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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, March 11, 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 MICHAEL A. NUTTER

COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

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COUNCILMAN JUAN RAMOS

COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

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COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO

COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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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. Council will please come to order.
6 Members will take their seats and visitors
7 will retire to the seats outside the rails.

8 To give our invocation this morning,
9 the Chair welcomes the Reverend Robert
10 Harrison, Executive Pastor of the Mount Airy
11 Church of Christ. He is here today as the
12 guest of Councilman Rizzo.

13 Members and guests will please rise.

14 REVEREND HARRISON: Let us pray.
15 Our Lord, our God, we come first of all
16 thanking you, thanking you for this day,
17 thanking you for waking us up this morning.
18 We thank you for keeping us in our right mind
19 today.

20 God, we pray right now that you just
21 hover your spirit over this Council. We ask
22 that the communication be done by your spirit.
23 Cover the leaders of this City. And most of
24 all, Lord, God, we ask that it be done in your
25 spirit, everything be said by your spirit, for

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2 they are the protecters and they are leaders
3 of our communities, but nothing is done
4 without you. So we usher you in right now to
5 have your way in this place. We come against
6 anything, any type of division that has tried
7 to separate us from making this City a better
8 City, for making our communities better
9 communities.

10 We ask you to put a special covering
11 upon our seniors and our youth within this
12 City, for it is that reason we come here and
13 we do it in the spirit of the one and only
14 God. Amen.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
16 thanks Reverend Harrison for his very
17 inspiring invocation.

18 Council will be at ease.

19 (Council at ease.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The next
21 order of business is the approval of the
22 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March 4,
23 2004.

24 And the Chair recognizes
25 Councilwoman Blackwell.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
3 Madam President. I move that the Journal of
4 the meeting of Thursday, March 4, 2004, stand
5 approved.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
8 been moved and properly seconded that the
9 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March 4,
10 2004, stand approved.

11 All in favor will indicate by saying
12 aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
18 have it, and the motion carries. And the
19 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March 4,
20 2004, is approved.

21 The next order of business is
22 request for leave of absence.

23 And again, the Chair recognizes
24 Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you

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2 very much, Madam President. Today, no leaves
3 of absence are requested on the part of the
4 Majority.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 thanks the Councilwoman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam
10 President, on behalf of the Republicans, there
11 are no requests for leave of absence.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
13 thanks the gentleman.

14 The Chair will dispense with the
15 regular order of business to recognize the
16 guests and visitors joining us in Chambers
17 this morning.

18 On behalf of all members of City
19 Council, I welcome you to our Council session.
20 We appreciate your taking the time join us as
21 we attend to the legislative affairs of our
22 City. We certainly invite you to come again.

23 At this time I am delighted to
24 welcome to City Council Chambers the City Year
25 Team serving McDaniel Elementary School in

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2 South Philadelphia. This team of young people
3 provides tutoring and in-class support at
4 McDaniel School. They also provide a variety
5 of anti-violence initiatives to students
6 around the City.

7 Will Mr. Rex Carney and the City
8 Year Team please stand so that we can
9 recognize you? And I say welcome and we
10 applaud your work. Please stand.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you
13 very much.

14 At this time the Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Miller who will present a
16 resolution honoring Managing Director Phillip
17 G. Goldsmith and Project Manager Fran
18 Dougherty of the Office of the Managing
19 Director.

20 Will Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. Dougherty
21 and those accompanying them please join the
22 Councilwoman at the podium.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: That includes
25 the Fire Department and all those other

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2 agencies that was a part of the emergency
3 response.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The Chair
5 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
7 Madam President.

8 It gives me pleasure to present this
9 resolution to Philadelphia's Emergency
10 Response Team and agencies.

11 Honoring and recognizing Phillip
12 Goldsmith, the City of Philadelphia's Managing
13 Director, and Fran Dougherty, Office of the
14 Managing Director who served as project
15 manager and commending them for their quick
16 actions and prompt response to a major fire on
17 February 13, 2004, that threatened to engulf
18 the lives and properties of the near neighbors
19 and the surrounding communities.

20 Whereas, on the afternoon of Friday,
21 February 13, 2004, at the start of the evening
22 rush, a 20-inch gas main was accidentally
23 breached as an open evacuation at the
24 intersection of Ogontz and Olney Avenues; and

25 Whereas, the reputed main ignited a

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2 fire that threatened to engulf structures in
3 the surrounding communities. And within
4 minutes of the incident, the Office of the
5 City Managing Director implemented the
6 emergency plan of the City of Philadelphia;
7 and

8 Whereas, the City Managing Director
9 coordinated the responses of officials from
10 City departments, City agencies, utility
11 companies, the private sector, LaSalle
12 University, and the American Red Cross to
13 contain the fire and to secure the safety of
14 the surrounding community; and

15 Whereas, LaSalle University offered
16 its facilities and personnel for the purpose
17 of allowing the Red Cross to set up a
18 community emergency response center to provide
19 shelter, food, and housing for neighborhood
20 residents at the Tom Gola Arena; and

21 Whereas, the dedicated men and women
22 of the Philadelphia Fire Department, Police
23 Department, Streets Department, the
24 Philadelphia Gas Works, the Water Department,
25 the Philadelphia Electric Company, the

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2 Philadelphia School District, Fairmount Park
3 Commission, License and Inspections, the
4 Office of Emergency management, the Red Cross,
5 PennDOT, Comcast Cablevision, Verizon
6 Communications, LaSalle University, the
7 Philadelphia City Managing Director's Office
8 worked tirelessly to protect the lives and
9 property of the community surrounding Ogontz
10 and Olney Avenues and restored all utility,
11 street services, and access in the quickest
12 time possible; and

13 Whereas, the City Council of the
14 City of Philadelphia expressed to all involved
15 in this massive undertaking our sincere
16 gratitude and appreciation for outstanding
17 courage and competence in the face of
18 difficult circumstances to prevent a dire
19 situation from growing into a tragic one and
20 for ensuring that no lives were loss and no
21 injuries were sustained as a result of this
22 unforeseen event.

