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**Thursday, March 3, 2011**

PRESENT: 17 - Councilmembers Blackwell, Clarke, Council President Verna, DiCiccio, Goode, Green, Greenlee, Jones, Kelly, Kenney, Krajewski, Miller, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Rizzo, Sanchez and Tasco

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend Dr. Clarence Hester of Erie Avenue Baptist Church and Police Clergy, was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER TASCO MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL of the meeting of February 17, 2011.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Sergeant-at-Arms presented messages from the Mayor as follows:

- Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 100722-A and 100750-A, which were passed by Council on February 17, 2011, was signed by the Mayor on February 25, 2011. (File No. 110167)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- March 1, 2011

To the President and Member of  
The Council of the City of Philadelphia:

Pursuant to Sections 4-604 and 2-307 of the Home Rule Charter, I am today transmitting to the Council the recommendation of the City Planning Commission regarding the following bills:

Bill No. 100720

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Bill No. 100759  
Bill No. 100873  
Bill No. 110051  
Bill No. 110053  
Bill No. 110071  
Bill No. 110074  
Bill No. 110083

I am also transmitting today a letter providing City Planning Commission approval of certain Master Plan amendments for Drexel University.

Respectfully,  
Michael A. Nutter  
Mayor (File No. 110168)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution providing for the approval by the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year Financial Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016, and incorporating proposed changes with respect to Fiscal Year 2011, which is to be submitted by the Mayor to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, authorized by an ordinance of this Council approved by the Mayor on January 3, 1992 (Bill No. 1563-A), by and between the City and the Authority. (File No. 110169)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a resolution approving the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of the redevelopment authority of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the Cecil B. Moore Avenue Urban Renewal Area, designated as Parcel Nos. 96 and 97 also sometimes identified by respective house numbers and street addresses as for Parcel No. 96 as 1704 Willington street and for Parcel No. 97 as 1715 Willington street; authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Advanced Real Estate Concepts, LP doing business as How Properties and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority. (File No. 110170)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

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Transmitting a resolution approving the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the South Central Urban Renewal Area, designated as Parcel No. 311 and also sometimes identified by house number and street address as 814 South Twelfth street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Webster Investments, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Director of the Redevelopment Authority. (File No. 110171)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

Transmitting a bill authorizing 217 West George Street LLC to construct, own and maintain an open air sidewalk café at 217 West George Street, under certain terms and conditions, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Streets Commissioner. (File No. 110172)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

Transmitting a bill authorizing the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, located at 600 South 43rd Street, Philadelphia, to construct, own and maintain various encroachments in the form of auxiliary seating with the right-of-way adjacent to the building at 4140 Woodland Avenue, under certain terms and conditions, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Streets Commissioner. (File No. 110173)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

Transmitting a bill to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2012-2017 inclusive, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Executive Director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission. (File No. 110174)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

To adopt a Fiscal 2012 Capital Budget, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Executive Director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission.  
.End (File No. 110175)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

Transmitting a bill adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2012.  
(File No. 110176)

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THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- ☐ Transmitting a bill amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Wage and Net Profits Tax,” by revising certain tax rates and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Revenue Commissioner. (File No. 110177)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- ☐ Transmitting a bill amending Section 19-1801 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Authorization of Tax," to further authorize the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax on real estate within the City of Philadelphia; all under certain terms and conditions, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Revenue Commissioner. (File No. 110178)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- ☐ Transmitting a bill amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “School Tax Authorization,” by amending Section 19-1806, entitled “Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax,” to further authorize the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax on the use or occupancy of real estate within the School District of Philadelphia, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Revenue Commissioner. (File No. 110179)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Councilmember Kenney Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Kenney and DiCicco:

- ☐ **Bill No. 110130:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Real Estate Taxes,” to provide a credit against the tax for owners of condominiums and cooperatives and planned community units who do not receive regular City refuse, recycling and bulk item collection services; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Councilmember Blackwell Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Blackwell:

- ☐ **Bill No. 110131:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-205 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Sidewalk Sales,” by regulating vending along the South side of Market Street between 48th Street and 49th Street; all under certain terms and

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Blackwell Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Blackwell:

- ☐ **Bill No. 110132:** An Ordinance Amending Section 9-206 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Sidewalk Vendors in Neighborhood Business Districts,” by creating the 52nd Street Business District for Sidewalk Vending; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Blackwell Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Blackwell:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 110158:** Resolution Calling on the City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings on Prayer in Philadelphia Public Schools.

Councilmember Blackwell Introduced and Moved to Be Placed on This Week's Final Passage Calendar - Rules Suspended the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Blackwell:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 110159:** Resolution Urging the United States Senate not to pass H.R. 1, the Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011, which would result in funding cuts of almost \$150 million impacting Philadelphia, including a sixty-six (66) percent cut in funds for the Community Development Block Grant program, and to maintain funding for the impacted programs at the fiscal year 2010 funding levels.

Councilmember Greenlee Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Greenlee and Jones:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 110160:** Resolution Designating March 10, 2011 as “Public Service Workers Day in Philadelphia.”

