

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, September 18, 2014
10:45 a.m.

PRESENT:

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

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

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morning.

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(Good morning.)

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It

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is a beautiful day.

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We're going to start now. I

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ask that we keep our comments down.

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Thank you.

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I ask all guests and visitors

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to please retire behind the rail. We

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have established a quorum. Members are

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going to take their seats.

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Before we start, I would ask

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that anyone who has a cell phone or any

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device that makes noise, would you please

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turn it off or turn it on silent. Thank

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you very much.

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To give our invocation this

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morning, the Chair recognizes Father

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Robyn of the Trinity Church of Oxford.

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He is here today as the guest of

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Councilwoman Tasco.

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I would ask all guests and

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visitors to please rise.

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INVOCATION

2 (Members and guests rise.)

3 FATHER ROBYN: Let us pray.

4 Heavenly Father, in your word
5 you have given us a vision of that holy
6 city to which the nations of the world
7 bring their glory. Behold and visit, we
8 pray, the City of Philadelphia. Renew
9 the ties of mutual regard which form our
10 civic life. Send us honest and able
11 leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty,
12 prejudice, and oppression; that peace may
13 prevail with righteousness and justice
14 with order; and that men and women from
15 different cultures and with differing
16 talents may find with one another the
17 fulfillment of their humanity.

18 In your name, we pray.

19 Amen.

20 (Amen.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you very much for those inspiring
23 words, Father.

24 Council will be at ease.

25 (Council at ease.)

1 9/18/14 - STATED - APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you very much.

4 The next order of business is
5 the approval of the Journal of the
6 meeting of Thursday, September 11th.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Greenlee for a motion.

9 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
10 you, Mr. President. I move that the
11 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
12 September 11th, 2014 be approved.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you. It has been moved and
16 properly seconded that the Journal of the
17 meeting of Thursday, September 11th, 2014
18 be approved.

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. Thank you very much.

1 9/18/14 - STATED - LEAVES

2 The next order of business is
3 requests for leaves of absence, and the
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES:

6 Mr. President, on behalf of the majority,
7 there are no requests for leaves of
8 absence today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 Chair thanks the gentleman.

11 And the Chair recognizes
12 Councilman O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. On behalf of the
15 republicans, leave of absence is
16 requested for Councilman David Oh.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Thank you very much.

19 At this time, I would like to
20 dispense with the regular order of
21 business and I would like to welcome and
22 thank everyone who has come down to
23 witness your government in action today.
24 We hope that today your experience here
25 is a pleasurable one and an informative

1 9/18/14 - STATED - COMMUNICATIONS

2 one, so much so that you come back again.

3 So, again, thank you all very much for

4 coming down.

5 Today we don't have any

6 presentations, so it will accelerate our

7 Council session. I heard somebody clap.

8 The next order of business is

9 communications, and the Chair requests

10 that the Sergeant-of-Arms delivers the

11 messages from the Mayor to the Chief

12 Clerk.

13 Please read those messages,

14 Mr. Decker.

15 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

16 and members of the Council of the City of

17 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you

18 that on September 11, 2014, I signed the

19 following bill which was passed by

20 Council at its session on September 11,

21 2014: Bill No. 140511.

22 And I am submitting herewith

23 for the consideration of your honorable

24 body an ordinance amending Title 22 of

25 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public

1 9/18/14 - STATED - COMMUNICATIONS
2 Employees Retirement Code," to expand the
3 scope of "Plan '10" and "DC Plan" to
4 cover additional employees, including
5 elected officials, to change contribution
6 rates, and to make technical amendments;
7 and

8 Also an ordinance amending
9 Title 22 of The Philadelphia Code,
10 entitled "Public Employees Retirement
11 Code," to expand the scope of "Plan '10"
12 and "DC Plan" to cover additional
13 employees, including employees
14 represented by District Council 33 and
15 certain employees not covered by a
16 collective bargaining agreement, to
17 change contribution rates, and to make
18 technical amendments; and

19 An ordinance authorizing and
20 approving the execution and delivery of a
21 Service Agreement between the City of
22 Philadelphia and the Philadelphia
23 Authority for Industrial Development
24 relating to the financing of additional
25 operating funds for the School District

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 of Philadelphia for Fiscal Year 2015 only
3 and the refinancing of certain bonds; and

4 An ordinance authorizing the
5 Commissioner of Public Property to convey
6 to the Philadelphia Authority for
7 Industrial Development, all or part of a
8 parcel of land and any improvements
9 located at 3300 through 98 C Street, for
10 further conveyance, all under certain
11 terms and conditions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you, Mr. Decker. Those messages
14 will be printed in today's Journal.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
18 Mr. President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you very much.

21 The next order of business is
22 the introduction of bills and
23 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes
24 Councilman Kenney.

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Mr. President. I offer two privileged
3 resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilman.

6 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
7 resolution recognizing and commemorating
8 the 225th Anniversary of the official
9 organization of Delaware County,
10 Pennsylvania to be celebrated on
11 September 26, 2014.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
16 resolution recognizing and honoring the
17 life and career of former professional
18 golfer and Philadelphian, John J.
19 McDermott, Jr., who will be memorialized
20 with a historical marker in his childhood
21 neighborhood of Kingsessing in Southwest
22 Philadelphia on October 9, 2014.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
24 that resolution will also be on today's
25 Final Passage Calendar.

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 And the Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Mr. President. I have one
6 non-privileged resolution co-sponsored by
7 Councilman Kenney.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Thank you, Councilwoman.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
11 resolution recognizing October as Philly
12 Plays Scrabble Month.

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

16 And the Chair recognizes
17 Councilman Greenlee.

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
19 you, Mr. President. On your behalf, I
20 offer one resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you, Councilman.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged
24 resolution authorizing the Commissioner
25 of Public Property to execute and deliver

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 to the Philadelphia Redevelopment
3 Authority, without consideration, deeds
4 conveying conditional fee simple title to
5 certain City-owned lots or pieces of
6 ground with the buildings and
7 improvements thereon, situate in the
8 Fifteenth, Eighteenth and Thirty-Seventh
9 Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
11 that resolution will be on next week's
12 Final Passage Calendar.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Henon.

15 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. I offer one privileged
17 resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you, Councilman.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
21 resolution honoring Maria Walsh.

