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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Thursday, March 16, 2000

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10:17 a.m.

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Room 400, City Hall

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 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

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, Chief Clerk

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1 GREETING/INVOCATION

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

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

8 At this time, I would like to thank
9 Councilman Kenney for presenting to all the
10 Members of Council -- and to Miss Mason, I see --
11 the lovely flowers as his way of saying, "Happy
12 St. Patty's Day."

13 To give our invocation the Chair
14 welcomes Father Anthony Janton, Pastor of St.
15 Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church. He is here
16 today as the guest of Councilman Mariano.

17 Members and guests will please rise.

18 (All rise.)

19 FATHER JANTON: Good morning.

20 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Good morning,
21 Father.

22 FATHER JANTON: And thank you very much
23 for the opportunity to be back with you to begin
24 this program today by asking God's blessing upon
25 us.

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2 Almighty and ever-loving God, You have
3 given us this day so that we might continue to
4 grow in our faith and in our appreciation of Your
5 presence in our lives. We gather here from many
6 areas, many countries, many places, where You have
7 blessed and strengthened us and helped us to
8 appreciate the meaning of peace and justice.
9 Today as we come before You to begin our work,
10 like the psalmist, we pray:

11 Lord, give success to the work of our
12 hands. And we know that You will bless us and
13 guide us in Your love so that as we continue to
14 proclaim Your message of good news, our work, our
15 presence and our service will be given to the
16 glory of Your name.

17 Lord, we ask Your special blessing upon
18 those in Council. May they continue to serve our
19 city well. We ask Your blessing on those who are
20 visiting us today and who are celebrating in a
21 very special way their traditions. And, Lord,
22 help us in all that we do to celebrate our faith,
23 to proclaim Your love, and to serve you in one
24 another.

25 We ask this through Christ, our Lord,

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2 amen. In the name of the Father and of the Son
3 and of the Holy Spirit, amen.

4 ALL: Amen.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 thanks Father Janton for his very inspiring words.

7 Council will be at ease.

8 (Council rests at ease.)

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10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
11 order of business is the approval of the Journal
12 of the meeting of March 9, 2000.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move that the Journal of March
17 9th be approved.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
20 moved and properly seconded that the Journal of
21 the meeting of Thursday, March 9, 2000, stand
22 approved.

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

25 Those opposed, nay.

1 REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 The ayes have it, the motion carries.
3 The Journal of Thursday, March 9, 2000, is
4 approved.

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6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
7 order of business is requests for leaves of
8 absence.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President.

13 There are no requests for leaves of
14 absence on the part of the Majority.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 thanks the Councilwoman.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Longstreth.

19 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam
20 President, we have no requests for leaves of
21 absence.

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

24 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Correction.
25 Brian O'Neill will be out of town.

1 VISITOR RECOGNITION, PRESENTATIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Leave of
3 absence will granted for Councilman O'Neill.

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5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 will dispense with the regular order of business
7 to recognize the guests and visitors joining us in
8 chambers this morning.

9 On behalf of all Members of City
10 Council, I welcome you to our Council session this
11 morning. We appreciate your taking the time to
12 join us as we attend to the legislative affairs of
13 our city. We certainly invite to you come again.

14 At this time, the Chair recognizes
15 Councilman Ortiz.

16 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, Melissa
17 Batzer, from our staff, our technical staff, and I
18 have the honor today of welcoming the kindergarten
19 class of the Montessori School where our children
20 attend. Omar and Naomi are here with their
21 classmates from the Montessori School - Greentown,
22 and they're here today in City Hall, going through
23 all of the phases and looking as to how government
24 looks. There they are.

25 (Applause.)

1 VISITOR RECOGNITION, PRESENTATIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: We welcome
3 you and invite you to come back again.

4 COUNCILMAN Ortiz: That's learning
5 government early.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I understand
7 that Councilman Mariano is hosting a group from
8 Ireland, and I call upon him at this time to
9 introduce them.

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you, Madam
11 President.

12 Madam President, today we have a group
13 of young boxers from the town of Newry, in County
14 Down, Northern Ireland. And they fought a few
15 very successful matches last night against a
16 contingent from Jack Costello's gym, from the 6th
17 Councilmatic District. And Councilwoman Krajewski
18 did not fight last night; I think she's on the
19 card next time.

20 So if they could all stand up.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

23 Councilman Kenney today has asked that
24 a group of Irish dancers and Irish musicians join
25 us. At this time, I would like the Councilman, if

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2 he would, to present your guests to us.