23 Now, therefore, resolved that the
24 Council of the City of Philadelphia honors and
25 recognizing Phil Goldsmith, the City of

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2 Philadelphia Managing Director, and Fran
3 Dougherty, Office of the Managing Director who
4 served as Project Manager, commending them for
5 their quick actions and prompt response to a
6 major fire on February 13, 2004, that
7 threatened to engulf the lives and properties
8 of the near neighbors and surrounding
9 communities.

10 Further resolved that an engrossed
11 copy of this resolution be presented to Mr.
12 Phillip Goldsmith, the City of Philadelphia's
13 Managing Director as expression of the sincere
14 sentiments of the legislative body.

15 Certified that this is a true and
16 correct copy of the original resolution
17 adopted by the Council of the City of
18 Philadelphia on the 19th day of February,
19 2004. Signed by Anna C. Verna, President of
20 City Council, introduced by Donna Reed Miller
21 and sponsored by all Members of City Council.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
24 recognizes Mr. Goldsmith for remarks.

25 MR. GOLDSMITH: Thank you very much,

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2 Councilwoman Miller. I really accept this on
3 behalf of the men and women behind me and many
4 of those that were there that night and the
5 following weekend. I did little except we
6 have a great team. I particularly want to
7 thank Commissioner Hairston because it was an
8 enormous pleasure for me to be by his side
9 that night and watch leadership right there
10 and his team that was there. And Fran
11 Dougherty who's just done a great job for us
12 in organizing the effort afterwards to make
13 sure that street and that neighborhood was
14 restored as soon as possible.

15 This was, I think, public service at
16 its best in cooperation with the private
17 sector and Comcast and Verizon and PECO and
18 PGW is really a great effort. As I say,
19 sometimes it only takes one person to create a
20 crisis; it takes many people to resolve a
21 crisis. And this was a case t point.

22 So we thank you, and we hope that
23 you will love us as much in a couple weeks as
24 you do today. Thank you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

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2 Council will be at ease.

3 (Council at ease.)

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President.

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

7 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Before Mr.

8 Goldsmith and all others leave, I want to add
9 my word of thanks to Councilwoman Miller and
10 to Mr. Goldsmith and all the fine people
11 engaged in fighting that fire. I happen to
12 be, I guess, the only Councilmember who had to
13 be evacuated that night because I live within
14 about 35 feet of where the fire was and was on
15 the block that immediately faces it. And I
16 can tell you it was very comforting. On a
17 number of occasions I called Phil Goldsmith.
18 I found him very attentive. The whole force
19 was working. It was difficult for him to give
20 the time, but he did, to keep me informed, and
21 I was able to inform other neighbors. And
22 when the emergency passed, his people were
23 very efficient. They stayed around for long
24 hours to let people know it was safe to come
25 back in the house. That's when I came back.

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2 But I left at the time people were being
3 evacuated. And I just want to say seeing the
4 City's forces in action was a very encouraging
5 response to the situation. I felt at all
6 times perfectly safe even though the fire
7 seemed to get within a few feet because of the
8 fine work of all the City's departments. And
9 so personally I want to thank both Mr.
10 Goldsmith and Councilwoman Miller for
11 memorializing the activity by the City. It
12 was a great show of what the City can do. It
13 was a very honorable moment and a very
14 difficult time for many people were just a
15 little younger than me and who had lived in
16 the area for many, many careers. So thank you
17 directly as a Member of the City Council.
18 Thank you, Mr. Goldsmith.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: And now
21 the Chair recognizes Councilman Kelly who will
22 present a resolution honoring Mr. Joseph
23 Mammana and the Citizens Crime Commission.

24 Will Mr. Mammana and those
25 accompanying him please join the Councilman at

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2 the podium.

3 COUNCILMAN KELLY: And Councilman
4 Mariano.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
6 recognizes Councilman Kelly.

7 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you, Madam
8 President.

9 Before I make this presentation, I
10 just want to make a few comments about who Joe
11 Mammana is. I'm going to tell you he's a
12 businessman. Of course, he could run his
13 business, locate his business anywhere. But
14 he decided to remain in Philadelphia, North
15 Philadelphia, one of the most undesirable
16 neighborhoods in North Philadelphia, and I
17 think by doing so he has given some hope and a
18 lot of help to those people who reside in that
19 area. He has been doing it very, very low
20 key. He does it without any publicity. He's
21 been helping those people. He's helping with
22 medical costs. He's helped the people who are
23 victims of crime in that area. And
24 unfortunately, he's also had to pay for
25 funerals for the families that were too poor

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2 to bury their loved ones. He's been doing
3 this for many, many years. And I'm very, very
4 happy to be here this morning to give him the
5 recognition he really truly deserves. I think
6 that with him and with the help and all the
7 work that he's been doing with the Crime
8 Commission, I think that he's making this City
9 a much safer place to work and to live.