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

25 The Chair recognizes

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO:

4 Mr. President, I have no bills or
5 resolutions today.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you, Councilwoman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Johnson.

10 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

11 Mr. President, I have two bills.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you, Councilman.

14 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: You're
15 welcome.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 authorizing Paul Stolfo to construct, own
18 and maintain an elevator encroachment to
19 be located at 2536 through 38 Broad
20 Street.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
25 authorizing transfers in appropriations

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 for Fiscal Year 2015 from the Grants
3 Revenue Fund, the Director of Finance -
4 Provision for Other Grants to the General
5 Fund, the Director of Finance -
6 Indemnities.

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

9 And the Chair recognizes
10 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
12 you, Mr. President. I have two bills and
13 two non-privileged resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you, Councilwoman.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
18 Property to convey to the Philadelphia
19 Authority for Industrial Development, all
20 or part of a parcel of land and any
21 improvements located at 3300 C Street,
22 for further conveyance.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 establishing a no truck parking
3 regulation on the 4400 block of North 5th
4 Street, between Cayuga Street and Blavis
5 Street.

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

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

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a
23 non-privileged resolution also naming
24 West Venango Street between 5th Street
25 and 7th Street "Joaquin Rivera Way" to

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 honor the memory of Joaquin Rivera and to
3 recognize his life and memorialize his
4 lasting legacy.

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

8 And the Chair recognizes
9 Councilman Neilson.

10 COUNCILMAN NEILSON: Thank you,
11 Mr. President. I have no bills or
12 resolutions today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you, Councilman.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 O'Brien.

17 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I have nothing today.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you, Councilman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
24 Mr. President. I offer no bills or
25 resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you, Councilman.

4 The Chair recognizes

5 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

7 Mr. President. I offer one privileged

8 resolution co-sponsored by members

9 Quinones-Sanchez and Council Lady

10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you, Councilwoman.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged

14 resolution calling on the Pennsylvania

15 Department of Education and the

16 Pennsylvania Secretary of Education to

17 thoroughly investigate any and all

18 allegations of curriculum deficiencies

19 reported within the School District of

20 Philadelphia that had been properly filed

21 and received by the Secretary.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That

23 resolution will be on next week's Final

24 Passage Calendar.

25 And the Chair recognizes

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Councilman Jones.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES:

4 Mr. President, I offer one bill on your
5 behalf and two non-privileged
6 resolutions, one co-sponsored by
7 Councilwoman Marian Tasco and yourself
8 and one co-sponsored by Councilman
9 Squilla but supported by all members of
10 Council.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you, Councilman.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
14 authorizing transfers in appropriations
15 for Fiscal Year 2015 within the General
16 Fund, from the Department of Human
17 Services - Prisons to the Office of
18 Housing and Community Development, to
19 support landscaping and lot-cleaning jobs
20 in the Philadelphia Re-Entry Employment
21 Program for Returning Citizens.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 resolution honoring, recognizing and
3 congratulating Philabundance, the
4 Delaware Valley's largest hunger relief
5 organization, on the occasion of its 30th
6 Anniversary.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
11 resolution authorizing the committees on
12 Public Safety and Public Health and Human
13 Services to conduct joint hearings to
14 evaluate DHS Family Service Plan policies
15 and procedures, including the relevance
16 of the FSP in reunification or
17 alternative permanency planning goals for
18 children and youth under DHS authority.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
20 resolution will also be on this week's
21 Final Passage Calendar.

22 And the Chair recognizes
23 Councilman O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
25 Mr. President. I offer one bill.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you, Councilman.

4 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 repealing an ordinance (Bill No. 140490)
6 entitled "An ordinance authorizing Cafe
7 Italiano to construct, own and maintain
8 an open-air sidewalk cafe at 1871 Cottman
9 Avenue."

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

13 And the Chair recognizes
14 Councilman Squilla.

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. I offer one
17 non-privileged resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you, Councilman.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged
21 resolution authorizing the Commissioner
22 of Public Property to execute and deliver
23 to the Philadelphia Redevelopment
24 Authority, without consideration, deeds
25 conveying conditional fee simple title to

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 certain City-owned lots or pieces of
3 ground with the buildings and
4 improvements thereon, situate in the
5 Twenty-Fifth, Thirty-First and
6 Thirty-Ninth Wards of the City of
7 Philadelphia.

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

11 And the Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Bass.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. I have two resolutions,
15 one privileged co-sponsored by
16 Councilwoman Blackwell and Councilwoman
17 Blondell Reynolds Brown and one
18 non-privileged, which I'd like to speak
19 on after the Clerk reads the resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you, Councilwoman.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
23 resolution recognizing September as
24 National Literacy Month and acknowledging
25 the critical work of PHILADELPHIA READS

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 in strengthening the literacy skills of
3 Philadelphia's children.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a
8 non-privileged resolution endorsing the
9 People's Climate March in New York City
10 scheduled to precede the United Nations
11 Climate Summit that will take place on
12 September 23rd, 2014, in New York City
13 and supporting the thousands of
14 Philadelphians traveling to New York to
15 participate in the march.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Councilwoman, is that the resolution that
19 you wanted to speak on?

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Yes.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You
22 want to do that this week?

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Yes.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Can
25 I ask you to ask for a suspension of the

1 9/18/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 rules to allow that? Traditionally those
3 types of resolutions are --

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: In light of
5 the fact that Climate Change March, the
6 march is taking place this Sunday, I move
7 that the rules of Council be suspended to
8 permit consideration of this
9 non-privileged resolution today.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All those in favor?

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 ayes have it, and that resolution will be
20 on today's Final Passage Calendar.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 You're welcome.

24 And Councilman Oh is not in
25 today. We have no reports from committee

1 9/18/14 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING
2 today, so the next order of business is
3 the consideration of the Calendar. So I
4 would ask -- there are no bills on the
5 First Reading Calendar today, so I now
6 ask Councilman Jones for the purpose of
7 calling up resolutions and bills on the
8 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar
9 today.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: We are
11 moving today. Thank you, Mr. President.
12 The following resolutions and bills are
13 being called up from Second Reading and
14 Final Passage Calendars today: No.
15 140527, 140660, 140662, 130950-A,
16 140377-A, 130530, and 140514. All other
17 resolutions and bills are being held.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you, Councilman.

