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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

STATED MEETING

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Room 696, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, September 26, 2002
10:05 a.m.

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DI CICCO
COUNCILMAN WILSON W. GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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

7 To give our invocation this morning, the
8 Chair welcomes the Reverend Frederico Britto, Pastor
9 of St. Cyprian Catholic Church. Rev. Britto is here
10 today as the guest of Councilman Kenney. All guests
11 and members will please rise.

12 REV. BRITTO: Let us pray. We stand
13 before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness
14 but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us,
15 remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Send down
16 your blessings upon these, your servants, who so
17 generously devote themselves to helping others.
18 Send your blessings upon our Mayor, our Council
19 President, and these Councilmembers. Give us light
20 and strength to know your will, to make it our own,
21 and to live it in our lives. Help us to put aside
22 our pride and prejudgments so that the matters and
23 decisions to be made will be for the betterment of
24 this great city. Guide us by your wisdom, support
25 us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory

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2 of Father and Son. You desire justice for all.
3 Enable us to uphold the rights of others. Do not
4 allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by
5 fear or favor. Unite us to yourself in the bond of
6 love and keep us faithful to all that is true. As
7 we gather in your name, may we temper justice with
8 love so that all our decisions may be pleasing to
9 you and earn the reward promised to good and
10 faithful servants. When they are called on in times
11 of need, let them faithfully serve you and their
12 neighbor. You live and reign with the Father and
13 the Son, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 thanks Father for his very inspiring invocation.

16 Council will be at ease.

17 (Council at ease.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next order
19 of business is the approval of the Journal of the
20 meeting of September 19, 2002. And the Chair
21 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I move that the Journal of the
24 meeting of Thursday, September 19, 2002, stand
25 approved.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
4 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of the
5 meeting of Thursday, September 19, 2002. Stand
6 approved.

7 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?
10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
12 it, the motion carries. The Journal of the meeting
13 of Thursday, September 19, 2002, is approved.

14 The next order of business is requests
15 for leaves of absence. And the Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
18 Madam President. There are no requests for leaves
19 of absence on the part of the majority.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The Chair at this time recognizes
22 Councilman Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
24 request a leave for Councilman Brian O'Neill.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Leave will be

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2 granted.

3 The Chair will dispense with the regular
4 of business to recognize the guests and visitors
5 joining us in Council this morning. On behalf of
6 all members of City Council, I welcome you to our
7 Council Session. We appreciate your taking the time
8 to join us as we attend to the legislative affairs
9 of our City. We certainly invite you to come again.

10 At this time, the Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Miller who will present a resolution
12 declaring September as US Naval Sea Cadet Corps
13 Month and honoring Commander Officer Arlene Fields.
14 And I believe Councilman Clarke will also make the
15 presentation. Will Corps Commander Fields and those
16 accompanying her, please join the Councilmembers at
17 the podium.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
21 President.

22 Declaring September US Naval Sea Cadet
23 Corps Month and commending Arlene Fields on being
24 the first African American woman to achieve the rank
25 of commanding officer of a division within the 4-2

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2 Region.

3 Whereas, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps
4 programs for young men and women 13 to 17 years old,
5 exist in most of the maritime countries, including
6 Canada, Great Britain, Belgium, and Japan, to name a
7 few. With instilling leadership skills as its
8 primary goal, the NSCC further seeks to build in
9 every cadet a sense of patriotism, courage,
10 self-reliance, confidence, and similar qualities
11 which will mold character and citizenship; and

12 Whereas, Sea Cadet recruits E-1 attend a
13 two-week recruit training, during their first
14 summer, at the Navy's recruit training command at
15 Great Lakes or at one of the regional training
16 sites. Cadets become officers and, in their next
17 recruit training, can be stationed at any national
18 or international site; and

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Whereas, the Barry
20 DDG-52 Division is the only inner-city, non-military
21 sea cadet unit and housed in Benjamin Franklin High
22 School, is the first of its kind in the history of
23 the School District of Philadelphia. Its focus on
24 leadership, responsibility, citizenship and
25 academics has ignited a renewed enthusiasm within

