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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 696, City Hall
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Thursday, September 25, 2003
10:18 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

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COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

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COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER

COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I note that
3 the hour has come and that a quorum of this Council
4 is present. Council will please come to order.
5 Members will take their seats.

6 To give our invocation this morning, the
7 Chair welcomes Monsignor James J. Howard. Monsignor
8 Howard is here today as the guest of Councilman
9 Rizzo.

10 All members and guests will please rise.

11 MONSIGNOR HOWARD: Good morning. I come
12 to you in a prayerful spirit as you begin this
13 session of deliberations. May the Lord grant you
14 wisdom and understanding and answer you in times of
15 distress so that you will seek and establish
16 justice, peace and prosperity for all in our City of
17 Brotherly Love.

18 May you seek the assistance of the Lord,
19 for the law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the
20 soul. The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving
21 wisdom to the simple. The precepts of the Lord are
22 right, rejoice in the heart. The command of the
23 Lord is clear. The fear of the Lord is pure,
24 enduring forever. And the ordinances of the Lord
25 are true; all of them, just.

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2 May the blessing and guidance of the
3 Lord be upon you and with you now during these days
4 of this session. And always may you do what is
5 right, love goodness, and walk humbly with God.
6 Amen.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 thanks the Monsignor for his very inspiring
9 invocation.

10 (Council at ease.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
12 of business is the approval of the Journal of the
13 meeting of September 18, 2003.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
15 Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I move that the Journal of the
18 meeting of Thursday, September 18, 2003, stand
19 approved.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
22 moved and properly seconded that the Journal the
23 meeting of Thursday, September 18, 2003, stand
24 approved.

25 All in favor will indicate by saying

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
7 it. The motion carries. The Journal of the meeting
8 of Thursday, September 18, 2003, is approved.

9 The next order of business is request
10 for leave of absence. And the Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
13 Madam President. On behalf of the Majority, a leave
14 of absence is requested for Councilman Ortiz.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 thanks the Councilwoman. Leave will be granted.

17 The Chair now recognizes Councilman
18 O'Neill.

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, on
20 behalf of the Republicans, there are no requests for
21 leaves of absence.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 thanks the Councilman.

24 The Chair will dispense with the regular
25 order of business to recognize the guests and

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2 visitors joining us in Chambers this morning. On
3 behalf of all Members of City Council, I welcome you
4 to our Council Session. We appreciate your taking
5 the time to join us as we attend to the legislative
6 affairs of our City.

7 At this time the Chair recognizes
8 Councilman Rizzo to will present a resolution
9 honoring Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua. Will Cardinal
10 Bevilacqua and those accompanying him please join
11 the Councilman at the podium.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Good morning,
13 everyone. I'm pleased to be able to present this
14 resolution today honoring Cardinal Anthony J.
15 Bevilacqua upon his retirement after 15 years of
16 faithful service and leadership as Archbishop of the
17 Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

18 Cardinal Bevilacqua, thank you for all
19 of your hard work and making Philadelphia,
20 Pennsylvania, and the United States of America a
21 better place for all of us.

22 This resolution resolved by the Council
23 of the City of Philadelphia that we hereby honor
24 Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua -- excuse me for
25 stumbling. I don't normally do resolutions for

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2 cardinals.

3 Resolved by the Council by the City of
4 Philadelphia that we hereby honor Cardinal Anthony
5 J. Bevilacqua upon his retirement after 15 years of
6 faithful service and leadership as Archbishop of the
7 Archdiocese of the Philadelphia.

8 Further resolved that an engrossed copy
9 of this resolution be presented to Cardinal Anthony
10 J. Bevilacqua as evidence of the sincere sentiments
11 and gratitude of this legislative body for his
12 leadership, spiritual and moral guidance and
13 dedication to the citizens of the Archdiocese of
14 Philadelphia.

15 Thank you very much, Cardinal Anthony
16 Bevilacqua, for all your hard work.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 recognizes Cardinal Bevilacqua for remarks.

20 CARDINAL BEVILACQUA: Before my official
21 remarks, from what was said I was reminded when I
22 came here over 15 years ago and after a while one of
23 my family -- my sister said, "How long did it take
24 you to come to adjust to your change in Philadelphia
25 and love the people? It must have taken a while."

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2 I said, "Yeah, it did. About three
3 seconds."