20 Before considering these bills
21 and resolutions on the Final Passage
22 Calendar, we will have our public comment
23 session. The public comment session will
24 go as follows:

25 If you are interested in

1 9/18/14 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 testifying on a bill or resolution that
3 is on the Final Passage Calendar at
4 today's session, we'd ask that you sign
5 up to the table to my left. If you've
6 already done so, your name will be
7 called. When your name is called, we ask
8 that you come up to the podium in the
9 middle of the Council Chambers. There's
10 a device and a microphone. When the
11 light on that device turns green, it is
12 your time to speak. When it turns
13 yellow, you will have 30 seconds to
14 conclude your remarks. When it turns
15 red, we'd ask that you please conclude
16 your remarks as per the guidelines.
17 Thank you very much for your cooperation.

18 Mr. Decker, would you please
19 read the name of the first witness.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Kia Hinton.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHIEF CLERK: Commenting on
23 140527.

24 (Witness approached podium.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

1 9/18/14 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 morning.

3 MS. HINTON: Good morning. Can
4 you hear me? Okay.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 We're good.

7 MS. HINTON: Good morning,
8 Council. My name is Kia Philpot Hinton.
9 I am an Action United member, a mother of
10 three public school children, and a
11 community member of Southwest
12 Philadelphia. Back in May, me and other
13 Action United members, PCAPS, Working
14 Families party, and other coalition
15 allies went door to door in our
16 communities to get petitions signed for
17 local control. Gary Nugent, Kia
18 Williams, Ashley Harold, Jason Jones,
19 these are just a few of the 40,000 who
20 agree that Philadelphia schools should be
21 locally controlled. These signatures
22 resonate what the people want.

23 Every tactic our collective
24 groups have used in an effort to create
25 schools that benefit all children has

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2 been knocked down and challenged in order
3 to save an SRC that is, first,
4 undemocratically assigned and, two, has
5 done little to nothing to improve our
6 schools since its inception.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. HINTON: We are in a time
9 when the incarceration rate is growing
10 exponentially, tearing apart our most
11 vulnerable communities and helping
12 perpetuate the cycle of poverty and
13 hopelessness. The people's voice is
14 being silenced. Our children's future is
15 being dimmed. These are a threat to
16 justice, equality, and democracy. These
17 signatures not only resonate what the
18 people want, it's also what democracy
19 looks like.

20 So I ask you this morning to
21 please not only vote on putting local
22 control on the ballot, but to also
23 support that so that the people of the
24 community, the parents and the students,
25 we can create what our schools should

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2 look like. We should have a voice. We
3 should be able to do that, and that's
4 what we want to do.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. HINTON: Thank you.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you very much for your testimony.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Diane Payne.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHIEF CLERK: Commenting on
12 140514 and 140527.

13 (Witness approached podium.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
15 morning.

16 MS. PAYNE: Good morning. I'm
17 here today as a retired teacher and, more
18 importantly, a resident of Philadelphia.
19 I believe every single resident of
20 Philadelphia should care deeply about the
21 state of our public school system,
22 because public education is the
23 cornerstone of our democracy and a
24 crucial factor in how our city will
25 survive and thrive.

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2 Since the SRC was forced onto
3 the citizens of this city over a decade
4 ago, we have fallen only deeper into
5 fiscal mismanagement with less
6 accountability, more chaos due to school
7 closings, and rampant charter school
8 growth.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. PAYNE: Which continues to
11 suck the blood further from our
12 struggling system.

13 I know I am tired of a lack of
14 democratic process. I am tired of
15 politicians who set policy, make
16 decisions, arrange deals without regard
17 to public voice. I am tired of being
18 treated like a second-class citizen.

19 (Applause.)

20 MS. PAYNE: Forty thousand
21 people signed petitions to take one small
22 step in righting this wrong. I firmly
23 believe it is the duty of this assembly
24 to honor the voices of the citizens of
25 this city and vote today to place the

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2 local control issue on the November
3 ballot.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you very much for your testimony.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Teddy Daniels.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHIEF CLERK: Commenting on
11 140514 and 140527.

12 (Witness approached podium.)

13 MR. DANIELS: Good morning --

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
15 morning.

16 MR. DANIELS: -- Councilmen and
17 Council Ladies. I'm a little nervous
18 here because it's not something I do on a
19 daily basis, but my name is Theodore
20 Daniels. I'm a School District employee
21 for 18 years.

22 I'm here today, respectfully,
23 because nearly 40,000 people in
24 Philadelphia who signed a petition asking
25 for a vote, a symbolic one, because that

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2 is the only kind we can cast on
3 abolishing the School Reform Commission
4 and restoring local control of the
5 schools.

6 We were very disappointed last
7 week when Council tabled our vote on the
8 Charter amendment we've been working on
9 for nearly six months, especially since
10 we turned in nearly twice the amount of
11 signatures that were required.

12 We're here today to tell you
13 that we still want to vote on this issue
14 of restoring local control of the
15 schools. If that can no longer happen in
16 November of this year, then Council
17 should amend the ordinance and vote to
18 put this Charter amendment on the ballot
19 in May 2015.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. DANIELS: We're tired of
22 having schools that are dirty and crowded
23 and inadequate to the needs of our kids.
24 We'll keep flooding your offices with
25 phone calls from Philadelphians and

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2 coming to your meetings and telling your
3 constituents to e-mail you and remind
4 that it is not just the small group of
5 people that you see here that wants
6 autonomy over our schools. It is a vast,
7 vast group of voters in our cities that
8 are demanding a vote on local control.

9 And I have two kids in the
10 Philadelphia school system, and I see
11 what goes on every day. I've been here
12 all my life. I am Philadelphia as far as
13 I'm concerned. And --

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. DANIELS: It's a shame,
16 it's a real shame. When I went to school
17 in the seventh grade, I had trades. When
18 I went to high school, I had trades
19 again. You know what that taught me?
20 That taught me good work ethics. That
21 taught me how to feed my family once I
22 left the School District, and I have
23 friends today I've been knowing for 30 to
24 40 years who still feed their family from
25 the trades they learned in the

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2 Philadelphia school system. And that was
3 in just about every school.

