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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, April 1, 2004
10:10 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL

COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILMAN DAVID COHEN

COUNCILMAN FRANK J. DICICCO

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COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.

COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY

COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI

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COUNCILMAN RICHARD T. MARIANO

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

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COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

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COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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

9 To give our invocation this morning,
10 the Chair welcomes the Reverend Bruce Edwards,
11 President and CEO of the Urban Leadership
12 Council, a gentleman who is certainly no
13 stranger to this Body.

14 I would ask at this time that all
15 members and guests please rise.

16 REVEREND EDWARDS: Let us bow.

17 From the rising of the sun until the
18 going down of the same, the Lord's name is to
19 be praised. And so, Father God, it is with
20 praise and it is with thanksgiving that we
21 come before your presence on this day. We
22 call out to you from a special place, a place
23 that is so special that laws are made here,
24 lives are lifted, impacted, and lives are
25 sometimes destroyed as a result of the work

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2 that is done in that place. But we begin by
3 praising you and thanking you for this place,
4 for being in a land that is a land of freedom,
5 a land where we can worship you in our own
6 way, in our own tongue. And there are those
7 here who are not Christians. There are those
8 here who call you from other faith traditions,
9 but there are those who are here that
10 recognize that there certainly is a power much
11 greater than us all. So we thank you for the
12 opportunity to call upon you.

13 Then we want to ask you, Lord, to
14 bless two distinct groups of people. We ask
15 that you bless these who have been chosen to
16 lead, those who have been made special people
17 because people elected them, people saw in
18 them an ability to do great things. They
19 often are criticized, sometimes harshly.
20 Often they're misunderstood. Often people
21 don't understand the great work that's upon
22 their shoulders, so we pray for their strength
23 and for their courage and for their wisdom
24 collectively and individually. We pray for
25 their families and for their friends.

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2 Then we pray for the other group,
3 and that's the group who they govern, some
4 rich, some in the middle, then there are the
5 poor ones, those who you said we'd have with
6 us always. In all of their deliberations, oh,
7 God, we ask that you help them never to forget
8 those who may be even have forgotten
9 themselves because of drug addiction,
10 alcoholism, waywardness, loneliness, so many
11 problems.

12 So we pray for these two distinct
13 groups of people, those who are the governing,
14 the leaders; and those who are the subjects.
15 Your word teaches us to be respectful to the
16 government. You said render unto Caesar that
17 which is Caesar's, but then render unto God
18 that which belongs to him. So help us to do
19 that.

20 Bless this body of legislative
21 leaders, bless of leadership of this City so
22 much so that when our work on this earth is
23 done, you will be able to look at us and we'll
24 be able to know that we've done all that
25 you've assigned in our hand. We pray in Jesus

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2 name. Let us all say Amen.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 thanks Reverend Edwards for his very inspiring
5 invocation.

6 Council will be at ease.

7 (Council at ease.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
9 order business is the approval of the Journal
10 of the meeting of Thursday, March 25, 2004.

11 And the Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
14 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
15 the meeting of Thursday, March 25, 2004, stand
16 approved.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
19 been moved and properly seconded that the
20 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March 25,
21 2004, stand approved.

22 All in favor will indicate by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
5 have it, the motion carries, and the Journal
6 of the meeting of Thursday, March 25, 2004, is
7 approved.

8 The next order of business is
9 requests for leave of absence.

10 And again, the Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
13 Madam President. On behalf of the majority, a
14 leave of absence is requested for Councilman
15 Nutter.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 thanks the Councilwoman. Leave will be
18 granted.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
22 President, on behalf of the Republicans, there
23 are no requests for leave of absence at this
24 time.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair

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2 thanks the gentleman.

3 At this time, the Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Tasco who will introduce some
5 visitors we have with us today.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you very
7 much, Madam President. I would like to
8 welcome the City Year Team serving at Olney
9 High School to the Council Chambers today.
10 This team of young people provides tutoring
11 and in-class support at Olney, leads a civic
12 curriculum for 12th graders and assists with
13 college and career counseling. They also run
14 an after school program for students. I am
15 please to have them with us today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If they
17 would stand, we would like to recognize you
18 and say welcome.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Also, Madam
21 President, I believe in the room are Sonia
22 Bryant and Mike Haywood and some other
23 residents of Logan from the Less Loved Logan
24 Community Organization.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are they

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2 here?

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: They may be
4 coming.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: They
6 haven't arrived as yet, I guess.

7 At this time, the Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Brown who will present a
9 resolution honoring the National Forum for
10 Black Public Administrators.

11 Will Rutherford Thomas please join
12 the Councilwoman and Councilman Goode at the
13 podium, please. I believe Councilwoman
14 Blackwell is being asked to join the other
15 Councilmembers at the podium.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good morning.
17 It gives me great pleasure to bring to you
18 several members representing the Philadelphia
19 Chapter of the National Foreman For Black
20 Public Administrators. And I would be remiss
21 not to acknowledge in his absence and lift up
22 and sort of celebrate our former Mayor W.
23 Wilson Goode while under his leadership this
24 chapter hosted the first National Forum for
25 Black Public Administrators Conference, and

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2 the former Mayor embraced this organization in
3 a magnificent way. And it was also while
4 under his leadership that people of color
5 moved to ranks of position, authority and
6 responsibility in our City government.

