
6 Philadelphia, such as LOOP, such as
7 homestead, such as paying your taxes and
8 paying your taxes on a payment plan if
9 you need that type of support.

10 And so I just wanted everyone
11 who has an interest in attending to
12 please pass the word along, because we
13 want as many people as possible to take
14 advantage.

15 Oftentimes I have to address
16 the issue of development and balancing
17 development in my district, and most
18 people know that in some parts of Point
19 Breeze and on the east side in Squilla's
20 district and your district, Council
21 President, the 5th District, we have
22 Ground Zero when it comes to
23 gentrification and development. So it's
24 important that our constituencies have
25 the type of information they need so they

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2 can stay inside their homes.

3 We will have representatives
4 from the Revenue Department, Office of
5 Property Assessment, Community Legal
6 Services, Linebarger, GRB Law, as well as
7 the Sheriff's Department to help
8 individuals who are facing foreclosure on
9 their homes.

10 And so I just wanted to make
11 sure I make that announcement for as many
12 people as possible to take advantage of
13 it.

14 Also on Monday at Saint
15 Monica's Church in the Girard Estate area
16 of my district, I will be also hosting my
17 annual Seniors Spring Fling from 11:00
18 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and we invite
19 individuals who have an interest in
20 coming out to participate in our annual
21 Spring Fling Resource and Health Fair for
22 Seniors, making sure they have all the
23 resources available as they improve the
24 quality of their lives.

25 And so just thank you very

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2 much, Council President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilman. Keep up the good
5 work.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you. I guess Councilman Kenyatta Johnson
10 will be flinging with the seniors out
11 there. He's one of those folks who will
12 get up. We had a bop contest one year in
13 the summer.

14 But certainly I could not hear
15 the talk about vets without not thanking
16 Scott Brown and our team, mentioning Ed
17 Speller, who was his predecessor, who has
18 been sick, and acknowledging that the
19 great, late Lucien Blackwell was a career
20 war vet.

21 And certainly another issue I'd
22 like to mention is that Penny Roberts,
23 who has been with me 20 years, her father
24 was a Tuskegee Airman. So we never know
25 who among us has people who are related

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2 in one way or another.

3 So I thank all of them and
4 certainly acknowledge that we will always
5 honor our vets, and I'm grateful for
6 those that I have in my area.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you, Councilwoman.

10 There appear to be no
11 additional speeches. The Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Reynolds Brown
13 for a motion to adjourn.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
15 Mr. President. I move that Council stand
16 adjourned until Thursday, April 28th,
17 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you. It has been moved and
21 properly seconded that Council stand
22 adjourned until Thursday, April 28, 2016,
23 10:00 a.m.

24 All those in favor?

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

6 ayes have it. Council stands adjourned.

7 Thank you all very much.

8 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

9 12:05 p.m.)

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