4 So I ask and I plead with y'all
5 to change this up and give our kids a
6 fighting chance.

7 Thank you. Have a blessed day.

8 (Standing ovation.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you for your testimony, sir.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Carol Green.

12 (Appause.)

13 (No response.)

14 CHIEF CLERK: Carol Green,
15 commenting on 120232.

16 (Witness approached podium.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
18 morning.

19 MS. GREEN: Good morning.

20 Thank you. I'm sorry. I apologize to
21 everyone for not coming up here right
22 away.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: No
24 problem.

25 MS. GREEN: I need help or

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2 someone to pray for me, because I can't
3 do this by myself. I'm just going to say
4 a little prayer also.

5 God, help me, in the name of
6 Jesus.

7 God loves everyone here. He
8 cares about us. He's concerned about
9 you, and he doesn't want people to be
10 called names. And I would like it if
11 when people move into homes, that they
12 don't have to listen to the loud music,
13 that they use profanity when they play
14 their music, and the people can hear that
15 in their homes. And sometimes they say
16 really bad things over the air and they
17 call people names, and this is upsetting,
18 because God cares about everyone.

19 And also I would just like to
20 say, if it's all right, talk to God every
21 day. Talk when darkness blinds your way.
22 Talk to God when things are bright. Talk
23 to him each day and night.

24 When talking, you will find
25 relief from all your fears and cares.

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2 And God will guide you safely through the
3 devil's hitting snares.

4 It doesn't matter where you
5 are, on land, on sea, in air. Just keep
6 on talking to your God. He'll shoulder
7 all your cares. So just keep talking to
8 your God and don't forget to see the face
9 of him who bought our sins and died to
10 make us free.

11 And when the troubles of this
12 life return to make you frown, just keep
13 on looking to your king and at your
14 future crown.

15 If we don't forsake God, he
16 won't forsake us.

17 And I just wanted to also say,
18 if it's all right, can I say happy
19 birthday to my -- I want to say happy
20 birthday to my sister. God cares about
21 her. And he wanted all of us to be born.
22 So just don't give up. And thank you for
23 letting me say this. I thank God for his
24 mercy.

25 God bless you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you.

4 (Appause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you very much for your testimony

7 and those inspiring words.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Jerry Jordan.

9 (Appause.)

10 CHIEF CLERK: Commenting on

11 140527.

12 (Witness approached podium.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

14 morning.

15 MR. JORDAN: Good morning. I'm

16 Jerry Jordan, President of the

17 Philadelphia Federation of Teachers.

18 (Appause.)

19 MR. JORDAN: When the PFT

20 joined Pennsylvania's Working Families

21 and other community and labor

22 organizations in January to collect

23 petition signatures to put local control

24 on November's ballot, we were amazed and

25 thrilled with the responses we got from

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2 residents. The PFT alone collected
3 17,000 of the 20,000 signatures required
4 to place a referendum before City
5 Council. In all, over 40,000 signatures
6 were collected, far more than what was
7 required.

8 City Council has been a
9 champion for full funding for our schools
10 and a consistent voice for more
11 transparency and oversight of the School
12 District's finances. Given your past
13 advocacy for our children, last week's
14 failure to vote to put local control on
15 the November ballot was a shocking
16 disappointment.

17 (Appause.)

18 MR. JORDAN: The issue of local
19 control of our public schools is clearly
20 something Philadelphians care about. The
21 people in this city want the power to
22 determine what happens in their
23 children's schools. That power was taken
24 away in 2001 when the state foisted the
25 School Reform Commission onto

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2 Philadelphia. Since then, our School
3 District has experienced triple-digit
4 budget deficits, the closures of
5 neighborhood schools, and an unthinkable
6 loss of programs and services for our
7 children.

8 This year schools opened with
9 conditions that can, at best, be called
10 deplorable. With a loss of staff in so
11 many schools, schools district-wide have
12 had cutbacks in the area of maintenance
13 and security. Most of our schools still
14 do not have certified school librarians
15 and many are without full-time counselors
16 or full-time nurses.

17 Because of extreme overcrowding
18 of classes, this afternoon the entire
19 staff of Central High School will be
20 protesting before the parents come to
21 back-to-school night because --

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. JORDAN: Since the very
24 first day of school, many of their
25 classes, Spanish 1, Algebra 1, for

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2 example, have 50 children in them, not
3 enough seats, and those are the children
4 that we are expected to teach and we want
5 them to succeed. Those are not
6 conditions that are good for learning.

7 I want to share with you also
8 things are so bad in one elementary
9 school, there are split classes. Well,
10 there are split classes in several, but
11 in this one at Overbrook Elementary, they
12 have a split first, second, and third,
13 one teacher teaching a class of first,
14 second, and third graders. All of this
15 is taking place under the watchful eye of
16 the SRC.

17 I urge every member of Council
18 to vote on this referendum to put it on
19 the ballot, and because of the timeline,
20 I urge the Mayor to sign the bill today,
21 because it has to be signed --

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. JORDAN: It needs to be
24 signed today so it can be placed on the
25 ballot.

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2 Thank you.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you for your testimony.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Catherine Blunt,
9 commenting on 140527.

10 (Applause.)

11 (Witness approached podium.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
13 morning.

14 MS. BLUNT: Good morning and
15 good morning, fellow citizens and voters.
16 I have returned. I was here last
17 Thursday. I didn't have this reception,
18 so I'm glad that I am here with you,
19 because I did sign that petition. I was
20 one of the 40,000.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. BLUNT: So when I was here
23 last week, I spoke about 20,000.

24 Let me say this: I am a
25 retired teacher, retired principal. I

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2 was a union rep for 27 years. I was with
3 the School District for 43 years. So I
4 know what I'm talking about when I say it
5 is time for the SRC to go.

6 (Applause.)

7 MS. BLUNT: Our children are
8 our most precious assets. We have to
9 protect them and we have to educate them.
10 So that it is important, City Council
11 members, for each of you to understand
12 the unique role that you play here today
13 and the expectation as voters we have of
14 you. We need you to support Resolution
15 140527 and 140514. We need to have the
16 opportunity to voice our opinion about
17 the SRC. That's not your job; it's our
18 job. We need the opportunity to take
19 over our schools to determine what the
20 curriculum should be, because they don't
21 have a curriculum now. They don't have
22 enough textbooks now. We need the right
23 to be able to say these are the people
24 who will represent us and our interests
25 for our children.