4 It took that long to come and love my
5 City of Philadelphia. And it is my City of
6 Philadelphia also.

7 I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude
8 to all Members of City Council, especially
9 Councilman Rizzo and Council President Verna for
10 bestowing this great honor upon me.

11 I must say that I have mixed emotions in
12 receiving this honor, as I have greatly enjoyed my
13 time as Archbishop of Philadelphia, during which I
14 strove to be of service to this great City of
15 Philadelphia and to the Archdiocese. Yet I am quite
16 cognizant that this chapter in my life has now come
17 to a close.

18 By honoring me with this resolution,
19 City Council is really honoring the many faithful of
20 the Archdiocese, its clergy, consecrated religious
21 and its lay staff who work with you to make this
22 City a home for so many, a City that cares for and
23 protects the least among us. The Archdiocese is
24 proud to be a good citizen of this City and to
25 partner with City Government in delivering services

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2 to those in need, be they our poor, our youth, our
3 elderly, our immigrants or the many other sustained
4 by our partnership, a partnership bound by
5 benevolence and hope.

6 While we have not always taken the same
7 position on issues, I know that the Councilmembers
8 and the Archdiocese have always sought to act with
9 the best interest of Philadelphia's citizens in
10 their hearts. I am confident that the City Council,
11 its counterparts in City Government and the
12 Archdiocese under the leadership of my successor,
13 Archbishop Justin Regalli, together with the
14 citizens of Philadelphia, will continue to forge a
15 path through vibrant opportunities for all
16 Philadelphians, a path toward physical and emotional
17 security for all that need sanctuary. A path toward
18 full unity in the bonds of our brotherhood and
19 citizenship. A path toward our truth fulfillment as
20 the City of Brotherly Love because if our actions
21 are indeed based on love, we will always have struck
22 upon the essence of what we seek to accomplish.

23 Again, I thank you, Members of the City
24 Council. Please know that you and all the citizens
25 of this great City will remain in my thoughts and

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2 prayers in the years to come. I have been very
3 proud and am proud to be a citizen of Philadelphia.
4 And I pray that may almighty God continue to grant
5 Philadelphia abundance of his blessings. Thank you
6 again.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
9 be at ease.

10 (Council at ease.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
12 of business is communications.

13 The Chair requests that the
14 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the Mayor
15 to the Clerk.

16 The Clerk will please read the messages
17 from the Mayor.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
19 Members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
20 I am pleased to advised you that on September 25,
21 2003, I signed Bill No. 030335A that was passed by
22 Council at its session on September 11, 2003.

23 And to the President and Members of the
24 Council of the City of Philadelphia, in accordance
25 with the provisions of Section 14 of the First Class

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2 Home Rule Act, Bill Nos. 020810, 030098, 030178,
3 030220, 030016A, 030115, and Bill No. 030342, I am
4 pleased to submit herewith my proclamation
5 designating November 4, 2003, as the date of each
6 special election referenced herein to decide whether
7 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter shall or shall
8 not be amended.

9 And a resolution authorizing the
10 Director of Commerce on behalf of the City of
11 Philadelphia to file an application and, if the
12 application is accepted, to execute a contract to
13 obtain a grant from the Department of Community and
14 Economic Development.

15 And an ordinance authorizing the
16 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development to
17 purchase a certain track of land located at the
18 northwest corner of the Roosevelt Boulevard and
19 Southampton, under certain terms and conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
21 The messages will be printed in the Journal.

22 The Clerk will please read any other
23 communications in her possession.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
25 Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

3 The next order of business is the
4 introduction of bills and resolutions.

5 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
6 Blackwell for a motion.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I move that the Rules of Council
9 be suspended to permit the immediate consideration
10 of resolutions at their time of introduction.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do I hear a
12 second?

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
15 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
16 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
17 consideration of resolutions at the time of
18 introduction.

19 All of favor of that motion will
20 indicate by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
25 it, and the motion carries.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
4 President, I offer one resolution.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
6 please read the title of the resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: A resolution
8 honoring Fred Shavel for his successful leadership
9 of the Board of Greater Philadelphia Tourism and
10 Marketing Corporation.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

13 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move for the
14 adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
17 moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted.

18 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
23 it, and the motion carries.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. This morning I offer one bill and
4 one resolution.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
6 please read the title of the bill.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance amending
8 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning
9 and Planning," by adding a new Section 14-1628,
10 entitled "Third Councilmanic District Special
11 Controls," prohibiting certain uses in the third
12 Councilmanic District, under certain terms and
13 condition .