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2 both the school's students and its administration;
3 and

4 Whereas, Arlene Fields believed that the
5 availability of naval sea cadet training could prove
6 beneficial to the youth of Philadelphia, widen their
7 options and afford them opportunities that they
8 otherwise would not have. Ms. Fields boldly
9 accepted the challenge to prove that not only did a
10 qualified pool exist within our urban setting but
11 that a unique opportunity to eradicate any
12 stereotypes as to our children's ability to compete
13 and excel if given the same stimuli; and

14 Whereas Commanding Officer Fields, asked
15 by the Naval Academic Alumni President of
16 Pennsylvania and the Regional Representative for the
17 U.S. Naval League to lead the Barry DDG-52 Division
18 is the first African American female to hold this
19 distinguished rank in the 4-2 Region and, by virtue
20 of her continuous service and commitment to
21 Philadelphia youth, is well qualified to provide the
22 leadership essential to the growth of this precedent
23 setting unit; now therefore

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Resolved, by the
25 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that we hereby

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2 declare September U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Month
3 and commend Arlene Fields on being the first African
4 American woman to achieve the rank of Commanding
5 Officer of a division within the 4-2 region.

6 Further resolved, that engrossed copies
7 of this resolution be presented to Arlene Fields,
8 Commanding Officer, and the Cadets of the U.S. Naval
9 Cadet Corps-Barry DDG-52 Division as evidence of the
10 sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

11 Certification. This is a true and
12 correct copy of the original resolution adopted by
13 the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the 19th
14 of September, 2002, Anna C. Verna, President of City
15 Council. Introduced by Donna Reed Miller and
16 sponsored by all members of City Council.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 recognizes Corps Commander Fields for remarks.
20 Welcome.

21 MS. FIELDS: Thank you. I'd like to
22 thank City Council, President of City Council, for
23 this honor for my sea cadets and my officers. We
24 open to 11 to 17. I have 12 of my cadets and 4
25 officers and the parents. One thing that's really

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2 important, we have a very, very good corps of
3 parents that support every cadet that there is. And
4 because of this, our young people have the
5 opportunity to, not only leave their neighborhood,
6 but they have the opportunity to leave this country
7 and represent the City of Philadelphia in Japan, in
8 Australia, and Canada and England where our other
9 cadet units are, as well as states in the United
10 States. So we're very proud. And our children are
11 excelling, our children's behavior is exceptional.
12 And it's no one that can say that these children are
13 not succeeding. And again, we'd like to thank you
14 so very, very much for this honor.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
17 be at ease.

18 (Council at ease.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this time,
20 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown who will
21 present a resolution honoring the Philadelphia
22 Delaware Valley Chapter of the Sickle Cell Disease
23 Association of America.

24 Will Mr. Stanley Simpkins and those
25 accompanying him please join the Councilwoman at the

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2 podium.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning.

4 About a week ago, many you may remember the very
5 unfortunate, sad incident that took place at Sayre
6 Middle School where a young man was beaten to death
7 by his peers. What you may not know is that this
8 young man struggled and suffered from sickle cell.
9 This morning we have an opportunity to salute and
10 honor an organization that has been in the business
11 of providing services to members of families who
12 struggle with sickle cell.

13 Honoring and commending the Philadelphia
14 Delaware Valley Chapter of the Sickle Cell Disease
15 Association of America for their achievements in
16 sickle cell awareness, education, and providing
17 programs for those with sickle cell in Philadelphia
18 on the occasion of their 20th anniversary.