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2 So I encourage you, each and
3 every one of you today, to please vote in
4 the affirmative for the two bills to put
5 this resolution on the ballot. We didn't
6 get it for November unfortunately, but we
7 need it for May.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you for your testimony.

12 (Audience members chanting.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
14 right. We got your message. We got your
15 message. We have one more person to
16 testify and then we will conclude with
17 our business. Thank you.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Ernie Bristow,
19 commenting on 140527.

20 (Applause.)

21 (Witness approached podium.)

22 MS. BRISTOW: Hi. Good
23 morning.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
25 morning.

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2 MS. BRISTOW: Good morning.

3 I'm here representing as a parent who has
4 four children -- who had four children in
5 the public school system. Two have
6 graduated and moved on and now I have my
7 twin boys, who are very active in the
8 community as well as myself. And as I
9 speak, I would like for a lot of you guys
10 to look at me, because it's about me. I
11 know the cell phone is popular, but right
12 now I got the floor because I want --

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. BRISTOW: Because a lot of
15 you guys I know, and when y'all come to
16 our community meetings, y'all have my
17 full attention, so I would like that
18 respect back. I would like that respect
19 back. Okay?

20 Now, I went to my twins'
21 back-to-school night on my night that I
22 had to go to school. I'm in school. And
23 when I had to hear the principal speak on
24 at Samuel Fels that there's a possibility
25 that they are targeting my boys' school

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2 to turn over to charter, I know I was
3 signing up for home and school.

4 I just didn't start today
5 visiting my children's school. I have a
6 30-year-old, a 24-year-old, and my twins
7 are 16. I didn't start two weeks ago. I
8 started when my 30-year-old was in
9 school, and two of the schools that my
10 children went to are closed, Germantown
11 and William Penn. I'm not going to stand
12 here and allow another one of my
13 children's schools -- I could have had my
14 twins in a charter school. They qualify,
15 but I still have them in a public school
16 where we're told that public school
17 education is the best education.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. BRISTOW: So I want full
20 control. I want full control.

21 I'm on a lot of committees in
22 the community. I just don't stay in my
23 local community. And I am wearing the
24 hat of a parent who cares, and when we go
25 to the schools and the kids can't wash

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2 their hands because there's no hand
3 sanitizer in the bathroom and then when
4 they are called out and the parent have
5 to call out sick, then here comes the
6 truancy officers, because the little
7 babies didn't have hand sanitizer in the
8 bathroom to wash their hand with some
9 soap. Now, come on. Who wants to go to
10 the bathroom and can't wash their hands
11 with soap? Come on.

12 We need full control. I'm a
13 parent. If you put me in control, things
14 will happen.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. BRISTOW: You just don't
17 see me standing here. You just don't see
18 me standing here. You will see me in
19 South Philly, West Philly, Northwest.
20 You will see me everywhere.

21 So I'm standing here with this
22 petition in my hand to say we need to get
23 that on the ballot for now, this year.
24 No more will we stand for the
25 foolishness, the SRC, what's going on.

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2 Full control back to the parents, the
3 community, strong community, built on
4 community. A lot of you guys, a lot of
5 times we don't see you until it's time to
6 vote, but that's another story.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. BRISTOW: But full control,
9 full control from the parents and the
10 community, ones that build and know what
11 to do concerning our children. Back in
12 control; that's it.

13 Peace out.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you for your testimony.

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

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

22 We will now move forward with
23 the consideration of the Calendar.

24 Folks, can I ask you to have a
25 little quiet, please. Thank you.

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2 We will move forward with the
3 consideration of the Calendar at this
4 time.

5 Mr. Decker, would you please
6 read the title of 140527.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 submitting to the electors of the City an
9 amendment to Article VIII, Chapter 5 of
10 The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter,
11 entitled "Referenda Approved by the
12 Voters," by adding a new section
13 providing that the citizens of
14 Philadelphia call upon the Pennsylvania
15 General Assembly and the Governor to
16 abolish the School Reform Commission and
17 return local control of Philadelphia's
18 schools, as proposed by a petition filed
19 with the Council.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
25 you. Certainly we call for the adoption

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2 of this resolution, but we would like to
3 make remarks.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Please do.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
8 you, and thank you, Councilman Kenney.

9 We want to speak on this
10 resolution due to concern -- I'm very
11 sorry that we disappointed people last
12 week, but we were asked to hold up the
13 resolution so that we wouldn't send any
14 mixed messages to the Governor from
15 Council about the \$2 cigarette tax that
16 certainly has now been passed by the
17 House. Since that has been moving ahead
18 and newspaper reports that we heard say
19 that the Governor will sign it once the
20 Senate votes, then we feel that there can
21 be no mixed message about Council's
22 concern and their request for that \$2 tax
23 or our concern about this resolution.

24 Let me assure Councilmembers --
25 one asked me about funding. We have not

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2 talked about it in this resolution, nor
3 are we talking about changing Council's
4 role in funding. So none of us need to
5 be concerned about that.

6 We are, however, should you
7 support this resolution, we do, however,
8 request that the Mayor sign it, because
9 we are up against a time deadline, so
10 that it may go on the November election.

11 I thank all of you, the
12 majority of whom have agreed to support
13 this. We thank you all, and certainly
14 know all of us realize schools are in big
15 trouble. We've got to do something
16 different. If we want different results,
17 then we can't do the same things we've
18 done. So we're trying to do our part to
19 have different outcomes so that our
20 schools may be in order and that our
21 youngsters may receive a good education.

22 Thank you all.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you, Councilwoman.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Greenlee.

4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
5 you, Mr. President. I'm going to take an
6 unpopular position here. I will not be
7 supporting this resolution and the
8 subsequent bill.

9 (Audience members booing.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Folks, folks, hold up. Hold up. Folks,
12 I ask that you please show some respect
13 for the members as they take their
14 position in a very public way. We've
15 given -- hold it. We've given everybody
16 an opportunity to speak for what your
17 position was. We sat and listened to
18 your position. Councilmembers deserve
19 the respect to give their position, and
20 then we'll have a vote and then we'll
21 move on from there. Thank you.

22 Councilman.

23 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
24 you, Mr. President.