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will
15 be referred to the appropriate committee.

16 The Clerk will now read the title of the
17 resolution.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
19 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
20 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
21 of the City deeds located in the 6th Ward of the
22 City of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move for the adoption.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
5 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
6 adopted.

7 All in favor will indicate by saying
8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
13 it and the motion carries.

14 The Chair recognize Councilman Cohen.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
16 have one resolution for which I seek action this
17 morning.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

19 The Clerk will please read the title of
20 the resolution.

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I also wish, Madam
22 President, to speak on the resolution.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution calling
24 on Temple University Hospital to acknowledge the
25 vital importance of nurses to patient care by

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2 bargaining in good faith with the Temple University
3 Hospital Staff Nurses Association, Pennsylvania
4 Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals
5 and responding to the union's reasonable demands
6 that the hospital increase staffing, reduce forced
7 overtime, and provide affordable health care and
8 fair wage increases to nurses currently on staff.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
12 President. On the surface, this seems like an
13 ordinary routine resolution, but that's not the fact
14 at all. The fact is that in the United States
15 today, with economic signs indicating a return of
16 recovery, what's happening to working people is just
17 the reverse. There is no recovery for working
18 people. In fact, layoffs continue at a very heavy
19 pace and it's all covered by business, by
20 government, whether the government is Republican or
21 Democratic seems to make no difference at all.
22 Everybody seems to be united against workers as if
23 productivity is a magical thing that will solve all
24 problems. It's not solving the unemployment
25 problem. It's not solving the threat to the

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2 economic life of the country because there is less
3 consumer confidence because there's less consumer
4 money. And what has happened is that the American
5 people have been sold a great myth. They've been
6 told greater productivity is what we're looking for.
7 Well, today in Philadelphia, it seems like the real
8 facts are beginning to emerge.

9 Temple University, a great institution
10 in Philadelphia, one most of us are very proud of
11 most of the time, not all the time, but most of the
12 time because it offered the road many years ago to
13 working class people and poor people for higher
14 education advancement and the like. Temple
15 University, despite its origin, despite the fact
16 that a recent bond prospectus shows that Temple has
17 a surplus earned last year of \$99 million, Temple
18 University Hospital has joined a gang of business
19 and government people who say, "Let's have
20 productivity, but let's have it on the back of
21 workers." Therefore, they've refused to fill
22 staffing requirements for nurses. And there's been
23 studies shown that when you reduce the number of
24 nurses, you threaten life.

25 I can speak as a veteran of hospital

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2 care. But most of you who are too young yet to know
3 about that have parents who have suffered through
4 hospital care and you know that nurses are really
5 God's angels. They perform under very difficult
6 circumstances. They're always available and if you
7 have to go to the hospital, they make life livable.
8 Without them, it's easy to understand why a shortage
9 of nurses produces very dangerous health effects.

10 They're fighting back. They're saying
11 to Temple University, it's about time health care
12 for patients was considered. And you can't consider
13 health care for patients unless you consider the
14 circumstances of the people who work in health care.
15 So they're fighting against efforts by Temple
16 University to reduce health benefits. They're
17 fighting for increased wages. And they're fighting
18 most importantly, in my opinion, for staff increases
19 for nurses. They're saying it's time to put an end
20 of this cutting down on the number of nurses.
21 You're endangering the health of both the patients
22 and nurses by putting impossible demands.

23 So in Philadelphia, we can be very proud
24 that we have a group of workers at Temple University
25 who are not joining the parade against themselves.

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2 They're fighting for their rights; and in doing
3 that, they're fighting for everybody's rights.

4 Therefore, I urge everyone to give
5 unanimous support to this resolution. It calls upon
6 Temple University to take adequate steps to produce
7 the kind of staffing that's needed and to see that
8 health care personnel are treated fairly, both on
9 money, on health care, and on the number of workers
10 so they're not worked to death and so that their
11 patients don't suffer.

12 Thank you very much, Madam President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
14 Councilman. Would you make a motion, please, for
15 the adoption?

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I move the adoption
17 of the resolution, Madam President.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
20 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
21 adopted.

22 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
3 it and the motion carries.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Krajewski.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
7 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 thanks the Councilwoman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

11 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
12 have one bill.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
14 please read the title of the bill.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
16 establishing a no truck parking regulation on North
17 Randolph Street between West Erie Avenue and West
18 Butler Street.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will
20 be referred to the appropriate committee.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
23 have no bills or resolutions today.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Miller.

