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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

STATED MEETING

Thursday, November 13, 1997
11:15 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
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
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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2 PRESIDENT STREET: Good morning,
3 ladies and gentlemen. The Chair notes that the hour
4 has come and that a quorum is present. Council will
5 come to order.

6 Members will take their seats,
7 visitors will retire to the seats outside the rail.

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes Reverend Daniel Sullivan of the
10 Holy Innocents Church. He is here today as the
11 guest of Councilman Mariano.

12 Members and guests will please rise.

13 REV. DANIEL SULLIVAN: Let us pray.

14 Heavenly Father, we thank you for
15 this opportunity that we have to gather in your
16 name.

17 We thank you for all the blessings
18 that you have shared with us, individually and
19 collectively as citizens of this great nation,
20 Commonwealth, and City of Philadelphia.

21 We thank you as we also acknowledge
22 the responsibility that you have given us,
23 responsibility to act justly when it comes to the
24 treatment of our sisters and brothers, the
25 responsibility to recognize in every Philadelphian

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2 the dignity of the precious gift of life that you
3 have given them.

4 In this, the cradle of liberty, may
5 these men and women, the leaders of your people,
6 strive always and in every way to make the rich
7 blessings of this land available to all of your
8 children, without regard to differences of any
9 kind.

10 Guide these leaders in their
11 decision-making. Let their words and deeds reflect
12 always the mind and heart of you, the source of all
13 authority and goodness itself.

14 Bless them for their willingness to
15 serve your people, protect them from harm, grant
16 them and all of us the gift of living forever in
17 your peace.

18 Amen.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
20 Reverend Sullivan for his inspiring invocation.

21 (Council members greets Reverend
22 Sullivan.)

23 PRESIDENT STREET: The next order of
24 business is the approval of the Journal of the
25 meeting of Thursday, October 30, 1997.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Clark.

4 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Mr. President, I
5 move the acceptance of the Journal of October 30,
6 1997.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

10 Those opposed say nay.

11 The ayes have it, and the Journal of
12 the meeting of Thursday, October 30, 1997, stands
13 approved.

14 The next order of business is Leaves
15 of Absence.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Verna.

18 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President,
19 on behalf of the majority there are no requests for
20 leave of absence.

21 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
22 the Councilwoman.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Longstreth.

25 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH:

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2 Mr. President, I have no requests for leave of
3 absence from the minority.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
5 Councilman Longstreth.

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

9 To all of our visitors and guests
10 with us this morning, we welcome you here and
11 applaud your interests in the civic affairs of our
12 city and certainly invite you to come again.

13 At this time the Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Krajewski for the purpose of
15 recognizing visitors and guests.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Thank you,
17 Mr. President. I am pleased to welcome here today a
18 group of 4th grade students from the Forrest
19 Elementary School. They are joined by their
20 teachers, Lois Bell, Linda Cafe, and classroom mate
21 Doreen Shilling.

22 (Applause.)

23 PRESIDENT STREET: Will this group
24 please stand.

25 (Members of class stand.)

1 WELCOME VISITORS

2 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
3 much for being with us.

4 At this time the Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Miller.

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

8 I am pleased to announce a visiting
9 group from the 8th district, AMY Northwest School of
10 Humanities.

11 The entire 6th grade class, they are
12 seated on both sides of the balcony. And they are
13 studying city government, how it is made up and how
14 it works.

15 They are accompanied by teachers
16 Kristen O'Neill, Katie Miles, Lawrence Kaplan, Renee
17 Robinson, Cecilia Victory, Dottie Birmgardener. And
18 we welcome them.

19 (Applause.)

20 PRESIDENT STREET: We thank you all
21 for being with us.

22 Our first presentation today honors
23 the 76th Coastal Artillery Anti-Aircraft Unit.

24 To make this presentation, the Chair
25 appoints Councilman Nutter. The Chair invites

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2 Mr. James Arthur Grant, Sr., and those with him, to
3 come and receive this resolution.

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

6 This is a Resolution honoring and
7 commending the members of the 76th Coastal Artillery
8 Anti-Aircraft Unit for their dedication and service
9 to our country.

10 Whereas, the 76th Coastal Artillery
11 Anti-Aircraft unit was formed on August 19, 1940, in
12 West Fairmount Park;

13 And whereas, the original members of
14 this unit were volunteer enlistees;

15 And whereas, this was the first unit
16 of its kind for African-American servicemen;

17 And whereas, this unit received
18 training at Fort Brag, North Carolina, for 16
19 months, and then returned to Philadelphia to protect
20 and serve the residents of this city from December
21 9, 1941, until June of 1942;

22 And whereas, from June 1942 until
23 August 1945, the unit was sent abroad to defend our
24 country during World War II and was stationed at
25 various islands in the Pacific;

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2 And whereas, the members of this unit
3 are preparing to celebrate their 60th Anniversary in
4 the Year 2000;

5 And whereas, this unit has never
6 received any official recognition by the City of
7 Philadelphia for their service to our citizens and
8 our country.

9 Now therefore resolved by the Council
10 of the City of Philadelphia that we hearby honor and
11 commend the members of the 76th Coastal Artillery
12 Anti-Aircraft Unit for their dedication and service
13 to our country.

14 Further resolve that an engrossed
15 copy of this Resolution be presented to Mr. James
16 Arthur Grant, Sr., on behalf of the members of the
17 76th Coastal Artillery Anti-Aircraft Unit as a
18 symbol of this legislative body's gratitude.

19 Signed by Council President Street,
20 sponsored by all Council members, and introduced by
21 myself as Councilman for the 4th District.

22 (Applause.)

23 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
24 recognizes Mr. Grant for remarks.

25 MR. JAMES A. GRANT, SR.: May I say

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2 thank you to all of Philadelphia, to the Council,
3 mostly to the Mayor, who recognized my letter and
4 sent it on to Michael Roper. And Michael carried it
5 on to Michael Nutter, my Councilman. And here we
6 are today.

7 I am grateful to everybody. But one
8 thing I can say, all of this won't shelter the hurt
9 that I received while I was in Service.

10 I tried to serve my country the best
11 that I could, but I was hurt. And even the
12 Congressional Medal of Honor, I don't think, would
13 wipe away the tears that I received while I was in
14 the Pacific. But I do thank everybody.

15 I trudged along through those lonely
16 years until this day. And I thank all of you for
17 this much honor that I have received this morning.

18 And I hope if any of the rest of the
19 Unit is here, would they please stand.

20 It is such a shock to me. We came
21 back from the Pacific in 1945, and we formed an
22 organization called the 76th Anti-Aircraft Veteran
23 Unit.

24 We served until most of the fellows
25 started dying out, and we closed it out.

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2 And after so many of the fellows was
3 dying, I thought I'd write to the Mayor and ask him
4 if he would recognize this Unit before we all die.

5 I was asking for our 60th Anniversary
6 in 2000. But he said, "No, we'll do something about
7 it before then." Which was all right with me. And
8 here we are.

9 And I thank you very much.

10 (Applause.)

11 PRESIDENT STREET: Council will stand
12 at ease.

13 (Council stands at ease.)

14 PRESIDENT STREET: Our second
15 presentation commends TEACH, the Tobacco-Free
16 Education and Action Coalition for Health.

17 To make this presentation, the Chair
18 appoints Councilwoman Fernandez.

19 The Chair invites Ms. Ruth Ever and
20 those with her to come and receive this resolution.

21 And I also understand there are some
22 representatives of the Department of L & I,
23 including its illustrious Commissioner, who are
24 here. We would like them to come forward at this
25 time.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Good
3 morning. This is a Resolution commending the
4 Tobacco-Free Education and Action Coalition for
5 Health, also known as TEACH, for their efforts in
6 reducing the illegal sale of tobacco products to
7 minors in the City of Philadelphia.

8 And we are also recognizing their
9 very effective partnership with the Department of
10 License & Inspections to dramatically reduce the
11 numbers of incidences where minors in our city are
12 being illegally sold tobacco products.

13 Whereas, since 1994, TEACH has
14 diligently worked to raise the awareness of the ease
15 in which a minor could purchase tobacco products in
16 the City of Philadelphia, even though a state law
17 prohibited merchants from selling tobacco to minors;

18 And whereas, through underaged buying
19 surveys done by the young people with us here today
20 in TEACH, TEACH was able to demonstrate that
21 Philadelphia had the worst illegal tobacco rate of
22 sale to minors. It was as high as 85 percent in the
23 five-county area. Excuse me, it was 85 percent here
24 in the city, and it was the highest in the
25 five-county area.

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2 And this translated into a serious
3 public health issue for our city's children, and
4 eventually led to the passage of a City Council
5 Ordinance in 1995 which placed stricter restrictions
6 on the sale of tobacco products to minors.

7 Whereas in 1996, TEACH conducted a
8 massive merchant and public-education campaign and,
9 in cooperation with the Department of License &
10 Inspections, developed a highly effective
11 enforcement strategy designed to combat illegal
12 sales of tobacco to children.

13 And whereas in May 1997, TEACH
14 established a toll-free tobacco hotline, which is
15 1-888-99-SMOKE, to be used to report merchants who
16 illegally sell tobacco products to minors. And, to
17 date, over 800 calls have been received and acted
18 upon.

19 And whereas, the Department of
20 License & Inspections, under the leadership of
21 Commissioner Fran Egan, began enforcing the
22 provisions of the Youth's Access To Tobacco Law in
23 earnest, which led to a phenomenal decrease in the
24 Philadelphia illegal tobacco sales rate to minors.
25 And it went from 85 percent to as low as 27 percent

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2 thank you for your good work.

3 (Applause.)

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
5 recognizes Miss Ever for remarks.

6 MS. RUTH EVER: Thank you. I would
7 like to thank City Council for recognizing the
8 importance of this issue and passing the Youth
9 Access To Tobacco Ordinance a few years ago.

10 In particular, I would like to thank
11 Councilwoman Happy Fernandez for her commitment to
12 this issue and her willingness to really follow
13 through on this over the years that it has taken to
14 get this ordinance passed and now enforced.

15 And I am accepting this today on
16 behalf of all of the TEACH staff and volunteers and
17 members and youth that are here.

18 And I would like to quickly introduce
19 them. Sterlin Barr, Bob Grose, Rachael Melinbach,
20 and Mary Tracey from the Health Promotion Council in
21 TEACH; and the Chair of TEACH, Jeffrey Barg. And
22 then our youth.

23 The youth here today are Joe
24 Haggerty, Charles Zuell, Antoinette Wish, and
25 Michael Horton. And I appreciate all the work that

everyone has been doing.

Our coordinated efforts, along with the hundreds of calls that we have gotten from community people who have reported stores into our hotline, has truly brought the rates down in a dramatic way, as Councilwoman Fernandez read to you.

Instead of applauding this worker for knowing the law and trying to uphold it, the store manager apparently turned to the customer, sold to her, and then proceeded to curse out this worker and throw her out of the store. And she is now unable to collect Unemployment benefits.

So we have a responsibility to help

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2 Commissioner Ed McLaughlin, on loan to us from the
3 Police Department, I hope for a somewhat longer
4 period of time, and the Director of Business
5 Regulatory Enforcement, Rudy Polliaga.

6 And, most importantly, Gerald
7 Richards, who is the Supervisor of the Business
8 Enforcement Division.

9 He is the person, and his staff, that
10 makes this really work, and are really the field
11 people out on the streets of Philadelphia enforcing
12 this law that City Council passed and making those
13 statistics drop.

14 And Gerald Richards is out sick
15 today, which is a rare, rare occasion for Gerald.
16 And I want to acknowledge him today, too.

17 And also to thank John Campbell for
18 his continued liaison with the Department and
19 Council on important legislation like this.

20 So thank you, TEACH, thank you City
21 Council. And we are glad it was a success.

22 (Applause.)

23 PRESIDENT STREET: Council will stand
24 at ease.

25 (Council stands at ease.)

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2 PRESIDENT STREET: Councilwoman Verna
3 please approach the Chair.

4 (Councilwoman Verna assumes the
5 Chair.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The next order
7 of business is Communications.

8 The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at
9 Arms for the purpose of delivering the messages from
10 the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

11 The Chief Clerk will read the
12 messages from the Mayor.

13 CHIEF CLERK: To the President and
14 members of the Council of the City of Philadelphia.

15 I am pleased to advise you that I
16 have signed on November the 4th, 1997, the
17 following:

18 Bill, 970564;

19 And a Resolution approving the
20 redevelopment contract of the Redevelopment
21 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
22 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of
23 Grays Ferry Urban Renewal area.

24 And a Resolution approving the
25 redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of

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2 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
3 Philadelphia for a renewal of the portion of West
4 Philadelphia Redevelopment area and Haddington Urban
5 Renewal area;

6 A Resolution approving the
7 redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of
8 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
9 Philadelphia for redevelopment and urban renewal of
10 a portion of the West Mill Creek Urban Renewal area;

11 And a Resolution approving the
12 redevelopment contract and disposition supplement of
13 the Redevelopment Authority of the City of
14 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban renewal
15 of a portion of the Center City Redevelopment area;

16 And an Ordinance amending Title 9 of
17 the Philadelphia Code entitled "Regulation of
18 Businesses, Trades, and Professions," by adding a
19 new chapter entitled "Agents," requiring any person
20 who represents or acts on behalf of another person
21 in any matter before the Department of License &
22 Inspections, the Board of Building Standards, the
23 Board License & Inspections Review, the Zoning Board
24 of Adjustment, the Board of Safety and Fire
25 Prevention, or the Accessibility Advisory Board to

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2 obtain a license in setting forth standards for the
3 issuance of such licenses, requiring such persons to
4 complete Entry of Appearance forms prior to any act
5 or representation, prohibiting certain conduct by
6 such agents, and providing penalties for violation,
7 all under certain terms and conditions;

8 And an Ordinance approving the Fiscal
9 Year 1998 Capital Budget and the forecasts for
10 Fiscal Years 1999 through 2003, providing for
11 expenditures for the capital purposes of the
12 Philadelphia Gas Works, including the supplying of
13 funds to be obtained in connection therewith so as
14 to provide for the normal additions and replacements
15 which occur annually in the Gas Works;

16 And an Ordinance authorizing
17 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1997
18 from the General Fund of certain or all city
19 offices, departments, boards, and commissions, and
20 from the Grants Revenue Fund, Director of Finance,
21 provision for other grants to the General Fund of
22 certain or all city offices, departments, boards,
23 and commissions;

24 And an Ordinance authorizing
25 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1997

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2 within the Aviation Fund from certain or all city
3 offices, departments, boards, and commissions, to
4 certain or all city offices, departments, boards,
5 and commissions;

6 And an Ordinance authorizing
7 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1998
8 within the General Fund from certain or all city
9 offices, departments, boards, and commissions, to
10 certain or all city offices, departments, boards,
11 and commissions;

12 And an Ordinance authorizing and
13 directing the revision of lines and grades on a
14 portion of City Plan No. 55 by striking from the
15 city plan and vacating illegally opened portions of
16 Adams Avenue, from Pierce Street to Aramingo Avenue,
17 Ashland Street from Tulip Street to Aramingo Avenue,
18 and Tulip Street from Adams Avenue to Ashland
19 Street;

20 And an Ordinance authorizing the
21 Commissioner of Public Property to execute and
22 deliver to the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
23 Development, without consideration, a deed conveying
24 fee simple title to a certain tract of city-owned
25 land, with the building and improvements thereon

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2 situated on the Northeast side of 70th Street, South
3 of Lindbergh Boulevard, under and subject to the
4 terms and conditions of the Philadelphia Industrial
5 and Commercial Development Agreement between the
6 City, PAID, and the Philadelphia Industrial
7 Development Corporation.

8 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The messages
9 will be printed in the Journal.

10 The Chief Clerk will read any other
11 Communications in her possession.

12 CHIEF CLERK: I have none, Madam
13 Chair.

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I thank you.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Clark for the purpose of making a motion regarding
17 resolutions.

18 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair, I
19 move that all resolutions be considered immediately
20 after they are introduced.

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

23 The motion is so carried.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
25 Clark for the purpose of introducing any bills or

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2 resolutions in her possession.

3 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Madam Chair,
4 today I have one resolution on behalf of myself and
5 President John Street, for which I ask immediate
6 consideration.

7 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The clerk will
8 read the title of the resolution.

9 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution approving
10 the redevelopment contract and disposition
11 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of the
12 City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
13 renewal of a portion of Center City Redevelopment
14 area designated as parcel 1A electrical room, Parcel
15 1B mechanical and trash rooms, Parcel 1C SRO storage
16 room, Parcel 1D lobby and offices, Parcel 1E storage
17 and trash rooms, and Parcel 1F Floors 4 through 7,
18 and identified as certain area rights portions
19 within 2025 through 2029 Chestnut Street, and
20 authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to execute
21 the redevelopment contract and lease with Mid-City
22 Residential Associates, LP, and to take such action
23 as may be necessary to effectuate the redevelopment
24 contract lease and disposition supplement.

25 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair

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2 recognizes Councilwoman Clark.

3 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Move the
4 adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: All those in
7 favor let it be known by saying aye.

8 All opposed.

9 The ayes have it. The motion has
10 been carried.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
14 Madam Chair. I have one resolution sponsored by
15 Councilman Nutter and myself.

16 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The clerk will
17 please read the resolution.

18 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution approving
19 the redevelopment contract and disposition
20 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of the
21 City of Philadelphia, which includes in aralia the
22 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the
23 West Philadelphia Redevelopment area identified by
24 respective house numbers and street addresses as
25 5231 and 6104 Cedar Avenue, 6141 and 6145 Delancey

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2 Street, 5005, 5007, 5009, and 5136 Hazel Avenue, and
3 5522, 5530, 5539, 5543 Ludlow Street, 5848 and 5849
4 Norfolk Street, 5711, 5746, 5756, 5853 and 5865
5 Osage Avenue, 5538 and 5554 Pemberton Street, 6103
6 and 6150 Walnut Street, 4929 Walton Street, 5830 and
7 5835 Webster Street, 138 South 50th Street, 1246 and
8 1448 North 57th Street, and 1532 North 59th Street;
9 and a portion of the Haddington Urban Renewal area,
10 Unit No. 3, identified by respective house number
11 and street address as 220, 227, and 243 North Hobart
12 Street, authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to
13 execute the redevelopment contract with Neighborhood
14 Restoration, LP, VII, and to take action as may be
15 necessary to effectuate the redevelopment contract
16 and disposition supplement.

17 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam Chair,
20 I move the adoption.

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

23 Those opposed.

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

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Cohen.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam Chair, I
5 have no bills or resolutions.

6 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair thanks
7 the gentleman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Krajewski.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam Chair,
11 I offer three bills.

12 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chief Clerk
13 will please read the titles of the bills.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
15 authorizing transfers in appropriations for Fiscal
16 Year 1998 within the General Fund from certain or
17 all city offices, departments, boards, and
18 commissions, to certain or all city offices,
19 departments, boards and commissions;

20 And an Ordinance authorizing
21 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1997
22 from the General Fund from certain or all city
23 offices, departments, departments, boards, and
24 commissions, and from the Grants Revenue Fund,
25 Director of Finance, provision for other grants, to

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2 the General Fund, certain or all city offices,
3 departments, boards, and commissions;

4 And an Ordinance authorizing
5 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year 1997
6 within the Aviation Fund from certain or all city
7 offices, departments, boards, and commissions, to
8 certain or all city offices, departments, boards,
9 and commissions.

10 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The bills will
11 be referred to the appropriate committees.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Kenney.

14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
15 Chair. I offer two bills.

16 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The chief clerk
17 will please read the titles of the bills.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance amending
19 Section 12-2900 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
20 "Contractor Parking," by amending the provisions
21 relating to contractor parking permits, including
22 providing for a new parking permit for licensed real
23 estate agents under certain terms and conditions.

24 And an Ordinance amending Title 9 of
25 the Philadelphia Code entitled "Regulation of

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2 Businesses, Trades, and Professions," by adding a
3 new chapter entitled "Agents," requiring any person
4 who represents or acts on behalf of another person
5 in any matter before the Department of License &
6 Inspections, the Board of Building Standards, the
7 Board of License & Inspections Review, the Zoning
8 Board of Adjustment, the Board of Safety and Fire
9 Prevention, or the Accessibility Advisory Board to
10 obtain a license, and setting forth standards for
11 the issuance of such licenses requiring such persons
12 to complete Entry of Appearance forms prior to any
13 act of representation, prohibiting certain conduct
14 by such agents, and providing penalties for
15 violations, all under certain terms and conditions.

16 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The bills will
17 be referred to the appropriate committees.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Miller.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
21 Madam Chair. I have no bills or resolutions today.

22 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The Chair thanks
23 the lady.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Nutter.

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2 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Madam Chair, I
3 have no bills or resolutions today.

4 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Fernandez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Thank you,
8 Madam Chair. I have one ordinance and one
9 nonprivileged resolution.

10 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The clerk will
11 please read the titles.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance amending
13 Chapter 12-800 of the Philadelphia Code entitled
14 "Bicycle Regulations and Penalties," by amending
15 Section 12-808 entitled "Riding on Sidewalks," to
16 increase the penalty for violation of this section.

17 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: The bill will be
18 referred to the appropriate committee.

19 The Chief Clerk will please read the
20 resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution calling on
22 the Transportation and Public Utilities Committee to
23 hold public hearings to examine the Streets
24 Department's procedures for recording reports of
25 missing or damaged traffic control devices and the

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2 department's policies for replacing and repairing
3 problematic traffic control devices.

4 (President Street resumes the Chair.)

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilwoman Fernandez.

7 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ:

8 Mr. President, I move the adoption of the
9 resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

11 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
12 it be known by saying aye.

13 Those opposed say nay.

14 The resolution is adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Verna.

17 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I offer one bill and two
19 resolutions.

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

22 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance approving
23 the Fiscal Year 1998 Capital Budget and the
24 forecasts for Fiscal Years 1999 through 2003,
25 providing for expenditures for the capital purposes

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2 of the Philadelphia Gas Works, including the
3 supplying of funds to be obtained in connection
4 therewith so as to provide for the normal additions
5 and replacements which occur annually in the Gas
6 Works.

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

9 The clerk will please read the title
10 of the first resolution introduced by Councilwoman
11 Verna.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution approving
13 the redevelopment contract for the Redevelopment
14 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
15 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion of the
16 Grays Ferry Urban Renewal area identified by house
17 number and street address as 3040 Wharton Street,
18 and authorizing the Redevelopment Authority to
19 execute the redevelopment contract with Sonia M.
20 Carter, and to take such action as may be necessary
21 to effectuate the redevelopment contract.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilwoman Verna.

24 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: I move the
25 adoption of the resolution.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

5 Those opposed say nay.

6 The resolution is adopted.

7 The clerk will please read the title
8 of the second resolution introduced by Councilwoman
9 Verna.

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, without consideration,
14 a deed for a property situated in the 36th Ward of
15 the City of 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 resolution is adopted.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Tasco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Mr. President, I
4 have no bills or resolutions.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
6 the Councilwoman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Ortiz.

9 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Mr. President, I
10 have no bills or resolutions.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
12 Councilman Ortiz.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 DiCicco.

15 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
16 Mr. President. I offer four bills.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
18 please read the titles of the bills.

19 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance granting
20 permission to Sunguard Recovery Services, Inc., 401
21 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
22 19108, to construct, use, and maintain a concrete
23 conduit bank, housing electrical cables, under and
24 across 13th Street, north of Callowhill Street, all
25 under certain terms and conditions.

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2 And an Ordinance amending Chapter
3 10-1200 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "Posting
4 of Temporary Signs," by prohibiting the posting of
5 certain temporary signs and political campaign
6 posters in certain sections of the First
7 Councilmanic District, including Washington Avenue
8 both sides, from the east side of Broad Street to
9 Columbus Boulevard, under certain terms and
10 conditions.

11 And an Ordinance amending Chapter
12 10-1200 of the Philadelphia Code entitled, "Posting
13 of Temporary Signs," by prohibiting the posting of
14 certain temporary signs and political campaign
15 posters in certain sections of the First
16 Councilmanic District, including Carpenter Street
17 both sides, from the east side of Broad Street to
18 Front Street, under certain terms and conditions.

19 And an Ordinance amending Chapter
20 10-1200 of the Philadelphia Code entitled, "Posting
21 of Temporary Signs," by prohibiting the posting of
22 certain temporary signs and political campaign
23 posters in certain sections of the First
24 Councilmanic District, including Christian Street
25 both sides, from the east side of Broad Street to

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2 Columbus Boulevard, under certain terms and
3 conditions.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: These bills will
5 be referred to the appropriate committees.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Mr. President, I
9 have no bills or resolutions.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
11 the Councilman.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Mariano.

14 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Mr. President, I
15 have one bill and one resolution.

16 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
17 please read the title of the bill.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
19 authorizing and directing the revision of lines and
20 grades on a portion of City Plan No. 55 by striking
21 from the City Plan and vacating illegally opened
22 portions of Pierce Street, extending from Adams
23 Avenue eastwardly, to Church Street, under certain
24 terms and conditions.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill will be

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2 referred to the appropriate committee.

3 The clerk will please read the title
4 of the resolution introduced by Councilman Mariano.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
7 execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority
8 of the City of Philadelphia deeds for properties
9 situate in the 7th, 18th, 19th, and 23rd Wards of
10 the City of Philadelphia.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Mr. President, I
14 move for the adoption of this 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 Councilman
21 Longstreth.

22 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH:
23 Mr. President, I have no bills or resolutions
24 today.

25 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks

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2 the Councilman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I have two
6 resolutions, Mr. President.

7 PRESIDENT STREET: The clerk will
8 please read the titles of the resolutions.

9 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution calling on
10 the Council Committee on License & Inspections to
11 conduct hearings to investigate the events
12 surrounding the recent Metallica concert;
13 specifically, how a large-scale, outdoor event
14 occurred, despite possible violations of the Zoning
15 Code and untimely notice to Council representatives
16 and surrounding communities, and to further
17 investigate what measures should be taken to avoid
18 such situations in the future.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: This resolution
20 will be referred to the appropriate committee at the
21 request of the sponsor.

22 The clerk will please read the title
23 of the second resolution introduced by Councilman
24 Rizzo.

25 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution

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2 recognizing Wally Kennedy and the crew of A.M. Live
3 for 13 years of quality morning programming in the
4 Philadelphia region.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

7 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: I move that this
8 resolution be adopted.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 PRESIDENT STREET: All in favor let
11 it be known by saying aye.

12 Those opposed say nay.

13 The resolution is adopted.

14 The next order of business is the
15 Consideration of the Calendar.

16 The Chief Clerk will read the bills
17 on the first reading calendar.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Bill 970275, An
19 Ordinance authorizing the extension of the term of
20 the authority known as the South Street Headhouse
21 District of Philadelphia, pursuant to the provisions
22 of the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, PL 382,
23 as amended, approving the plan, estimated costs, and
24 proposed method of assessment and charges for and
25 concerning business improvements and administrative

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2 services to the South Street Headhouse area of the
3 City of Philadelphia.

4 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair agrees.
5 The bill read by the Chief Clerk will be placed on
6 the second and final reading passage calendar for
7 our next meeting.

8 Council will now consider bills on
9 the second and final reading passage calendar.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
11 Verna.

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

14 Bills No. 970270, 970361, 970456, and
15 970545 are being called for consideration.

16 All other bills on the second reading
17 and final passage calendar are being held.

18 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
19 the Councilwoman.

20 The first bill for consideration will
21 be Bill 970270. The clerk will please read the
22 title of the bill.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to
25 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Authority

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2 for Industrial Development, without consideration, a
3 deed conveying fee simple title to a certain tract
4 of city-owned land, with the buildings and
5 improvements thereon erected, situate on the
6 northeast corner of 7th Street and Pattison Avenue
7 in the 39th Ward of the City of Philadelphia, under
8 and subject to the terms and conditions of the
9 Philadelphia Industrial and Commercial Development
10 Agreement between the City, the Philadelphia
11 Authority for Industrial Development, and the
12 Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having
14 been read on two different dates, the question now
15 is shall the bill pass finally.

16 The clerk will call a roll.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

18 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

20 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

22 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

4 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

8 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

10 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

14 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

16 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

18 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

20 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

24 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

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2 Street.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

4 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

5 A majority of all members of Council
6 having voted in the affirmative, the bill passes.

7 The next bill for consideration will
8 be Bill No. 970361.

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

11 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
12 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on
13 behalf the City of Philadelphia, to purchase fee
14 simple title to a parcel of real estate, with any
15 improvements situate thereon, located at 907
16 Hamilton Street, also known as 444-474 Percy Street,
17 in the 5th Ward, under certain terms and
18 conditions.

19 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having
20 been considered on two different dates, the question
21 now is shall the bill pass finally.

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22         The clerk will call a roll.
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23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

8 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

14 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

16 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

18 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

22 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: 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 with 17, the nays are zero.

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

13 The next bill for consideration will
14 be Bill No. 970456. The clerk will please read the
15 title of the bill.

16 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance
17 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property and
18 the Director of Commerce, on behalf of the City, to
19 amend a certain lease agreement dated April 17,
20 1990, between the City and the Redevelopment
21 Authority of the City of Philadelphia, RDA, wherein
22 the City leased to the RDA for further sublease to
23 Penn's Landing Corporation certain piers and
24 riverbed areas adjacent to Penn's landing by adding
25 to the leased premises approximately 1,956 square

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2 feet of land located between Piers 25 and 27 North.

3 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having
4 been read on two different days, the question now is
5 will the bill pass finally.

6 The clerk will call a roll.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clark.

10 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

14 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

16 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

22 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Marino.

24 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

4 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

8 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

14 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

16 Street.

17 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

18 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

19 A majority of all Council having voted in the

20 affirmative, the bill passes.

21 The next bill for consideration will

22 be Bill No. 970545. The clerk will please read the

23 title of the bill.

24 CHIEF CLERK: An Ordinance

25 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on

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2 behalf the City of Philadelphia, to enter into a
3 sublease between the City of Philadelphia as
4 sublessee, and the Philadelphia Parking Authority as
5 sublessor, for a portion of the building located at
6 3001 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
7 under certain terms and conditions.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: This bill having
9 been read on two different dates, the question now
10 is shall the bill pass finally.

11 The clerk will call a roll.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Clerk.

15 COUNCILWOMAN CLARK: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.

17 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Fernandez.

21 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.

23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Longstreth.

3 COUNCILMAN LONGSTRETH: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Mariano.

5 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Miller.

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.

9 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ortiz.

13 COUNCILMAN ORTIZ: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.

15 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Verna.

19 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

21 Street.

22 PRESIDENT STREET: Aye.

23 The ayes are 17, the nays are zero.

24 A majority of all members of Council having voted in

25 the affirmative, the bill passes.

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2 This concludes our consideration of
3 the calendar.

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

6 Are there any speeches on the part of
7 members of the majority?

8 At this time Council will consider
9 Resolution No. 970657, previously introduced by
10 Councilwoman Verna on my behalf.

11 This is a resolution that we
12 discussed that relates to the Franklin Plaza Tax
13 Increment Financing District.

14 The clerk will please read the title
15 of the resolution.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A Resolution agreeing
17 to participate in the Franklin Plaza Tax Increment
18 Financing District, if it should be created by the
19 Council of the City of Philadelphia, in accordance
20 with the Tax Increment Financing Act of July 11,
21 1990, PL 465, No. 113, as amended, in the Center
22 City Redevelopment area, in an area generally
23 bounded by Vine Street on the north, 16th Street on
24 the east, a recorded driveway easement extending
25 westwardly from a point of the west side of North

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2 16th Street, 119 feet, 11 inches, south of Vine
3 Street, to a point on the east side of North 17th
4 Street, 132 feet, 8 inches, south of Vine Street on
5 the south, and 17th Street on the west; and
6 designating the Mayor, or his designee, as the
7 City's representative for purposes of meeting with
8 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
9 Development pursuant to Section 5(a)(2) of the Tax
10 Increment Financing Act.

11 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Nutter.

13 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. I will be brief.

15 Mr. President, I have shared with the
16 Mayor and with Mr. Bill Hankowsky of PIDC an
17 expression of concern about this particular
18 transaction.

19 In no way, shape, or form do I have
20 any particular problem with the SmithKlein Company.
21 And, to the best of my knowledge, they have been a
22 good corporate citizen, and certainly an
23 international entity.

24 But I have raised a number of
25 questions prior to the introduction of this

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2 resolution, and sent those concerns to Mr. Hankowsky
3 at PIDC on October 2 of 1997.

4 Since that time, I have had one
5 conversation with him where some information was
6 shared. But none of the requests for information
7 have been put into writing and those questions, for
8 my purposes, at least, appropriately addressed.

9 We have now had two Council briefings
10 on this matter. And we are still -- or I am still,
11 at least -- left with a lack of information.

12 There is a public hearing coming up
13 on this matter. And I understand that this
14 resolution is more of a procedural resolution than
15 anything else.

16 I will reluctantly vote for the
17 resolution because I understand that without the
18 resolution, we cannot, in the proper order, have a
19 public hearing. And I will raise the issues that I
20 have raised before.

21 But I would ask, Mr. President, that
22 you also ensure that the responses are forthcoming
23 and that they come at a decent time prior to the
24 public hearing next week.

25 There are a lot of questions, they

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2 have not been answered. It is unacceptable, under
3 the circumstances, that I, and others, will be asked
4 to vote on this without the appropriate level of
5 information.

6 Thank you, Mr. President.

7 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair thanks
8 the Councilman.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Cohen.

11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, I
12 would voice additional concerns about passage of the
13 resolution.

14 And as I read the Whereas in the
15 resolution, it appears to me that the resolution
16 merely needs to be adopted prior to the ordinance,
17 and the ordinance has to go through a certain
18 procedure.

19 And I think it is quite clear that
20 there will be ample time for the passage of the
21 resolution before the ordinance.

22 But I am concerned. The main issue I
23 am concerned with, is, where is tax increment
24 financing leading to?

25 I am concerned about indicating that

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2 we have so much revenue coming in, that we can
3 easily dispense with additional revenue that would
4 come from improvements.

5 I recognize the positive features
6 that may make it possible for companies to engage in
7 expansion or even to come into the city.

8 But I think each proposal has to be
9 examined very carefully to make sure that we're just
10 not being used by companies to make it just cheaper
11 for them to come in.

12 SmithKline has an excellent
13 reputation as a company. But I think that this is
14 one in a series that we are being presented with.
15 And I would like to understand from the
16 Administration what their perspective is.

17 How often are we going to be faced
18 with this proposal? To what extent does this become
19 an automatic part of economic development, so that
20 every company coming in, whether it needs this
21 assistance or not, will ask for it?

22 So for those reasons, I would be
23 prepared to go along with Councilman Nutter, even
24 vote for this today.

25 I would prefer if we did not vote for

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2 this until we heard more from the Administration as
3 to how it intends to use the TIF in its future
4 economic development plans.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: I am informed that
6 this resolution has to be adopted prior to the time
7 when we have the public hearing on the underlying
8 legislation.

9 All these concerns that you have are
10 concerns that can and will be addressed.
11 Information that has been requested should be
12 delivered to any Council member in a fair and
13 reasonable time frame.

14 If we do not pass this resolution
15 today, and if there is a public hearing scheduled on
16 the underlying bills associated with this
17 development, we would run the risk of having to redo
18 this thing the way it had to be redone in the past.

19 Now, in the past, the City Solicitor
20 failed to properly assess the technicality involved
21 in all of this. The Law Department and our staff
22 now know what we have to do.

23 It has been recommended to us that we
24 pass this resolution today, so that we avoid a
25 potential problem.

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2 If we do not pass it today, and if
3 the public hearing is scheduled for the 18th -- am I
4 to understand the 18th? -- there isn't another
5 Council session before the 18th. We could run into
6 a problem. We don't want to have a problem.

7 Anything that you think about any of
8 this, you can say. Because the substance of all of
9 this is listed for a public hearing.

10 What we're trying to do today, at the
11 request of our lawyers and the Law Department and
12 the Administration, is just take an act which is
13 really a procedural thing. It really doesn't have
14 any real impact on the substance of what we are
15 doing.

16 I can appreciate Council member
17 frustration. I experienced a level of frustration
18 myself today on another very important economic
19 development project of this city.

20 I did that not on just my behalf; on
21 your behalf as members of Council.

22 But I really believe that we ought to
23 follow the advice of those people who are watching
24 this process for us procedurally. All they are
25 doing is trying to keep us out of procedural

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2 trouble.

3 And I don't really want to get into
4 the substance of all of this, because this really
5 isn't about the substance. This is only about the
6 procedure that we do and what the state law requires
7 if we are going to properly implement a TIF in
8 accordance with state laws.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. This is a question on the process.

13 It is my understanding from your talk
14 today that the hearing scheduled for the ordinance
15 is November 18 at 9 o'clock, Committee of the
16 Whole.

17 Is that true?

18 PRESIDENT STREET: I am advised
19 that's the date of the hearing.

20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I would make a
21 sincere request, due to the fact that we have
22 previously had it scheduled at 10:00 a.m., a joint
23 committee on the Section 8, we have a large number
24 of people coming in, both government officials and
25 community people.

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2 And if we could start at 9 o'clock
3 with the Committee on the Whole, it would be very
4 much appreciated.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: Councilman, I am
6 sympathetic. You know I am. We will start as soon
7 as we have a quorum.

8 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I wanted to make
9 that request to all Council members.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: This is a very
11 reasonable plea for a quorum at 9 o'clock.

12 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT STREET: If we do not have
14 a quorum at 9 o'clock, and we end up having to run
15 into other scheduled activities, what we will end up
16 doing is recessing it and putting it off.

17 Now, it won't slow it down. We will
18 do it within the time that has been allotted, but we
19 just won't do it on that day. And that could
20 inconvenience some people.

21 PRESIDENT STREET: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, in
24 view of the explanation you have given, and
25 reserving the right to oppose, if necessary, the

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2 ordinance at the time it comes up, I will withdraw
3 my request for any delay in action on this
4 resolution.

5 PRESIDENT STREET: Councilman Cohen,
6 that's mighty generous of you.

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Okay.

8 PRESIDENT STREET: We certainly
9 appreciate it. But we always know that you are
10 willing to cooperate with us in these procedural
11 matters. And we know you are not giving up
12 anything, no arguments. We thank you.

13 Is there anyone else that has any
14 concern about this resolution and its effect on the
15 proposed tax increment financing district?

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

18 Those opposed say nay.

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

21 Are there any speeches on the part of
22 members of the minority?

23 Are there any speeches on the part of
24 members of the majority?

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Fernandez, and then Councilman DiCicco.

3 COUNCILWOMAN FERNANDEZ: Mr.

4 President, sometimes there is good news reported.

5 And I think there was some good news reported about
6 a week ago, where the Health Commissioner and some
7 people from the state and child advocates noted that
8 there will be some additional federal dollars
9 available for health insurance and care for
10 low-income children.

11 And while there have been cuts in
12 Medicaid affecting some adults and families, I think
13 the message is that there will be some additional
14 money available for children who come from
15 low-income families, and they are eligible for
16 Medicaid dollars.

17 And there is also a program called
18 CHIP, Children's Health Insurance Program, which
19 provides health insurance for children in families
20 with slightly higher incomes. I think the ceiling
21 for a family of four would be about \$37,000.

22 So they have set up a hotline number
23 to try to really reach out to families all over the
24 city and region who may be eligible to make sure
25 they know about it.

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2 And that 800 number is
3 1-800-986-KIDS.

4 But I think it is important for all
5 of us to do all we can to reach out to families all
6 over the city and make sure our children get this
7 health coverage, if they are eligible.

8 Thank you.

9 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
10 much.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilman
12 DiCicco.

13 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. I want to speak to the resolution
15 that was introduced this morning by my colleague
16 Councilman Rizzo and his concern --

17 PRESIDENT STREET: Councilman
18 DiCicco, you are not entitled to speak to a
19 resolution that was introduced.

20 You are not entitled to do anything
21 but give your comments on current events.

22 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: I am a little
23 bit confused, but I will give it another try. And,
24 hopefully, I am not out of order.

25 This past week a concert was held

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2 down at the CoreStates --

3 PRESIDENT STREET: Good start.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Down at the
5 CoreStates Center. There was a lot of controversy,
6 there were a lot of reports in the news as to how
7 this event was even allowed to take place.

8 At the invitation of my colleague,
9 Councilwoman Verna, last Thursday morning, while we
10 were at the ribbon cutting for the High School of
11 the Creative and Performing Arts, I attended a
12 meeting, along with my colleague Councilman Kenney,
13 the president of Spectacor, and Spectacor's attorney
14 to find out exactly how this event was scheduled,
15 without any communication to the community and/or
16 its elected officials.

17 From that Thursday morning meeting,
18 several hours of ongoing discussions with the
19 attorney for Spectacor, the three Council members,
20 including myself, Senator Fumo, Senator Fumo's
21 attorneys, lasted up until around 10 o'clock Sunday
22 evening.

23 During the time of those discussions,
24 all of the issues relating to, pertaining to, the
25 event, the size of the event, and how Spectacor, in

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2 our opinion, violated an earlier agreement with the
3 community and the elected officials, we were able to
4 resolve the issue going forward.

5 Meaning that, in the future,
6 beginning on November 11, this past Tuesday, 1997,
7 Spectacor agreed to amend the original agreement
8 between the community of the City of Philadelphia,
9 the sports teams, and their facilities, never to
10 perform an outdoor concert without first notifying
11 the community and having the community and its
12 elected officials sign off to agree to any outdoor
13 concert or any other activities that would take
14 place in that parking lot.

15 I feel that because of the
16 negotiations that took place because of this
17 untimely and unannounced event, the community going
18 forward will be in a much better position.

19 I think that we have addressed all
20 the needs of the community. And we will continue,
21 as elected officials, to be a part of that process
22 in the future.

23 So I can probably go on for a few
24 hours, but I won't. But I just want to let you know
25 that, under the leadership of Councilwoman Verna,

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2 whose district comprises the Spectacor Center, I
3 think that all that needed to be done to protect
4 that community and the integrity of that
5 neighborhood in the future has been addressed and
6 will be continued to be monitored from this day
7 going forward.

8 Thank you, Mr. President.

9 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
10 much.

11 At this time the Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Verna.

13 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Thank you,
14 Mr. President.

15 All that was said, I simply want to
16 add a very short comment.

17 I think we did everything humanly
18 possible to help the community in question. And I
19 simply want to publicly thank my two colleagues from
20 South Philadelphia for standing side by side with me
21 to make certain that the community will have the
22 right to know of any activities that will be going
23 on at CoreStates from here on in.

24 And I think that there is already in
25 the contract a written notice that there is to be

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2 monthly meetings.

3 However, what we are looking at at
4 this point in time is to give the community just a
5 little more teeth. And hopefully they will be able
6 to vote on many of the events that are being
7 proposed.

8 And, again, I want to thank both my
9 colleagues for all of their help. Thank you.

10 PRESIDENT STREET: Thank you very
11 much.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Mr. President, I
15 wanted to commend the Council members that were
16 involved, and particularly Councilwoman Verna, and
17 the leadership that she showed in this whole
18 matter.

19 But I also want to comment on my
20 disturbance about the federal court action, the
21 initial action.

22 I think it is outrageous today to
23 have a federal judge make a decision completely
24 ignoring the community, and, apparently, permitting
25 references to be made about involvement by Council

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2 members in a very unfavorable light. I think it was
3 not only bad policy, but I think it was bad law.

4 It just cannot be that two parties
5 can contract to the detriment of a community, and
6 shut the community out of being able to
7 participate.

8 (Council sings Happy Birthday.)

9 PRESIDENT STREET: This cake is for
10 Councilman Cohen, whose birthday is today, and
11 Councilman Longstreth, whose birthday was just a
12 couple of days ago.

13 (Applause.)

14 PRESIDENT STREET: So we would ask
15 these two Council members to come forward.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Verna for a motion.

18 COUNCILWOMAN VERNA: Mr. President, I
19 move that Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
20 November 20, 1997, at 10 o'clock a.m.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 Those opposed say nay.

25 This Council stands adjourned until

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2 Thursday, November 20, at 10 o'clock a.m.

3 (Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing
proceedings of the Council of the City of
Philadelphia of Thursday, November 13, 1997, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that this
is a correct transcript of same.

RE: STATED MEETING

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