7 To that end, honoring and commending
8 the National Forum for Black Public
9 Administrators.

10 Whereas, the National Forum for
11 Black Public Administrators is a professional
12 organization dedicated to the advancement of
13 African American leaders in the public sector;
14 and

15 Whereas, since its founding in 1983,
16 the number of NFBPA members has grown by large
17 numbers to include managers and executives and
18 many disciplines represented in all levels of
19 government; and

20 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Whereas,
21 the National Forum for Black Public
22 Administrators is the country's top
23 association of black public leadership with a
24 stellar reputation for strengthening the
25 capacity of government managers in a wide

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2 array of disciplines through rigorous
3 training, professional development programs,
4 and well-connected network of black public
5 leaders; and

6 Whereas, the mission of National
7 Forum for Black Public Administrators is
8 embodied in the organization's commitment to
9 strengthen the position of blacks within the
10 field of public administration, to increase
11 the number of blacks appointed to executive
12 positions in public service organizations, and
13 to groom and prepare younger aspiring
14 administrators for senior public management
15 posts in the years ahead; and

16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas, in 1984
17 under the leadership of Mayor W. Wilson Goode,
18 the Philadelphia Chapter was born; and

19 Whereas, the first Chapter President
20 was Barbara Daniel Cox who began a string of
21 exceptional presidents which have included
22 Timothy Spencer, Cardel Blue, Oliver Jordan,
23 and current president Rutherford Rusty Thomas;
24 and

25 Whereas, we are honored that the

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2 leadership of the National Forum of Black
3 Public Administrators has chosen Philadelphia
4 to host Forum 2004, the national conference of
5 the NFBPA from April 3rd to April 7th;.

6 Now, therefore, be it

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Resolved by the
8 City Council of Philadelphia and we hereby
9 honor and commend National Forum for Black
10 Public Administrators.

11 Resolved further that an engrossed
12 copy of this resolution be presented to our
13 president Rutherford C. Thomas, also known as
14 Rusty, President of the Philadelphia Chapter
15 of NFBPA as evidence of the sincere sentiments
16 of this legislative body.

17 Introduced by Councilmembers Jannie
18 Blackwell, W. Wilson Goode, and Richard
19 Mariano. Sponsored by all the Members of the
20 Philadelphia City Council.

21 Congratulations to NFBPA.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
23 recognizes Mr. Rutherford Thomas for remarks.

24 MR. RUTHERFORD: Thank you, Madam
25 President.

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2 First giving honor to my Lord and
3 Savior. I'd like to thank all who have
4 participated in this recognition. It is
5 definitely a humbling experience, but let me
6 not be remiss and mention to you that the
7 membership that you see behind me is only a
8 small part of the body that makes this
9 organization in Philadelphia viable. We are
10 hosting our 21st conference here this year.
11 We invite you, if you are available, to
12 participate in our public policy foreman on
13 Sunday at the Lowes Hotel where we will be
14 discussing public education and its impact on
15 young African American children in big cities
16 today.

17 I would like to thank specifically
18 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown, a member
19 of this great chapter for about 17 or 18
20 years; Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, a member
21 of this organization; Councilman W. Wilson
22 Goode and all of the others of this great body
23 who have not only been members, but who have
24 been supportive of this organization for the
25 past 20 years. Thank you, God bless you, and

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2 we are definitely humbled by the experience.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Council
5 will be at ease.

6 (Council at ease.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: At this
8 time, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Miller
9 who will present a resolution honoring the
10 girls basketball team of Central High School.

11 Will Mr. Frank Greco and his team
12 please join the Councilwoman at the podium?

13 And Councilman Goode will also make
14 a presentation.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Miller.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Good morning.
18 Speaking on behalf of City Council, it's a
19 pleasure to honor and recognize the Central
20 High School Lady Lancers on winning the
21 Philadelphia Public League Title Championship.

22 Whereas, Central High School Lady
23 Lancers beat the tough University City Lady
24 Jaguars by a score of 73 to 65 to win the
25 championship title; and

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2 Whereas, Central High School Girls
3 Varsity Basketball Team has won consecutively
4 Public League Championships in the years 2002,
5 2003, and 2004; and

6 Whereas, due to an entrance in the
7 Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Athletic
8 Association, the 2003-2004 championship is
9 also the PIAA district's 12th championship;
10 and

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Whereas, the
12 Central High School Lancers have won 48
13 straight Public League basketball games over
14 the past three years and that the record for
15 the year 2004 was 24 wins and 3 losses; and

16 Whereas, the senior members of the
17 team have a career record of 92 wins and 18
18 losses; and

19 Whereas, Ashley Edwards, with 19
20 points and 9 rebounds, was named the game's
21 MVP. And Ashley Moore was the floor leader at
22 guard, scoring 21 points with the supporting
23 cast of fellow seniors, Sheree Middlebrook and
24 Megan Ellis; and

25 Whereas, the four senior members of

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2 the team will be attending colleges and
3 universities and have all been all public at
4 some point during their four years a Central;
5 and

6 Whereas, a credit to these young
7 ladies who have maintained a high level of
8 academic achievement, a credit to Coach Frank
9 Greco who has coached the team for five years,
10 and to the teachers and leadership of Central
11 High School for the tremendous accomplishment.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Before I end
13 the resolution, I'd like to at least recognize
14 all the members of the varsity basketball team
15 that are here. Members of the team, Sarah
16 Jones, Ashley Morris, Dominique Adams, Megan
17 Ellis, Meredith Love, Nicole Hines, Shannon
18 Ellis, Malary Malaki, Talisha McClure, Gita
19 Brown, Sharay Middlebrook, Ashley Edwards,
20 Danielle Adams. The team manager is Tassi
21 White. The coach athletic director is Frank
22 Greco. Assistant coaches, Janice Evans, Vince
23 Parzella; the demonstrator, Ron Montgomery;
24 the mascot Lancer and the academic coordinator
25 Misten Knowles.