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
4 President. Today, I have no bills or resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 thanks the Councilwoman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I offer one resolution to be referred to
10 the appropriate committee.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
12 please read the title of the resolution.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 nominating Philadelphia residents for appointment by
15 the Mayor to the Police Advisory Commission.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
19 President. This resolution needs to be referred to
20 the Committee of the Whole.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 resolution will be referred to the Committee of the
23 Whole.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

25 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I offer no bills or resolutions
3 this morning.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I offer one resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
13 please read the title of the resolution.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
16 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
17 of the City of Philadelphia deeds located in the
18 31st Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
22 President. I move for the adoption of the
23 resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been

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2 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
3 adopted.

4 All in favor will indicate by saying
5 aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
10 it, and the motion carries.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
13 have no bills or resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
17 President. I have one bill.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chief
19 Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: An ordinance
21 granting permission to Bliss Restaurant, located
22 220-224 South Broad Street to operate and maintain
23 an open-air sidewalk cafe on the west footway of
24 220-224 South Broad Street.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will

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2 be referred to the appropriate committee.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, one
5 resolution today.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
7 please read the title of the resolution.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution honoring
9 Robert J. Hall upon his retirement after 13 years as
10 publisher of Philadelphia Newspapers, Inc.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move for the
14 adoption of this resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
17 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
18 adopted.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
24 it, and the motion carries.

25 There are no committee reports.

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2 Therefore, our next item of business is the
3 consideration of the Calendar.

4 The Chief Clerk will please read the
5 bill on the Calendar for the first reading.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 030487, an
7 ordinance amending Chapter 19-200 of the
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "City Funds - Deposits,
9 Investments, Disbursements," by amending Chapter
10 19-201, entitled "City Depositories," by authorizing
11 the City Treasurer to deposit funds in Fleet Bank,
12 under certain terms and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The chair
14 agrees.

15 That concludes the First Reading
16 Calendar.

17 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
18 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up bills on the
19 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar to be
20 considered today.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. There are no bills on Second
23 Reading and Final Passage to be considered today.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 thanks the Councilwoman.

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2 That will conclude any business
3 regarding the Calendar.

4 Are there any speeches on the part of
5 the Minority?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Are there any
8 speeches on the part of the Majority?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
11 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for a motion
12 to adjourn.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Madam President, I
14 move that Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
15 October 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm so sorry.
17 We had guests that were supposed to come in earlier.
18 They have just arrived. They are guests of
19 Councilwoman Blackwell. May I ask that she at this
20 time recognize them?

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. As you see, that was Cyclone Hart,
23 one of our champs. We have Bernard Hopkins here,
24 another champ. And we have leaders in our City. We
25 always break the records when it comes to boxing.

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2 Jackie Frazier.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We welcome you
4 and we say congratulations.

5 COUNCILWOMAN Blackwell: Thank you,
6 Madam President.

7 Can we have the champ, Bernard Hopkins
8 come up and Jackie Frazier to make their remarks?

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning.
11 Please proceed.

12 MR. HOPKINS: Thank you. First of all,
13 I'd like to say good morning and glad to be a part
14 of the future of the sport that I became very, very
15 successful and, I must say, rich.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. HOPKINS: But in saying that, I also
18 still and always will remember where I came from and
19 that's why I'm here to support the young amateurs in
20 the late Mr. Blackwell's, what I call, and I told
21 Cyclone Hart, his team.

22 As a Philadelphian, I am proud of this
23 City. I have come a long way. I have been in their
24 position, in the amateurs, in the Power Club where I
25 learned how to box, the Police Athletic League which

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2 I support with my --

3 (Applause.)

4 MR. HOPKINS: I've been working very
5 hard in between my busy schedule with Steve Cozen
6 who represents -- the firm is representing me in my
7 negotiations with boxing. And let me tell you,
8 everybody that's here, ya'll doing the business of
9 the day, but the young youth that's sitting here,
10 like myself, strayed when I didn't have any goals or
11 future. And I want them to know that if you see
12 Bernard Hopkins riding through the City of
13 Philadelphia and you see me now, it was a struggle
14 and it was adversity and it was changes in my life
15 that I had to make to become who I am today, which
16 is totally a different person to where I've come
17 from.

