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Thursday, April 20, 2006

EXCUSED: 1 - Councilmember Mariano

PRESENT: 15 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Goode, Kelly, Kenney, Ramos, Rizzo, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Nutter, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

Council met, a quorum being present.

Reverend John Coger of New Hope Baptist Church was introduced and offered an appropriate prayer.

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2006.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

Councilmember Blackwell requested leave of absence for Councilmember Mariano.

THE REQUEST WAS GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 060009, 060043, 060053, 060057, 060110, 060114, 060116, 060141, 060156 and 060183, which were passed by Council on March 30, 2006, were signed by the Mayor on April 20, 2006. (File No. 060305)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a message advising Council that Bill Nos. 060086, 060112, 060158 and 060159, which were passed by Council on April 6, 2006, were signed by the Mayor on April 20, 2006. (File No. 060306)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

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- Transmitting a bill approving the thirteenth amendment of the redevelopment proposal for the Mantua Urban Renewal Area, being the area beginning at the intersection of Fortieth street and Spring Garden street, including the tenth amendment to the urban renewal plan and the relocation plan, as amended, which provides, inter alia, for the additional land acquisition of approximately twenty-two (22) properties for commercial and related uses, the additional land acquisition of approximately four (4) properties for residential and related uses; the provision of certain relocation services, as required by law and declaring that condemnation is not imminent with respect to the Project, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Director of the Redevelopment Authority. (File No. 060307)

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 South Central Urban Renewal Area, designated as Parcel No. 278 as 1100-1104 South street including 602-606 South Eleventh street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Killian Properties, 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 Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority. (File No. 060308)

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 Model Cities Urban Renewal Area, designated as Parcel No. 529 also sometimes identified by house number and street address as 819-21 North Uber street; authorizing the Redevelopment authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Leon C. Black 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. 060309)

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 South Central Urban Renewal Area, designated as Parcel No. 292 as 1420 Pemberton street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Angelo M. Mattei, 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.

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(File No. 060310)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

- Transmitting a bill authorizing the Director of Housing and Community Development (Housing Director), on behalf of the City, to file applications with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); authorizing the Housing Director to file applications with HUD to participate in the HOME Investment Partnership program and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program; authorizing the Housing Director, on behalf of the City, to file an application with HUD for a Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant; authorizing the Housing Director, on behalf of the City, to file an application or applications to obtain grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, under the Act of April 12, 1956, P.L. 1449, Section 4, as amended, to prevent and eliminate blight; authorizing the Director of Commerce to use the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program; and authorizing the Housing Director and the Director of Commerce to enter into all understanding and assurances contained in such applications and take all necessary action to accept the grants, all under certain terms and conditions. (File No. 060311)

THE COMMUNICATION WAS READ.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILMEMBER BLACKWELL MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF COUNCIL SO AS TO PERMIT THE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF ALL RESOLUTIONS.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

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

- Bill No. 060285:**An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by the I-76 Schuylkill Expressway, a Railroad right-of-way and Penrose Ferry Road.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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


- Bill No. 060286:**An Ordinance approving the thirteenth amendment of the redevelopment proposal for the Mantua Urban Renewal Area, being the area beginning at the intersection of Fortieth street and Spring Garden street, including

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the tenth amendment to the urban renewal plan and the relocation plan, as amended, which provides, inter alia, for the additional land acquisition of approximately twenty-two (22) properties for commercial and related uses, the additional land acquisition of approximately four (4) properties for residential and related uses; the provision of certain relocation services, as required by law and declaring that condemnation is not imminent with respect to the Project.


THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

 **Bill No. 060287:**An Ordinance providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to Article VIII, Chapter 5 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, entitled "Referenda Approved by the Voters," by adding a new section providing that the citizens of Philadelphia urge the United States to begin an immediate withdrawal of its troops from Iraq, beginning with the National Guard and Reserve and ending with a total withdrawal of U.S. forces by the end of year 2006; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot questions to be voted on; 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 Nutter Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Nutter:

 **Bill No. 060288:**An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Roberts Avenue, Wissahickon Avenue, Hunting Park Avenue, Crowell Street, Ontario Street, 22nd Street, Westmoreland Street, Stokely Street, 25th Street, Fox Street, Hunting Park Avenue and Henry Avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Councilmember Ramos Introduced the following Bill, Sponsored by Councilmember Ramos:

 **Bill No. 060289:**An Ordinance amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions," by adding a new Chapter entitled "Sheet Metal Technician," requiring certain licensing of persons performing duct work used in HVAC systems, under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 060290:**An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Poplar Street, Canal Street, Lewellen Street and Delaware Avenue.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 060291:**An Ordinance amending Section 9-407 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Tour Passenger Carriers," by providing for additional Tour Passenger Loading Zones on Filbert Street between 12th and 13th streets, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

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

- 📄 **Bill No. 060292:**An Ordinance amending Section 14-1611 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Benjamin Franklin Parkway Controls," by providing for additional height controls in the vicinity of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Blackwell Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Blackwell, Kenney and Ramos:

- 📄 **Resolution No. 060293:**Resolution calling on the Council of the City of Philadelphia to hold hearings on the issue of Immigration, to explore how it affects our City, and to make recommendations as to what is appropriate action to protect the residents who live within our borders.

WHEREAS, Some eleven million undocumented immigrants live and work in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Immigrant and Citizenship Coalition estimates that between 60,000 and 70,000 undocumented immigrants live and work in the Philadelphia region including Latinos, Africans, Asians, Caribbeans, Irish men

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and women, Brazilians, Chinese community members and Indonesians; and

WHEREAS, Many of these individuals have come to America seeking the better quality of life sought by the many immigrants who came before them; and

WHEREAS, Undocumented immigrant workers have made positive and important contributions to the U.S. and local economies by taking jobs in the construction, manufacturing and service industries that Americans would not fill; and

WHEREAS, Undocumented immigrant workers pay taxes, support their families and contribute to communities where they live in similar fashion to that of American workers; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. House of Representatives has passed immigration legislation, the Border Protection Act, that would criminalize being an undocumented immigrant; and

WHEREAS, The Border Protection Act would classify churches, charities, social service agencies and other groups that help these immigrants as smugglers; and

WHEREAS, The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the National Restaurant Association and faith and immigrant-advocacy groups support alternative legislation that ultimately would allow undocumented immigrants to become legal residents; and


WHEREAS, Criminalization and mass deportation of undocumented immigrant workers could have serious adverse effects on the Philadelphia regional economy; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Will hold hearings on the issue of Immigration, to explore how it affects our City, and to make recommendations as to what is appropriate action to protect the residents who live within our borders.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Blackwell Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Blackwell:

 **Resolution No. 060294:**Resolution recognizing Robert Vernon Hess, Deputy Managing Director for Special Needs Housing for his Years of Service to the City

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of Philadelphia and its Citizens, and Congratulating him on his Appointment as the Commissioner of New York City's Department of Homeless Services.

WHEREAS, Robert Vernon Hess joined the City's Managing Directors Office in 2001 as Deputy Managing Director for Special Needs Housing; and

WHEREAS, His responsibilities included oversight of the Office of Adult Services, the Office of Emergency Shelter Services, Riverview Home for the Aged, Housing Support Services and the Office of HIV Planning; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Mr. Hess, the Office of Adult Services helped develop the Mayor's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, the Office of Adult Services reduced the number of individuals living on the streets of Philadelphia by 60%; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hess spearheaded the first Housing First program which served the chronically homeless individuals in the City resulting in more than 130 individuals moving from the streets and into permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hess and the Adult Services Team of nearly 250 people helped establish the Philadelphia Housing Support Services Center to act as a centralized gatekeeper for local housing resources; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hess helped to create a twenty-four hour, seven-day-a-week emergency response and relocation system to move families and individuals in need of emergency relocation directly into supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, Last fall, Mayor Street asked Mr. Hess to head the city's relief effort for more than 1,400 Hurricane Katrina victims who fled to Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, During his career, he received several important appointments including appointment by Mayor Street to the Philadelphia Homeless Trust Fund Board; appointment by Governor Rendell as a member of the Pennsylvania Housing Advisory Committee; and appointment by Mayor Schmoke to serve on the Baltimore City Homeless Relief Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hess will be leaving his position as the City's Deputy Managing Director for Special Needs Housing; and