10 And with that, Madam President,
11 Councilman Mariano and I would like to honor
12 Joe with a resolution.

13 And the resolution is honoring
14 Joseph Mammana and the Citizens Crime
15 Commission.

16 Whereas, the Citizens Crime
17 Commission of Philadelphia was chartered in
18 1955 as a small non-profit organization and
19 has grown to cover the entire Delaware Valley;
20 and

21 Whereas, the Citizens Crime
22 Commission's objective is to enhance the
23 quality of life in the Delaware Valley by
24 improved safety and security initiatives; and

25 Whereas the Commissions's most

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2 active program, the Tipline, has been in
3 continuous 2operation since 1986, 24 hours a
4 day, 7 days a week, helping to make the City a
5 safer place to be while saving the City
6 countless man hours in over time for officers;
7 and

8 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Whereas, the
9 work of the Commission could not be possible
10 without the help of Joseph Mammana who was
11 elected to the Board of Directors in 2001; and

12 Whereas, Joseph Mammana through his
13 generous financial support allows the
14 Commission to offer rewards to those who
15 assist in the capture of violent criminals and
16 to provide financial support to families who
17 have been devastated by crime; and

18 Whereas, Mr. Mammana has dedicated
19 his life to improving the City of Philadelphia
20 as evidence in his commitment to operate a
21 multi-million dollar international
22 corporation, Cutler Eggs, in the heart of
23 North Philly, employing over a hundred
24 citizens from the local community.

25 Now, therefor be it

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2 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Be it resolved by
3 this Council of the City of Philadelphia that
4 we hereby commend and thank Joseph Mammana and
5 the Citizens Crime Commission for the
6 commitment to the safety and well-being of
7 every citizen in Philadelphia.

8 Further resolved that an engrossed
9 copy of this resolution be presented to Joseph
10 Mammana and John Apledorn, President of the
11 Citizens Crime Commission, in recognition of
12 the sincere sentiments of this legislative
13 body. It has been signed by President of City
14 Council Anna Verna and all Members of City
15 Council. Thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 recognizes Mr. Mammana for brief remarks.

18 MR. MAMMANA: I'd like to thank
19 everyone for this moment. Again, I'm here, as
20 I always say before, not as a businessman but
21 as a father. I just want to see our City, you
22 know, get back in control. We need to be able
23 to walk the streets, South Street, the Vet,
24 Delaware Avenue, all these different areas
25 without having to worry about what's in front

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2 of us, behind us or on the side of us.

3 Anything that any of one of you can do with

4 the Crimes Commission with the toll free

5 number, it's going only make each and every

6 one of you a little safer with your children,

7 your families. Again, we're all at any given

8 moment can be a victim of crime, just sitting

9 in your car. So please, we need to work

10 together, all groups, everybody. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. APLEDORN: John Apledorn from

13 the Citizens Crime Commission. It's people

14 like Joe Mammana and his company that help

15 make this City a safer place. He steps

16 forward. He puts money up for rewards. We

17 operate the Tipline. We get that information

18 to law enforcement. It makes it easier for

19 everybody. It makes Philadelphia safer. So I

20 would personally like to thank Joe Mammana.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: Council

22 will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERA: The next

25 order of business is communications.

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2 The Chair requests that the
3 Sergeant-at-Arms deliver the messages from the
4 Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

5 The Chief Clerk will please read the
6 messages from the Mayor.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
8 and Members of the Council of the City of
9 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you that
10 today, March 11, 2004, I signed all the bills
11 that were passed by Council at its Session on
12 February 26, 2004.

13 And I've signed the following bill
14 that was passed by Council at it Session on
15 March 4, 2004: Bill No. 040033.

16 And I am transmitting for the
17 consideration of your honorable body a draft
18 of a resolution entitled, a resolution
19 approving the redevelopment contract and
20 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
21 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
22 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
23 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
24 Area, designated as Parcel No. 73.

25 And a resolution for the

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2 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
3 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
4 Area, designated as Parcel No. 75.

5 And a resolution for the
6 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
7 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
8 Area, designated as Parcel No. 50.

9 And a resolution for the
10 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
11 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
12 Area, designated as Parcel No. 81A.

13 And a resolution for the
14 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
15 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
16 Area, designated as Parcel No. 12.

17 And a resolution for the
18 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
19 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
20 Area, designated as Parcel No. 48.

21 And a resolution for the
22 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
23 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
24 Area, designated as Parcel No. 62.

25 And a resolution for the

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2 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
3 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
4 Area, designated as Parcel No. 47.

5 And a resolution for the
6 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
7 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
8 Area, designated as Parcel No. 57.

9 And a resolution for the
10 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
11 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
12 Area, designated as Parcel No. 45.

13 And a resolution for the
14 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
15 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
16 Area, designated as Parcel No. 55B.

17 And a resolution for the
18 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
19 of the Grays Ferry Urban Renewal Area.

20 And a resolution for the
21 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
22 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
23 Area, designated as Parcel No. 14.

24 And a resolution for the
25 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion

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2 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
3 Area, designated as Parcel No. 51.

4 And a resolution for the
5 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
6 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
7 Area, designated as Parcel No. 13B.

8 And a resolution for the
9 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
10 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
11 Area, designated as Parcel No. 67.

12 And a resolution for the
13 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
14 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
15 Area, designated as Parcel No. 55A.

16 And a resolution for the
17 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
18 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
19 Area, designated as Parcel No. 74.

20 And a resolution for the
21 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion
22 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
23 Area, designated as Parcel No. 13A.

24 And a resolution for the
25 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion

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2 of the West Philadelphia Redevelopment Area.