18 So whatever you believe that you can
19 accomplish, you must understand that it comes with
20 work. It comes with adversity. It comes with
21 challenges. It comes with another force that don't
22 want you to be that way. It's just part of life.
23 It's just part of the balance. You have to have
24 good to have bad. So if I am any inspiration to
25 anyone that know my background and know

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2 where I came from -- and I always said, not to be
3 extremely proud but to put out there to let people
4 understand that it sums up, the streets I've come
5 from through the system, Youth Study Center, the
6 county jails, Graterford State Penitentiary, nine
7 years of parole at 22 when I came back into society
8 and became the Undisputed Middle Weight Champ of the
9 World without --

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. HOPKINS: I'm not going to take up
12 all the time, but let you know, I don't get goose
13 bumps coming in City Hall no more.

14 (Laughter.)

15 MR. HOPKINS: Because a lot of times I
16 came through this building, it wasn't a good day.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MR. HOPKINS: God is good. Let me tell
19 you, to come through this building with Mrs.
20 Blackwell and everybody and Frank Rizzo and all
21 these people, to me, it gives me goose bumps because
22 I'll never forget that. And that checks me, to be
23 honest with you. I don't want to forget it. But I
24 understand I move on.

25 But I'd like to thank Mrs. Blackwell.

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2 I'd like to thank everybody here who's supporting
3 these young youth because no matter how much money I
4 get, no matter how much talent I get, no matter how
5 many belts I get, and no matter how much recognition
6 I get, I understand that when it's all said and
7 done, when I'm not the champ no more -- because I'm
8 38 years and pushing 40 and I don't want to be
9 dancing around another two three years in the ring.
10 I still want to be able to talk without stuttering
11 sometimes and I still want to be able to function
12 and be a part of the City of Philadelphia. The
13 people's champion.

14 The people's champion last longer than
15 the industry champion, because understand that even
16 being the champion, when the champion sport is over,
17 when you don't have no belts and you're not labeled
18 as the boxing world champion, it stops there. But
19 being a people's champion means that's a lot of
20 activities and things that my time has to be
21 directed to, it becomes the people champion. And
22 I'd like to thank everybody again for being here.

23 And I gotta plug my fight in because I
24 am self-managed and I am self-promoted, and I have
25 to say for everybody, December 13th in Atlantic City

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2 I will be making my 17th title defense on HBO.

3 (Applause.)

4 MR. HOPKINS: The last time I heard
5 recently no fighter in history -- I'm talking about
6 Jack Johnson, maybe the Roman days when they was
7 fighting in the big bull pen -- have accomplished 17
8 title defenses. That means you have to stay focused
9 when you're a champ. You have to stay disciplined.
10 You have to live right. You have to eat right. You
11 have to get your rest. It's one thing winning the
12 belt. And I always say this in 1995 when I won my
13 first championship title, it's one thing being the
14 champ, but it's a greater thing keeping it.

15 Thank you. I'm sorry I took up so much
16 time. I'm glad to be here.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. HOPKINS: One thing I have to do
19 that's very important. We have to pay homage to a
20 lady that comes out and I have to thank her for
21 showing up -- and I know I don't have to do this --
22 to my mom's funeral who passed away in August. And
23 she was like my favorite fan. And she was the only
24 one, I think, can beat Don King in the ring or out
25 of the ring. My mom got on his butt.

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2 But I'd like to give Mrs. Blackwell a
3 belt because she's a champion of the people like her
4 late husband.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. HOPKINS: And also to her late
7 husband. Lucien Blackwell Tournament, that's what
8 this was, the Lucien Blackwell Tournament. All the
9 amateurs that had belts on, the tournament, it's
10 always going to be Lucien Blackwell's Tournament.
11 And I also want her to receive his championship
12 belt, just as if he was here because it's only right
13 and it's respectful.

14 And again, I love Philadelphia. I am
15 the American dream. I am the American story. Thank
16 you.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Doesn't get any
19 better than this.

20 I thank God for the opportunity and
21 privilege. I thank Lu who's looking down who is so
22 committed to the champ, went everywhere, followed
23 his career and followed him everywhere he went. I
24 thank God for Jackie Frazier. Maybe they can say a
25 word, and Cyclone Hart who are here.

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2 And just to all the young people who are
3 here, what an inspiration it is for you to realize
4 that you can make it because you are somebody.
5 Thank you again and God bless.

6 (Applause.)