WHEREAS, He will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, We will be forever grateful for his dedication and commitment to

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improving the quality of life for the City's less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, We congratulate him and wish him success in his new position as the commissioner of New York City's Department of Homeless Services; now therefore, be it


RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby Recognize Robert Vernon Hess Deputy Managing Director for Special Needs Housing for his Years of Service to the City of Philadelphia and its Citizens and Congratulate him on his Appointment as the commissioner of New York City's Department of Homeless Services; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be prepared as an expression of this body's sincere sentiment for the contributions of Mr. Robert Vernon Hess.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Blackwell Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers Blackwell, Goode, DiCicco, Miller, Ramos, Reynolds Brown, Kenney and Clarke:

 **Resolution No. 060295:**Resolution proposing an amendment to Article VIII, Chapter 5 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, entitled "Referenda Approved by the Voters," by adding a new section Providing that the citizens of Philadelphia urge the United States to begin an immediate withdrawal of its troops from Iraq, beginning with the National Guard and Reserve and ending with a total withdrawal of U.S. forces by the end of year 2006.

WHEREAS, Under Section 6 of the First Class City Home Rule Act (53 P.S. §13106), an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the Council of the City of Philadelphia adopted with the concurrence of two-thirds of its elected members; now, therefore,

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

THAT the following amendment to Article VIII of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter is hereby proposed and shall be submitted to the electors of the City on an election date designated by ordinance:

ARTICLE VIII
PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

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CHAPTER 5 REFERENDA APPROVED BY THE VOTERS

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§8-502. Withdrawal of U.S. Forces from Iraq by the end of year 2006

We, the citizens of Philadelphia, believe that our troops have performed their mission successfully and with honor. It is now time for U.S. troops to come home from Iraq. Withdrawal of U.S. forces by the end of year 2006 will strengthen Iraqi determination to establish a coalition government and to rebuild their nation.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

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

Councilmember Blackwell Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Blackwell:

 **Resolution No. 060296:**Resolution calling on Council's Committee on Education to hold hearings on the feasibility of creating career and job training opportunities for employment positions in the gaming industry.

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania General Assembly passed legislation allowing up to 14 slot parlor gaming establishments to be located in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The legislation will allow two slot parlors to be located in the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Under the legislation, Pennsylvania would house the second largest collection of slot machines in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Street established the Gaming Advisory Taskforce to assess, among other things, the potential economic impact of gaming in the City; and

WHEREAS, According to the Taskforce the two Philadelphia casinos will likely generate more than \$600 million dollars in their first full year of operation; and

WHEREAS, The Taskforce estimated that gaming will create between 7,000 and 12,000 jobs in and around casinos; and

WHEREAS, The Taskforce estimated that there will likely be 1,445 and 1,500

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gaming operations jobs and between 2,100 and 4,500 new jobs in ancillary operations at the two Philadelphia casinos; and

WHEREAS, The Taskforce estimated that casinos will indirectly lead to between 3,900 and 6,400 new jobs from growth in other industries and in local businesses that service casino patrons and businesses that service casinos; and

WHEREAS, Casino construction is expected to create between 945 and 1,071 temporary construction jobs paying between \$30 and \$34 million in wages with another 1,703 to 1,922 indirect construction-related jobs paying between \$69 and \$78 million in wages; and

WHEREAS, The jobs in casinos will likely be union jobs and will likely be relatively higher quality jobs with higher wages and better benefits than other retail and hospitality industry jobs available to workers with comparable qualifications; and

WHEREAS, The School District of Philadelphia could explore the benefits of providing courses and job training to students interested in employment opportunities in the gaming industry and in industries expected to grow because of gaming in Philadelphia; now therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we call on Council's Committee on Education to hold hearings on the feasibility of creating career and job training opportunities for employment positions in the gaming industry.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED & REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

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

Resolution No. 060297: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. 292 as 1420 Pemberton street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Angelo M. Mattei, and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement.

WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia (hereafter "Redevelopment Authority") has prepared and submitted an urban

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renewal plan and a redevelopment proposal for the redevelopment of the South Central Urban Renewal Area, (hereinafter "South Central"), which said plan and proposal were approved by Ordinance of the Council on December 14, 1971 as amended, and

WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Authority has prepared a disposition supplement providing, inter alia, for development controls and regulations imposed upon the redeveloper.

WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Authority has prepared a redevelopment contract for a portion of South Central, designated as Parcel No. 292 as 1420 Pemberton street (the "Property"). The area of said Property is bounded as follows:

Parcel No. 292 (1420 Pemberton street).

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground situated in the Thirtieth Ward of the City of Philadelphia beginning on the south side of Pemberton street (thirty feet wide) at the distance of one hundred seventy feet westward from the west side of Rosewood street (twenty feet wide); Containing in front or breadth along the south side of the said Pemberton street sixteen feet and extending of that width in length or depth between parallel lines at right angles to the said Pemberton street fifty six feet to the north side of a certain ten feet wide alley (Nelson's Alley) extending eastward into the said Rosewood street.

The said redevelopment contract is in substantial conformity with the amended urban renewal plan and the amended redevelopment proposal approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Angelo M. Mattei desires to enter into the said redevelopment contract for the Property.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement submitted by the Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment of that portion of South Central, as hereinabove more particularly described, is hereby approved. City Council authorizes the Redevelopment Authority to proceed with minor changes in substantial conformity with the hereby approved redevelopment contract and disposition supplement. The Redevelopment Authority is authorized to execute the hereby approved redevelopment contract with Angelo M. Mattei (hereinafter "Redeveloper"). The Redevelopment Authority and the Redeveloper are authorized to take such action in substantial conformity to the redevelopment contract as may be necessary to carry it out.

RESOLVED, The Redevelopment Authority and the Redeveloper are authorized to prepare or cause to be prepared for introduction into the Council such ordinances or resolutions as may be necessary for changes in zoning, streets, alleys, public ways, street patterns, location and relocation of public utilities, and related items which are required in order to facilitate and effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement hereby approved. Accordingly, the Council hereby declares that it will cooperate in helping to carry

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out the redevelopment contract and requests the various officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City having administrative responsibilities in the premises likewise to cooperate to such end and to exercise their respective functions and powers in a manner consistent with the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Krajewski Introduced the following Resolution for Councilmember Council President Verna, Sponsored by Councilmembers Krajewski, Miller, Nutter, Goode, Reynolds Brown, DiCicco, Ramos, Rizzo, Blackwell, Kenney, Tasco, O'Neill, Kelly and Clarke:

📄 **Resolution No. 060298:**Resolution recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Honoring Women Organized Against Rape for Its Outstanding Work.

WHEREAS, The month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Women Organized Against Rape (WOAR) is the largest rape crisis center in the Delaware Valley and the second largest in the nation. Established out of the vital need to support victim/survivors of sexual assault and sexual abuse, WOAR has aided over a million children and adults through education, advocacy and counseling during times of desperate need and suffering; and

WHEREAS, Woman Organized Against Rape's thirty-five years of experience ensures that individuals and families living in Philadelphia whose lives have been violently affected by rape, sexual assault, sexual abuse and other forms of violence, will receive expert, high quality compassion and care. The mission of Women Organized Against Rape is to eliminate all forms of-sexual violence and to advocate for the rights of victims of sexual assault. WOAR is committed to helping individuals and families regain control of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Women Organized Against Rape each year provides more than 100,000 children and adults with specialized education in leadership, mentoring, and violence prevention programs. Over 1,100 individuals every year receive the support of an Advocate at preliminary hearings and trials so that, while facing the offender, the victim/survivor is not alone; and

WHEREAS, More than 5,000 individuals a year make a call to WOAR's 24-Hour Hotline, assured that when they reach out for help, someone will be there. More than 24,000 hours of group and individual therapy is provided free-of-charge.