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2 Resolved by the Council of the City
3 of Philadelphia, the Central High School Girls
4 Varsity Basketball team is honored for winning
5 the 2004 Public League Championship.

6 Further resolved that an engrossed
7 copy of this resolution is presented to the
8 members of the championship team, to the coach
9 and leadership of Central High School as an
10 expression of the recognition, gratitude and
11 sincere appreciation of this Legislative Body.

12 Certified that this is a true and
13 correct copy of the original resolution
14 adopted by the Council of the City of
15 Philadelphia on the 18th day of March 2004.

16 Signed by Anna C. Verna, President.
17 Introduced by Donna Reed Miller and sponsored
18 by all Members of City Council.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
20 Congratulations.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Mr. Gecco for remarks.

24 MR. GRECO: I would just like to say
25 thank you very much. It's a wonderful honor

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2 for us to be here, for Councilman Goode and
3 Councilwoman Reed Miller to have us and to
4 take the time out of your busy schedule to
5 recognize the girls on just a wonderful,
6 wonderful achievement. Thank you very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Council
9 will be at ease.

10 (Council at ease.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Ramos.

13 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you, Madam
14 President. I would like to recognize a young
15 man who is in attendance today, Robert
16 Somerville. Will you please stand, Robert?

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Welcome.

19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Robert is the
20 first African American to receive the
21 prestigious Joey Tappaletti Award. Robert
22 currently attends a Lawrence parochial school
23 in Highland Park. And besides being a great
24 athlete, he is an outstanding student. Robert
25 is putting his outstanding football talents on

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2 display when he participates its in the all
3 star game in Upper Darby Stadium on July 24th.
4 In the fall, Robert will be attending West
5 Catholic High School here in Philadelphia and
6 plans to go to college after graduation. This
7 is a young man with a very bright future.
8 Congratulations, Robert.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
10 order of business is communications.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Excuse me,
12 Madam President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
14 Councilwoman Tasco.

15 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Before we get
16 started, could I introduce my group? They're
17 here.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Please.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you. I
20 would like to have Sonia Bryant, Mike Haywood
21 and the residents from Logan stand please.
22 They're from Less Loved Logan, a community
23 organization which is organized for the last
24 five years to deal with some of the problems
25 in their community, and they're working very

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2 hard to make sure that we continue on with our
3 development of the Logan sinking home area as
4 well as revitalizing the surrounding area.

5 And we are glad to have them here. We thank
6 them for their support in that community.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you
8 and welcome.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 requests that the Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the
12 messages from the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

13 The Chief Clerk will please read the
14 messages from the Mayor.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
16 and Members of the Council of the City of
17 Philadelphia, I am returning the following
18 bill passed by Council at its Session on March
19 18, 2004, as unsigned: Bill No. 040093.

20 And I am pleased to advise you that
21 on April 1, 2004, I signed the following bills
22 that were passed by Council on its Session on
23 March 18, 2004: Bill No. 040029, 040030,
24 040031, and 040066.

25 And I am transmitting for the

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2 consideration of your honorable body a draft
3 of a resolution approving the redevelopment
4 contract and disposition supplement of the
5 Redevelopment Authority of the City of
6 Philadelphia for the redevelopment and urban
7 renewal of a portion of the Brewerytown Urban
8 Renewal Area.

9 And a resolution approving the
10 redevelopment contract and disposition
11 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of
12 the City of Philadelphia for redevelopment and
13 urban renewal of a portion of the Mantua Urban
14 Renewal Area.

15 And a resolution approving the
16 redevelopment contract and disposition
17 supplement of the Redevelopment Authority of
18 the City of Philadelphia for the redevelopment
19 and urban renewal of a portion of the
20 Brewerytown Urban Renewal area.

21 And I am transmitting herewith for
22 the consideration of your honorable body the
23 following ordinance authorizing the
24 construction of sewers and appurtenant work on
25 portions of Garnet Street.

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2 And an ordinance authorizing the
3 construction of sewers and appurtenant work in
4 portions of Opal Street.

5 And an ordinance authorizing the
6 creation of a loan or loans to provide funds
7 for and toward various capital municipal
8 purposes, authorizing the Mayor, City
9 Controller, and City Solicitor or a majority
10 of them to sell bonds at a public or private
11 negotiated sale and fixing a day for holding
12 the election for obtaining such consent and
13 providing for the arrangement for holding such
14 election.

15 And an ordinance authorizing the
16 Commissioner of Public Property on behalf of
17 the City of Philadelphia to enter into a lease
18 agreement to lease from the Philadelphia
19 Authority for Industrial Development portions
20 of a building located at 4500 South Broad
21 Street, under certain terms and conditions.

22 And an ordinance approving the
23 second amendment of the redevelopment proposal
24 for the 45th and Sansom Urban Renewal Area.

25 And an ordinance approving the

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2 second amendment for the redevelopment
3 proposal for the Kingsessing Urban Renewal
4 Area.

5 And an ordinance authorizing
6 transfers in appropriations for Fiscal Year
7 2004 within the Grants Revenue Fund from the
8 Director of Finance, provision for other
9 grants to the Director of Finance.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
11 The messages will be printed in the Journal.

12 The Chief Clerk will please read any
13 other communications in her possession.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
15 Madam President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

17 The next order of business is the
18 introduction of bills and resolutions.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
20 Blackwell for a motion.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I move that the Rules of
23 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
24 consideration of resolutions at the time of
25 introduction.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor of the motion will
9 please say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
12 oppose?

13 (No response.)

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

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Kenney.

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

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

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
23 amending Title 22 of The Philadelphia Code
24 entitled "Public Employees Retirement Code" by
25 amending 22-400 entitled "Disability

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2 Benefits," by a amending Section 22-401
3 relating to service connected disability
4 retirement benefits and Section 22-402
5 relating to ordinary disability retirement
6 benefits to delete provisions related to a
7 reduction of benefit for gainful employment,
8 all under certain terms and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill
10 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

11 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
12 Blackwell.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
14 Madam President. Today, I introduce two bills
15 and one resolution on your behalf and four
16 bills and four resolutions on my behalf.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
18 The Clerk will please read the title of the
19 first bill.

20 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
21 approving the second amendment of the
22 redevelopment proposal for the 45th and Sansom
23 Urban Renewal Area.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill
25 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
3 authorizing the creation of a loan or loans to
4 provide funds for and toward various capital
5 municipal purposes.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
7 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
9 amending Chapter 19-200 of The Philadelphia
10 Code entitled "City Funds, Deposits,
11 Investments, Disbursements," by adding New
12 Life Credit Union to the list of City
13 depositors.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill
15 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 approving the second amendment of the
18 redevelopment proposal for the Kingsessing
19 Urban Renewal Area.

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

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
23 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
24 Property on behalf of the City of Philadelphia
25 to enter into a lease agreement to lease from

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2 the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
3 Development portions of a building located at
4 4500 South Broad Street.

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

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 approving the redevelopment contract and
9 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
10 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
11 redevelopment and urban renewal of the Mantua
12 Urban Renewal Area.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
17 the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will signify by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
5 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

6 The Clerk will please read the title
7 of the next resolution.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the
11 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
12 24th and 44th Wards of the City of
13 Philadelphia.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 again recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
17 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
18 the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
5 have it, and the resolution has been adopted.

6 The Clerk will please read the title
7 of the next resolution.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 authorizing the Commissioner of the Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the City of
11 Philadelphia deeds located in the 6th and 24th
12 wards of the City of Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
14 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
17 the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All in favor will signify by saying
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
5 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 authorizing the Committee of the Whole to
8 conduct hearings on the recommendations put
9 forth by the members of the Philadelphia 21st
10 Century Review Forum.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 again recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

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

16 (Duly seconded.)

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

20 All in favor will say aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
23 opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes

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2 have it, and the resolution will be referred
3 to the Committee of the Whole.

4 The Clerk will please read the next
5 resolution.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
7 memorializing the Governor and General
8 Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 to adopt a program to supplement the Federal
10 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
11 appropriation that will be available for all
12 households throughout the Commonwealth that
13 qualify for federal assistance.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
15 recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I move for
17 the adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

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

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

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
5 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

6 I believe there was another bill. I
7 would ask the Chief Clerk to please read the
8 title.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 amending Chapter 19-200 of the Philadelphia
11 Code entitled "City Funds, Deposits
12 Investments and Disbursements" by adding
13 Hudson United Bank to the list of City
14 depositories.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
16 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Cohen.

19 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
20 I have no bills or resolutions.

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
24 Krajewski.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam

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2 President, I have two bills.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

4 The Chief Clerk will please read the title of
5 the first bill.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 authorizing transfers in appropriation for
8 Fiscal Year 2004 within the Grants Revenue
9 Fund from the Director of Finance, provisions
10 for other grants to the Department of Human
11 Serves, Office of Emergency Shelter Services.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The bill
13 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
15 authorizing transfers in appropriations for
16 Fiscal Year 2004 from the General Fund,
17 certain or all offices, departments, boards
18 and commissions from the Grants Revenue Fund,
19 the Director of Finance.

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

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Mariano.

25 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I have one resolution.

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

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
6 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
7 Property to execute and deliver to the
8 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
9 7th, 18th, 19th and 37th Wards of the City of
10 Philadelphia.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 recognizes Councilman Mariano.

13 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Move for the
14 adoption.

15 (Duly seconded.)

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

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
25 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
3 Tasco.

4 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
5 President, I offer one resolution.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
7 will please read the title of the resolution.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 memorializing City Council's opposition to
10 petition of the Philadelphia Gas Works to the
11 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to
12 establish a cash receipts reconciliation
13 clause and further authorizing the President
14 to transmit copies of this resolution to the
15 PUC.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Move for the
19 adoption of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All in favor will signify by saying
25 aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
4 opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
7 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
9 Miller.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
11 Madam President. I'm offering an amendment to
12 Bill No --

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Do you
14 have any business to be introduced.

15 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: No bills or
16 resolutions. I'm sorry.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Brown.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
21 Madam President. I have offer no bills or
22 resolutions did this morning.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Goode.

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2 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
3 President. I offer one resolution
4 co-introduced and sponsored by 15 Members of
5 Council.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
7 The Clerk will please read the title
8 of the resolution.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 adopting the recommendations of the Greater
11 Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition Small
12 Business Lending Task Force, including the
13 three-year 47 million small business target
14 area growth initiative as a key element of the
15 500 million Economic Development Investment
16 Fund to increase small business lending by 100
17 million annually to target areas.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: I move for the
21 adoption.

22 (Duly seconded.)

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

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2 All in favor will signify by saying
3 aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
6 opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
9 have it, and the resolution has been adopted.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Ramos.

12 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
13 I offer one privileged resolution.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

15 The Clerk will please read the title
16 of the resolution.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
18 honoring and congratulating Philip Boseman,
19 the Overbrook High School Mock Trial Team
20 members and their supporters for Overbrook
21 High School second victory in the Pennsylvania
22 Mock Trial Championship.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
24 recognizes Councilman Ramos.

25 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,

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2 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
5 been moved and properly seconded that the
6 resolution be adopted.

7 All in favor will signify by saying
8 aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
11 opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
14 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I offer one bill on behalf
19 of Councilmember Clarke myself and you, Madam
20 President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

22 The Clerk will please read the title
23 of the bill.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
25 authorizing Samuel Rappaport, also known as

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2 Samuel Asset Management, 722 Market Street,
3 its successors and assigns to construct, own
4 and maintain raised planters on the public
5 footways for nine properties in Center City,
6 under certain terms and conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill
8 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 O'Neill.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
12 President, I have no bills or resolutions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

14 The Chair recognizes Councilman
15 Clarke.

16 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
17 President. I have six bills and one
18 resolution.

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

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
23 amending Section 14-305 of the Philadelphia
24 Code relating for C-4 Commercial and C-5
25 Commercial Districts by requiring that prior

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2 to the issuance of certain permits a Zoning
3 Board of Adjustment certificate be obtained.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill
5 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
7 amending Section 2 of an ordinance, Bill No.
8 020741, approved January 23, 2003, entitled an
9 ordinance authorizing the revision of lines
10 and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 58 by
11 striking from the City Plan and vacating
12 Warnock Street from Wallace Street to Melon
13 Street.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill
15 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
17 authorizing the revision of lines and grades
18 on a portion of City Plan No. 119 by striking
19 from the City Plan and vacating Perty Street
20 and widening Franklin Street.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
22 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
24 granting permission to Ratilal Patel, owner of
25 the newsstand at the southwest corner of 15th

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2 Street and Ranstead Street to construct, use,
3 and maintain an electrical conduit with
4 electrical service line and communication with
5 a telephone service line.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
7 will also be referred to the appropriate
8 committee.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
10 authorizing the construction of sewers and
11 appurtenant work in portions of Garnet Street.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The bill
13 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
15 authorizing the construction of sewer and
16 appurtenant work on portions of Opal Street.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill
18 will be referred to the appropriate committee.

19 I would ask the Clerk to please read
20 the title of the resolution.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
22 proclaiming April 18 to 24, 2004 as Medical
23 Laboratory Professionals Week in Philadelphia.

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

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
3 adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

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

8 All in favor will signify by saying
9 aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
15 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Rizzo.

18 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
19 no bills or resolutions today.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
21 recognizes Councilman Kelly.

22 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
23 I have no bills or resolutions today.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

25 The next order of business is

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2 reports from committees.

3 The Chair recognizes Blackwell for a
4 report from the Committee of the Whole.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
6 Madam President. The Committee of the Whole
7 reports out one bill and one resolution with a
8 favorable recommendation.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

10 The Chief Clerk will please read the
11 report.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: The President and
13 Members of the Council of the City of
14 Philadelphia, the Committee of the whole to
15 which was referred Bill No. 040157, entitled
16 an ordinance creating the 436 Walnut Tax
17 Increment Financing District being the area
18 generally bounded by Walnut Street on the
19 north, Fourth Street on the east, Fifth Street
20 on the west and Spruce Street on the south;

21 And Resolution No. 040160, entitled
22 a resolution confirming the appointment of
23 Pedro A. Ramos as City Solicitor;

24 Respectfully reports it has
25 considered the same and returns the attached

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2 resolution and bill to Council with a
3 favorable recommendation.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
5 Bill No. 040157 will be placed on our First
6 Reading Calendar at our next Council Session.

7 And Resolution No. 040160 will be
8 considered at the end of today's Calendar.

9 The Chair again recognizes
10 Councilwoman Blackwell for a report from the
11 joint Committees of the Whole and the
12 Committee on Housing Neighborhood Development
13 and Homeless.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
15 Madam President. The Committee of the Whole
16 and the Homeless Neighborhood Development and
17 Housing Committee reports out one bill with a
18 favorable recommendation.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
20 Councilwoman, isn't that a resolution?

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: I'm sorry.
22 It absolutely is. One resolution with a
23 favorable recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.
25 The Chief Clerk will please read the

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2 report.

3 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
4 and Members of the Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia, the joint Committee of the Whole
6 and Housing Neighborhood Development and the
7 Homeless to which was referred Resolution No.
8 040095, entitled a resolution amending Fiscal
9 Year 2004 Program Statement and Budget for the
10 expenditure of the Neighborhood Transformation
11 Initiative, the NTI bond proceeds,
12 respectfully reports it has considered and
13 amended the same and returns the attached
14 resolution to Council with a favorable
15 recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

17 Resolution NO. 040095 will be placed
18 at the end of today's Calendar.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Clarke for a report from Committee on Rules.

21 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
22 President. The Committee on Rules reports two
23 bills with a favorable recommendation.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
25 will please read the report.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
3 and Members of the Council of the City of
4 Philadelphia, the Committee on Rules to which
5 was referred Bill No. 040024 entitled an
6 ordinance amending Section 14-1200 of the
7 Philadelphia Code entitled Pending Public
8 Acquisition District by designating a Pending
9 Public Acquisition District;

10 And Bill No. 040183 entitled an
11 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning
12 Maps by changing the zoning designations of
13 certain areas of land located within an area
14 bounded by Delaware Avenue, Cottman Avenue,
15 I-95 Expressway and Rhawn Street;

16 Respectfully reports it has
17 considered the same and returns the attached
18 bills to Council with a favorable
19 recommendation.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilman
22 Clarke.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President,
24 I move that the Rules of Council be suspended
25 as to permit first reading this day of Bill

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2 No. 040024 and 040183.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
5 been moved and properly seconded that the
6 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
7 first reading this day of Bill Nos. 040024 and
8 040183.

9 All in favor will indicate by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
16 have, and the bills just read will be placed
17 on today's First Reading Calendar.

18 The next order of business is
19 consideration of the Calendar.

20 The Chief Clerk will please read the
21 bills on the First Reading Calendar.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 040092,
23 an ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning
24 Maps by changing the zoning designations of
25 certain areas of land located within the

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2 vicinity of Fountain Street and the Manayunk
3 Canal.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
5 agrees.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
7 040024, an ordinance amending Section 14-1200
8 of the Philadelphia Code entitled Pending
9 Public Acquisition District by designating a
10 Pending Public Acquisition District in the
11 area bounded on the east by North 30th Street,
12 on the north by Race Street, on the west by
13 North Broad Street, and on the South by Arch
14 Street.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 agrees.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
18 040183, an ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
19 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
20 designations of certain areas of land located
21 within an area bounded by Delaware Avenue,
22 Cottman Avenue, I-95 Expressway and Rhawn
23 Street.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 That completes the First Reading
3 Calendar.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell for the purpose of calling up bills
6 on the Second Reading and Final Passage
7 Calendar to be considered today.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
9 Madam President. Today Bill Nos. 040117,
10 040118, 040132 and 040136 will be amended.
11 Bill No. 040138 will be called up for second
12 reading and final passage, and all other bills
13 are being held.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
15 will please read the title of Bill No. 040117.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
17 amending Chapter 10-800 of the Philadelphia
18 Code entitled "Safety," by adding a new
19 Section 10-831 entitled "Straw and Multiple
20 Gun Purchase Reduction," to limit purchase of
21 firearms by Philadelphia residents.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

24 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
25 President. Madam President, these amendments

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2 have been circulated to Members in the Caucus.
3 These amendments on this bill and the
4 subsequent bills that will called up for
5 amendment were done to better enable ultimate
6 passage in Harrisburg for authorization. They
7 are technical in nature in some respects and
8 changes certain terms and definitions. And on
9 one subsequent bill there will be a safety
10 training added to that particular bill.

11 Right now, I'd like to offer an
12 amendment to Bill No. 040117 and ask that this
13 amendment be approved.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
16 been moved and seconded that the amendment as
17 provided to all Members of Council be adopted.

18 All in favor will indicate by saying
19 aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
25 have it, and the amendment is adopted.

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2 The Chief Clerk will please read the
3 title of Bill No. 040118.

4 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
5 amending Chapter 10-800 of the Philadelphia
6 Code entitled "Safety" by adding a new Section
7 10-834 entitled "Sale Or Transfer of
8 Ammunition" to require all sales of ammunition
9 for firearms to be reported to the City of
10 Philadelphia Police Department.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
12 again recognizes Councilman Clarke.

13 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
14 President. Madam President, I offer an
15 amendment to Bill No. 040118 and ask that it
16 be considered.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
19 been moved and seconded that the amendment be
20 approved to Bill No. 040118.

21 All in favor will signify by saying
22 aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
4 have it, and the amendment is adopted.

5 The Clerk title of Bill No. 040132.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
7 amending Chapter 10-800 of the Philadelphia
8 Code entitled "Safety," by adding a new
9 Section entitled "Prohibited Possession, Sale
10 and Transfer of Firearms by Persons Subject to
11 Protection From Abuse Orders.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
13 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
15 Madam President. I'm offering an amendment to
16 this bill. The amendment actually will add a
17 time period into the process when someone has
18 a temporary protection order. I move for the
19 adoption of the amendment.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
22 been moved and seconded that the amendment be
23 adopted.

24 All in favor will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
6 have it, and the amendment is adopted.

7 The Clerk will please read the title
8 of Bill No. 040136.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 amending Chapter 10-800 of the Philadelphia
11 Code entitled "Safety," by adding a new
12 section entitled "Acquisition or Transfer of
13 Firearms" to regulate the acquiring or
14 transferring of any firearm within the City of
15 Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 recognizes Councilman Clarke.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Madam President,
19 I move that the amendment to Bill 040136 be
20 approved.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
23 been moved and seconded that the amendment, as
24 circulated, to Bill No. 040136 be adopted.

25 All in favor will signify by saying

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
8 have it, and the amendment is adopted.

9 The Clerk will please read the title
10 of Bill No. 040138.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 approving the first amendment of the
13 redevelopment proposal for the Wistar III
14 Urban Renewal Area being the area generally
15 bounded by Wakefield Street and Baynton Street
16 between Wistar Street and Shedaker on the
17 north and declaring that condemnation is not
18 eminent with respect to the project.

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

22 The Clerk will please call the roll.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
3 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
4 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
5 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 DiCicco.
8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
9 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
10 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
12 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
14 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
16 Krajewski.
17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
19 Mariano.
20 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Miller.
23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
4 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Reynolds Brown.
7 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
9 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Tasco.
12 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
14 Verna.
15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
16 The ayes are 16, the nays are 0. A
17 majority of all Members having voted in the
18 affirmative, the bill passes.
19 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
20 President.
21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Yes.
22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Madam
23 President, I have to leave to attend the
24 funeral of Reverend John L. Bryant in my
25 district, a committee man, a veteran and a

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2 community leader. And I would like to be
3 reported as voting aye on all bills,
4 amendments and resolutions.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
6 Leave will be granted.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chief
9 Clerk will please read the title of Resolution
10 040495.

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
12 amending the Fiscal Year 2004 program
13 statement and budget for the expenditure of
14 the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative,
15 the NTI bond proceeds.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
17 Councilwoman Tasco, would you please make a
18 motion on this resolution?

19 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: I move for the
20 adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
23 been moved and properly seconded that
24 Resolution No. 040095 be adopted.

25 All in favor will indicate by saying

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2 aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
8 have it, and Resolution No. 040095 has been
9 adopted.

10 The Chief Clerk will please read the
11 title of Resolution No. 040160.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 confirming the appointment of Pedro A. Ramos
14 as City Solicitor.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 again recognizes Councilwoman Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
18 President, I move for the adoption of the
19 resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
22 been moved and seconded that the resolution be
23 adopted.

24 Councilman Ramos.

25 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Before we proceed

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2 with the vote, as I stated at the Tuesday
3 Committee meeting of the Whole, I am closely
4 related to the City Solicitor designee,
5 therefore, I have to per the City of
6 Philadelphia Code recuse myself from
7 participating from the process confirming the
8 City Solicitor designee. I will not be able
9 to speak of his qualities nor will I be able
10 to vote for him. However, I can be present
11 for this extraordinary moment in my family
12 history. Madam President, I request to speak
13 after the confirmation process.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 It has been moved and properly
16 seconded that the Resolution No. 040160 be
17 adopted.

18 All in favor will signify by saying
19 aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
25 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

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2 Congratulations.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
5 again recognizes Councilman Ramos.

6 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you, Madam
7 President. On behalf of the Ramos family, I
8 commend you, my colleagues for confirming the
9 designation of Pedro Ramos as City Solicitor
10 of our great City. I also commend Mayor
11 Street for having good judgment in selecting
12 Pedro as the City's top lawyer.

13 The Mayor, since taking office, has
14 appoint in succession and the Council has
15 confirmed three highly qualified Hispanic
16 Americans to the post of City Solicitor.
17 Latino Philadelphia is taking notice and they
18 are so delighted.

19 I told you before this vote that I
20 am closely related to him. He is my brother.
21 I consider my brother Pedro to be a man of the
22 highest character, earnest, capable and a
23 dedicated public servant.

24 Congratulations, Pedro.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: That
3 concludes our Calendar for today.

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

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Kelly.

8 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Madam President,
9 as you are aware, yesterday began the process
10 of analyzing the Mayor's Five-Year Plan. And
11 of course, you're also aware the City is
12 facing a series of budgetary cuts to make up
13 for \$227 million deficit. I know that we'll
14 be forced to make difficult decisions, but I'm
15 very concerns and troubled of the proposed
16 cuts to arts and culture. Arts and culture
17 organizations are the cornerstone of the first
18 class city, yet in Philadelphia they're the
19 first to be cut when faced with financial
20 distress. In comparison to other major
21 cities, Philadelphia is at the bottom of the
22 list in financial support for the arts, and
23 yet our arts community is nationally renown.

24 Last year alone over 11 million
25 traveled to this City to visit our museums,

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2 theaters and cultural venues as opposed to a
3 little over 3 million people to our sports
4 stadiums. Just think about that. With all
5 the media hype and with all of the money that
6 Philadelphia gives to our sports teams, that's
7 the Phillies, the Flyers, Eagles, the 76ers,
8 they just generate 3 million people. Yet our
9 cultural institutions bring in over 11 million
10 with very little media hype or very little
11 money from the City. In sheer numbers, arts
12 and cultural generates more money to this City
13 than any other industry. Instead of cutting
14 funds, we should be investing in this industry
15 so they can broaden their reach and attract
16 even more visitors to our City.

17 I hope that you will all work, all
18 of my colleagues, with me not only to stop the
19 proposed cuts but to increase funding for such
20 institutions. In doing so, we'll be acting in
21 the best interest of our City both financially
22 and culturally.

23 Thank you, Madam President.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there

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2 any other speeches on the part of the
3 Minority?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
6 speeches on the part of the Majority?

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Mariano.

9 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you,
10 Madam President. Two points today.

11 The first point is the Daily News
12 Carl Anderson has been writing a series of
13 articles this week about prostitution in the
14 City of Philadelphia. I am amongst a few of
15 the District Councilpeople here whose district
16 is plagued by this crime, which people say is
17 a victimless crime. Carla is in negotiations
18 now. I spoke with her yesterday with the City
19 Solicitor's Office, I suspect -- I don't know
20 if it's Pedro yet -- and with the Police
21 Commissioner about publishing the names and
22 photos of these people that were arrested, to
23 so-called Johns. I want to take it a step
24 further and the next Council Session, I want
25 introduce a solution to have hearings to put

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2 their pictures on our cable television
3 station, which is down most of the time --
4 it's not down, but it runs a cycle and leaves
5 information besides some of the Council
6 hearings and the Council sessions, so maybe we
7 can do that.

8 This is a serious crime. I want to
9 commend Ms. Anderson for her work and ask her
10 to keep it up and ask whoever is in charge,
11 the City Solicitor or whoever it is, the Law
12 Department, to make sure that this happens.
13 It happens in other cities around the country
14 and it's very important. This will go on
15 forever, for my two terms and this is my third
16 term in council, it has always been a major
17 problem along Frankford and Kensington Avenue,
18 as I know it is in Councilman DiCicco and your
19 district on Broad Street and other parts,
20 sometimes down in Port Richmond in
21 Councilwoman Krajewski's. So I want to
22 commend her again and ask the City to step up
23 to the plate here.