7 MS. FRAZIER: I promise to absolutely
8 brief. Giving honor to God, I'm just so happy to be
9 here at City Council. The last time I was here is
10 when Lynn Carter was being honored, and that was
11 just truly my privilege and my pleasure. And I just
12 want to say that I'm just so honored to follow the
13 Honorable Jannie Blackwell who is truly a fighter
14 and a champion of our City. And I thank God for the
15 opportunity to know her as a woman and as a City
16 Councilwoman, and also Sister Blondell Reynolds and
17 Marian Tasco and another female that's sitting as
18 the head of City Council, just women, you know, just
19 want to make it clear that we are representing in
20 the household and in City Hall and in the boxing
21 ring.

22 I want to also -- I'm trying to be
23 brief. I also want to thank Brother Cyclone Hart
24 who happens to be one of my coaches. And he is just
25 a brilliant man. He's a loving man.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MS. FRAZIER: And his Hart and Miller
4 Boxing Advisory Group is definitely worthy of all
5 the support of the City of Philadelphia, all the
6 boxers and he's doing a great work. So in addition
7 to working with me at Joe Frazier's Gym, I'm just so
8 delighted, when you're a boxer you know that they're
9 interacting with all the other gyms. So I'm just
10 happy to stand here and I thank him so much for the
11 opportunity and the privilege today.

12 I have to also mention my husband, my
13 promoter, my everything, my king, Pete. He's a
14 member of 332. He's the big, beautiful black man
15 sitting in the back row right there.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. FRAZIER: He's one of the brothers
18 with the 332, Local 332. Anybody that's sitting in
19 City Council should know 332. And they're a part of
20 my family, and I thank God for the Honorable Sam
21 Staten. I believe he's sitting here somewhere.
22 There he is right there.

23 (Applause.)

24 MS. FRAZIER: Every day is a fight. I
25 thank God for the opportunity because in this City

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2 when it comes to labor we deserve to benefit from
3 our work. And I know that City Council is working
4 at that.

5 I see the beautiful Mary Mason sitting
6 right there, so I'm really happy just to see her
7 beautiful smiling face.

8 But I just want to remind everybody that
9 it's a fight every day for our children to have the
10 opportunity to have education, for them to have safe
11 streets. And we need to work together as much as we
12 possibly can and be serious about that.

13 On this coming Sunday, I'd like to
14 invite you all to a rally where Dr. Martin Luther
15 King's son is going to be visiting Philadelphia.
16 Martin Luther King, III, is going to be speaking
17 with Dick Gregory and some other people including
18 Brother Rodney Mohammed. They're going to be
19 talking about the issue of African-American economic
20 growth. And my father, Joe Frazier -- in case you
21 didn't know, I'm the daughter of Joe Frazier, the
22 legend.

23 (Applause.)

24 MS. FRAZIER: And my brother Marvis is a
25 minister who has a youth development program that's

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2 worked with Cyclone's kids as well. And we have a
3 rally this coming Sunday where Martin Luther King,
4 III, is going to speak about the issue of black
5 economic growth and for us to recognize that we need
6 to be serious about how we are putting our monies
7 and using our monies with regards to our children to
8 benefit. So that will be on Sunday, Joe Frazier's
9 Gym, 2900 block. We invite you all to come. It's
10 family and youth day. And we're going to be serious
11 about making it absolutely clear that laborers are
12 to benefit from the work. So leading up to my
13 father's trial. He has a trial. As a fighter, we
14 know that this is an issue where fighters have the
15 tendency to be the easiest mark to be taken
16 advantage of. And there are some people in this
17 town that need to recognize that they should not be
18 taking advantage of boxers. I'm not only a champion
19 boxer inside the ring, but with the pen I am a
20 fighter as well as an attorney. And I want to make
21 it absolutely clear for these young people --

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. FRAZIER: I want it to clear to all
24 these young people standing here that it is more
25 important for you to pay attention to the laws of

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2 God first, to your parents if you're blessed enough
3 them, some people that are in corner, which
4 hopefully includes Members of this City Council, and
5 it's important for you to understand the
6 significance of your education from one generation
7 to one generation to one generation. We are
8 citizens of this City of Philadelphia, the
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this United States,
10 and even more so than that, supposedly leaders of
11 the Free World. So I want you to be free to
12 understand that you have to have the power and the
13 will not only to fight with your hands but with your
14 mind, your spirit, for goodness sake. And with that
15 I just close to say thank you very much.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. HART: I want to thank God first for
18 everything that we doing here today with our young
19 youth. I want to thank everybody that's in this
20 office today what we're doing with our young youth.
21 I want to say that I really appreciate everything
22 that we set out to do for our young youth with
23 politicians. I want to say I really appreciate
24 Darrell Clarke in our community. He's doing a great
25 job with our young youth. He's helping us to make

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2 happen.

