

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

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Thursday, October 2, 2014
10:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

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

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning, everyone. We're going to start now. We have a quorum. I'd ask that all guests and visitors to please retire behind the rail, and if the members will take their seat, we'll get started.

To give our invocation this morning, the Chair recognizes Reverend Dr. Laverne Adams of Cathedral of Praise Community Church. She is here today as the guest of Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown.

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

(Members and guests rise.)

REVEREND ADAMS: Thank you, Councilman Clarke, for your introduction and thank you, Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown, for the invitation to offer the invocation before City Council today.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, you commanded us in your word to pray for those leaders

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2 who have authority over us. You told us
3 to pray for them so that we could live
4 quiet and peaceful lives. Therefore,
5 today we pray for our Mayor and for the
6 various levels of City officials and, in
7 particular, for this assembled Council.

8 I pray that your matchless
9 grace would be present and available to
10 each and every Councilperson. I pray
11 that your presence would be seen and felt
12 in their homes and in their daily
13 activities in which they are engaged.
14 May they always remember that you are the
15 unseen force that is available to lead
16 and guide and to provide and to protect.

17 I pray for their physical,
18 emotional, and spiritual well-being so
19 that they will be healthy and strong in
20 their leadership to us. I pray that they
21 would be provided with whatever they need
22 in order to serve their constituents with
23 honor and integrity.

24 I pray for their families that
25 you have given them to enjoy. And in any

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2 area where they may have a deep need, I
3 pray that you would fill that need with
4 your mercy and your grace.

5 Today I pray for their
6 children. I pray for their children so
7 that they would be privileged to
8 experience the feeling of being
9 completely loved and cared for. I pray
10 that as their children enjoy this
11 experience, it would serve as a reminder
12 of the obligation of every Councilperson
13 to desire the same wholesome experience
14 for every child in the City of
15 Philadelphia.

16 The scriptures tell us that we
17 should train up a child in a way that
18 they should go so that when they are
19 older, they will not depart. And so
20 today help every member of the Council to
21 remember their vitally important
22 responsibility to make the necessary
23 decisions for the appropriate training of
24 our children to become contributing
25 citizens in our city.

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2 Grant the Council unprecedented
3 wisdom to find the resources necessary to
4 make real learning possible in every
5 educational facility throughout this
6 city. And so with every vote that is
7 cast today, let them be cast with the
8 conviction to always seek outcomes that
9 are in the best interest of our children.

10 For every choice that relates
11 to housing and building better
12 neighborhoods, let those votes be
13 grounded in the assurance of safety for
14 all of our children.

15 For every vote regarding
16 economic development, let those votes be
17 made to secure the bedrock of financial
18 security for all of our children. And
19 for every decision made to increase the
20 delivery of social services, let those
21 votes be rooted in the conviction to
22 ascertain the healthy emotional and
23 physical well-being of all our children.

24 And, God, we know in their
25 doing so, the Council will fulfill the

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2 duties by which they were appointed to
3 serve, which will provide positive
4 outcomes, not for just this moment in
5 time, but so that our children, our most
6 precious resource, are preserved and
7 prepared to thrive in the next
8 generation.

9 It is in the name of your holy
10 child Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen and
11 amen.

12 (Amen.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you, Reverend, for those inspiring
15 words.

16 (Council at ease.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you so much.

19 Before we proceed, I would like
20 to ask anyone in the audience who has a
21 device, phone, whatever, that makes any
22 sort of noise, would you please turn that
23 device off or turn it on silent. Thank
24 you very much.

25 The next order of business is

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2 the approval of the Journal of the
3 meeting of Thursday, September 25th,
4 2014, and the Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Greenlee.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
7 you, Mr. President. I move that the
8 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
9 September 25th, 2014 be approved.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you. It has been moved and
13 properly seconded that the Journal of the
14 meeting of Thursday, September 25th, 2014
15 stand approved.

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, and the Journal is
23 approved.

24 The next order of business is
25 request for leaves of absence, and the

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2 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
4 Mr. President. On behalf of the
5 majority, there are two requests for
6 leaves of absence, one from Councilman
7 Kenyatta Johnson and one from
8 Councilwoman Marian Tasco.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you. Leave shall be granted.

11 And on behalf of the minority,
12 the Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

13 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. On behalf of the
15 minority, there are no requests for leave
16 of absence.

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 all of our guests and visitors here
23 today. We hope that your stay here is a
24 wonderful stay. We really appreciate the
25 fact that you took time out of your day

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2 to come down and witness your government
3 in action, and we hope that what you
4 witness is so pleasurable that you
5 actually come back again. So, again,
6 thank you for coming down. We really
7 appreciate you taking time to do that.

8 At this time, the Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Brown, who will
10 present a resolution to Women Against
11 Abuse. Would Jeannine Lisitski and those
12 accompanying her please join the
13 Councilwoman at the podium.

14 And joining Councilwoman
15 Reynolds Brown, we have Councilman Bill
16 Greenlee and Councilman Jones and
17 Councilman Neilson.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you
19 very, very much, Council President. I'm
20 going to take the prerogative of the mic
21 and invite my colleague Councilman Jones
22 to provide opening remarks and really put
23 in context for us why today's declaring
24 October as Domestic Violence Awareness
25 Month deeply matters.

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2 Councilman Jones.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
4 Councilwoman. I think it's appropriate
5 because all our female members of Council
6 have made us a work in progress, men to
7 be enlightened by the fact of what's
8 going on, none better than my colleague
9 Councilman Greenlee, but I guess by
10 getting the mic, she's saying that I'm
11 most improved, and so I'll take it that
12 way.

13 Whether it's Kenyatta Johnson
14 and Councilman Greenlee fighting for more
15 beds for shelters in the budget last year
16 and making all of us prioritize that or
17 whether it is getting better
18 understanding of the complete spectrum of
19 what domestic violence is as opposed to
20 just its stereotypes, this Council has
21 evolved to the point in understanding and
22 now recognizing it in other acts.
23 Whether you're a sports star and think
24 you are above the law or whether you are
25 a child that was raised by a grandparent

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2 that has forgotten, lost their way, we
3 are beginning to recognize it in all of
4 its forms, and we are thankful to you and
5 thankful to all of our enlightened
6 colleagues to make it a priority of this
7 Council.

8 Thank you very much.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Very well
10 said, Councilman Jones.

11 Whereas, Domestic Violence
12 Awareness Month is being sponsored
13 locally by Women Against Abuse and
14 through their sponsorship, they are
15 encouraging everyone to help to increase
16 the awareness of domestic violence in our
17 homes and communities and decrease its
18 negative impact on Philadelphia; and

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas, in
20 2013, the Philadelphia Police Department
21 responded to more than 100,000 domestic
22 abuse calls and domestic violence. It is
23 not just a local problem but a national
24 issue, where more than three women a day
25 are murdered by their husbands or

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2 boyfriends in the United States, and the
3 Center for Disease Control and Prevention
4 found that women experience two million
5 injuries from intimate partner violence
6 each year, and the victims of several
7 intimate partner violence lost nearly 8
8 million days of paid work each year; and

9 Whereas, founded in 1976, the
10 mission of Women Against Abuse is to
11 provide quality of compassionate service,
12 in the manner that fosters self-respect,
13 independence in persons experiencing
14 intimate partner violence and to lead the
15 struggle and end domestic violence
16 through advocacy and community education;
17 and

18 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Whereas,
19 Women Against Abuse, in partnership with
20 Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Lutheran
21 Settlement House's Bilingual Domestic
22 Violence Program, and Women in
23 Transition, have formed the Philadelphia
24 Domestic Violence Collaborative that
25 provides a comprehensive continuum of

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2 services to survivors of domestic
3 violence and their families in
4 Philadelphia, which includes housing,
5 legal aid, counseling, medical advocacy,
6 and behavioral health services; and

7 Whereas, the Philadelphia
8 Domestic Violence Collaborative provides
9 education and training to the community
10 about domestic violence issues and
11 resources and has partnered with the City
12 of Philadelphia to operate the
13 Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline,
14 and in Fiscal Year 2014, approximately
15 10,000 calls were answered through the
16 Hotline; and

17 COUNCILMAN NEILSON: And
18 whereas, to support victims of domestic
19 violence, City Council championed the
20 opening of a second 100-bed safe haven
21 for survivors of domestic violence that
22 opened in the summer of 2014, which will
23 enable victims to take the crucial first
24 steps to reclaim their lives and move
25 forward towards a higher and brighter

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2 future; and

3 Whereas, to ensure a more
4 holistic approach to addressing violence
5 in our community, Women Against Abuse
6 partnered with its sister agencies and
7 the Deputy Mayor of Health and
8 Opportunity to develop a strategic plan
9 to respond to domestic violence in
10 Philadelphia, which will be completed
11 this fall; and

12 Whereas, to support a
13 coordinated community response to
14 domestic violence, Women Against Abuse
15 will hold its 7th Annual iPledge Press
16 Conference on October 3rd at noontime in
17 LOVE Park as a community awareness
18 initiative to promote knowledge about
19 domestic violence and to build community
20 support so that Philadelphians will take
21 a stand against violence; now, therefore,
22 be it resolved

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: That the
24 City Council of Philadelphia declares and
25 recognizes this month October as Domestic

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2 Violence Awareness Month.