3 And an ordinance authorizing the
4 Commissioner of Public Property and the
5 President of the Fairmount Park Commission to
6 grant various temporary construction easements
7 and a permanent easement to the Commonwealth
8 of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
9 for the reconstruction and repairs of a
10 portion of Interstate 95 bounded by Linden
11 Street on the north, under certain terms and
12 conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

14 The messages will be printed in the
15 Journal.

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

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: That's all I have,
19 Madam President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

21 At this time, the Chair recognizes
22 Councilman Goode.

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
24 President. I wanted to take the time to
25 acknowledge some guests with us today.

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2 Joining us are members of Central High
3 School's Public League Champion Boys and Girls
4 Cross Country Teams. Also present is their
5 coach Pennsylvania High School Track and Field
6 Hall of Fame Member Fred Rosenfeld. This year
7 was the fifth consecutive Public League title
8 for Central's boys' team and the fifth of the
9 last six Public League title for Central's
10 girls' team. I'd like to welcome them and
11 offer congratulations to these representatives
12 from my alma mater.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: If they
14 would stand, we would like to recognize them.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna:
17 Congratulations.

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

20 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Councilman
22 Cohen.

23 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I would like to
24 ask the Chair to recognize the presence of
25 about a dozen members of the Coalition to Save

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2 20th Street. As a result of the City's action
3 in changing the directions of traffic during a
4 test period, the people in the area have
5 become very much concerned about how the City
6 works since they did not know in advance that
7 it was occurring. And they've decided to get
8 to know City government better, so they're
9 here today, a group of them who have been out
10 during the cold winter months protesting the
11 City's, as they see it, unilateral decision.

12 I'm urging Members of Council whom
13 they plan to visit to extend every courtesy to
14 them. From a bad start maybe good things will
15 develop.

16 So thank you, Madam President.
17 They're facing you. They're the ones carrying
18 the signs about saving 20th Street.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I see
20 them.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The next
23 order of business is the introduction of bills
24 and resolutions.

25 And the Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Blackwell for a motion.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
4 Madam President. I move that the Rules of
5 Council be suspended so as to permit immediate
6 consideration of resolutions at their time of
7 introduction.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
10 been moved and properly seconded that the
11 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
12 immediate consideration of resolutions at the
13 time of introduction.

14 All in favor of the motion will
15 please indicate by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
21 have it, and the motion carries.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you, Madam
25 President. Although this is becoming to be

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2 quite a habit for me, I'm introducing a
3 resolution on behalf of myself, Councilman
4 O'Neill and Councilman Nutter. It's very good
5 habit, I must say.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 The Clerk will please read the
8 resolution.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
10 congratulating the Varsity Basketball Team of
11 St. Joseph's Preparatory School for winning
12 the 2004 Philadelphia Catholic League
13 Championship.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
15 again recognizes Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move for the
17 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 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 has been adopted.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
7 Blackwell.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
9 Madam President. This morning I introduce one
10 resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
12 will please read the title of the resolution.

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
14 approving the redevelopment contract and
15 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
16 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
17 redevelopment urban renewal of a portion of
18 the West Philadelphia Urban Renewal Area.

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

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
22 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
23 the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has

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2 been moved and properly seconded that the
3 resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor will indicate by saying
5 aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
11 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 Cohen.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Madam President,
15 I have no bills or resolutions today.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
17 thanks the gentleman.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
19 Krajewski.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam
21 President, I offer one bill and two
22 resolutions.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
24 will please read the title of the bill.

25 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

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2 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
3 Property and the President of the Fairmount
4 Park Commission to grant various temporary
5 construction easements and a permanent
6 easement to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 Department of Transportation for the
8 reconstruction and repair of portions of
9 Interstate 95 bounded by Linden Street on the
10 north, under certain terms and conditions.

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

13 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 urging President George W. Bush and the
15 members of the United States Congress to
16 restore the Superfund Polluter Pays Tax in
17 2004.

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

20 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Move for
21 the adoption of the resolution.

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 indicate 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 is adopted.

10 The Clerk will please read the title
11 of the second resolution.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
13 honoring the memory of Medical Mission Sister
14 M. Benedict, M.D.

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

17 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Move for
18 the adoption of 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 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Madam

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2 Chair, I'd just like to notice that Councilman
3 Rizzo is also the cosponsor of the first
4 resolution.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The record
6 will so indicate that.

7 All in favor of the adoption of the
8 resolution just read will indicate 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 Mariano.

18 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Madam
19 President, I have two resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
21 will please read the title of the first
22 resolution.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
25 Property to execute and deliver to the

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2 Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds
3 located in 7, 18th, 19th, and 37th Wards of
4 the City of Philadelphia.

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

7 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Move for the
8 adoption.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 All in favor will say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
19 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

20 The Clerk will please read the title
21 of the second resolution.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 honoring Adam Cubbage.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
25 again recognizes Councilman Mariano.

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: 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 say 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 Councilwoman
16 Tasco.

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
18 President, I offer one resolution for which I
19 ask for a suspension of Rules because of the
20 lateness of the hour yesterday in which it was
21 circulated, but I explained in Caucus why that
22 was. So, therefore, it's a very timely and
23 important resolution and because of the
24 inability to secure the information, we need
25 to secure that today.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

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

6 All in favor will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
12 have it. And at this time I would ask the
13 Clerk to please read the title of the
14 resolution.

15 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 authorizing City Council's Committee on
17 Transportation and Public Utilities to
18 investigate and hold hearings on the petition
19 of the Philadelphia Gas Works to the
20 Pennsylvania Utilities Commission to establish
21 a cash receipt reconciliation clause in order
22 to reconcile PGW's projected and actual cash
23 receipts with billed revenues on an ongoing
24 basis, the causes and necessity for a CRRA and
25 further authorizing the Committee to issue

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2 subpoenas and such other process as may be
3 appropriate to compel the attendance of
4 witnesses and the production of documents in
5 furtherance of the investigation to the full
6 extent authorized by Section 2-401 of the Home
7 Rule Charter.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
10 Tasco.