3 (Applause.)

4 MR. HART: Will all these young kids
5 that's around with belts -- he was a part of this
6 great thing for us. And I want some say I want to
7 thank him for his great help and his support for our
8 young youth.

9 I want to say also, too, that when I
10 came up as a young man, I was a kid coming up, I had
11 it hard because I had polio when I was a kid. It's
12 a hard story to me because it make my cry sometime.
13 I reach out for everybody and I let everybody know I
14 appreciate them.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. HART: I have love for everybody
17 here. I don't have a color about black and white
18 issue. My issue is about the people of
19 Philadelphia. I come to help the people of
20 Philadelphia. I come to stand up for our people in
21 Philadelphia. And to have great people in our
22 office that's looking over us as we go in and out at
23 this office of City Council, I want to let everybody
24 know in City Council that we appreciate everything
25 that ya'll doing for our great young youth and I

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2 appreciate ya'll great help with our young youth.

3 Now, when I came you as a kid -- I have
4 to get back to this because it makes me cry because
5 I look at everybody and I mean it from my heart.
6 When I come up as a kid, I had polio. And when I
7 came up, I used to fall down and the young youth
8 used to laugh at me and grin at me. But as I got
9 older, I met a gentleman that said, "Come into the
10 gym. Try to work out." And the gentleman who told
11 me to come in and try to work out, his name was Sam
12 Solomon. He's not here no more. He's from West
13 Philly.

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. HART: But one thing I can say about
16 Sam Solomon, he was a great warrior. He put belts
17 and stuff on my feet, build me up to be here today
18 to say what I got to say to our people of
19 Philadelphia. I was a young man, couldn't walk too
20 much. I was a young man, couldn't do the things
21 that other people do. But now I thank God because I
22 can do a lot things right now, walk, talk and fight
23 for my people today. I'm fighting for your young
24 youth because everybody in here deserves a chance in
25 life.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MR. HART: Anything that you set out to
4 do, you can do it. Because I remember times when I
5 couldn't do the things I wanted to do and I cried.
6 But I'm crying right today because I appreciate the
7 things that everybody give me a chance to show my
8 talent in the ring. I was an outstanding fighter,
9 man. I know I had to stand up and fight for my
10 rights. And my rights is to stand up and let them
11 know that anything you want to do, you can do it in
12 this City. Anything that we set out to do, we can
13 do it in this City. We got to have the strength and
14 the drive to be successful.

15 All my young youth in here that got
16 belts on, I want to thank ya'll for being involved
17 with our Lucien Blackwell Tournament.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. HART: I want everybody to know that
20 everybody in here worked hard to be here today. I
21 want thank my buddy Chuckie Mills. Stand up,
22 Chuckie Mills.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. HART: I want to thank him because
25 he's been doing a great job in our City with our

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2 young youth. We're making things happen.

3 I want my wife to stand up, Debbie.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. HART: I want my kids to stand up.

6 All my kids that came to see me today. I want them
7 to stand up. They took off from school to be here
8 with us today.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. HART: And all those who won the
11 belts, I appreciate them. I want them to stand up
12 and let everybody know how we fight in our great
13 Philadelphia.

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. HART: And we want to thank you all
16 for all the things that ya'll helping us with. And
17 I really appreciate everything you doing.

18 This is what I want to do, I want to
19 place this belt for a great lovely lady, Jackie
20 Frazier, the great champ of Philadelphia, I want to
21 place this around her waist and let her know how we
22 really feel about her. She's a champion of
23 Philadelphia.