19 Whereas, the Philadelphia Delaware
20 Valley Chapter of Sickle Cell Disease Association of
21 America has from its inception worked closely with
22 hospitals to provide programs that meet the needs of
23 individuals with a sickle cell disease and to have a
24 positive impact on their quality of life;

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: And, whereas, one

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2 of the various programs established by the
3 Philadelphia Delaware Valley Chapter of SCDAA with
4 the Robert J. Spizer Camp Love which benefited
5 children, ages 3 to 13, affected with sickle cell;
6 and

7 Whereas, other programs established over
8 the years has been the Project Self Care, an adult
9 support group; the Parents Network, a parents
10 support group; and a Teen Transition Program for
11 those transitioning from pediatric to adult medical
12 facilities; and

13 Whereas, the Philadelphia Delaware
14 Chapter of SCDAA continues its commitment to the
15 sickle cell community through its Walter E. Brennan
16 Sickle Cell Walk-a-Thon; and

17 Whereas, annually the Philadelphia
18 Delaware Valley Chapter of SCDAA holds a sickle cell
19 awareness fair which provides information and raises
20 awareness about sickle cell disease and sickle cell
21 trait; and

22 Whereas, the Philadelphia Delaware
23 Valley Chapter of SCDAA strives to uphold their
24 motto, "To the glory of God and service to the
25 community," through facilitating and encouraging

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2 sickle cell education awareness and providing
3 various support groups to aid those battling the
4 sickle cell disease and trait; now therefore

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Be it resolved,
6 that the City Council of Philadelphia that we hereby
7 honor and commend the Philadelphia Delaware Valley
8 Chapter of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of
9 America for their achievements in sickle cell
10 awareness, education, and providing programs for
11 those with sickle cell on the occasion of their 20th
12 anniversary.

13 Resolved further that an engrossed copy
14 of this resolution be presented to Stanley Simpkins,
15 Executive Director of the Philadelphia Delaware
16 Valley Chapter of the Sickle Cell Disease
17 Association of America as evidence of the sincere
18 sentiments of this legislative body.

19 Introduced by myself, Blondel
20 Reynolds-Brown and my colleague Councilwoman Donna
21 Reed Miller and sponsored by all members of
22 Philadelphia City Council.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 recognizes Mr. Stanley Simpkins for remarks.

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2 MR. SIMPKINS: Good morning. I would
3 like to thank Councilwoman Brown as well as all of
4 City Council for recognizing our 20th year as
5 providing services to the entire sickle cell
6 community. Our community consist of over 1600
7 patients throughout the Delaware Valley who suffer
8 from this dreaded genetic blood disorder. We would
9 also like to thank you for recognizing the fact that
10 this is our fifth year of the Walter E. Brennan
11 Sickle Cell Walk-a-Thon. And we would like invite
12 all of you to join us on Sunday at 10 o'clock at
13 Memorial Hall to walk for those persons who have
14 sickle cell disease and recognizing them for the
15 illness that they have and to show support that we
16 all are concerned about their welfare. I thank you
17 very much for your time.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Council will
21 be at ease.

22 (Council at ease.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The next order
24 of business is communications.

25 The Chair requests that the

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2 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the Mayor
3 to the Clerk.

4 The Clerk will please read the messages
5 from the Mayor.

6 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
7 of the Council of the City of Philadelphia, I'm
8 transmitting herewith for the consideration of your
9 honorable body an ordinance to amend the
10 Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the zoning
11 designations of certain areas of land located within
12 an area bounded generally by Oregon Avenue, 20th
13 Street, the Walt Whitman Bridge approaching I-76.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The messages
15 will be printed in the Journal.

16 The Clerk will please read any other
17 communications in her possession.

18 THE CLERK: That's all I have, Madam
19 President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The next order of business is the
22 introduction of bills and resolutions.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move that the Rules of Council
3 be suspended so as to permit immediate consideration
4 of resolutions and their time of introduction.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
7 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
8 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
9 consideration of resolutions at the time of
10 introduction.

11 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
16 it.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
19 President. I offer one resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
21 please read the title of the resolution.

22 THE CLERK: A resolution recognizing the
23 legacy of William Penn on the anniversary of his
24 birth, October 24th.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Move for the
4 adoption.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All in favor will signify by saying aye.
10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?
12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
14 it. And the resolution has been adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
18 Madam President. This morning I introduce one
19 resolution on your behalf and one on my own.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The Clerk will please read the title of
22 the first resolution.

23 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
24 Commissioner of Public Property to cuto and deliver
25 to the Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds

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2 located in the 51st and 60th Wards of the City of
3 Philadelphia.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
7 President, I move for the adoption.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
10 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
11 adopted.