11 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I would just like to offer
13 an explanation on this resolution. We have
14 three resolutions that will be pending and
15 hopefully the sponsors can work out some way
16 we could possibly have a joint discussion
17 about the whole financial situation with PGW.
18 It is a company that is in crisis and we had
19 been meeting with the PFMC Board, that is the
20 Gas Commission, to talk about the financial
21 circumstances at PGW. And we have met with
22 the State Democratic Delegation. We will be
23 meeting with the Republican Delegation on the
24 15th.

25 This resolution addresses the issue,

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2 the fact that those bills that are outstanding
3 and not paid will added to the bills of those
4 people who do pay and back on the bills again
5 of those people who are not paying. So it is
6 not the way to run a company. We need to talk
7 about not only this resolution, I believe
8 Councilman O'Neill has one, Councilman Rizzo
9 has put one in. We need a full blown
10 discussion about PGW, because all of us, not
11 only the City Council and the Mayor, but the
12 State and the federal government will have
13 some way to run this company. It can't
14 continue to go on as it goes. And we cannot
15 ask the ratepayers to burden themselves again
16 with additional costs for those people who are
17 not able to pay.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I don't
19 know of anyone that would disagree with you.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you. So
21 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

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 indicate 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 will be referred
10 to the Committee on Transportation and Public
11 Utilities.

12 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
13 Miller.

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
15 Madam President. Today, I have no bills or
16 resolutions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Nutter.

20 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Thank you, Madam
21 President. I offer two bills.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
23 will please read the title of the first bill.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
25 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing

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2 the zoning designations of certain areas of
3 land located within an area bounded by Umbria
4 Street, Paoli Street, Cliff Street, Lodge
5 Street, Livesey Street, Silverwood Street and
6 Parker Avenue.

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

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
10 authorizing Homewood Suites Hotel, Stout Road
11 Associates, 4200 City Avenue, owners of the
12 property 4200 City Avenue their successors and
13 assigns to construct and maintain a building
14 addition and footing into the public
15 right-of-way of Stout Road east of City
16 Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: This bill
18 will also be referred to the appropriate
19 committee.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
21 Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
23 Madam President. I have no bills or
24 resolutions this morning.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Goode.

4 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I offer no bills or resolutions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 thanks the gentleman.

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Ramos.

10 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
11 I offer one privileged resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
13 will please read the title of the resolution.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 urging the United States House of
16 Representatives to enact HR-1336 and the
17 S-846, the Mortgage Insurance Fairness Act of
18 2003 which would make mortgage insurance
19 payments tax deductible for low to moderate
20 income families.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 recognizes Councilman Ramos.

23 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Madam President,
24 I move for the adoption of the resolution.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
3 been moved and properly seconded that the
4 resolution be adopted.

5 All in favor will say aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
8 opposed?

9 (No response.)

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

12 The Chair recognizes Councilman
13 DiCicco.

14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
15 Madam President. Earlier today in the Caucus
16 Room, I reported I would be introducing a
17 resolution. As I entered the Chambers, I was
18 handed 10 additional resolutions, so all
19 told there are 11 resolutions.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

21 The Clerk will please read the first
22 resolution.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
25 Property to execute and deliver to the

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2 Redevelopment Authority of the City deeds
3 located in the 25th and 31st Wards of the City
4 of Philadelphia.

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

7 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
8 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
9 the resolution.

10 (Duly seconded.)

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

14 All in favor will say aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
17 opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
20 have it, and the resolution has been adopted.

21 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
22 approving the redevelopment contract and
23 disposition supplement of the Redevelopment
24 Authority of the City of Philadelphia for the
25 redevelopment and urban renewal of a portion

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2 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
3 Area designated Parcel No. 74.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
5 again recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you,
7 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
8 the resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

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

13 COUNCILMAN Cohen: Point of order,
14 Madam President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman Cohen.

17 COUNCILMAN Cohen: Would Councilman
18 DiCicco be good enough to explain to us
19 generally the purpose of these resolutions so
20 we know what we're voting on.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: I'm sure
22 he'd be delighted to.

23 Councilman DiCicco.

24 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: As I mentioned
25 before I introduced the resolutions,

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2 Councilman Cohen, I was just handed 10
3 resolutions this morning. My belief is that
4 the resolution speak to side yard programs
5 which I've been working on for a number of
6 years where individual property owners are
7 going to now be entitled to own additional
8 land next to their houses. And I think also
9 that some of the resolutions may now be in
10 Councilman Clarke's district. We're not sure,
11 Councilman Clarke or I are not sure as to
12 whether or not they're in my old district, my
13 new district or his new district. In any
14 event, it's important to the people who have
15 been waiting for these properties to have them
16 conveyed to those individuals, and we decided
17 to introduce them today.

18 COUNCILMAN COHEN: (Inaudible.)

19 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Either I or
20 Councilman Clarke. Probably more likely I am
21 because I think a number of these resolutions
22 had been worked on for two or three years when
23 I was representing most of Fishtown and
24 Kensington.

25 COUNCILMAN COHEN: I just want to be

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2 sure that each one of them had the approval of
3 a Councilmember who had worked on it, because
4 all of Council is accepted the responsibility
5 based upon our confidence that the resolutions
6 generally is not presented unless a Councilman
7 has thoroughly studied it.

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: I appreciate
9 that. And again, without having a map of my
10 former district and my new district in front
11 of me, Councilmember Clarke and myself agree
12 that it is the appropriate thing to do to move
13 these resolutions forward at this time.

14 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Thank you,
15 Councilman DiCicco.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
17 Councilman, did you move for the adoption.

18 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: 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 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 resolution is adopted.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: 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 a portion
12 of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban Renewal
13 Area, designated as Parcel No. 57.

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

16 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: 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 is adopted.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
8 portion of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban
9 Renewal Area, designated as Parcel No. 73.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 again recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

12 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you,
13 Madam President. Move for the adoption of the
14 resolution.

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 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
3 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
4 portion of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban
5 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 81A.

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

8 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
9 Madam President. Move for the adoption of the
10 resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

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

15 All in favor will say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
18 opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
21 have it, and the resolution is adopted.

22 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
23 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
24 portion of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban
25 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 12.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
3 again recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

4 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you,
5 Madam President. Move for the adoption of the
6 resolution.

7 (Duly seconded.)

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

11 All in favor will signify by saying
12 aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
15 opposed?

16 (No response.)

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

19 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
20 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
21 portion of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban
22 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 14.

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

25 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you,

1 03/11/04 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 Madam President. Move for the adoption of the
3 resolution.

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 say 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 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
16 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
17 portion of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban
18 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 51.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
20 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

21 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Move for the adoption of the
23 resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has

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2 been moved and properly seconded that the
3 resolution be adopted.

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

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

11 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
13 portion of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban
14 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 45.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

17 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
18 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
19 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 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 resolution has been adopted.

7 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
9 portion of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban
10 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 48.

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

13 COUNCILMAN DiCicco: Thank you,
14 Madam President. Move for the adoption of the
15 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 is adopted.

3 The Clerk will please read the final
4 resolution.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 for the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
7 portion of the New Kensington Fishtown Urban
8 Renewal Area designated as Parcel No. 13A.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
10 recognizes Councilman DiCicco.

11 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Thank you,
12 Madam President. I move for the adoption of
13 the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

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

18 All in favor will say aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No response.)

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

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

4 President, I offer one bill and one
5 non-privileged resolution for which I ask for
6 a Rules suspension because it was circulated
7 after the time it should have been.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

10 The Clerk will please read the title of the
11 bill.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 establishing a "No Truck Parking" regulation
14 on the 1900 block of Gutton Road.

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

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
18 calling upon the Committee on Finance to
19 conduct hearings in the audit of the senior
20 citizens discount program offered by the
21 Philadelphia Gas Works.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
23 again recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Move for
25 suspension of the Rules.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Moved and
4 seconded.

5 All in favor will signify by saying
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
9 opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
12 have it.

13 I would ask that we have a motion.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I move that
15 this resolution be adopted. Thank you.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
18 been properly moved and 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 on Finance.

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 Clarke.

6 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you, Madam
7 President. I have one resolution.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Clerk
9 will please read the title of the resolution.

10 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
12 Property to execute and deliver to the
13 Redevelopment Authority deeds located in the
14 16th and 28th Wards of the City of
15 Philadelphia.

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

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Move for the
19 adoption.

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 has been adopted.
8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Kelly.

10 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Thank you, Madam
11 President. I offer one privileged resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Clerk
13 will please read the title of the resolution.

14 THE CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
15 honoring retired United States Army Specialist
16 Shoshona Johnson.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
18 recognizes Councilman Kelly.

19 COUNCILMAN KELLY: 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 the
24 resolution be adopted.

25 All in favor will say 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 Councilman
9 Rizzo.

10 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Madam President,
11 no bills or resolutions today.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
13 thanks the gentleman.

14 The next order of business is
15 reports from committees.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Brown for a report from the Committee on
18 Parks, Recreation and the Cultural Affairs.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
20 Madam President. The Committee on Parks,
21 Recreation and Cultural Affairs reports two
22 bills with a favorable recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

24 The Chief Clerk will please read the
25 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 Parks,
5 Recreation and Cultural Affairs to which was
6 referred Bill No. 040031 entitled, an
7 ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of
8 Public Property on behalf of the City of
9 Philadelphia to purchase fee simple title to a
10 certain parcel of land with the buildings and
11 improvements thereon situate on the northwest
12 side of Algon Avenue at Fox Chase Road;

13 And Bill No. 040093 entitled, an
14 ordinance renaming the Recreation Department
15 facility identified as Manayunk Park located
16 on the 4300 block of Silverwood Street as
17 Pretzel park;

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

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

23 The Chair again recognizes
24 Councilwoman Brown.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move that the Rules of
3 Council be suspended so as to permit first
4 reading this day of Bills No. 040031 and
5 040093.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
8 been moved and seconded that the Rules of
9 Council be suspended so as to permit first
10 reading this day of Bill Nos. 040031 and
11 040093.

12 All in favor will please indicate by
13 saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
19 have it and the bills just read will be placed
20 on today's First Reading Calendar.

21 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman
22 Miller for a report from the Committee on
23 Public Safety.

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Thank you,
25 Madam President. The Committee on Public

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2 Safety reports six bills with a favorable
3 recommendation.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.
5 The Clerk will please read the report.