3 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you very
4 much, Madam President.

5 As is our tradition here in Council, we
6 take time from time to time to celebrate the
7 various ethnic and racial groups that make up our
8 great city. Today happens to be the day before
9 St. Patrick's Day, so in honor of St. Patrick and
10 the Irish contribution to our city and nation, we
11 would like to have Cletus McBride, Harold Dunn,
12 and Bernadette McBride take their places and play
13 some music for our dancers, which are Darren
14 Larady, Bridget Fisher, Colleen Buckley, and Megan
15 Kelly, and I'd ask them to please come forward.

16 (Applause.)

17 (Dancers and musicians come forward,
18 then perform.)

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you all
21 very much. Can we give them another round of
22 applause.

23 Happy St. Patty's Day.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: At this time,

1 VISITOR RECOGNITION, PRESENTATIONS

2 I call upon Councilwoman Brown to please come
3 forward for a presentation declaring and
4 celebrating March 2000 as "Women's History Month."
5 I invite Delores Dowdy, of the National Council of
6 Negro Women and those accompanying her to please
7 come forward.

8 (Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown
9 andHonorees come forward.)

10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you, Madam
11 President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Thank you.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning,
14 everyone. Good morning.

15 Declaring and celebrating March as
16 "Women's History Month":

17 Whereas, women of every race, class,
18 and ethnic background have made historic
19 contributions to the growth and strength of
20 Philadelphia in countless recorded and unrecorded
21 ways; and. . .

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Whereas, women
23 have played, and continue to play, a critical
24 economic, cultural, and social role in every
25 sphere of the life of our city by constituting a

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2 significant portion of the labor force, working
3 inside and outside of the home; and

4 Whereas, women who are particularly
5 important in the establishment of early
6 charitable, philanthropic, and cultural
7 institutions in our nation; and. . .

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas, women of
9 every race, class, and ethnic background served as
10 early leaders in the forefront of every major
11 progressive social change movement; and

12 Whereas, American women have been
13 leaders, not only in their securing own rights of
14 suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the
15 abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement,
16 the industrial labor movement, the civil rights,
17 and other movements, especially the peace
18 movement, which create a more fair and just
19 society for all; and. . .

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Whereas,
21 despite these contributions, the role of the
22 American woman in history has been consistently
23 overlooked and undervalued in the literature,
24 teaching, and study of American history; and

25 Whereas, women hold the top three

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2 positions in this distinguished body, creating
3 history today and providing examples for the women
4 leaders of tomorrow; and. . .

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Whereas, the
6 National Council of Women, founded by Dr. Marian
7 McCloud, established its Philadelphia Council in
8 1945, one of the first organized in the country;
9 and

10 Whereas, the Philadelphia Council of
11 the National Council of Negro Women is a long-
12 standing exemplary example of positive and
13 powerful leadership for women in this city. . .

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Now, therefore, be
15 it resolved that the Council of the City of
16 Philadelphia declares and celebrates March as
17 "Women's History Month."

18 Resolved further that an engrossed copy
19 of this resolution be presented to the
20 Philadelphia Council of the National Council of
21 Negro women, further evidencing the sincere
22 sentiments of this legislative body. This
23 resolution is certified true and correct of the
24 original resolution adopted by the Council of the
25 City of Philadelphia on the 9th Day of March,

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2 2000, signed by President of City Council, Anna C.
3 Verna, and cosponsored by all Members of City
4 Council.

5 Thank you very much.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
8 recognizes Miss Delores Dowdy for remarks.

9 MS. DOWDY: Good morning, President and
10 City Council and all Councilmembers.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good morning.

12 MS. DOWDY: This is indeed an honor.

13 And we, the members of the National Council of
14 Negro Women, truly, truly thank you for having us
15 and recognizing that women do contribute quite a
16 bit to our society and to our daily endeavors.

17 We thank you and may God bless you.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: We're delighted
20 today to have the presence of a number of women
21 representing a diverse culture in our city, and we
22 would be remiss not to share we have with you who
23 some of them are.

24 We have with us Min Suh, who's
25 President of the Asian-American Women's Coalition,

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2 and you should know that that is a multicultural
3 group dedicated to the concerns of all
4 Asian-American women. Why don't you please step
5 forward. Thank you very, very much.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Also joining us is
8 Chris Van Orden, Co-President of the Chestnut Hill
9 Community Center, and representing an agency that
10 was created in 1919 by Gertrude Houston Woodward.
11 Then, as is now, they have a preschool there as
12 well as provide assistance in housing and other
13 community activities here in our city.

14 Please? Where are you?

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Iris Violeta Colon
17 Torres is the representative for the National
18 Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Philadelphia
19 Chapter. This agency was established in 1972.
20 It, too, is a nonprofit-nonpartisan organization.
21 And, of course, its goals are defending the rights
22 of Puerto Rican and other Hispanic origin women
23 here in our city.

24 Please, Miss Torres.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Melissa Weider
3 Gerber, the new President of Women's Way. We know
4 that it was founded here in Philadelphia in 1976,
5 and over the many years has raised more than
6 \$1.5 million designed to serve men and women here
7 in our city -- more than 260,000 citywide. It,
8 too, is a nonprofit organization providing
9 services and support to women here in our city.

10 Thank you and congratulations.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: National Coalition
13 of 100 Black Women was established in 1981. We
14 have a local chapter here in our city. There are
15 currently 80 across the country. And Linda
16 Watson, our President, could not be with us, but
17 we are represented here today by both the First
18 Vice, President Rosetta Smith, and the Second Vice
19 President, Jacqueline Manns Smalley.

20 Thank you, ladies.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: 2000 African-
23 American women may be the newest among us. It was
24 sparked -- or the organization of it was sparked
25 in 1992 by the presidential convention at that

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2 time. And in essence, it is designed to be an
3 organization that reaffirms that no one can speak
4 for us but us. Its founder and president, Miss
5 Edwina Baker.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: It behooves us to
8 recognize that women wear all uniforms, and we're
9 delighted to introduce Sherry Adrienne Butler.
10 She's a ranger with the Independence National
11 Park, and she's here, too, to represent that we
12 come in all shapes, colors, and sizes.

13 Please -- and age.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: And then, finally,
16 Reverend Sarah Potter Smith, a rich history of
17 service in our community. In brief, at age 72,
18 she enrolled in Temple's New Careers Ladder
19 Program, and three years later, completed her
20 degree, at age 75.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: She didn't stop
23 there. She went on and pursued graduate studies
24 at the University of Edinburg and earned a doctor
25 of divinity in 1985, at age 83.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: She's a
4 long-standing member also of the National Council
5 of Negro Women.

6 Thank you very, very much for joining
7 us in this very important celebration.

8 MS. POTTER: I'm 97 now.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. POTTER: And I'm just grateful to
11 be here today. And I do sing so I'd like just to
12 sing a verse of something for you.

13 (Ms. Potter sings.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council will
15 be at ease.

16 (Council stands at easy.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
18 order of business is communications.

19 The Chair requests that the
20 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
21 Mayor to the clerk. The Chief Clerk will please
22 read the messages from the Mayor.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: To the President and
24 Members of the Council City of Philadelphia, I am
25 transmitting for the consideration of your

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2 honorable body a draft of a resolution approving
3 the redevelopment contract and disposition
4 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of the
5 City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and
6 urban renewal of a portion of the Model Cities
7 Urban Renewal Area, identified by respective house
8 number and street address as 1936 Diamond Street;
9 and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to
10 execute the redevelopment contract with Thelma
11 Fullwood and Leonard Knox; and to take such action
12 as may be necessary to effectuate the
13 redevelopment contract and disposition supplement.

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

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

18 MS. RAFFERTY: That's all I have, Madam
19 President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

22 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
23 President. Sorry to be a little late. My group
24 just got here. I just wanted to recognize some
25 6th-grade students from the Fitzsimons Middle

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2 School in my district. I'd like to ask them to
3 stand right now.

4 (Fitzsimons students stand.)

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Welcome.

7 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you for your
8 indulgence.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

10 The next order of business is the
11 introduction of bills and resolutions.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
13 Blackwell for a motion.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
15 President, I move that the rules of Council be
16 suspended so as to permit consideration of
17 resolutions at the time of introduction.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
20 moved and properly seconded that the rules of
21 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
22 consideration of resolutions at the time of
23 introduction.

24 All those in favor will signify by
25 saying aye.

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2 Those opposed, nay?

3 The ayes have it and the motion is
4 carried.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

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

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
9 thanks the gentleman.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
13 Madam President. I have one bill on your behalf
14 and two resolutions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chief
16 Clerk will please read the title of the bill.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
18 Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No. 980709,
19 approved December 30, 1998, authorizing the
20 revision of lines and grades in a portion of City
21 Plan No. 46 in an area of Geary Street and 20th
22 Street by placing on the City Plan Geary Street,
23 from 20th Street to Davinci Drive, Davinci Drive
24 and Justinian Circle, and from Davinci Drive
25 westward.

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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 first resolution.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
7 Mark Anthony Ciarlante.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move the
11 adoption.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All those in favor will signify by
16 saying aye. All those in favor will signify by
17 saying aye.

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it and the motion is
20 carried.

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

23 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
24 Johnny Sample.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam

4 President, I move 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 motion is

13 carried.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President, I

16 offer one resolution.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The clerk

18 will please read the title of the resolution.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution proclaiming

20 the week of March 19th through March 25th, 2000 as

21 "Media Democracy Week," in recognition of the

22 important role of media democracy in perpetuation

23 of liberty and freedom and in honor of the work of

24 the Philadelphia Community Access Coalition.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair

1 INTRODUCTION - BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I move the adoption of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

11 Those opposed?

12 The ayes have it and the motion is
13 carried.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Krajewski.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
18 President, I have no bills or resolutions today.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 thanks the Councilwoman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Mariano.

23 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
24 have two resolutions, one cosponsored by myself
25 and you.

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

5 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution designating
6 Sunday, March 26, 2000 as "Knights of Columbus
7 Day" in the City of Philadelphia.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: I move for the
11 adoption.

12 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

18 Those opposed?

19 The ayes have it and the motion is
20 carried.

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

23 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution commending
24 the United States Senate for declaring March as
25 "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" and

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2 encouraging Philadelphians to take steps to
3 prevent colorectal cancer.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam President, I
7 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 those in favor will signify by
13 saying aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it and the motion is
16 carried.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
18 Tasco.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam President, I
20 have no bills or resolutions today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
22 thanks the Councilwoman.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Miller.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you, Madam

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2 President. I offer one bill.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I beg your
4 pardon?

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I offer one bill.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

7 The clerk will please read the title of
8 the bill.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
10 Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No. 980717,
11 approved March 23, 1999, authorizing the revision
12 of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No.
13 128 of an area bounded by Cambria Street and 19th
14 Street.

15 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: The bill will be
16 referred to the appropriate committee.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman Nutter.

18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam President, I
19 offer one bill and one privileged resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
21 will please read the title of the bill.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
23 Title 10 of the Philadelphia Code relating to
24 regulation individual conduct and activity by
25 amending Section 10-610, entitled, "Skateboarding

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2 on Public Property," by prohibiting skateboarding
3 on all public property, unless otherwise
4 authorized.

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

7 The clerk will please read the title of
8 the resolution.

9 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution calling
10 upon the Office of the Director of Finance to
11 conduct a survey, publish, and disseminate a
12 consumer guide on bank fees of the City depository
13 bank.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

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

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

23 Those opposed, nay?

24 The ayes have it and the motion is
25 carried.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

3 Brown.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning,

5 Madam Chair. Today I have no bills or

6 resolutions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman Goode.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam

10 President. I offer one privileged resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk

12 will please read the title of the resolution.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution declaring

14 March 28, 2000 as "UniverSoul New Soul 2000 Day"

15 in the City of Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

17 recognizes Councilman Goode.

18 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I move for the

19 adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been

22 moved and properly seconded that the resolution be

23 adopted.

24 All those in favor will signify by

25 saying aye.

1 INTRODUCTION - BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 Those opposed?

3 The ayes have it and the motion is
4 carried.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

6 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
7 have one privileged resolution.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

9 The clerk will please read the title of
10 resolution.

11 MS. RAFFERTY: A resolution honoring
12 Doris "Granny D" Haddock, a 90-year-old great-
13 grandmother of 12, upon the completion of her
14 3200-mile cross country walk in support of
15 campaign finance reform.

16 (Applause.)

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

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam President, I
20 move the approval 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?

4 The ayes have it and the motion is
5 carried.

6 (Applause.)

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

9 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you, Madam
10 President. I offer one bill.

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

13 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
14 Title 12 of the Philadelphia Traffic Code by
15 adding provisions relating to the parking of
16 motorcycles at metered parking spaces within
17 certain portions of the area generally bounded
18 Front Street, Pine Street, and 11th Street, and
19 Bainbridge.

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

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I offer two bills, one cosponsored by
25 Councilman Kenney and myself, and one resolution.

1 INTRODUCTION - BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The clerk
3 will please read the title of the first bill.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
5 Title 10 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
6 "Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity,"
7 by adding a new Section 10 A. (28), entitled
8 "Prohibition of Sale of Box Cutters and Similar
9 Utility Knives to Persons Under the Age of 18."

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
11 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: And an ordinance
13 amending Chapter 9-601 of the Philadelphia Code,
14 entitled "Garages, Parking Lots, Sales Lots, and
15 Sale Showrooms," by adding a definition for
16 automated parking garages and restricting the
17 operation and maintenance of said automated
18 parking garages to within 300 feet of any
19 residential zoned property.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
21 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: And a resolution
23 approving the redevelopment contract and
24 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
25 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the

1 INTRODUCTION - BILLS, RESOLUTIONS

2 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of
3 the Model Cities Urban Renewal Area identified by
4 house number and street address as 1936 Diamond
5 Street.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move for the
9 adoption.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

16 Those opposed, nay?

17 The ayes have it and the motion is
18 carried.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Longstreth.

21 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Madam
22 President, I have no bills or resolutions today.

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

1 FIRST READING - BILL 000106

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

4 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

5 Are there any reports from committees?

6 MS. RAFFERTY: There are no reports,
7 Madam President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
11 order of business is the consideration of the
12 calendar. The clerk will please read bills on the
13 first-reading calendar.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Bill No. 000106, an
15 ordinance amending Section 19-201 of the
16 Philadelphia Code relating to City depositories by
17 clarifying and updating the list of institutions
18 in which the City's authorized to deposit funds,
19 and by amending certain conditions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
21 agrees. The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be
22 placed on the second-reading and final-passage
23 calendar for our next meeting. This concludes the
24 bills to be considered on the first-reading
25 calendar.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000080

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3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose
5 of calling up bills on the second-reading and
6 final-passage calendar.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam Chair, I
8 move that all bills listed for second reading and
9 final passage be called up this morning.

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

12 I would ask the clerk to hold Bill No.
13 000082 as the last bill being called for
14 consideration, please.

15 The first bill to be called is Bill No.
16 000080.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Bill No. 000080, an
18 ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the
19 City of Philadelphia, to enter into agreements
20 with the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
21 Development ("PAID") providing for lease from
22 PAID to the City of a football practice facility
23 to be developed at Broad Street and Pattison
24 Avenue, and for lease-back of the said practice
25 facility from the City to PAID; the obligations of

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000080

2 the City under the said agreement to become
3 effective only in the event that ordinances
4 necessary for the financing, development, and
5 leasing of a new football stadium are not enacted
6 by City Council and approved by the Mayor by
7 November 3, 2000.

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 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.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000080
2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
3 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: 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 Ortiz?
11 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman
13 Reynolds-Brown?
14 COUNCILWOMAN 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 of 16, the nays are 0. A
23 majority of all Members having voted in the
24 affirmative, the bill passes.
25 The next bill to be called for

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000083

2 consideration is Bill No. 000083.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
4 Title --

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Excuse me,
6 excuse me, Miss Rafferty.

7 Councilman Cohen, did you want to be
8 recognized?

9 COUNCILMAN COHEN: On the next bill.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: On Bill 83?

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
13 Title 19 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
14 "Finance Taxes and Collections," by adding a new
15 chapter imposing a tax on the rental of vehicles,
16 all under certain terms and conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Did you want
18 to be recognized, Councilman?

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Yes.

20 Madam President, I am speaking in
21 opposition to this bill because I find no
22 justification for levying an additional tax on the
23 population that's already overburdened with taxes.
24 It's admittedly so. We always admit that we're
25 one of the heaviest taxed cities, so I see no

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000083

2 justification for levying a tax. I know of no
3 particular purpose that this will serve at this
4 given time.

5 And I -- also with respect to the tax
6 itself, it seems to me that it's a tax that cannot
7 be effectively enforced, and it is unfair in its
8 operation in picking out a particular group of
9 people, who I think we want to keep in the City
10 but who find it very difficult to maintain a car
11 on a yearlong basis. And, therefore, this group
12 of people are going to be unfairly subjected to a
13 tax on the occasions in which they need to rent a
14 car.

15 So I will be voting no on this bill.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

17 This bill having been read on two
18 different days, the question now is, shall the
19 bill pass finally?

20 The clerk will call the roll.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000083
2 COUNCILMAN COHEN: No.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?
4 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
6 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
12 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
18 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
20 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman
22 Reynolds-Brown?
23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?
25 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000020

2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
5 Verna?

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye. The
7 ayes are 15, the nays are 0.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: The nays are 1.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Oh, I'm
10 sorry, the nays are 1. A majority of all Members
11 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

12 The next bill to be called for
13 consideration is Bill No. 000020.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
15 Section 19-201 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
16 "City Depositories," by authorizing the City
17 Treasurer to deposit funds in Pennsylvania Bank,
18 under certain circumstances and conditions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
20 having been read on two different days, the
21 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

22 The clerk call the roll.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000020
2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?
4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?
6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
14 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman
24 Reynolds-Brown?
25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000016

2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

7 Verna?

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

9 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
10 majority of all Members having voted in the
11 affirmative, the bill passes.

12 The next bill to be called for
13 consideration is Bill No. 000016.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance
15 establishing a no-parking regulation on both sides
16 of the 4300 block of Belgrade Street from 100 feet
17 south of Gillingham Street to where Belgrade
18 Street dead-ends south of Gillingham Street.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
20 having been read on two different days, the
21 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

22 The clerk will call the roll.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000016
2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?
4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?
6 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
8 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
14 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
22 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman
24 Reynolds-Brown?
25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000017

2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

3 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

7 Verna?

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

9 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
10 majority of all Members having voted in the
11 affirmative, the bill passes.

12 The next bill to be called for
13 consideration is Bill 000017.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance authorizing
15 Catherine Avella, owner of the property 256-258
16 East Allegheny Avenue, to construct and maintain a
17 two-story building addition onto and over the
18 south footway of Allegheny Avenue, adjacent to the
19 property 256 East Allegheny avenue, all under
20 certain terms and conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
22 having been read on two different days, the
23 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

24 The clerk will please call the roll.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000017
2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?
4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?
6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?
8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
16 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: 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 Ortiz?
24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000018

2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman

3 Reynolds-Brown?

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

8 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

9 Verna?

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

11 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
12 majority of all Members having voted in the
13 affirmative, the bill passes.

14 The next bill to be called for
15 consideration is Bill No. 000018.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: An ordinance
17 establishing a no-truck-parking regulation on
18 Arrott Street, both sides, from Leiper Street to
19 Oakland Street.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
21 having been read on two different days, the
22 question now is, shall the bill pass finally?

23 The clerk will please call the roll.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000018
2 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?
3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
4 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?
5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
6 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?
7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
8 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
13 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
15 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
17 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
19 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman
25 Reynolds-Brown?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000024

2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

4 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

7 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

8 Verna?

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

13 The next bill to be call for
14 consideration is Bill No. 000024.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance granting
16 permission to 60-80 Ridge Avenue Corporation,
17 trading as Coyle's Cafe, located at 60-80 Ridge
18 Avenue, to operate and maintain an open-air
19 sidewalk cafe on the west footway of Ridge Avenue
20 and the south footway of (unintelligible) Street,
21 adjacent to 60-80 Ridge Avenue, under certain
22 terms and conditions.

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

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000024
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?
10 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?
12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?
16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
18 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: 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 Ortiz?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000024

2 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman

4 Reynolds-Brown?

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

16 The next bill to be called for
17 consideration is Bill No. 000026.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending
19 Section 14-1607 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled
20 "Special Controls for Center City Commercial
21 Area," by providing that nothing in that section
22 shall prohibit the maintenance of licensed
23 sidewalk cafes along certain portions of Chestnut
24 Street and Walnut Street; and amending Section
25 9-208 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000026

2 Cafes," by requiring the main restaurant use more
3 than 25 percent of its interior gross floor area
4 for seating, and that all food served be in
5 non-disposable containers.

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

9 The clerk will please call the roll.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

12 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

14 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

15 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

16 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

19 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

20 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

21 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

22 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

24 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?

25 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000026

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 Ortiz?

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

10 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman

11 Reynolds-Brown?

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?

14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President

18 Verna?

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.

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

21 majority of all Members of Council having voted in

22 the affirmative, the bill passes.

23 The next bill to be called for

24 consideration is Bill No. 000087.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: An ordinance amending

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000087

2 Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No. 970348,
3 approved July 1, 1997, authorizing and directing
4 the revision of lines and grades on a portion of
5 City Plan No. 58 of an area bounded by Poplar
6 Street, 12th Street, and Watts Street by extending
7 the period for compliance with the authorization
8 and conditions therein.

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

12 The clerk will please call the roll.

13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Blackwell?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Clarke?

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.

17 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Cohen?

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

19 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman DiCicco?

20 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.

21 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Goode?

22 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

23 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Kenney?

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Krajewski?

1 SECOND READING - BILL 000087
2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
3 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Longstreth?
4 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.
5 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Mariano?
6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
7 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Miller?
8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
9 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Nutter?
10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
11 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Ortiz?
12 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.
13 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilman Rizzo?
14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
15 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman
16 Reynolds-Brown?
17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
18 MS. RAFFERTY: Councilwoman Tasco?
19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
20 MS. RAFFERTY: Council President
21 Verna?
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
23 The ayes are 16 the nays are 0. A
24 majority of all Members of Council having voted in
25 the affirmative, the bill passes.

1 SPEECHES

2 Council will stand in recess for a few
3 minutes, please.

4 (Council stands in recess.)

5 (Proceedings resume.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Bill No.
7 000082 will be held.

8 This concludes the business of the
9 Council calendar.

10 - - -

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
12 speeches on the part of the Minority?

13 (No speeches on the part of the
14 Minority.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there any
16 speeches on the part of the Majority?

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman Ortiz.

18 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Madam Chair, I'd
19 like to speak.

20 During the presentation of Blondell
21 Reynolds, we heard a 95-year-old --

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: 97.

23 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: A 97-year-old woman
24 give us an example of the mental acuity that a
25 person of that age has and the vitality that that

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2 person still brings to everyday life and to her
3 society and her neighborhood.

4 We in this Council have been very
5 fortunate of having that type of individual, and
6 I've enjoyed that type of colleague in this
7 Council for the last 15 years in David Cohen. I
8 think for the last 15 years that I've been in this
9 body, the intellect, the commitment, the
10 effervescence that David Cohen shows for issues
11 and people has been exemplary.

12 It has been one of the most enjoyable
13 times when Gussie Clark, David, and other
14 individuals in this Council would just begin to
15 defend issues and causes because of the linguistic
16 ability that was shown, the use of the English
17 language, it elevated not only the debate but this
18 body to another level.

19 I'm just -- I just want to say thank
20 you for David Cohen being here in this body and
21 being who he is, and I want to say thank you to my
22 colleague.

23 (Applause.)

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

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you. Thank
3 you, Madam President.

4 Just a comment on Councilman Ortiz's
5 remarks before I talk about what I wanted to talk
6 about. There is a rumor that after the
7 presentation this morning that Reverend Potter did
8 call Councilman Cohen "sonny."

9 (Laughter.)

10 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: And I acknowledge
11 Councilman Ortiz's remarks, and we enjoy
12 Councilman Cohen and wish him much longer
13 continued service.

14 Madam President, I wish to speak today
15 to express a concern that has been raised during
16 the course of our budget hearings. We had the
17 School District in just in the past week. And
18 there was a story in this morning's newspaper that
19 attributes some remarks to Mayor Street, and I'd
20 like to comment on those remarks and hope, quite
21 honestly, that they were either taken out of
22 context -- I was not at the meeting -- or there is
23 further meaning to what he said.

24 This was a meeting of education,
25 parents and advocates, apparently, last night.

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2 And the Mayor was talking about the need for more
3 funding for the School District, which, I believe,
4 all of us generally agree is greatly needed. The
5 story goes on to talk about the Mayor saying that
6 there was, quote, a complete and total breakdown
7 in the way public education is funded, a statement
8 that I could no more -- I could certainly agree
9 with and support no. There's no truer statement.

10 It goes further to say that if it's not
11 a money problem, why is everyone else in the
12 richer suburbs throwing so much money at it? The
13 Mayor added, "We're going to run out of money,
14 people. We're going to run out of money, and
15 that's the plan." And during last week's hearings
16 with the School District, the question was asked
17 of the Superintendent and the Board President
18 about the funding issue and situation with the
19 School District, and they said that they are
20 working on a plan.

21 I know that Mayor Street cares deeply
22 about public education. He has been a champion
23 for sometime, all of his public-service career,
24 for the public schools. And as I mentioned
25 earlier, I can only hope, Madam President -- and

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2 ask if you would, on behalf of the body, do some
3 follow-up -- that there was either a context to
4 that or that the Mayor was being somewhat
5 facetious.

6 My concern is that we are in the course
7 of the process of developing, and we will have
8 voted on shortly, a contingency plan for the
9 Eagles practice facility and the prospect of
10 whether or not we have new stadiums. And we in
11 Council spent a fair amount of time working on
12 that, and there was a fair amount of anguish and
13 serious time and effort that went into that.

14 My concern is that it does not appear
15 at the moment that we have a contingency plan for
16 the School District -- or even a Plan B, because
17 I'm not sure that we have a Plan A at the moment
18 for an intentionally impending funding crisis. If
19 the teachers' contract expires at the end of
20 August and the District potentially runs out of
21 money, how will we negotiate a contract with
22 them. And if there is, following this out, no
23 contract, will schools in fact open in September?

24 And we could find ourselves, as the
25 Council, once these other bills pass, we have

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2 committed to taking action on stadiums by a
3 particular date certain. And I quite honestly
4 don't know how we will be able to meet those
5 particular commitments and deadlines if our
6 schools are not open in the fall. It seems to me
7 that the one clearly outweighs in importance the
8 other.

9 And so I would ask, Madam President, on
10 behalf of the body, if you would, to have
11 conversation with the Mayor about this particular
12 issue, if there could provided to Councilmembers
13 some update as to what is going on, and what is
14 the plan other than the prospect of just running
15 out of money. I'm not necessarily sure that that
16 is a plan for the 213,000 school students and
17 their parents.

18 And I know that the Mayor cares very
19 deeply about this issue, I know he's very serious
20 about this issue, and I tend to think that he
21 might actually have more than just that particular
22 plan up his sleeve. If there's some other
23 strategy going on, then that's fine. But as a
24 public official. I'd actually like to know what
25 in the world is going on.

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2 Thank you, Mr. President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
7 Madam President.

8 I was at that meeting in my district
9 last night, where the Mayor spoke and talked about
10 education. He did talk a lot, as the article
11 indicates, about uniforms, but he also talked to
12 people about standing up, parents and community
13 leaders, about standing up and demanding the
14 things they want in schools -- like uniforms, like
15 smaller classes, like a lack of violence.

16 We had a lot of discussion about school
17 violence last night in that particular school and
18 in another school in the same neighborhood. And
19 he really, really tried to make people realize
20 that it is parents and community members who have
21 to stand up for what they want in the schools.
22 And I think at the core of it -- I don't assume or
23 presume to speak for him -- but he was really
24 trying to get people to be involved in the future
25 of our city and in the future of education of our

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2 children.

3 Thank you, Madam President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: You're
5 welcome.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman Cohen.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
8 President.

9 I just wanted to note that since the
10 beginning of the year, there has been a different
11 approach by the executive office with respect to
12 how people are dealt with. And I just hope that
13 what has happened over the last two and a half
14 months changes again before Philadelphia, known as
15 "The City That Loves You Back," becomes known as
16 "The City That Kicks You Out."

17 Thank you, Madam President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco. Councilwoman
20 Tasco, do you want to be recognized?

21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Yes, yes, excuse
22 me.

23 Yes, I'd just like to say that the
24 other day -- I can't remember which day it was, it
25 must have been Tuesday, I believe -- the Mayor

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2 appointed an interim team for the Philadelphia Gas
3 Works. It has taken a long time, and I've been
4 pushing for new leadership at PGW.

5 Although this is not a permanent team,
6 I feel confident that this is a team that we can
7 work with and we will have confidence in working
8 with and receiving information from them so that
9 any decisions that the Council or the Gas
10 Commission may have to make will be made on
11 information that is, I guess, correct.

12 Mr. Kumar Kishinchand, our Water
13 Commissioner, is going to be the acting interim
14 CEO, and we know his record in the Water
15 Department. Tom Knudsen is someone who has been
16 working with the Commission and has been an
17 advocate for a number of years, and certainly I
18 have a lot of confidence in his ability to
19 understand the financial aspects of PGW. But I
20 will tell you, they will be challenged.

21 But the Commission, as well as the
22 Members of Council who represent this Council on
23 the board, will be working very closely with them
24 to see that we can hopefully turn around PGW.

25 So we welcome them aboard, and I'm very

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2 glad to see the new leadership there, someone that
3 I can have confidence in.

4 Thank you very much.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

6 Are there any other speeches on the
7 part of the Majority?

8 (No further speeches.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: There being
10 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco for
11 a motion to adjourn.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam President, I
13 move that we adjourn Council until Thursday, March
14 23rd, 2000, at 10 a.m.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Is there a
16 second?

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has been
19 moved seconded that Council stand adjourned.

20 All in favor will signify by saying
21 aye.

22 Those opposed?

23 The ayes have it and the motion is
24 carried.

25 Thank you.

(Adjourned at 11:26 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
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