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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, June 8, 2000

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Room 400, City Hall

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, Chief Clerk

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
4 morning. I note that the hour has come and that a
5 quorum of this Council is present. Council will
6 come to order, Members will take their seats, and
7 visitors will retire to the seats outside the
8 rails.

9 To give our invocation this morning the
10 Chair welcomes Reverend Lorina Marshall-Blake,
11 Associate Pastor of the Vine Memorial Baptist
12 Church. She is here today as the guest of
13 Councilman Clarke.

14 Members and guests will please rise.

15 (All rise.)

16 REVEREND BLAKE: I would first come
17 today to say, this is the day the Lord hath made.
18 Let us rejoice and be glad in it, and at what a
19 mighty God we serve. Let us pray.

20 All-wise, all-powerful God, enthroned
21 in heavenly splendor, You who sit high but look
22 low, we come with hearts of praise and thanksgiving
23 for this day. We come to give thanks for these
24 Thy people, Your people, who sit here at the seat
25 of Council, representing Your interests, these

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2 vessels, O, God, that you have chosen to use.

3 O, God, we pray that you would give
4 them wisdom, give them honor, give them glory in
5 their dealings both here, at the heart of City
6 and, throughout land. Give them courage, Lord,
7 give them strength. Show them mercy, O, God, so
8 that they may show mercy.

9 And, God, when difficult times come and
10 difficult decisions have to be made -- and they
11 will -- that these, Your servants, will continue
12 to praise You, in spite of the difficulties,
13 realizing that when we give Him the glory, He
14 gives you peace and joy in return.

15 God, in Your word, You tell to us look
16 out for one another, to be in prayer for one
17 another, and, yes, to bear one another's burdens.
18 And, Lord, when we ask, am I my brother's or
19 sister's keeper? that these, Thy people, will
20 respond with a resounding yes. And, Lord, we
21 thank You that every day is a day of
22 thanksgiving.

23 But most of all, O, God, we thank you
24 this day for the relief and satisfaction of minds
25 and knowing that come with the firm assurance,

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2 that blessed assurance, that You govern the
3 world. That no matter what may be occurring, O,
4 Lord, whether it's within our schools, our
5 government, our city, our nation, that
6 nevertheless, under Your direction, You, who are
7 wise, good, and omnipotent, that You will, in Your
8 own time, and you promise to make all things work
9 together for the good to those who love You.

10 And, O, Lord, it is for this, in this
11 day this, in this time, in this moment that we
12 give you praise. Let all the saints of God say
13 amen.

14 ALL: Amen.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 thanks Reverend Blake for her very inspiring
17 invocation. Thank you.

18 Council will be at ease.

19 (Council stands at ease, then
20 proceedings resume.)

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22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
23 order of business is the approval of the Journal
24 of the meeting of Thursday, June 1, 2000. And the
25 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

1 6/1/00 JOURNAL APPROVAL/LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
4 Thursday, June 1, 2000, stand approved.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
7 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
8 the meeting of Thursday, June 1, 2000, stand
9 approved.

10 All those in favor will signify by
11 saying aye.

12 Those opposed, nay.

13 The ayes have it, the motion carries,
14 and the Journal of Thursday, June 1, 2000, is
15 approved.

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17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
18 order of business is requests for leave of
19 absence, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. There are no requests for leaves
23 of absence on the part of the Majority.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
4 believe we have Councilman Longstreth away, and
5 I'm not sure of the status of Councilman O'Neill.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
7 At this time, leave will be granted for Councilman
8 Longstreth.

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10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 will dispense with the regular order of business
12 to recognize the guests and visitors joining us in
13 chambers this morning.

14 On behalf of all members of City
15 Council, I welcome you to our Council session this
16 morning. We appreciate your taking the time to
17 join us as we attend to the legislative affairs of
18 our city. We certainly invite you to come again.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Tasco.

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilwoman
23 Tasco, your light is on; do you want to be
24 recognize?

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: No.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

3 We are pleased today to welcome Miss
4 Lois Fernandez, founder and president of ODUNDE.

5 Will Councilman Reynolds Brown please
6 come forward to make this presentation, and I
7 would ask Miss Fernandez and those accompanying
8 her to please come and join the Councilwoman at
9 the podium.

10 (Honoree et al. come forward.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning.
12 Good morning.

13 Last March, we had the great
14 opportunity to enjoy a tradition that was brought
15 to us -- or has been brought to us on an annual
16 basis, I understand, by my colleague Councilman
17 Jim Kenney, in that he shared with us the
18 celebration of St. Patrick's Day. And in having
19 brief comments with him this morning, one comment
20 he made was that one beautiful, unique feature
21 about our country is that we really do get a
22 chance to celebrate our differences.

23 So in that spirit, I'm delighted to
24 introduce to some and present to others the
25 celebration of ODUNDE here in our city and its

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2 founder, Miss Lois Fernandez. This is a
3 resolution honoring ODUNDE on the occasion of its
4 25th anniversary, and Lois Fernandez, President of
5 ODUNDE.

6 Whereas, ODUNDE is an annual
7 African-American holiday festival that celebrates
8 the coming of another year and the opportunity for
9 renewal of African-Americans; and

10 Whereas, the festival began in 1975,
11 modeled after the experiences of Miss Lois
12 Fernandez when she attended the annual African
13 Festival of Oshun held in Oshogbo, Nigeria.