Councilmember Tasco Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Council President Verna, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:

- ☐ **Bill No. 110133:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Warfield Street, the Schuylkill Expressway, Reed Street, a Railroad R.O.W., and Moore Street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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Councilmember Tasco Introduced and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Council President Verna, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:

📄 **Bill No. 110134:** An Ordinance Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” by adding a new Section prohibiting the issuance of any permit for the construction of buildings, additions or roof decks, exceeding a certain height, on certain properties within the Point Breeze area of the City and providing that such prohibition shall expire after a specified period of time, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced (By Request) and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Council President Verna, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:

📄 **Bill No. 110135:** An Ordinance To adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2012-2017 inclusive.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced (By Request) and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Council President Verna, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:

📄 **Bill No. 110136:** An Ordinance To adopt a Fiscal 2012 Capital Budget.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced (By Request) and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Council President Verna, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:

📄 **Bill No. 110137:** An Ordinance Adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced (By Request) and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Council President Verna, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:

📄 **Bill No. 110138:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Wage and Net Profits Tax,” by revising certain tax rates and making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced (By Request) and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored

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by Councilmembers Council President Verna and Tasco:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110139:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19-1800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "School Tax Authorization," by amending Section 19-1806, entitled "Authorization of Realty Use and Occupancy Tax," to further authorize the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax on the use or occupancy of real estate within the School District of Philadelphia.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced (By Request) and Referred the following Bill for Councilmember Council President Verna, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110140:** An Ordinance Amending Section 19-1801 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Authorization of Tax," to further authorize the Board of Education of the School District of Philadelphia to impose a tax on real estate within the City of Philadelphia; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced (By Request) and Referred the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Verna, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 110161:** Resolution Providing for the approval by the Council of the City of Philadelphia of a Revised Five Year Financial Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal Years 2012 through 2016, and incorporating proposed changes with respect to Fiscal Year 2011, which is to be submitted by the Mayor to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, authorized by an ordinance of this Council approved by the Mayor on January 3, 1992 (Bill No. 1563-A), by and between the City and the Authority.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Councilmember Tasco Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Verna, Sponsored by Councilmember Tasco:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 110162:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Thirty-sixth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvement in accordance with the

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Councilmember Miller Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Miller:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110141:** An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 21-1200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Police Advisory Board,” and replacing it with a new Chapter 21-1200 that reconstitutes and renames the board as the “Police Advisory Commission,” and, as authorized by the Charter, provides for the Commission's appointment and the manner in which the Commission and other officers, employees, and agencies shall fulfill their respective responsibilities with respect to the Commission, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

Councilmember Miller Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Miller:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110142:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the creation, appointment, powers and duties of a Police Advisory Commission; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

Councilmember Miller Introduced and Referred the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Miller:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 110163:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation, appointment, powers and duties of a Police Advisory Commission; to provide for concomitant duties in other officers and agencies; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT.

Councilmember Jones Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmembers Jones and Goode:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110143:** An Ordinance Amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” by adding a new Chapter, entitled “Outsourcing,” to require a cost-benefit analysis before any City contract may be awarded or renewed, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE.



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Councilmember Jones Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Jones and Sanchez:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 110164:** Resolution Recognizing and honoring Joseph Lozito, a resident of Philadelphia, for his courageous actions in helping to detain an alleged serial killer in New York City.

Councilmember Goode Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Goode:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110144:** An Ordinance Amending subsection 19-2604(6) of The Philadelphia Code, under which businesses that enter into agreements to make contributions to community development corporations receive business privilege tax credits, by enacting a temporary moratorium on new contribution agreements under that subsection until Council enacts legislation modifying the terms and conditions of the tax credit, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110145:** An Ordinance Authorizing 217 West George Street LLC to construct, own and maintain an open-air sidewalk café at 217 West George Street, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110146:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on Carpenter street, both sides, 10th street to 11th street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.


Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110147:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on Franklin street, east side, Wolf street to Ritner street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.


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Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

 **Bill No. 110148:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on Morris street, both sides, 12th street to 13th street.


THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

 **Bill No. 110149:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on Clarion street, west side, Ritner street to Porter street.


THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

 **Bill No. 110150:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on 12th street, both sides, Mifflin street to Moore street.


THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

 **Bill No. 110151:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on McKean street, both sides, 11th street to 12th street.


THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

 **Bill No. 110152:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on McClellan street, south side, Juniper street to 13th street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

 **Bill No. 110153:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation Iseminger street, west side, Mifflin street to McKean street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

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Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110154:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on Juniper street, west side, Porter street to Shunk street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110155:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on Porter street, north side, 13th street to 12th street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110156:** An Ordinance Establishing a parking regulation on Christian street, both sides, 12th street to 13th street.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 110165:** Resolution Approving the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the South Central Urban Renewal Area, designated as Parcel No. 311 and also sometimes identified by house number and street address as 814 South Twelfth street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Webster Investments, LLC and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement.

Councilmember Clarke Introduced and Referred the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Clarke:

- 📄 **Bill No. 110157:** An Ordinance Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 63 by relocating the northeasterly curblineline of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, from Twentieth Street to Twenty-first Street, two feet southwestwardly and relocating portions of certain curblines within the area bounded by the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Twenty-first Street, Pennsylvania Avenue, and Twentieth Street to establish certain curb bump-outs and corner

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THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STREETS AND SERVICES.