6 THE CHIEF CLERK: To the President
7 and Members of the Council of the City of
8 Philadelphia, the Committee on Public Safety
9 to which was referred Bill No. 040113
10 entitled, an ordinance amending Chapter 10-800
11 of The Philadelphia Code entitled "Safety" by
12 adding a new Section 10-832 entitled "Firearms
13 Tracing" to require that the City of
14 Philadelphia Police Department conduct traces
15 of firearms illegally possessed by anyone
16 under 21 years of age;

17 And Bill No. 040117, entitled an
18 ordinance amending Chapter 10-800 of The
19 Philadelphia Code entitled "Safety" by adding
20 a new Section 10-831 entitled "Straw and
21 Multiple Gun Purchase Reduction" to limit
22 purchases of firearms by Philadelphia
23 residents to one a month and to prohibit the
24 straw purchases of firearms utilized by
25 criminals;

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2 And Bill No. 040118, entitled an
3 ordinance amending Chapter 10-800 of the
4 Philadelphia Code entitled "Safety" by adding
5 a new Section 10-834 entitled "Sale or
6 Transfer of Ammunition" to require all sales
7 of ammunition for firearms to be reported to
8 the City of Philadelphia Police Department and
9 to require that the Department maintain a
10 registry of such reports;

11 And Bill No. 040132, entitled an
12 ordinance amending Chapter 10-800 of the
13 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety" by adding
14 a new section entitled "Prohibited Possession,
15 Sale and Transfer of Firearms by Persons
16 Subject to Protection from Abuse Orders";

17 And Bill No. 040136, entitled an
18 ordinance amending Chapter 10-800 of The
19 Philadelphia Code entitled "Safety" by adding
20 a new section entitled "Acquisition or
21 Transfer of Firearms" to regulate the
22 acquiring or transferring of any firearm
23 within the City of Philadelphia;

24 And Bill No. 040137, entitled an
25 ordinance amending Chapter 10-800 of the

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2 Philadelphia Code entitled "Safety" by adding
3 a new section entitled "Reporting Requirements
4 Upon the Application For or Renewal of a
5 License to Carry a Firearm" to provide for
6 certain reporting requirements for the
7 issuance or renewal of licenses to carry
8 firearms within the City of Philadelphia, all
9 under certain terms and conditions;

10 Respectfully reports it has
11 considered the same and returns the attached
12 bills to Council with a favorable
13 recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

15 Again, the Chair recognizes
16 Councilwoman Miller.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move that
18 the Rules of Council be suspended so as to
19 permit reading this day of Bills No. 040113,
20 040117, 040118, 040132, 040136 and 040137.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It has
23 been moved and properly seconded that the
24 Rules of Council be suspended so as to permit
25 first reading this day of Bill Nos. 040113,

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2 040117, 040118, 040132, 040136 and 040137.

3 All in favor will indicate by saying
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
7 opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The ayes
10 have it, and the bills just read will be
11 placed on today's First Reading Calendar.

12 Our next order of business is the
13 consideration of the Calendar.

14 The Chief Clerk please read the
15 bills on the First Reading Calendar.

16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Bill No. 040029,
17 an ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning
18 Maps by changing the zoning designations of
19 certain areas of land located in the vicinity
20 of McNulty and Townsend Roads, certain terms
21 and conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 agrees.

24 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
25 040030, an ordinance to amend the Philadelphia

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2 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
3 designations of certain areas of land located
4 within an area bounded by Roosevelt Boulevard,
5 Southampton Road Carter Street and Poquessing
6 Creek.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
8 agrees.

9 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
10 040066, an ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
11 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
12 designations of certain areas of land located
13 within an area bounded by Snyder Avenue,
14 Swanson Street, Oregon Avenue and Fifth
15 Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
17 agrees..

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
19 040031, an ordinance authorizing the
20 Commissioner of Public Property on behalf of
21 the City of Philadelphia to purchase fee
22 simple title to a certain parcel of land
23 located with the buildings and improvements
24 thereon situate northwest corner of Algon
25 Avenue at Fox Chase Road, all under certain

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2 terms and conditions.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
4 agrees.

5 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
6 040093, an ordinance renaming the Recreation
7 Department facility identified as Manayunk
8 Park located on the 4300 block of Silverwood
9 Street as Pretzel Park.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
13 040113, an ordinance amending Chapter 10-800
14 of The Philadelphia Code entitled "Safety" by
15 adding a new Section 10-832 entitled "Firearms
16 Tracing" to require that the City of
17 Philadelphia Police Department conduct traces
18 of firearms illegally possessed by anyone
19 under 21 years of age, all under certain terms
20 and conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
22 agrees.

23 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
24 040117, an ordinance amending Chapter 10-800
25 of The Philadelphia Code entitled "Safety" by

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2 adding a new Section 10-831 entitled "Straw
3 and Multiple Gun Purchase Reduction" to limit
4 purchases of firearms by Philadelphia
5 residents to one a month.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
7 agrees.

8 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
9 040118, an ordinance amending Chapter 10-800
10 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "Safety" by
11 adding a new Section 10-834 entitled "Sale or
12 Transfer of Ammunition" to require all sales
13 of ammunition for firearms to be reported to
14 the City of Philadelphia Police Department.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
16 agrees.

17 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.
18 040132, an ordinance amending Chapter 10-800
19 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Safety" by
20 adding a new section entitled "Prohibited
21 Possession, Sale and Transfer of Firearms by
22 Persons Subject to Protection from Abuse
23 Orders."

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The Chair
25 agrees.

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2 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

3 040136, an ordinance amending Chapter 10-800
4 of The Philadelphia Code entitled "Safety" by
5 adding a new section entitled "Acquisition or
6 Transfer of Firearms" to regulate the
7 acquiring or transferring of any firearm
8 within the City of Philadelphia, all under
9 certain terms and conditions.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
11 agrees.

12 THE CHIEF CLERK: And Bill No.

13 040137, an ordinance amending Chapter 10-800
14 of the Philadelphia Code entitled "Safety" by
15 adding a new section entitled "Reporting
16 Requirements Upon the Application For or
17 Renewal of a License to Carry a Firearm" to
18 provide for certain reporting requirements for
19 the issuance or renewal of licenses to carry
20 firearms within the City of Philadelphia, all
21 under certain terms and conditions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The Chair
23 agrees.

24 That completes the First Reading
25 Calendar.

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2 Councilman Cohen, your light is on.

3 Did you want to be recognized?

4 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Not at this
5 point.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

7 The Chair now recognizes
8 Councilwoman Blackwell for the purpose of
9 calling up bills on the Second Reading and
10 Final Passage Calendar to be considered today.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
12 Madam President. Today, Bill No. 040007 is
13 being called up for second reading and final
14 passage. All other bills are being held.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank you.

16 The Chief Clerk will please read the
17 title of Bill No. 040007.

18 THE CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
19 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing
20 the zoning designations of certain areas of
21 land located within an area bounded by Tacony
22 Street, Barnett Street, Levick Street, the
23 Delaware River, Cottman Avenue and New State
24 Road.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This bill

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2 having been read on two different days, the
3 question now is shall the bill pass finally.
4 The Clerk will please call the roll.
5 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
6 Blackwell.
7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Clarke.
9 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.
10 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Cohen.
11 COUNCILMAN COHEN: Aye.
12 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 DiCicco.
14 COUNCILMAN DICICCO: Aye.
15 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.
16 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.
17 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kelly.
18 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.
19 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Kenney.
20 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
22 Krajewski.
23 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.
24 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Mariano.

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2 COUNCILMAN MARIANO: Aye.
3 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Miller.
5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
6 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Nutter.
7 COUNCILMAN NUTTER: Aye.
8 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 O'Neill.
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Ramos.
12 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Aye.
13 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Reynolds Brown.
15 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Aye.
16 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Rizzo.
17 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.
18 THE CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
19 Tasco.
20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
21 THE CHIEF CLERK: Council President
22 Verna.
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.
24 The ayes are 17, the nays are 0. A
25 majority of all Members having voted in the

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2 affirmative, the bill passes.

3 That concludes our Calendar for
4 today.

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

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are there
9 speeches on the part of the Majority?

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Cohen.

12 COUNCILMAN COHEN: This is just one
13 week away before the Mayor issues his budget
14 message. But for some weeks before, there
15 have been rumors in the press as to what took
16 place between meetings of the Mayor and
17 Councilmembers, or on a few occasions what
18 took place at meetings of the Administration.
19 And the signs are pretty ominous, but I would
20 want to -- because I expect the Mayor wants
21 people to think about it and that it may well
22 influence his decisions -- I want it make it
23 clear that I think it would be wrong to try to
24 balance the budget by setting up huge funds
25 for various business groups and to then pay

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2 for them by cutting services by requiring the
3 kind of fees from job seekers and from those
4 who borrow books from the library. I think a
5 man who says he wants to be the Mayor of the
6 neighborhoods has to think long and hard
7 before he advocates a program which seems more
8 appropriate to someone of a business mind than
9 someone whose responsibilities are all the
10 people of Philadelphia. And I urge the Mayor
11 to please rethink these issues.

12 Or if he's sending them out for a
13 message, I'd like to douse some cold water on
14 the notion that the right way to go is by
15 cutting services and making people pay for
16 things that they never paid before in
17 Philadelphia. How we would handle, as people
18 in office, in getting calls from constituents
19 who are interested in City jobs, telling them
20 to go down and pay a fee in order to apply for
21 a job, I don't think that will sell well. And
22 I think the cuts threatened in Recreation are
23 not good. I've never known Philadelphia to be
24 over-packed with recreation centers. And I
25 think the Council should require and will

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2 require a great deal of evidence to support
3 any cuts in services at a time when we're
4 anxious to stop people from leaving the City.

5 Originally, it was thought the only
6 problem was that businesses were leaving the
7 City, but recently people have come to
8 understand that even more threatening to the
9 City's future is the exodus of people from the
10 City.

11 It's important that Philadelphia be
12 a world class city with world class services.
13 We've never quite achieved that, and this is
14 not the time to cut back.

15 So I hope the Mayor is listening. I
16 hope many people let the Mayor know what they
17 think about his tentative proposals. It's one
18 week to act and then, of course, the fun will
19 begin. How long it will last may well depend
20 upon the nature of the proposals.

21 Thank you, Madam President.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: You're
24 welcome.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilwoman

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2 Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank you,
4 Madam President.

5 Certainly on a lighter note, on
6 behalf of all Members of Council, we would
7 like to say thank you to Councilman Jack Kelly
8 for sharing with us St. Patrick's Day in such
9 a tangible way. I'm sure we will all enjoy
10 it. And we say, thank you very much,
11 Councilman.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Thank you.

13 Are there any other speeches on part
14 of the Majority?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Seeing
17 none, the Chair recognizes Councilwoman Tasco
18 for a motion to adjourn.

19 COUNCILWOMAN TESCO: Madam
20 President, I move that Council stand adjourned
21 until Thursday, March 18th at 10:00 a.m.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: It has
24 been moved and properly seconded that Council
25 stand adjourned until Thursday, March 18th.

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2 All in favor will say aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Those
5 opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: The ayes
8 have it, and the motion carries. Thank you
9 very much.

10 (Council adjourned at 11:15 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 March 11, 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