14 Whereas, it is an occasion marked by
15 joy and hope, a joy which is highlighted by a
16 colorful procession to the Schuylkill River, where
17 offerings of fruits and flowers are made to Oshun,
18 the goddess of love and rivers;

19 Whereas, the scope and magnitude of the
20 festival has steadily increased, attendance at the
21 festival has surpassed 300,000 and has earned
22 international recognition and has attracted
23 acclaimed performers;

24 Whereas, ODUNDE has expanded from a
25 one-day event to a year-round organization as

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2 ODUNDE, Inc. now serves school-aged children as
3 well as others with cultural programs and
4 activities; and

5 Whereas, throughout the 25-year
6 history, ODUNDE has been a model for promoting,
7 joy togetherness, and understanding to all
8 Philadelphians.

9 Now, therefore, resolved by the Council
10 of the City of Philadelphia that we honor ODUNDE
11 and its founder, Lois Fernandez, on the occasion
12 of the 25th anniversary of the festival.

13 Further resolved that an engrossed copy
14 of this resolution be presented to Lois Fernandez
15 as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this
16 legislative body.

17 You should know that this proclamation
18 was introduced also by Miss Anna C. Verna, the
19 leadership of our body, W. Wilson Goode, Jr., and
20 Joan Krajewski, and, of course, was supported,
21 endorsed, and sponsored by all the members of the
22 City Council.

23 Congratulations, Miss Lois Fernandez.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Miss Fernandez for remarks.

3 MS. FERNANDEZ: We give praise and
4 thanks to the Creator. We give praise and thanks
5 that we have with us a honored guest, the Chief
6 Araba Agbave, Chief Araba of the world, from
7 Nigeria, West Africa.

8 (Applause.).

9 MS. FERNANDEZ: We are truly honored
10 and blessed to reach this milestone in our
11 history. We have had many, many difficult roads
12 to travel, but we will be there this Sunday,
13 celebrating this with this city and our people our
14 25 years of cultural survival on South Street.

15 We want to thank the Council President,
16 who is also our District Councilperson for us here
17 in South Philadelphia, who has been with us and
18 has been with us -- I will take the privilege of
19 calling her "Anna" 'cause I've known her many
20 years -- who has stood besides us with the
21 difficulties we have faced, but she has been there
22 with us.

23 We want to thank Councilman Jim Kenney,
24 who probably doesn't want this, but Jim Kenney
25 came to use behind the scenes and has helped us,

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2 'cause I said the people who don't know said,
3 that's South Philadelphia for you. Se, that's how
4 we hang in South Philadelphia, you know? Yeah.

5 (Laughter.)

6 (Applause.)

7 MS. FERNANDEZ: And Councilwoman Jannie
8 Blackwell, who has been there for us, who knows
9 the struggle and the fight we had when they
10 thought they were going to move us from our homes
11 on South Street and we said, No good. Either you
12 kick us or we kick you, but we stand, and we
13 stayed, and we're still there, 'cause that's our
14 attitude.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. FERNANDEZ: But thank you, Jannie,
17 for being there.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

19 MS. FERNANDEZ: We say thank you to
20 Bruce Crawley for being there and for everybody
21 else who has supported us.

22 To my board members who are here,
23 Adrienne Williams, Deborah Morris. To the people
24 who are here -- (unintelligible) Williams, who I
25 grew up with all my life. To Skip, to Ianone, to

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2 everyone. To my dear friend Kay Fields, Shongo
3 Bucola (ph.), I give praise and thanks. To my
4 daughter, who is the next generation. As we
5 transition leadership, my daughter, Oshunbumi
6 Fernandez. Her names means "a gift from the
7 goddess of love, Oshun." Truly my gift, my
8 daughter, Oshunbumi.

9 (Applause.)

10 MISS FERNANDEZ: I just want to say
11 thank you. When ODUNDE first started, I was
12 strapped to my mother's back, and now I'm kind of
13 towering her right now.

14 I have learned from ODUNDE over the 25
15 years that my mother always told me, If you
16 believe in something, it will last. And ODUNDE
17 has lasted for many mayors, many City Councils,
18 and yet, we still stand. And I hope that in the
19 year 2025, that I can be here accepting another
20 resolution and handing it on to my son or my
21 daughter.

22 So all I do is say thank you, thank
23 you.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will

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2 be at ease.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: In the spirit of
4 this celebration, we now invite our performers to
5 please grace us with their performance.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Council will
7 be at ease. I understand we're going to have a
8 photo shot, and then we're going to have a
9 performance?

10 (Performance in celebration of ODUNDE.)

11 (Applause.)

12 (Council proceedings resume.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell, who will make
15 the second presentation. Will Mr. Edmond
16 Notebaert please come forward.

17 (Councilwoman Blackwell and honoree
18 come forward.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President.

23 This is a resolution honoring Edmond F.
24 Notebaert.

25 Whereas, Edmond F. Notebaert became

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2 President and Chief Executive Officer of the
3 Children's Hospital Foundation and the Children's
4 Hospital of Philadelphia on January 1, 1987; and

5 Whereas, Mr. Notebaert recruited
6 additional internationally-acclaimed physicians
7 and world-renowned scientists and created an
8 infrastructure which evolved from an inpatient
9 hospital to a health system. He expanded the
10 hospital's outpatient clinical activities through
11 the construction of the Richard D. Wood Pediatric
12 Ambulatory Care Center, the opening of eight
13 regional specialty care centers that brought
14 high-quality pediatric and specialty and
15 subspecialty services to children in their own
16 communities, the development of "Kids First," and
17 the establishment of a comprehensive pediatric
18 home-care program; and

19 Whereas, the scope of pediatric
20 services expanded with the acquisition of the
21 Philadelphia Child Guidance Center, a pediatric
22 mental health agency, and the Children's Seashore
23 House, the nation's first pediatric rehabilitation
24 center; and

25 Whereas, Mr. Notebaert's vision and

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2 leadership have created the hospital's research
3 enterprise, resulting in the opening of the
4 Leonard and Madeline Abrahamson Pediatric Research
5 Center, home of the Joseph Stokes, Jr. Research
6 Institute, and the expansion of clinical research,
7 including the development of Children's Clinical
8 Research Institute; and

9 Whereas, grant funding from the
10 National Institute of Health has increased
11 fivefold, and the hospital's residency and
12 fellowship programs have expanded as well.
13 Children's Hospital is now the institution of
14 choice for pediatric physicians and training; and

15 Whereas, the hospital continues its
16 historic mission to serve all children within its
17 service area, irrespective of ability to pay.
18 Four primary-care centers now bring skilled
19 primary-care pediatric physicians into underserved
20 areas in West Philadelphia and South Philadelphia.

21 Therefore, resolved by the Council of
22 the City of Philadelphia that we hereby honor and
23 commend Edmond F. Notebaert on his outstanding
24 record of achievement as President and Chief
25 Executive Officer of Children's Hospital of

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2 Philadelphia and the Children's Hospital

3 Foundation.

4 Resolved further that an engrossed copy
5 of this resolution be presented to Edmond F.

6 Notebaert, further evidencing the sincere

7 sentiments and high esteem of this legislative

8 body.

9 And before we conclude, I wish these
10 words could just jump out at you as to all of the
11 activities that Mr. Notebaert has done and been
12 engaged in for the children in our city and around
13 the world really, really deserve. And I would
14 also like to say that we have begun a new --
15 although now he's advising his successor, he
16 decided it was time to do other things. He is
17 still working hard advising his successor, but he
18 has begun a partnership with the West Philadelphia
19 community in terms of even working on a park. We
20 are working on Malcolm X Park. We will have,
21 thanks to Children's Hospital, a park unlike any
22 in the City of Philadelphia because of the
23 investment of Children's Hospital to make sure
24 that neighborhood children have play equipment and
25 have an opportunity to enjoy all of the fruits of

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2 life. And these are things done that Mr.
3 Notebaert has done, even after he formally stepped
4 down and didn't have to do.

5 Another thing I'd like to mention is
6 that if go in Children's Hospital any day and you
7 see him walking through the hallways, the person
8 who's pushing trash can says, "Hi, Ed," that
9 there's not this formal thing where they're afraid
10 to touch him. They love him, there's a friendly
11 atmosphere because he is always secure enough in
12 his mission to include everyone. And that says a
13 lot for kind of person he is, his commitment to
14 people, and he can never be replaced.

15 Let me conclude by saying,
16 certification that this is a true and correct copy
17 of the original resolution adopted by the Council
18 of the City of Philadelphia on the 4th day of May,
19 2000. It is certainly signed by our President,
20 introduced by Councilwoman Krajewski and myself,
21 and sponsored by each and everyone of you, for
22 which we say thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 congratulates Mr. Notebaert and recognizes him for

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2 remarks.

3 MR. NOTEBAERT: Thank you, Council
4 President Verna, members of City Council and my
5 special friend Councilwoman Blackwell.

6 We've enjoyed a lot of good times
7 together, we've brought a lot of progress to the
8 health of the citizens of our community, in
9 particular those in West and South Philadelphia.
10 I've appeared in these chambers on many occasions,
11 but this is the most pleasant opportunity that
12 I've had to appear before you. All the other
13 times have been in presenting our programs to
14 build those buildings that you referred to.

15 It's a humbling opportunity for me to
16 be here before you and receive this honor. And
17 all I can say is from the depths of my heart, I
18 thank you very much, and I've enjoyed my
19 association with Councilwoman Blackwell and all of
20 the members of City Council.

21 Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
24 be at ease.

25 (Council stands at ease, then

1 COMMUNICATIONS

2 proceedings resume.)

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4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
5 order of business is communications.

6 The Chair requests that the
7 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
8 Mayor to the clerk. The clerk will read the
9 messages from the Mayor.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and
11 Members of the Council of the City of
12 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that
13 today, I have signed the following bills that were
14 passed by Council at its session on June 1, 2000:
15 Bill No. 000214, 000215 and 000213.

16 And I am transmitting herewith for the
17 consideration of your honorable body the
18 following:

19 An ordinance granting permission to RCN
20 Telecom Services of Philadelphia, Inc. to
21 construct, own, operate, maintain, replace and
22 remove a telecommunications system in, over and
23 under the public rights-of-way and streets of the
24 City of Philadelphia to operate and maintain a
25 video programming service over such

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2 telecommunications system, pursuant to the
3 provisions governing open-video systems in the
4 Telecommunications Act of 1996, under certain
5 terms and conditions paragraph.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The messages
7 will be printed in the Journal.

8 The clerk will read any other
9 communications in her possession.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: That's all I have.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
14 order of business is the introduction of bills and
15 resolutions, and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Blackwell for a motion.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move that the rules of Council
19 be suspended so as to permit immediate
20 consideration of resolutions at the time of their
21 introduction.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
24 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
25 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate

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2 consideration of resolutions at the time of their
3 introduction.

4 All those in favor will signify by
5 saying aye.

6 Those opposed, nay.

7 The ayes have it and the motion is
8 carried.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
12 President. I offer one bill on behalf of the
13 Administration and one resolution on your behalf.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 The clerk will please read the title of
16 the bill.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance granting
18 permission to RCN Telecom Services of Philadelphia
19 to construct, own, operate, maintain, replace, and
20 remove telecommunications system in, over, and
21 under the streets of the City of Philadelphia.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill will
23 be referred to the appropriate committee.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
3 honoring the Good Shepherd Parish on their 75th
4 anniversary.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the adoption
8 of the resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All those in favor will signify by
14 saying aye.

15 Those opposed?

16 The ayes have it and the resolution has
17 been adopted.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Blackwell.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President. This morning, I have no bills or
22 resolutions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 thanks the Councilwoman.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

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2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.
5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Krajewski.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
8 President, I have one resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: I'm sorry, we
10 can't hear you.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I'm sorry. I
12 have one bill today.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: One bill?
14 Councilwoman, we were told you had a resolution
15 also.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: No.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Just one
18 bill?

19 The clerk will please read the title of
20 the bill.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance naming the
22 Criminal Justice Center, located at 13th and
23 Filbert Streets "The Justice James T. McDermott
24 Judicial Center" and authorizing the Commissioner
25 of Public Property to take appropriate action to

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2 carry out this ordinance.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill will
4 be referred to the appropriate committee.

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
6 Chairwoman, I'm sorry. I do have one resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
8 The clerk will please read the title of the
9 resolution.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
11 the memory of General Frederick Wilhelm Von
12 Steuben and designating the area of 22nd Street
13 and Benjamin Franklin Parkway as the Steuben
14 (unintelligible), in celebration of the 30th
15 Annual Steuben Day Parade to be held on Saturday,
16 September 23, 2000.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: I move the
20 adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
23 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
24 adopted.

25 All those in favor will signify by

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2 saying aye.

3 Those opposed, nay.

4 The ayes have it and the resolution has
5 been adopted.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Mariano.

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
9 have three resolutions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
11 will please read the title of the first
12 resolution.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
14 the Frankford High School Varsity Baseball Team
15 and Coach Bob Peffle on winning the Public League
16 Baseball Championship.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
20 adoption.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is there a
22 second?

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
25 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be

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2 adopted.

3 All those in favor will signify by
4 saying aye.

5 Those opposed, nay.

6 The ayes have it and the resolution has
7 been adopted.

8 The clerk will please read the title of
9 the second resolution.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution
11 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean
12 War and the efforts of the Korean War Veterans
13 Chapter No.'s 1509 and 38.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
17 move for the adoption.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All those in favor will signify by
23 saying aye.

24 Those opposed, nay.

25 The ayes have it and the resolution has

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2 been adopted.

3 The clerk will please read the title of
4 the third resolution.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
6 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
7 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority a deed
8 located in the 7th, 18th, and 19th Wards of he
9 City of Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

12 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
13 move for the adoption.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All those in favor will signify by
19 saying aye.

20 Those opposed, nay.

21 The ayes have it and the resolution has
22 been adopted.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Tasco.

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I

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2 offer one resolution.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
4 will please read the title of the resolution.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution
6 congratulating and commending the American Heart
7 Association on its national initiative, Operation
8 Heartbeat.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
12 move for the adoption of the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All those in favor will signify by
18 saying aye.

19 Those opposed, nay.

20 The ayes have it and the resolution has
21 been adopted.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
23 Miller.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
25 President. I offer two resolutions.

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
3 will please read the title of the first
4 resolution.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
6 the Northwest Interfaith Movement on the occasion
7 of its 30th anniversary and celebrating
8 contribution to both religious and secular causes
9 within the Philadelphia community.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I move for the adoption of the
14 resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All those in favor will signify by
20 saying aye.

21 Those opposed?

22 The ayes have it and the motion has
23 been carried.

24 Councilman DiCicco, do you want to be
25 recognized?

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Yes. I'll be
3 absent from the chamber for about five minutes,
4 and I would like to be recorded as voting yes on
5 all bills and resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And you have
7 no bills or resolutions to be introduced today?

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I have no bills or
9 resolutions today.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

11 The clerk will please read the title of
12 the second resolution introduced by Councilwoman
13 Miller.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution in support
15 of the Philadelphia June Teeth 2000 observance and
16 the national June Teeth Holiday Campaign.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam
20 President. I move for the adoption of the
21 resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has been
24 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be
25 adopted.

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 All those in favor will signify by
3 saying aye.

4 Those opposed, nay.

5 The ayes have it and the resolution has
6 been adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I offer two bills, one on behalf of
10 you, Councilman Kenney, and myself.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk
12 will please read the title of the first bill.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
14 Chapter 19-2800 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
15 "Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation
16 Authority Tax on Wages and Net Profits," by
17 exempting certain stock options from the tax,
18 under certain terms and conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
20 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

21 The clerk will please read the title of
22 the second bill.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance designating
24 the picnic area located within the 29th Street and
25 Chambers Avenue recreation fields and facilities

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 as the Van R. Thomas Memorial Picnic Area.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
4 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

5 And the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
8 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

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

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
13 President. I have no bills or resolutions.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

16 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
17 have one privileged resolution.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
19 will please read the title of the resolution.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution
21 memorializing Tito Puente and recognizing his
22 lifetime achievements and contributions as a
23 world-renowned Latin jazz musician and band
24 leader.

25 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The Chair

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I move
4 the adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

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

9 All those in favor will signify by
10 saying aye.

11 Those opposed?

12 The ayes have it and the resolution has
13 been adopted.

14 Councilman DiCicco has no bills or
15 resolutions to be introduced today.

16 And the Chair recognizes Councilman
17 O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam President, I
19 have no bills or resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 thanks the Councilman.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I have one resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 will please read the title of the resolution.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution authorizing
4 the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
5 deliver to the Redevelopment Authority of the City
6 of Philadelphia a deed located in the 28th, 29th,
7 32nd, 37th, and 47th Wards of the City of
8 Philadelphia.

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

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
12 adoption.

13 (Duly seconded.)

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

17 All those in favor will signify by
18 saying aye.

19 Those opposed?

20 The ayes have it and the resolution has
21 been adopted.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President, I
24 have one privileged resolution today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk

1 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 will please read the title of the resolution.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution requesting
4 that the Pennsylvania State Legislature require
5 that the flag of the United States of America and
6 the flag of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be
7 flown at half-mast from all State buildings,
8 including the State Capitol, when any law
9 enforcement officer, firefighter, paramedic, or
10 EMT in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania dies in
11 the line of duty.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

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

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All those in favor will signify by
21 saying aye.

22 Those opposed, nay.

23 The ayes have it and the resolution is
24 adopted.

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1 BILLS ON FIRST-READING CALENDAR

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It is my
3 understanding that we don't have any reports from
4 committees.

5 We will then now consider bills on our
6 first-reading calendar, and the clerk will please
7 read the first bill.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Bill No. 000221, an
9 ordinance creating the Networks Tax Increment
10 Financing District and approving the project plan
11 of the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
12 Development to execute documents and do all things
13 necessary to carry out the intent of this
14 ordinance.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 agrees.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Bill No. 000260, an
18 ordinance creating the Silver City Tax Increment
19 Financing District and approving the project plan
20 of the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
21 Development to execute documents and to do all
22 things necessary to carry out the intent of this
23 ordinance.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Bill No. 000314, an
3 ordinance amending Chapter 10-600 of the
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public Places -
5 Prohibited Conduct" by prohibiting smoking in
6 certain public places and in the workplace, with
7 certain exceptions, and by repealing current
8 provisions set forth in Section 10-602 regulating
9 smoking, all under certain terms and conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 The bills just read by the clerk will
13 be placed on our second-reading and final-passage
14 calendar for the next meeting.

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16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose
18 of calling up bills on the second-reading and
19 final-passage calendar.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
21 Madam President. Today Bill No.'s 000212, 000222,
22 000223, 000179, 000081, 000258, 000280, 000345,
23 000317, 000318, and 000320 are called up for
24 second reading and final passage.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

1 SECOND-READING CALENDAR - BILL 000222

2 The clerk will please read the title
3 Bill No. 000221.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance creating
5 the West Chestnut Retail Tax Increment Financing
6 District and approving the project plan of the
7 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
8 to execute documents and do all things necessary
9 to carry out the intent of this ordinance.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
11 having been read on two different days, the
12 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

13 The clerk will please call the roll.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco is
21 voting aye.

22 Councilman Goode?

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

25 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

3 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

15 Brown?

16 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

22 Verna?

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

24 The ayes are 15, the nays are 0. A

25 majority of the members of Council having voted in

1 SECOND-READING CALENDAR - BILL 000222

2 the affirmative, the bill passes.

3 I'm sorry. Councilman Goode, do you
4 wish to be recognized?

5 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I voted nay.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I said 15
7 ayes, 1 nay.

8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: You said 0 nays.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Oh, I'm
10 sorry.

11 The record will reflect the vote on
12 that bill is 15 ayes and 1 nay. And the majority
13 of all Members having voted in the affirmative,
14 the bill passes.

15 The clerk will please read the title of
16 Bill No. 000222.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance creating
18 the Schmidts Plaza Tax Increment Financing
19 District and approving the project plan of the
20 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
21 to execute documents and do all things necessary
22 to carry out the intent of this ordinance.

23 PRESIDENT Verna: This bill having been
24 read on two different days, the question now is,
25 shall the bill pass finally?

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2 The clerk will please call the roll.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

4 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco is

10 voting aye.

11 Councilman Goode?

12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

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2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
4 Brown?

5 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
11 Verna?

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

13 The ayes are 15, the nays are 1. The
14 majority of all members of Council having voted in
15 the affirmative, the bill passes.

16 The clerk will please read the title of
17 Bill No. 000223.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance creating
19 the South Ninth Retail Tax Increment Financing
20 District and approving the project plan of the
21 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development
22 to execute documents and do all things necessary
23 to carry out the intent of this ordinance.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
25 having been read on two different days, the

1 SECOND-READING CALENDAR - BILL 000222

2 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

3 The clerk will please call the roll.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco is
11 voting aye.

12 Councilman Goode?

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Nay.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
5 Brown?

6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

12 Verna?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

14 The ayes are 15, the nays are 1. A
15 majority of all members of Council having voted in
16 the affirmative, the bill passes.

17 The clerk will please read Bill No.
18 000179.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
20 Section 12-2809 of the Philadelphia Code by
21 increasing the civil penalties for violations of
22 Section 12-1120, which prohibits a person from
23 leaving parked any vehicle not being cable of
24 being moved under its own power.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill

1 SECOND-READING CALENDAR - BILL 000222

2 having been read on two different days, the
3 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

4 The clerk will please call the roll.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco is
12 voting aye.

13 Councilman Goode?

14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

6 Brown?

7 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

13 Verna?

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

15 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
16 majority of all members of Council having voted in
17 the affirmative, the bill passes.

18 The next bill to be called up is Bill
19 No. 000081.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
21 Title 14 of the Philadelphia Code and adding new
22 requirements to allow for preservation of
23 historically significant buildings.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
25 having been read on two different days, the

1 SECOND-READING CALENDAR - BILL 000222

2 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

3 The clerk will please call the roll.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco is
11 voting aye.

12 Councilman Goode?

13 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

15 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

19 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

23 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

3 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds
5 Brown?

6 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

8 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

12 Verna?

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

14 The ayes are 16 the nays are 0. A
15 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
16 the affirmative, the bill passes.

17 The next bill to be called up for
18 consideration is Bill No. 000258.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
20 Chapter 19-200 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
21 "City Funds, Deposits, Investments,
22 Disbursements," by authorizing the City Treasurer
23 to deposit funds in Sovereign Bank, under certain
24 terms and conditions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

1 SECOND-READING CALENDAR - BILL 000222
2 having been read two different days, the question
3 now is, shall the bill pass finally?
4 The clerk will please call the roll.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?
6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?
8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?
10 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco is
12 voting aye.
13 Councilman Goode?
14 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
18 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
22 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
24 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

4 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

6 Brown?

7 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

13 Verna?

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

15 The ayes are 16 the naves 0. A

16 majority of all members of Council having voted in

17 the affirmative, the bill passes.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next bill

19 being called up for consideration is Bill No.

20 000280.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance approving

22 the Fiscal Year 2000 Capital Budget providing for

23 expenditures for the capital purposes of the

24 Philadelphia Gas Works, including the supplying of

25 funds to be obtained in connection therewith and

1 SECOND-READING CALENDAR - BILL 000222

2 rejecting the forecast for Fiscal Year 2001
3 through 2005.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
5 having been read on two different days, the
6 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

7 The clerk will please call the roll.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

11 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

13 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

15 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

17 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

21 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

3 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

7 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

9 Brown?

10 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

16 Verna?

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

18 The ayes are 16 the nays are 0. A
19 majority of all members of Council having voted in
20 the affirmative, the bill passes.

21 The next bill being called for
22 consideration is Bill No. 000345.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
24 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001
25 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the Director

1 SECOND-READING CALENDAR - BILL 000222
2 of Finance - Provision for Other Grants to the
3 Mayor's Office of Housing and Community
4 Development.

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

8 The clerk will please call the roll.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

10 Brown?

11 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

17 Verna?

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

19 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
20 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
21 the affirmative, the bill passes.

22 The next bill to be called for
23 consideration is Bill No. 000317.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
25 the McDonald's Corporation to construct and

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2 maintain an electrified marquee and a
3 three-dimensional icon attached to the building,
4 all under certain terms and conditions.

5 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: This bill having
6 been read on two different days, the question now
7 is, shall the bill pass finally?

8 The clerk will please call the roll.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

12 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

10 Brown?

11 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

13 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

17 Verna?

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

19 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
20 majority of all members of Council having voted in
21 the affirmative, the bill passes.

22 Bill No. 000318 will be called up next.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance granting
24 permission to PECO Energy Company, a Pennsylvania
25 corporation, and its successors, assigns, and

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2 contractors to construct, install, maintain and
3 operate, use, repair, replace, or remove a
4 wireless communications system under and across
5 the public rights-of-way of the City of
6 Philadelphia, all under certain terms and
7 conditions.

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

11 The clerk will please call the roll.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

15 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

21 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

3 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

13 Brown?

14 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

16 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

20 Verna?

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

23 majority of all members of Council having voted in

24 the affirmative, the bill passes.

25 The final bill to be called for

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2 consideration is Bill No. 000320.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
4 Section 2 of an ordinance (Bill No. 990305),
5 approved June 24, 1999, entitled "An ordinance
6 authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a
7 portion of Philadelphian No. 120 by striking from
8 the City Plan and vacating Carlyle Street from
9 Oxford Street to Cecil B. Moore Avenue, by
10 extending the time for compliance with the
11 conditions stated therein."