3 Further resolved, that an
4 engrossed copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the leadership and the
6 representatives of Women Against Abuse as
7 a sincere expression of this Council's
8 gratitude, appreciation for raising the
9 public awareness regarding domestic
10 violence.

11 Introduced by members Tasco,
12 Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Ed Neilson, and
13 Jones and supported by all members of the
14 Philadelphia City Council.

15 Congratulations on your
16 important continued work.

17 (Appause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Chair recognizes Ms. Lisitski for
20 remarks.

21 MS. LISITSKI: I want to thank
22 first Councilwoman Tasco for sponsoring
23 the proclamation and Councilmembers
24 Greenlee, Reynolds Brown, Neilson, and
25 Jones for also sponsoring and all of the

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2 members of Council who have always opened
3 their arms and their ears to listen to
4 how we can work together.

5 We are honored to be here again
6 this year to proclaim October as Domestic
7 Violence Awareness Month here in
8 Philadelphia. This has been a monumental
9 year for improving access to services for
10 survivors in our community.

11 As you know with the leadership
12 of City Council, this summer we were able
13 to open our second 100-bed safe haven,
14 and we are thrilled at the critically
15 needed doubled capacity that this
16 provides. However, once again, we were
17 unable to meet a record-breaking number
18 of housing requests last year when we
19 turned away over 11,000 requests for safe
20 shelter. Those were from women and
21 children fleeing violence in their home.
22 So while the new safe haven will mean
23 safety for hundreds of additional women
24 and children, it still falls short of
25 meeting the need in our community. But

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2 what we understand is that no one
3 intervention will solve the complex issue
4 of domestic violence.

5 To that end, we have been
6 working alongside other advocacy
7 organizations and City agencies to create
8 a truly coordinated community response to
9 domestic violence, one that will
10 recognize the need to integrate and
11 coordinate all of our efforts to ensure
12 that no matter where a victim turns, they
13 will get the help they need.

14 With the City, we have embarked
15 on a formal strategic planning process to
16 identify strategies that every City
17 agency and community institution will
18 take to be a part of the movement towards
19 ending domestic violence. This plan will
20 be completed very soon, in the next few
21 months, and we will be eager to share it
22 with you.

23 While today's proclamation
24 officially marks Domestic Violence
25 Awareness Month, we have been

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2 experiencing a national conversation
3 around domestic violence following the
4 Ray Rice NFL incident and other
5 incidents. This incident was horrific
6 but, unfortunately for us, not shocking.
7 This happens every day in our community,
8 and every Philadelphian deserves the same
9 level of concern that has been paid to
10 this high-profile case.

11 It is critical that our local
12 community be able to respond to every cry
13 for help, tens of thousands of them each
14 year that happen in our own city. While
15 domestic violence is in the national
16 spotlight, we must continue to build
17 momentum to ensure that violence remains
18 unacceptable. Whether it happens in our
19 streets or in our homes, it's the
20 responsibility of our entire community.

21 So many of you have asked how
22 can you help. We need not only your
23 silent support, but your active
24 commitment to ending violence in
25 Philadelphia. We hope that you will join

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2 us tomorrow for our 7th Annual iPledge

3 Press Conference at noon at LOVE Park.

4 This campaign is a citywide social

5 awareness movement that calls on

6 Philadelphians to get involved in

7 speaking out against domestic violence.

8 There is something each of us can do.

9 So let's make the most of this

10 year's Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

11 Tell us why you pledge. Join us for the

12 press conference and, most importantly,

13 stay involved throughout the year.

14 We believe and we know that

15 together we can end violence and we can

16 create a safe and healthy community.

17 Thank you so much for your

18 commitment to being part of this

19 transformation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Council will be at ease.

25 (Council at ease.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you very much.

4 At this time, the Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Reynolds Brown,
6 who will present a resolution on my
7 behalf to Little Brothers - Friends of
8 the Elderly. Would Ms. Julianne James
9 and those accompanying her please join
10 the Councilwoman at the podium.

11 And joining Councilwoman
12 Reynolds Brown, we have Councilwoman Bass
13 and Councilman Greenlee.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
15 Mr. President, for offering Councilman
16 Greenlee and I this opportunity to speak
17 on behalf of this organization, as it has
18 great sentimental value for me. As the
19 caretaker of my 88-year-old mom, I am
20 well in touch with what Little Sisters -
21 Friends of the Elderly Day do every day
22 in Philadelphia, and I get a chance to
23 say publicly that the work you do is
24 vitally important for those of us who are
25 fortunate enough to still have our

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2 parents with us. And so know that what
3 you do, as is evidenced in this
4 resolution being presented by President
5 Clarke, does not go unrecognized.

6 Recognizing October 1st as
7 Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly
8 Day in Philadelphia.

9 Whereas, in 1990, the United
10 Nations General Assembly designated
11 October 1 as the International Day of
12 Older Persons; and

13 Whereas, the theme of
14 International Day of Older Persons 2014
15 is, quote, "Leaving No One Behind:
16 Promoting a Society for All," end quote;
17 and

18 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Whereas,
19 Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly,
20 Philadelphia Chapter began celebrating
21 the International Day of Older Persons
22 three years ago to raise awareness of
23 elders' needs; and

24 Whereas, founded in France in
25 1946, Little Brothers - Friends of the

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2 Elderly is an international organization
3 dedicated to relieving loneliness and
4 isolation among older adults; and

5 Whereas, Little Brothers -
6 Friends of the Elderly motto "flowers
7 before bread" expresses the belief that
8 friendship and personal support are as
9 important as the provision of food,
10 clothing, and shelter; that hearts starve
11 as well as bodies; and

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Whereas,
13 Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly
14 reduces isolation by providing a personal
15 support and visiting program as well as
16 telephone visits, social activities,
17 birthday visits, holiday celebrations,
18 mental health screening and advocacy for
19 needed services; and

20 Whereas, currently, there are
21 Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly
22 programs in seven cities and one rural
23 area in the United States and in seven
24 foreign countries; and

25 Whereas, Little Brothers -

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2 Friends of the Elderly's Philadelphia
3 history began in 1990 when a group of
4 Philadelphia community volunteers was
5 approached by the Little Brothers'
6 national office to start a local chapter
7 due to Philadelphia's high percentage of
8 senior citizens; and

9 Whereas, the Philadelphia
10 Chapter of Little Brothers - Friends of
11 the Elderly serves over 500 senior
12 citizens, many of who are frail and
13 homebound. Little Brothers offers a
14 variety of ways for volunteers to connect
15 with this population, and now, therefore
16 be it

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Resolved,
18 by the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia, that this City Council does
20 hereby recognize October 1st as Little
21 Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Day in
22 Philadelphia.

23 Further resolved, that an
24 engrossed copy of this resolution be
25 presented to the leadership and the

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2 representatives of Little Brothers -
3 Friends of the Elderly Day as evidence of
4 the sincere sentiments of this
5 legislative body.

6 Introduced by Council President
7 Darrell L. Clarke and supported by all
8 members of Philadelphia City Council.

9 Congratulations, Little
10 Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Day.
11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 Chair recognizes Ms. James for remarks.

14 MS. JAMES: Good morning, City
15 Council, President Clarke, and my sorer,
16 Blondell Reynolds Brown, the entire
17 Council for supporting Little Brothers -
18 Friends of the Elderly.

19 Hi, Jannie.

20 It is indeed an honor to
21 receive this proclamation. Though we
22 started in 1990, we seem to be the best
23 kept secret in Philadelphia. So we hope
24 this proclamation will wake us up again
25 and wake others up to let us know -- let

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2 them know that we are still here trying
3 to make a difference in the lives of
4 those individuals who would otherwise be
5 isolated and alone.

6 So you can look on our website
7 and see how you can help us. We'd be
8 anxious to receive your call or your
9 response to our e-mail. This is not a
10 monthly thing. It's a daily thing that
11 we do.

12 Now, declaring October 1st as
13 Older Persons Day is truly a tribute to
14 the City of Philadelphia. It let's us
15 know that you realize that we want to one
16 day be 100. Okay? We don't want to say
17 less than 100. And we want to do it with
18 the support of others around us.

19 So thanks again, City Council,
20 for recognizing those who are a little
21 less fortunate today than we are.

22 God bless you.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Council will be at ease.

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2 (Council at ease.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you so much.

5 At this time, the Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell, who
7 will present a resolution recognizing
8 October as Philly Plays Scrabble Month.
9 Would Ms. Marciene Mattleman and those
10 accompanying her please join the
11 Councilwoman at the podium.

12 And joining Councilwoman
13 Blackwell, we also have Councilwoman
14 Bass.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you.

17 Resolution recognizing October
18 as Philly Plays Scrabble Month.

19 Whereas, literacy of its
20 citizens is important to the City of
21 Philadelphia, for its workforce, for
22 parents, for their children, and for the
23 City's economic vibrancy;

24 Whereas, After School
25 Activities Partnerships, ASAP, has used

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2 the extended day to show that literacy is
3 achieved in many ways; and

4 Whereas, research has shown
5 that Scrabble expands word usage,
6 dictionary skills and comprehension while
7 having fun; and

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Whereas,
9 during October, adults who love the game
10 of Scrabble and are eager to share their
11 skills with young people, either for
12 pleasure or as competition, can foster
13 learning and create a love of words and
14 their meanings; and

15 Whereas, those who enjoy
16 playing competitively will have the
17 opportunity to be involved in non-rated
18 championship matches, bringing excitement
19 to the City and, therefore, be it

20 Resolved, that the Philadelphia
21 City Council recognize and honor PNC Bank
22 and Comcast, who support Scrabble as a
23 means of developing a more literate
24 population, and declare October as Philly
25 Plays Scrabble Month.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

3 Further resolved, that a copy of this
4 resolution be presented to After School
5 Activities Partnerships and its sponsors,
6 PNC Bank and Comcast, as sincere
7 sentiments of our legislative body.