24 MS. FRAZIER: I told Cyclone it's better
25 to put it around shoulder because I haven't been

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2 working out like I should, so I'm more like the fat
3 lawyer. But I will be going for my fifth
4 championship title, and this time it will be heavy
5 weight title just like Joe Frazier.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. HART: I want to say to a gentleman
8 that's been a great help to us, Sam Staten, Sr., is
9 out there? And he's 332. I want him to come up
10 because he been a great help to our people of
11 Philadelphia.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. HART: Here's another 15-round
14 champion. I want to say to everybody, 332, this man
15 has done so much for our people of Philadelphia.
16 He's not a 10-round fighter; he's a 15-round
17 champion of Philadelphia.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. HART: Every last one -- not only
20 him who's a 15-round champion, Mrs. Blackwell is
21 15-round champion.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. HART: Not only her, Darrell Clarke
24 is a 15-round campion of our City of Philadelphia.

25 (Applause.)

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2 MR. HART: These guys have been a great
3 help to our people of Philadelphia. They've been
4 fighting down here for years. For years they've
5 been fighting for us, for years in City Hall.
6 They've been fighting for us for years in City Hall.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. HART: Yeah, I'm a tell it. I'm a
9 tell it because they fighting all the time. They
10 talk about 15 rounds, how you think about 30-round
11 champions of Philadelphia because that's what they
12 are.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. HART: And I want to say that I
15 appreciate all of them. I want to say that all of
16 them who helping us through our history of
17 Philadelphia, I want to appreciate all them that
18 doing everything they can for us.

19 I want to say that, you know, we talk
20 about politics, but I'm a talk about politics and I
21 really want to say something, too. I want to say
22 four more years. Four more years. Four more years.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. HART: Every last one of our little
25 young people will be champs. Four more years.

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2 The Mayor is not here right now, but I
3 want to let him know that he's a 15-round champion
4 of our City. I want to let him know that we're with
5 him 100 percent of our City. Four more years for
6 our Mayor of Philadelphia. I want four more years
7 for our champions for Philadelphia. We speak out
8 because I know what we got to take to be successful
9 in this life. We got to struggle and keep on going.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. STATEN: First let me say all
12 praises due to the Creator. I do want to thank City
13 Council. I'm almost speechless. I'm really hoping
14 that I don't get in trouble. This belt make you
15 think you can fight. I don't want go outside and
16 get hurt.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MR. STATEN: But I do want to thank the
19 Martin Luther King Association for even thinking of
20 me of being on the same caliber of the Blackwells,
21 both Blackwells and City Councilmen. I want to give
22 a special thanks to Cyclone who is a member of Local
23 332.

24 (Applause.)

25 MR. STATEN: And I would just like to

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2 say whatever accomplishments I've made, whoever I am
3 or whatever I am, I am that because of Local 332 and
4 because of many of you who I have crossed paths with
5 who have helped shaped me into who I am.

6 I just don't know what to say. I've
7 never been honored in this way. I was just
8 successful in my election and had a victory party
9 last week, and I just want to give thanks to God and
10 all of the members of Local 332. Thank you very
11 much.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.
14 Thank you very much.

15 Councilman Clarke, did you say a few
16 brief remarks?

17 MR. JENKINS: I'm going to try to make
18 this quick. My name is Fred Jenkins. I'm with the
19 Department of Recreation. I want to thank Cyclone
20 and City Council for giving us the opportunity to
21 present a boxing belt to all the kids of the Lucien
22 Blackwell Amateur Boxing Tournament, and also a
23 couple of people from City Council that we consider
24 that have been fighting for us for the last 20 years
25 or 10 years or whatever. But we just want to let

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2 you know that this belt represent we want you to
3 keep fighting for us.

4 I'm not going to take too much of your
5 time. I'm going to make this short and quick. This
6 belt is for a special person that been fighting
7 behind closed doors and coming up with things up in
8 the front that we can present, and this is for
9 Councilman Darrell Clarke.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: This belt has a
12 better chance of going over my shoulder than fitting
13 around my us waist. I thank you. But I want to
14 encourage these young people here today. Continue
15 to do the wonderful work you're doing. Continue to
16 be disciplined. You're doing the right thing. I'm
17 proud of you. We're going to continue to work with
18 you. And God bless you all. Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you all
21 very much.

22 Again, at this time, the Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

24 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you, Madam
25 President. And welcome to all the young people.

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2 I move that Council stand adjourned
3 until Thursday, October 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
6 moved and properly seconded that Council stand
7 adjourned until Thursday October 2, 2003.

8 All in favor will say aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
13 it. The motion carries. Council will stand
14 adjourned until Thursday, October 2nd. Thank you.

15 (Council adjourned at 11:15 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
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Philadelphia of September 25, 2003, were reported
fully and accurately by me, and that this is a
correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR