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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

STATED MEETING

Thursday, March 19, 1998
10:50 a.m.

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN F. STREET

COUNCILWOMAN ANNA CIBOTTI VERNA
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL A. NUTTER
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO
COUNCILWOMAN AUGUSTA A. CLARK
COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN
COUNCILWOMAN HAPPY FERNANDEZ
COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY
COUNCILMAN W. THACHER LONGSTRETH
COUNCILMAN ANGEL L. ORTIZ
COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO
COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO
COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO
COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

MARIE B. HAUSER, Chief Clerk

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1 APPROVAL OF JOURNAL/LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Clark.

4 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I
5 move the adoption of the record for that date.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
8 it be known by saying aye.

9 Those opposed say nay.

10 The ayes have it. The Journal for
11 the meeting of Thursday, March 12, 1998, stands
12 approved.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
14 Verna for leaves of absence.

15 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
16 President.

17 On behalf of the majority, there are
18 no requests for leaves of absence.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
20 the Councilwoman.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Longstreth.

23 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH:
24 Mr. President, I ask for a leave of absence for
25 Councilman O'Neill.

1 WELCOME VISITORS/COMMUNICATIONS

2 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
3 the Councilman. Leave will be granted.

4 At this time we will dispense with
5 our regular order of business to recognize
6 visitors.

7 To all of our visitors and guests
8 with us, we welcome you here and applaud your
9 interest in the civic affairs of our city and invite
10 you to come again.

11 It is my understanding that the
12 previously scheduled presentation will not be made
13 today.

14 Therefore, our next order of business
15 is Communications.

16 The Chair recognizes the Sergeant At
17 Arms for the purpose of delivering the messages from
18 the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

19 The Chief Clerk will read the
20 messages from the Mayor.

21 CHIEF CLERK: March 16. To the
22 President and members of the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia: I am transmitting for the
24 consideration of your honorable body a draft of a
25 resolution entitled, A resolution approving the

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2 program of the Redevelopment Authority of the City
3 of Philadelphia for the improvement of vacant lots
4 and side yards and rear yards for passive recreation
5 or parking purposes of a portion of the Grays Ferry
6 Urban Renewal Area.

7 And an Ordinance authorizing
8 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998
9 within the Health Choice Behavioral Health Revenue
10 Fund from the Department of Public Health, to the
11 Department of Public Health, the Director of
12 Finance, contributions to School District.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: The messages will
14 be printed in the Journal.

15 The Chief Clerk will read any other
16 communications in her possession.

17 CHIEF CLERK: There are none,
18 Mr. President.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
20 much.

21 At this time the Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Verna, who will introduce a special
23 resolution.

24 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you,
25 Mr. President.

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2 I offer one resolution.

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

5 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution requesting
6 the Mayor to return Council Bill No. 960823A
7 entitled, An Ordinance amending Title 17 of the
8 Philadelphia Code entitled "Contracts and
9 Procurement," by amending Section 17-107 entitled
10 "Contractors, Labor Management Relationships," by
11 revising the prevailing wage ordinance, including
12 extending the prevailing wage requirements to
13 certain service contracts, revising administrative
14 and reporting requirements, providing for payment to
15 persons who file complaints, and prohibiting
16 discrimination against persons who file complaints,
17 imposing costs for filing appeals, providing for
18 enforcement by withholding certain sums due on
19 contracts, providing for interest on underpayments
20 of wages, and providing for increased penalties, all
21 under certain terms and conditions, for the purpose
22 of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by
23 which said bill passed Council.

24 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
25 recognizes Councilwoman Verna.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN Verna: I move the
3 adoption of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
6 it be known by saying aye.

7 Those opposed say nay.

8 The ayes have it, the resolution is
9 passed.

10 The Chief Clerk will read the letter
11 from the Mayor.

12 CHIEF CLERK: March 19, 1998. To the
13 President and members of the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia: I am returning herewith as requested
15 by your resolution adopted March 19, 1998, Bill No.
16 960823A, entitled An Ordinance amending Title 17 of
17 the Philadelphia Code entitled "Contracts and
18 Procurement" by amending Section 17-107 entitled
19 "Contractors, Labor Management Relationships," by
20 revising the prevailing wage ordinance, including
21 extending the prevailing wage requirements to
22 certain service contracts, revising administrative
23 and reporting requirements, providing for payments
24 to persons who file complaints, and prohibiting
25 discrimination against persons who file complaints,

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2 imposing costs for filing appeals, providing for
3 enforcement by withholding certain sums due on
4 contracts, providing for interest on underpayment of
5 wages, and providing for increased penalties, all
6 under certain terms and conditions, for the purpose
7 of reconsideration by the Council of the vote by
8 which said bill passed Council.

9 PRESIDENT STREET: At this time the
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Verna for a motion
11 that the City Council of Philadelphia reconsider the
12 vote by which Bill No. 960823A was passed.

13 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: So moved,
14 Mr. President.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
17 it be known by saying aye.

18 Those opposed say nay.

19 The ayes have it. The clerk will
20 call the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.
22 Councilwoman Clark.

23 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

3 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

5 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

7 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

11 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

17 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

19 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

21 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

23 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
3 Street.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The ayes are 15,
6 the nays are zero.

7 A majority of all members having
8 voted in the affirmative, the motion passes, and the
9 vote by which Bill No. 960823A was passed has been
10 reconsidered.

11 This bill is now on the Second
12 Reading and Final Passage Calendar and will be
13 available at our next Council session for the set of
14 amendments as previously indicated.

15 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
16 business is the introduction of bills and
17 resolutions.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Clark.

20 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President,
21 today I have one bill and two resolutions.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
23 please read the title of the bill.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
25 authorizing Norman Walgin and Marian Walgin, husband

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2 and wife, owners of the property located at 1811
3 Delancey Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to
4 construct and maintain a garden terrace over a
5 portion of the south footway of Cypress Street,
6 adjacent to the rear of the property 1811 Delancey
7 Street, under certain terms and conditions.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill will be
9 referred to the appropriate committee.

10 The clerk will please read the title
11 of the resolutions introduced by Councilwoman
12 Clark.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
15 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
16 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
17 situate in the 28th, 29th, 32nd, 37th, and 47th
18 Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

21 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I
22 move the adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
25 it be known by saying aye.

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2 Those opposed say nay.

3 The ayes have it. The resolution is
4 adopted.

5 The clerk will please read the title
6 of the second resolution introduced by Councilwoman
7 Clark.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 designating April 1998 as Fair Housing Month in the
10 City of Philadelphia.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

13 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: I move the
14 adoption of the resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
17 it be known by saying aye.

18 Those opposed say nay.

19 The resolution is adopted.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Blackwell.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Mr.
23 President, I have one resolution.

24 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
25 please read the title of the resolution.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
3 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
4 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
5 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
6 situate in the 27th, 44th, and 46th Wards of the
7 City of Philadelphia.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
9 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Mr.
11 President, I move the adoption.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
14 it be known by saying aye.

15 Those opposed say nay.

16 The ayes have it. The resolution is
17 adopted.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Cohen.

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, I
21 have no bills or resolutions.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
23 the Councilman.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Krajewski.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Mr.

3 President, I have four bills.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
5 please read the titles of the bills.

6 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution amending
7 Section 9-205 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
8 "Sidewalk Sales," by prohibiting sidewalk sales on
9 Frankford Avenue, both sides, from Wakeling Street
10 to Bridge Street.

11 An Ordinance amending Section 9-205
12 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "Sidewalk Sales,"
13 by prohibiting sidewalk sales on Torresdale Avenue,
14 both sides, from Harbison Avenue to Cheltenham
15 Avenue.

16 And an Ordinance authorizing Robert
17 Farrell, owner of the property located at 6300
18 Torresdale Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to
19 construct and maintain a canopy roof over a portion
20 of the north footway of Robbins Avenue adjacent to
21 the side of the property 6300 Torresdale Avenue,
22 under certain terms and conditions.

23 And an Ordinance authorizing Walter
24 Jerzeck, owner of the property located at 4200
25 Shelmeyer Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to

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2 construct and maintain a one-story wood-framed
3 building addition onto a portion of the north
4 footway of Urdrick Street adjacent to the side of
5 the property 4200 Shelmeyer Street, under certain
6 terms and conditions.

7 PRESIDENT STREET: These bills will
8 be referred to the appropriate committee.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Verna.

11 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President,
12 on your behalf, I offer one resolution.

13 I also offer three other resolutions
14 on my behalf.

15 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
16 please read the titles of the resolutions.

17 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance honoring
18 Anne J. Land. I am sorry. That's a resolution
19 honoring Anne J. Land.

20 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilwoman Verna.

22 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you,
23 Mr. President. I would move for the adoption of the
24 resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: And I believe
3 that Anne Land is in the audience. And I would ask
4 her to please stand, so that we could recognize her
5 and thank her for her many years of service.

6 (Applause.)

7 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor of
8 the resolution let it be known by saying aye.

9 Those opposed say nay.

10 The resolution is adopted.

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

14 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 authorizing the Council Committee on Rules to review
16 the proposed revision of the RC-6 residential
17 planned development district master plan for the
18 former U.S. Naval home site, as approved by the City
19 Planning Commission and received by the City Council
20 on March 16, 1998, and to recommend either to
21 approve, disapprove, amend, or defer change on said
22 proposal pursuant to requirements under Section
23 14-226(2)(b) of the Philadelphia Code.

24 PRESIDENT STREET: This resolution
25 will be scheduled for the appropriate Public

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2 Hearing.

3 The clerk will please read the title
4 of the last resolution introduced by Councilwoman
5 Verna.

6 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution approving
7 the program of the Redevelopment Authority of the
8 City of Philadelphia for the improvement of vacant
9 lots as side yard, rear yard for passive recreation
10 or parking purposes of a portion of the Grays Ferry
11 Urban Renewal Area.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilwoman Verna.

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I move the
15 adoption of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
18 it be known by saying aye.

19 Those opposed say nay.

20 The ayes have it. The resolution is
21 adopted.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
25 Mr. President.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I believe there
3 is another resolution that I introduced.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: Were there four
5 resolutions?

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: One on your
7 behalf and three on my behalf.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
9 please read the title of the fourth resolution.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
12 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
13 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
14 situate in the 40th Ward of the City of
15 Philadelphia.

16 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Verna.

18 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I move the
19 adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
22 it be known by saying aye.

23 Those opposed say nay.

24 The ayes have it. The resolution is
25 adopted.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
5 Mr. President.

6 I have no bills or resolutions today.

7 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
8 the Councilman.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Miller.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. I offer one resolution.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
14 please read the title of the resolution.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
17 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
18 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
19 situate in the 12th and 13th Wards of the City of
20 Philadelphia.

21 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move for the
24 adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
3 it be known by saying aye.

4 Those opposed say nay.

5 The resolution is adopted.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Nutter.

8 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
9 Mr. President.

10 I offer one resolution.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
12 please read the title of the resolution.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
15 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
16 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
17 situate in the 4th and 52nd Wards of the City of
18 Philadelphia.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

21 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Mr. President, I
22 move the adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
25 it be known by saying aye.

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2 Those opposed say nay.

3 The resolution is adopted.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

5 Fernandez.

6 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Thank you,

7 Mr. President.

8 I have one resolution to be

9 introduced, which is also co-sponsored by

10 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will

12 please read the title of the resolution.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution calling on

14 the Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities

15 and the Committee on Education to conduct public

16 hearings to examine the cost of SEPTA tokens for

17 Philadelphia's middle and high school students, and

18 to explore ways in which additional funding can be

19 secured to reduce the financial burden of

20 transportation costs for our city's students.

21 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair

22 recognizes Councilwoman Fernandez.

23 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: I move the

24 adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
3 it be known by saying aye.

4 Those opposed say nay.

5 The ayes have it. The resolution is
6 adopted.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Tasco.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, I
10 have no bills or resolutions.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
12 the Councilwoman.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Ortiz.

15 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. President, I
16 have no bills or resolutions.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
18 the Councilman.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
22 Mr. President.

23 I offer one resolution and three
24 bills.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will

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2 please read the titles of the bills.

3 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance amending
4 Section 10-717 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
5 "Source Separation, Collection, and Disposal of
6 Refuse," by requiring that non-recyclable materials
7 be set out for city trash pickup in rigid, covered
8 receptacles, meeting specified criteria.

9 And an Ordinance to amend the
10 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
11 designations of certain areas of land located within
12 an area bounded by Washington Avenue, Broad Street,
13 Morris Street, and 7th Street.

14 An Ordinance authorizing Frank Borda
15 Lou Gentile, owners of the property located at 1547
16 through 49 South 13th Street, Philadelphia,
17 Pennsylvania, to construct and maintain a one-story
18 masonry building addition onto a portion of the
19 south footway of Tasker Street adjacent to the side
20 of the property 1547-49 South 13th Street, under
21 certain terms and conditions.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: These bills will
23 be referred to the appropriate committee.

24 The clerk will please read the title
25 of the resolution introduced by Councilman DiCicco.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution
3 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
4 execute and deliver deeds for properties situate in
5 the 5th, 31st, and 45th Wards in the City of
6 Philadelphia.

7 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
8 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
10 Mr. President.

11 I move for the adoption of the
12 resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
15 it be known by saying aye.

16 Those opposed say nay.

17 The ayes have it. The resolution is
18 adopted.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Mariano.

21 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Mr. President, I
22 have seven bills.

23 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
24 please read the titles of the bills.

25 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance

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2 establishing a No Truck Parking regulation on Erie
3 Avenue, both sides, from Castor Avenue to G Street.

4 An Ordinance establishing a No Truck
5 Parking Regulation on Cayhuga Street, both sides,
6 from G Street to Castor Avenue.

7 An Ordinance establishing a No Truck
8 Parking regulation on M Street, both sides, from
9 Erie Avenue to Cayhuga Street.

10 An Ordinance establishing a No Truck
11 Parking regulation on Castor Avenue, both sides,
12 from Erie Avenue to Cayhuga Street.

13 An Ordinance amending Section 9-205
14 of the Philadelphia Code relating to sidewalk sales
15 on certain blocks in the 7th Councilmanic District.

16 And an Ordinance amending Section
17 9-205 of the Philadelphia Code relating to sidewalk
18 sales on certain blocks in the 7th Councilmanic
19 District.

20 And an Ordinance establishing a No
21 Truck Parking regulation on Hunting Park Avenue,
22 both sides, from Castor Avenue to G Street.

23 PRESIDENT STREET: These bills will
24 be referred to the appropriate committee.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Longstreth.

3 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Mr.

4 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
6 the Councilman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Rizzo.

9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Mr. President, no
10 bills or resolutions.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
12 the Councilman.

13 The next order of business is Reports
14 from Committees.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Verna for the report of the Council Committee of the
17 Whole.

18 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I am sorry,
19 Mr. President. I am being recognized for what
20 purpose, sir?

21 PRESIDENT STREET: For offering the
22 report of the Council Committee of the Whole.

23 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

24 The Committee of the Whole reports
25 five bills out of committee and one resolution, with

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2 favorable recommendations.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
4 please read the report.

5 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
6 members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia:
7 The Committee of the Whole Council, to which was
8 referred Bill No. 980001, entitled an Ordinance to
9 adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years
10 1999 through 2004 inclusive; Bill No. 980002, an
11 Ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 1999 Capital Budget;
12 Bill No. 980003, an Ordinance adopting the Operating
13 Budget for Fiscal Year 1999; Bill No. 980004, an
14 Ordinance amending Chapter 19-1500 of the
15 Philadelphia Code entitled "Wage and Net Profits
16 Tax," by decreasing the rate of the tax; Bill No.
17 980005, an Ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of the
18 Philadelphia Code entitled "Business Privilege
19 Taxes," by decreasing the rates of the tax based
20 upon gross receipts and by clarifying the activities
21 which will subject a person to tax for engaging in
22 business within the city; and Resolution No. 980138,
23 entitled Resolution, supporting the transfer of \$15
24 million from the city's General Fund to the School
25 District of Philadelphia, to support the continued

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2 improved operation of the public school system,
3 respectfully reports it has considered the same and
4 returns the attached resolution and bills to Council
5 with a favorable recommendation.

6 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
7 recognizes Councilwoman Verna for Rules suspension.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President, I
9 move that the Rules of Council --

10 PRESIDENT STREET: Please continue.

11 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you,
12 Mr. President.

13 I move that the Rules of Council be
14 suspended so as to permit first reading of Bills No.
15 980001, 980002, 980003, 980004, and 980005.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
18 it be known by saying aye.

19 Those opposed say nay.

20 The ayes have it. The Rules are
21 suspended. Bills No. 980001, 980002, 980003,
22 980004, 980005, will be added to our First Reading
23 Calendar today.

24 Resolution No. 980138 will be placed
25 on our Second and Final Reading Passage for next

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2 week.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Kenney for the report of the Council Committee on
5 Rules.

6 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
7 Mr. President.

8 The Council Committee on Rules
9 reports out Bill No. 980024 with a favorable
10 recommendation.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
12 please read the report.

13 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
14 members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia:
15 The Committee on Rules, to which was referred Bill
16 No. 980024, entitled an Ordinance approving the
17 redevelopment proposal of the Redevelopment
18 Authority of the City of Philadelphia, for the
19 redevelopment of a portion of the 49th and Locust
20 Redevelopment Area, 49th and Locust Urban Renewal
21 Area, being the area generally bounded by Walnut
22 Street on the north, South 50th Street and St.
23 Bernard Street on the west, Locust Street and Spruce
24 Street on the south, and South 49th Street on the
25 east, approving the Urban Renewal Plan and

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2 determining that such plan and redevelopment
3 proposal conforms to the General Locality Plan and
4 make adequate provisions for individuals, business
5 concerns, and families who are displaced,
6 determining the necessity for changes in and for
7 zoning streets, alleys, public ways, street
8 patterns, location and relocation of public
9 utilities, determining that the Urban Renewal Plan
10 and Redevelopment Proposal prohibits discrimination
11 because of race, color, creed, sex, sexual
12 orientation, national origin, ancestry, or
13 handicapped, declaring that condemnation is not
14 imminent with respect to the project, except as
15 otherwise expressly provided for in the proposal,
16 and declaring the redevelopment undertakings in the
17 project to be an important part of the city's
18 program to remove and prevent the spread of urban
19 blight, respectfully reports it has considered the
20 same and returns the attached bill to Council with a
21 favorable recommendation.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Mr. President, I
25 move the Rules of Council suspended so as to permit

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2 first reading of Bill No. 980024 today.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
5 it be known by saying aye.

6 Those opposed say nay.

7 The ayes have it. Bill No. 980024
8 will be added to our First Reading Calendar today.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Clark for the report of the Council Committee on
11 Public Property and Public Works.

12 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President,
13 the Committee on Public Property and Public Works
14 reports out two bills, Bills No. 970752 and 980019,
15 with a favorable recommendation, and with the
16 recommendation that the Rules of Council be
17 suspended so as to permit first reading this day.

18 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
19 please read the report.

20 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
21 members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia:
22 The Committee on Public Property and Public Works,
23 to which was referred Bill No. 970752, entitled an
24 Ordinance authorizing Commissioner of Public
25 Property, Director of the Free Library of

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2 Philadelphia, and Budget Director, on behalf of the
3 City of Philadelphia, to execute a term sheet with
4 the Crime Prevention Association of Philadelphia,
5 CPA, a nonprofit corporation organized and existing
6 under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 setting forth the terms and conditions by which the
8 city will, one, convey property located at 2407
9 South Broad Street to the CPA, and, two, transfer \$1
10 million in city capital dollars to CPA over three
11 fiscal years, and in exchange for which the CPA
12 shall construct a new community center at 2407
13 through 37 South Broad Street, including a new
14 library facility, and lease the new library facility
15 to the city for 99 years, pursuant to certain terms
16 and conditions set forth in documents acceptable to
17 the Commissioner of Public Property, Director of the
18 Free Library, Budget Director, City Solicitor, and
19 CPA;

20 And Bill No. 980019, an Ordinance to
21 amend an Ordinance approved December 15, 1969, as
22 amended, which approved the Redevelopment Proposal
23 the Urban Renewal Plan, and Relocation Plan of the
24 Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia
25 for the redevelopment of Model Cities Urban Renewal

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2 Area by approving the 20th amendment of the
3 Redevelopment Proposal, the 12th amendment to the
4 Urban Renewal Plan, and the 13th amendment to the
5 Relocation Plan, which provides inter alia for
6 certain additional land acquisitions and provisions
7 of certain relocation services as required by law
8 for the individuals, families, and business concerns
9 which will be displaced, respectfully reports it has
10 considered the same and returns the attached two
11 bills to Council with a favorable recommendation.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilwoman Clark for a motion that the
14 Rules of Council be suspended to permit
15 consideration of these bills, placing them on First
16 Reading Calendar.

17 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I
18 move that Bills No. 970752 and 980019 be placed on
19 the First Reading Calendar.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
22 it be known by saying aye.

23 Those opposed say nay.

24 The ayes have it. The Rules are
25 suspended. Bills No. 970752 and 980019 will be

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2 added to our First Reading Calendar today.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
4 Miller for the report of the Council Committee on
5 Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
7 Mr. President.

8 The Special Committee on Parks,
9 Recreation and Cultural Affairs reports Bill No.
10 960886 out of committee with a favorable
11 recommendation, and no need for a Rules suspension.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
13 please read the report.

14 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
15 members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia:
16 The Committee on Parks, Recreation, and Cultural
17 Affairs, to which was referred Bill No. 960886
18 entitled, an Ordinance amending Section 15-201 of
19 the Philadelphia Code relating to areas under the
20 care and jurisdiction of the Fairmount Park
21 Commission by adding a parcel of land generally
22 bounded by Stevens Road, Walton Street, Barlow
23 Street, and Kevin Avenue, to those lands under the
24 care and jurisdiction of the Fairmount Park
25 Commission, respectfully reports it has considered

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2 the same and returns the attached bill to Council
3 with a favorable recommendation.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill will be
5 printed and placed on our First Reading Calendar for
6 our next meeting.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
8 Verna for the report of the Council Committee on
9 Fiscal Stability and Intergovernmental Cooperation.

10 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Committee on
11 Fiscal Stability and Intergovernmental Cooperation
12 reports Resolution No. 980008 out of committee with
13 a favorable recommendation.

14 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
15 please read the report.

16 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
17 members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
18 the Committee on Fiscal Stability, to which was
19 referred Resolution No. 980008, entitled Resolution,
20 providing for the approval by the Council of the
21 City of Philadelphia a revised Five-Year Financial
22 Plan for the City of Philadelphia covering Fiscal
23 years 1999 through 2003, and incorporating proposed
24 changes with respect to Fiscal Year 1998, which is
25 to be committed by the Mayor to the Pennsylvania

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2 Ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal
3 Year 1999.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 980004, an
6 Ordinance amending Chapter 19-1500 of the
7 Philadelphia Code entitled "Wage and Net Profits
8 Tax," by decreasing the rates of the tax.

9 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 980005, an
11 Ordinance amending Chapter 19-2600 of the
12 Philadelphia Code entitled "Business Privilege
13 Taxes," by decreasing the rates of the tax based
14 upon gross receipts and by clarifying the activities
15 which will subject a person to tax for engaging in
16 business within the city.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 980024, an
19 Ordinance approving the Redevelopment Proposal of
20 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
21 Philadelphia for the redevelopment of a portion of
22 the 49th and Locust Redevelopment Area, 49th and
23 Locust Urban Renewal Area being the area generally
24 bounded by Walnut Street on the north, South 50th
25 Street and St. Bernard Street on the west, Locust

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2 Street and Spruce Street on the south, and South
3 49th Street on the east.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 970752, an
6 Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property and the Director of the Free Library of
8 Philadelphia, and the Budget Director, on behalf the
9 City of Philadelphia, to execute a term sheet with
10 the Crime Prevention Association of Philadelphia, a
11 nonprofit corporation organized and existing under
12 the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 980019, an
15 Ordinance to amend an Ordinance approved December
16 15, 1969, as amended, which approved the
17 Redevelopment Proposal, the Urban Renewal Plan, and
18 the Relocation plan of the Redevelopment Authority
19 of the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment of
20 the Model Cities Urban Renewal area by approving the
21 28th amendment of the Redevelopment Proposal, the
22 12th amendmentment to the Urban Renewal Plan, and
23 the 13th amendment to the Relocation Plan.

24 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.

25 The bills read by the Chief Clerk

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2 will be placed on our Second and Final Reading
3 Passage Calendar for our next meeting.

4 Council will now consider bills on
5 the Second and Final Reading Passage Calendar.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Verna.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you, Mr.
9 President.

10 Bill No. 910118 on the Second Reading
11 and Final Passage Calendar is being called for
12 consideration. All other bills are being held.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: First bill for
14 consideration is Bill No. 980118.

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

17 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
18 authorizing as a place for burial the Founders Grove
19 located on the grounds of the Schuylkill Center for
20 Environmental Education 8480 Hagees Mill Road.

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

24 The clerk will call the roll

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

4 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

6 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

8 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

10 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

16 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

22 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

24 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

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2 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

8 Street.

9 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

10 The ayes are 16, the nays are zero.

11 A majority of all members of Council having voted in
12 the affirmative, the bill passes.

13 This brings us to an end of our
14 consideration of the calendar.

15 Are there any speeches on the part of
16 the members of the majority?

17 Are there any speeches on the part of
18 members of the minority?

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I am sorry. I hit the light late,
23 it was a little difficult hearing you.

24 I would just like to take this
25 opportunity to speak as to the reason why I held

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2 Bill No. 970829.

3 About two, three weeks ago there were
4 hearings in the Finance Committee concerning this
5 bill.

6 And at the time there was some
7 serious consideration as to whether or not we would
8 have enough votes to move the bill out of committee,
9 based primarily on some information that I had
10 received and some of my colleagues, that the
11 minority community in Philadelphia for a long time
12 has felt that they have been cut out of the process,
13 basically, by this Administration when it comes to
14 development of hotels.

15 I am not suggesting that that in fact
16 was the case, but we were at least willing to
17 discuss the issue.

18 At my recommendation, the Finance
19 Committee agreed to move the bill out of committee
20 with a favorable recommendation. But at such time I
21 had agreed to at least begin to bring the parties
22 together who felt as though they were being somewhat
23 discriminated against when it comes to the hotel
24 development in Philadelphia.

25 It was reported in today's paper much

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2 of the information that I was about to prepare to
3 speak to you about this morning. I guess you can
4 read it if you pick up the paper.

5 But there were a number of issues
6 that we dealt with at a meeting two weeks ago. My
7 colleague Councilman Nutter and Councilwoman Tasco
8 attended that meeting, along with Dr. Chapelle and a
9 group of people from her team that are looking to
10 develop a hotel or hotels in Philadelphia.

11 I am pleased to report that as a
12 result of that meeting, the dialogue is continuing.

13 There were meetings that are
14 scheduled next week with the Redevelopment Authority
15 and a major land owner and developer in the City of
16 Philadelphia, with Dr. Chapelle and her team.

17 And that that there is another hotel
18 developer who will be in the next week or two
19 meeting with Dr. Chapelle to discuss a possible
20 co-development of a hotel.

21 I held up on the bill just one more
22 week to allow those meetings to take place next
23 week, at which time I will get some feedback as to
24 what the results of those meetings will be. Next
25 week I intend to move on that bill.

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2 But I wanted to let everyone know
3 that I appreciate the Finance Committee, under the
4 chairmanship of Councilwoman Verna, for allowing
5 that bill to move through.

6 We have lived up to our end of the
7 bargain, and I believe that PIDC, Redevelopment
8 Authority, Commerce Department, are sincere in their
9 efforts and will do everything they possibly can to
10 make this become a reality.

11 Thank you, Mr. President.

12 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
13 much.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Cohen.

16 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, at
17 an earlier time, in accordance with your agreement
18 at the beginning of the budget sessions that any
19 agency would be called back for further discussion
20 if a Council member wished, I made a request for the
21 officers of the Philadelphia Housing Development
22 Corporation to appear before Council.

23 I would hope that that matter is in
24 the process of being determined.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: Councilman, I can

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2 investigate it. I cannot tell you the answer to
3 that question without consulting those people who
4 are responsible for arranging those call-backs.

5 But we can certainly be sure to have
6 them at an appropriate time. And you and I can
7 discuss precisely when you want them.

8 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Very good.

9 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you.

10 Are there any other speeches?

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Verna.

13 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President, I
14 move that Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
15 March the 26th, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
18 it be known by saying aye.

19 Those opposed say nay.

20 The ayes have it. This Council
21 stands adjourned until Thursday, March 26, 1998, at
22 10 o'clock a.m.

23 (Stated Meeting adjourned at 11:40
24 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, March 19, 1998, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

DEBRA A. WHITEHEAD, RPR