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More than 5,000 children and adults receive individual specialized therapy to reduce Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and, each year, WOAR reaches into new communities to ensure that individuals and families suffering in silence hear about the many services that Philadelphia affords its residents; now therefore


RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Honor Women Organized Against Rape as the agent of change that has enabled the City of Philadelphia to be acknowledged as a leader in the nation for outstanding education, advocacy and support which has impacted policies and laws resulting in improved treatment and care for all victim/survivors of sexual assault and sexual abuse; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution shall be presented to Women Organized Against Rape as evidence of the sincere respect, deep admiration, and high regard this legislative body has for its outstanding work.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

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

 **Resolution No. 060299:**Resolution recognizing May 1st - May 7th 2006 as Correctional Employees Week.

WHEREAS, The employees of the Philadelphia Prison System manage a population of over 8000 inmates, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, Our prison employees are responsible for the safety, security, dignity and well-being of those who are charged to their care; and

WHEREAS, By carrying out their duties effectively, the men and women who work at the Philadelphia Prison System are protecting our communities, and enabling the smooth function of our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Within a controlled environment, our correctional employees provide the guidance, instruction, skills and opportunities that allow people to remake their lives, and reconnect with their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Most importantly, our correctional employees have demonstrated a vision of a correctional system that works hand in hand with our communities and

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neighborhoods to support and encourage those who change their lives and begin to reach the promise and potential that is within each of us; and

WHEREAS, Correctional employees are a vital partner in the public safety picture; and

WHEREAS, No group of Philadelphia's public servants have a more difficult or less publicly visible job than the women and men who work in our correctional facilities, parole and probation offices; now therefore


RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That May 1st - 7th 2006 be recognized as Correctional Employees Week; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Commissioner Leon A. King as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Reynolds Brown Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Reynolds Brown:

 **Resolution No. 060300:**Resolution honoring NBC 10 on the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Fit Fest Program.

WHEREAS, The NBC 10 television station is celebrating ten years of good health at its anniversary in April 2006; and

WHEREAS, The Fit Fest is an annual event that attracts over 65,000 consumers, and is the third largest Expo in the Delaware Valley behind the Flower Show and the Auto Show that continues to grow each year; and

WHEREAS, This free event to the public has provided opportunities to over 100 businesses and non-profit organizations to participate in providing consumer education on staying healthy; and

WHEREAS, The designed intent is to inspire, advocate, and educate attendees in the categories of cholesterol, diabetes, osteoporosis, blood pressure, prostate, kidney disease, breast cancer, glaucoma, vision and hearing and much more; and

WHEREAS, Professional fitness experts heighten the experience of an Expo visitor through clinics, seminars, demonstrations and classes in: exercise, rock

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climbing, children's aerobics scuba diving, in-line skating and virtual golf; and

WHEREAS, NBC 10 Medical Reporter ,Cherie Bank, has served in the capacity as host since its inception, providing the City with numerous news reports that spotlight the importance of getting early health screenings; and

WHEREAS, The opportunity to meet and greet national celebrities, NBC news team members, and health experts permits the attendees to talk and ask questions about the various health issues that they champion; and

WHEREAS, Friday, April 21, 2006, NBC 10 will kick-off the festivities of the tenth anniversary as Cherie Bank, hosts a half-hour special "NBC 10 Fit Fest: Commit to Be Fit"; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, April 22nd, and Sunday April 23rd, NBC 10 will be hosting the annual event at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, featuring new attractions of soccer, hockey speed shot, tennis, and the biking pavilion, during the hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor the NBC 10 Fit Fest event - celebrating 10 years of good health.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to NBC 10 representatives: Dennis Bianchi, President and General Manager, and Cherie Bank as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Goode Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Goode:

Resolution No. 060301:Resolution honoring the Amachi Program on the occasion of its 5th Anniversary and declaring April 27, 2006 as "Amachi Day" in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, "Amachi" is a Nigerian Ibo word that means "Who knows but what God has brought us through this child"; and

WHEREAS, Amachi is a unique partnership of secular and faith-based organizations working together to provide mentoring to children of incarcerated parents. Faith institutions work with human service providers and public agencies (particularly justice institutions) to identify children of prisoners and match them with caring adults; and

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WHEREAS, Amachi began in Philadelphia in September 2000 with funding from Pew Charitable Trusts as a partnership between Public/Private Ventures (P/PV) and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southeastern Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, P/PV was responsible for administrative oversight and financial management of the program and for recruiting congregations and children. The organization also collected and analyzed the data used to monitor the matches and gauge the overall progress of Amachi. Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southeastern Pennsylvania screened the volunteers and children, and made the match; and

WHEREAS, In 2002 P/PV began an Amachi Program in New York, and during the fall of 2003, P/PV began expanding the Amachi model nationwide with the help of funding from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the William Simon Foundation. The first Amachi Training Institute was conducted in December 2003; and

WHEREAS, There are 231 agencies who provide mentors for children of incarcerated parents and 108 agencies who directly implement the Amachi model nationwide; they have partnered with over 1000 churches and served approximately 17,000 children; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that children with an incarcerated parent have a 70% chance of ending up in prison themselves without this type of direct intervention; now therefore


RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the Council hereby honors the Amachi Program on the occasion of its 5th Anniversary and declares April 27, 2006 as "Amachi Day" in the City of Philadelphia; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Reverend Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr. whose leadership and direction has created a nationwide movement for mentoring children of prisoners.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmembers DiCicco, Council President Verna and Kenney:

 **Resolution No. 060302:**Resolution declaring May 18, 2006 as Frankie Avalon Day in honor of his three generation career in music, movies and television and for his appearance at the 2006 Sorrento Cheese 9th Street Italian Market Festival.

WHEREAS, Frankie Avalon was born Francis Avallone in 1940 in South Philadelphia. At a young age, his father taught him how to play the trumpet and he often appeared at Palumbo's CR Club; and

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WHEREAS, In 1952, while performing at a private party for legend Al Martino, a talent scout was impressed by Avalon's talent. Frankie soon performed on Jackie Gleason's TV show which led to his first record on a local Philadelphia label; and

WHEREAS, Frankie eventually signed with Philadelphia's own Chancellor Records and recorded his first singles "Cupid" and "Teacher's Pet." His next single, "De De Dinah," he had so little respect for that he recorded it while holding his nose; however, after appearing on Dick Clark's American Bandstand the song became his first hit and sold over a million copies. After "De De Dinah," his next several songs were big hits culminating in the huge success of "Venus"; and

WHEREAS, In 1960 Frankie Avalon began to appear in films like The Alamo and in 1963 held the starring role in Drums of Africa. Also in 1963, Frankie was first paired with Annette Funicello in Beach Party. This film and its sequels, featuring surfing, dancing and bikinis, were a hit with teenagers and rocketed Avalon to immortality; and

WHEREAS, Frankie's career has continued through the years with the recording of dozens of singles and his appearance in over 30 films and he continues to headline shows in Las Vegas Hotel Mainrooms; and

WHEREAS, Frankie Avalon has not appeared in Philadelphia in several years and he returns to be the headline talent for the 2006 Sorrento Cheese 9th Street Italian Market Festival; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Declares May 18, 2006 as Frankie Avalon Day in honor of his three generation career in music, movies and television and for his appearance at the 2006 Sorrento Cheese 9th Street Italian Market Festival.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember DiCicco Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember DiCicco:

- ☐ **Resolution No. 060303:**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. 278 as 1100-1104 South street including 602-606 South Eleventh street; and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute the redevelopment contract with Killian

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Properties, LLC, and to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement.

WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia (hereafter "Redevelopment Authority") has prepared and submitted an urban renewal plan and a redevelopment proposal for the redevelopment of the South Central Urban Renewal Area, (hereinafter "South Central"), which said plan and proposal were approved by Ordinance of the Council on December 14, 1971 as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Authority has prepared a disposition supplement providing, inter alia, for development controls and regulations imposed upon the redeveloper.

WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Authority has prepared a redevelopment contract for a portion of South Central, designated as Parcel No. 278 as 1100-1104 South street including 602-606 South Eleventh street (the "Property"). The area of said Property is bounded as follows:

Parcel No. 278 (1100-1104 South street including 602-606 South Eleventh street).

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground situated in the Second Ward of the City of Philadelphia beginning at the point on intersection of the southerly side of South street (fifty one feet wide) and the westerly side of Eleventh street (fifty feet wide); Containing in front or breadth on the said South street forty eight feet six inches and extending of that width in length or depth between parallel lines at right angles to the said South street sixty eight feet to a point on the north side of a certain eight feet wide alley that extends eastward into the said Eleventh street.

The said redevelopment contract is in substantial conformity with the amended urban renewal plan and the amended redevelopment proposal approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Killian Properties, LLC desires to enter into the said redevelopment contract for the Property.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement submitted by the Redevelopment Authority for the redevelopment of that portion of South Central, as hereinabove more particularly described, is hereby approved. City Council authorizes the Redevelopment Authority to proceed with minor changes in substantial conformity with the hereby approved redevelopment contract and disposition supplement. The Redevelopment Authority is authorized to execute the hereby approved redevelopment contract with Killian Properties, LLC (hereinafter "Redeveloper"). The Redevelopment Authority and the Redeveloper are authorized to take such action in substantial conformity to the redevelopment contract as may be necessary to carry it out.

RESOLVED, The Redevelopment Authority and the Redeveloper are authorized to prepare or cause to be prepared for introduction into the Council such ordinances or resolutions as may be necessary for changes in zoning, streets,

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alleys, public ways, street patterns, location and relocation of public utilities, and related items which are required in order to facilitate and effectuate the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement hereby approved. Accordingly, the Council hereby declares that it will cooperate in helping to carry out the redevelopment contract and requests the various officials, departments, boards and agencies of the City having administrative responsibilities in the premises likewise to cooperate to such end and to exercise their respective functions and powers in a manner consistent with the redevelopment contract and disposition supplement.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

Councilmember Rizzo Introduced the following Resolution, Sponsored by Councilmember Rizzo:

Resolution No. 060304:Resolution recognizing, Honoring, and Celebrating The Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation for Its Great Success on Its 10th Anniversary, Building The Region's Economy and Image Through Destination Marketing to Increase The Number Of Visitors, The Number Of Nights They Stay And The Number Of Things They Do In The Five-County Region.

WHEREAS, The Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation is a private, non-profit organization founded and funded in 1996 by the City of Philadelphia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pew Charitable Trusts. In 1997, The Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation launched the first consumer campaign to promote to potential tourists the diverse historical, cultural and entertainment/leisure aspects of the five-county region (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia); and

WHEREAS, The Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation promotes Philadelphia and Its Countryside as an incredible, affordable, accessible and desirable destination to the media and to leisure tourists. The resulting exposure is also naturally picked up by business travelers, convention attendees, business and university recruits, and people who travel to visit friends and relatives; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation produced the Philly's More Fun When You Sleep Over(r) Campaign, recognized as the number one tourism recovery generator in the country; the campaign has continued into 2005; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation designs

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and conducts local, regional, national and online advertising campaigns to put The Philadelphia and The Countryside "on the air" and top of mind all year long as an overnight destination and grant programs extending the advertising reach of historical, cultural and multicultural initiatives to markets beyond the five-county area; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation works to improve the visitor experience with such initiatives as holiday lighting, bringing back the Phlash, creating the Neighborhood Tourism Network, creating Culture Files (with a grant from the William Penn Foundation) and working with the Delaware River Port Authority to create the Cruise Philly experience for this new tourism market; and

WHEREAS, Overnight leisure tourism has increased 49% since Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation began advertising, from 5.59 million visitors in 1997 to 8.34 million in 2004.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That City Council Hereby Recognizes, Honors, And Celebrates the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation on it's 10th Anniversary, for it's great success builds the region's economy and image through destination marketing to increase the number of visitors, the number of nights they stay and the number of things they do in the five-county region.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to Meryl Levitz, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation, as further evidencing the sincere admiration and gratitude of this legislative body.