8 And we note that this was
9 signed and agreed to by all members of
10 City Council.

11 Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 Chair recognizes Ms. Mattleman for
15 remarks.

16 MS. MATTLEMAN: Good morning,
17 everybody. Thanks to Councilwoman Jannie
18 Blackwell, we're back again telling the
19 public that Philly Plays Scrabble Month
20 in Philadelphia is a first, the only one
21 in the country. And thanks to Cindy Bass
22 for coming forward as well and all of you
23 who share our initiatives and give
24 contribution to the Activities Fund to
25 make sure that they continue.

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2 Why is Scrabble important?

3 Jannie already told you. It teaches word
4 usage, dictionary skills, activity, but
5 it also teaches strategic thinking where
6 people can see the consequences of their
7 actions of every move, and you know how
8 important that is, how it transfers to
9 other parts of their lives.

10 We hope you recognize this
11 directory, all of you. You have it in
12 your office. If you want more, please
13 call. It has a thousand sites in here
14 where kids 1st to 12th grade can get
15 involved in safe structured after-school
16 activities. It was published as a
17 supplement to the Daily News, but under
18 the leadership of Justin Inniss. He'll
19 call you. We also have it online. It's
20 updated online and as part of the City's
21 3-1-1 system.

22 The City has more than 100
23 Scrabble clubs under the leadership of
24 Earl Joseph with us today, our travel
25 coordinator. And PNC and Comcast are

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2 sorry, but they're so busy doing whatever
3 they do, nobody could come today.

4 Call Earl to organize
5 after-school clubs for kids and help
6 recruit volunteers to teach Scrabble
7 anywhere in the city.

8 How many of you play Scrabble,
9 online, for fun?

10 Good. That's good. Well, let
11 me just tell you what happened to me the
12 other day. I used two new words, selfie
13 and tweet, and I won. You should try
14 them.

15 Thank you.

16 (Appause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Thank you.

19 Council will be at ease.

20 (Council at ease.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you so much.

23 The next order of business is
24 communications. The Chair requests that
25 the Sergeant-of-Arms delivers the

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2 messages from the Mayor to the Chief
3 Clerk.

4 Thank you. Mr. Decker, would
5 you please read those messages.

6 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
7 and members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia, pursuant to Sections 4-604
9 and 2-307 of the Home Rule Charter, I am
10 today transmitting to the Council the
11 recommendation of the City Planning
12 Commission on the following bill: Bill
13 No. 140519.

14 And I am pleased to advise you
15 that on October 1, 2014, I signed the
16 following bills which were passed by
17 Council at its session on September 18,
18 2014: Bill No. 130950-A and Bill No.
19 140377-A.

20 And I am submitting herewith
21 for the consideration of your honorable
22 body an ordinance amending Title 22 of
23 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public
24 Employees Retirement Code," to expand the
25 scope of "Plan '10" and "DC Plan" to

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2 cover additional employees, including
3 employees represented by District Council
4 33, and certain employees not covered by
5 a collective bargaining agreement, to
6 change contribution rates, and to make
7 technical amendments, all under certain
8 terms and conditions.

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

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

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you very much.

16 Next we will have introduction
17 of bills and resolutions, and the Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I offer three privileged
21 resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
25 resolution authorizing City Council's

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 Committee on Transportation and Public
3 Utilities to hold hearings to examine
4 proposals presently in the state
5 legislature that seek to regulate
6 Transportation Network Companies in the
7 Commonwealth and the potential need for
8 such services in cities of the first
9 class.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
14 resolution recognizing and honoring
15 Pasquale "Pat" Deon, SEPTA Board
16 Chairman, for his years of service to the
17 Authority and after he was chosen to
18 receive the 2014 Outstanding Public
19 Transportation Board Member Award by the
20 American Public Transportation
21 Association.

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

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 resolution recognizing and honoring the
3 members of the Neshaminy High School
4 Playwickian Editorial Board and their
5 student advisor Tara Huber for taking a
6 stand against racism and bigotry by
7 refusing to continue to publish the
8 traditional nickname for the Neshaminy
9 High School athletic teams, a derogatory
10 term for Native Americans.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
12 week's Final Passage Calendar.

13 And the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Mr. President. Today I introduce
17 two bills on your behalf, one on my own,
18 one privileged and one non-privileged
19 resolution and wish to be recognized
20 after the title of the resolution
21 re-calling Bill No. 140514 is read for a
22 motion on that resolution.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you, Councilwoman.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 you.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Chapter 9-200 of The
5 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Commercial
6 Activities on Streets," by adding a new
7 section, permitting and regulating Pop-up
8 Shops within designated areas.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia
14 Code, entitled "Public Employees
15 Retirement Code," to expand the scope of
16 "Plan '10" and "DC Plan" to cover
17 additional employees, including employees
18 represented by AFSCME, District Council
19 33, and certain employees not covered by
20 a collective bargaining agreement.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 authorizing Old Nelson PA Four doing
25 business as Old Nelson Food Company to

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 construct, own and maintain an open-air
3 sidewalk cafe at 3020 Market Street.

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

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

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And a
22 non-privileged resolution requesting the
23 Mayor to return to Council Bill No.
24 140514, entitled "An ordinance providing
25 for the submission to the qualified

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 electors of the City of Philadelphia of
3 an amendment to Article VIII, Chapter 5
4 of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter,
5 entitled 'Referenda Approved by the
6 Voters,' by adding a new section
7 providing that the citizens of
8 Philadelphia call upon the Pennsylvania
9 General Assembly and the Governor to
10 abolish the School Reform Commission and
11 to return local control of Philadelphia's
12 schools," for the purpose of
13 reconsideration by the Council of the
14 vote by which said bill passed Council.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
16 will be on today's Calendar.

17 I'm sorry, Councilwoman. The
18 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you, Mr. President. I move that the
21 rules of Council be suspended to permit
22 consideration of the appropriate
23 resolution on today's Final Passage
24 Calendar.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you. It's been moved and properly
4 seconded that it be on today's Final
5 Passage Calendar.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
9 those in favor?

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 ayes have it. Sorry, Councilwoman. I
16 assumed that people would vote for it,
17 that's why I skipped the actual formal
18 version of the suspension of the rules.
19 Thank you very much.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
23 you, Mr. President. On your behalf, I
24 offer two bills.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Thank you, Councilman.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
4 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
5 changing the zoning designations of
6 certain areas of land located within an
7 area bounded by 18th Street, Diamond
8 Street, 24th Street, Norris Street, 25th
9 Street, Ridge Avenue, Glenwood Avenue,
10 Diamond Street, 25th Street, Sedgley
11 Avenue, Dauphin Street, and Glenwood
12 Avenue.

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
16 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
17 changing the zoning designations of
18 certain areas of land located within an
19 area bounded by Broad Street, Diamond
20 Street, 18th Street, Glenwood Avenue and
21 Lehigh Avenue.

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

24 And the Chair recognizes
25 Councilman Henon.

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2 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. I offer one bill, one
4 privileged resolution, and one resolution
5 to be referred to committee.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you, Councilman.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
9 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
10 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
11 creating a new Mayfair/NCA Overlay
12 district, the requirements of which shall
13 apply to all commercially zoned
14 properties in the area bounded by
15 Frankford Avenue (both sides), Meridian
16 Street, Rowland Avenue, Rhawn Street,
17 Lexington Avenue, Solly Avenue, Revere
18 Street, Holme Avenue, Roosevelt
19 Boulevard, Bustleton Avenue, Lardner
20 Street, Leonard Street, Lardner Street,
21 Revere Street, and Benner Street.

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
25 resolution honoring the Homeowners

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Association of Philadelphia on the
3 occasion of their 60th Anniversary.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
8 resolution authorizing Council's
9 Committee on Rules to hold public
10 hearings to investigate the preservation
11 and development of industrial land in the
12 City of Philadelphia.

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

16 And the Chair recognizes
17 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
19 you, Mr. President. On behalf of
20 Councilwoman Marian Tasco, I have three
21 privileged resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you, Councilwoman.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
25 resolution congratulating Kevin Vaughan

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 on his retirement from the City of
3 Philadelphia.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
8 resolution honoring The Moorish Science
9 Temple of America on its 100th
10 Anniversary.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
15 resolution honoring Dr. Donald Schwarz
16 for his service as Deputy Mayor for
17 Health and Opportunity and Health
18 Commissioner.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
20 that resolution will be on today's Final
21 Passage Calendar.

22 The Chair again recognizes
23 Councilwoman Sanchez.

24 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
25 you, Mr. President. I have one bill and

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 two resolutions unprivileged.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
4 Thank you, Councilwoman, again.

5 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
6 providing for the submission to the
7 qualified electors of the City of
8 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
9 a Resolution approved by Council
10 proposing an amendment to The
11 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide
12 for the preparation of language access
13 plans for all City agencies; and
14 authorizing the appropriate officers to
15 publish notice and to make arrangements
16 for the special election.