Councilmember Clarke Introduced and Ordered Placed On Next Week's Final Passage Calendar the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Clarke:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 110166:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Eighteenth and Forty-seventh Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvement in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON RULES**

- ☐ **Bill No. 110051, as amended:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps to provide for changes to the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Tacony Street, Dark Horse Street, the Delaware River, Frankford Creek, and Bridge Street, under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER KENNEY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 110051.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

- ☐ **Bill No. 110053:** An Ordinance Amending the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within the area bounded by Milnor Street, Levick Street, the Delaware River, and Robbins Street, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER KENNEY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 110053.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT**

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📄 **Bill No. 110050, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Fair Practices,” by changing the title to “Fair Practices Ordinance: Protections Against Unlawful Discrimination,” by replacing “handicap” with disability as a protected status, by adding domestic or sexual violence victim status, familial status, and genetic information to the prohibited bases for discrimination; by amending the definition of discrimination, employer, life partnership, public accommodation and other terms, and by adding or deleting other definitions; by narrowing certain exemptions with respect to employment preferences; by amending the prohibition against housing discrimination to include commercial property and real property; by reordering and clarifying the complaint, mediation and hearing procedures of the Commission; by amending and clarifying the remedies available to the Commission upon a finding of a violation; and by changing the order of sections and making other changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 110050.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY’S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

📄 **Bill No. 110060:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the creation, appointment, powers and duties of an independent Jobs Commission; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

COUNCILMEMBER GREENLEE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 110060.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY’S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

📄 **Resolution No. 110063:** Resolution Proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation, appointment, powers and duties of a Jobs Commission; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

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📄 **Bill No. 100677:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 060317) approved September 28, 2006, entitled “An Ordinance authorizing and directing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 275 by extending Parker Avenue from its current terminus on the northeasterly side of a 66' wide right-of-way for railroad purposes, approximately 66' southwestward to the southwest side of said right-of-way, including the dedication to the City, free and clear of all encumbrances except for a right-of-way for railroad purposes, of the bed of the extension of Parker Avenue,” by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

COUNCILMEMBER DICICCO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 100677.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

📄 **Bill No. 110071:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance approved November 13, 2002, entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 258 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Brill Street from Torresdale Avenue to Harbison Avenue, by striking from the City Plan and vacating a certain triangular section of Harbison Avenue, and by reserving and placing on the City Plan a right-of-way for drainage purposes, water main purposes, and gas main purposes, under certain terms and conditions,” by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

COUNCILMEMBER DICICCO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 110071.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS**

📄 **Bill No. 110084, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1, Subcode “PM” (The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code) and Chapter 4-200.0, Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, by amending Section PM-102.0, entitled “Licensing,” to provide for exemptions for certain vacant property uses; and by amending Section A-906 of Subcode “A,” entitled “Property Maintenance Code Fees,” to reduce the license fees charged to own a vacant lot, vacant building or vacant wharf; all under certain terms and conditions.

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PERMIT CONSIDERATION THIS DAY OF BILL NO. 110084.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

- 📄 **Bill No. 080474, as amended:** An Ordinance Enacting a new Chapter 9-3300, entitled "Promoting Healthy Families and Workplaces," to provide that certain employees are entitled to paid sick leave, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PRINTED AND PLACED ON NEXT FIRST READING CALENDAR.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

- 📄 **Bill No. 110051, as amended:** An Ordinance To amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps to provide for changes to the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Tacony Street, Dark Horse Street, the Delaware River, Frankford Creek, and Bridge Street, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

- 📄 **Bill No. 110050, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Fair Practices," by changing the title to "Fair Practices Ordinance: Protections Against Unlawful Discrimination," by replacing "handicap" with disability as a protected status, by adding domestic or sexual violence victim status, familial status, and genetic information to the prohibited bases for discrimination; by amending the definition of discrimination, employer, life partnership, public accommodation and other terms, and by adding or deleting other definitions; by narrowing certain exemptions with respect to employment preferences; by amending the prohibition against housing discrimination to include commercial property and real property; by reordering and clarifying the complaint, mediation and hearing procedures of the Commission; by amending and clarifying the remedies available to the Commission upon a finding of a violation; and by changing the order of sections and making other changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

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📄 **Bill No. 110060:** An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the creation, appointment, powers and duties of an independent Jobs Commission; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

📄 **Bill No. 100677:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 060317) approved September 28, 2006, entitled "An Ordinance authorizing and directing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 275 by extending Parker Avenue from its current terminus on the northeasterly side of a 66' wide right-of-way for railroad purposes, approximately 66' southwestward to the southwest side of said right-of-way, including the dedication to the City, free and clear of all encumbrances except for a right-of-way for railroad purposes, of the bed of the extension of Parker Avenue," by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

📄 **Bill No. 110071:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance approved November 13, 2002, entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 258 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Brill Street from Torresdale Avenue to Harbison Avenue, by striking from the City Plan and vacating a certain triangular section of Harbison Avenue, and by reserving and placing on the City Plan a right-of-way for drainage purposes, water main purposes, and gas main purposes, under certain terms and conditions," by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

📄 **Bill No. 110084, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1, Subcode "PM" (The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code) and Chapter 4-200.0, Subcode "A" (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, by amending Section PM-102.0, entitled "Licensing," to provide for exemptions for certain vacant property uses; and by amending Section A-906 of Subcode "A," entitled "Property Maintenance Code Fees," to reduce the license fees charged to own a vacant lot, vacant building or vacant wharf; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**



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The following persons provided public comment on March 3, 2011:

**Name and Comment Subject**

Carla Fields (110054)


Doris Thomas

Fred Fisher (100200-A)


Alyce Bowling

See Notes of Testimony for full comment.


**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**

-  **Resolution No. 110121:** Resolution Honoring West Philadelphia High School's Hybrid X Team for being among the Top Finalists in the Progressive Insurance Automotive X Prize Contest and Recognizing Team Member Brandon Ford for his Special Invitation to Sit with First Lady Michelle Obama at President Barak Obama's State of the Union Address.


THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

-  **Resolution No. 110122:** Resolution Proclaiming February 2011 as “American Heart Month” and proclaiming February 4, 2011 as “Wear Red Day in the City of Philadelphia.”

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

-  **Resolution No. 110123:** Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the Philadelphia Gay News and it's Publisher Mark Segal on 35 years of ground breaking journalism and civic commitment.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

-  **Resolution No. 110124:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Seventh and Forty-third Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvement in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

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THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 110125:** Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating Mrs. Hermione Clark Hill-Logan on the occasion of her 100th Birthday.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 110126:** Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating the African American Museum in Philadelphia on its 35th Anniversary.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Resolution No. 110127:** Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, without consideration, deeds conveying conditional fee simple title to certain City-owned lots or pieces of ground with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Twenty-eighth, Thirty-second and Thirty-seventh Wards of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia to dispose of such properties for rehabilitation and/or improvement in accordance with the terms of Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL  
PASSAGE**

- ☐ **Bill No. 100782-A:** An Ordinance Amending Section 3 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 090840) approved September 1, 2010, entitled “An Ordinance granting permission to ABEER, LP, owner of the property Oak Lane Diner, 6528 N. Broad Street, to legalize a one-story concrete masonry construction, under certain terms and conditions,” by extending the period for compliance therewith.

THE BILL WAS READ.

COUNCILMEMBER MILLER MOVED TO AMEND BILL NO. 100782 (SEE FILE).

COUNCILMEMBER MILLER MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

THE AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 100782 WAS ADOPTED.

- ☐ **Bill No. 100782-A, as amended:** An Ordinance Amending Section 3 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 090840) approved September 1, 2010, entitled “An Ordinance granting permission to ABEER, LP, owner of the property Oak Lane

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Diner, 6528 N. Broad Street, to legalize a one-story concrete masonry construction, under certain terms and conditions,” by extending the period for compliance therewith.

THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

THE BILL WAS ORDERED PLACED ON FINAL PASSAGE CALENDAR FOR NEXT MEETING..

**Bill No. 100860:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 020252) approved May 29, 2002, entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 13-S by striking from the City Plan and vacating Lawrence Street from Wharton Street to Titan Street and Leithgow Street from Wharton Street to Titan Street; by revising the lines and grades of Reese Street from Reed Street to Wharton Street and Titan Street from Fifth Street to Fourth Street; by placing on the City Plan Earp Street from Fifth Street to relocated Leithgow Street; by striking from the City Plan and vacating certain portions of Earp Street from Fourth Street to Fifth Street; by revising the lines and grades of Lawrence and Leithgow Streets from Reed Street to former Earp Street, all under certain terms and conditions, including the dedication free and clear of all encumbrances the beds of the proposed Earp Street not previously dedicated and the unopened portions of Reese Street, Lawrence Street and Leithgow Street,” by revising the terms and conditions stated therein and extending the period for compliance therewith.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Blackwell, Clarke, Council President Verna, DiCicco, Goode, Green, Greenlee, Jones, Kelly, Kenney, Krajewski, Miller, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Rizzo, Sanchez and Tasco*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 100871:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 040505) approved June 21, 2004, entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the striking from City Plan Nos. 270 and 258 of Sanger Street from Tacony Street to the westerly Pierhead Line of the Delaware River, under certain terms and conditions,” by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Nays: 0*

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*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Blackwell, Clarke, Council President Verna, DiCicco, Goode, Green, Greenlee, Jones, Kelly, Kenney, Krajewski, Miller, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Rizzo, Sanchez and Tasco*

**Bill No. 100872:** An Ordinance Amending Section 2 of an Ordinance (Bill No. 080641) approved November 19, 2008, entitled “An Ordinance authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 128 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Eighteenth Street from Cambria Street to Indiana Avenue and reserving and placing on the City Plan a right-of-way for drainage purposes and water main purposes within the lines of Eighteenth Street being stricken, under certain terms and conditions,” by extending the period for compliance with the terms and conditions stated therein.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Blackwell, Clarke, Council President Verna, DiCicco, Goode, Green, Greenlee, Jones, Kelly, Kenney, Krajewski, Miller, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Rizzo, Sanchez and Tasco*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 110004:** An Ordinance Authorizing John and Concetta Varallo, owners of Pesto Italian Restaurant, 1917 South Broad Street, to construct, own and maintain an encroachment within the right-of-way located on the east footway of Broad Street, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Blackwell, Clarke, Council President Verna, DiCicco, Goode, Green, Greenlee, Jones, Kelly, Kenney, Krajewski, Miller, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Rizzo, Sanchez and Tasco*

*Nays: 0*

**Bill No. 110055:** An Ordinance Authorizing Gerald Rothstein and Frederick Mumenthaler, owners of the property located at 1921-23 South Bancroft Street, to legalize an existing encroachment in the right-of-way located on the east public footway of Bancroft Street, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ AND PASSED.

*The Ayes and Nays were as follows:*

*Ayes: 17 - Councilmembers Blackwell, Clarke, Council President Verna, DiCicco, Goode, Green, Greenlee, Jones, Kelly, Kenney, Krajewski, Miller, O'Neill, Reynolds Brown, Rizzo, Sanchez and Tasco*

*Nays: 0*

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📄 **Resolution No. 110159:** Resolution Urging the United States Senate not to pass H.R. 1, the Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011, which would result in funding cuts of almost \$150 million impacting Philadelphia, including a sixty-six (66) percent cut in funds for the Community Development Block Grant program, and to maintain funding for the impacted programs at the fiscal year 2010 funding levels.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Council President Verna - The time has come to consider the Mayor's presentation of his annual budget message.

Council President Verna appointed the following Councilmembers: Tasco, Clarke, Kelly and Rizzo to escort Mayor Michael A. Nutter to the Council Chamber to deliver his message.

The Honorable Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, appeared before the Council and presented his message concerning the Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

📄 **2011 BUDGET ADDRESS**

**MAYOR MICHAEL A. NUTTER  
THURSDAY MARCH 3, 2011**

Council President Verna, Majority Leader Tasco, Majority Whip Clarke, Minority Leader O'Neill, Minority Whip Rizzo, members of Council, distinguished guests, my fellow Philadelphians.

Let me begin paying tribute to a great public servant who has served the people of Philadelphia for more than half a century... Council President Anna C. Verna.

One of my proudest moments as a member of City Council - Madame President - was to cast my vote for the first female President of City Council in the history of Philadelphia.

Madame President you have given a lifetime of service to the people of the 2nd District and to this entire city, and for that we say thank you.

I would also like to recognize the three other members of this body who will be retiring this year.

Councilwoman Joan Krajewski, Councilwoman Donna Reed Miller, and Councilman Jack Kelly.

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Let us thank these three dedicated and passionate public servants.

We gather at a time of great opportunity and great threat.

At a time of hope and caution.

A time when we've won hard-fought stability, but tremendous uncertainty still lies ahead.

And though I am fully aware of further challenges in the near future, we will not compromise on our goals, we will not adjust our vision, and we will not relent for one second in our pursuit of the 21st Century Philadelphia that we all know we can be.

On January 7, 2008 - when we all took the oath of office - I promised the people of Philadelphia that we would be a safer city, a smarter city, a healthier, greener city and that my administration would crack down on corruption, reform government, and truly serve all of our citizens.

I know what I was elected to do.

And since Day One - working in partnership with this City Council - we have remained focused on these shared goals, moving this city forward and beginning to realize our common vision for a Philadelphia that regains its prominence as not only one of the great American cities, but as a great global city.

We're a safer city than we were three years ago - with a 22% drop in homicides and a 13% reduction in violent crime.

We're a smarter city than we were three years ago with more students graduating from high school, going on to college, and realizing their full potential.

We're a greener city than we were three years ago with more than 200 new acres of green space, almost 40,000 new trees, and a growing national and international reputation as the green city to watch in the United States.

And over the last three years we have worked hard every day to root out corruption, reform our government, and give Philadelphians a City Hall in which they can finally be proud.

Have we been perfect? No.

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Have we made mistakes? Of course.

Is there much more work to do? Yes.

But I am proud of the progress that we have made and I want to thank this City Council for your advice and guidance throughout my time in the Mayor's Office.

The last three years have been some of the most turbulent times in our city's long and proud history.

Despite the biggest recession since the Great Depression - a time when our city faced financial challenges unparalleled in modern times - we fought through this crisis in a way that preserved services, protected our most vulnerable residents, and invested in the future.

- We closed a \$2.4 billion hole in our Five Year Plan.
- We spending over \$130 million less each year on operations.
- And we reduced the size of our workforce by 1,600 positions.

And yet...

- We didn't lay off one police officer, fire fighter, sanitation or health center worker. Not one.
- We kept all of our rec centers open.
- Last summer - with the help of generous citizens and businesses - all of our pools were open and they will all be open again this summer.
- And we did not close a single library. Not one.

It hasn't been easy. Many people were upset by some of the actions we took.

I was one of them!

There is no easy or popular way to tackle a recession.

Leadership requires us - as elected and appointed officials - to do what needs to be done to fight for our city and protect our people.

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We did what we had to do.

We did what we said we'd do.

And what we did...is working.

City government today is smaller, spends less on daily operations, and is more efficient.

Our tax revenues have stabilized - they are no longer dropping like a rock.

And because of the cuts we have already made - and continue to make - we are able to make investments in essential core services without asking for any further tax increase from the people and businesses of Philadelphia.

There are no tax increases in the budget that I propose today, the temporary 1% sales tax increase will expire in FY15 - as promised - and the wage and business tax cuts that we suspended will be reinstated in FY14.

The people of this city have given enough.

And so to balance our budget we will not ask for more revenue from our citizens.

We'll continue to cut spending - an additional \$14 million over the next five years on top of the more than \$1 billion in the last two.

We'll find new savings by creating a Task Force to examine all City facilities and assets, determining where we can consolidate and which ones we no longer need.

We'll announce a comprehensive plan in the coming weeks for putting to productive use the vacant land and buildings owned by the City of Philadelphia.

And we'll remain relentless in our pursuit of those who think they can have a free-ride on the backs of law-abiding, tax paying Philadelphians. Cracking down on tax delinquents and chasing every dollar owed to us has generated more than \$85 million in revenue over the last two years and next year we will increase delinquent tax collections by a further 10%.

If you owe us money, we're coming to get it.

Throughout this crisis - we maintained our focus on the long-term and balanced



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targeted spending cuts with temporary tax increases.

We protected - not decimated - the services that so many Philadelphians rely upon.

And because of the approach we took - businesses are investing once again, they are beginning to create jobs, and our economy is starting to turn the corner.

Starting to turn the corner.

We must capitalize on the beginnings of this recovery.

We must continue to invest - where we can - in our core priorities if we are to remain an attractive choice for citizens, businesses and jobs.

Now, don't get me wrong - our finances remain very tight.

But our responsible and disciplined stewardship of the economy - and the cuts made in the last two budgets - mean that this year we are finally able to make essential investments.

- To fight crime we are investing in a new class of 120 police officers this year to hit the streets right at the beginning of next year - and we are taking steps to put in a new class of firefighters as soon as we can.
- To ensure that all Philadelphians have the skills and education that they need to succeed in today's economy we are investing an additional \$1 million a year in the Free Library specifically to support and promote adult literacy - a serious issue for our city that we will no longer ignore.
- To fix - once and for all - our broken property assessment system, we're investing \$4.4 million annually. The assessment notices that go out in the Fall of 2012 will be based on the actual value of properties. We're going to fix this system. Citizens have waited long enough. It's time to finish the job.
- To update our infrastructure we will spend \$100 million making capital improvements to police and fire stations, rec centers, IT, and repaving the streets.
- To attract more global businesses and visitors to Philadelphia, we will begin - this year - the \$5 billion expansion of the Philadelphia International Airport - a project that is expected to create 45,000 jobs over the next 12 years.

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- And to transform the Delaware River Waterfront into one of the most dynamic, accessible, exciting urban waterfronts anywhere in the United States we will unveil - in June - a new Master Plan that will guide development over the next 25 years.

My fellow Philadelphians, because we preserved essential services and - with these new investments - are continuing our relentless march toward a safer, smarter, greener Philadelphia, businesses are once again investing and creating jobs in our city.

And I'm not just talking about major corporations like Teva Pharmaceuticals, GlaxoSmithKline, and Urban Outfitters.

Small businesses - owned by local residents - are opening and expanding in neighborhoods all across Philadelphia.

Last year we doubled the amount of money that we loaned to small businesses and in the coming year we will continue to streamline and expand our services for local entrepreneurs who are the lifeblood and backbone of communities across this city.

Now, I'm under no illusions. I know that things are still incredibly tough for so many of our citizens.

Every day - as I am out in communities across this city - I hear heartbreaking stories from Philadelphians who have lost their jobs and are struggling to feed their families.

Well your struggle is my struggle.

And so we must continue to do more to attract and grow the businesses that will create jobs for all Philadelphians.

As I said, I am committed to cutting the taxes of workers and businesses in Philadelphia - it's in the plan.

And - working with City Council - it is my expectation that - by the end of this year's budget process we will have a revamped Business Privilege Tax - maybe with a new name - that helps small businesses and removes any disincentives to new companies locating in Philadelphia.

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Philadelphia is open for business.

- We have streamlined the development process.
- Working with L&I is faster and easier than ever before.
- This year we will complete the rewrite of the zoning code - simplifying a convoluted, complex code which has not been fundamentally updated in almost 50 years.
- And working with communities throughout this city we have created Philadelphia 2035 - our first comprehensive plan since 1960, a blueprint for the future development of this city.

We are making it faster, easier, and cheaper to do business and create jobs in Philadelphia...for ALL Philadelphians.

And let me repeat something that I say whenever and wherever I speak about our economy - whether it's at the Chamber of Commerce or in the Church pulpit.

There can be no real recovery in our city unless minority, female and disabled business owners and workers also have access to economic opportunity and share in the prosperity.

In the first quarter of FY11 we increased the percentage of City contracts going to minority-owned firms by almost 22% and over the last two years we have increased the number of these businesses registered with the City by 25%.

And let me just give a shout-out to the newly expanded Pennsylvania Convention Center - which opens tomorrow - a project with 30% minority participation that led the way on providing economic opportunity to all.

Continuing this progress will remain a top priority for our Administration.

Businesses are investing because we invested in the things that make Philadelphia a great city in which to live, work and raise a family.

And there is no better investment that we can make than in our neighborhoods and in our people.

We said right from the start that no matter what the recession threw at us we would preserve our core services and that we would protect the most vulnerable

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Philadelphians.

And so even though we made cuts to virtually every department in the government we made sure that we kept all of our rec centers open, that we opened every library, that young people in every neighborhood had a pool to cool off in on those hot, summer days.

These are the places where the community comes together. Where the community lives. Believe me, I get it.

I learned to swim, played basketball and baseball at Sherwood Rec Center.

As a kid you couldn't drag me away from the Cobbs Creek Branch Library.

These places have a special meaning to me.

But as special as these buildings and facilities are to all of us - they're not what makes a community.

The community is made by the people in that community.

And helping people - our friends, neighbors and fellow Philadelphians - lead a better life is why every one of us in this room got into public service.

It's certainly why I did.

I care very deeply about helping fellow Philadelphians - some who need a second chance, some who have fallen on hard times, some who need our help the most.

That's why we made re-entry for ex-offenders such a priority - serving over 500 men and women in the last seven months through RISE - our Office of Reintegration Services for Ex-Offenders - connecting them to jobs and training programs.

That's why we have remained dedicated to becoming the first major city in the United States to end homelessness - helping 2,000 men, women and children move into permanent, affordable housing.

That's why we are overhauling our workforce development and job training programs in this city, and connecting Philadelphians to job opportunities - last summer placing 13,000 adults and young people in jobs through Way to Work Philadelphia.

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And that's why we have started programs to improve the health of people in our neighborhoods - helping 5,000 people take steps to quit smoking and recruiting almost 500 stores to our Healthy Corner Store Initiative - giving out grants that will assist them in providing fresh fruit and vegetables to their customers.

We're investing in our communities and they're stepping up and joining us in a new partnership to move this city forward.

Let me tell you about one of those communities, the Hartranft community in North Philadelphia.

Over the last year - in Hartranft - we have piloted a new approach to providing neighborhood services, reducing crime, and improving the quality of life in our city.

Working with the community we identified the particular problems in their neighborhood and together we implemented solutions.

We demolished 14 dangerous buildings, cleaned and abated 85 vacant lots, removed graffiti from 330 properties, and organized four community clean-ups.

We opened an indoor pool at the Hartranft Community Center, brought in the Police Athletic League, and opened a new community computer lab at Hartranft Elementary School.

It was the folks in the neighborhood - working in partnership with the City and others - who made all of this happen.

We trained community leaders through our new Citizen Engagement Academy to help them access existing City services.

We brought in volunteers through SERVE Philadelphia to provide support for after-school programs and neighborhood beautification.

We coordinated partners such as Temple University, the School District of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society who wanted to help and get involved.

What was the result of all of this work?

Well, thanks to this partnership, from February to December 2010 crime in

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Hartranft dropped by 16% from the year before.

And - as community leader Diane Bridges put it - we're turning the hood, back into the neighborhood.

We're calling it 'Philly Rising' and we've expanded to three new areas to test the approach in neighborhoods with very different needs:

Haddington in West Philadelphia;

Frankford in North East Philadelphia;

And the Market East section of Center City.

Work is already underway in these communities.

In fact this Saturday I will be attending a Career Boot Camp in West Philly - as part of the Haddington collaborative - where volunteers will be providing job training, resume writing workshops, and interview practice sessions for folks looking for jobs.

Philly Rising is going to become the new model for neighborhood service delivery in the City of Philadelphia and in the budget we'll invest over half a million dollars to take it citywide.

Now, despite all of this work, the tough decisions that we made early on and continue to make, and the sacrifice already made by our citizens, we know that there are further challenges that we will have to confront.

The biggest challenge in our City's future, and the biggest threat to our financial stability comes from runaway pension and health care costs.

In less than 10 years pension costs have increased from around \$200 million to over \$550 million a year.

Our pension fund is less than 50% funded.

And pensions and healthcare costs combined account for 30% of the dollars in our budget.

Now - I know that in the current climate it's tempting to chase headlines and ramp up the rhetoric.

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Well, I prefer results over rhetoric.

And so let me tell you about the real - historic - changes that we have achieved in the last year.

As a result of our latest police and firefighter contract awards we are the only major city in the United States of America to offer new, uniformed employees a hybrid pension plan including a defined contribution element that shares the risk between the City and the employee.

If new police and firefighters opt to join the existing pension plan they will be required to pay 20% more each month.

On healthcare costs - the FOP health plan has moved to self-insurance - adopting the model that we implemented for non-union City employees last year - and we are seeking similar reforms with our firefighters.

Now, this is a good start. But it's not enough.

The first thing we need to do is to end DROP completely.

It was conceived out of good intentions - but it has not worked.

We were told it would be revenue neutral - but it has cost us \$100 million or more.

We have the numbers, we've studied the study.

It's time for it to go.

Next, we need to reform the pension and health care costs for our non-uniformed employees. We simply cannot afford the status quo.

Though - over the last three years - we have avoided millions of dollars in terms of increased wages and health care costs - I want permanent pension and healthcare cost reforms and work rule changes. And I will work with the leaders of DC 33 and 47, through collective bargaining, to sign new contracts as soon as possible.

I have the greatest respect for our employees. They work tremendously hard - often in very difficult circumstances - and over the last two years they've had to

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do more with less as we cut spending across government.

But we cannot ask the citizens of this city - many of whom have lost their own jobs and pensions over the last few years - to continue to pay for outdated, unsustainable benefits packages for public employees.

We just can't afford it.

As we continue our work to reform these contracts we must also face much more immediate challenges that threaten the stability that we have achieved.

The School District of Philadelphia faces a budget deficit - next year - of more than \$400 million.

We have remained in very close contact with the School District as they have grappled with this deficit.

And I look forward to receiving their plan for balancing their budget - a plan that has the least possible impact on students and which preserves - as far as possible - the tremendous gains made over the last few years under the leadership of Superintendent Arlene Ackerman.

In Washington, the federal government has a \$1.7 trillion deficit.

In Harrisburg, Governor Corbett is facing a budget deficit of at least \$4 billion.

And while we don't yet know the exact details, we do know that cuts will need to be made.

And - whether it's President Obama's budget, the proposals made by Republicans in Congress, or the budget that Governor Corbett will introduce to the General Assembly next week - we know that these cuts - if not made carefully and strategically - will have a devastating impact on Philadelphia.

At the federal level - programs that we rely upon such as Community Development Block Grants, funding to help low income residents pay for heating costs, and money to provide internship and job training opportunities for young people - are all facing major reductions.

At the state level - two of the biggest areas of discretionary spending are education and social services.



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Now, we in this Chamber have had to make some very difficult decisions as we have balanced the City budget over the last three years. We get it.

And I have pledged directly - to President Obama and Governor Corbett - that I will work with them as they make spending reductions and reform programs so that we aren't balancing budgets on the backs of those least able to carry the weight.

But - just as we fought to preserve core services and continue to move our city forward - we now need to be ready to fight drastic, across the board cuts that will reverse gains made in education, hurt the most vulnerable people in our city, and negatively impact our ability to attract businesses and create jobs.

And so - whether it's in Washington or Harrisburg - I am calling on parents and students, businesses and non-profits, advocacy groups and community leaders - to join me in making the case for Philadelphia, making the case for fair and reasonable funding for education and social services, making the case for not destroying and reversing the progress that we have made in recent years.

I don't know exactly what President Obama and the Congress are going to do.

I don't know exactly what Governor Corbett and the General Assembly are going to do.

But I know what we're going to do.

We're going to stand up and fight for the budget that I introduce today.

This is a budget that will make us a safer city by putting more cops on the street.

It's a budget that will make us a smarter city by tackling the quiet shame of 550,000 Philadelphians who don't have adequate literacy skills.

It's a budget that will continue to attract investment and jobs to Philadelphia by making it easier to build and do business in our city.

And it's a budget that will make our neighborhoods greener and healthier by maintaining investments in our parks, improving our rec centers and pools, and supporting essential public health programs for citizens.

We're going to continue to reform this government, we're going to continue to tackle corruption, and we're going to continue to move this city forward.

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I won't accept anything less for Philadelphia.

And I know that this Council and the citizens that we all represent won't accept anything less from me.

We've been through an incredibly tough couple of years. And there are further challenges coming our way that we must confront and that will test us once again.

But I believe that we are stronger city than we were three years ago and I believe that this is a time - not for dejection or despondency - but for determination, strength, resilience, and hope.

Hope is what I talked about on that sunny Saturday afternoon in July 2006 when I stood on a Parkside Avenue porch and announced that I was running for Mayor of Philadelphia.

On that day did I know that during my first term as Mayor we would be confronted with a massive economic crisis?

Of course not.

But what I did know was that - even before the recession - our city was in trouble and I believed that we could be a better place.

I believed that we could do something about the madness of violence on our streets and become a safer city.

I believed that more of our young people could stay in school and go on to college.

I believed that we could transform the image of this city, bringing businesses that would create jobs for Philadelphians and attracting more people to live here.

And I believed that we no longer needed to tolerate the corruption that had stained the reputation of our city for too long.

I believed it because I knew we could do it. And we've made progress on all of those goals.

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Now, I've had to do some things that I never thought I would do if elected Mayor of this city - raise taxes, cut back on services, ask people in our neighborhoods to sacrifice.

But - as I look around the country at other cities that are laying off police officers and firefighters, closing facilities, implementing drastic cuts - I know that we had to do what we did when we did it.

I know people are struggling. I know it's still too hard out there for too many Philadelphians.

It's my responsibility to fix that. And I take it very seriously and personally.

You know, on Tuesday we kicked off this year's fundraising campaign to keep all of our pools open and there were about 30 kids - kindergartners - from Myers Rec Center in the front row at the press conference.

As I was talking I thought about how much the rec center meant to these kids - all in their little matching red t-shirts. I thought about what Sherwood Rec Center meant to me as a kid.

And I had to pause for a second - I got a little emotional. It's happened to me before.

Somebody asked me afterwards, "Was that real?"

Yes it's real.

These are my kids. These are my rec centers. This is my city. I care.

And so do so many others.

Yesterday I visited Firefighter Michael McGuire as he lay in a hospital bed in the intensive care unit at HUP - seriously injured as he searched a burning building to make sure everybody got out.

This is one of our public servants. And this is our guy. Our public safety hero.

This is real for me. Every day.

And it is serving all of you - the people of my hometown - that motivates me every day to do more, to work harder, to make this city the city that I know it can

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be.

Now there are still hard times ahead.

But we'll get through it. Because we have that Philadelphia spirit.

I know that spirit.

I know how we stick together in times of crisis.

I know how we fight for what we believe in.

But I also know that sometimes we have tendency to look down on ourselves.

We need to get used to the fact that Philadelphia is a city on the rise.

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**SPEECHES**

COUNCILMEMBER GREEN - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY).

COUNCILMEMBER CLARKE MOVED TO ADJOURN

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.