12 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
17 it. And the resolution has been adopted.

18 The Clerk will please read the second
19 resolution.

20 THE CLERK: Madam President, it is an
21 ordinance.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk will
23 please read the ordinance.

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
25 Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the zoning

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2 designations of certain areas of land located within
3 an area bounded generally Oregon Avenue, 20th
4 Street, the Walt Whitman Bridge approach and I-76.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will
6 be referred to the appropriate committee.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I
9 have no bills or resolutions today.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 thanks the gentleman.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
13 Krajewski.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
15 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I have one
19 resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
21 please read the title of the resolution.

22 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
23 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
24 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
25 deeds located in 7th, 18th, 19th and 43rd Wards of

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2 the City of Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
6 move for the adoption.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
9 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
10 adopted.

11 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
16 it. And the resolution has been adopted.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
19 offer one resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The Clerk will please read the title of
22 the resolution.

23 THE CLERK: A resolution honoring Dustin
24 Ballard, Phyllicia Lane, Tamika Ponds and Vanessa
25 Ponds.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: I move for the
5 adoption of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
8 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
9 adopted.

10 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
15 it. And the motion carries.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I offer one bill and one resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
20 The Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

21 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
22 Philadelphia zoning maps by changing the zoning
23 designation of certain areas of land located within
24 an area bonded by City Avenue, 52nd Street,
25 Overbrook Avenue, and 54th Street.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will
3 be referred to the appropriate committee.

4 The Clerk will please read the title of
5 the resolution.

6 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
7 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
8 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
9 deeds located 4th and 30th wards of the City of
10 Philadelphia.

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

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
14 President. I move the adoption of the 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 signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
3 Chair. I have no bills or resolutions 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: Thank you.
9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

10 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
13 The Chair recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam
15 President. I offer two resolutions, one on your
16 behalf that is signed by a majority members of City
17 Council.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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

21 THE CLERK: A resolution designating the
22 week of Monday, October 14, 2002, as Christopher
23 Columbus week in celebration of the festivities
24 commemorating Columbus' historic voyage to the New
25 World.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Move for the
5 adoption of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
8 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
9 adopted.

10 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
15 it. The motion carries.

16 The Clerk will please read the second
17 resolution.

18 THE CLERK: A resolution authorizing the
19 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
20 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
21 deeds located in the 5th, 18th, 25th and 31st Wards
22 of the City of Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

25 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you, Madam

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2 Chair. I move for the adoption of the resolution.

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 signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes have
12 it. And the motion carries.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

14 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
15 President. I have one bill.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
17 please read the title of the bill.

18 THE CLERK: An ordinance amending
19 Section 9-204 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk
20 Vendors in Center City," by prohibiting sidewalk
21 vending on portions of Ben Franklin Parkway.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill will
23 be referred to the appropriate committee.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Longstreth.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, he
3 has no bills or resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

6 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
7 have no bills or resolutions today.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

9 And it is my understanding that
10 Councilwoman Miller does not have any bills or
11 resolutions to introduce today.

12 Our next order of business is reports
13 from committees. And the Chair recognizes
14 Councilman Mariano for a report from the committee
15 on licenses and inspections.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
17 President. The Committee on License and Inspection
18 reports three bills with a favorable recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk will
20 please read the report.

21 THE CLERK: To the President and Members
22 of the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia, the Committee on License and
24 Inspections, to which was referred Bill No. 020411
25 entitled an ordinance amending Title 4 of the

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2 Philadelphia Code to require notice of demolition to
3 residents of neighboring properties;

4 And a Bill No. 020482, entitled an
5 ordinance amending the Philadelphia Code to revise
6 various requirements and prohibitions relating to
7 Educational Housing Districts, adding certain
8 requirements regarding cooperation with enforcement
9 officials and making technical changes;

10 And Bill No. 020484, entitled an
11 ordinance amending Chapter 9-2400 of the
12 Philadelphia Code by adding requirements applicable
13 to the landlords who rent to students in Educational
14 Housing Districts and to the colleges and
15 universities attended by such students by adding
16 certain reporting requirements related to such
17 requirements and by making technical changes, all
18 under certain terms and conditions;

19 Respectfully reports it has considered
20 the same and amended the same and returns the
21 attached bills to Council with a favorable
22 recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move that the

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2 rules of Council be suspended so as to permit first
3 reading this day of Bills No. 020411, 020482, and
4 020484.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
7 moved and properly seconded that the Rules of
8 Council be suspended so as permit first reading this
9 day of Bill Nos. 020411, 020482, and 020484.