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
13 having been read on two different days, the
14 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

15 The clerk will please call the roll.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

21 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

23 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

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2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

5 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?

11 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman O'Neill?

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Reynolds

17 Brown?

18 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

24 Verna?

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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2 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
3 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
4 the affirmative, the bill passes.

5 This concludes of calendar.

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7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
8 speeches on the part of the Minority?

9 (No speeches on the part of the
10 Minority.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Are there any
12 speeches on the part of the Majority?

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
16 President.

17 We all know that much has taken place
18 this week in the area of education, and one thing
19 that I paid particular attention to were the
20 public hearings provided by the School Board. And
21 I now need to register where I am since this is an
22 issue that I especially care about.

23 We all know, and the fact is, that the
24 majority of the children in our city attend the
25 Philadelphia public schools, and we also know that

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2 as recently as a year ago, when the voters were
3 asked what they perceived to be the number-one
4 issue facing the City, it was the improvement of
5 public education.

6 So I'm here to say, and I state, that
7 Philadelphia's place as a world-class city is
8 directly linked to our ability to produce
9 well-educated citizens. We know without question
10 that for the first time in almost decades, we have
11 a committed mayor, we have what I believe to be a
12 committed Council, and we know for sure that we
13 have a new talented, technically astute School
14 Board that is doing all they can to craft a
15 solution around school funding, and I want to give
16 them my vote of confidence for the extraordinary
17 progress they have made so far.

18 Though far from perfect, the recent
19 "negotiated deal" that the Mayor and the School
20 District crafted for us is, indeed, a short-term
21 strategy to help us get through the next year, and
22 we also know that it's not a silver bullet. Every
23 member of this Council and I understand that this
24 negotiated arrangement in no way solves the
25 long-term problems. And I'm of the opinion that

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2 we really do need to seize the moment over the
3 next 12 months and work closely with members of
4 the legislature to come up with a thoughtful,
5 long-term solution.

6 For the first time this week, and most
7 notably again yesterday, I felt what many of my
8 colleagues have experienced over the past 12
9 years: frustration on what is not happening with
10 regards to funding in our public schools. And
11 until Philadelphia children get \$12,000 per-unit
12 cost -- since, right now, they only \$6900
13 per-pupil cost -- all the other arguments for me
14 are not meaningful. Once we have equity in
15 funding, then I believe a number of the arguments
16 that I hear for me have meaning.

17 So I support every single effort that
18 has been put on the table to improve the quality
19 of education and the funding crisis currently in
20 our city. In the Mayor's negotiations with the
21 Governor, he pledged \$20 million in local funding
22 in addition to the District's 30 million in
23 reductions. I am prepared to work with this
24 Council and the Mayor to identify the necessary
25 funds.

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2 Given a thousand choices on how to
3 spend money in this city, one of the most
4 important ways we can spend it is on the education
5 of kids in this city. So I call on my colleagues,
6 I call on your leadership over the next 12 months,
7 'cause I'm sure it will take that to bring us to
8 the table and keep us at the table, to come up
9 with a long-term solution.

10 So we have to seize the moment because
11 if we don't, we'll be right back at this place
12 next year. If we ask any business leader, what is
13 the greatest business he or she can make to his
14 company? the CEO of that company will tell you
15 it's the investment in the company's human
16 capital.

17 So in closing, what is the greatest
18 investment we can make for the future of this
19 city? The short answer for me is, the children of
20 this city. We need to do all we can to raise and
21 find the money, and some proposals have been put
22 on the table to meet the crises that we're in. I
23 support the proposals that are on the table, and I
24 wanted to state that for the record.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you,

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2 Councilwoman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
5 President.

6 I think the sentiments just expressed
7 by Councilwoman Reynolds Brown are sentiments
8 that, in general, all members of Council --

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Councilman,
10 is your mike on? We can't hear you.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I'll move it up
12 further. Maybe that will do it.

13 But I think we all agree that there's a
14 great deal of work to be done, but they often say
15 that the devil is in the details, and that's what
16 we're going to be struggling with.

17 I wanted to comment on what I think is
18 something that I wish did not occur, and that is
19 the news about the Fire Department and the
20 treatment of a woman firefighter. I think that
21 the people of Philadelphia are getting
22 increasingly disturbed by the apparent unfair
23 treatment of the young woman who was one of
24 pioneers in the Fire Department, a department
25 which, until very recently, has been almost an

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2 exclusive bastion of male presence. I think it
3 gives the City of Philadelphia a very bad
4 appearance, and there also seems to be a great
5 deal of substance to the charges being made about
6 the unfair treatment.

7 And I just wish that Philadelphia and
8 all of its leadership people would decide to deal
9 very fairly with all minorities, including women,
10 so that the constant tales of unfair treatment
11 come to an end.

12 I don't understand, frankly, how it
13 happens that there are so few women in the Fire
14 Department compared, for example, to the Police
15 Department. And I just think it's very important
16 that this issue be considered seriously by the
17 City Administration. I don't think the process
18 ought to be played out in the courts, but
19 apparently, that's been the only way for this
20 young woman to seek to obtain fair treatment. So
21 I'm just hoping the City pays a great deal of
22 attention and makes sure that this doesn't happen
23 again.