THE RESOLUTION WAS READ.


THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

Councilmember Clarke Moved That Bill No. 040939 Be Withdrawn .

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

 **Bill No. 040939:**An Ordinance authorizing the installation of all-way stop signs at the intersection of Franklin Town Boulevard and Woods Street.

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THE BILL WAS WITHDRAWN.

Councilmember Clarke Moved That Bill No. 050017 Be Withdrawn.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

📄 **Bill No. 050017, as amended:**An Ordinance granting permission to Bharat Patel, owner of the newsstand at the southwest corner of Broad Street and Arch Street, to construct, use and maintain an electrical conduit with an electrical service line and a telecommunications conduit with a telephone service line in and under the public rights-of-way for the purpose of supplying electrical service and telephone service to the newsstand, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS WITHDRAWN.

Councilmember Clarke Moved That Bill No. 050798 Be Withdrawn.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

📄 **Bill No. 050798:**An Ordinance establishing a no parking regulation on Hamilton street between 13th street and Broad street.

THE BILL WAS WITHDRAWN.

Councilmember Clarke Moved That Bill No. 050799 Be Withdrawn.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.

📄 **Bill No. 050799:**An Ordinance regulating the direction of movement of traffic on Hamilton Street, from 13th street to Broad street westbound.

THE BILL WAS WITHDRAWN.

📄 **Bill No. 060012:**An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to acquire fee simple title to, and all other real property interests in, approximately 2.75 acres of real estate known as 3000 and 3030 E. Castor Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

THE BILL WAS READ.

THE BILL WAS PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Goode, Kelly, Kenney, Ramos, Rizzo, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Nutter, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

Nays: 0

📄 **Bill No. 060056:**An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development a

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deed for nominal consideration conveying fee simple title to three adjacent parcels, situate 105-09 Reed Street in the City of Philadelphia, with the buildings and improvements thereon, for further conveyance at fair market value.

THE BILL WAS READ.

THE BILL WAS PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Goode, Kelly, Kenney, Ramos, Rizzo, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Nutter, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

Nays: 0

Bill No. 060144:An Ordinance amending the Ordinance approved June 28, 1966 (Bill No. 1845), as amended, known as the "Philadelphia Housing Development Agreement Ordinance," and entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property on behalf of the City to enter into an agreement with the Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation to provide for low cost residential development and redevelopment in the City and to cooperate in certain housing programs, including the transfer of certain parcels of land, under certain terms and conditions," by requiring the express approval of Council by ordinance prior to the transfer of any City-owned property pursuant to that Ordinance or pursuant to the agreement authorized by that Ordinance.

THE BILL WAS READ.

THE BILL WAS PASSED.

The Ayes and Nays were as follows:

Ayes: 15 - Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Goode, Kelly, Kenney, Ramos, Rizzo, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Blackwell, Nutter, Clarke, Krajewski, Miller, Tasco and O'Neill

Nays: 0

SPEECHES

COUNCILMEMBER NUTTER - IMPORTANT CONFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA - POOR, YOUNG, BLACK MALES, THE HIGH LEVEL OF INCARCERATION RATE, THE LOW LEVEL OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, COLLEGE ATTENDANCE, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

COUNCILMEMBER RAMOS - ISLAND OF PUERTO RICO - (SEE NOTES OF TESTIMONY)

COUNCILMEMBER TASCO MOVED TO ADJOURN.

THE MOTION WAS DULY SECONDED AND AGREED TO.