10 All in favor will signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
15 it. And the bills will be placed on today's First
16 Reading Calendar.

17 Our next item of business is the
18 consideration of the Calendar. The Clerk will
19 please read the title of Bill No. 020438.

20 THE CLERK: An ordinance enacting a new
21 Chapter 19-3400 of the Philadelphia Code authorizing
22 the Board of Revision of taxes to grant tax
23 deferrals to longtime owner-occupants of certain
24 properties in the City of Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 agrees.

3 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020411, an
4 ordinance amending Title 4 of the Philadelphia Code
5 to require notice of demolition to residents of
6 neighboring properties, all under certain terms and
7 conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 agrees.

10 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020482, an
11 ordinance amending the Philadelphia Code to revise
12 various requirements and prohibitions relating to
13 Educational Housing Districts, including revising
14 the definition of the term "responsible party,"
15 adding certain requirements regarding cooperation
16 with enforcement officials and making technical
17 changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 agrees.

20 THE CLERK: And Bill No. 020484, an
21 ordinance amending Chapter 9-2400 of the
22 Philadelphia Code by adding requirements applicable
23 to the landlords who rent to students in Educational
24 Housing Districts and to the colleges and
25 universities attended by such students, and by

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2 making technical changes, all under certain terms
3 and conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 agrees.

6 The bills just read by the Clerk will be
7 placed on the Second Reading and Final Passage
8 Calendar for our next session. That concludes the
9 First Reading Calendar.

10 The Chair now recognizes Councilwoman
11 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up bills on the
12 Second Reading and Final Passage Calendar to be
13 called for consideration for day.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
15 Madam President. Today Bill No. 020380 is being
16 called up for Second Reading and Final Passage. All
17 other bills are being held.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

19 The Clerk will please read the title of
20 the Bill No. 020380.

21 THE CLERK: An ordinance authorizing the
22 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development,
23 PAID, notwithstanding any contrary requirements to
24 convey fee simple title to a certain property
25 located in the vicinity of 52nd Street and Jefferson

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2 Street to the West Philadelphia Financial Services
3 Institution or its nominee for nominal
4 consideration, all under certain terms and
5 conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
7 having been read on two different days, the question
8 now is shall the bill pass finally?

9 COUNCILMAN Nutter: Madam President?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Yes. The
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

12 COUNCILMAN Nutter: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I would ask to be heard briefly on this
14 particular bill.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Certainly.
16 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

17 COUNCILMAN Nutter: Thank you, Madam
18 President. Given the length of time that the
19 community has worked on a proposed development
20 project in the Parkside Section of the City at 52nd
21 and Jefferson, this bill will allow that project to
22 go forward. And I must express some thanks to a few
23 people, and I'm sure I'll miss many others. But
24 first and foremost, I need to actually thank this
25 Council for having the faith to support a tax

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2 increment financing bill that I introduced sometime
3 ago that actually allowed this project to come to
4 fruition at a time that we had not even selected a
5 developer, but it was a tool that was used to
6 promote and encourage development in an area of the
7 City that desperately needs it.

8 Secondly, to the Empowerment Zone and
9 the West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution
10 for their great work on this. PIDC, I see Paul
11 Deegan in the audience, and certainly Bob Fina and
12 Peter Longstreth, now president. And what should
13 have been first, but certainly last but not least,
14 the Parkside community, the Parkside Association in
15 particular, but the various Parkside groups and
16 organizations and individuals.

17 This development project, it is
18 anticipated, will help to bring about a renaissance
19 to the Parkside community, which by its location is
20 in a great location. It's name actually comes from
21 being so close to that wonderful jewel called the
22 Park, and the Fairmount Park Commission right down
23 the street.

24 So it is with great pleasure that
25 finally this has come to fruition, the developer and

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2 the West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution
3 have come to agreement. And I look forward to, not
4 only construction, but that great day when people
5 are actually shopping and buying groceries.

6 Thank you very much, Madam President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

8 The Clerk will please call the roll.

9 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke.

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

17 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

21 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

23 THE CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

24 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

25 THE CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

5 THE CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

6 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

7 THE CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

9 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

11 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

15 THE CLERK: Council President Verna.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

17 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A

18 majority of all Members of Council having voted in

19 the affirmative, the bill passes.

20 Councilwoman Miller, your light is on.

21 Did you want to be recognized?

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Yes. Madam

23 President, I'd like to be recorded as voting aye on

24 resolutions that were introduced when I was out of

25 Chambers.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

3 That concludes the Calendar for today.

4 Are there speeches on the part of the
5 minority?

6 (No response.)

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

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I don't normally do this, Madam
12 President, but given the -- my colleagues are
13 chuckling. I do often give speeches at the end of
14 the Session; that is true. I don't often make
15 announcements. It will be relatively short. But
16 "relative" is a relative term.

17 There are a couple of important meetings
18 coming up, Madam President, that have a timeliness
19 to them and they are quite topical, given our
20 current situation. There are two major tax
21 assessment community meetings coming up next week in
22 addition to the hearings that the President has
23 already announced which are on Tuesday. But in two
24 sections of the City, first on Tuesday October 1,
25 2002 at 7 o'clock p.m. at the Roxborough High School

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2 at Ridge and Fountain there is a community meeting
3 to get information about the City's tax assessment
4 system. Representatives from the Board of Revision
5 of Taxes will be in attendance and they will also
6 actually have appeal forms.

7 Secondly, for West Philadelphia and
8 those areas covered by the 52nd and 34th, 4th, and
9 44 wards, the Penn Memorial Baptist Church at 54th
10 and Wynnefield Avenue on Wednesday, October 2, 2002,
11 at 7:00 p.m. Similarly, there will be
12 representatives from the Board of Revision of Taxes
13 to talk about the system and also try to help people
14 both understand it and get appeal forms.

15 I just wanted to encourage the listening
16 audience and certainly the press to try to report
17 this information so that people can know that there
18 are places where you can get information and
19 obviously file your appeal before the deadline on
20 October 7th.

21 Thank you very much, Madam President.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam

25 President.

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2 First of all, I wanted to thank the many
3 citizens of Philadelphia for their kind -- I was
4 going to say condolences.

5 (Laughter.)

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: But fortunately, the
7 situation moved in the opposite direction. But for
8 the kind expressions of consideration over the last
9 few weeks.

10 And secondly I wanted to say I've
11 developed really a new understanding of the
12 wonderful work that our healthcare workers do day
13 after day. The people at Einstein, I'm sure it true
14 at other hospitals, and the people at Moss Rehab
15 work, not because they're getting fortunes because
16 most of them are vastly underpaid, but they work
17 because they're sincere, because they really try to
18 do a job on behalf of the patient. And I just think
19 they set an example for us because I've been
20 troubled in recent days about how far this country
21 seems to have moved away from the notions that for
22 quite a while had great strength. For example, as
23 an active leader in the labor movement for many
24 years, I began to get distressed maybe some 20 or 30
25 or 40 years ago when I heard labor leaders begin

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2 talking of their labor organizations as businesses,
3 because the last think in the world I thought would
4 be good for the United States would be for labor
5 organizations to follow the pattern of businesses
6 who sold interests as profit and not the interests
7 of making people feel better or live better lives
8 the way the hospital workers work, the way the
9 therapists work as I've seen firsthand at Einstein.
10 And so it's been a bothersome thing and I had a
11 little time over the last couple weeks to think more
12 generally about the situation, and I think there
13 have got to begin to be some changes made.