24 The second point I have is much
25 further away.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Excuse me.

3 I think the City Solicitor is still in the
4 room so perhaps he could look into this
5 matter.

6 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Thank you. And
7 I would thank the City Solicitor.

8 The second point is a little further
9 away. I spoke here a couple months ago about
10 staffer of mine, Patrick Dugan who is in Iraq
11 with special operations group trying to
12 establish a new government. I have a short
13 message from Pat that I want to read to you
14 and everyone else here to understand from
15 somebody who's there exactly what's going on.
16 I left some of the personal stuff in the
17 language that wouldn't be right, not that Mr.
18 Dugan would say that.

19 He starts out the letter -- I sent
20 him a e-mail about the Governor and his
21 problems with driving a little too fast. Pat
22 knows the Governor. He asks the Governor
23 publically to slow down, but maybe that's why
24 they call him "Fast Eddie." That's Pat's
25 words, not mine, Governor.

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2 "Remember the photo that I sent to
3 you with me and Brian Powers here in Iraq?
4 Well, the Iraqi in the photo carrying the FP
5 lost his foot in a mine field the other day.
6 It was a mess. We went up to the mountain and
7 the mine field, gave him first aid and brought
8 him back. I am back in Mosul every day now
9 downtown with the city council and the state
10 council. The mayor runs their council --" it
11 has nothing to do with Philadelphia, I'm sure
12 "-- and the government runs the state council.
13 The old governor was fired the other day and
14 we were out looking for other people." And he
15 says if anyone if Philly's Council wants to be
16 governor of this town, send a resume to him;
17 they're looking for people with experience.

18 "I wear civilian clothing everyday
19 and I am guarded by the same people, the black
20 water security people that we saw on the news
21 last, the two charred bodies hanging from the
22 bridge.

23 "Last week I organized a town hall
24 meeting with a female government official who
25 is Kurd. After the meeting, we had dinner

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2 with about 15 people and went on her way. On
3 her way back to Mosul, three of her guards
4 were killed in an ambush and she survived the
5 ambush and she is now an Iraqi councilmember."

6 We're going to try to set something
7 up -- this is serious. I know I kid around a
8 lot, but we're going to try to go to Iraq
9 possibly sometime in August if we can work
10 this out. I don't know if it's going to be
11 easy, some people with some experience in
12 government, maybe some people with experience
13 in building trades, some people from the
14 Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, possibly
15 with business because -- the other letter he
16 sent me was for some people that -- they make
17 water. A water bottling plant they can't
18 manage, simple things that we do.

19 So I just want everyone to know
20 Pat's thinking about us, we're thinking about
21 Pat, but there's lot of other Pat Dugans out
22 there. You watch the news, you see things,
23 people that are against this war, be against
24 the war, just don't forget the warrior.

25 Thank you, Madam President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I think we
3 have to continue to keep all of them in our
4 prayers. Thank you.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
6 Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
8 Madam President. As Chair of Recreation,
9 Parks and Cultural Affairs, I'd like to go on
10 record as supporting Councilman Jack Kelly's
11 remarks 1,000 percent. All of us know that we
12 were successful in actually increasing the
13 cultural fund's budget in my last term. And I
14 pledged to work with all of the members of the
15 Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural
16 Affairs and you for us to come up with a
17 better way of bringing the arts back to where
18 they were in a way that is reasonable and
19 responsible.

20 Thank you very much.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Cohen.

24 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you, Madam
25 President. I also want to associate myself

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2 with Councilman Kelly's remarks. We often
3 don't hear from Councilman Kelly over a period
4 of time, and I wanted to note on this occasion
5 I approve wholeheartedly of everything he
6 said, just as I disagreed with him the last
7 comment he made.

8 But I also want to add, on the
9 question of the budget, I think that Pete
10 Matthews, the President of District 33, has
11 very interesting -- I would call it would call
12 it not bad, I don't know what the Daily News
13 calls it -- column in today's Daily News.
14 It's in the Op Ed position. He notes, among
15 other things, that the contract time the city
16 unions are coming and it's often very common
17 that we get these very bleak financial reports
18 the year the contracts are due. And he also
19 talks of the plight of City workers. I think
20 it important for everybody to read it
21 carefully and get everybody's point of view on
22 this issue. If we're faced with economic
23 problem and a strike, Philadelphia is truly
24 going to be hard pressed for answers. So
25 we've got our work cut out for us.

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2 But once again, thank you,
3 Councilman Kelly, and thank you, Councilwoman
4 Brown, for your views on the arts and culture.
5 I believe that that's the heart and soul of
6 Philadelphia, and we've got to support them.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

9 Are there any other speeches on the
10 part of the Majority?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing
13 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
14 for a motion.

15 COUNCILWOMAN Tasco: Thank you,
16 Madam President. I move that Council stand
17 adjourned until Thursday, April 15, 2004 at
18 10:00 a.m.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
21 been moved and seconded that the Council stand
22 adjourned until Thursday, April 15, 2004..

23 All in favor will say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those

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2 opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
5 have it, and the and the motion carries.
6 Thank you.

7 (Council adjourned at 11:10 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, April 10, 2004, were
reported fully and accurately by me, and that
this is a correct transcript of the same.

RE: STATED MEETING

Lisa C. Bradley, RPR