25 My vote is not about the

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2 subject itself. I certainly understand
3 the desire for a change in how public
4 schools are governed. I understand why a
5 petition was circulated. I understand
6 why Councilwoman Blackwell has submitted
7 this resolution and bill. However, I
8 believe we made a mistake years ago --
9 and I have stated this position before
10 this particular matter arose -- when we
11 started placing non-binding referenda on
12 the City Charter, sometimes on issues
13 that did not even pertain directly to
14 City matters.

15 While school governance is
16 certainly a City-related issue, the fact
17 is nothing changes if this question is
18 supported by the voters. The SRC remains
19 in place. Nothing changes.

20 In short, I don't believe the
21 City Charter should be an opinion poll.
22 I believe it should be about the rules
23 and regulations of the City. I think
24 there's things that we can do, we have
25 done in the past. Many of us have stood

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2 up many times and supported funding for
3 the public schools, oftentimes being
4 criticized by other constituents, but we
5 did what we had to do. But I think this
6 is a position that I want to be
7 consistent on. I've taken it on other
8 things in that ballot questions have come
9 up and, again, I'm going to try to be
10 consistent here. So I'll be voting no on
11 this resolution and bill.

12 Thank you, Mr. President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you. Thank you, Councilman.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
18 Mr. President.

19 The question that's going to go
20 on the ballot when I believe this will be
21 affirmed to be approved is shall the
22 School Reform Commission be abolished and
23 local control returned to the City. The
24 answer is yes.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I know very
3 few people who are against this and say
4 no. In fact, we do know that about
5 40,000 people signed a petition to say
6 yes. I was one of them. One evening --

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: One evening
9 I was home and my doorbell rang, and I
10 answered the door, and someone told me
11 about a petition of the ballot question.
12 I was fully aware of the ballot question,
13 but I let the person talk, because they
14 took the time to go door to door. They
15 took the time to come to my door. They
16 took the time, not knowing who I was, to
17 explain to me that ballot question. Why?
18 Because they care about the education of
19 our children and they realized we're on
20 the wrong track.

21 The truth of the matter is, we
22 often complain about parents and
23 communities not being involved in the
24 education of our children. To do that
25 and then not allow people and respect

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2 their opinion, it's hypocritical.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: At the end
5 of the day, this is not any old ballot
6 question or opinion poll regarding the
7 Charter. At the end of the day, local
8 control is already in the Charter. We're
9 simply asking to revert back to the
10 Charter. So once you abolish the SRC, we
11 will automatically return to local
12 control, which is in the Charter. So
13 this is a question about the Charter and
14 so it is actually in proper order. So
15 I'll be voting yes today and I'll be
16 voting yes in November.

17 Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you.

21 Councilwoman, you made your
22 motion. We will now, because it is a
23 Charter amendment, as tradition, do a
24 roll call.

25 Mr. Decker, please call the

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2 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 Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
12 Greenlee.
13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: No.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
15 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
17 Johnson.
18 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
22 Kenney.
23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Neilson.

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2 COUNCILMAN NEILSON: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 O'Brien.
5 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 O'Neill.
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: 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: Councilwoman
19 Tasco.
20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
22 Clarke.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
24 The ayes are 16 --
25 (Standing ovation.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Folks, we still have some additional
4 votes, actually one pertaining to this
5 matter.

6 Thank you. The ayes --

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Hold
9 on, folks. Hold on a minute, please.

10 The ayes are 16; the nays are
11 one. The motion passes. So Resolution
12 140527 is approved.

13 Mr. Decker, would you please
14 read the title of 140660.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 urging the United States Department of
17 Defense to include the names of the 74
18 fallen sailors of the Destroyer U.S.S.
19 Frank E. Evans on the Vietnam Veterans
20 Memorial.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you. Let me make a slight
23 correction. The vote was 15 to one.
24 Councilman Oh is not present today.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 O'Brien for a motion on 140660.

3 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: I move for
4 the adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All those in favor?

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 ayes have it, and Resolution 140660 is
15 adopted.

16 Mr. Decker, 140662.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 supporting President Obama and The
19 Environmental Protection Agency's Clean
20 Power Plan that will help reduce carbon
21 pollution from existing power plants
22 throughout the United States.

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

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All those in favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 ayes have it, and Resolution 140662 is
14 adopted.

15 Mr. Decker, can you please read
16 the title of 130950-A.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
18 amending The Philadelphia Code to provide
19 for the authorization of certain
20 pedestrian enhancements to occupy, by
21 license, a portion of the right-of-way.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you.

24 This bill has been read on two
25 separate days. The question is shall the

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2 bill pass finally.

3 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

5 Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Hold
11 on. Mr. Decker, hold on.

12 Folks, I ask as you exit, will
13 you please keep your voices down. Thank
14 you.

15 Please proceed, Mr. Decker.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

19 Greenlee.

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

22 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

24 Johnson.

25 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
5 Kenney.
6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
8 Neilson.
9 COUNCILMAN NEILSON: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 O'Brien.
12 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 O'Neill.
15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: 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: Councilwoman

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

5 Clarke.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

7 The ayes are 16; the nays are
8 zero. A majority of members present
9 voting in the affirmative, the bill
10 passes.

11 Mr. Decker, 140377-A.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Title 10 of The Philadelphia
14 Code, by adding a new Chapter 10-2100,
15 entitled "Marijuana Possession," to
16 create a civil penalty for the possession
17 of certain items and to provide for
18 penalties and enforcement procedures for
19 violations of such provisions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you.

22 This bill has been read on two
23 separate days. The question is shall the
24 bill pass finally.

25 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Bass.
4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell.
7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Greenlee.
12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: 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 Kenney.
22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Neilson.
25 COUNCILMAN NEILSON: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

3 O'Brien.

4 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: No.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

6 O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: No.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

9 Quinones-Sanchez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

12 Reynolds Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

15 Squilla.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

18 Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

21 Clarke.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

23 The ayes are 14; the nays are

24 two. A majority of members present

25 voting in the affirmative, the bill

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2 passes.

3 Mr. Decker, please read the
4 title of 130530.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 amending Chapter 19-2600 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Business
8 Income and Receipts Tax," by providing
9 certain exclusions; revising certain tax
10 rates; and creating certain fresh food
11 tax credits; and amending Chapter 19-1200
12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
13 "Parking Tax," by providing for scheduled
14 reductions in the rate of the tax.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
20 you, Mr. President. I move that Bill
21 130530 be placed on the Suspension
22 Calendar.

23 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 Bill No. 130530 be placed on the
3 Suspension Calendar.

4 All those in favor?

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 ayes have it, and 130530 is placed on the
11 Suspension Calendar.

12 Mr. Decker, please read the
13 title of 140514.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
15 providing for the submission to the
16 qualified electors of the City of
17 Philadelphia of an amendment to Article
18 VIII, Chapter 5 of The Philadelphia Home
19 Rule Charter, entitled "Referenda
20 Approved by the Voters," by adding a new
21 section providing that the citizens of
22 Philadelphia call upon the Pennsylvania
23 General Assembly and the Governor to
24 abolish the School Reform Commission and
25 return local control of Philadelphia's

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2 schools, as proposed by a petition
3 presented to the Council.

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

8 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Bass.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
13 Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Greenlee.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: No.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

21 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Johnson.

24 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Kenney.
5 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 Neilson.
8 COUNCILMAN NEILSON: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
10 O'Brien.
11 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 O'Neill.
14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
16 (No response.)
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
18 Quinones-Sanchez.
19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Reynolds Brown.
22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
24 Squilla.
25 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
6 Clarke.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

8 The ayes are 15; the nays are
9 one. A majority of members present
10 voting in the affirmative, the bill
11 passes.

12 Mr. Decker, do you have any
13 additional resolutions?

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 recognizing and commemorating the 225th
16 Anniversary of the official organization
17 of Delaware County, Pennsylvania to be
18 celebrated on September 26, 2014,
19 introduced by Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
23 adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

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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, and that resolution is
10 adopted.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 recognizing and honoring the life and
13 career of former professional golfer and
14 Philadelphian, John J. McDermott, Jr.,
15 who will be memorialized with a
16 historical marker in his childhood
17 neighborhood of Kingsessing in Southwest
18 Philadelphia on October 9, 2014,
19 introduced by Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 Chair again recognizes Councilman Kenney.

22 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
23 adoption of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

1 9/18/14 - 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, and that resolution is
10 adopted.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 recognizing October as Philly Plays
13 Scrabble Month, introduced by
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you, Mr. President. I move for the
19 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, and that resolution is
6 adopted.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 honoring Maria Walsh, introduced by
9 Councilman Henon.

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

12 COUNCILMAN HENON: I move for
13 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: And a resolution

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2 honoring, recognizing and congratulating
3 Philabundance, the Delaware Valley's
4 largest hunger relief organization, on
5 the occasion of its 30th Anniversary,
6 introduced by Councilman Jones.

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

9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. I move for its adoption.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 authorizing the committees on Public
24 Safety and Public Health and Human
25 Services to conduct joint hearings to

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2 evaluate DHS Family Services Plan
3 policies and procedures, including the
4 relevance of the FSP in reunification or
5 alternative permanency planning goals for
6 children and youth under DHS authority,
7 introduced by Councilman Jones.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Again,
11 Mr. President, I move for adoption.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 recognizing September as National
25 Literacy Month and acknowledging the

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2 critical work of PHILADELPHIA READS in
3 strengthening the literacy skills of
4 Philadelphia's children, introduced by
5 Councilwoman Bass.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
10 of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 endorsing the People's Climate March in
24 New York City scheduled to precede the
25 United Nations Climate Summit that will

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2 take place on September 23, 2014, in New
3 York City and supporting the thousands of
4 Philadelphians traveling to New York to
5 participate in the march, introduced by
6 Councilwoman Bass.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All those in favor?

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Those opposed?

18 (No response.)

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

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

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you very much.

3 Are there any speeches on the
4 part of the minority?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Any
7 speeches on the part of the majority?

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Kenney.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
11 Mr. President. As we've all read and
12 seen in the media in the last week, two
13 Philadelphia citizens simply enjoying the
14 streets of our city on a way to get a
15 pizza were descended upon by as many as
16 15 people, and one of the gentleman's
17 jaws is now wired shut for at least two
18 months. They were beaten to a pulp. The
19 police on the scene thought that someone
20 had been shot, there was so much blood at
21 the crime scene. They were beaten
22 primarily because of who they are, who
23 they were born to be, and the fact that
24 they decide that they want to live their
25 lives in freedom and dignity.

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2 It's further understood that
3 this group of young folks, these 20
4 something's, are not Philadelphia
5 residents but came into our city from the
6 suburbs and ended up pounding two of our
7 citizens in a severe way.

8 I sent a letter today to Zane
9 Memeger at the U.S. Attorney's Office,
10 simply because Pennsylvania does not have
11 a provision in its Hate Crime Code
12 dealing with sexual orientation, and that
13 says a lot about Pennsylvania, but it
14 doesn't mean that people in our city
15 should not be protected under federal law
16 from assault and mayhem based on their
17 sexual orientation and their display of
18 their affection and emotion for others.

19 If you are a homophobe or a
20 racist and you're from the suburbs or
21 from outside the City, we really don't
22 want you to come here. We don't want you
23 to use our restaurants. We don't want
24 you to walk our streets. We don't want
25 you to enjoy our city life. We can live

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2 without you.

3 I'm sure that this will all
4 work its way out relative to social media
5 and the surveillance cameras and
6 everyone's cooperation.

7 The one thing that was very,
8 very heartening about this whole
9 situation was how social media responded
10 and people retweeted and tweeted and
11 posted on Facebook, and these miscreants
12 were tracked down as a result of that
13 cooperation. So it shows that as
14 Philadelphians, we do care about each
15 other.

16 But I want to reiterate, we
17 don't want your kind here in
18 Philadelphia. If you have hate in your
19 heart, if you have violence in your fists
20 or your feet, we want you to stay home
21 and deal with your own community in a
22 reckless way.

23 We hope that these two young
24 men, citizens of our city, will recover
25 and not have many psychological issues

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2 resulting from it, and we hope that
3 people who are LGBT or any way different
4 than anyone else who thinks about wanting
5 to come and live in the City, this city
6 was rated by the HRC as the number one
7 gay-friendly city in the country,
8 including San Francisco, and we're proud
9 of that, and we want you to come here and
10 live. We welcome you, and we will do our
11 best to protect you. But this incident,
12 again, with much violence in cities and
13 in America today, this stands out as
14 really a totally unnecessary situation,
15 and we will fight to make sure it doesn't
16 happen again. And I've asked the U.S.
17 Attorney's Office to bring, if possible,
18 if necessary, the force of the federal
19 Hate Crime Act to bear in this, if
20 necessary.

21 So I just want to apologize to
22 the two men that were beaten and hope
23 that this kind of thing won't happen
24 again. And it's just a very sad
25 situation, and hopefully Seth Williams

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2 and Zane Memeger and law enforcement will
3 address this in the most appropriate way.

4 Thank you, Mr. President.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you. Well said, Councilman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
11 Mr. President. Yesterday you celebrated
12 your birthday and it was --

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: 35.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: You went to
15 public school, but we counted a little
16 differently, but --

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Councilman, it's called political math.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: You might
20 have been rounding down, I guess.

21 But the point is, today you
22 gave a lot of returning citizens a
23 potential present that will last a
24 lifetime. You submitted a bill to move
25 about a million dollars to the Prison

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2 budget to support reentry and, in fact,
3 get young people that are trying to come
4 back as citizens a job cleaning lots in
5 our city that is so very needed.

6 We've done --

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: And I wanted
9 to commend you for that and say that
10 we've done a lot of things in this body,
11 like ban the box and trying to level the
12 playing field, if we could, to get
13 citizens to be the responsible
14 individuals we hope them to be, but this
15 is tangible help for real people. And I
16 know you can't give a speech of the
17 majority, so for your birthday, I wanted
18 to say that for you.

19 Thank you, Mr. President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you, Councilman.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Bass.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
4 Mr. President. I do want to echo those
5 comments from both of my colleagues,
6 Councilman Jones and also Councilman
7 Kenney. I strongly follow their
8 sentiments and agree.

9 But one of the things that I
10 wanted to touch on today is that
11 September is recognized as National
12 Literacy Month. So last week we talked
13 about library card sign-up week. Last
14 week was sign up for your library card,
15 and this week we wanted to highlight the
16 work that Philadelphia Reads does for all
17 of our city's children to help make sure
18 that they can read above their reading
19 level. Facing shortages in our
20 classrooms, Philadelphia Reads makes
21 filling the shelves with books a little
22 bit easier for educators and for parents.
23 And also I want to mention that outside
24 of my office we are going to be having a
25 box. If you have any old children's

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2 books, old, gently used or new children's
3 books that you would like to donate, we
4 will have a box outside of my office that
5 you can donate those books there.

6 As part of National Literacy
7 Month and the ongoing commitment to
8 helping children become lifelong readers,
9 I'm happy to join Philadelphia Reads in
10 their Reading is Love initiative, which
11 encourages parents and caregivers to read
12 aloud to their children in an effort to
13 better prepare them to excel in an
14 academic environment. We know that
15 children who haven't been exposed to
16 reading prior to kindergarten are already
17 behind by the time they start school.

18 I'd like to encourage my
19 colleagues to show your love through
20 reading. Join me in the Reading is Love
21 effort by posting a selfie of yourself
22 reading your favorite book to a child, a
23 grandchild or maybe even a child in your
24 community. Take the time to show that
25 reading is love. And I'm going to be

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2 posting my picture with my daughter,
3 Carson, today on my Twitter page. So I
4 hope to see yours as well.

5 Also, really briefly, I just
6 wanted to mention that next week, we're
7 going to be introducing a resolution
8 recognizing that it's National GEAR UP
9 Week, and we're going to have a great
10 series of events here in Philadelphia,
11 starting with Monday, September 22nd down
12 at the Atrium in the School District
13 building, 440 North Broad. We're going
14 to have a dynamic group of speakers,
15 including Congressman Fattah and Ricardo
16 Calderon, the EPIC stakeholder
17 coordinator for ASPIRA, who is going to
18 be recognizing National GEAR UP Week and
19 all the work that GEAR UP has done to
20 send so many children on a national level
21 to higher education. So it's very
22 important to note that as well.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you, Councilwoman.

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2 The Chair recognizes
3 Councilwoman Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Mr. President. I thank all my
6 colleagues again for the vote with regard
7 to education and certainly agree with all
8 that has been said today in their
9 remarks.

10 But now I rise to talk about
11 International Peace Day and we will be
12 celebrating it at the Penn Museum on the
13 21st. As you know, the Penn Museum at
14 33rd and South Streets, Spruce and South,
15 has the largest collection of artifacts
16 anywhere in the country. On the 21st,
17 Sonia Sanchez, poet laureate emeritus of
18 Philadelphia and an international peace
19 activist, will host this event, and we
20 will be with her as she hosts it and as
21 she performs. We will also be featuring
22 many students and we will have renowned
23 performers, including TC Carson, the
24 actor of Living Single and Fame; Black
25 Ice, poet; Danny Simmons, artist and

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2 philanthropist; Lady Alma, vocalist, and
3 many others. We also will be dedicating
4 a peace bench and establishing peace
5 sites throughout Philadelphia and will
6 give out "peace warrior" citations
7 honoring people like Charlie Mack
8 Foundation and Palm Solutions as well as
9 the African Diaspora Local and Global
10 Initiatives. We will also honor Sonia
11 Sanchez, our co-host, as she celebrates
12 her 80th birthday.

13 So, Mr. President, you may not
14 be 35, but you're not 80 either.

15 So certainly we invite everyone
16 to join us on Sunday at the Penn Museum
17 of Archeology and Anthropology. We will
18 be there to co-host this event. And all
19 of you know how Sister Sonia has been
20 dealing with the idea of peace, and this
21 is an important day for her to talk about
22 her views and for us to have a chance to
23 enjoy her.

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilwoman.

3 And with that, I'd like to call
4 on Councilwoman Reynolds Brown for a
5 motion to adjourn.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
7 Mr. President. I move that Council stand
8 adjourned until Thursday, September 25th,
9 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
13 seconded that Council stand adjourned
14 until Thursday, September 25th, 2014 at
15 10:00 a.m.

16 All those in favor say aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
22 ayes have it.

23 Thank you all very much.

24 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
25 11:55 a.m.)

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