24 To the friends from Chinatown who are
25 here, even though City Council pays no official

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2 attention to you because you're not on the order
3 today, we want you to know that you're welcome,
4 and the next stage in the City Council aspect is a
5 hearing on the 20th of June, at 2 o'clock, on the
6 question of whether there ought to be, and if so,
7 to what extent, public financing for the
8 stadiums. You're all invited to attend. It's a
9 hearing by the Committee of the Whole of the City
10 Council.

11 So don't feel that people are ignoring
12 you when they don't reefer to you today because
13 the next official item will take place on June
14 20th.

15 Thank you very much, Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You're
17 welcome.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
20 President.

21 Just in regards to the comments made by
22 Councilman Cohen about the lawsuit in the Fire
23 Department. I am in no way making any judgment on
24 the issues surrounding this particular case. I
25 don't know as much about it, I haven't followed

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2 the case day-to-day. All I know is what I read in
3 the newspaper, and I certainly wasn't there when
4 the instance took place.

5 But there's one thing I think that's
6 very important to remember: Regardless of what
7 dispute you may have with your employer, with your
8 fellow employees in any other regard, you always
9 have to go on the run. You have to go on the run
10 when you are called as a firefighter. Male,
11 female, black or white, Hispanic or Asian, it
12 doesn't matter; when you are called to leave that
13 station for a life-threatening emergency or for a
14 fire, I don't care if the guy allegedly leaves in
15 the rescue squad without you, you find a cab, you
16 walk, you get to the run. There's no excuse that
17 I can see or have ever heard for anyone missing a
18 run unless they were injured or couldn't get to
19 work.

20 But once that calls goes out, whether
21 it's a firefighter or a police officer -- you can
22 dispute and determine your arguments later -- but
23 you have to leave the fire station, you have to go
24 in the rescue squad, you have to get on the engine
25 truck or the ladder company, and you cannot miss

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2 the run. Because if we get into a situation where
3 employee-employer disputes in the fire and police
4 departments can be settled by the person refusing
5 to go on a job or go on the run, we're going to be
6 in big trouble.

7 I don't know what the outcome of this
8 case is going to be. Again, I'm not making a
9 judgment as to whether she was mistreated or
10 treated unfairly, I'm not taking sides with
11 Commissioner Hairston, but all I know is, if
12 you're a sworn firefighter or officer in this city
13 and you're called, I don't care who you're arguing
14 with, who you're mad at, you better get on the
15 engine, in the car, and do your job.

16 Thank you, Madam President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you,
18 Councilman.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
21 President.

22 Madam President, I actually agree with
23 the comments made both by Councilman Cohen and
24 Councilman Kenney with regard to the firefighter
25 situation. I would only add to that dialogue,

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2 Madam President, that, yes, when the call is made,
3 you are, by your sworn duty, obligated to make the
4 run. But one of the issues that has arisen in
5 this particular case is, notwithstanding what
6 happened and what the firefighter did or did not
7 do, either by staying behind or the officer who
8 left his partner -- at least that's his testimony
9 as we've read it in the newspaper, the other issue
10 that's been raised here is, was the firing the
11 appropriate action by the Fire Commissioner?

12 There are reports, Madam President,
13 that other people in different situations have not
14 made the call. Councilman Kenney is absolutely
15 correct: when the call goes out, you have to take
16 the run. But I think it is fairly clear that this
17 is not the first person who did not make a run for
18 some particular reason. And in the past, those
19 situations have been handled differently. That
20 becomes a central portion of this entire case.
21 We'll wait and see what happens.

22 As the Councilman said, I'm not going
23 to make a judgment about what happened. I was not
24 there, I don't know the intricacies of the Fire
25 Department. But one of the fundamental issues

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2 here is fairness and what has been done in the
3 past and how things are handled, and was the
4 firing action the appropriate action under the
5 circumstances?

6 Thank you, Madam President.

7 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Certainly, I
11 agree with what has been said.

12 I guess it's been about a year ago when
13 the issue first came up, and we tried to intercede
14 and tried to check on it. And, as has been said,
15 the issue is not simple, because part of the
16 allegations are that the firewoman in question was
17 treated differently than her male counterparts,
18 which would deal with gender and race underlying
19 questions, that she was not the only one involved
20 but she was the only one singled out.

21 And not only that, as we all know, when
22 it went to the Board, the Board upheld her being
23 able to remain. So there are a lot of issues
24 involved in this case that need to be considered.

25 And, certainly, we applaud all of those

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2 who are fighting to bring it to life. We are
3 hopeful that in the end, that all of the attention
4 paid to it will clarify the situation, make sure
5 that it doesn't happen, and that all people in all
6 situations are treated fairly.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You're
9 welcome.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
13 Cohen, you're light's on. Did you want to be
14 recognized?

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes.

16 I just wanted to mention that in
17 addition to the facts in the given case, one
18 glaring fact stands out, and that's the small
19 number of female employees in the Fire
20 Department. That to me cries out for an
21 explanation. I cannot understand why the
22 percentage is so small, and it's within that
23 framework that this case arises.

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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