14 As I watched the nurses' aids and
15 therapists and their aids work for the low wages
16 they get, it struck me, what a strange thing it is
17 that the people who speak for ordinary working
18 people for poor people, the labor unions are, for
19 example, being charged with building houses which
20 cost a thousand dollars more because allegedly the
21 labor cost of using cast iron pipe runs the cost of
22 each house about thousand more, when plastic pipe
23 would be just as good and many people think is
24 better. I'm alarmed by the reports coming out of
25 the Convention Center about the kinds of things

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2 that, to me, labor never represented. I never
3 thought that labor is a featherbedding institution
4 or as an institution which sought to make life other
5 than better for ordinary working people. And to run
6 up costs to have a reputation in Philadelphia for
7 being the most costly labor place makes no sense to
8 me. And many of you may remember that as long ago
9 as nearly a year ago I introduced a resolution
10 expressing concern that why does it cost so much to
11 build a house in Philadelphia and so much less to
12 build a house outside the City. Labor comes in
13 here, and they've had strong support from just about
14 all of us in City Council in the interest of getting
15 jobs for working people, and then to find labor
16 being accused of doing things that run in the
17 opposite direction made no sense.

18 So I'm asking that all of us begin
19 giving new consideration to the values that we
20 represent here in City Council. And I think people
21 in Philadelphia have got to begin evaluating their
22 public officials and all others by what services do
23 they perform for the community. It shouldn't be
24 left solely to faith-based institutions to carry the
25 burden of providing a better life for people. I

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2 think that's the main job of labor. And I would
3 like to go back to the days when organizing the
4 unions was a crusade; it was a crusade for a better
5 life for people. It was not a technique by which
6 somebody was prevented from opening a suitcase
7 because he has an exhibit at the Convention Center
8 and there's a union rule that says anything done by
9 anybody has to be done by a union person. Now, I
10 just don't understand these things, and so I will be
11 introducing shortly in Council a very broad
12 resolution for us to be examining new perspectives
13 and maybe going back to old perspectives as an
14 example of what labor ought to stand for. It ought
15 to stand for higher productivity. It ought to stand
16 for making life better for working people and for
17 the poor who may not be working through no fault of
18 their own.

19 I must say that with respect to the
20 Democratic Party, I wonder what does "working poor"
21 mean. Are we excluding when we say, we in the
22 Democratic Party represent the working poor, are we
23 saying we don't represent those who through the
24 weaknesses in the economy have not been able to get
25 a job? Are we becoming people who rail against the

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2 unemployed and blame the unemployed for their
3 unemployment when everybody knows it's companies
4 like Enron that have caused the unemployment, Global
5 Crossing and all these companies we're hearing
6 about?

7 I think it's time for us to take new
8 perspectives and I hope out of my recent removal
9 from direct activity over the last couple of weeks,
10 I'm hoping that my thoughts will take form in the
11 nature of a resolution to permit us to begin
12 recharging our force. I think the responsibility of
13 public officials is to see that everybody, no matter
14 how poor, no matter whether working or not, gets the
15 opportunity to live the best possible life they can
16 live.

17 I believe President Bush when he says he
18 wants to see that every child gets the best possible
19 education, but I wish by his actions he was more
20 like Martin Luther King than like George Bush, Sr.
21 or Jr. Because you have to judge people by their
22 actions.

23 So thank you very much again for your
24 kind considerations. And I just have to tell you,
25 the look and the smell and even the difficulty of

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2 hearing in this miserable substitute for our
3 beautiful Council Caucus Room looks awfully good to
4 me here day. Thank you very much.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
9 President. Is it safe to say that Councilman Cohen
10 is back?

11 (Laughter.)

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I'm glad to see him
13 so healthy and vibrant but, obviously, he's back
14 with fire in his belly. It's nice to you.

15 Thank you, Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

17 Are there any other speeches on the part
18 of the majority?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing none,
21 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President. I
23 move that Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
24 October 3, 2002.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
3 moved and seconded that Council stand adjourned
4 until Thursday, October 3, 2002.

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes have
10 it. The motion carries. Thank you.

11 (Council adjourned at 10:50 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of September 26, 2002, were reported
fully and accurately by me, and that this is a
correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR
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