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

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

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2 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
3 the buildings and improvements thereon,
4 situate in the Seventh, Sixteenth,
5 Nineteenth and Forty-Third Wards of the
6 City of Philadelphia.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a
10 non-privileged resolution proposing an
11 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule
12 Charter to provide for the adoption of
13 language access plans by all City
14 agencies; and providing for the
15 submission of the amendment to the
16 electors of Philadelphia.

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

19 And the Chair recognizes
20 Councilman Neilson.

21 COUNCILMAN NEILSON: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I have one privileged
23 resolution on behalf of all
24 Councilmembers.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilman.

3 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
4 resolution joining the nation in
5 recognizing October 2014 as National
6 Breast Cancer Awareness Month and
7 commending the PA Breast Cancer Coalition
8 for its efforts to find a cure for breast
9 cancer.

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

13 And the Chair recognizes
14 Councilman O'Brien.

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

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you, Councilman.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Goode.

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. I offer two bills on
24 behalf of the Administration.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilman.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
4 amending Bill No. 140145-A (approved June
5 19, 2014), entitled "An ordinance to
6 adopt a Fiscal 2015 Capital Budget," by
7 adding and revising certain projects,
8 amounts and sources.

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

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
13 amending Bill No. 140144-A (approved June
14 19, 2014), entitled "An ordinance to
15 adopt a Capital Program for the six
16 Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020
17 inclusive," by adding and revising
18 certain projects, amounts and sources.

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

21 And the Chair now recognizes
22 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
24 Mr. President. I offer one resolution on
25 your behalf co-sponsored by members

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2 Goode, Bass, and Greenlee and one
3 resolution co-sponsored by members
4 Blackwell, Goode, and Greenlee.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you, Councilwoman.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
8 resolution recognizing October 1st as
9 Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly
10 Day in Philadelphia.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
15 resolution recognizing October as Parent
16 and Family Appreciation Month.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
18 that will also be on today's Final
19 Passage Calendar.

20 And the Chair recognizes
21 Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. I introduce one
24 non-privileged resolution today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Thank you, Councilman.

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

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

17 And the Chair recognizes
18 Councilman O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I offer one privileged
21 resolution on behalf of all
22 Councilmembers.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you, Councilman.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 resolution honoring and congratulating
3 John McNesby on the occasion of his
4 retirement from the Philadelphia Police
5 Department.

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Squilla.

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. I offer two bills and one
13 privileged resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you, Councilman.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 amending Section 9-613 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Junk
19 Dealers," to establish additional
20 requirements in connection with engaging
21 in the business of a junk dealer.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
23 that bill will be referred to committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
25 amending Section 9-204 of The

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
3 Vendors in Center City," by reducing the
4 number of vendor locations permitted on
5 the east side of 5th Street, from Arch
6 Street to Market Street.

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
10 resolution honoring and recognizing Team
11 Philadelphia on their participation and
12 dominance in the Federation of Gay Games
13 9 which took place in Cleveland/Akron,
14 Ohio August 9, 2014 through August 16,
15 2014.

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

19 And the Chair recognizes
20 Councilwoman Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I offer three privileged
23 resolutions, two of which are
24 co-sponsored by Councilwoman Blondell
25 Reynolds Brown.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you, Councilwoman.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
6 resolution acknowledging the work of GEAR
7 UP in increasing the number of students
8 prepared to enter and succeed in higher
9 education.

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

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
14 resolution congratulating and honoring
15 Hill Freedman World Academy Middle School
16 and Norwood-Fontbonne Academy for winning
17 the National Blue Ribbon School Award.

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

21 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
22 resolution recognizing and honoring
23 Art-Reach for the ACCESS Admission
24 Initiative which connects underserved
25 populations with Philadelphia's arts and

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 cultural institutions.

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

6 And the Chair recognizes
7 Councilman Oh.

8 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. I offer a privileged
10 resolution co-sponsored by Councilwoman
11 Cindy Bass, a non-privileged resolution,
12 and a bill.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you, Councilman.

15 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 providing for the submission to the
18 qualified electors of the City of
19 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
20 a Resolution approved by Council
21 proposing an amendment to The
22 Philadelphia Home Charter relating to
23 establishing and defining a new method
24 and qualifications for appointing and
25 electing the members of the Board of

1 10/2/14 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Education along with new standards and
3 policies to ensure efficient management
4 and educational excellence.

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

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
8 resolution declaring October 24, 2014, to
9 be Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Day
10 in Philadelphia to increase public
11 awareness of the progress, promise, and
12 benefits of acupuncture and oriental
13 medicine.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a
18 non-privileged resolution proposing an
19 amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule
20 Charter in preparation for the return to
21 local Philadelphia control of the
22 Philadelphia School District by providing
23 for a new method and qualifications for
24 appointing and electing the members of
25 the Board of Education of the School

1 10/2/14 - STATED - REPORTS

2 District of Philadelphia and establishing
3 new standards and policies to ensure
4 academic excellence, financial
5 responsibility, and efficient,
6 economical, and effective operation and
7 management of the School District of
8 Philadelphia.

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

11 That concludes our introduction
12 of bills and resolutions, and the next,
13 reports from committee.

14 The Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Blackwell for a report from
16 the Committee on Finance.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you, Mr. President. The Committee on
19 Finance reports out one bill with a
20 favorable recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you.

23 Mr. Decker, please read that
24 report.

25 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

1 10/2/14 - STATED - REPORTS
2 and members of the Council of the City of
3 Philadelphia, the Committee on Finance,
4 to which was referred Bill No. 140715,
5 entitled "An ordinance authorizing and
6 approving the modification of a Service
7 Agreement between the City of
8 Philadelphia and the Philadelphia
9 Authority for Industrial Development
10 relating to the refinancing of certain
11 bonds, approving the issuance by the
12 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
13 Development of bonds, notes or other
14 evidences of indebtedness in one or more
15 series, or in a combined series with
16 certain other authorized indebtedness, to
17 refinance certain bonds; and authorizing
18 and approving the obligation of the City
19 of Philadelphia to pay in full when due
20 the Service Fee and other amounts payable
21 under the Service Agreement,"
22 respectfully reports it has considered
23 the same and returns the attached bill to
24 Council with a favorable recommendation.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

1 10/2/14 - STATED - REPORTS

2 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
3 Blackwell.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
5 you, Mr. President. I move that the
6 rules of Council be suspended so as to
7 permit first reading this day of Bill No.
8 140715.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
11 has been moved and properly seconded that
12 the rules of Council be suspended so as
13 to permit first reading this day of Bill
14 No. 140715.

15 All those in favor say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 ayes have it, and that bill will be
22 placed on our First Reading Calendar for
23 today.

24 We will now have consideration
25 of the Calendar. I note that the bill

1 10/2/14 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING
2 just reported from committee with
3 suspension of the rules has been deemed
4 to have had a first reading. It will be
5 placed on our Second Reading and Final
6 Passage Calendar at our next session of
7 Council.

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

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
15 Mr. President. The following resolutions
16 and bills are being called up from Second
17 Reading and Final Passage Calendars
18 today: Nos. 140726, 140727, 140734,
19 130693, and 140609. All other
20 resolutions and bills are being held.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you very much.

23 Before considering these bills
24 and resolutions, we will have our public
25 comment session. The public comment

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2 session will go as follows:

3 If you are interested in
4 testifying on a bill or resolution that
5 is on the Final Passage Calendar, we
6 would ask that you sign up to the table
7 to my left, if you have not already done
8 so.

9 Your name will be called. When
10 your name is called, you will go to the
11 podium in the middle of the Council. And
12 there is a device and a microphone on
13 that podium. When the light turns green,
14 it is your time to speak. When that
15 light turns yellow, you have 30 seconds
16 to conclude your remarks, and when the
17 light turns red, we ask that you please
18 adhere to the guidelines and conclude
19 your remarks. You will be given three
20 minutes to speak. Thank you very much.

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: Carol Piazzo.

24 (No response.)

25 CHIEF CLERK: Carol Piazzo,

1 10/2/14 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 commenting on 140 --

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Excuse me a second. One more time, I'm
5 going to ask if anybody has a device that
6 makes any kind of noise, would you please
7 turn it off or turn it on silent. Thank
8 you very much.

9 (Witness approached podium.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Please proceed, ma'am.

12 MS. PIAZZO: Hi. Good morning,
13 City Council, and thank you for letting
14 me speak. I'm not sure. I took a chance
15 and came here today on hoping that they
16 would speak about the public school
17 system and the funding that is not going
18 to the public school system and hoping
19 that a resolution would be solved.

20 A couple months ago I spoke in
21 City Council and, Councilwoman Blackwell,
22 thank you, who very much tried to help
23 me. My grandson, who is severely
24 autistic, has been out of school for the
25 last six months of the school year last

1 10/2/14 - STATED - PUBLIC COMMENT

2 year. He was hurt in the public school
3 system because he was overdosed by the
4 principal because the Mayor took the
5 nurses out of the school. And what I
6 want to know today is what has been done
7 in resolution to help children with
8 special needs and where's the money going
9 to help my grandson and other children
10 who have been part of this minockery (ph)
11 that has been going on in the public
12 school system. For six months, we have
13 called the public school system and the
14 School Board and the Mayor's Office in
15 hoping that they would help us get my
16 grandson back into a school. Not one
17 phone call was returned to us. Nothing.
18 Then all the sudden we got a notice in
19 the mail that they're taking us to court
20 for truancy.

21 So I want to know what has been
22 done to resolve this as far as the SRC,
23 as far as putting the public school
24 system back in the hands of the parents
25 and so forth, what bill is being resolved

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2 today to help my grandson and other
3 children who are in our situation.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you very much.

6 MS. PIAZZO: Thank you very
7 much. And, again, thank you,
8 Councilwoman Blackwell, for all the help
9 that you've done for my family.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you for your testimony, ma'am.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Ronald Blount,
15 commenting on 140734.

16 (Witness approached podium.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
18 morning.

19 MR. BLOUNT: Good morning,
20 Mr. President. On behalf of the 5,000
21 taxi drivers in Philadelphia, we're here
22 to support Resolution 140734. We believe
23 that with better service, the citizens of
24 Philadelphia, visitors coming in here
25 will make our city a more global city.

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2 One of the aspects of this resolution
3 that we really admire, that it looks at
4 taxi drivers. Taxi drivers, as you know,
5 in the City are working 12 to 16 hours a
6 day. According to the Parking Authority,
7 are making below the minimum wage. And
8 according to the U.S. Department of
9 Labor, are doing one of the most
10 dangerous occupations. So this
11 resolution looks at a way of providing
12 some sort of driver relief or disability
13 coverage for drivers when they're injured
14 out there on the job.

15 So not only do we want to have
16 great taxicabs in the City, we also want
17 to have healthy and safe taxi drivers.

18 Thank you, sir.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you so much for your testimony.

21 CHIEF CLERK: David R.

22 Alperstein, commenting on 140734.

23 (Witness approached podium.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
25 morning.

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2 MR. ALPERSTEIN: Good morning,
3 Mr. President. My name is David
4 Alperstein. I'm the Executive Director
5 of the Greater Philadelphia Taxi
6 Association.

7 As you know, Philadelphia is a
8 world-class city in nearly every way. We
9 are a tourist destination for our arts
10 and our history and an academic hub and a
11 center for global commerce, but residents
12 of and visitors to the City of Brotherly
13 Love often encounter one aspect of our
14 city that is hard to love - the condition
15 of our taxi industry. We lag behind many
16 cities in the quality and safety of our
17 cabs, the impact on the environment, how
18 accessible they are to the disabled, and
19 how widely they are available to all.

20 Now, thanks to you, Councilman
21 Oh, the resolution being discussed today
22 hopefully will initiate ways to improve
23 the taxi experience for everyone who is a
24 passenger, driver, taxpayer or visitor to
25 Philadelphia. The Greater Philadelphia

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2 Taxi Association hopes to help in that
3 effort and are here in support of this
4 resolution.

5 Let's make Philly cabs greener.
6 There are no energy efficiency
7 requirements or mandates that our cabs be
8 green vehicles that are less burdensome
9 on our environment. This must change.
10 Like steps taken to make our fleet of
11 official cars and trucks more green, so
12 too should we have requirements that our
13 cabs live up to those standards.

14 In recent years, technology
15 companies have created apps which have
16 forever changed the taxi and delivery
17 industry. Because of their sheer
18 existence, there must be a demand for
19 service and lack of supply. We will need
20 to lead this modernization of the
21 industry with the use of a citywide
22 universal application in order to better
23 compete with the unregulated, potentially
24 dangerous companies. These apps can give
25 passengers access to applications to pay

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2 for and summon a ride and let passengers
3 give instant feedback on the quality of
4 their experience. This will in turn
5 lessen the amount of cash on hand by
6 drivers, which can decrease violence on
7 drivers and create a better experience
8 for the citizens and visitors of the
9 City.

10 With that, we are in full
11 support of this resolution, and thank you
12 very much for your time.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you so much for your testimony.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Clarc King.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY:

17 Mr. President?

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Mr. Decker, prior to the next witness,
20 the Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you
22 very much, Mr. President. I respectfully
23 request leave from the Chamber. I would
24 like to be recorded as voting aye on all
25 bills and resolutions.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes,
3 sir. Leave shall be granted.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.
5 (Witness approached podium.)

6 MR. KING: Good morning,
7 Mr. President, City Council, and thank
8 you City, Councilmembers. I'm here to
9 speak about Bill 140609. It is
10 innovative and necessary. Education is
11 where citizen formation begins. Like
12 PGW, it is an economic platform, the
13 basis of a science-driven economy.

14 In regard to finding solutions
15 for funding of education and other City
16 operations, I ask the City Council to
17 consider the resolution creating the
18 Philadelphia public bank. In finding the
19 permanent solution to financing and
20 funding government, I ask the political
21 system to confront the Federal Reserve
22 Bank, who has allowed the private-sector
23 finance to run roughshod over government
24 and school districts across the nation.
25 Every day the sequestered Congress

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2 enables the Fed's unrelenting
3 unemployment, unlimited bailout system to
4 operate the collapse of the national
5 economy is the national security crisis.
6 Unemployment, low wages, labor strife are
7 weapons against a civil society and the
8 national economy, the nation itself.

9 We must work to motivate the
10 Congress. Congress must confront the
11 Fed. Put it into reorganization in the
12 U.S. national bank credit system. Fund
13 the redevelopment of the United States,
14 activating the full employment policy,
15 reversing the greatest depression, as the
16 national security demands. The survival
17 of the population depends upon it.

18 Thank you.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you so much for your testimony.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Theresa Yates,
22 commenting on 140734.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
24 morning.

25 MS. YATES: Good morning. I

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2 would like to speak (unintelligible)

3 sensible taxicabs. (Unintelligible).

4 This gives us more options to come and

5 call your offices (unintelligible).

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you. Thank you so much.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Clinton Cri

9 Hendon.

10 MR. HENDON: Yes. I am here to

11 speak about the accessible taxis, and I

12 want to say that we've been fighting for

13 more accessible taxis for the past ten

14 years and it is a relief to know that we

15 are being taken seriously about this and,

16 you know, good to know that my whole work

17 or our hard work and persistence pays

18 off. And I want to -- you know, with the

19 growing number of disabled citizens in

20 Philadelphia, the need is there for

21 accessible taxis. And even if somebody

22 with a disability, even if somebody is

23 disabled for a month, a year, even their

24 whole life, everybody needs to know that

25 at some point in your life you will need

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2 some assistance, and having accessible
3 taxis is part of that assistance and
4 independence.

5 And I also would like to let
6 you know that I've been to the other
7 major cities in this great country and to
8 let you know that Philadelphia is way
9 behind on accessible taxis. And you want
10 to make the City a more friendly place
11 for tourism and everything like that.
12 Well, you need to consider people with
13 disabilities in that decision-making.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you so much for your testimony.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Eric Harper.

18 MR. HARPER: Hello. I would
19 like to take this opportunity to thank
20 Councilman Oh for introducing 140734,
21 which provides affordable and accessible
22 taxi service to wheelchair-bound
23 individuals who solely or heavily depends
24 on services such as Paratransit, which I
25 think is a great service, but may be

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2 convenient when it comes to booking
3 last-minute transportation.

4 That's all. Thank you.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you so much for your testimony.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Shawn Tucker.

8 MS. TUCKER: Hello.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Hello. Good morning.

11 MS. TUCKER: Thank you,
12 Councilman Oh, for letting us speak. I'd
13 just like to say I think that this
14 accessible taxi is long overdue. And I'm
15 going to tell you like I just told them
16 in Harrisburg not too long ago. Because
17 if I was going out to lunch with a couple
18 of you, four or five of you can get in
19 one taxi. I would have to wait, and
20 y'all go along and probably have drinks
21 and hors d'oeuvres, but I would have to
22 wait until an accessible taxi come along,
23 because there's not many, and most of
24 them hang out at the airport.

25 So I'm glad that you're

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2 allowing more to come along. And with
3 Pennsylvania being one of the tenth
4 largest states, I think it's disgusting
5 and long overdue.

6 Thanks.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you so much for your testimony.

9 CHIEF CLERK: German Parodi,
10 commenting on 140734.

11 (Witness approached podium.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
13 morning.

14 MR. PARODI: Good morning,
15 President Clarke and Councilmembers.
16 Thank you for giving us the opportunity
17 to speak today.

18 I'm here to thank Councilman Oh
19 and the supporters of this bill that is
20 going to be petitioning the Assembly in
21 Harrisburg to give us 300 more taxis in
22 addition to the 150 they just gave us in
23 2010. We should begin seeing them in
24 December.

25 I really personally -- I just

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2 used an accessible taxi yesterday morning
3 and it was gratifying finally being able
4 to call a taxi and for it to arrive
5 faster than I know regular taxis that my
6 friends have asked to my house. So that
7 is great, and knowing that -- but that's
8 just me. We're just starting this.

9 There is over 50,000 people in
10 Philadelphia, our community, that have
11 claimed that they use wheelchairs, and we
12 only have, what, eight now. We will have
13 put in some 45 in December, and this 300
14 more, in addition to everything else,
15 would really be a significant step in
16 Philadelphia being a global city.

17 We just had the Wheelchair
18 Games and, sadly, we didn't have enough
19 wheelchair-accessible taxis for them.
20 But they'll be here.

21 We have the Convention Center
22 that brings the Flower Show, the Car
23 Show, many different conventions there
24 that people with disabilities will come.

25 There is a social forum

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2 happening in Philadelphia next year, and
3 one of its themes is disability, and we
4 expect 10,000 people to come to that. We
5 need these wheelchair-accessible taxis.

6 Thank you, Councilman Oh, and I
7 hope that every Councilperson here votes
8 for this and that the Assembly gives us
9 what we need.

10 Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you very much for your testimony.

13 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
14 other speakers on the public comment
15 list, Mr. President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

18 We will now consider bills and
19 resolutions on the Final Passage
20 Calendar.

21 Mr. Decker, can you please read
22 the title of 140726.

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

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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 Forty-Seventh 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 140726 is
24 adopted.

25 Mr. Decker, 140727.

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

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you.

15 The Chair again recognizes
16 Councilman Greenlee.

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

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All those in favor?

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 ayes have it, and Resolution 140727 is
6 adopted.

7 Mr. Decker, please read the
8 title of 140734.

9 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 respectfully requesting that the
11 Pennsylvania Legislature authorize an
12 additional 300 taxi medallions to provide
13 modern, green, wheelchair accessible taxi
14 cabs with bike racks to meet the existing
15 needs of Philadelphia's underserved
16 ridership and using the proceeds to
17 reduce the wage tax.

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

20 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you, Mr.
21 President. I move for the adoption of
22 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 Resolution 140734 is
9 adopted.

10 Mr. Decker, could you please
11 read the title of Bill No. 130693.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia
14 Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses,
15 Trades and Professions," by prohibiting
16 the use of automated purchasing machines
17 for the purchase of personal property.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Reynolds
20 Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I would like to offer an
23 amendment to Bill No. 130693. A copy of
24 the amendment has been circulated to all
25 members of Council. I now move for the

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2 adoption of the amendment.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you. It has been moved and
6 properly seconded Bill No. 130693 be
7 amended.

8 All those in favor of that
9 amendment say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 ayes have it, and Bill No. 130693 has
16 been amended. It will placed on our
17 Second and Final Reading Passage at our
18 next session of Council.

19 Mr. Decker, 140609.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 authorizing and approving the execution
22 and delivery of a Service Agreement
23 between the City of Philadelphia and the
24 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
25 Development relating to the financing of

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2 additional operating funds for the School
3 District of Philadelphia for Fiscal Year
4 2015 only, approving the issuance by the
5 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
6 Development of bonds, notes or other
7 evidences of indebtedness in one or more
8 series, to finance such additional
9 operating funds; and authorizing and
10 approving the obligation of the City of
11 Philadelphia to pay in full when due the
12 Service Fee and other amounts payable
13 under the Service Agreement.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
15 bill has been read on two separate days.
16 The question is shall the bill pass
17 finally.

18 Mr. Decker, call the roll.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Greenlee.
5 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
7 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
9 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney
11 is voting aye.
12 Councilman Neilson.
13 COUNCILMAN NEILSON: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 O'Brien.
16 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 O'Neill.
19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
21 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
23 Quinones-Sanchez.
24 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

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2 Reynolds Brown.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 Squilla.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Clarke.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

10 The ayes are 15; the nays are
11 zero. A majority of members present
12 voting in the affirmative, the bill
13 passes.

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
17 authorizing City Council's Committee on
18 Transportation and Public Utilities to
19 hold hearings to examine proposals
20 presently in the state legislature that
21 seek to regulate Transportation Network
22 Companies in the Commonwealth and the
23 potential need for such services in
24 cities of the first class, introduced by
25 Councilman Kenney.

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

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

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 All those in favor?

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 ayes have it, and that resolution is
17 adopted.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
19 recognizing and honoring Pasquale "Pat"
20 T. Deon, SEPTA Board Chairman, for his
21 years of service to the Authority and
22 after he was chosen to receive the 2014
23 Outstanding Public Transportation Board
24 Member Award by the American Public
25 Transportation Association, introduced by

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2 Councilman Kenney.

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

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

8 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 ayes have it, and that resolution is also
18 adopted.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 recognizing and honoring the members of
21 the Neshaminy High School Playwickian
22 Editorial Board and their student advisor
23 Tara Huber for taking a stand against
24 racism and bigotry by refusing to
25 continue to publish the traditional

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2 nickname for the Neshaminy High School
3 athletic teams, a derogatory term for
4 Native Americans, introduced by
5 Councilman Kenney.

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

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 requesting the Mayor to return to Council
25 Bill No. 140514, entitled "An ordinance

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2 providing for the submission to the
3 qualified electors of the City of
4 Philadelphia of an amendment to Article
5 VIII, Chapter 5 of The Philadelphia Home
6 Rule Charter, entitled 'Referenda
7 Approved by the Voters,' by adding a new
8 section providing that the citizens of
9 Philadelphia call upon the Pennsylvania
10 General Assembly and the Governor to
11 abolish the School Reform Commission,"
12 for the purpose of reconsideration by the
13 Council of the vote by which said bill
14 passed Council, introduced by
15 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
19 you, Mr. President. I move that the
20 rules of Council be suspended so as to
21 permit consideration of special business
22 at this time.

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

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2 All those in favor?

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Councilwoman, just for clarity's
6 purposes, just from a technical
7 perspective, I just want to make sure,
8 the motion was to adopt the resolution
9 that will allow us to do special
10 business; am I correct?

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Yes,
12 sir.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 That's what I thought. And that motion
15 was moved and properly seconded. Let's
16 take the vote one more.

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 we will be in special
24 business later on in this Council
25 session.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 honoring the Homeowners Association of
4 Philadelphia on the occasion of their
5 60th Anniversary, introduced by
6 Councilman Henon.

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

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

23 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
24 authorizing Council's Committee on Rules
25 to hold public hearings to investigate

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2 the preservation and development of
3 industrial land in the City of
4 Philadelphia, introduced by Councilman
5 Henon.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 Chair again recognizes Councilman Henon.

8 COUNCILMAN HENON: 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 congratulating Kevin Vaughan on his
24 retirement from the City of Philadelphia,
25 introduced by Councilwoman Sanchez on

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2 behalf of Councilwoman Tasco.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Quinones-Sanchez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
7 you, Mr. President. I move for the
8 adoption.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

12 All those in favor?

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

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

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
21 honoring The Moorish Science Temple of
22 America on its 100th Anniversary,
23 introduced by Councilwoman Sanchez on
24 behalf of Councilwoman Tasco.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
3 Quinones-Sanchez.

4 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: I move
5 for the adoption.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All those in favor?

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 honoring Dr. Donald Schwarz for his
19 service as Deputy Mayor for Health and
20 Opportunity and Health Commissioner,
21 introduced by Councilwoman Sanchez on
22 behalf of Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
24 Chair one more time recognizes
25 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

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

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All those in favor?

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

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

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 joining the nation in recognizing October
18 2014 as National Breast Cancer Awareness
19 Month and commending the PA Breast Cancer
20 Coalition for its efforts to find a cure
21 for breast cancer, introduced by
22 Councilman Neilson.

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

25 COUNCILMAN NEILSON: Thank you,

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

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

7 All those in favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

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

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
16 recognizing October 1st as Little
17 Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Day in
18 Philadelphia, introduced by Councilwoman
19 Reynolds Brown on behalf of Council
20 President Clarke.

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

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes,
25 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 All those in favor?

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it, and that resolution is
12 adopted.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 recognizing October as Parent and Family
15 Appreciation Month, introduced by
16 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
19 Reynolds Brown.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: I move for
21 the adoption.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

25 All those in favor?

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

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

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 honoring and congratulating John McNesby
11 on the occasion of his retirement from
12 the Philadelphia Police Department,
13 introduced by Councilman O'Neill.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
17 Mr. President. I move the adoption of
18 the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All those in favor?

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

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

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 honoring and recognizing Team
8 Philadelphia on their participation and
9 dominance in the Federation of Gay Games
10 9 which took place in Cleveland/Akron,
11 Ohio August 9, 2014 through August 16,
12 2014, introduced by Councilman Squilla.

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

15 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
17 of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

21 All those in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it, and that resolution is
4 adopted.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 acknowledging the work of GEAR UP in
7 increasing the number of students
8 prepared to enter and succeed in higher
9 education, introduced by Councilwoman
10 Bass.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. I move for 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 that resolution is

1 10/2/14 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 adopted.

3 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
4 congratulating and honoring Hill Freedman
5 World Academy Middle School and
6 Norwood-Fontbonne Academy for winning the
7 National Blue Ribbon School Award,
8 introduced by Councilwoman Bass.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. I move for 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 that resolution is
24 adopted.

25 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

1 10/2/14 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 recognizing and honoring Art-Reach for
3 the ACCESS Admission Initiative which
4 connects underserved populations with
5 Philadelphia's arts and cultural
6 institutions, introduced by Councilwoman
7 Bass.

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

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

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

16 All those in favor?

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

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

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
25 declaring October 24, 2014, to be

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2 Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Day in
3 Philadelphia to increase public awareness
4 of the progress, promise, and benefits of
5 acupuncture and oriental medicine,
6 introduced by Councilman Oh.

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

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

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

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

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

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

4 We will now move to special
5 business, and the Chair recognizes
6 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion
7 regarding special business.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you, Mr. President. We are asking that
10 the rules be suspended to permit
11 consideration of special business and we
12 move that the Council reconsider the vote
13 by which Bill No. 140514 was passed.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you. It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that the rules of
18 Council be suspended to permit
19 consideration of special business at this
20 time.

21 All those in favor say aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it and the motion passes.

4 Mr. Decker, please read the
5 letter from the Mayor.

6 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
7 and members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia, I am returning herewith, as
9 requested by your resolution adopted
10 October 2, 2014, Bill No. 140514,
11 entitled "An ordinance providing for the
12 submission to the qualified electors of
13 the City of Philadelphia of an amendment
14 to Article VIII, Chapter 5 of The
15 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, entitled
16 'Referenda Approved by the Voters,' by
17 adding a new section providing that the
18 citizens of Philadelphia call upon the
19 Pennsylvania General Assembly and the
20 Governor to abolish the School Reform
21 Commission and return local control of
22 Philadelphia schools, as proposed by a
23 petition presented to Council and
24 approved for submission to the electors,"
25 for the purpose of reconsideration by the

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2 Council of the vote by which said bill
3 passed Council.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell
6 for a motion that Council reconsider the
7 vote by which Bill No. 140514 was passed.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
9 you, Mr. President. I offer an amendment
10 to Bill No. 140514 --

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So
12 moved first.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: So
14 moved, Mr. President.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
17 in favor please signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 ayes have it, and the majority of all
24 members having voted in the affirmative,
25 the motion carries and the vote by which

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2 Bill 140514 was passed has been
3 reconsidered.

4 The Chair now again recognizes
5 Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you, Mr. President. I offer an amendment
8 to Bill No. 140514. A copy has been
9 circulated to all members of Council, and
10 I move for the adoption of the amendment.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you. It has been moved and
14 properly seconded that the amendment to
15 Bill No. 140514 be adopted.

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, and Bill No. 140514 has
23 been amended. This bill will be placed
24 on our Final Passage Calendar for our
25 next session of Council.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

3 Mr. President, I ask to be recognized to
4 submit a bill on behalf of the
5 Administration that I just received.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Okay. Let me conclude the special
8 business.

9 Mr. Decker, hold on one second.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
11 you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Councilwoman, could you just make a
14 motion to suspend the rules to allow the
15 introduction of the bill at this time.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: So
17 moved.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you. All those in favor?

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
23 parliamentary procedure is awesome.

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 the motion to allow
7 suspension of the rules for the
8 introduction of a bill at this time is
9 granted.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
13 you, Mr. President. I introduce one more
14 bill today on behalf of the
15 Administration.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Thank you.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
19 you.

20 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia
22 Code, entitled "Public Employees
23 Retirement Code," to expand the scope of
24 "Plan '10" and "DC Plan" to cover
25 additional employees, including elected

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2 officials, to change contribution rates,
3 and to make technical amendments, all
4 under certain terms and conditions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you. That bill will be referred to
7 the appropriate committee. And that
8 concludes our special business.

9 Are there any speeches on the
10 part of the minority?

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 Oh.

13 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you very
14 much, Mr. President. Today I introduced
15 a bill for a Charter change concerning
16 the governance structure of the School
17 District of Philadelphia, and I think
18 that reflects the years of work that this
19 body has done, the concern it has had
20 over the quality and governance of our
21 public schools.

22 In particular, I'd like to
23 thank Councilwoman Blackwell for her
24 leadership. She has had numerous
25 hearings on public education, bringing in

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2 national experts, and I've had the
3 pleasure of having two joint hearings
4 with her regarding best practices in
5 global standards.

6 There is not much that we can
7 do with the schools, contrary to what a
8 lot of the public thinks. We don't run
9 the schools. We don't manage them. They
10 don't respond to us. But there is one
11 thing that we can do, and, that is, we
12 can change the governance structure if
13 the people so desire. And so to begin
14 that discussion and that process, I've
15 introduced a change to the Charter, which
16 I understand that as we go through this,
17 other Councilmembers and different
18 organizations and experts will add their
19 perspectives to this.

20 I'd like to say that I have
21 based this on the hearings that we've
22 done, the testimony that we received from
23 people like Professor Linda
24 Darling-Hammond and others. The primary
25 thing that I am trying to do with this

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2 bill that I hope that will move forward
3 the discussion and hopefully bring about
4 a change to the quality of education in a
5 positive direction for Philadelphia is to
6 change the governance structure, because
7 I believe that we must do something.

8 The return to local control of
9 the School District would have a new
10 method and a new set of qualifications
11 for appointing and electing members of
12 the Board of Education and establish a
13 new standard and new policies to ensure
14 academic excellence and the efficient,
15 economical, and effective operation and
16 management of the School District of
17 Philadelphia.

18 So I'm primarily going to
19 highlight eight changes that I have
20 introduced in this bill. The first is
21 that the membership of the Board would be
22 increased from nine to 13 members, and
23 with that, the Board would function as a
24 board with oversight and less day-to-day
25 operational involvement.

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2 The Board would then select the
3 Superintendent, as it does now, but also
4 the General Counsel, the Chief Financial
5 Officer, and the Chief Technology
6 Officer. In addition, the Board would
7 fix the compensation of the
8 Superintendent, General Counsel, Chief
9 Financial Officer, Chief Technology
10 Officer, Chief of Education, and Chief of
11 Vocational Education and Training.

12 The Board would elect its
13 secretary and treasurer, removing that
14 function from the Superintendent. It
15 would have annual third-party financial
16 and performance audits with reports to
17 the Mayor, City Council, and the City
18 Controller. The City Controller would
19 appoint the Inspector General and set the
20 budget.

21 The Superintendent would
22 provide an annual state of the condition
23 of the Philadelphia School District and
24 address to City Council and have
25 quarterly meetings with the Mayor, City

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2 Council leadership, Chair of City
3 Council's Committee on Education, and the
4 City's Chief Education Advisor. In
5 addition, it would require the District
6 to establish a non-profit fund to be used
7 for each and every school in the City of
8 Philadelphia.

9 The appointments of the Board
10 would consist of six appointments by the
11 Mayor, including a business leader and a
12 higher education leader; four
13 appointments from the nominating
14 committee that requires advanced degree
15 and ten years of experience in the
16 profession; four appointments from the
17 nominating panel to be elected by the
18 City Council of Philadelphia; and two
19 members elected by the voters of
20 Philadelphia; and one member appointed by
21 the public charter schools as their
22 representative.

23 And so with that,
24 Mr. President, I look forward to the
25 hearings, the testimony, and possible

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2 amendments to this bill.

3 Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilman.

6 The Chair recognizes

7 Councilwoman Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. This morning I have good
10 news to report. The Alliance for a
11 Healthier Generation, founded by the
12 American Heart Association and the
13 Clinton Foundation, have worked with
14 representatives from American Beverage
15 Association, the Coca-Cola Bottling
16 Company, Dr. Pepper, and PepsiCo to
17 announce a now landmark agreement to,
18 bottom line, decrease beverage calories
19 in the American diet.

20 America's leading beverage
21 companies have set a goal to reduce
22 beverage calories consumed by persons
23 nationally by 20 percent in 2025. The
24 beverage companies will offer and promote
25 smaller portion sizes and additional

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2 marketing for water and other no or lower
3 calorie beverage.

4 Each beverage company will
5 provide calorie counts and promote
6 calorie awareness on all beverage company
7 equipment, including the three million
8 vending machines, self-serve fountain
9 dispensers, retail coolers, restaurants,
10 and in other locations.

11 This is a critical step in our
12 ongoing fight against obesity, and our
13 work right here in Philadelphia with
14 beverage companies to reduce the number
15 of calories shipped to schools by 90
16 percent again demonstrates the power of
17 creative cooperation.

18 Why is this important? Fact:
19 In the United States, the obesity rate
20 has risen by 30 percent in the last three
21 decades.

22 Fact: Philadelphia has the
23 highest obesity rate of the nation's ten
24 largest cities, according to our Deputy
25 Mayor for Health and Opportunity.

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2 Fact: When young children are
3 overweight or obese, they are five times
4 more likely to be overweight and obese as
5 adults. Further, obese youth are more
6 likely to have risk factors for
7 cardiovascular disease such as high
8 cholesterol or high blood pressure, and
9 further, based on a report I read in
10 2006, Type 2 diabetes now appears in
11 young children as young as 12 years old.

12 Why would I be excited about
13 this issue? It is no secret that I was
14 unapologetic in my concern about the
15 epidemic rise of childhood obesity,
16 particularly amongst African American
17 children, and was further delighted by
18 the news because it is a continuation I
19 believe of the work we started in 2010 on
20 menu labeling.

21 It was only a few years ago
22 that this bill was heavily debated. One
23 of the biggest friendly disagreements I
24 heard from those who didn't believe that
25 this was doable was that citizens really

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2 don't want to know how many calories are
3 in their food. I recall television
4 stations interviewing citizens on the
5 street who said it would be a buzzkill to
6 know how many calories there were in our
7 favorite sandwich or beverage.

8 Today we know this is not the
9 case. I cannot tell you how many times
10 people still stop me to say thank you for
11 the passage of this bill, because we can
12 now go to white tablecloths like Capital
13 Grille or to others like Starbucks and
14 find out what the calories are before we
15 consume our favorite meal.

16 The facts indicate that we
17 still have a lot of work to do. Thanks
18 to leaders like First Lady Michelle Obama
19 and President Bill Clinton and his
20 foundation for again taking obesity and
21 making it a center-stage issue. We can
22 now add Coca-Cola, Dr. Pepper, Snapple,
23 and Pepsi-Cola to the roster of industry
24 leaders who want to make a positive
25 difference and dramatic impact on this

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2 preventable disease called obesity.

3 Thank you, Mr. President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilwoman.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman

7 Jones.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

9 Mr. President. On the good news theme,

10 I'd like to continue Councilwoman

11 Reynolds Brown's good news. Today I read

12 in the opinion page your submission about

13 the good news that 9,000 residents last

14 year moved off of the poverty rolls, and

15 you cite that by saying some of the

16 things that City Council has done to help

17 its poor, many of whom are done by

18 members of this Council, whether we talk

19 about Wilson Goode's minimum wage fight

20 or whether we talk about Bill Greenlee's

21 paid sick leave fight. You talked about

22 our work in the LOOP program dealing with

23 AVI, tax freezes for seniors, homestead

24 for seniors, EEO plans that deal with

25 procurement, trying to move and integrate

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2 people into the working class, and the
3 Manufacturers Task Force that would
4 increase wage-paying, family-supporting
5 jobs.

6 I agree with you on all of that
7 and I would like to offer some other
8 friendly amendments. How could we ever
9 talk about poverty and not mention in the
10 same breath Councilwoman Blackwell, who
11 spent most of her professional life
12 dealing with the plight of the homeless,
13 fighting for them, whether it's veterans
14 or whether it's people that have found
15 themselves forced to panhandle and
16 fighting for the feeding of them outside.

17 How could we not mention the
18 fact that I've been beat over the head
19 for the last seven years by one
20 Councilwoman Sanchez who cites that the
21 7th District is the poorest district in
22 the City of Philadelphia and has spent
23 her every waking effort during the budget
24 trying to move that needle in the right
25 direction.

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2 Whether we talk about
3 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown in educating
4 us about the plight of children in
5 shelters over the last 14 years. We also
6 submitted a resolution calling on the
7 City of Philadelphia to state its poverty
8 plan, which has now resulted in a
9 conference November 17th at CCP to talk
10 about a strategy to lift all boats with a
11 tide of good.

12 So I wanted to say to you thank
13 you for allowing us to do that and
14 chronicling what efforts that we have
15 played in that regard.

16 I have one other thing,
17 Mr. President. We tend to look at
18 staffers almost like our children. We
19 raise them, we scold them, we nurture
20 them, and they grow up, and sometimes
21 they grow up and move on. It is my
22 unfortunate duty to recognize that
23 Ajeenah Amir, who has been my
24 communication -- she don't have to stand
25 up. Leave her alone, Al. She don't have

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2 to listen to you anymore -- has decided
3 to take a position with AARP to help our
4 seniors. I thought about it as we
5 recognized our seniors today. She will
6 now be helping all of us to help our
7 constituents in that way, and I'd like
8 you to join me in recognizing her moving
9 out of the house.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
12 Mr. President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you, Councilman.

15 Real quick -- and I know I'm
16 not supposed to respond, but that
17 particular document today in the Daily
18 News -- and I want to thank them for
19 allowing us to put that on the table --
20 was actually Chapter 1. We've gotten a
21 commitment that there will be a Chapter 2
22 and 3. A number of the things that you
23 referenced today will actually be in
24 subsequent op-eds.

25 You mentioned the fact that --

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2 and congratulations again to Ajeenah on
3 you doing what you do, continuing to
4 provide services to people.

5 Councilman, sometimes in my
6 office the staff treat me like I'm the
7 child. So I just want to make that note.
8 But I hear you clearly.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Henon.

11 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. And I will stick to the
13 good news theme, and really a great job
14 with the op-ed today and I'm glad that
15 there's going to be follow-up parts to
16 the ongoing issues that you have
17 championed and then collaboratively we as
18 a body has continued to fight for for the
19 citizens of Philadelphia. One of the
20 things you had mentioned was
21 manufacturing, and as you may be aware
22 of, tomorrow is National Manufacturing
23 Day. It's one of the single days of the
24 year where manufacturers from across the
25 country will open up their door to show

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2 what they do, what they make, and how
3 they do it. Fifteen hundred events will
4 be taking place tomorrow alone, and
5 locally events like yesterday, Greater
6 Philadelphia Manufacturing Summit brought
7 together industries and leaders to
8 discuss the issues facing the sector.

9 Tomorrow the Mayor,
10 Superintendent Hite, and myself will be
11 joining students from throughout the City
12 of Philadelphia and our School District
13 to visit and tour some of these
14 manufacturers. We're going to start off
15 with a great manufacturer in my district,
16 Northeast Building Products, which I'm
17 very proud of. We will do so to show
18 them and their parents what manufacturing
19 is today rather than the dated image of
20 what manufacturing and industry used to
21 be like from what our parents and our
22 grandparents knew. This is a world now
23 rooted in STEM education and precision
24 machinery. There's engaging and
25 challenging jobs available that pay for

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2 family-sustaining wages, if we could just
3 match the skill sets with the demand.

4 Too often people describe
5 Philadelphia's manufacturing and the
6 industrial paths in a memorializing
7 sense, that it's no longer existing and
8 what it used to be. But I don't believe
9 that. I believe that manufacturing and
10 industry here in the City of Philadelphia
11 and in the region is an economic engine,
12 and it can be. It's just a little
13 different. It's a little cleaner, it's
14 more efficient, and it's more tech savvy.

15 At this present moment, we are
16 poised to grow manufacturing and the
17 industry sectors by supporting our
18 current firms and recruiting more to
19 locate here. We are in a unique position
20 to capitalize on the global conditions as
21 you created a new Committee on Global
22 Affairs, which is incredible, with
23 matching the jobs and the opportunities
24 that we have here. We make everything
25 from helicopter parts to ball bearings

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2 and specialized material that have
3 adapted to the 2014 times. And I always
4 talk about manufacturing in a lot of
5 ways, and I do so because it's important
6 to the industry to grow, but I talk about
7 it from not just an economic sense, but a
8 personal one. My father had worked for
9 two companies in the manufacturing
10 industry, and they raised my family and
11 their doors shut down. So we have an
12 opportunity to adjust to the times and to
13 grow the sector.

14 So with efforts like
15 Manufacturing Day tomorrow, we continue
16 to work and support manufacturing in all
17 of its sectors so we can help grow the
18 sector to support families like mine. So
19 I hope all of you can join me as well as
20 other manufacturers in communities across
21 the City in celebrating National
22 Manufacturers Day.

23 Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you, Councilman. Keep up the good

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2 work.

3 The Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
6 you, Mr. President. Certainly my remarks
7 deal with positive and negative. The
8 negative thing is that we have Ebola
9 existing in this world today, and as we
10 know, the world is so small, but what
11 happens in one place can come to the
12 others, since we're having an issue with
13 Ebola right here in our country in Texas.

14 But I want Council to know the
15 good part of all of this is that we're on
16 the case. As many of you know, we
17 founded Echoes of Africa some 15 years
18 ago and the Mayor's Commission on African
19 and Caribbean Immigrant Affairs some ten
20 years. We met with representatives -- we
21 represent over 35 countries now, and we
22 met with representatives from all four
23 countries, as you all know, Sierra Leone,
24 Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia. We met
25 with representatives just yesterday. We

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2 have been dealing with the issue since
3 the breakout. We are doing what we can
4 to try to help collect needs and have the
5 right pipeline to get it to the people
6 that need it.

7 And so I say all of these -- we
8 try to give you a little information on
9 it today, and the good part is that the
10 Philadelphia City Council is engaged, is
11 committed, and we're doing our part to
12 make the world a better place and a
13 healthier place where Ebola is concerned.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you, Councilwoman. And, again, I
17 commend you for your longstanding
18 commitment.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
20 you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
22 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
24 Mr. President. And continuing on our
25 good news theme, I do want to acknowledge

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2 that Philadelphia has received \$29.1
3 million for GEAR UP over the next seven
4 years. Earlier today I introduced a
5 resolution honoring GEAR UP for all of
6 the work that they're doing, and this is
7 so very important, particularly as we all
8 know that our schools are so much in
9 need. This is going to equate to over \$4
10 million per year, and as we all know,
11 it's badly needed.

12 There are four Philadelphia
13 high schools that are going to be able to
14 benefit from this, including Martin
15 Luther King High School, which is in the
16 8th District, and also Overbrook, Fels,
17 and Furness. And so these resources are
18 going to go a long way to making sure
19 that our young people are prepared and
20 ready and have the opportunities to be
21 able to go to college and get that
22 continuing education, which we know is so
23 very important for their success. And
24 also that there also will be a
25 capacity-building workshop and conference

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2 hosted by GEAR UP here in Philadelphia in
3 February 2015, which is going to bring
4 millions of dollars in revenue to our
5 hospitality industry.

6 So very good news all the way
7 through. And I do also want to thank my
8 colleagues, especially Councilwoman
9 Jannie Blackwell on education, who does
10 so much for us, and Councilwoman Blondell
11 Reynolds Brown as a co-sponsor.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you so much, Councilwoman.

15 That concludes our speeches on
16 behalf of the minority and majority.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown for
19 a motion to adjourn.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
21 Mr. President. I move that Council stand
22 adjourned until Thursday, October 9th,
23 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

1 10/2/14 - STATED - ADJOURNMENT

2 been moved and properly seconded that the
3 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
4 October 9th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

5 All those in favor say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it.

12 Thank you all very much.

13 (Stated Meeting concluded at
14 12:20 p.m.)

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